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Tough game, great season

Flucos fall 55-34 to Turner Ashby in season closer

BY DUNCAN NIXON
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Fluvanna County Flying Flucos hosted the Turner Ashby High School Knights on Nov. 20. Turner Ashby is in Bridgewater, Va., a Shenandoah Valley town just outside Harrisonburg. The Flucos were the No. 2 seed in the Region 3C football playoffs, and the Knights were the No. 3 seed. Both teams entered the game with 10-1 records and several blowout wins.

The first quarter was amazing, ending in a 21-21 tie. The Knights opened the game with a pop-fly kickoff that led to a crushing hit on the Flucos' receiver and a fumble. The Knights recovered at the 32 and were in the end zone four plays later for a 7-0 lead.

A holding penalty stalled the Flucos' first possession. The Knights returned the punt to the Fluvanna 31 and scored on two running plays. With 7:06 remaining in the quarter, it didn't look good for the Flucos.

But the Flucos were far from done. On their third play, a hook-and-ladder worked perfectly for a touchdown. Tight end Jake McCall ran a short hook pattern, and senior quarterback Jack Pace hit him with an accurate pass. McCall quickly lateraled the ball to senior running back Garrett Jordan, who streaked untouched into the end zone. Dawson Raines' extra point cut the Knights' lead to 14-7. The Knights then went three-and-out.

The Flucos started at the Knights' 48. Three plays took the ball to the 26, and Jordan ran a patented sweep to the right for his second touchdown, tying the game at 14. Turner Ashby responded with a long touchdown pass, but the Flucos answered again. Pace hit Crumbs Loving with a 23-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the quarter to make it 21-21.

Early in the second quarter, a defensive holding penalty erased what looked like a Fluco interception and long return. The Knights took advantage, running the ball into the end zone in four plays for a lead they would not relinquish. Halfway through the quarter, Turner Ashby broke off an 80-yard touchdown run and went into halftime up 35-21.

The Knights took the second-half kickoff and marched down the field for their sixth touchdown. The Flucos moved the ball on their first possession of the half, but the Knights intercepted a halfback pass in the end zone and returned it 106 yards for another touchdown. The Flucos scored twice more on passes from Pace to McCall and wide receiver Brody Shields. Turner Ashby added one more touchdown for a 55-34 final.

After the game, head coach Mitchell Pace described the Knights as a big, tough team that makes opponents pay for mistakes. He said the Flucos made several costly ones.

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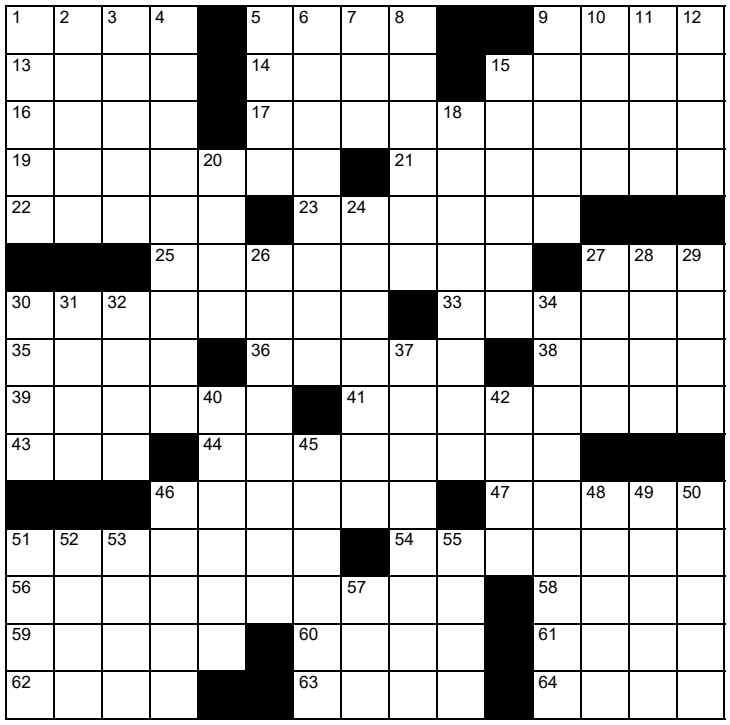
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5 Tools with teeth
9 Farm machine
13 God with a hammer
14 Mayberry kid
15 Flared-bottom dress
16 Ireland, poetically
17 Awareness
19 Goes on the offense
21 Passed, as laws
22 Hardly seaworthy
23 Gridiron move
25 MySQL, e.g.
27 Crafty
30 Set off, as explosives
33 Toyota pickup
35 Turn over ___ leaf
36 1965 march site
38 Alda or Hale
39 Baby's headwear
41 Choir member's volume
43 Snake's sound
44 Flute's kin
46 Illinois college town
47 Marketing tactic
51 Behaves badly
54 Longtime Dodgers manager Tommy
56 Saints logo
58 Hit for the Kinks
59 Engine sounds
60 Take a chance on
61 Genesis garden
62 Grand Ole ___
63 Adjusts, as a clock
64 Danson and others

DOWN

1 Quite a bargain
2 Wedding color
3 Artery trunk
4 Reason for a tow
5 Puppet maker?
6 Religion defector
7 Hairpiece
8 Iroquois tribe
9 Finish second
10 Clothing fuzz
11 Way back when
12 Garden intruder
15 Flowering shrub
18 Place for a quill
20 Blue hue
24 Neptunium discoverer
26 Flavor detector
27 "Star Wars" pilot Han
28 "Hahaha," in a text
29 American, to a Brit
30 Light pats
31 Grandson of Eve
32 Addition column
34 Coupe's kin
37 High-principled one
40 Proofer's finds
42 Comes down with
45 Works a wedding, maybe
46 High-interest lending
48 Eat away
49 Ran in park
50 Indian flatbreads
51 Bushy do
52 Horse's beat
53 Eye drop?
55 Inquires
57 Deception

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Edited by Margie E. Burke

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

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Jordan left the game with an ankle injury. His absence and the score forced the Flucos to rely on the pass. The Flucos have a potent passing attack, but they missed the threat of Jordan's running in the second half.

