



Culpeper Quarterly

Celebrate Fall with our Family Events!

Fall 2023

CULPEPER HARVEST DAYS FARM TOUR 26 YEARS

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2023
10 A.M.-4 P.M.



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Enjoy these FREE events
Farm Tour, September 16-17
Cycling Century, October 7
Air Fest, October 14



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A Message from the Board of Supervisors



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Dear Citizens,

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer. It has gone by quickly and schools will soon be back in session, so please be mindful of school children and school buses in your travels. As a reminder, watch for buses and stop when they are loading and unloading students. All buses are now equipped with cameras, and citations will be issued for any violations which occur. Speaking of schools, we are fortunate to have a great team of professionals here at our Culpeper County Public Schools. The continuous improvements to our schools, the programs offered, and the student experience that we are able to provide have not gone unnoticed. For example, the Culpeper Technical Education Center (CTEC) regularly hosts tours for other school districts and private companies from throughout the State. Culpeper County is proud to be able to fund not only the schools, but parks and recreation and so many other things that add to the excellent quality of life in Culpeper.

On the subject of Parks and Recreation, I am especially proud to share that the Culpeper County Fieldhouse is fully operational and being utilized well by our community. In a recent presentation to the Board of Supervisors we learned that in the past operational year, 19,449 people visited the Fieldhouse. Community members participating in programs hosted by Parks and Recreation made up 5,043 of those visitors. Our Access Assistance Program can help if program fees are a challenge for you or your family. Culpeper County Parks & Recreation strives to serve as many County residents as possible and we have been lucky to have received donations that help us to reach and maintain that goal.

We are also proud to have been chosen as the host for both Rugby and Little League State Championships. This has a significant positive economic impact on our community as families from across the state make their way to Culpeper to participate. Be on the lookout for several more statewide events being hosted in Culpeper this fall. Additionally, watch out for upcoming tennis and basketball camps we conduct through our Parks and Rec Department. The fee is \$10 which includes a shirt. We could not operate these camps without our volunteers.

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 the first Tuesday of each month
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 7 p.m. Public Forum
 Planning Business
 Public Hearings**

**Agendas and Minutes
 are Available at:
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Video coverage on Channel 10



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CANVAS BAG

Make a purchase from a participating business and receive a reusable canvas tote shopping bag!



Get your 'Be A Culpeper Local Week punch card' stamped for each service or purchase made at a participating business. Receive 5 stamps and earn a limited edition 'Choose Culpeper' t-shirt!



SPECIAL OFFERS, SALES & PROMOTIONS FROM SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE CULPEPER BUSINESSES!

GOING ON NOW!!!

The 2nd annual Be A Culpeper Local Week is happening now!! Find promotions and specials from some of your favorite businesses on the Be A Culpeper Local website and Facebook page. Pick up your free Be A Culpeper Local tote bag with purchases while supplies last. Get your Be A Culpeper Local Week punch card stamped for each purchase and earn a one-of-a-kind Choose Culpeper t-shirt! Follow the Be A Culpeper Local Facebook page for business spotlights, promotion announcements, and more.

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 Culpeper events, issues and services. 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.

The newspaper is also available online at web.culpepercounty.gov. Email dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov with comments and suggestions or to unsubscribe.

CULPEPER HARVEST DAYS
FARM TOUR ^{26 YEARS}

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www.culpeperfarmtour.com

SAVE THE DATE! The Culpeper County Economic Development Office is thrilled to celebrate the 26th annual Culpeper Harvest Days Farm Tour. This year's tour will be held Saturday, September 16th and Sunday, September 17th from 10am-4pm both days. Fun for all ages, the tour will showcase both traditional and unique farms in the beautiful Blue Ridge foothills that make up Culpeper County. The event provides a wonderful educational experience and includes an array of hands-on activities and demonstrations. The 15 carefully selected farms and ag-related businesses on the tour reflect Culpeper's unique agricultural industry and the millions of dollars in production, wages, and salaries generated in the county and state.

The tour, a self-guided driving experience, can be started at the Welcome Center located at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises on Route 29, or any of the participating farms. The Welcome Center will host free face painting, an antique tractor display, the Piedmont Railroaders, and visitors can pick up brochures, fun activities for kids, and play yard games.

SAVE THE DATE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A WEEKEND OF FREE FAMILY FUN!

