

Parks and Recreation and Sports Tourism in Culpeper, Virginia

BY: Andrew Hardy, Culpeper County Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation can easily be best described as a “quality of life” industry aimed at providing leisure services and facilities to County residents of all ages. But, I believe that Culpeper County Parks and Recreation is far more than just that one simple catch phrase. We pride ourselves in being a resource for local businesses, civic organizations, youth and school clubs, and many more – Culpeper County Parks and Recreation is and will always be, a partner in community development.

Over the last 18 months we were confronted with a variety of trials and tribulations as a direct result of COVID-19, but as one community - we pushed forward. During this period of uncertainty, our Department challenged itself and worked hand-in-hand with numerous community partners in order to be able to offer safe and accessible services. From the creation of virtual classes to socially distanced and modified programs, activities, and athletic leagues - we would like to extend a special heartfelt thank you to Culpeper Media, Culpeper Little League, Culpeper Youth Rugby, Culpeper Soccer Club, Culpeper Football Association, Culpeper Lacrosse Association, Co-ed Adult Softball, 4-H and Extension, Culpeper County Library, Culpeper County Public Schools, Culpeper County Emergency Services, our Volunteers, and the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors. There are many others that provide the necessary support, commitment, patience, and understanding to help our Parks and Recreation Department manage program delivery to the residents of Culpeper County.

Sports Tourism is a new Economic Development initiative for Culpeper County Parks and Recreation. We are now utilizing our outstanding facilities in order to venture into this ever-growing industry. In partnership with Culpeper Youth Rugby and Rugby Virginia, Culpeper County held the Rugby VA Spring State Championship (June 5-6, 2021) which featured over 25 youth rugby teams from throughout the State of Virginia and Maryland, at the Culpeper Sports Complex.

This is not the only large-scale event to be held at the Culpeper Sports Complex to date. Culpeper Little League also secured the Opening Ceremonies for the District 14 All-Stars and with the assistance of the County, was able to execute a top-notch event that showcased baseball and softball All-Stars from Culpeper, Charlottesville, Gordonsville, Louisa, Orange, Albemarle, Rappahannock, Greene, and Madison.

Other tournaments that are scheduled for 2021 include; VA State Lacrosse Cup (July 10-11, 2021) and the Seven State Championship (July 24-25, 2021). It is the goal of both the County Board of Supervisors and our Department that through the recruitment and retention of these sports tourism events, we can provide additional support to our lodging, dining, and entertainment industries within Culpeper County.

In other Parks and Recreation programming news, we are excited the 5th Annual Summer Youth Basketball Camp was very successful again with 96 participants this year. The camp was geared toward participants 6-8 years old, 9-11 years old, and 12-15 years old. Many thanks to Gary Deal for heading up the Camp each year, and to all the following volunteers for participating to make this program work: Melissa Deal, Bonnie Hitt, Quintin Noakes, Chuckie Dinkins, Brian Millea, Carolyn Johnson, Lexie Groene, Sharon McCray, Amanda Long, Avery Morton, Terry Jackson, Jr., Robert Harrison, Kaitlyn Sohn, Phil Thornton, Natalie Allio, Kimyata Tyree, Josh Dinkins, and Keondre Ferguson.

*“The quality of your life will be determined by the quality of your contribution.
When you work to improve the lives of others, your life improves automatically.”*
Kurek Ashley





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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (ANR)

Carl Stafford, Senior Extension Agent, ANR

Technology and Beef Cattle Improvement Association Testing

The next generation of farmers use technology in some unexpected ways. Adaptation as they say, is “the mother of invention” and so goes the case in agriculture. Not every technology savvy farmer is under 30, in fact when asked, a 50-year old allowed as how his 20-something daughter had only helped him once with a new record keeping program. I fully expected to hear she was in the middle of operating the new system, so an apology is in order to him and his generation for being underestimated. The promise of profit is a powerful motivator and pushes us to act outside our comfort zone.

The main point today is to tell a family story about drone use and not as you would expect, like in mapping. Dad called and explained his wonder at his 30-something son using his new drone to exercise the dogs. Most bird dogs will chase a flying object and the farm pets obliged. But there is a more useful purpose to farming and yet still unexpected. We know from television shows that the Australians and others occupying large tracts of remote territory will use aerial herding methods. Rounding up cattle with a

helicopter makes practical sense, so the young farmer gave it a try himself.

Sure enough it worked! He was able to go out to a remote pasture by drone and bring the cattle up to the gathering pen, but there is more. Knowing he was short a few head he went back to find the few stragglers hiding out in the shade. These too were brought up joining the others in the pen. He stood at his post there so as to open and close gates – the drone has not mastered this task, yet.

I hear other young farmers use their drones to check cattle, all while sitting at their desk back in the farm office. The perspective offered by an elevated camera is fully appreciated in the real estate world as we see weekly angles from on high featuring the latest land for sale. Only from an airplane would this perspective have been possible before drones came along.

Unexpected uses of new technology will rule the day in many cases. Kind of like developments from the space program, Velcro is a good example. We take this wonderful fastening device for granted today and wonder how we would cope without it. The space folks never intended for its many applications by citizens today. I regularly use it to fasten the date plate for the BCIA bull test sale to the sign board at the Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises (CAE) – by the way, the sale is December 11, 2021. 125 bulls were taken in at the new test location at Riverview Farm in Louisa in early July, to begin the 112-day test.

