

# Culpeper Quarterly

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Summer 2022



#### Culpeper Loves its Lifesavers! Represented by, left to right...

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# A Message from the Board of Supervisors



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#### Dear Citizens:

The summer has arrived! We hope that everyone is happy and healthy. First of all, please take note of the cover of this issue of the Culpeper Quarterly and the stories which follow inside. We want to recognize and express our gratitude to all of our first responders and healthcare workers. They have selflessly served our community through a very difficult time They are truly lifesavers!

The most notable news of the day regarding County business, is that the fiscal year 2023 Budget has been adopted. The budget commences July 1, 2022 and runs through June 30, 2023. The budget increased some this year, to \$211,548,114. The majority of the spread resulted from additional state and federal funding. That total includes all operations and capital improvements. The Board was able to maintain a real estate tax rate of 0.55, the lowest tax rate in the region by far. Personal property tax rates are all remaining flat, with the exception that the tax on vehicles has been *lowered* from \$3.50 to \$3.00. The Board also eliminated the vehicle license fee and the transient occupancy tax.

In addition to the good news on budget and tax rates, the Board is proud of a number of projects which are coming to fruition. The lights are installed on the fields at the Sports Complex, and the fieldhouse is well on its way to completion. The federally funded new Early Head Start facility is also progressing. The new CTEC school is thriving in year one of its operation, and efforts to get fiber-to-the-home throughout the County are moving forward. Improvements to The Carver Center are also continuing. The County has been able to complete many significant initiatives over the last couple of years, which we are proud of and hope that you are too.

There will be many community events this summer, and there have been many already during the spring. Keep an eye out for the activities and events that are going on and enjoy some recreational opportunities—our community is thriving! School is out, so drive carefully and watch for children. We hope that everyone has an excellent summer! On behalf of the Board, I invite you to let us know anytime if you have concerns, comments or suggestions. The Board and the County staff are here to assist you.

For the Board.

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# BRANDY STATION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FIREMEN'S FAIR bsvfd.com WED. - SAT. AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> MATINEE - SAT. 1 - 5 PM

FUN FOR ALL . RIDES . GAMES . FOOD

PARADE - THURS. 6:30 PM

**SATURDAY** TRACTOR PULL

#### Brandy Station Vol. Fire Dept. Fair to be held in August

The Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department is once again making plans to have their annual Fire Department fundraising Fair in August. Last year's Fair was a huge success for the all-volunteer fire department that provides fire and EMS first responder service to the community.

This year's Fair will be held; August 10th -13<sup>th</sup>, at the Brandy Station Fairgrounds; 20057 Fleetwood Heights Road in Brandy Station.

This year's Fair will once again have Cole's Shows Amusements from Covington, Virginia on the midway; providing over 20 modern, safe amusement rides, family-oriented games and delicious food, all staffed by courteous, professional employees.

The fire department will also have numerous games; along with a great variety of food in conjunction with the fire department auxiliary. The fire department's world-famous corn dogs and French fries will be in abundance for everyone to enjoy again; along with hamburgers and barbecue.

The fire department Parade is scheduled for Thursday evening; August 11th, and the Lawn & Garden Tractor Pull is scheduled for



#### **AUGUST 10™-13**



Wed. 6-10pm

& Sat. 1-5pm Bands are \$15

Thurs. 6-10pm & Fri. 6-11pm

& Sat. 5pm-midnight bands are \$25

Sat. - All Day Bands available \$35

1pm-midnight

Thurs. Parade 6:30pm Sat. - Tractor Pull 10am Cash Prizes Given Away Sat. Night

### **Brandy Station FAIRGROUNDS**

20057 Fleetwood Heights Rd. Brandy Station, VA

SAVE \$5

# **RIDES - GAMES - FOOD - FUN**

Saturday; August 13th. There will be live music each evening on the midway. There is no entrance fee to enter the fairgrounds and there is plenty free parking. Cash prizes;

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AUGUST 10TH-13TH

LAWN & GARDEN TRACTOR PULL August 13, 2022

DRAWING August 13, 2022 at Midnight Brandy Station Fair Grounds, Rt. 685 20057 Fleetwood Hts. Rd. Brandy Station, Virginia

GRAND PRIZES FIREMEN'S PARADE 1st Prize August 11, 2022 6:30 p.m. 2nd Prize

\$1.00 per ticket 3rd Prize \$25.00 per book 4th Prize

away on Saturday evening; August 13th. The Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department really enjoys having this annual fundraising event each year. Not only is it a beneficial means of raising funds; but more importantly; it is a means for us to give something back to the community; a community that has supported us for over 70 years. We really appreciate seeing so many people come out and enjoy themselves by catching up with each other; grabbing something to eat and drink, listening to the music, riding the rides and playing the games. It also gives us an excellent opportunity to be better engaged with our community.

along with numerous other prizes will be given

For more information about the upcoming Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department Fair; visit our department website at www.bsvfd.com or our Facebook page.



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# Culpeper loves its Lifesavers - Healthcare workers, first responders deserve appreciation for handling of pandemic

by Jeff Say, President/CEO Culpeper Chamber of Commerce

on behalf of Culpeper County Administrator John Egertson, County Government and the Board of Supervisors

#### "Look for the helpers."

When Fred Rogers was a young boy, that was a phrase ingrained in his head by his mother when there was an emergency. To look for those that were driving the ambulances, that were fighting the fires, that were there to heal the wounds. While there was strife in the world, there were always those willing to help.