Visit some of Culpeper County's finest working farms. Enjoy farm animals, fresh produce, blooming flower arrangements, live equestrian events, music and good food! Take advantage of this once a year opportunity to get close to the workings of local agriculture and experience unique access to farms and Ag facilities. Pick up kids activities, educational information, and learn about Culpeper farms at the Welcome Center at Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises on Route 29.



For more information visit www.culpeperfarmtour.com or call the Culpeper Department of Economic Development. Winona Pritts, 540.423.4432 or wpritts@culpepercounty.gov

www.culpeperfarmtour.com

New this year, the Welcome Center will offer vendor booths for additional Culpeper farms as part of the Choose Culpeper Farms initiative, to promote making agriculture and fresh, local products part of families everyday lives. As in years past, many of the sites will offer lunch or snacks for purchase along with plants, herbs, meats, and gift shops items! There is something to delight everyone. Specific activities at the farms have designated times, please check the site activities and plan accordingly.

Back by popular demand, pick up a passport at the start of your tour which can be stamped at each farm and enter for a chance to win a gift card to one of the participating farms.

Download the Farm Tour app, available on both the Apple and Google play stores, to assist in planning your weekend. The app provides a map feature for easy navigation and a calendar of demonstration times to help plan your day. In addition to the app, you can learn about participating farms and download brochures by visiting www.CulpeperFarmTour.com. Be sure to like and follow the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/culpeperfarmtour for the most up to date Farm Tour news and information.

TO STOP ILLEGAL PASSINGS AND KEEP KIDS SAFE CCPS EXPANDS BUS CAMERA PROGRAM

Culpeper County Public Schools (CCPS) has expanded its bus camera program through a partnership with BusPatrol, the leading stop-arm enforcement technology provider with a school bus safety program to reduce the number of times motorists illegally pass school buses and put children at risk. BusPatrol is a safety technology company that aims to make the journey to and from school safer for children. by changing driver behavior and creating a culture of awareness and responsibility around school buses. In addition, they provide accessibility for school districts and municipalities to modernize their entire school bus fleets by outfitting them with the latest stop-arm, route planning, and route execution technology.

CCPS Division Superintendent Dr. Tony Brads said, "With the support of the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office, the Commonwealth's Attorney and the County Attorney, Culpeper County Public Schools has been a leader in the Commonwealth in terms of protecting our students by being one of the first school divisions to deploy stop arm cameras."

Through this program CCPS school buses have been modernized with



advanced safety technology, including AI-powered cameras to capture the license plates of vehicles that violate school bus stopping laws. The technology, installation, and maintenance are provided at no cost to the school district or taxpayer through BusPatrol's violator-funded program.

Kate Spree, a spokesperson for BusPatrol, said: "Every day, thousands of motorists illegally pass stopped school buses, with zero thought to the children whose lives they put at risk. We are proud to join forces with Culpeper County Public Schools to help make roads safer for students."

The CCPS program started with a pilot program in 2018 that only included a few buses. "Our small-scale program served as a deterrent to stop arm violations. However, violations proved to be problematic on many other bus routes. This expansion of our bus camera program with BusPatrol greatly increases coverage and consistency for the overall safety of our students and adds a level of reassurance for all our drivers," Dr. Brads explained. The fleetwide implementation was complete in May 2023 so all of our buses are equipped with this safety feature to start the 2023-2024 school year.

In conjunction with the expansion, CCPS has developed a bus safety page on the website and launched a public awareness campaign to educate motorists about school bus safety laws. The CCPS Bus Safety webpage can be found at <https://www.culpeperschools.org/o/ccps/page/bus-safety> or by clicking on Bus Safety in the "Community Links" section at the bottom of the main CCPS page.

Other Virginia school divisions who partner with BusPatrol are Gloucester County Public Schools, Newport News Public Schools, and Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools.



According to Virginia DMV, drivers must:

- stop for stopped school buses with flashing red lights and an extended stop sign when approaching from any direction
- remain stopped until everyone is clear and the bus moves again
- stop whenever the bus is loading or unloading passengers, even if the lights and stop sign are not activated

If a school bus is on the opposite side of a median or barrier, motorists aren't required to stop; however, drivers should be prepared for students exiting the school bus and crossing into their lanes.

Who Are Stop-Arm Violation Tickets Issued to, and How Much Will They Cost Violators?