HORTICULTURE

Ashley Appling, Extension Agent, ANR-Horticulture

Plants to Try in your Landscape: Franklin Tree

Franklinia alatamaha, known by its common names Franklinia or Franklin tree, is a plant in the family *Theaceae*; this family includes the *Camellias*, *Gordonias*, and *Stewartias*. The Franklin tree has one of the most interesting back stories of any Native American plant. The story usually begins along the banks of the Altamaha river in Georgia, between the years 1765 to 1770 depending on the account you are reading. During that time span, the plant explorers John and William Bartram found the Franklin tree growing wild along the river bank. They did not return to collect seeds until 1776; which they later planted at their farm in Philadelphia. Supposedly all plants found in gardens today are descended from those seedlings because no one has seen this beautiful tree in the wild since the early 19th century.

Many experts believe that a cotton disease was responsible for the extinction of the species. The Franklin tree does have a reputation as a temperamental species because of its low transplant success rate but it is a species that is worthy of specimen status. Dr. Michael Dirr describes this sentiment very eloquently in his book *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants* mentioning the specimen status “if one is so fortunate to procure this species he/she should provide it a place of prominence in the garden” and the temperamental nature “somewhat akin to a fickle lover and may stay around and tease with its beauty, or simply leave... the garden that is.”

The flowers are white and three inches in diameter, resembling the fall blooming *Camellia sasanqua* but are commonly seen in August and September in Virginia. The flowers are surrounded by five-to six-inch-long shiny, dark green leaves; that are arranged alternately along the stem. In the fall the leaves are a brilliant red-orange color before falling to the ground. The bark is a smooth, grey brown with vertical fissures; that assume a slight fluted appearance with age. The tree is small to medium sized and usually reaches 10 to 20 feet high and wide in a full to partial sun location. Definitely a tree that deserves more usage in the modern landscape.



Franklin Tree Bloom

Photo by Ashley Appling, blooming in August in Orange County, Virginia



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On July 6, 2021, the disAbility Resource Center opened its doors to the public for appointments and group meetings in our conference room. We ask that those people that have not had the COVID vaccine wear a mask, otherwise, masks are not required. Individuals must sign-in, use hand sanitizer, and have their temperature taken upon entry. Group members are asked to use the conference room door and people with individual appointments can use the front door. Knock for staff to let you in. We are thankful to be able to work one on one with consumers again!

The dRC's Equipment Connection continues to be a hopping place with people donating gently used durable medical

equipment and others in need, taking and putting it to good use. Bath seats, wheelchairs, bedside commodes, hospital beds, scooters, rollator knee walkers, canes, crutches, walkers, and much more is available. All equipment is provided at no cost and individuals can keep the equipment as long as needed. We do ask that equipment be returned to the Equipment Connection, if it is no longer used and is in good condition, so that others may benefit from it. Call before coming, to make sure we have the equipment you need and to make sure Eric Barnes, Equipment Connection manager and only worker, is available. Hours of operation are 9-4:30, Monday to Friday, but occasionally on Wednesday mornings, Eric runs errands. Contact information is 540-373-2559 or drc@cildrc.org.



AGING TOGETHER IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION CREATED OVER 20 YEARS AGO IN RESPONSE TO THE STEADILY INCREASING DEMOGRAPHIC OF OLDER ADULTS IN OUR FIVE-COUNTY REGION. IT MAINTAINS AND SUPPORTS A BROAD PARTNERSHIP OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO COLLABORATE TO EVOLVE THE FUNDAMENTAL VISION OF AGING TOGETHER, WHICH IS AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES THAT ACTIVELY ENGAGE, VALUE AND SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS.

At Aging Together:

Regional Resource Guide for OLDER ADULTS



Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange
& Rappahannock Counties, VA
Rappahannock Council, VA

Get a Resource Guide

Free Resource Guide for older adults, their families & caregivers - first of its kind in our region. They are available at public places around the county, or to view or download on our website.

Contact us to
advertise in 2022!

Become a Dementia Friend

A Dementia Friend learns about dementia and then uses that understanding for action when encountering someone with living with dementia. Join the movement to have as many Dementia Friends as possible in Culpeper County! Need a session at your place of business? Let us know!!

IT ONLY
TAKES 1 HOUR!



Volunteer

Volunteers are the core of Aging Together!
Become a superhero for those who can't drive but need to get to a grocery store or doctor's appointment. Pick your own hours, driving location, and use your own car, or one of our partner program vehicles.

Interested?
Contact Sue Davis:
sdavis@
agingtogether.org



Join a Free Program

Like the TRIAD series running September through November that talks about security for seniors including topics on medication, scams and fraud, estate planning, being safe at home and on the road...and more!
For anyone!

First date is
September 2.
Register on our
website.



info@agingtogether.org

540-829-6405

www.agingtogether.org (to register for upcoming programs, click on Programs tab)

IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR THE ELDERLY AND AGING



Adult Day Services

Adult Day Intergenerational Center,
Culpeper

Coming soon to Culpeper Baptist Church

540-825-8192

office@culpeperbaptist.org

Area Agency on Aging

Rappahannock Rapidan Community
Services (RRCS)

www.rrcsb.org

540-825-3100 x3467

For home-delivered meals, Long Term
Care Ombudsman, Senior Center,
Medicare counseling, and more

Crisis Hotlines

RRCS / Mental Health Crisis Hotline

540-825-5656

rrcsb@rrcsb.org

Substance Abuse Hotline

800-662-HELP (4357)

Suicide Prevention Hotline

800-273-TALK (8255)

Department of Social Services (DSS)

Culpeper Human Services

www.culpeperhumanservices.org

540-727-0372

Also: First Call for Help / 540-229-3816

Help with medication, utilities, and other
aid

Emergency Housing

Culpeper Housing and Shelter Services
(CHASS)

215 E. Spencer Street, Culpeper

540-825-7434

Assistance for the homeless and at-risk

Foothills Housing Network

www.foothillshousing.org

540-727-6630

Emergency shelter, utility, and rental
assistance.

