



# Culpeper Quarterly

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Winter 2022

**Little Fork Volunteer Fire and Rescue**, serving the northern end of Culpeper County.

## Getting a new home

The new facility will be able to house up to 12 vehicles, and will have a second floor with a bunk room, weight-training room, a kitchen, and laundry and shower facilities where volunteers will be able to clean up after running calls. These additions will enable Little Fork to keep a 12-15 person crew on duty at the station 24/7, which will greatly reduce response time to common emergencies.



## 2020 Community Service Highlights

- 74 volunteer members responded to 662 incidents
- 100% response rate to all emergency calls (9th year in a row)
- Total EMS and Fire incident hours: 4,807
- EMS incident hours: 2,206
- Average members responding to each EMS call: 3
- Fire incident hours: 2,092
- Average members responding to each fire call: 5
- \$1,898,000 of property saved
- Livestock saved: \$69,200
- Several lives saved throughout the year
- Local fire insurance rates lowered by more than \$2.2 million



**Running rescue calls  
for people and animals  
and fire calls**



**Educating children**



## A Message from the Board of Supervisors



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Photo by Tim Carlson

Dear Citizens:

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season. As I reflect back on 2021, there were some challenges, but there were also many truly exciting initiatives for our community to take pride in. The Board has formed a plan, forged a partnership and committed funds to implement a fiber-to-the-home solution to our internet connectivity issues county-wide. State funding necessary to make that a reality has been requested and we are cautiously optimistic in that regard. The Board has also approved three projects which will greatly enhance recreational opportunities in the community. Ground-breaking took place on November 17, 2021, on a fieldhouse at the Culpeper Sports Complex, and plans are in place to provide lighting of the baseball, football and soccer fields at the Sports Complex. The County has also acquired Mountain Run Lake Park from the Town of Culpeper in hopes of adding additional amenities there. Perhaps the most exciting project to be realized was the opening of our new Culpeper Technical Education Center (CTEC). Finally, the County received several grants in 2021, including a \$470,000 Industrial Revitalization Grant for improvements at the Carver Center. Along with these major initiatives, there have been many other successes. One example has been the hosting of multiple statewide tournaments at the Sports Complex. This new focus on sports tourism creates a ripple effect of revenue generation throughout Culpeper's local economy.

November of 2021 brought with it a number of local elections with voter turnout at 57%. We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the selfless and tireless service provided by outgoing Board members Bill Chase and Jack Frazier. Bill served the citizens of the Stevensburg District for 40 years, always putting the concerns of his constituents ahead of anything else. Jack served two terms and was a true leader in the push for career and technical education. As Bill and Jack move on to other things, we wish to give a warm welcome and congratulations to our newest Board members. Susan Gugino will represent the Stevensburg District and David Durr will represent Cedar Mountain. Congratulations also go to Brad Rosenberger, who ran unopposed and will represent the Jefferson District for another term.

The upcoming year promises to continue to be a busy one, as Culpeper County seeks to address a wide array of issues, beginning with the development of the fiscal year 2023 Budget. We are always happy to hear from you on any subject. Please feel free to contact any Board member or member of the staff regarding concerns or ideas you may have. A great way to stay in tune with what is going on is to visit [web.culpepercounty.gov](http://web.culpepercounty.gov), which is currently undergoing a redesign that will greatly enhance the site. Look for that in the near future.

Again, we hope that you have enjoyed the holiday season and that the New Year is off to a great start.

For the Board,

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**7 p.m. Public Forum**  
**Planning Business**  
**Public Hearings**

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## MAXIMIZE YOUR POSITIVES MINIMIZE YOUR NEGATIVES

OPTIONS has gained a new Programs Supervisor. Mrs. Tiffany Diggs joined our team the first week of August. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to OPTIONS and we are excited to have her on board. She has been spending a lot of time in training. OPTIONS is a County program for youth ages 11-17. OPTIONS staff evaluate and determine a youth's risk of getting into further trouble with the legal system, in school,

at home, in the community or with the use of illicit substances. OPTIONS then implements evidence-based programs to assist youth in developing personal skills to become productive, respectful, and responsible members of the community.

We continue to offer Community Service, Decision Points, Healthy Youth Initiative, Substance Misuse Program, and Pre-Truancy. We are now in a position to offer a new program for middle schoolers - Skills Streaming.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

This is a program where work is performed for the benefit of the community through non-profit organizations with a goal to teach youth empathy, social skills, problem solving skills, labor skills, and how to give back to their community in a voluntary or unpaid effort.