Pace said he believes the Flucos have established a winning culture in football. A 10-2 record certainly supports that assertion. This year's team had plenty of senior talent, but the Flucos will have some strong players returning in 2027.

Around Fluvanna: Two businesses honored as holiday events begin

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
ARTS & CULTURE CONTRIBUTOR

Business news

Fluvanna County Economic Development and Tourism honored two local businesses at its first Business Appreciation Picnic and Awards. The Barista Baker, owned by Barbie Ruhlman, was named Fluvanna's Rising Star Business, and Wahoo BBQ, owned by Howie and Claire Brown, was named Fluvanna's 2026 Business of the Year.

Ruhlman wanted to take her coffee shop where her customers were and give them a place to enjoy coffee, homemade baked goods and conversation. Getting started took persistence. She lost a business partner along the way and traveled out of state to find the right trailer.

The Barista Baker has served customers for nearly two years and built a loyal following. The mobile coffee shop stops at E.W. Thomas on Wednesdays and Fridays and at Effort Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Howie Brown, a self-taught chef, learned to make barbecue and sauces by watching his parents cook. Wahoo BBQ started as a catering business before opening a small location on Route 53 in 2019. As word spread and demand grew, the Browns moved to their current location in the former Dogwood Restaurant in 2021.

The Browns support local organizations including Meals on Wheels and the Fluvanna Business Alliance.

Events around the county

- Fork Union's fourth annual tree lighting begins at 4 p.m. Nov. 28. The event features live music, a visit with Santa, Kidz Korner, holiday shopping, food, a Christmas star auction and food and toy drives.
- The free, drive-through Pleasant Grove Community of Lights Celebration runs from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 10–13. Local groups sponsor and design the Christmas displays. Pleasant Grove Park also hosts the Art in the Park Holiday Market from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 12.
- The annual Christmas Bazaar runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 12 at Carysbrook Elementary School in Fork Union. Vendors will offer handmade crafts, gifts, baked goods and holiday decorations.

Groups

The Silver and Gold Group welcomes Fluvanna residents ages 55 and older. The group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at 41 Ashlawn Blvd. in Lake Monticello. Members also get together throughout the month for crafts, knitting and crochet, book clubs, outings and other activities. There is no fee to join.



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Thanksgiving for 10? In Virginia, that'll be $60.68

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As families gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, a traditional 10-person holiday meal is expected to cost $60.68 in Virginia, compared to the national average of $58.63.

According to an informal survey conducted annually by the American Farm Bureau Federation, the average cost to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal with items sufficient to make 10 servings is $6.07 per person.

The survey's menu consists of turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. The AFBF survey was first conducted in 1986, and the menu has remained unchanged since then to allow for consistent price comparisons.

In Virginia, a 16-pound turkey cost $27.58, pumpkin pie ingredients cost $7.91, and sweet potatoes cost $3.76.

"The centerpiece on most Thanksgiving tables—the turkey—saw the largest increase in price, which contributed to the overall cost increase," noted AFBF Deputy Chief Economist Faith Parum. "They've increased about 10% over last year's cost."

Another factor in the higher total is that prices reported by volunteer shoppers were collected during the first week of November—before major retailers began offering holiday discounts, promotional sales or coupons.

"Stores will offer deals on turkeys closer to the holidays," Parum said. "Retailers will discount the price of turkeys to get shoppers in the door to buy the rest of their Thanksgiving meal ingredients."

Turkey costs are high because of reduced flock sizes as well as increased production and transportation costs. The price of all food is influenced by more than what's happening at the grocery store. Transportation costs, labor expenses and production inputs all play a role.

Diesel prices have been especially high this fall, adding to transportation costs – especially items that are only grown in one area of the country, like cranberries, and have to be shipped from coast to coast.

Fresh and refrigerated products often require additional fuel for transportation and storage, making them especially sensitive to higher diesel prices. Farmers also are dealing with elevated costs for fuel, fertilizer, equipment, labor and other essential inputs.

At the same time, many farmers are earning less. While consumers see higher prices at the checkout line, farmers receive only 5.8 cents of every food dollar spent, with the rest covering processing, transportation, distribution, marketing, and retail costs.

For the other ingredients in a traditional Thanksgiving meal in Virginia, the survey showed that the average cost of a gallon of whole milk was $3.64; frozen peas, $1.57; fresh carrots and celery, $1.19; whipping cream, $1.79; fresh cranberries, $2.05; cubed stuffing, $3.80; and a dozen dinner rolls, $3.42.

Virginia items that were less than the national average included milk, carrots and celery, dinner rolls, peas, cranberries, whipping cream, sweet potatoes and stuffing. Nationally, a quarter of the items decreased in price.