In Culpeper, it's not hard to find the helpers. They have been steadfast through the pandemic, standing on the front lines helping our community navigate a once-in-a-lifetime event.

They wear different uniforms – pressed brown and dark blue pants and shirts with badges, protective helmets and wearing heavy breathing apparatus, light blue scrubs. While they may dress differently, one common thread binds them together – their dedication to our community.

These are Culpeper's Lifesavers. We love them.

They have been stressed, overwhelmed and understaffed throughout the pandemic, but they are not forgotten. Our community rallies around them and says "thank you" for their efforts to keep us safe.

#### **UVA Culpeper Medical Center**

Hospital staff has been at the forefront from the beginning – preparing for a variety of potential scenarios at the onset of the pandemic.

"Every department has worked together as a unified team to care for the Culpeper community," Annya Soucy, Manager, Communications and Brand UVA Community Health, said. "Various plans were developed to care for high numbers of patients, and a review of policies and procedures was done to ensure our teams had the new processes in place to provide exceptional care while implementing safety guidelines to keep our staff as safe as possible."

Care providers, such as physicians and nurses, from varying specialties were provided education on the necessary knowledge and skills for caring for critically ill patients.

"Many of these team members were redeployed to other areas of the hospital to help their colleagues during patient surges," Soucy said.

The team implemented new therapies as soon as they became available for our community. Additionally, once a vaccine was developed

and approved, UVA Culpeper Medical Center along with UVA Haymarket Medical Center and UVA Prince William Medical Center provided vaccinations to nearly 80,000 residents and vaccinated more than 1,200 team members.

"The unwavering dedication and flexibility of the healthcare team ensured that the community had a destination to seek high quality care during the pandemic," Soucy said.

#### Rappahannock Rapidan Health District - Virginia Department of Health

April Achter, Population Health Coordinator for the Rappahannock Rapidan Health District, calls the Rappahannock Rapidan Health District team "small but mighty."

The local health district has "worked non-stop" for the last two years to help keep our community healthy. Achter said they have given up vacations and holidays and family time, in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19.

"The challenges were many – lack of resources, long hours, constant on call, the pressure to vaccinate, managing 5 counties with multiple schools, businesses and daycares, and media requests," she said. "Our staff rarely had the chance to "get away", because even if they tried to take a day off, friends and family bombarded personal lines with questions."

The staff responded by showing up and getting it done. The mitigation team managed cases and contacts, our public health nurses ran multiple mass vaccination clinics, our environmental health staff both assisted with COVID-19 efforts and managed an increased workload from permit requests, and our administrative staff kept it all running.

Achter said public health promotes and protects the health of the people and the communities where they live.

"We try to prevent disease from occurring, or control the spread of an existing one," she said. "The work is invisible until we stop doing it or something goes wrong. A strong public health system is not exciting at all, because when it works, nothing happens. You drink the water from your tap, enjoy a meal at a local restaurant, and pet your vaccinated animals. If we prevent an outbreak, no one knows."

The staff is exhausted, she said. They need rest, they need community collaboration and they need grace.

Rappahannock Rapidan Health Director Trice Gravatte joined the team in February 2022 and he has been continually impressed with the response from the team.

"I have never worked for a more important or special organization," he said. "The team that serves Culpeper is a team of committed people who get great outcomes. Whether your water is clean, your restaurant looks tidy, your neighbor received a vaccine, the women and children without insurance got health care, or the hospital disaster plan got approved; we had a part. The reality is you never see or hear of most of our work. But, you are measurably safer because of it. It is an honor to protect and promote the health of Culpeper."

He said every day there is a positive attitude on how to solve the puzzle and help ensure the community is protected.

"In the last month, our rates were up in all categories and we were commended by Richmond," Gravatte said. "We can finish the fight on this pandemic with more vaccinations."

#### **Culpeper County Emergency Services**

Early in the pandemic, the challenges and struggles mounted quickly for all of the agencies impacted.

Bill Ooten, Director of Culpeper County Office of Emergency Services, shared that standard EMS protocols and procedures were enhanced to protect both the staff and patients.

"Due to the heightened contagiousness of COVID-19, many additional decontamination processes and procedures were put in place to augment the usual protocols to ensure that there was no cross contamination between the patients that they were servicing from one call to the next," he said. "As a result, the staff was required to accomplish a number of extra procedures between calls, which often times put a great demand on the staff during high call volume days."

Another layer of risk was added, as EMS staff worked directly with patients during a communicable disease outbreak. It increased the personal risk as medical providers but it also increased the chance of exposure they could bring home to their families.

That stress adds up.

Staffing issues mounted – resulting in a great deal of extra staff hours to maintain minimum staffing, and many of the staff worked back-to-

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back 24 hour shifts to ensure that the gaps were filled so that EMS maintained services to the community around the clock.

That does take a toll on staff – physically, emotionally and mentally. Ooten called them the "tip of the sword" in the battle against the communicable disease.

"You must often come face to face and up close and personal with the disease in order to properly treat the citizen no matter the risk of personal exposure," he said. "This alone can be stressful, and takes a great deal of personal discipline and precaution. Many long and arduous hours have resulted in burn out amongst many in these professions."