### DECISION POINTS PROGRAM

This program is designed to equip youth participants with alternative ways to examine their thinking and the related actions that lead them into trouble. It creates a practical pathway for change, and challenges youth to create alternative non-risk thoughts.

### HEALTHY YOUTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM

This program is for youth ages 11-17 years old. It promotes physical activity. Youth participate in a one (1) hour workout session with a Certified Personal Trainer. The exercises consist of cardio exercises, weight lifting, core exercises, or other exercises.

### SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROGRAM

This program is designed to teach coping strategies as an alternative to using alcohol or other drugs when responding to problems, interpersonal conflicts or negative thoughts and feelings. Random urine drug screens are also available.

### PRE-TRUANCY PROGRAM

This program is designed to help youth look at how they are preparing themselves for the future. The program helps youth identify resources that will help them finish school, understand how success in school will transfer to success in work; attain skills to succeed in work and school; create a vision for their future; and see how what they do today affects their future

### SKILLS STREAMING

This program teaches pro-social skills necessary to work as part of a team, make good decisions, communicate well with others, and skills needed to solve problems that occur daily.



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This newspaper is a quarterly publication for the citizens of Culpeper County by the Board of Supervisors. It is designed to present and provide information about issues affecting those who live in Culpeper. Over 22,000 copies are distributed, one to each mail address in Town, County, and to each U.S.P.S. Box within the Town and County of Culpeper.

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## Little Fork Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company Has a House to Call Home *by Lynnette Esse, Support Member*

### The NEW!



### and the OLD



Photo of the original (1996) Little Fork Building



Cramped quarters—units have to be moved out to allow exit of unit needed on call



Getting into gear as unit starts up and door rises—no room for gear or changing

For over 25 years the dedicated volunteers at **Little Fork Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company** in Rixeyville have been living without showers, kitchen, bunkrooms, offices, or air conditioning, and they never complain. They sleep on the sofa or hose bed of the fire engine, pick up food at 7-Eleven or Ma and Paws Country Mall, and clean up after an incident with cold water from the garden hose before running home to shower. In the peak of summer the indoor temperature of the station could reach 102 degrees. And yet this hardy group of over 90 volunteers keep coming back to serve their community at all hours of the day and night.

Years of endurance have paid off. After 10 years of fundraising for the down payment, Little Fork was able to qualify for a \$1,770,000 loan to finance their new \$3 million dollar station house. Oak View Bank was impressed with their fiscal responsibility, and the fact that they came to the table debt free was a huge plus in their favor.

The new 14,604 square foot building adds six emergency vehicle bays to the previous four. It also boasts five bathrooms, eight bunk rooms, a personal protective equipment room (PPE room), fully-equipped kitchen, large day room, two laundry rooms, a decontamination room, multiple storage rooms, a large training room, three offices, an exercise room, IT room, and electrical room. Out back there are 18 parking spaces for the volunteers and four or five in front for visitors.

The mortgage loan covers everything but the furnishings. Fundraising will be an ongoing project as they purchase much needed furniture, appliances, equipment, and accessories that have not already been donated. The secondhand emergency vehicles will also need to be replaced at some point in the near future, especially the 2005 and 2009 ambulances. The new monthly payment will be over \$8,000 a month, leaving little room for other expenses.

Chief Doug Monaco looks forward to rewarding his members for their tireless dedication and sacrifice over the years. "It has been so frustrating all these years not to be able to take better care of the members," Chief Monaco shares. "We have gone for 10 years straight without missing a call. I am so proud of everyone and happy to be able to thank them by giving them a real house." He also adds that he and the president and treasurer are most anxious to move all of the Little Fork paperwork and paraphernalia out of their homes and into the new offices where it belongs.

Little Fork members were most excited to see the first air conditioning vent installed. "I am looking forward to having air conditioning for the first time in 25 years," one member commented. "It can get pretty miserable in here in the summer." Others are anxious to have all of the apparatus under cover during snowstorms and freezing temperatures. Deputy Chief Roger Lightener comments that he can't wait for the day when he can get cleaned up before heading home after a shift. And they will all rest easier knowing that their gear is no longer hanging in the bay next to the diesel exhaust where it becomes contaminated with carcinogens.

The man in charge of the construction project, Captain Ralph Monaco, had some very positive comments about the contractor doing all the work. "Dominion Construction Group has done an outstanding job and has been great to work with," Captain Monaco said. "I also want to thank the other seven departments within Culpeper County who donated their own \$50,000 capital improvement funds, a total of \$350,000, to Little Fork through the Culpeper County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. We hope to be in a position to repay this incredibly generous gesture in the future. It's all about better serving the community whose support for us has been fantastic." An open house will be scheduled in the very near future for the community to come for a tour.