Solar project gets green light as data center limits stall

Supervisors send the zoning amendment back to the Planning Commission

HEATHER MICHON, EDITOR

Questions of energy and land use dominated a seven-hour-long Board of Supervisors meeting on Wed., Nov. 18, as supervisors approved a solar project near Bremo Bluff and voted 2-3 against removing data centers from the list of uses eligible under special use permits.

Both decisions drew criticism from many residents who spoke against the solar project and in favor of restricting data centers.

First up for a vote was a special use permit for Fluvanna CSG1, a 4.65-megawatt solar project proposed for a 141-acre parcel off Bremo Road. The developer, Dimension Energy, plans to use about 21 acres of the parcel for approximately 9,400 solar panels.

This is the same property Pine Gate Renewables was proposing for the 16-megawatt Swallowtail Solar Project in 2024. That project failed to advance after supervisors approved restrictive zoning ordinances removing utility-scale solar projects in late 2024.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of Fluvanna CSG1 at its October meeting.

Developers said they plan to operate through Virginia's Shared Solar Program, which allows nearby residents to subscribe and receive a credit on their electric bill. This allows those who cannot install their own solar panels to benefit from renewable energy.

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RUDY TALKS TAXES

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

Your Annual Asset & Tax Checklist



Happy Thanksgiving to you! I hope you are having a wonderful celebration. With the turning of the seasons, it is a great time to take a look at opportunities before year end slams the door. In honor of this timing, here are a few topics for you to consider as we head to the end of the year to help put some planning ideas top of mind for you and your family. Taking an annual inventory of your assets can help keep your records accurate, give you a clearer picture of your potential tax exposure, and ensure you can still access any online accounts. Not only can you update the value of each asset, but the review can also provide the information you need when deciding whether it may make sense to buy, sell, or transfer some of them. Here's a checklist with several items to consider during your review.

- **Map your unrealized gains and losses.** Ensure your asset list contains both the fair market value and your cost and tax basis. Comparing current value with adjusted basis provides a better picture of how much unrealized gain or loss is tied to what you own.
- **Separate short-term from long-term positions.** Review assets approaching the one-year holding mark, since their tax treatment could soon change. Mapping these dates also helps distinguish gains that could be taxed at ordinary income rates from those that could fall within the 0%, 15%, or 20% long-term capital-gain brackets.
- **Pay attention to underlying values of individual purchases of the same item.** If you purchased the same stock several times over the years, those shares may have very different costs. Knowing the basis of each tax lot lets you see how selling different groups of otherwise identical shares could produce very different taxable gains. And remember, if your asset list is organized by category, the same gain information can be found in the details, whether it involves valuable coins or different bond purchases.
- **Put potential gains in the context of this year's income.** Long-term capital gains can be taxed at 0%, 15%, or 20% depending on taxable income, while higher income can also bring the 3.8% Net Investment Income Tax into play. An unusually high- or low-income year can therefore change the potential tax opportunities associated with realizing a gain.
- **Add up gains and losses already realized this year.** Include sales that have already occurred, along with any unused capital losses carried forward from prior-year tax returns. Putting those numbers alongside your unrealized gains and losses can help you understand how another sale could affect your overall tax picture.
- **Identify assets with special tax considerations.** Collectibles, investment real estate and certain business interests can be subject to different tax rates or rules, while a wash sale can postpone the deduction of an investment loss. Flagging these assets separately can help prevent an unexpected tax result.
- **Identify complications hiding behind the numbers.** Not every asset follows the same tax rules. A home or other real estate may have improvements that affect basis, investment property may have years of depreciation to account for, and collectibles can be subject to different capital-gain rates.
- **Review the basis of long-held investments.** The basis shown in your records may not tell the entire story, particularly for assets owned for many years. Missing purchase information, return-of-capital distributions, reinvested dividends, stock splits, mergers and other corporate actions can all leave you with a basis that is incomplete or needs to be adjusted.
- **Use an organized process.** These ideas can seem disjointed when considered individually, so find an organized process for reviewing your assets that works for you. For example, create a personal statement of net worth, then organize your assets by asset class. Categories could include cash, stocks, bonds, property, collectibles, businesses, and other investments. Do the same with your liabilities to arrive at your net worth. Each section can then include both a summary and a detailed view.

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Residents raised concerns about construction disruptions, noise from the solar facility, and environmental impacts, including how the project could affect the historically Black West Bottom neighborhood.

"We don't want this in our area, in our neighborhood," said William Woodson. He argued that this was "an open area, and we want to keep it that way."

A few people spoke in favor of the project, including a Columbia resident who said she's had a 16-panel solar array on her property for the last nine years and "it doesn't make a peep of sound. I don't even hear the inverter until I walk right up on it."

Supervisors ultimately approved the special use permit, but not before making some changes.

This included raising the height of the screening around the power inverters from six feet to eight feet on at least three sides, as well as adding setbacks to further screen the panels from view. They also stipulated that the county would revoke the permit if the project failed to gain admission to the Shared Solar Program. A separate project agreement included additional setbacks.

Data Centers

The data center debate ended much where it began earlier this year: a narrow majority of supervisors remained concerned that a zoning change aimed at standalone data centers could also restrict small businesses that rely heavily on computing equipment.

Under current county zoning regulations, data centers can apply for approval under a special use permit in areas zoned for industrial development. The amendment recommended by the Planning Commission would remove that provision and explicitly state that uses omitted from the zoning ordinance are prohibited.