The community has shown support and appreciation throughout the past two years. Ooten said that the staff volunteered to help with local vaccinations and the contact they had with the public during that time lifted their spirits. The residents thanked them for helping deliver the vaccine to the community.

"Staff reported that many of these people whom had been anxiously awaiting the opportunity to be vaccinated, were very appreciative and thankful for their efforts," Ooten said. "As individuals whom dedicate their lives to trying to help others in need, these instances were definitely a positive experience for them."

#### **Culpeper Town Police**

Chief Chris Jenkins, of Culpeper Town Police, astutely pointed out that law enforcement, first responders and healthcare professionals were already dealing with a heroin pandemic before COVID-19 hit.

"Now we are on the back wave of a second wave (of COVID-19), and we still have the overdose epidemic," Jenkins said. "On top of that, we have a mental health pandemic going on. We are affected by all of those things drastically. I look at COVID a couple of different ways, the personal toll it took on officers. You're out doing your job but you can take something home that can infect your family. To mention in the middle of all of that, we had a criminal justice reform movement. All of that hit us at the same time. It was like a 1-2 punch."

A word hits Jenkins tongue when he's speaking out the past two years, and that's resilient.

"The two things that hit me is the resilience of our folks and resilience of our community," Jenkins said. "We've adapted to whatever the playing field dictated to us. That sometimes changed daily. At the end of the day, Culpeper came through pretty good I think."

He quickly notes that is not without its losses, as he succinctly points out "we've lost some good people in our community."

Jenkins is quick to point out that it took multiple agencies, organizations and employees to answer the call. He tips his hat to wait staff in restaurants, hospital staff, healthcare providers and more. He said it has united a lot of the frontline workers – helping them all have a great appreciation for the roles they play in our town and county.

He said the healthcare staff "scored touchdowns every day," and the communication, collaboration and caring shown by that segment of the population needs to be heralded.

"I've been in ERs personally during this time, to see the crowds of people that are there and how they treat everybody as if they are the only patient," he said. "They're swamped. They're risking taking this home to their families. Shifts don't end when they are supposed to. This has been an opportunity to see what life is like for a nurse and it's not what we thought beforehand."

Jenkins has said it many times, but he's proud of Culpeper and the response.

"At the end of the day, as a community everybody has rallied," Jenkins said.

#### **Culpeper County Sheriff's Office**

There was a very visible impact to the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office during the pandemic – they lost one of their own.

While advance planning helped the department keep infections low, it did not prevent from the loss of Capt. Tony Sisk. Capt. Sisk was a fixture in the community, his wry smile and warmth encompassing any event he attended.

Sisk was one of approximately 24 cases the Sheriff's office saw, which had five hospitalized for long term with three serious illnesses and Capt. Sisk's passing.

The sheriff's office worked hard to protect public safety, to keep deputies safe so that they can continue to service the community and to protect the inmates of the jail who by statute are in the safe keeping of the Sheriff.

The Office continued to operate but in a different manner. Where possible, employees were encouraged to work from home. Staff meetings were shifted outside. For almost two

years the Sheriff would conduct meetings of his command staff outside in parks and other open-air locations. The office itself was closed to casual public entry. The jail was much more restrictive in allowing new inmates or law enforcement to enter the facility. A new protocol was developed to prevent infected inmates from being introduced into the jail.

"COVID was a challenge to the Sheriff's Office," according to Sheriff Scott Jenkins. "But deputies and civilian employees kept the main goals of public safety, deputy safety and inmate safety foremost in their actions. I am proud of how they pulled together during this crisis. And citizens should understand that during this time the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors supported deputies and public safety whenever they were called upon to act."

#### **Culpeper County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association**

Culpeper's eight volunteer fire and rescue departments felt the impact of the pandemic as they continued to rush into emergency situations when others would rush out.

CCVFRA President Junior Perryman pointed out that the volunteers are just that – volunteers. Almost all have careers and families to provide for and protect. Many of those volunteers have elderly parents in their homes who they are taking care of, they had to be extra cautious as to spread the exposure to COVID.

"I don't want to underestimate the stress that this pandemic has added to an already stressful job," Perryman said. "We always have had the stress of caring for the sick and injured, responding to motor vehicle crashes on the busy highways or making entry into homes or businesses who have a fire incident."

While the actual part of volunteering changed, so did their efforts to raise funds. They went from having community dinners to almost no fundraising at all. Perryman said the organization lost approximately \$800,000 in 2020 in fundraising proceeds, with almost the same amount through three quarters in 2021. That equates to about \$1.6 million lost in donations for the volunteers to make purchases.

They have also lost volunteer staff, though only about 30 from 2021 through the first few months of 2022. That was beneficial as their call volume was up approximately 15 percent in 2021.

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"Our community is blessed to have such a strong core of volunteers who step up multiple times a day to come to the aid of neighbors and complete strangers who may be traversing our county," Perryman said. "I would certainly say that all eight different volunteers have their own history, to some extent different ways of running their organization, but at the end of the day we all have supported one another in many ways to ensure the calls for help continue to be answered.

Perryman commended the support the volunteers received from the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors.

"There is a great working relationship between the county leadership and the volunteers and we value this tremendously," Perryman said.

Perryman pointed out a positive experience the volunteers encountered coming out of the pandemic was that a few departments were fortunate enough to be able to purchase face pieces for the active firefighters. The volunteers also received funding for life/safety due to the pandemic from the federal government. CCVFRA was able to purchase regulators for all that had face pieces through the federal assistance.