If you would like to support Little Fork with a monetary donation or select something from the Bed, Bath, and Beyond wish list, please select the Donate button on the website: [littleforkvfr.org](http://littleforkvfr.org). Your donations to all of the volunteer fire and rescue companies saves millions of dollars a year in taxes. They all need your help!

## Little Fork Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company Receives National Attention *by Lynnette Esse, as seen in the November 2021 issue of Discover Fauquier*

**Little Fork Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company** in Rixeyville was selected as one of eight volunteer departments, out of hundreds that applied, to be featured in a one-hour volunteer fire service documentary. The film crew, Vignette Creative, out of Bainbridge Island, WA, chose Little Fork due to their exemplary record of a 100% response rate over 10 years, their nationally recognized Technical Large Animal Rescue (TLAR) team, and their recent success in raising the money needed to expand their station. It didn't hurt that Chief Doug Monaco was named the 2020 Volunteer Chief of the Year in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The four-man crew attended Little Fork's October 9 trail ride fundraiser at Three Oaks Farm in Rixeyville, where they filmed and interviewed many of the riders as well as several Little Fork members. They were also present on Sunday for a TLAR training exercise, where they recorded the raising of the tripod and lifting of "Forkie," the training horse.



Trail Ride Fundraiser



Film crew at work

Little Fork began in 1994 to fill a need for faster emergency response times in the northern end of Culpeper County. A small group of charter members, including Chief Monaco, began a fundraising campaign, and a former chief's buggy, fire truck, and an old ambulance were donated by local fire and rescue companies. They built a four-bay garage on a donated four-acre parcel of land along Rixeyville Road, with future plans to expand. In 2020, 74 volunteers responded to 662 incidents, with a 100% response rate to all emergency calls.



Holly the Horse gets a lift down



Chief Doug Monaco was recently named the 2020 Chief of the Year in the Commonwealth of Virginia.



The Department's unique specialty involves large animal rescue. With new specialized equipment that was funded by horse groups, Little Fork began their TLAR program in 2010. "After responding to a few calls over the years for horses and cows that were trapped in precarious situations, we realized that we needed to learn more and become better prepared," Chief Monaco comments. "These incidents are considered low-frequency/high-intensity calls—the danger is as great as it is with a burning building."

Little Fork is the only all-volunteer TLAR team in Virginia and is dispatched automatically for large animal extrications in Culpeper, Fauquier, Orange, Rappahannock, Stafford, and Prince William counties. They also respond to calls from any other jurisdiction in Virginia and have traveled to destinations up to four hours away. Some of their more interesting and challenging rescues in recent years have included a horse trapped in an ice-covered pond, a horse and a cow stuck in a swimming pool (two separate rescues), a horse wedged halfway through a barn window, and a horse stuck in a hayloft (twice).

To learn more or to donate to Little Fork, visit [Littleforkvfr.org](http://Littleforkvfr.org).



## Little Fork Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company *by Lynnette Esse, Support Member*

### STAND WITH US!



**STAND WITH US!** Are you looking for a way to make a positive impact on your community? Little Fork Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company is looking for new members to do just that. The volunteer members at Little Fork proudly protect the quality of life, social, economic and environmental infrastructure of the northern end of Culpeper County and we need your help. We welcome anyone 16 years and up who is willing to devote part of their time in service to others.

Your training and equipment is paid for by the Company. Your response to emergency calls and other functions is covered by insurance, which includes workers' compensation. Membership includes Junior Members (with written permission from their parents), Active Members, and Support Members.

Our Active Members agree to maintain a minimum of 12 hours of participation per month in addition to training requirements.

Support Members help with vital roles such as fundraising, accounting, finance and communications.

Our Junior Members participate with the stipulation that their safety and education comes first and must adhere to Rules and Regulations that determine the limits of their functions on scene and the grades they must achieve at school.

The volunteer family at Little Fork is diverse; our members are students, law enforcement, teachers, engineers, and retirees who all have one thing in common - the desire to help those in need.

The Company's main objective is to protect and preserve life and property from and during fires, medical emergencies, or other disasters that may occur.

To continue to fulfill this mission, we need your help. If you think that you can help, visit our website <http://littleforkvfr.org/join-us> for more information.

We look forward to having you **stand with us!**

### Why did Melissa Join?



#### Melissa Mainville

Back in 2011, my friend, Kate Chrismer, a Little Fork paramedic, invited me to do a ride-along. I hung out with the team all day. There was a lightning strike in South Wales that day. I got to ride in the fire truck. There was a young girl, perhaps five or six years old, standing outside with a look of sheer terror on her face. I smiled at her and waved and she smiled and waved back. In that moment, I realized that I could make a difference with such a simple little act of kindness. I realized that I wanted to do this kind of work.