At their October meeting, planning commissioners set aside a third provision that would have established standards for computing equipment used to support another business on the same site, saying the language needed more work before they could send it to supervisors.

This created a dilemma for supervisors for whom accessory use was a primary concern: remove data centers from the list of uses eligible for a special use permit and address accessory use separately, or wait for the Planning Commission to bring back a proposal that addressed both.

For most residents who spoke at the public hearing, there was no debate. They urged supervisors to act immediately to remove standalone data centers from the list of uses eligible for a special use permit.

"The Planning Commission handed you a hatchet when what you needed was a scalpel," said James Schoenster. "Now, if this board used that as an excuse to leave the door open to data centers, we're pretending the scalpel doesn't exist. That's political theater, not responsible land use planning."

The amendment failed on a 2-3 vote, with Tony O'Brien (Rivanna), Tim Hodge (Palmyra) and Mike Sheridan (Columbia) voting against it.

Chris Fairchild (Cunningham) moved to defer the amendment until April 30, 2027, and sent it back to the Planning Commission with instructions to return a full package including accessory uses by that time.

For now, the vote leaves data centers eligible for a special use permit in the county's two industrial districts. However, there is a moratorium on applications in effect through at least Dec. 31.

Other Items:

- **Fire & Rescue:** Supervisors will advertise a public hearing on a proposed Fire & Rescue Department headed by a paid fire chief. Funding for that position is already in the county budget, but several questions remain about the chief's authority over volunteers, how volunteers could appeal disciplinary decisions, and the role the Fire and Rescue Association would play in the new department.
- **Property Tax Relief for Seniors:** After nearly two decades without an adjustment, the board raised the annual household income ceiling for real estate tax relief for eligible older residents and people with disabilities from $50,000 to $65,000. It also raised the net-worth limit to $200,000.
- **South Boston Road Signage:** With work on the new turn lane on South Boston Road scheduled to last until April, the board granted a temporary sign waiver so a banner could stay up to let drivers know nearby businesses remain open.
- **Sheriff's cameras.** The Sheriff's Office presented five- and 10-year options for replacing aging body-worn and patrol-car cameras with an integrated system for recording, storing and reviewing footage. The 10-year option would cost just over $1 million and include scheduled replacements for 28 body cameras and 23 in-car systems. Supervisors asked for clearer operating costs and a contract review before considering a purchase at a December meeting.

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Celebrating 10 Years of Service: Wishing Tom Schauder a Happy Retirement

After 10 years of dedicated service to the Lake Monticello community, General Manager Tom Schauder will retire at the end of November.

Tom joined Lake Monticello in August 2016 as the Maintenance Manager, bringing his experience and commitment to the Association. In 2021, he stepped into the role of General Manager, working closely with the LMOA Board of Directors and staff to guide numerous projects, initiatives, and community improvements.

Throughout his tenure, Tom's leadership, dedication, and contributions have helped shape Lake Monticello. He leaves behind a lasting legacy, and his staff looks forward to building on the foundation he has helped establish for years to come.

Please join us in thanking Tom for his 10 years of service and wishing him all the best as he begins this exciting next chapter.

Congratulations on your retirement, Tom!





happy thanksgiving

From, Team LMOA!

Coming Up at The Bunker Bistro!

Sunday, November 29: Jazzmo Jazz Brunch, 10 AM–2 PM

Wednesday, December 2: Music Bingo Fundraiser, 6 PM
Play along, enjoy some delicious dinner, and support the Fluvanna SPCA at this special event!

Friday, December 4: Live Music with Ryan Crabb, 6 PM

Saturday, December 5: Live Music with Steve Smith, 6 PM

Wednesday, December 9: Open Mic Night: All-Female Featured Performers. Join us for a special Open Mic featuring talented female performers, with a few male musicians joining in as accompanists!

Thursday, December 10: 12 Days of Christmas Team Challenge, 6:30 PM. Gather your team of eight or fewer and race to complete the challenge first! Cash prizes are up for grabs. Reservations are required, so call to reserve your spot!

Saturday, December 19: Wrap Your Crap! 2–5 PM, $10.
Bring your holiday gifts, and we'll provide everything you need to wrap them! Paper, tape, scissors, boxes, bags, tissue, bows, and more will be ready for you. Enjoy some wine and cheese while you tackle that holiday wrapping list! *Space is limited to the first 20 people who reserve, so call 434-591-0106 to save your spot today!*

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Alumni cut ribbon by FCPS

Community comes together to celebrate Abrams School renovations

HEATHER MICHON, EDITOR

Community members and county officials gathered on Monday, Nov. 16, to mark the completion of major renovations at the S.C. Abrams School in Palmyra.

Working on a tight deadline, the $1.4 million upgrade was substantially completed by the first day of school in August. Crews installed new heating and cooling systems, upgraded and modernized six restrooms, and converted three classrooms into five new instructional spaces.

Throughout the project, planners have been mindful of the historical significance of the 90-year-old brick building on Central Plains Road.

The school was constructed during the New Deal and opened in 1936 to serve as a permanent high school for the county's Black students. It was named after the Rev. S.C. Abrams, a Baptist minister who served as the county's superintendent for Black education during segregation and who had spearheaded fundraising for the building.

After Fluvanna schools integrated in 1969, it served as a junior high school until around 1990. Following a decade of use as administrative space, it was renamed Abrams Academy in 2012 and now houses the district's alternative education programs.