Food Assistance

Blue Ridge Area Food Bank Pantry
Locator

www.brafb.org/find-help/pantry-locator

Insert your ZIP code or search by
County to find a pantry near you.

540-248-3663

Culpeper Food Closet (St. Stephens
Church)

www.ststephensculpeper.net/

culpeper-food-closet

120 N. Commerce Street, Culpeper

Must complete paperwork first:

540-825-1177

Culpeper Farmers Market

www.facebook.com/

CulpeperFarmersMarket/

540-825-4416

(Culpeper Renaissance)

Empowering Culpeper

(USDA Free Food Distribution)

Email: empoweringculpeper

@peopleinc.net

Culpeper United Methodist Church

1233 Oaklawn Drive, Culpeper

540-935-0047

3rd Saturday the month / 9:00-11:00am

Manna Ministry

Location: Culpeper Presbyterian

Church

301 South Main Street, Culpeper

540-825-8616

Call for days and times of service.

REVA Mobile Food Pantry

18230 Birmingham Road, Madison

(Reva Fire Station)

540-248-3663 (Blue Ridge Area Food
Bank)

Normally distributes 4th Wednesday of
the month / 10:00-11:30am

Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services
(RRCS)

www.rrcsb.org

540-825-3100 x3467

For home-delivered meals, Long Term
Care Ombudsman, Senior Center,
Medicare counseling, and more

Shiloh Baptist Church

15055 Stevensburg Road, Brandy Station

540-718-8516

Food pantry 2nd Saturday of the month /
9:00-11:00am

SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance
Program)

www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/snap.cgi

540-727-0372

(SNAP used to be "Food Stamps").

Medical Care

Free Clinic of Culpeper

freeclinicofculpeper.org

610 Laurel St., Suite 3, Culpeper

540-829-5032

Culpeper County Health Department

web.culpepercounty.gov/Services/
Health-Services

640 Laurel St, Culpeper

(540) 829-7350

Police non-emergency phone

Town of Culpeper Police Department

540-727-3430

Senior Center

Culpeper Senior Center

540-825-5778

Sheriff non-emergency phone

Culpeper County Sheriff's Office

540-727-7520

Transportation

FAMS (Foothills Area Mobility Services)

One Call Center

www.fams.org

540-829-5300

Culpeper Wellness Foundation

Taking a swing at Parkinson's disease

Culpeper area residents living with Parkinson's disease (PD) are fighting back against the disease through the Rock Steady Boxing program at Powell Wellness Center (PWC). Rock Steady Boxing (RSB) improves the ability of people with Parkinson's to live independent lives.

Why boxing? Studies suggest that intense exercise classes such as boxing can be neuro-protective and work to delay the progression of symptoms. In 2014, the Cleveland Clinic's Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health implemented an RSB program, noting that "in a study of RSB, participants who complete 12 weeks of training had measurable improvements in gait, balance, and quality of life."

According to PWC medical program leader Whitney Propps, "When we began considering the program, Rock Steady Boxing offered many participant testimonials that complement the research studies on program benefits. It's gratifying to now be hearing positive testimonials from our own participants." PWC director Eric Good adds, "Rock Steady fits well into our line-up of medical fitness programs that help our members stay active and control disease." PWC serves the community with programs such as FitScripts (a doctor-referred exercise program for chronic disease management) and health screenings.

What's a Rock Steady workout like? RSB workouts accommodate all ages as well as different degrees of PD symptoms and fitness levels. Classes are designed to protect against injury. Participants in RSB find that taking a swing at Parkinson's in their group workout creates a community filled with camaraderie as they share challenges and celebrate victories.

The workout focuses on supporting the functions of daily life by targeting hand-eye coordination, speed of movement, flexibility, core strength, agility, mental focus, mood, and stress reduction. Workout segments may include bag work, drills, core work, calisthenics, and circuit weight training. No boxing experience is necessary and there is no participant-to-participant contact.



Rock Steady Boxing Participants at Powell Wellness Center

Exercise specialist Bobby Zajkowski is RSB-certified and leads the PWC program. In addition to his experience at PWC, and familiarity with medical fitness programming, as a basketball coach for many years Bobby brings valuable experience with training and motivation to RSB coaching (plus a sense of humor and a playlist of classic favorites). Volunteers are very welcome; they typically serve as a "corner person" to help support drills and monitor a participant's need for hydration or a quick break during the workout.

How to join the program. Anyone interested in participating or volunteering is welcome to contact Whitney Propps at 540-445-5388 or wpropps@culpeperwellness.org. Prior to program participation, individuals will need their doctor's referral as well as an evaluation with the PWC program staff. Monthly pricing includes two classes weekly and access to PWC.

RRMRC Volunteers Make a Difference

The Virginia Medical Reserve Corps is a force of dedicated volunteers who stand ready to support the community in the event of a public health emergency. Our local chapter of the Medical Reserve Corps began in 2003. Over the years Rappahannock-Rapidan Medical Reserve Corps (RRMRC) volunteers have attended trainings, provided information at health fairs, and participated in annual exercises so they would be prepared to assist during public health emergencies. In 2009 and 2010 RRMRC volunteers played an important role in responding to the H1N1 flu pandemic, providing 1000 hours of volunteer service.