I am a Lieutenant and I ride Officer on the fire truck, getting the apparatus to the scene, looking up the address on the map, assigning duties, maintaining safety awareness, tracking each crew member at all times, and communicating with the Chief. If it is an EMS call, I ride in the ambulance. I run calls every night when not at work or at the barn with my horse, averaging over 300 calls a year.

Working at the hospital as an RN in the ICU, I used to wonder where the patients came from. I wondered how I could help provide a pre-hospital level of care. Now I know how I can be of service and it is incredibly rewarding. It is a good feeling to get someone to the hospital safely and provide the care that they need.

### Why has Tim served 17 years?



Tim MacQuarrie

About a year or so after moving to Quail Ridge, Canadian-born Tim MacQuarrie noticed the sign in front of the Little Fork station asking for volunteers. He thought about it for a while and spoke to his neighbor, Ed Kelso, President of Little Fork. Being single back in 2004 and having the free time, the young software developer decided to give it a try.

Seventeen years later, now married and with an 11-year old son, Tim still finds the time to serve his community. Responding from home, he is on-call every Sunday and Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and one daytime Sunday a month. Since he does his "day job" from home on Mondays and Tuesdays, this type of schedule works well for him. The rest of the week he endures a long commute to a small consulting company in Springfield. "The greatest thing about Little Fork," Tim said, "is the flexibility of the duty hours."

"It's unusual to get more than one call a night," Tim said. "Sometimes I can go a whole month without any calls," Tim said, "but I average about 80 calls a year. The average EMS call takes two to three hours when you factor in drive time to and from the hospital. Call time for a fire is unpredictable. The serious time commitment is in the training."

Tim said that he does not do this type of work for the adrenaline rush. "It is so completely different from my regular job," he said. "It's a good stress reliever. It's challenging, especially on the medical side - it's a mental exercise for me, gets my mind engaged and it's fun!" He added that he really likes the people, both in the station and in the community. "You get to be with people during one of the worst moments of their lives, knowing that, with your training, you can help them. It's very rewarding."

*We welcome new members and encourage community participation. Please contact us if you are interested in joining. Facebook.com/groups/littlefork*

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## Culpeper County Emergency Services Wins Regional Award

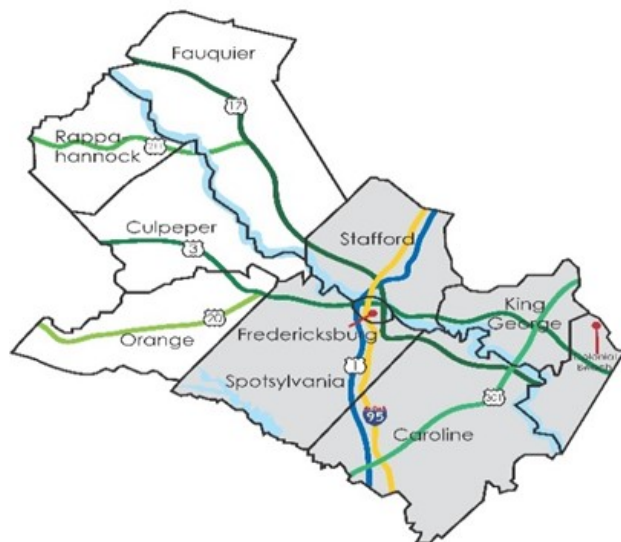
Currently, the State Board of Health has designed 11 Regional EMS Councils to serve specific geographic areas of the Commonwealth. Each council is charged with the development and implementation of an efficient and effective regional emergency medical services delivery system for each specific region.

Culpeper County falls into the Rappahannock EMS Council Service Area, which serves 10 different counties or cities in this specific region of the Commonwealth. In turn, all subsequent Licensed EMS agencies within this specific region fall under the Rappahannock EMS Council.

### Rappahannock EMS Council Service Area



PD9 and PD16



Each year, the REMS Council selects a chosen few agencies and/or individuals throughout the entire region to receive one of a few specific awards under the category for Outstanding Achievement in EMS. This year, the 2021 Regional Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health & Safety was awarded to the Culpeper County Office of Emergency Services.

**CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD:** Any individual, program, business or licensed EMS Agency within the Commonwealth of Virginia that has demonstrated comprehensive and/or significant accomplishments/programs that make a significant contribution to or provide for the health, safety and welfare of EMS providers.