"I have my own memories of seventh and eighth grade here, but it stretches much, much longer," said Don Stribling, the district's assistant superintendent of administration. "We're remembering the past, but also celebrating the future."

Members of the S.C. Abrams High School Alumni Association led the official ribbon-cutting during the open house.

"We are excited about what is happening," said the association's president, Deloris Thomas, adding that they had been happy to work with Stribling and Josh Bower, the project designer from Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates. "We're looking forward to the next phase."

Hayley Tompkins, executive director of the Fluvanna Historical Society, said they are currently working on an exhibit looking at the school's extraordinary history.

She asked anyone with records, yearbooks, photographs, or other materials about the school



Abrams photo with buses - 1930s Fluvanna Historical Society



Abrams Exterior by Heather Michon

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to share them with the historical society.

"We scan items; you don't have to give them up at all," she said.

Monday's open house marked the end of the major phase of work at Abrams. School officials have outlined two more phases focusing on interior and exterior refinements. In the meantime, the Historical Society hopes to display more of the school's history by next spring.



Abrams interior photos by Heather Michon



Updated classroom



S.C. Abrams



Community Calendar

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County Calendar

QR Code provided by the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program

Toy Drive and Santa at Papa Jim's! Join Monticello Country Realty & Papa Jim's Ice Cream for a holiday fundraiser at the Lake Monticello location on Saturday, **November 28.** We are accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for the Fluvanna Happy Face Toy Drive. Bring a toy and get a free Ice Cream! Santa will be visiting from 1- 3 p.m. Bring the littles!

FCSS Happy Face Christmas Party is Saturday, **December 5** at Central Elementary School. FCSS is collecting new toys ($15-30) and books for children from infant to 13 years; also collecting new winter coats and PJs, sizes infant to 18. Collection boxes are set up at various locations. End of donations is **Nov 23.** To volunteer or have questions, email Mary Kidd at marykidd01@gmail.com

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.

Fluvanna County Farmer's Market Holiday Market. Sunday, **December 6.** 1 am to 2 pm. Crofton Plaza by Ace Hardware. All Vendors Welcome. No Vendor Fee. Food Trucks on Site. For information on how to become a vendor, email: fluvannacountyfarmersmarket@gmail.com

2026 Holiday Celebration Concert. The Charlottesville Band will perform its annual Holiday Celebration Concert at the Paramount Theater in downtown Charlottesville at 3:30 PM on Sunday, **December 6.** The FREE family-oriented program will feature traditional holiday favorites, a sing-along, guest vocalists, and a visit from Santa. And maybe — just maybe — the first snowfall of the season! Come early – there's usually a full house.

Parents' Day Out – As a Christmas gift to the community, Beulah Baptist Church in Kents Store will host a Parents' Day Out for children ages 3-12 on Saturday, **Dec. 12,** from 9 am to 3 pm. Snacks and lunch will be provided. **Registration required by Dec. 5** at beulahchurchonline.org.

Free Rural Health Clinic at Dunbar Rosenwald School on the **1st Thursday of each month** 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

FLRD Community Food Pantry is located at 14455 James Madison Hwy, Palmyra VA in the School Board Administration Building. To receive food please visit our pantry on Tuesdays and Thursday from 10am to 2pm. Questions or donations, contact (434) 987-1938.

Announcements

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday, December 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

A Public hearing will be held in the held **Fluvanna County Circuit Court, 72 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963** for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to be heard by the Board of Supervisors on the following items:

Ordinance to amend the "Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia," by repealing Chapter 8, §§ 8-1 through 8-17 and enacting Chapter 8, §§ 8-1-1 through 8-1-14 and 8-2-1 through 8-2-7 to establish the Fluvanna County Fire and Rescue Department and the Chief of Fire and Rescue and enacting §§ 8.1-1 and 8.1-2 to address the disposal of unclaimed personal property in the possession of the Sheriff and the employment of off-duty deputy sheriffs.

ZMP 26:01: A request to rezone from A-1, Agricultural, General, to B-1, Business, General 7.417 +- acres of Tax Map 5 Section 16 Parcel 4A. The subject parcel is located on James Madison Highway (U.S. 15) approximately 0.45 mile south of the intersection with Richmond Road (U.S. 250). The parcel is located in both the Zion Crossroads Community Planning Area and Zion Urban Development Area, and the Columbia Election District.

All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

Fluvanna County Planning Commission
Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a Public Hearing will be held in the **Fluvanna County Administration Bldg., The Morris Room, 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):

ZTA 26:28 – an ordinance to amend and reordain the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, by amending §§ 22-4-2.2, 22-9-2.2, 22-10-4, 22-11-2.2, and 22-22-1 and enacting §§ 22-32-1 through 22-32-9 to regulate certain local aspects of adult-use cannabis businesses.

ZTA 26:29 – an ordinance to amend and reordain the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, by amending §§ 22-4-2.2 and 22-22-1 to update the definition of "Studio, Fine Arts" and to clarify that such use is allowed by right in A-1.

ZTA 26:30 – an ordinance to amend and reordain the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, by amending § 22-28-23 to clarify that the definition of "Solar Facility" is intended to match the definition in the Virginia Code.

ZTA 26:31 – an ordinance to amend and reordain the Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, by amending § 22-11-2.1 to allow microbreweries as a by right use in District I-1.