As COVID-19 cases began in the United States in March of 2020, RRMRC volunteers answered the call once more. The RRMRC helped staff the health district's COVID hotline, assisted with contact tracing, delivered groceries to people in quarantine, delivered Personal Protective Equipment to local healthcare providers, screened clients for symptoms as they entered the health department, provided interpreter services, greeted clients at our COVID vaccine site, and provided vaccinations. Their response was phenomenal!

The COVID response is not finished and there will be more work to do.

We wanted to take a few minutes here to thank all of our RRMRC volunteers for their amazing support so far. Between March 2020 and June 2021 RRMRC volunteers worked alongside our small but mighty Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District team, covering over 2,700 shifts in our five counties and providing over 11,000 hours of service. Their contribution truly made a difference.

Would you like to assist with COVID-19 or the next public health emergency? If yes, this is the time to join the RRMRC. Free training is provided and you do not need medical experience to help.

Ready to join the RRMRC? Complete the application online at vamrc.org or send an email to rrmrc@vdh.virginia.gov.

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Rapidan**



**Culpeper-Fauquier-Madison
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PPP loan forgiveness

Borrowers may be eligible for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness.

First Draw PPP Loan forgiveness terms

First Draw PPP loans made to eligible borrowers qualify for full loan forgiveness if during the 8- to 24-week covered period following loan disbursement:

- Employee and compensation levels are maintained;
- The loan proceeds are spent on payroll costs and other eligible expenses; and
- At least 60% of the proceeds are spent on payroll costs.

Second Draw PPP Loan forgiveness terms

Second Draw PPP loans made to eligible borrowers qualify for full loan forgiveness if during the 8- to 24-week covered period following loan disbursement:

- Employee and compensation levels are maintained in the same manner as required for the First Draw PPP loan;
- The loan proceeds are spent on payroll costs and other eligible expenses; and
- At least 60% of the proceeds are spent on payroll costs.

How and when to apply for loan forgiveness

A borrower can apply for forgiveness once all loan proceeds for which the borrower is requesting forgiveness have been used. Borrowers can apply for forgiveness any time up to the maturity date of the loan. If borrowers do not apply for forgiveness within 10 months after the last day of the covered period, then PPP loan payments are no longer deferred, and borrowers will begin making loan payments to their PPP lender.

To apply for loan forgiveness:

1. Contact your PPP lender and complete the correct form:

Your lender can provide you with either the SBA Form 3508, SBA Form 3508EZ, SBA Form 3508S, or a lender equivalent.

The 3508EZ and the 3508S are shortened versions of the application for borrowers who meet specific requirements. Your lender can provide further guidance on how to submit the application.

2. Compile your documentation:

Payroll (provide documentation for all payroll periods that overlapped with the Covered Period):

- Bank account statements or third-party payroll service

provider reports documenting the amount of cash compensation paid to employees.

- Tax forms (or equivalent third-party payroll service provider reports) for the periods that overlap with the Covered Period:
 - ◊ Payroll tax filings reported, or that will be reported, to the IRS (typically, Form 941); and
 - ◊ State quarterly business and individual employee wage reporting and unemployment insurance tax filings reported, or that will be reported, to the relevant state.
- Payment receipts, cancelled checks, or account statements documenting the amount of any employer contributions to employee health insurance and retirement plans that the borrower included in the forgiveness amount.
- Do NOT include the following when calculating eligible payroll costs for loan forgiveness:
 - ◊ Qualified wages paid during April 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021, that are taken into account for purposes of claiming:
 - ◆ the Employee Retention Credit under section 2301 of the CARES Act, as amended by sections 206 and 207 of the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020 (additional [Guidance on the Employee Retention Credit under Section 2301 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act \(PDF\)](#) and [Guidance on the Employee Retention Credit under the CARES Act for the First and Second Calendar Quarters of 2021 \(PDF\)](#) are both available from the IRS), and the Employee Retention Credit under section 3134 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as enacted by the American Rescue Plan of 2021. (Note that reporting these qualified wages in the payroll costs entered on your loan forgiveness application will affect the amount of qualified wages that can be used to claim the employee retention credit.)

Non-payroll (for expenses that were incurred or paid during the Covered Period and showing that obligations or services existed prior to February 15, 2020 for the first three listed obligations/services):

- Business mortgage interest payments: Copy of lender amortization schedule and receipts verifying payments, or lender account statements
- Business rent or lease payments: Copy of current lease agreement and receipts or cancelled checks verifying eligible payments
- Business utility payments: Copies of invoices and receipts, cancelled checks or account statements
- Covered operations expenditures: Copy of invoices, orders or purchase orders paid, and receipts, cancelled checks or account statements verifying eligible payments
- Covered property damage costs: Copy of invoices, orders or purchase orders paid, and receipts, cancelled checks or account statements verifying eligible payments, and verification that costs were related to uninsured property damage due to public disturbance vandalism or looting that occurred in 2020
- Covered supplier costs: Copy of contracts, orders or purchase orders in effect at any time before the Covered Period (except for perishable goods), and copy of invoices, orders or

purchase orders paid, and receipts, cancelled checks or account statements verifying eligible payments

- Covered worker protection expenditures: Copy of invoices, orders or purchase orders paid, and receipts, cancelled checks or account statements verifying eligible payments, and verification that expenditures were used to comply with COVID-19 guidance

This list of documents required to be submitted to your lender is not all-inclusive.

3. Submit the forgiveness form and documentation to your PPP lender:

Complete your loan forgiveness application and submit it to your lender with the required supporting documents and follow up with your lender to submit additional documentation as requested. Consult your lender for additional guidance and provide requested documentation in a timely manner.