The Culpeper County Office of Emergency Services was chosen for this award because of their innovative and aggressive planning, response, mitigation and interagency coordination efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their agency was the first in their health district to develop and distribute a comprehensive emergency response plan to all of their partner EMS agencies in the local jurisdiction. That plan outlined and detailed recommendations, guidelines and risk assessments for safe and appropriate response to emergency calls for EMS and also other first responders in the county during the pandemic.

Their Department lobbied for, and were successful in helping to establish, a more comprehensive data sharing program via the Health Department that was



Right to left—Deputy Coordinator Thomas Dawson and Director Bill Ooten with 2021 EMS Regional Award

used to pre-alert first responders to potentially higher-risk locations during initial dispatches in the community. They provided daily updates to all local partnering agencies to share information on local trending, statistics and changes in local and state health guidelines. Culpeper Emergency Services also took the lead on acquiring the appropriate PPE for all EMS agencies in the County and developed a logistics program for equitable distribution of PPE to those and other public safety agencies.

Prior to the first significant surge in local COVID-19 cases, Emergency Services established a decontamination program for all first responder departments and vehicles, thereby helping to reduce the risk of exposure to first responders in the field. Their staff provided on-site and mobile decontamination services by request. They later extended those decontamination services to other County departments utilizing equipment and services provided by Emergency Services personnel. When vaccines became available, they partnered with local health care agencies and the health department to actively participate in the local vaccination clinics. Not only did their staff help to provide vaccine to the citizens, but they also helped to vaccinate other EMS providers and first responders in the community.

Recipients of this regional EMS Council award in each region are also nominated and considered for the Virginia State Governors award for the same category. The recipient of the Governor's Award is announced at each year's annual Virginia EMS Symposium.

## Culpeper County Schools by Laura M. Hoover, Director, Communication & Grants

### CCPS Offers Student Wellness Programming

Culpeper County Public Schools (CCPS) is offering a variety of student wellness programs this school year. CCPS is committed to increasing student wellness programs as there is a direct link between student health and academic achievement. In addition, the pandemic has exacerbated issues with decreases in physical activity, poor nutrition habits, and declines in social engagement for students. In order to address these needs, CCPS is taking action, along with community partners, by offering the following programs.

#### Virginia Youth Bicycle Grant Program



Sycamore Park PE Teacher, Mr. Shay Bell, teaches bicycle skills to 3rd grade students

In 2019, CCPS received grant funding from the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth to purchase bicycles in order to teach cycling to students. This school year, the bicycles are traveling from school to school for PE classes to teach students how to ride a bicycle, and bicycle safety. We are using additional grant funding for storage and transportation of the bicycles so that students are able to practice their skills in all of our schools. Look out for the CCPS Bike Bus on the roads in the near future!

#### Girls on the Run / Heart and Sole



Girls on the Run program at Sycamore Park Elementary



This year, CCPS is using grant funding to support students and coaches at our elementary and middle schools to support Girls on the Run (elementary) and Heart and Sole (middle) programs. Girls on the Run Piedmont inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based program designed to enhance girls' social, psychological, and physical skills and behaviors to successfully navigate life experiences. The program's intentional curriculum emphasizes the development of competence, confidence, connection, character, caring, and contribution in young girls. Trained coaches deliver the life skills curriculum during out-of-school times by guiding small teams of girls through lessons that promote social-emotional learning concurrently with physical activity. The program culminates with a service project and a celebratory, non-competitive 5K event

### School Wellness Activities for Students

CCPS is partnering with the Town of Culpeper, Culpeper County Parks and Recreation, the Culpeper Wellness Foundation and local recreational businesses and nonprofits to introduce students to recreational activities available in the County and surrounding area. So far, our students have visited **Lake Pelham and State Climb**.

Earlier this year, tenth grade students from both high schools had an opportunity to visit Lake Pelham. The CCPS wellness goals include promoting enjoyable, lifelong, physical and leisure activities among students. On this trip, students had the opportunity to try kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, paddleboats, and canoeing. It was also a way to introduce students to recreational activities available to them within the Culpeper community. After 90 minutes on the water, students enjoyed packed lunches or lunch from the Ole Country Store & Bakery.



EVHS Lake Pelham - EVHS students help each other with the stand-up paddleboards when 10th graders visited Lake Pelham



CCHS Lake Pelham - Principal Dr. Danny Soderholm helps a student get their kayak into the water during their field trip to Lake Pelham

Kristina Wenger, CCPS Curriculum Specialist for Health and PE programs, attended both trips. She shared that it was very exciting to see students enjoying the lake, some for the very first time. One student enjoyed the lake so much that he said that he was going to come back with his mother.