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinances and plan are available for public review at **https://www.fluvanna.gov/** 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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SEPTEMBER 2026 PROPERTY TRANSFERS

PROPERTY TRANSFER DEEDS ARE PROVIDED BY THE FLUVANNA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

09/01/2026

LOT 25 HIGH POINT SUB, 31-19-25, BANKS, JASON GIBSON, SARAH MCKENSIE GIBSON, PATRICK TYLER, $410,000

LOT 15 PHASE 2 SYCAMORE SQUARE VILLAS, 18C-2-15, MALLOY, LESLIE RIVOIR, ABBASSI, HAITHEM A, $260,000

LOT 34 PHASE 7 CRIFTIB KN, 18A-7-34, DALEY, MICHELE MARIE, ROCK RIVER INC, $41,000

09/03/2026

42.549 AC, 31-15-5C, BHL GROUP LLC, GOODWIN, GABRIELLE K, $295,000

LOT 39 PHASE 6 RIVERSIDE SECTION LM SUB, 18A-6-39, RAFALY, DAVID F CRENSHAW, TODD CLAYTON CRENSHAW, TAYLOR C, $480,000

09/04/2026

LOT 476 PHASE 4 FAIRWAY LM SUB, 18A-4-476, GILLON, CORNELIUS J WARREN, JOHN PATRICK TR JOHN PATRICK WARREN REVOCAB...WARREN, JOYCE ELKINS TR JOYCE ELKIN WARREN REVOCABL..., $620,000

LOT 130 PHASE 9 KNOLLWOOD LM, 18A-9-130, NOURIAN, MAHROKH N NA..., ROCK RIVER INC, $40,000

0.873 AC, 10-A-42A, LIBERTY HOMES VA INC BANKS, JASON BANKS, TINA, $469,131

09/08/2026

LOT 54 PHASE 1 ASHLAWN LM SUB, 18A-1-54, KELLER ARLEDGE, PAMEL...SMITH, ROBERT THOMAS SMITH, KATHERINE BUSHMAN, $1,039,000

LOT 107 PHASE 8 NAHOR LM, 18A-8-107, MCNULTY, THERESA G, MCNULTY, BRENDAN F, $400,000

44.5999 AC, 60-A-32, BROOKMAN, HARRY ELLIS...BROOKMAN, HOLLIE ANN LOUDERBACK, KENNETH LEE JR, $184,000

1.401, 60-A-32, BROOKMAN, HARRY ELLIS...BROOKMAN, HARRY ELLIS BREMO BLUFF, VA VA, $4,500

5.0 AC, 58-A-68, BLALOCK, AMY E SHEPHERD, BENJAMIN TR BENJAMIN SETH SHEPHERD LIVING..., $10,000

SEE DOCUMENT FOR FULL DESCRIPTION, 18A-1-296B1, SEGA, LINDA COLLEY TR OWSLEY, ERIC J WILLETT, JESSICA LONHOLM, $367,500

09/10/2026

SEE DOCUMENT FOR FULL DESCRIPTION, 8-13-177, STANLEY MARTIN HOMES ... MEREDITH, STEVEN M TR MEREDITH, DEBORAH M TR STEVEN M AND DEBORAH M MERE..., $371,000

09/11/2026

LOT 38 PHASE EIGHT NAHOR LM, 18A-8-38, KRANENBURG, SANDRA J, BLANKENSHIP, SHAWN, $395,000

LOT 6 TWO RIVERS SUB, 9-9-6, DIPAOLA, FRANK W, DAVIS, LARRY L JR, $665,000

2 AC, 26-A-29, WALKER, SAMUEL LEE JR RODRIQUEZ, JACQUELINE HENDERSON, JASE, $257,397

LOT 25 PHASE 6 RIVERSIDE SECTION LM SUB, 18A-6-25, PEREZ, MARY ANNE EXOR, CARDENAS BERNAL, DIANA Y, $300,000

09/14/2026

48 ACRES, 38-A-34, BROOKMAN, ELIZABETH H...GOIN, GEORGE N 0 LIGHTFOOT LANE SCOTTSVILLE, VA 24590 GOIN, CLAUDIA S, $192,000

09/15/20262.551 AC, 31A-2-1, HUNT, STELLA H MARTIN, JESSE CONTRERAS, LINETH, $319,000

LOT 158 PHASE 10 LM, 18A-10-158, BENOIT, JOSHUA RYAN ATIF, HAMID ATIF, MEGAN, $385,000

09/16/2026

20.00 AC, 30-6-A, VIRGINIA SOLITUDE LLC HOUSTON, WILLIAM H IV DIRGINS, ELIZABETH A, $1,575,000

SEE DOCUMENT FOR FULL DESCRIPTION, 8-13-39, STANLEY MARTIN HOMES ... SUN, ZHENGYI WANG, LEI, $304,585

28.735 AC, 52-A-113, BRADBURY, SCOTT L LUCADO, JERRY R LUCADO, DEBRA L, $1,300,000

2.000 AC, 4-24-1, HARRIS, RACHEL LEAH, DENTON, JAMES ADAM, $405,000

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09/21/2026

SEE DOCUMENT FOR FULL DESCRIPTION, 27-A-3, WALKER, VICKI L, EXPEDITION GENERATION HOLDIN..., $850,000

LOT 301 PHASE 9 KNOLLWOOD LM SUB, 18A-9-301, APGAR, KENNETH R JR, BIGELOW, ALDEN E C, $400,000

LOT 221 PHASE TWELVE EDGEWOOD LM SUB, 18A-12-221, VONDERBANK, PETER TR

SOWALA, HEIDI M SOWALA, RANDY J, $437,400

09/22/2026

LOT 183 PHASE 2 LM, 18A-2-183, TOMS, KIMBERLY OKUN, ARTHUR C TR ARTHUR C OKUN REVOCABLE TRUST, $240,000

09/23/2026

SEE DOCUMENT FOR FULL DESCRIPTION, 8-13-75, STANLEY MARTIN HOMES ..., VENABLE, CHAQUITA, $328,335

LOT 133 PHASE 10 CHEROKEE LM SUB, 18A-10-133, THORN, TIMOTHY LAWRE...