### "Culpeper Loves Lifesavers"

In late 2021, a community coalition came together to recognize hospital staff, Virginia Department of Health and first responders for their efforts the last two years. Culpeper County Board of Supervisor Chairman Gary Deal helped bring together representatives from the County, hospital, health department Culpeper Chamber of Commerce, Culpeper Human Services, Culpeper Renaissance Inc., Culpeper Wellness Foundation, CCVFRA and more to show their appreciation.

Discussions lead to the "Culpeper Loves Lifesavers" program which is working to air an appreciation program on Culpeper Media Network, coordinating with the schools for artwork from students to say "thank you," and working with businesses to create discounts for hospital, health department staff and first responders.

"They are a main ingredient in what makes Culpeper the community that it is-- a resilient community where people pull together and help each other," Deal said. "The sacrifices that our front-line workers have made during the last two years must be recognized and applauded."

In Culpeper it's not hard to find the helpers.

"Thank you."

## Culpeper County Volunteer Rescue Squad - Celebrating 80 Years by Charles Perryman

You have probably seen the white ambulances with orange stripes, driving through Culpeper with lights flashing and sirens blaring on the way to an emergency 911 call. You may have seen the ambulance on scene at a neighbor's house or have called 911 for a family member. While the ambulance is what most people see, it's the dedicated people inside that are what makes the Culpeper County Volunteer Rescue Squad (CCVRS) special. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic from January 2020 through March 2022, the volunteers at CCVRS have provided thousands of hours of their own time, responded to over 4,000 emergency calls, and transported over 1,500 patients to UVA Culpeper Medical Center for treatment.

Lead by William H. Carper, organizer and first Captain of the 19 Charter members, the CCVRS was founded in 1942. In the beginning they were without

a station or an ambulance of their own. The Culpeper County Volunteer Fire Department graciously shared space at their station on West Davis Street. The first ambulance was purchased, a second hand 1937 Chevy Suburban truck, and so the members began serving the citizens of Culpeper. In 1977 the old Nehi Bottling plant at 1121 North Main Street was purchased and became the present home of Station 11. We now have four ambulances, a response vehicle and over eighty members dedicated to serving the Town and County of Culpeper.

To celebrate our history and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Culpeper County Rescue Squad we are inviting all of the citizens of Culpeper and the surrounding areas to an Open House at the station on Saturday, June 18, 2022 beginning at noon and lasting until 4:00 PM.

We invite you to tour the station. Sit in the back of the ambulances and take part in the festivities. We are planning activities for all the kids, young and old.

If you have ever thought about getting involved in EMS, this is a great opportunity to visit a Rescue Squad station and learn what EMS is about and see if it is right for you. We are always looking for new members, teens to retirees. CCVRS provides free training and other benefits to its members.

Check us out online at <a href="www.culpeperrescue.org">www.culpeperrescue.org</a> and on Facebook. You can contact us at <a href="join@culpeperrescue.org">join@culpeperrescue.org</a>.

The Culpeper County Rescue Squad, Station 11, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) all volunteer Emergency Medical Services (EMS) dedicated to serving the Town and County of Culpeper. Volunteers and donations are always welcome.

# Rapidan Volunteer Fire Department - Light and Air 1210 by Gary Jones, Rapidan VFD

The Culpeper County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association is sharing one of our specialty units that supports emergency responses in Culpeper County and is also called upon to support our neighboring communities when the need arises.

In 2016 Rapidan Volunteer Fire Department acquired a used Light and Air Unit from Fairfax County which was retiring the unit. The idea of a Light and Air Unit was a study that was conducted after the events of September 11, 2001. These events highlighted the need for a specialty piece unique to the fire service in Northern Virginia. The design and onboard equipment were laid out by members of Fairfax Fire and Rescue, the design was released for bid and soon in 2003, three units were placed in-service in Fairfax County.

As units begin to age out, many larger jurisdictions retire equipment that may still have some life and may be of great value for smaller and less busy departments. In 2016 Fairfax announced they were retiring this Light and Air unit and it was going up for bids. The unit was manufactured by Pierce (a fire apparatus manufacturer) and was built on a 2002 Freightliner chassis. With this news, members of Rapidan Volunteer Fire Department saw the need for something like this in Culpeper. The members took a road trip to Fairfax to inspect the truck, kick the tires, review maintenance records and to determine if there was still life in the truck for a smaller locale such as ours. One of the members quickly stated that the online pictures did not do justice to the truck's advertisement. As part of the truck's inspection tour, Fairfax gave a demo of the features and capabilities of the unit.

Once the delegation from Rapidan saw the excellent shape the unit was in, they placed an offer and won the

bid. Once the unit was relocated to Culpeper County, the designation of the unit became Light and Air 1210. The unit has two 30K watt light towers powered by a 75Kw generator that can raise 15 feet above the unit. These light towers allow us to illuminate an emergency scene that facilitates the operations as well as providing safety for the volunteers. In addition to the lighting capabilities, the unit was outfitted with a 15hp compressor coupled with five 6.000 psi cascade bottles with two fill stations. This significantly reduces downtime during an incident. Having its own compressor, this provides an infinite supply of breathing air and has the capacity to refill five Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles at a time. Before the Light and Air unit, we only had the capability to refill one bottle at a time with a finite capacity of 12 bottles. The unit also carries fifty 45-minute SCBA bottles, 4 Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) bottles, spare SCBA Air Packs which are the harnesses that hold the bottles in place on the backs of firefighters. The unit also contains some field repair items to repair SCOTT air packs which are used by departments in Culpeper, Madison, and Orange counties.