4. Continue to communicate with your lender throughout the process:

If SBA undertakes a review of your loan, your lender will notify you of the review and the SBA loan review decision. You have the right to appeal certain SBA loan review decisions. Your lender is responsible for notifying you of the forgiveness amount paid by SBA and the date on which your first payment will be due, if applicable.

Please note: Recent legislation [eliminated the original requirement to deduct the amount of EIDL Advance](#) you may have received from your PPP loan forgiveness.

Forgiveness forms and instructions

- * [FAQ About PPP Loan Forgiveness](#)
- * [PPP Loan Forgiveness Application + Instructions](#)
- * [PPP EZ Loan Forgiveness Application + Instructions](#)
- * [PPP 3508S Loan Forgiveness Application + Instructions](#)
- * [Loan Forgiveness Requirements and Loan Review Procedures as Amended by Economic Aid Act](#)

This information is from the SBA website. Other small business resources are available on the US Small Business Administration website, www.sba.gov or on the Central Virginia Small Business Development Center website at www.cvsbdc.org.

The Central Virginia Small Business Development Center at Culpeper offers free business consulting, affordable training courses, and personal referrals to local resources, guidance, insights, and connections to help your business succeed. All services offered at the CVSBDC at Culpeper are at no cost and are strictly confidential.

Contact: David C. Reardon, Business Counselor
Email: dreardon@cvsbdc.org

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Culpeper Phone: 540-727-0638
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www.cvsbdc.org

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THE BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION

The Brandy Station Foundation (BSF) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) all-volunteer community organization dedicated to preserving the natural and historic resources of the Brandy Station area of Culpeper County. The BSF relies on tax-deductible donations and volunteers to meet its goals. While our focus is toward the Civil War history of the Brandy Station vicinity, our efforts are not limited to that time period or by any geographic boundaries. At its May 2021 annual meeting, BSF members voted in a new president, Paula K. Johnson. The Foundation website is www.brandystationfoundation.com.

Last year, the Virginia General Assembly authorized the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to study establishing a state park in Culpeper County and report back to the legislature by October 2021. A state park will provide the Commonwealth with a unique opportunity to showcase our shared history, increase tourism, and promote outdoor recreation in a region currently underserved by the Virginia state park system.

The Brandy Station Foundation is a member of The Friends of Culpeper Battlefields—a coalition supporting battlefield-focused preservation, stewardship, and heritage tourism across the historic Culpeper region. Other members of the Friends of Culpeper Battlefields coalition advocating for the park include the American Battlefield Trust, Culpeper Chamber of Commerce, Culpeper Department of Tourism and Economic Development, Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield, Germanna Foundation, Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, Museum of Culpeper History, Piedmont Environmental Council, Preservation Virginia, Remington Community Partnership, and the Virginia Association for Parks.

Please visit <https://www.culpeperbattlefields.org> or find the Friends of Culpeper Battlefields on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CulpeperBattlefields/>

GRAFFITI HOUSE TOURS

The Brandy Station Foundation operates the Graffiti House at 19484 Brandy Road in Brandy Station which contains Civil War graffiti and a museum. The Graffiti House is a two-story frame structure built in 1858. We like to say that its walls “talk”; they contain inscriptions, drawings, messages, and signatures of both Union and Confederate soldiers, hence the name “Graffiti House.” Graffiti House tour information is posted on our website, www.brandystationfoundation.com. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Please continue to check the BSF website for upcoming activities.



The Graffiti House



Graffiti—a sketch of a woman—on the wall of the Graffiti House.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To volunteer, or for more information, please check the Volunteer tab on the Brandy Station Foundation website. We are looking for people to volunteer to showcase the refurbished Graffiti House and especially its rooms full of Civil War graffiti.



Culpeper Farm Receives State Recognition

Every year, The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District selects one farm per member county to receive a State Clean Water Farm Award based on the farm's accomplishments and commitments to land stewardship and conservation management. The recipient of the 2020 Clean Water Farm Award for Culpeper County is FMO LLC and the Haught Family. The Haught's own and operate a cow/calf beef and stocker operation located near Elkwood, Virginia.

The farm is comprised of cool season perennial pasture and hay land with mixed hardwood forest. The farm is bordered by Flat Run on the west side of the property, and Mountain Run on the southeastern side. Both runs converge on the property and have a short three mile trip before entering the Rappahannock River.

Conservation efforts through State and Federal programs began on the farm in the late 1990's due to drought conditions throughout the state. Streams were going dry and livestock required alternative sources of water. State and Federal emergency funds were approved to help producers drill wells and install water troughs to supply water for livestock. Mr. Thomas Haught took advantage of these programs and was able to have a well drilled, install two pressurized water troughs, and stream fencing that protected over 7,000' of streambank from cattle access on both Flat and Mountain Runs

Several years later, in 2007-2008, Mr. Haught implemented another stream fencing practice which protected 2,000' of streambank and planted 5.6 acres of trees under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). This buffer helped with erosion control, improved water quality, and served as a wildlife habitat. Not soon after the trees became established, another 2.3 acres of native warm season grass was planted for much of the same purpose as the trees.

The farm has now achieved 100% exclusion of cattle from streams and creeks on the farm. Tom's son, Matt, has undertaken the next phase of conservation on the farm. During 2019 and 2020, an additional 7,800' fence was installed to facilitate rotational grazing of the cow/calf herd, as well as the seasonal stockers. Over 4,100' of pipeline and four water troughs were also installed. There are now sixteen pastures, which all have access to alternative water in the field or in common fence line. The interior cross fencing has allowed the Haught's to further expand their grazing abilities on the farm and provide flexibility with the herd.