Another activity in our student wellness programming includes elementary student trips to State Climb. Elementary students visit State Climb in small groups where they have an opportunity to experience the rock climbing facility. State Climb is a nonprofit rock climbing gym located in downtown Culpeper. Their mission is to promote social, mental, and emotional health through physical activity and community engagement. CCPS elementary students went to State Climb last school year and we are planning for them to go again in spring 2022.



A G Richardson's trip to State Climb







**People Incorporated** is a non-profit with locations across Virginia, including Culpeper. People Inc. is committed to providing opportunities for economically disadvantaged people to reach their goals to enhance their lives, their families, and their communities.

Our Culpeper office is located at 233 East Davis St., Suite 100 and 300. Call the office at 833-277-9330, email [info@peopleinc.net](mailto:info@peopleinc.net) or visit our website at [peopleinc.net](http://peopleinc.net) to learn more.

Find program updates, events, and community resources by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).



**Empowering Culpeper will continue to hold their community food distributions on the third Saturday of every month in Culpeper.** Visit People Inc.'s Facebook page, call 540-935-0047, or email [empoweringculpeper@peopleinc.net](mailto:empoweringculpeper@peopleinc.net) for location and distribution dates.

Interested in volunteering with Empowering Culpeper? Email [volunteer@peopleinc.net](mailto:volunteer@peopleinc.net).



People Inc.'s Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Culpeper is looking for dedicated volunteers to represent the best interests of foster children in the court system. Learn more about this volunteer opportunity by contacting Bri Taylor at 276-206-3155 or emailing [bataylor@peopleinc.net](mailto:bataylor@peopleinc.net).



Did you know that People Inc. offers personal loans, business loans, services for ex-offenders, homeless services, and affordable housing in Culpeper? Call the Culpeper Office for more information at 833-277-9330, visit our [website](http://peopleinc.net) or email [info@peopleinc.net](mailto:info@peopleinc.net).



- **Welcome Home Baby**
- **Healthy Steps**
- **Parenting Education**

We are a non-profit program with three **FREE** and **PRIVATE** services to families of Culpeper.

#### Welcome Home Baby

A free one-time visit with a Family Resource Specialist, that includes referrals to community resources and a gift bag with baby items!

#### Healthy Steps

A free ongoing service with a Family Support Specialist focused on child development from pregnancy through kindergarten.

#### Parenting Education Program

A free parenting class offered to support parents and caregivers of children ages 2 to 12. Come and join for an interactive and educational look at active parenting. The classes are held virtually through Zoom 6:00-8:00 pm on the first 3 Tuesday evenings of each month. Contact us to get signed up!

#### Upcoming Schedule:

**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Are you or someone you know expecting a baby, or have a newborn? Then Families First – Healthy Families Culpeper is perfect!

Contact us for more information!

#### Call or text us:

540-222-6320

#### Look for us on Facebook:

Families First – Healthy Families Culpeper

#### Visit our website:

[healthyfamiliesculpeper.org](http://healthyfamiliesculpeper.org)

#### Email us:

[healthyfamiliesculpeper@gmail.com](mailto:healthyfamiliesculpeper@gmail.com)

We are always accepting new or slightly used donations to share with families.



# Culpeper County Library

271 Southgate Shopping Center | Culpeper, VA 22701  
540.825.8691 | [www.cclva.org](http://www.cclva.org)

**FOR INFORMATION ON CURRENT HOURS OR LIBRARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS,  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



# hi!



## Your Library Card

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



## 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.

## Did you know...

You can visit [www.cclva.org](http://www.cclva.org) to manage your library account? Check due dates, renew items, place holds, & create book lists.



## Culpeper County Library - Friends of the Library News

### Culpeper County Library Bookstore Dedication



When Celine Siira moved to Culpeper and showed an interest in the bookstore at the Culpeper County Library in 2000, the store began its rebirth. At first she was assisted by her husband Eino, and after his death, she carried on with the help of her children and volunteers from Friends of the Library.

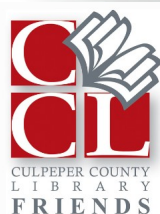
The success of the Library Bookstore, now aptly named the Celine Siira Bookstore, is a tribute to her ferocious efforts on its behalf. Ferocious is a strong word to describe the actions of a modest woman, but her steadfast determination to make the bookstore profitable has made that a reality. In addition to book sales within the store itself, Celine developed a system to separate book donations that have higher values and sell them through Amazon. This has resulted in larger profits and this income has helped to fund new and exciting Library programs including children's and adult crafts, theatrical performances, guest speakers, and more.