GONZALEZ, MARIA I, $335,000

09/24/2026

5.00 AC, 22-A-90A, TANNER, DOUGLAS RAY WESTERN, ABIGAIL BAAS, ZACHARY, $385,000

09/25/2026

LOT 24 PHASE 1B & 2 VILLAGE OAKS SUB, 9-13-24, COLLINS, DEBRA L LOMBARDI, JOHN LOMBARDI, MELANIE, $420,000

09/28/2026

LOT 411 PHASE 5 TUFTON ADDITION 1 LM SUB, 18A-5-411, HECKEL, KRISTEN, MANGANO, MARK SAMUEL II, $373,000

LOT 559 PHASE 3 ADDITION 3 MONTPELIER SECTION LM SUB, 18A-3-559, MCGAREY, TIMOTHY NEAL COHEN, STEPHEN J COHEN, NANCY J, $780,000

09/29/2026

LOT 49 PHASE 10 CHEROKEE LM, 18A-10-49, NELSON, APRIL TRUJILLO, MARTHA TRUJILLO, RUBEN, $309,000

LOT 229 PHASE 4 LM SUB, 18A-4-229, LUCADO, JERRY R, LUDWIG, DALE, $100,000

LOT 237 PHASE 4 FAIRWAY ADDITION 1 LM SUB, 18A-4-237, SHIPMAN, DANIEL RYAN, LUDWIG, DALE, $189,950

09/30/2026

LOT 227 PHASE 9 KNOLLWOOD LM SUB, 18A-9-227, RATH, JEREMY T HOLCOMB, PATRICK HOLCOMB, CASSIE, $481,000

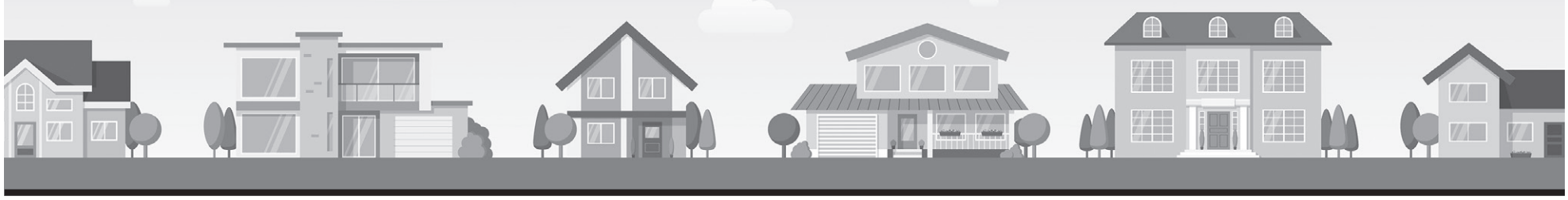
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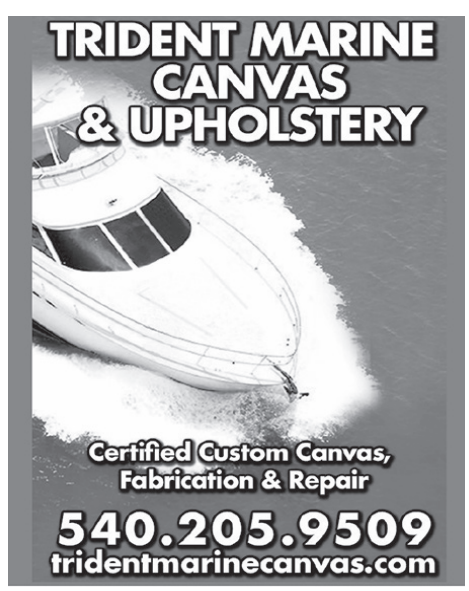
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BINGO IS BACK! at Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad, 10 Slice Road, every Friday night. Doors open at 5 p.m. First game at 6:30 p.m. Progressives, pull tabs, and a $1000 jackpot every week! Cash only. No one under 16 allowed. All others welcome!! Join us for a fun & Friendly night out.

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Aqua Virginia recommends a few simple steps for holiday cleanup:

- Let leftover grease cool in a metal can, then put it in the trash. Pouring hot grease directly into a trash bag can damage the bag.
- Scrape food scraps into the trash and wipe grease from pots and pans before washing them.
- Use a sink strainer to catch food scraps and empty it into the trash.

A garbage disposal breaks food into smaller pieces, but grease can still build up in pipes. Hot water can carry grease farther down the drain, where it can cool and collect.