Far left Culpeper Board of Supervisors Chair Gary Deal
Middle: Mr. & Mrs. Matt Haught, Thomas Haught (holding sign)
Far right: Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Soil and Water Division Director Darryl Glover

Altogether, over 9,000' of streambank has been protected with stream exclusion, which has an impact on enhancing local water quality. Multiple fields allow for rotational grazing and provide rest periods for the forages.

Culpeper County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Gary Deal, and the State Department of Conservation and Recreation Soil and Water Division Director, Darryl Oliver, were on hand to help recognize the Haught Family's achievements. Chairman Deal stressed the importance of agriculture and conservation management to the County, recognizing agriculture as the County's primary industry and the importance of the County's natural resources in supporting it.

It is because of the conservation efforts made by the Haught Family over the past three decades, and their commitment to improving water quality, that they received this award.

*As always, Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District is available with cost share for agricultural producers, technical assistance for all residents, hands on classroom/Zoom programs and rain barrels!
Contact Stephanie DeNicola at stephanied@culpeperswcd.org or 540-825-8591 for more information.*

Know Before You Go (to the Polls)

With Early Voting Starting Sept. 17, It's Time to Decide How You'll Vote

In the Voter Registration and Election Office when someone asks us “How should I vote?” they’re not usually referring to the candidates. Instead, they’re often seeking advice on which method of voting is right for them. With mail absentee, Early Voting in the office, and a new state holiday on Election Day, you certainly have options.

In a 2020 study published in Election Law Journal, Virginia ranked 12th among the states when it comes to the lowest “cost of voting” to the voter. With newly adopted laws for automatic registration and the introduction of “no excuse” absentee voting, it has never been easier to vote in the Commonwealth. So how should you vote? Here are a few questions which may help you decide.

Where will you be on Election Day? If you will be in Culpeper enjoying the state holiday off from work, why not go to the polls? Your neighborhood Election Officers will be happy to see you, and they’re trained and ready to facilitate the voting process.

If you’re headed out of town for work that day, and won’t be available between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m., ask yourself **how many Amazon packages you’ve had delivered in the last 12 months?** The Culpeper Post Office does a great job delivering your critical packages – including ballots. If you’re a regular commuter with precious free time, voting by mail is a safe and efficient option.

Are you a college student or military service member and you know you’ll be outside of Culpeper this fall? Voting by mail may, again, be your best option – unless you are planning to come home on one of the last two weekends before Election Day to have someone do your laundry?

Do you work downtown? For some County residents who work downtown stopping by our office for Early Voting during normal business hours may be easier and more convenient than going to their polling place.

So, even if you don’t know who you’ll be voting for on the ballot, we hope these questions help you decide *how you’ll be voting this year.*

What’s on the Ballot for the General Election?

Statewide Offices

- ◆ Governor
- ◆ Lt. Governor
- ◆ Attorney General

House of Delegates

Culpeper County voters are in either the 18th or the 30th House District.

Board of Supervisors and School Board

- ◆ Jefferson District
- ◆ Cedar Mountain District
- ◆ Stevensburg District

Town of Culpeper

- ◆ Mayor
- ◆ Town Council (4 seats)



VOTE

2021 Dates to Remember:

September 17:
Absentee Voting Begins

October 12:
Deadline for New Registrations or Updates

Oct. 22:
Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail

Oct. 23 & 30:
Office Open Saturday

October 30:
Last Day to Vote Absentee in Person

November 2
Election Day!



Terry L. Yowell
Commissioner



The Impact of COVID–19 on Vehicle Valuations for Personal Property Tax Year 2021

If you have purchased or sold a vehicle in the past year, this information may come as no surprise to you. By mid-October, vehicle owners will begin receiving 2021 personal property tax bills. The following information is intended to provide insight into the January 1, 2021, value of your vehicle.

I'll begin by sharing how vehicles must be valued for local property tax purposes. The Code of Virginia specifies that, for most vehicles, in order to arrive at fair market value, the value shall be (1) from a recognized pricing guide, (2) applied uniformly, and (3) as of January 1 of the tax year. Like all localities throughout Virginia, Culpeper uses the J. D. Power Official Used Car Guide (formerly known as NADA). In accordance with the Code of Virginia §58.1-3503 and §58.1-3515, Culpeper County Commissioner of the Revenue office uses the "Clean Trade-in Value", January edition, as fair market value for most used vehicles.

Historically, vehicle values tend to depreciate from month to month. As such, the predicted value of any vehicle would be lower than the value of that same vehicle the previous January. However, the impact of Covid-19, among other factors, has resulted in a market which is anything but usual. Please continue reading for an explanation from J. D. Power of how the pandemic has impacted the vehicle market:

According to J.D. Power (February 2, 2021): *"Under normal market conditions, the observed year-over-year value increases would be unusual. Unfortunately, the covid-19 pandemic has made the current auto market anything but usual. Just over the summer of 2020, prices increased over 10% for the U.S. used car market as a whole. This was simply due to demand outpacing supply, which occurred both as a result of large fleet companies holding on to their inventories longer and factories being temporarily closed, as well as other micro and macro-economic factors. This phenomenon has been observed in every segment of the used car market. In fact, these year-over-year price increases are much more prevalent and far more massive in the pickup truck segments vs. the market in general".*

Some other factors contributing to the unprecedented upward movement in vehicle valuations include a strong demand fueled by the Federal Reserve cutting interest rates to near 0% in March of 2020 and the influx of government stimulus money.