Other tools on the unit are portable lights on tripods, large fans used to eject smoke from structures, electrical junction boxes and several hundred feet of electrical extension cords on reels that enable firefighters to extend the reach of the tools and equipment mentioned above. Lastly the unit also carries emergency decontamination supplies that can be rapidly deployed on the scene when firefighters have been exposed to a hazard material.

Light and Air 1210 first call for service was a training exercise at the Orange County burn building on January 29, 2017. The training cadre leading the training burn that day were impressed on the efficiency of refilling air bottles

during the day long exercise. At the end of the day, all departments were able to return to their station, with all SCBA bottles filled. Previously each returning apparatus would return to their individual stations and refill bottles with the in-station cascade system.

There were some who were skeptical of the Light and Air Unit at first and some questioned why "a country department" needed such a specialty unit? Rapidan had a vision and saw the need for such a unit in the three-county area. With growth in the community from residential, large box stores, larger industrial and manufacturing complexes, the Light and Air Unit has become an integral part of supporting emergency incidents. On August 17, 2017, that first call for service came in for Communication Corporation of America (CCA), a 125,000 sq. ft. printing plant that was heavily involved with fire. The Light and Air unit was part of the initial response and ran and operated continuously for 12 hours alongside the 18 other departments who battled that blaze which included 16 tankers and 150 firefighters. Later large fires in Brightwood (Madison County), Hampstead Farm in Somerset (Orange County) and most recently the Don Eladio's Cantina restaurant in the town of Culpeper have all benefited from this Light and Air Unit. These larger incidents have shown they are resource intensive and there is a demand for the services this unit can provide.

In closing, our only regret is that Jerry Puryear never got to see Light and Air 1210 in person, much less see the unit in action. He was so excited when we received the winning bid. His association with Rapidan VFD started with a road trip in 1986 for Rapidan's first truck project, a 1968 Kaiser Jeep brush truck, that took two years to get the brush truck ready and finally operational in May 1988.

# CulpeperFest Returns to EVHS Cyclone Stadium June 10 - Jeff Say, President/CEO Culpeper Chamber of Commerce



CulpeperFest returns to Eastern View High School's Cyclone stadium for an exciting night of community fun!

The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual CulpeperFest will be held June 10, 2022 from

The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual CulpeperFest will be held June 10, 2022 from 4 to 8 p.m.

UVA Culpeper Medical Center is this year's CulpeperFest Signature Sponsor and Be a Culpeper Local is the Grand Champion Sponsor.

Claim your FREE Ticket in advance at <a href="https://www.culpeperfest.com">www.culpeperfest.com</a>. Tickets will be \$5 at the door.

There will be one entrance and one exit with a steady flow of traffic around Eastern View High School's track.

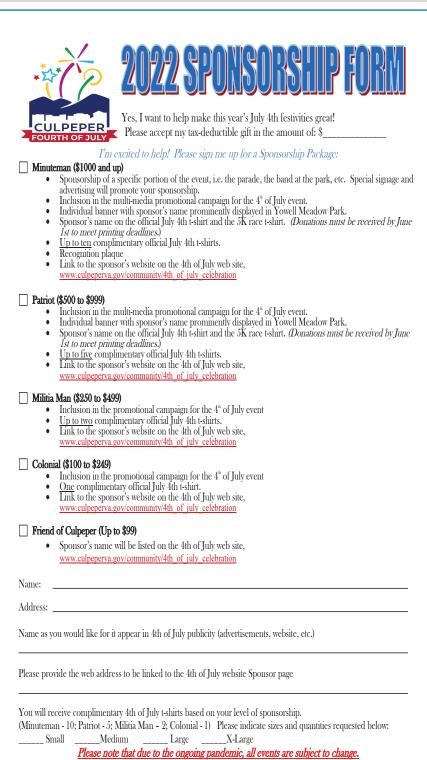
This event truly embodies what the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce sets out to accomplish each year; connecting our local businesses to the community and celebrating all of the amazing organizations and people in our community! CulpeperFest gives citizens the opportunity to learn more about what businesses and nonprofits offer right here in our own community in a unique, fun and celebratory way.

"After the success of our last two CulpeperFests, we are excited to once again host this year's event at Cyclone Stadium," Culpeper Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Jeff Say said. "We've heard how much businesses, nonprofits, and the community love the format. I've heard for years that our community uses CulpeperFest almost as a reunion. That they may see a neighbor only once a year – at CulpeperFest. It gives them a chance to connect, to learn about our community and to have fun."

This year's event will feature emergency vehicles and other vehicle displays, food truck vendors, music by Waking Napster, giveaways, raffles, prizes, activities for the whole family, live entertainment displays and more!

For more information go to culpeperfest.com or follow the event at faceook.com/CulpeperChamber.