Stop-arm cameras identify illegal passers by license plate number. Tickets are issued to a vehicle's registered owner unless the automobile is proven stolen during the offense. If someone other than the vehicle's owner was driving at the time, the owner can request a transfer of liability.

In Virginia, a first-time stop-arm violation carries a fine of \$250. In addition to the financial deterrent, violators learn about the potential dangers of their actions. Offenders can call the program's toll-free number and speak with a representative, who can review the video evidence and help them understand the dangers of illegal passing. Services are offered in both English and Spanish.

Data from other safety programs demonstrate that 98% of first-time offenders do not receive a second ticket, and 95% of drivers do not contest their ticket after seeing video evidence of their violation.

To speak to a representative about a stop-arm violation, contact the AlertBus Customer Contact Center at 1-877-504-7080.

For more information about BusPatrol visit www.buspatrol.com or contact: Kate Spree | kate.spree@buspatrol.com | +1 888 507 6219



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For more information on current hours or library programs & events, visit our website or find us on social media.

Adult Services



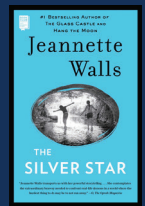
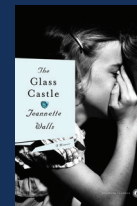
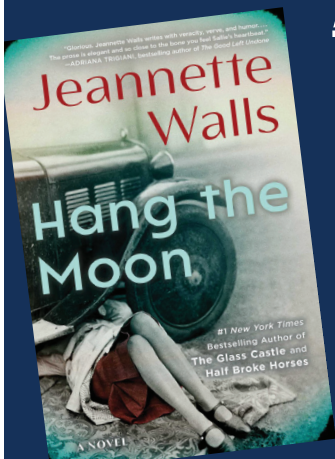
The Friends of the Culpeper County Library is proud to present...

An Evening with Jeannette Walls

Saturday, September 23rd
at 7 pm

Join us for special intimate meeting with best-selling author, Jeannette Walls, here at the Culpeper County Library.

Tickets will go on sale August 19th through EventBrite.
Check the Library website for further information



Holiday Charcuterie Pairing



November 14

Just in time for the holiday dinner party season. Learn from Courtney Simpson of *Court's Kitchen* to learn about cheese and pairings in building a charcuterie board. Go home with the knowledge of what will go best on your wooden or ceramic platters.

CulpeperCon: 2nd Edition

Returning March 2024

Come see Culpeper's newest superheroes to accompany the **CAPTAINS OF CULPEPER** returning March 2024 for *CulpeperCon: 2nd Edition - Days of Future Culpeper*.

Stay tuned for our next adventure!



Introducing **EMPATIA THE ADVOCATE**

The Hero of S.A.F.E. - Services to Abused Families

Culpeper's newest superhero is Empatia the Advocate! An active listener for those who need it, Empatia can hear 5 miles away in any language. When needed she uses the power of her voice in a mighty roar to say NO. Empatia the Advocate joins our Captains of Culpeper and Equitizer to fight Cen-Sor!



Friends of the Library



Do you enjoy The Friends of the Library's sponsored events shown here in the Quarterly? Consider becoming a member to help keep programs like these alive.

Memberships are only \$10 for an individual or \$15 per family.

Visit www.cclva.org and click Friends of the Library for more details.

Youth Services



Music and Movement

One Friday a month
10:30 a.m.

All ages!

Enjoy a high-energy storytime designed to get kids up and moving. Music, dancing, instruments, and interactive books and activities may be featured.

To register, call 540-825-8691.



Tiny Tots

For infants - 2 years old

Tuesdays
10:30 am AND 11:30am

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes specifically for babies, toddlers, and their caregiver.

Registration opens two weeks before each storytime.