As a result of a strong demand with limited supply, many vehicle valuations for tax year 2021 are not following the historical trend of depreciating from one year to the next. For tax year 2021, many vehicles will be valued higher this year than that same vehicle was valued last year. In the event that your vehicle is valued higher this year than that same vehicle was valued last year, I hope this information helps explain why.

As always, if you have questions, please stop by, call, or email me.

Personal Property Tax Exemption for Veterans with 100% Service-Connected Disability, effective January 1, 2021

Veterans must be rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency pursuant to federal law, with a 100% service-connected, permanent, and total disability to receive an exemption for one passenger car or pickup or panel truck that is registered for personal use. Any such motor vehicle owned by a married person may qualify if either spouse is a Veteran of the Armed Forces or Virginia National Guard and rated with a 100% service-connected, permanent, and total disability, and the

vehicle is used primarily by or for the veteran. This exemption shall be applicable beginning on the date the motor vehicle is acquired OR January 1, 2021, whichever is later. This exemption shall not be applicable for any period prior to January 1, 2021. Leased vehicles and vehicles owned by or used in a business do not qualify for the exemption.

If you are a qualifying veteran and you believe you may qualify for exemption from local personal property tax on one vehicle outlined above, please stop by, call, or email me.

Commissioner of the Revenue

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CULPEPER COUNTY TREASURER, Missy N. White

Dear Culpeper Citizens,

I hope this issue of the Culpeper Quarterly finds you all well and healthy! I know this past year and a half has been extremely challenging but I continue to be proud of the Culpeper community and remain blessed to serve as your Treasurer!

~Missy N. White



Please join me in congratulating Sandi S. Bates, Billing Specialist, in completing the certification requirements to obtain the designation of Master Governmental Deputy Treasurer. Sandi has been employed with the Treasurer's Office since January 2017.

This certification program is administered by the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service and the University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies, under the auspices of the Treasurers' Association of Virginia (TAV). This program is designed to advance the professionalism of the local governmental Treasurer and his/her staff in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Local government finance, like many other professions, requires special study, knowledge, and skills. The constituency served by the Treasurer and his/her staff deserves a high level of professional competence. This Certification Program sets forth the regulations and standards that recognize professional attainment. Sandi was presented her certificate at the Annual TAV Conference in Harrisonburg, Va., on June 23, 2021.

Exciting News!

After multiple requests for an [online payment option for utility accounts](#) we have made it happen!

Online **Utility** Payment Instructions:

- ⇒ www.culpepercounty.gov
- ⇒ eServices
- ⇒ eTreasurer
- ⇒ Payment Options
- ⇒ Pay Utilities
- ⇒ Enter email (for your receipt)
- ⇒ Enter Ticket No. or Cust No. (Account #)
- ⇒ Enter Last Name on Account
- ⇒ Follow prompts for payment
- ⇒ Note: There is no fee added when using the 'e-check' option; however, a 2% convenience fee is added when using a credit card

If you have any issues using the system, please contact our office at (540) 727-3442 and someone can assist you.

Important Tax News!

~2021 Culpeper County Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes are due December 6th, 2021~

Note: Tax bills are generated and available online the first week of September. Bills are mailed by USPS no later than October 15th. If you do not receive a bill and cannot locate your account online, please contact our office for assistance.

Culpeper County Sheriff's Office—Sheriff Scott H. Jenkins

Jail Personnel on the Frontline during COVID Lockdown

While businesses shut down during the COVID quarantine, the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office did not. On the frontline of dealing with the pandemic, up close and personal, were the deputies in charge of the Culpeper County Jail.

Early in the pandemic, Sheriff Scott Jenkins set staff and inmate safety as a top priority for the office. An infection would run rampant in the crowded conditions of any jail, striking down inmates and deputies equally – and he knew the Culpeper Jail would be no exception without stringent health procedures in place.

To prevent infections, the Sheriff's Office required all candidates for incarceration to be quarantined for 10 days prior to entry into the general population of the jail. This was to ensure no infected person could pass on the disease to the general population. In addition, the Sheriff implemented a temporary housing facility, in the form of a tent outside the jail, to keep inmates who tested positive, separate. Due to extraordinary efforts of the jail staff, Culpeper did not have a COVID positive inmate until December. Those who began to exhibit symptoms of the illness were sent to the hospital for proper treatment.

Some staff did catch the illness and with the necessary liberal leave policies in place, healthy deputies had to scramble to keep the jail fully staffed.