# Celebrate Culpeper's 4th of July 2022



Thank you for supporting our community's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration! Please return form and payment to: Culpeper 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Committee \* P.O. Box 1235 \* Culpeper VA 22701 \* 540-829-8225 \*

ily4thinfo@culpeperva.gov - phone number is for sponsorship questions only

# Schedule of Events Monday, July 4, 2022

For more information go to:

www.culpeperva.gov/community/4th\_of\_july\_celebration or go to www.culpeperva.gov, then click on Community, and click on 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Email july4thinfo@culpeperva.gov or call 540-829-8278.

8:30am FREEDOM 5K RACE All participants will receive a 4th of July themed running shirt! We encourage you to pre-register! Culpeper Baptist Church 315 S. West Street KIDS KAYAKING 10am - 2pm Yowell Meadow Park - Pond 10am - 3pm DOWNTOWN CAR SHOW A Town of Culpeper Festival Committee event presented by C.A.R.S. E. Davis & Commerce Streets MUSEUM OF CULPEPER HISTORY 10am - 4pm 113 S. Commerce Street 11am - 8pm VENDORS Funnel cakes, hot dogs, trinkets and other fun stuff! Yowell Meadow Park PATRIOTIC PRESENTATION 1pm Yowell Meadow Park -Charters of Freedom Monument PARK ENTERTAINMENT 2pm - 8pm Kids will love the obstacle moon bounce, rock wall, other moon bounce, scrambler, & more! Yowell Meadow Park MUSIC AT YOWELL MEADOW PARK 4:30pm - 7:30pm Tap your toes to live music! FIREWORKS AT ROCKWATER PARK 9:15pm

Sponsored by the Culpeper 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Committee in cooperation with the Town of Culpeper

Rockwater Park

Look for more information on

where you can watch the fireworks!





# **Culpeper County Library**

271 Southgate Shopping Center | Culpeper, VA 22701 540.825.8691 | www.cclva.org

FOR INFORMATION ON CURRENT HOURS OR LIBRARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS,







#### **Library News**

Culpeper County Library is happy to announce that the Study Rooms are now available for use.

All rooms within the Library now feature Fellowes AeraMax Pro air filtration systems capable of removing contaminants including SARS-CoV-2 (the disease that causes Covid-19). See our website for room use rules.







All ages welcome! - Parent/guardian must sign the application for children under 18.

#### Get a free library card if you:

- Live, work, or own property in Culpeper County or live in surrounding counties
- Provide photo ID or proof of address

#### Borrowing

All Items - 2 weeks. 10 renewals if no holds

#### Fines

We are a FINE FREE library on books, audiobooks, DVDs, & magazines.

Inter-Library Loan items & portable WiFi Hotspots are a \$1.00 per day fine.

You may lose out on the ability to check-out materials & Internet PC usage if your account is above \$8.

If an item is more than 50 days late or is a lost, unpaid item, a collection agency may be used.



## **Books & More**

Our selection of Library materials has never been greater. Every age & reading ability is covered!

#### Adult

- Books, Large Print, Audiobooks,
   & DVDs
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Career & Job Search Resources
- Book Clubs
- Adult Programs
- Research Databases

#### Teen

- Books, Audiobooks, DVDs, & Video Games plus Manga & Graphic Novels
- Teen Advisory Board
- Creative Programs
- SAT, ACT Practice Tests
- College Prep
- Volunteer Opportunities

#### Children's

- Books, Audiobooks, DVDs, & video games
- Story Times
- Resources for Educators & Homeschoolers
- Craft Kits
- STEAM Activities

### Did you know...

You can visit www.cclva.org to manage your library account? Check due dates, renew items, place holds, & create book lists.



# Other Services Available:

- Public Computers
- Public WiFi & Internet Hotspots
- Printing, Scanning, & Copying
- Public Faxing
- Test Proctoring
- · Local History & Genealogy
- Study Rooms
- Meeting Rooms
- Public Law Library
- Inter-Library Loan (available to Culpeper County residents only)
- Visual & Hearing Impaired Tools



# Online Library

Enjoy the Library from wherever you are! Our online library includes:

#### Digital Collection

Download eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming video, & magazines.

#### Genealogy & History

Browse archives of newspapers & photos. Plus access to genealogy & history resources.

#### Lifelong Learning

Language learning, job aids, business reference, & more!

#### Research & Homework Help

Find answers to all your research & homework needs.

# **Culpeper County Library - Adult Services**

#### Research & Homework Help

#### Finding Is Better than Searching



In Library of Virginia's Find It Virginia collection, you will find great books to read, do research, get tutoring assistance, & more! Access it from Culpeper County Library's website under the General Research heading.

Find it Virginia resources are provided by the Library Development and Networking Division of the Library of Virginia, and supported by federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services to ensure that all residents of the Commonwealth have equal access to essential resources for lifelong learning.

#### Reader's Advisory & Booklists

Baffled by book recommendations from online websites? Exhausted your reading queue? Ready for something new? Novelist has you covered!

Whether you're hungry for a weird Western, book club best, or royal romance, Novelist's "Recommended Read" lists & Culpeper County Library staff will keep your to-be-read pile filled.

Visit our website at www.cclva.org then click Books & More. Use Novelist or try out one of the Culpeper County Library Staff Booklists to try something new.



#### Genealogy & Local History

# Discover your family tree.

Join Local History Specialist Julie Bushong:

- · Tuesday, May 31
- Tuesday, June 28
- · Tuesday, July 26

or by appointment to get started in the Local History Room.