To register, call 540-825-8691




Preschool Storytime

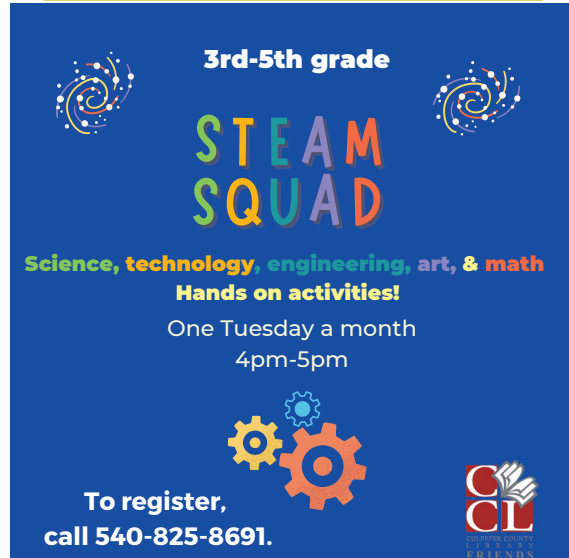
For 3-5 year olds

Thursdays
10:30am AND 11:30am

Enjoy stories, songs and activities specifically for preschoolers and their caregivers.

Registration opens two weeks before each storytime.

To register, call 540-825-8691

3rd-5th grade


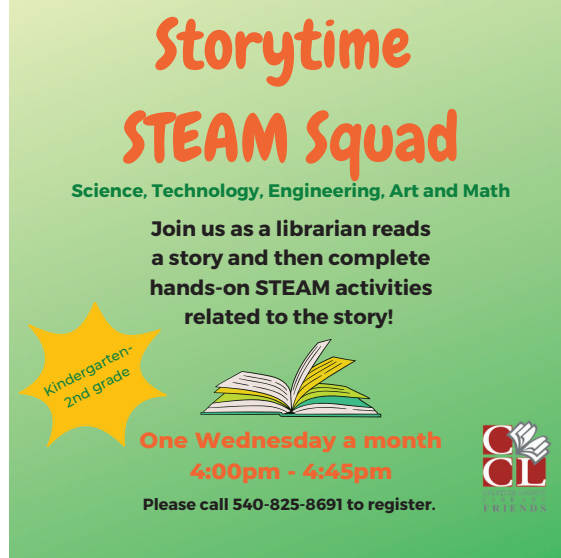
STEAM SQUAD

Science, technology, engineering, art, & math

Hands on activities!

One Tuesday a month
4pm-5pm

To register, call 540-825-8691.

Storytime STEAM Squad


Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math

Join us as a librarian reads a story and then complete hands-on STEAM activities related to the story!

Kindergarten-2nd grade

One Wednesday a month
4:00pm - 4:45pm

Please call 540-825-8691 to register.




READ TO A THERAPY DOG

K-5TH GRADE

First Saturday of the month
2-3 p.m.

SIGN UP FOR A 15 MINUTE TIME SLOT TO READ TO A CERTIFIED THERAPY DOG.

TO REGISTER, CALL 540-825-8691.

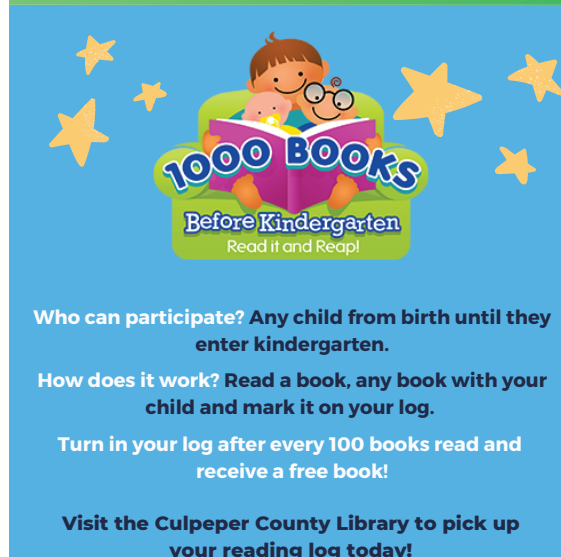
Alliance of Therapy Dogs
sharing smiles and joy™




JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST

A TEAM PUZZLE COMPETITION FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

MORE DETAILS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE THIS FALL



1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten
Read it and Reap!

Who can participate? Any child from birth until they enter kindergarten.

How does it work? Read a book, any book with your child and mark it on your log.

Turn in your log after every 100 books read and receive a free book!

Visit the Culpeper County Library to pick up your reading log today!



Enroll your child for free monthly books!

Inspires your child's love of reading with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS!

If you have a child from 0-5 years old, register them today for free monthly books.

How It Works:

- Enroll your child online at (affiliate website)
- In 6-8 weeks, your child will receive their first book in the mail, "The Little Engine That Could."
- Books arrive in the mail monthly until your child's 5th birthday.