Celine grew up on a family farm in Minnesota, but did not remain in the mid-West. Her sense of adventure was shared by her husband, a county agricultural agent for USAID, relocating to Libya, Somalia, Ethiopia, and Eritrea. In the course of their service, they raised five children and their daughter Cindy recalls many hours being read to by her parents.

When Eino retired from USAID, the couple moved to Rappahannock County and later to Culpeper for better access to health care and the other facilities of a larger community.

Celine's demeanor, combined with her adventurous spirit, have endeared her to customers, volunteers, and Library staff alike.

Renaming of the Celine Siira Bookstore in her honor is a tribute that will remind all of us of her dedicated contribution to its success.



## CELINE SIIRA BOOKSTORE

OPEN  
MONDAY-FRIDAY 11A-1P  
SATURDAY 11A-2P

### 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 - Youth & Teen Programs & Events



### Take and Make Crafts

The popular craft kits continue!

Craft kits will be available on the second and fourth Mondays of each month until they're all gone.

Find them in the Youth Services Area

**Signup your child to receive one FREE book every month!**

Must be a resident of  
Culpeper or Madison County  
Ages 0-4



Register online at  
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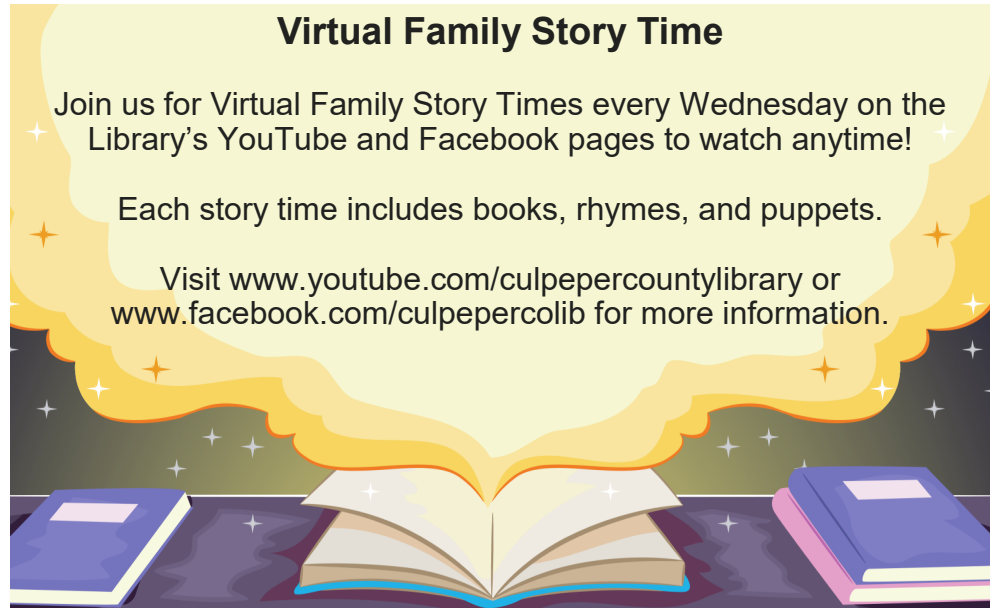


### Virtual Family Story Time

Join us for Virtual Family Story Times every Wednesday on the Library's YouTube and Facebook pages to watch anytime!

Each story time includes books, rhymes, and puppets.

Visit [www.youtube.com/culpepercountylibrary](http://www.youtube.com/culpepercountylibrary) or  
[www.facebook.com/culpepercolib](http://www.facebook.com/culpepercolib) for more information.



### Book Starter Saturdays

Are you a tween or young adult wondering what to read next?

We can recommend our favorite books with a brief overview, its genre, and suggest who may be interested in getting their next read.

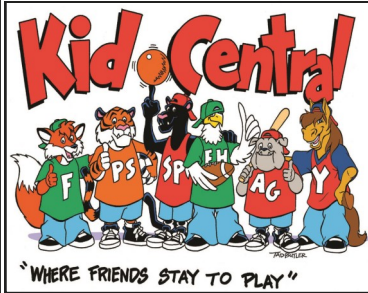
Catch our Book Starter Saturday video **every Saturday** on the Library's Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram for your next read!



Go to [www.cclva.org](http://www.cclva.org) > Research >  
General Research and click on HelpNow



## Kids in the News



**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



## Holiday Spirit Shines

The last two years Kid Central has weathered the storm of a global pandemic, celebrated 30 years of service to our community, earned a Best Large Business of the Year Award, all the while creating fun and smiles for our children and families.

