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## A Message from the Board of Supervisors



Tom S. Underwood, Susan L. Gugino, Shelia Jane Weimer, Paul W. Bates, Kimberly Ellis, Gary M. Deal, John C. Egertson, Kathy Campbell, David E. Durr, Brad C. Rosenberger *Photo by Danielle Fincham*

Dear Citizens:

Greetings from your Board of Supervisors. It can sometimes be a challenge to write this letter each quarter. On the one hand, it is often difficult to anticipate what matters might be most pressing by the time the Culpeper Quarterly actually reaches you. On the other hand, it always pays to be thinking ahead and planning for the future, a trait I think is very important.

We know this quarter that once this issue is delivered, we will be almost ready to finalize the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. This is a process that takes much of our time and attention, and that of our staff, each and every winter. As part of that process, every two years Culpeper County performs a reassessment of land values. The Department of Real Estate Assessments is responsible for the fair and equitable valuation of real property in Culpeper County. The current assessment became effective January 1, 2021 and remained in effect until January of this year. As has been the case in the past, land values have increased significantly. We know this will be a concern for many of our residents. The Board, as always, will strive to keep taxes low while working to provide the best services and quality of life improvements to our citizens.

We focused a great deal of time and energy in 2022 (and into 2023) on a number of important issues. Some of those are now wrapping up. In February, the Board adopted a new Utility Scale Solar Development Ordinance and an accompanying revised Utility Scale Solar Policy. Having these documents in place will help us to make decisions in the future about the location of prospective solar applications and streamline a complex process of reviewing applications for this specific use. The solar specific caseload that our Planning and Zoning Department has been dealing with for many years has been highly time-consuming and we are glad to have the ordinance and policy in place. The Board also worked to finalize an updated Culpeper County Comprehensive Plan. Our last Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2015 and we all know how much has changed since then. Our Planning staff worked hard to incorporate public input into this document and while that was hindered by the pandemic, they did an excellent job. Our partnership with the Town of Culpeper to bring Culpeper County its first public pool has also been significantly advanced, with a conceptual design agreed upon and architectural and engineering services authorized to move forward. Our goal is to open the pool in time for the summer season in 2024. A number of things will have to go well in order to realize that expedited process. I am keeping my fingers crossed for another mild winter and for supply chain disruptions to continue to improve.

As a local government, we strive to always act in the best interest of our citizens. While everyone may not agree on what is best, it is our collective community interest that we have at heart. Each and every Board member is committed to governing to the very best of their ability. It is our greatest wish that 2023 will bring many more good things to our community as a whole and to each and every one of our citizens.

For the Board,

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The Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department's annual fundraising fair will be held **Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>** this year. It will feature a new midway provider as Amusements of America will provide the rides and games.

This is the largest fundraising event for the all-volunteer fire department that provides fire and emergency medical services first responder service to the community.

Not only will the annual fair feature a new carnival company, but it will also be open this year on Sunday afternoon, which will be a first.

Advance ride ticket purchases will be available on-line, later in the year. The annual firemen's parade will be on Thursday evening, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The fair will once again have live music on the midway each evening. The annual lawn & garden tractor pull will be on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be cash prizes; along with numerous other prizes given away on Saturday evening; as usual.

The Brandy Station Fire Department Auxiliary will feature some fine cooked food from the fairground's kitchen.

There is no admittance fee to enter the Brandy Station fairgrounds, and there is plenty of free parking. The fairgrounds are located at 20057 Fleetwood Heights Road in Brandy Station.



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## New Pathways Tech by Frank Bossio

### Learn Computer Numerically Controlled Manufacturing (CNC)

at our local campus at the Carver Center in Culpeper.

If you are interested in computers, 3D printing, and doing things hands-on, then you are in the right place. In six months, you could have the skills to enter into the world of the machinist. If successful, you will operate and program CNC machines that build parts for everything from airplanes to surgical instruments.

New Pathways Tech was formed in 2014 as a result of many ongoing discussions taking place throughout the county regarding the future of technical training, and what should be done. After much discussion with civic groups, industry leaders, and businesses, the conclusion was, that there needed to be a fresh approach. A comprehensive effort that included business, education, and industry, as well as manufacturing.