Easy to Enroll!



Scan this code to enroll your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. It's easy!



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The Museum of Culpeper History

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From the dinosaurs who walked the earth, to Culpeper's role in our country's founding and the ongoing struggle for equal rights, to the challenges of an ever-changing modern world, Culpeper has a story to tell. Find your story at the Museum of Culpeper History!

The Museum of Culpeper History is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of Culpeper by engaging and educating diverse audiences with our collections to create an increased understanding of the significant historical events that formed the community we know today. The museum's goal is to tell the stories of all Culpeper residents by highlighting our community's shared past through our exhibits and programs. Our core values of education, stewardship, community, integrity, and preservation guide our efforts.

Located in downtown Culpeper's historic train depot adjacent to the Culpeper Visitor Center, the museum is open seven days a week from 10AM-4PM. Admission is free for all Culpeper County residents and all children under the age of 18.

TOURS & PROGRAMS

Guided Tours

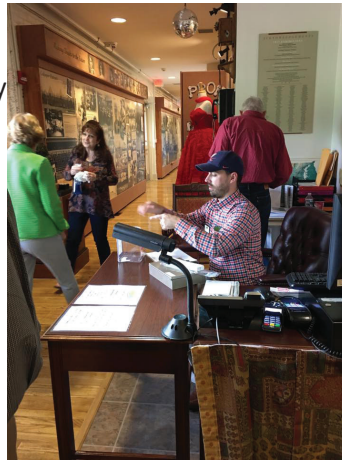
Guided tours for adult or school groups may be scheduled by calling the Museum's Education Coordinator at (540) 829-1749. Tours can be customized to suit your group's interests and time constraints. Home school groups, after-school groups, scout groups and clubs are all invited to experience the Museum through a specialized tour. A minimum of two weeks advance notice is required. A program fee is charged for guided tours.

Walking Tours

The museum leads a number of tours of historic areas in the town and county of Culpeper. Group walking tours are available on request subject to the museum's schedule and the availability of its staff and volunteers. Minimum group size is 7 people; maximum group size is 14. Two weeks advance notice is required and a program fee is charged.

Little Learners

Little Learners is the museum's interactive series of children's programming that brings fun facts, objects, and activities out of the past to your family today! The series, targeted at ages 2-5, will be held monthly. Each month will feature a different craft inspired by local history. Past programs have included flying kites, drawing maps, and making your own dinosaur tracks! Programs are offered the third Thursday of the month. Admission to this program is FREE thanks to funding from the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative through a Power of Change grant.



- August 17 – Jobs – What do you want to be when you grow up? Come learn about different jobs and then make a hat to take home.
- September 21 – Dinosaurs – This month we will learn all about dinosaurs. Participants will get to make their own dino fossil to take home.
- October 19 – Maps – X marks the spot! Come learn about maps and then make one to take home.
- November 16 – Native Americans – This month we will learn about Native Americans. Participants will get to make their own clay pot.

Hands on History

Hands on History is the museum's new monthly series of weekend programs for everyone. Each month will feature a different activity that puts you in touch with Culpeper's past! All ages welcome! Programs will be offered afternoons of the second Saturday of the month, 1:00-3:00 PM. Drop in anytime!

- August 12 – Say cheese! – Learn about the history of photography and different types of photographs. Try your hand at taking some pictures.
- September 9 – Digging up the past! – Learn about what archeologists do and how an archeological dig works. Try your hand at digging up some artifacts.
- October 14 – An apple a day keeps the doctor away! – Learn about medicine from the past and what doctors did to help people who were sick. Try your hand at bandaging up a patient.
- November 11 – Ready, Aim, Fire! – Learn about weapons from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Try your hand at "shooting" targets.

For more information on the museum's current and upcoming programs, hours of operation, and admissions, and to learn more about supporting our efforts by becoming a member, visit our website at culpepermuseum.com or follow us on Facebook!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Museum of Culpeper History is seeking volunteers to help with its daily operations and ongoing programs. Are you interested in local, state, or national history? Do you like teaching and sharing information? Do you enjoy meeting new people every day? Our volunteers allow us to put visitors in touch with the story of Culpeper's past every day, seven days a week. Without their hard work and support, we would not be able to do the work we do!