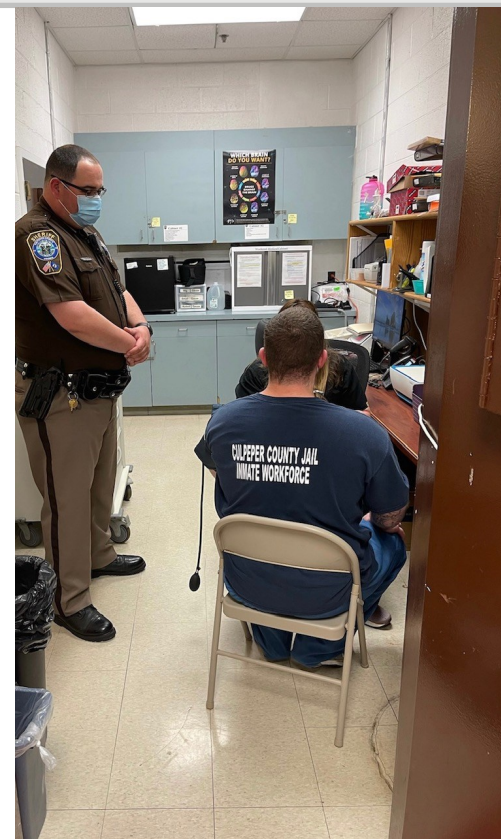
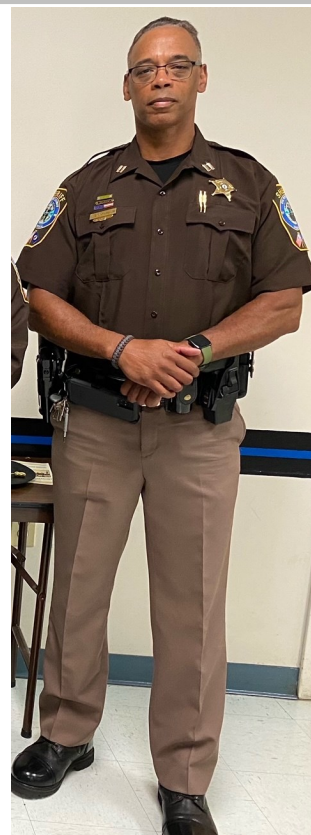
Besides the staffing problems, the Culpeper County Jail suffered a squeeze created when larger regional jails stopped taking on new inmates from Culpeper. The Culpeper County Jail is not large enough to house all the inmates sent to it from the court system in normal times. There is a long-term bed shortage in the jail, which in the past had been handled by paying regional jails to house some Culpeper inmates. When the other jails stopped taking on Culpeper inmates the local jail population swelled -- resulting in critical overcrowding. When possible, the Culpeper County Jail transferred inmates to other secure facilities but these were few and far between.

The overcrowding placed a strain on inmates who lived in the situation, and upon the jail staff who had to keep good order in less-than-ideal conditions. Of utmost concern for the Sheriff's Office, despite the challenges, was the safety of the public, the deputies, and the inmates. Sheriff Jenkins emphasized each of these throughout the ordeal.

When vaccines were available deputies and inmates were early recipients.

Between the safety policies, the efforts to transfer inmates to other facilities, and the vaccines, the Culpeper County Jail was a relatively infection-free facility, according to Captain Victor Washington, the jail supervisor.

Sheriff Jenkins concurred with Captain Washington's assessment. "With the procedures developed by command staff we prevented a widespread outbreak in the jail," Jenkins said. "But we were only able to do that because of the hard work of all of our Office—especially the jail deputies and staff. I appreciate their hard work during these difficult times, helping keep our community safe from this new threat."



Deputies on duty at the Jail



Culpeper County Sheriff's Office

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Culpeper Air Fest “RISING ABOVE” coming your way, Saturday, October 9, 2021!

Once again, the skies over Culpeper County will roar with the thunder of historic and high-performance aircraft this October 9, along with an expanded program that promises fun for the whole family. Free again to the public this year, the show will have heart-stopping stunts and precision flying performed by historically significant aircraft and some of the nation’s best pilots. With a week of spectacular aviation events planned, we are sure that you too will be bitten by the “aviation bug”.

The week will start off with some NATA (North American Trainer Association) formation training and recertification which is an FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) approved program. Now don’t be startled when you see the warbirds flying over town and the surrounding rural areas around Culpeper, they are doing just what planes of that era were meant to do.

After an unplanned hiatus last year, our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program will add an additional day to the program in order to accommodate the 5th graders from last year. Running on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the week of the Air Fest, we hope to see over 1,200 local 5th-and 6th-grade students. These students will be exposed to aviation related technology exhibits, and this year we’re expanding the program even further!

“The Culpeper Air Fest is the largest annual event in Culpeper, and we’re proud to announce an exciting lineup for 2021” says Steve Nixon, Culpeper Air Fest Chairman. “It has been a rough couple of years and the Foundation feels that the community needs something positive to celebrate.” Mr. Nixon goes on to say, “We have a great line up with all your favorite performers eager to be back in Culpeper. The show is free thanks to the support of local businesses and we hope to see you there on October 9.”

On Saturday the 9th, our week-long aviation journey will culminate starting at 9 a.m. when gates open with the buddy boxing event hosted by

the Culpeper Barnstormers and their fabulous model aircraft. Then on to the full-scale show around noon. Spectators will be excited to see the return of the one and only civilian owned Sea Harrier aka SHAR flown by Marine Corps LTC (ret) Art Nalls. The show will continue with regular performers Bealeton’s Flying Circus and Scott Francis in his MXS - one of only 12 MXS aircraft in existence. Kevin Russo will perform in his T-6 Texan and you won’t want to miss the fabulous War Bird formation fly-over, featuring 16 T-6 Trainers. A crowd favorite returns - Manfred Radius will dazzle the audience with his aerobatic glider act and others will perform over 3 hours of amazing stunts.

Don’t forget about our various vendors and static displays for your viewing enjoyment and remember to bring sunscreen, hearing protection (especially for the little ones), and a chair. Please leave your pups at home as the loud noises tend to startle them. There is no on-site parking for spectators at the Airport. Busing will be available from Eastern View High School and Culpeper County High School free of charge.

This year we are implementing a rain date for the Culpeper Air Fest. If weather becomes an issue this year, the rain date will be Sunday, October 10. In the case of inclement weather, stay tuned to our website at www.culpeperairfest.com for updates.

About Culpeper Air Fest

The award winning Culpeper Air Fest is one of the most exclusive air shows in the country, and is also the largest annual event in Culpeper. It is 100% free to the public, and we’ve been able to keep it that way with strong support from you, our local community, and our local business sponsors.

Learn more at www.CulpeperAirFest.com and follow us on social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) for the latest news and updates @CulpeperAirFest #CulpeperAirFest.