The input from industry was clear, whatever path we took, it should be a very flexible system to respond to the rapidly changing pace of business. Technology is moving at a faster pace than ever before. In many instances resulting in a loss of, or changing of employment. This meant flexible course curricula for business and flexible starting times for those desiring a new skill set.

In cooperation with Culpeper County, Germanna Community College, surrounding School Systems and DMG MORI, one of the largest makers of CNC equipment in the world, New Pathways Tech was born.

The concept was simple in premise. Build a system that was responsive to individuals who could not wait to begin a new career while at the same time being responsive to the everchanging needs of business. Simple you say?

We became a 501C3 non-profit organization in 2016 and achieved our SCHEV (State Council on Higher Education in Virginia) certification, that every higher education organization must have in order to operate in Virginia. Our machinist credentials are issued by NIMS (National Institute for Metalworking Skills), which are widely accepted throughout the United States.

In 2017 we began our relationship with DMG MORI who liked the idea of flexibility in training courses and flexible start times for students. With the cooperation of Culpeper County, and a partnership with Germanna Community College, the school began its journey. CNC machines and tooling were donated or leased at minimal cost. The outpouring of support from the community, and surrounding counties was amazing.

### CNC

Today, New Pathways offers training classes to all ages from high school to retired individuals. The classes provide credentials through written and hands on testing in each area of instruction. The environment is friendly and the learning is at your own pace. In many cases funding is largely paid for by programs from the state. State funding does come with a time limit. More detail and information can be obtained by calling 540-423-2134, or visiting our website at [www.newpathwaystech.com](http://www.newpathwaystech.com).

### CAD/CAM

New Pathways also has instruction in (Computer Aided Design) using Solid Works, to actually design the work piece. Our instructor Tom Reich (no photo available) is a highly qualified engineer and a passionate teacher who is highly rated by our students. These courses are separate from the CNC instruction.

We are currently working on adding Master Cam (Computer Aided Manufacturing) to our offerings.

### SOLIDWORKS Fast Track Training Program

**When:** Starting March 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday nights from 7 – 9pm

**Where:** New Pathways Tech, 9440 James Madison Hwy.  
Rapidan, VA 22733

**Course 1 Cost:** \$700 for 10 sessions

**Contact:** Sue Hansohn (540) 423-2134 or [shansohn@yahoo.com](mailto:shansohn@yahoo.com)

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### New Pathways Instructors

The heart and soul of the organization is the talent and dedication of our instructors who are all experienced and have a passion for education.



Left to right: Belgrove Josiah, Nick Dorocheff, Joe Parker (Chief Instructor)

If you are at the beginning of a career, changing careers, an entrepreneur or just want a change, here is an opportunity to engage in an occupation that touches every part of daily life in some way. If you want to work in a field that is necessary for everything from aerospace to brain surgery and beyond, this is your opportunity.

The CNC program is taught Tuesdays and Thursdays

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For information visit our website at [www.newpathwaystech.com](http://www.newpathwaystech.com) or call:

Sue Hansohn 540-423-2134

Frank Bossio 540-222-4871

If you are a business in need of training CNC operators or have specific needs for training, please call Frank Bossio at the number above.

## Culpeper Small Businesses: Your Partners are Here to Help! *by Rosi Beachy*

**Own an existing business you'd like to take to the next level?**

**Have an idea for a new business?**

**Exploring or expanding selling overseas or to the government?**

The Central Virginia Small Business Development Center (CV SBDC) is here to help. An extension of your business team, we offer free, confidential, 1:1 business advice and resources right here in Culpeper!

Rosi Beachy, Assistant Director and Business Advisor, is available for consulting sessions either in person at the Culpeper Economic Development office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or virtually through Zoom 5 days a week. Rosi taps into 24 additional business and technical experts who specialize in finance, branding, sales, access to capital, exporting and more, bringing you the solutions to your business questions.