The museum is continually seeking docents for our admissions desk to welcome visitors, process admissions, convey information, and make gift shop sales. Docents provide a brief orientation to visitors upon request, and may be asked to assist with museum programs taking place during the day. Volunteer docents must make a minimum monthly commitment of six hours of volunteer work (two 3 hour shifts).

As we expand our programming, the museum is looking for experienced creators of educational content to expand and improve our available school, children's, and family programs. Program assistants are sought who can help develop new activities and aid in their delivery to audiences. Volunteers in this position must undergo a background check.

John Christiansen, Executive Director

7 Family Friendly Activities and Events in Culpeper this Season *by Nicole Warner, Town of Culpeper*

1. Goat snuggling at Charming Hill Farm – Spend an afternoon snuggling baby goats, enjoying chickens, bunnies, ducks, turkeys and more at this scenic farm located in Brandy Station. Reservations are required. Book your visit today at CharmingHillFarm.com
2. Hayride & Pumpkin Patch at Round Hill Farm – Take the entire family to Round Hill Farm this season to enjoy a traditional wagon ride out to their pumpkin patch to pick the perfect pumpkin for carving. Admission includes access to their zip line, hay bale maze, moon bounces and more!! Check their website for 2023 season updates and special activities. Round-Hill-Farm.com
3. Camping on the Rappahannock River at Rappahannock River Campground – Plan a weekend camping, fishing and enjoying the Rappahannock River at Rappahannock River Campground. They offer year round daily canoe and kayak rentals and special event rentals too! 540-385-6222, RappahannockRiverCampground.com
4. Shopping at Culpeper’s Fall Farmers Market – Saturday mornings through the end of October you can find a variety of local farms, artisans and kids activities at the Fall Farmers Market from 7:30am - 12pm. The perfect way to start your day. Culpeperdowntown.com/events/farmers-market/
5. Farm visits during Culpeper’s Annual Farm Tour (Sept. 16th & 17th) – This event provides a wonderful educational experience and includes an array of hands-on activities and demonstrations. This year there are 15 farms to choose from. CulpeperFarmTour.com
6. Experience Historic Salubria Plantation After Dark (Oct. 20th & 21st) – If you have never been to historic Salubria before their annual Fall After Dark events are the perfect excuse to plan a visit. Enjoy a guided tour of the property as well as some historic and spooky stories too. Germanna.org/event-calendar
7. Attend Culpeper’s 2nd Annual Rodeo (Sept. 2nd) – The 2nd Annual Culpeper Rodeo returns this Fall on September 2nd from 3:30pm – 8:00pm. Check out a variety of incredible local food trucks, live music, country line dancing and more before the rodeo begins at 6pm. Fun for the whole family! CulpeperRodeo.com



Photo: Charming Hill Farm



Photo: Charming Hill Farm



Photo: Reformed Photography

Take your time leaving, but hurry back to Culpeper Downtown



Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. (CRI), your local 501c3 nonprofit Main Street Program, continues to produce the best events around...come see what you are missing every Saturday, rain or shine, at the Culpeper Downtown Farmers Market. Located at 318 S. West Street through October, from 7:30am to 12pm, enjoy an open air, family friendly Market, while shopping locally, supporting small and discovering the best produce, meats and more. Walk a block towards Main Street and find yourself immersed in the south side of Downtown, with enough shops and activities to keep you busy and your belly full!

Summer's not over yet! There's still time to catch a 3rd Thursday Summer Concert, taking place Thursday, August 17th (rain date September 21st), in Culpeper Downtown's Depot District, from 5pm to 9pm. Enjoy an outdoor concert under the stars while relaxing the night away to the sounds of The Castaways. With food trucks, cold beer and wine, as well as a kid's corner, this annual summer concert series is a fan favorite for a reason!

As we inch our way towards fall, be sure to mark your calendar for the 2023 Hop N Hog Culpeper Block Party & BBQ Competition. It's sure to be an explosion of heat, smoke, spice and everything nice at the Depot District on Saturday, October 21st from 12pm to 5pm. Enjoy the best local and regional BBQ, along with live music, adult beverages, games, artisan vendors and more! Visit www.culpeperdowntown.com for details on Hop N Hog and the many other events, brought to you by the world's one and only, Culpeper Renaissance, Inc.