Winter is a special time for our children and staff, a time to lend a hand to our community by volunteering. Each winter our staff helps distribute gifts to senior citizens, toys for children, and helps host a Culpeper Men Care holiday breakfast.

Full classrooms this fall meant a return to full service for our before-and after-school programs here at Kid Central.

We will have crafts, sports training, homework club, lots of food projects and much more.

Kid Central offers safe, enriching care at your child's school.

The best way to keep up with our plans and activities 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 30 years of service to Culpeper families we will most certainly never forget 2020-21. 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.



Coming soon: Culpeper Early Head Start has secured \$4.1 Million Dollars of Federal funding for a new 10,500 square foot building; which will house an expanded affordable Early Head Start program that will serve 80 Culpeper children and their families.

### 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.



During the winter months weather delays and cancellations can be tough to handle. Kid Central is open during school holidays, snow delays and cancellations, and teacher workdays.



Our Food Service Team Provides Snacks All Year!



### Windmore StageWorks Program

StageWorks is bursting at the seams with new shows and programs this year!



We are excited to announce, thanks to a generous grant from the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, several FREE Workshops including Stage Combat, Nail the Perfect Audition, and Acting Through Song. Keep an eye on our website for the dates of those FREE workshops!

StageWorks also has 2 Mainstage productions coming up in the near future. Southern Fried Nuptials, by Osborne & Eppler, directed by the very talented Drea Dyer will be opening on March 25th, and The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged) by Adam Long, Dan Singer, and Jess Winfield, Directed by Jessy Mahr will be opening on June 25th. Tickets will go on sale soon for both!

### Windmore Piedmont Community Band

The Piedmont Community Band enjoyed bringing music to the community last fall with a superhero themed concert. Children made crafts and enjoyed musical selections from some of their favorite superhero movies and TV shows. It was a great event for people of all ages! The band is always looking for new and exciting concert ideas and looks forward to bringing more music and fun to the community in the new year! If you play a band instrument and would like to join the band, contact us at

[pcb@windmorefoundation.org](mailto:pcb@windmorefoundation.org). We accept musicians from middle school to adults, there's no audition, and we're always open to new members!

The Piedmont Community Band rehearses at Culpeper Baptist Church on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm. For more information about joining the band, upcoming concerts and events, or if you would like to hire the band for an event, contact us at [pcb@windmorefoundation.org](mailto:pcb@windmorefoundation.org).



### Windmore Pen-to-Paper

We continue our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 am to noon at the Culpeper County Library Conference Room. Writers of all ages and ability are welcome to join us. We are accepting submissions for another 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](mailto: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 10:15 am 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](mailto:info@windmorefoundation.org).

### Windmore Events

Visit Windmore's Website to see the latest information on Windmore Workshops and Events!

[www.windmorefoundation.org](http://www.windmorefoundation.org)  
or call 540-547-4333.

### "Why?"

This year, the Windmore Board of Directors has been looking at the question of "Why?" – Why did each of us become Board members (or, in my case, the Executive Director) of Windmore Foundation for the Arts? Why did we choose to come to this organization, as opposed to one of the other many worthwhile nonprofits in our community? The short answer is that we, of course, are passionate about the arts, but that doesn't completely answer the question.

As the Board and I have explored this question, and have shared our personal experiences, it has become apparent that while we each came to our love of the arts by different paths, some common themes exist as well. Some of us have cheerful memories of people close to us who introduced us to the arts for the first time and nurtured a love of art within us. Some of us came to the arts after experiencing works by master artists, whose interpretations of life and the human experience opened our eyes to new viewpoints or clarified our own interpretations. Some of us found our arts passion early in life, as a child or young adult, others discovered our arts passion later in life, as a new diversion to the grind of daily life by consciously creating beauty in solitude or within a group. Whatever the reasons, the way we see and experience art in its many forms shapes our passion for the arts...a passion we strive to share with the community.

So what is your "why"? Why do you sing... or paint...or draw...or write...or act...or play an instrument...or enjoy experiencing others' work in these activities at a performing arts venue or gallery? How have the arts made a difference in your life?

We would love to hear about your "why" and also tell you more about Windmore and how you can influence the arts in our community by becoming a member of Windmore. Email us at [info@WindmoreFoundation.org](mailto:info@WindmoreFoundation.org) or call our office at (540) 547-4333.

Wishing you a new year filled with the joy of the arts.

*Kevin Brandriff*  
Executive Director