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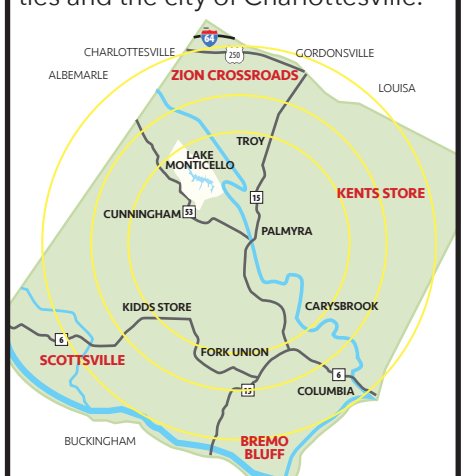
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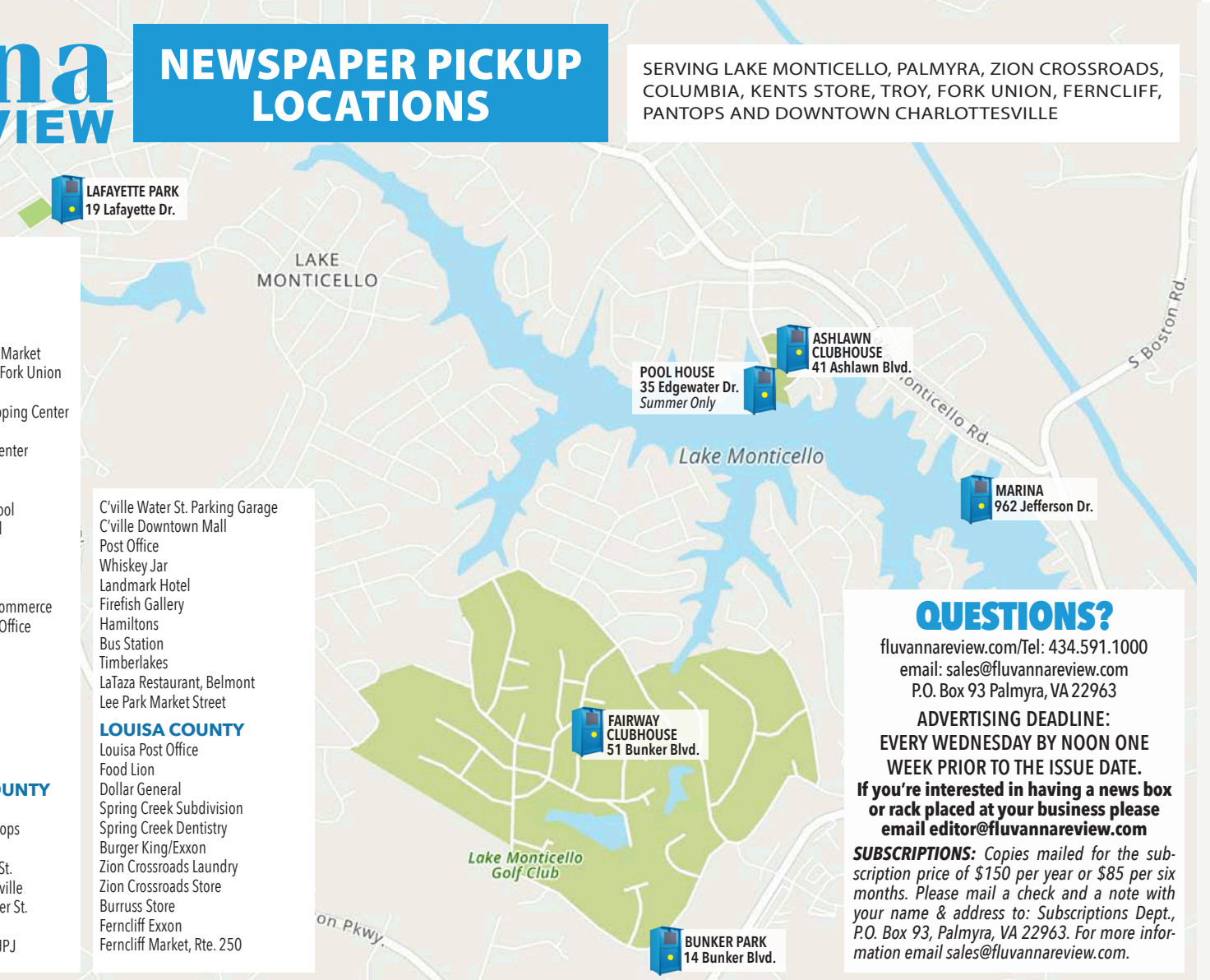
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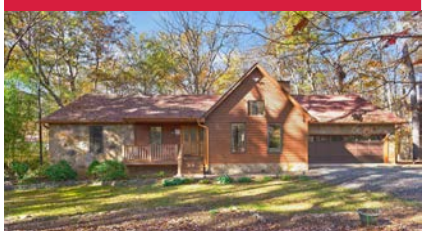
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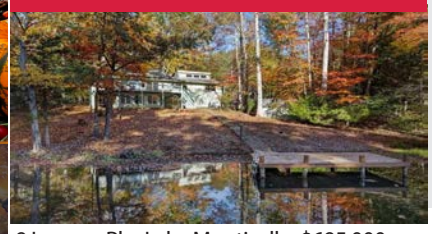
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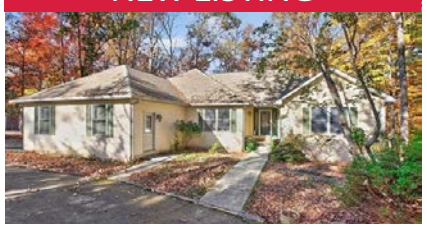
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