Besides community and fundraising events, CRI works to constantly support and shine a spotlight on our quaint, unique and small business rich downtown. While many visualize the legendary East Davis Street when thinking of our picturesque town, and rightfully so, as it is truly the anchor that sustains the downtown heartbeat, there is so much to see and do just a few blocks off East Davis, in every direction! Find yourself in the Waters Place District and enjoy art classes, breweries, coffee, salons, restaurants and specialty shops! Venture towards Main Street from Waters Place and find so many family friendly activities, you'll have to make two trips! Shop, eat, drink and repeat. You can do it all in Culpeper's Downtown! Head north on Main Street and discover murals, a pocket park, and you guessed it, more specialty shops, spas and restaurants! Get out and explore today, not only will you discover something new, but you can support your tried-and-true favorites while in Culpeper Downtown!

To learn more about Culpeper Downtown and CRI, including the Culpeper Downtown Farmers Market and other events, be sure to like and follow Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. on Facebook and Instagram. Subscribe to our monthly newsletter by visiting www.culpeperdowntown.com. Interested in volunteering or have specific questions, email crievents@culpeperdowntown.com.

*Candice Hayes
CRI Special Events Coordinator*



**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
THE CULPEPER CHAMBERS
109TH ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS
BANQUET**

- NOMINATE A:**
- YOUNG PROFESSIONAL
 - SMALL BUSINESS
 - LARGE BUSINESS
 - ENTREPRENEUR
 - NON PROFIT
 - OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

**NOMINATIONS OPEN THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30TH
CULPEPERCHAMBER.COM/AWARDS**



**DO YOU KNOW A POTENTIAL
AWARD WINNER?**



**The Culpeper Fiesta is
Back, 17th Year!**

Free Family Friendly Party
at the Depot
Friday, September 22, 6-10 pm
Kids' Activities, Great Food,
Awesome Music!

Important Community Resources
and Information



Tunes by DJ Rosales



Live Music Veneno MX



The Brandy Station Foundation



The Brandy Station Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) all-volunteer community organization dedicated to preserving the natural and historic resources of the Brandy Station area of Culpeper County. The BSF relies on tax-deductible donations and volunteers to meet its goals. While our focus is toward the Civil

War history of the Brandy Station vicinity, our efforts are not limited to that time period. The Foundation website is www.brandystationfoundation.com.

GRAFFITI HOUSE TOURS



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our BSF Sunday lecture series resumed this year. The series is held monthly from April through September at the Graffiti House beginning at 2 PM. Light refreshments are provided. Free, but donations are welcome.

August 20, 2023: Gene Schmiel: “Women of the Civil War” Gene is author of: “Civil War Women: Underestimated and indispensable: 50 women who made a difference in the “American Iliad”.

September 17, 2023: Bob Gilbert: “The Signal Corps During the Civil War”

During the Civil War, a new signal technology was used by both Union and Confederate armies. Flags or torches were used to communicate across the battlefield and beyond.



BRANDY STATION BATTLEFIELD TOURS

Tours of the Brandy Station Battlefield are available year-round. Sections of the battlefield to be toured will be based on visitor requests. Examples are Beverly Ford & St. James Church areas; Kelly’s Ford & Stevensburg areas; Fleetwood Hill; Buford Knoll & Yew Ridge. Tour duration is from two up to four hours, based on your wishes. The cost of these tours is \$30 per hour per group. All proceeds go to the work of the Brandy Station Foundation. To schedule a tour, please contact the Foundation at 540-317-5581 or email bsfgh1863@gmail.com with an advanced reservation time of five days.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Brandy Station Foundation is looking for volunteers to be friendly greeters and tour guides at the Graffiti House with its rooms of Civil War graffiti. Please call the Foundation at 540-317-5581 to leave a message or email bsfgh1863@gmail.com.

Culpeper County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association Firefighter I and II Graduating Class of 2023

On May 20th, the Culpeper Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association held a small celebration to congratulate our latest certified firefighters. Graduates, Instructors, department Chiefs, and families of the graduates had the opportunity to socialize over a light lunch, followed by presentations of certificates and concluding with a cake. Those passing the tests are Jason Baker, James Dunning, Colton Fletcher, Shane Kauffman, Courtney Kline, Justin Lloyd, Thomas Neil, Katie Plath, Charles Smith, Ryan Smith, Victor Sotelo, Tim Toler, Ryan Turner, Coleman Walters, Julia Waltman.