#### Lifelong Learning



Make waves & wade into a good book this summer in the Adult Summer Reading Program - complete with prizes and activities. Surf over to our website or Facebook page for more details.

## Culpeper County Library - Friends of the Library Corner

# JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

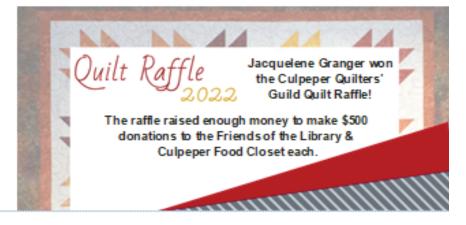
THE FOL SUPPORTS THE LIBRARY THROUGH
SPONSORSHIP OF THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM,
ARTS & CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS, BOOK CLUB,
SPECIAL EVENTS, GUEST SPEAKERS & SO MUCH MORE!

#### \$10 INDIVIDUAL OR \$15 FAMILY

PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AT THE CIRCULATION DESK.

LOOKING TO SEE HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT? VOLUNTEER WITH US!







# Culpeper County Library - Children, Tween, Teen

#### Youth Services News

## Welcome new Youth Services Coordinator Megan Northcote

Culpeper County Library has a new Youth Services Coordinator, Megan Northcote. Megan has eight years of youth services experience working in public libraries in North Carolina & Virginia. Most recently, she worked as a children's librarian in the Central Rappahannock



Regional Library system. While not reading or working at the Library, Megan also enjoys quilting, hiking, being outdoors, & playing with her five-year-old rabbit, Niko. She is originally from Greensboro, NC but is excited to be moving closer to the mountains!

Check-out something new this summer!

# Break Free & Explore Virginia

For some outdoor fun this summer, try our Nature Adventure Packs or Virginia State Park Backpacks for families to get outside & up close with nature.

To see what's inside and check availability, visit our website & search "nature backpacks" and "adventure packs" in the catalog.





#### Book Lists & Reader Recommendations

Need some great book recommendations to read during summer vacation? Youth services staff are working hard to update new reading lists for all different age groups and reading genres, so stop by the library for suggestions!





# Culpeper County Library - Children's Summer Reading Program

From the prizes to programs, there are so many reasons to visit this summer!

We hope to see you soon!



Summer Reading 2022 Oceans of Possibilities ~ June 1 - July 30 ~



# **HOW IT WORKS**

# **Registration begins June 1**

- Register & receive a free book tote
- For every ten (10) days of reading logged, earn a prize
- . Log thirty (30) days of reading to complete the program & receive a free book
- New this year log on paper or digitally
- Complete fun summer activity challenges to earn raffle tickets
- Five raffle drawings per age group
- Raffle prizes include book bundles, a Wacom drawing tablet, Amazon Fire Tablet, gift cards and more!

Visit the children's department in May for more details about participating in summer reading!





Wednesday, June 8 - 3pm



Tuesday, June 21 - 11am

Caribbean Vibe Steel Drum Band performance at Lenn Park Amphitheater

Thursday, June 30 - 10:30am

Magician Drew Blue Shoes presents an Oceans of Possibilities performance at the Library



Possibilities

Friday, July 15 - 10:30am

Musician Aspen Black presents: "Summer Strummers Ukulele for Beginners" at the Library

Friday, July 15 - 1pm

Musician Aspen Black presents: "Waves of Sound," a music recording program for teens, at the Library

Wednesday, July 20 - 10:30

Talewise presents: Pirates Lost at Sea, featuring storytelling using science experiments at Lenn Park Pavilion

\*Registration required for ALL programs

Monday, July 25 - 4pm

Bright Star Touring Theatre presents: Treasure Island at the Library



Summer Reading Beach Party Finale Featuring Kona Ice at the Library Thursday, August 4 ~ 10a-2p



#### Kids in the News



"WHERE FRIENDS STAY TO PLAY"

Main Office 1401 Old Fredericksburg Rd. Culpeper, Virginia 22701 Phone 540-829-2124



Call 540-829-2124 for the most up-to-date information Plus Check out Kid Central on Facebook for Important Updates

# Why Kid Central?

- Flexible
- Homework Club
- Affordable
- Open when School is Closed
- Tuition Assistance
- Quality Childcare Since 1990
- State Licensed
- Located at All Culpeper Elementary Schools
- Award Winning
- Middle School KC Club
- Culpeper Sport and Fitness Partnership
- Summer Camp



# Still Time to Register

Summer camp is underway and it's time to play!

Do you want a whole action-packed day of summer camp?

Kid Central has weathered the storm of a global pandemic, celebrated three decades of service to our community, earned a Best Large Business of the Year Award, Best Childcare Program in the Culpeper-Star Exponent Best of Awards, all while creating fun and smiles for our children and families.

Kid Central's Summer Day Camp began its registration process in April. This summer looks to be packed with fun, new learning opportunities, friendships and outdoor exploration. We are primed and ready along with our community partners to offer the best, yet affordable summer camp in the area.

Our summer camp will include our longtime partnership with the USDA's Summer Food Program. Each summer this program provides breakfast and lunch for our camp children and staff under 18-years.

Kid Central will also partner with Culpeper Sport and Fitness, Culpeper Parks and Recreation, Boom Fitness, Culpeper 4H Extension Office, and other local businesses this summer.