This group of men and women invested over 300 hours of classroom, homework assignments, practical exercises over the last six months. At the conclusion of the training, all the students participated in a Virginia Department of Fire Programs state certification tests as well as practical skills evolutions where they were all required to demonstrate skills they learned to evaluators. The program included safety, ventilation, forcible entry, search and rescue, fire streams and suppression techniques, personal protective equipment, fire extinguishment,



and hazardous materials mitigation. The content of this program is based on the NFPA 1001 standard. We applaud their dedication in giving back to the community. Well done and stay safe!

Kids in the News



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Plus Check out Kid Central on Facebook for Important Updates

Why Kid Central?

- All Day Summer Camp
- Flexible
- Affordable
- Tuition Assistance
- Quality Childcare Since 1990
- State Licensed
- Located at Culpeper Elementary Schools
- Award Winning
- Middle School
- Culpeper Sport and Fitness Partnerships
- New Bus and Van
- Fun Staff
- Community Focused



Back to School Time

Summer never seems long enough when you are spending time with friends. Now is the time to prepare for a brand new school year.

This summer Kid Central benefited from all the new local opportunities available for us to enjoy— a new fieldhouse, recreation center, programs, parks and of course field trips were a blast. This summer was packed with fun, new learning opportunities, friendships and outdoor exploration. We are thankful along with our community partners to offer the best, yet affordable summer camp in the area.

Our summer camp included our longtime partnership with the USDA's Summer Food Program. This program provides free breakfast and lunch for our camp children and staff under 18-years.

Kid Central is also partnered with PATH, Culpeper Parks and Recreation, Boom Fitness, Culpeper 4H Extension Office, and other local businesses this summer.

Heading into the new school year you can still keep up with 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.

Kid Central was designed and created to serve working parents and to offer high quality care at an affordable cost.

In recent years, Kid Central has weathered the storm of a global pandemic, celebrated over 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, Best Summer Camp, all while creating fun and smiles for our children and families. Kid Central had the best summer ever and we have expanded transportation capabilities with new and comfortable transportation options.

Kid Central is thankful for the opportunity to serve the childcare needs of working families in Culpeper. Smiles are our favorite currency.

Kid Facts

This summer Kid Central had a new small and large bus available to meet our local transportation needs with comfort and safety.



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



This summer our middle school girls learned about hair styling at the Culpeper Cosmetology Training Center in Downtown Culpeper



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, StageWorks is currently looking for instructors to teach classes to students of all ages. Please contact Jessy Mahr at stageworks@windmorefoundation.org.

If you want to learn more about StageWorks, including upcoming auditions and shows, go to www.windmorefoundation.org.



Piedmont Community Band

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

Windmore's Pen-to-Paper Writers' group has published a new Anthology, *Some Other Words*. This 270-page book is full of stories, poems, and illustrations from twenty-two Windmore members. They have also included eight stories in Memoriam to honor writers from the past. The Anthology Committee worked with Les Walters to design the cover. Fran Cecere edited the book with a team of beta readers and Caryn Moya Block formatted the book.

SOME OTHER WORDS



AN ILLUSTRATED ANTHOLOGY

Windmore Foundation
For The Arts

The book includes stories and poems for all ages. Included are stories about Celebrations, Animals, Family, Love, and just plain Fun. The illustrations add life and special appeal to the selections.

The anthology is available on Amazon for \$11.99 plus shipping and handling. eBooks are available for \$3.99 from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Smashwords.

The Pen-to-Paper meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month. The meetings start at 10:15 AM and 5:00 PM in the conference room of the Culpeper Library. For more information email: pen-to-paper@windmorefoundation.org.

Windmore Publishing Discussion Group

The Publishing Group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:15AM to noon in the conference room of the Culpeper County Library. The group is led by John Espley. 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.

Youth Fine Arts

Attention Children and Teens!!

We need your input!

Youth Fine Arts will be offering classes and groups especially for young people. We want to know what you would like to learn about or do in the arts and humanities.

Is there a class you want to take that isn't currently offered anywhere?

Would you like to meet with others who have similar interests, but there is no club or group meeting yet?

Let us know!

Youth Fine Arts is always looking for new ideas and maybe your idea would be a great fit for a new Windmore Youth Fine Arts class or group.

Send your ideas to Amanda Beck at YouthFineArts@windmorefoundation.org.