Construction will continue on expanding Culpeper Early Head Start's new buildings and grounds providing more opportunities for local preschool students.

If you are seeking a rewarding summer job Kid Central would also love to help. In addition to working with some amazing children we offer job training and valuable experience.

The best way to keep up with our plans and activities this summer is to follow Kid Central on Facebook.

If your child needs flexible and affordable care, give us a try.

Kid Central has been the choice of Culpeper children for over three decades.

Our staff are well-known in the community, our program is award-winning, we are state licensed and we are always dedicated to having fun.

As we reflect on 31-years of service to Culpeper families we will most certainly never forget the last two years. Kid Central was designed and created to serve working parents and to offer high quality care at an affordable cost.

Thanks for the memories and we look forward to making more this summer!

# **Fun Facts**

Kid Central has a longstanding community partnership with Culpeper Wellness Foundation. Our children develop healthy lifestyles through this partnership. It helps us stay Kid Central strong!



Throughout the school year and summer Kid Central is thankful for our partnership with Culpeper County Schools —together we can meet any goal.

Our summer camp includes a partnership with the USDA's Summer Program. Each summer this program provides breakfast and lunch for kids.

Our Food Service Team Provides Snacks All Year!







#### **StageWorks Program**

Do you have experience teaching theater on staff or as a freelance instructor? Do you have professional experience on the stage as an actor or solo performer, and would you like to share what you have learned to students?

If so...we have an opportunity for you! StageWorks, a program of Windmore Foundation for the Arts, is currently looking for instructors to teach classes to students of all ages. If you have an idea for a class you would like to teach, or have contact information for someone who might be interested in teaching a class, please contact Jessy Mahr at stageworks@windmorefoundation.org



#### **Piedmont Community Band**

Movie music magic is the theme for this spring's concert by the Piedmont Community Band, a program of Windmore Foundation for the Arts.

The Band will be performing popular music selections from movies - both new favorites and timeless classics. The concert will be held on June 12th at Culpeper Baptist Church. Watch for updates on the Windmore website and social media, and local media for concert time and more information.

The Piedmont Community Band, a program of Windmore Foundation for the Arts, is always glad to welcome new musicians! If you play a band instrument and are in middle school or older, please join us! We have musicians of all levels, from beginners who are still learning about their instruments to adults who have extensive training and knowledge. We offer a supportive environment that provides opportunities for growth for people of all ages!

Our rehearsals are on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:30 in the sanctuary at Culpeper Baptist Church. For more information, please contact Tammy Buckalew at pcb@ windmorefoundation.org.



#### Windmore Pen-to-Paper

Pen-to-Paper meets each month on the first Tuesday from 10AM to 12 noon at the Culpeper County Library Conference Room. Writers of all ages and ability are welcome to join us. We are still accepting submissions for an upcoming anthology. We will self-publish the book in 2022. Any member of Windmore can submit their short stories or poems for consideration for the anthology. Submission should be typed in a Word document, in Georgia type 14 font. For more information or to send submissions email pen-to-paper@windmorefoundation.org, no later than October 5, 2022. We are also seeking black and white photos or visual art for illustrations in the book. For information about Windmore membership, please see our Webpage. Copies of our previous anthologies are available on the Local Authors shelf at the Culpeper County Library.

#### **Windmore Publishing Discussion** Group

The Publishing Group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 1015AM to Noon in the conference room of the Culpeper County Library. The group is led by Cincy Siira and Sally Humphreys. A different publishing subject is discussed each month. If you are planning to publish, have already published, or just want to learn more about the process, you are welcome to attend. We share successful publishing stories and also share information about areas of concern so that others can avoid the loss of time or money. For more information contact: info@ windmorefoundation.org.



#### Windmore Events

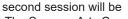
Visit Windmore's Website to see the latest information on Windmore Workshops and Events! www.windmorefoundation.org or call 540-547-4333.











13 through June 17, and the second session will be held July 18 through July 22. The Summer Arts Camp allows students to explore different forms of visual and performing arts in a fun, engaging environment. For more information, please contact Amanda Reck at summercamp@windmorefoundation.org.

Need a meeting place?

Windmore Foundation for the Arts has space available for rent at its office located at 303 S. Main Street in

Culpeper. If you have a small meeting or recital coming

Windmore! For more information and to talk to someone

about holding an event at Windmore, please contact us at info@windmorefoundation.org or call (540) 547-4333.

Summer Arts Camp

Youth Fine Arts, a program of Windmore Foundation for

the Arts, will be holding two sessions of Summer Arts

Camp this year. The first session will be held on June

up and you don't yet have a place to hold it, talk to

#### Annual General Meeting

Attention members of Windmore Foundation for the Arts! Mark your calendars for the evening of June 23rd. The annual general meeting of Windmore Foundation for the Arts will be held to give our members a yearly update, as well as elect new members and officers to the Board of Directors and approve the annual budget. Members will also be voting on proposed changes to the Windmore bylaws.

Watch the Windmore website and social media for updates on time and place of the meeting.

#### Interested in Windmore???

Windmore Foundation for the Arts seeks to foster a culturally rich environment where artists, arts organizations, educators, and the community come together to create diverse artistic experiences and life-long learning.

If you would like to learn more about Windmore, including how to become a member, please visit www.windmorefoundation.org.

Kevin Brandriff **Executive Director** 