The CV SBDC is hosted by Community Investment Collaborative (CIC), a Community Development Finance Institution (CDFI), with a mission to strengthen the community and contribute to economic development. CIC fuels the success of under-resourced entrepreneurs through education, mentoring, financing, and networking. It celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2022, has over 500 graduates from its 16-week Entrepreneur Workshop, and has issued more than \$2.5 million to over 175 entrepreneurs through its microloan program. CIC also offers mentoring, Small Business Circles, a Financial Management Program and a host of other resources to support the holistic and ongoing development of local entrepreneurs, honoring its commitment to empower small business for big change!

**Looking for a more comprehensive business training/experience?**

We've got you covered! Join us for one or more of the following Culpeper events in 2023:

**Culpeper County Conference (C-3):** April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Germanna Community College – Daniel Technology Center. A day of working on your business, free to local businesses, sponsored by the Culpeper County Economic Development Office. Drop in for one or more sessions that apply to your specific business. See [culpeperconference.com](http://culpeperconference.com) or [cvsbdc.org](http://cvsbdc.org) for more information and to register.

**Culpeper Competes:** an 8-week program covering everything you need to know to get your business started. Including the CV SBDC Business Essentials Training program sessions, Culpeper Competes begins May 17<sup>th</sup> and culminates in a pitch competition July 26<sup>th</sup>. Earn your Business Essentials Certificate! Register at: [cvsbdc.org](http://cvsbdc.org).

Looking for a more robust, in-person, cohort learning experience? The Community Investment Collaborative is holding their signature 16-Week Entrepreneur Workshop in Culpeper Fall 2023. The Entrepreneur Workshop promises high-energy, engaging discussions and development centered around your business, with excellent networking opportunities with your entrepreneur peers and leaders of the business community. Visit the CIC website ([cicville.org/entrepreneur-workshop](http://cicville.org/entrepreneur-workshop)) for more information.

The Central Virginia SBDC also offers online webinars that tackle specific business issues like Starting Your Business, Selling to the Government, Digital Marketing, and more. Please see our Calendar of Events page for our current schedule ([cvsbdc.org/calendar-of-events](http://cvsbdc.org/calendar-of-events).)

Small business success is our mission! For more information on any of our programs, or to schedule a meeting, contact us: 434-295-8198, [contact@cvsbdc.org](mailto:contact@cvsbdc.org), or visit us online at [cvsbdc.org](http://cvsbdc.org) and [cicville.org](http://cicville.org).

CV SBDC is located in the Culpeper Economic Development Office at 803 South Main Street, Culpeper VA



## Culpeper County Economic Development Announces

### Culpeper County Conference

Are you a small business owner? Are you thinking about starting a business? Join us on April 26 for the first Culpeper County Conference! This one-day event hosted at Germanna Community College will have seminars and classes to give you an opportunity to work on your business.

Culpeper County's Department of Economic Development, the Central Virginia Small Business Development Center and the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to provide businesses owners a chance to plan for the future, implement best practices and network with other Culpeper businesses. Participants can come for one session or stay the entire day! Lunch will be provided and will include a roundtable discussion from successful Culpeper businesses.

Learn more and register for the Culpeper County Conference at [www.CulpeperConference.com](http://www.CulpeperConference.com)! Call Bryan Rothamel at the Department of Economic Development if you have questions, (540) 727-3410.

### Introducing Choose Culpeper Farms

Choose Culpeper Farms seeks to highlight Culpeper Farms and agricultural operations, products, and events and provide education on making agriculture and fresh, local products part of your family's everyday lives. Visitors can now get up close and personal by learning about Culpeper farms open-to-the-public and information on events hosted by farms. The recently launched website provides consumers with information on purchasing farm-to-table products from farms throughout the county.

Culpeper County's Department of Economic Development worked with community groups and organizations to provide educational resources for users. Follow Choose Culpeper Farms on their Facebook page to learn more about your favorite farms and hear from farmers through their monthly farm highlights.

Tailored for our farming population, our 'for farms' section provides resources on grants and loans available for farms, information on purchasing products wholesale, and a job bulletin feature. Are you a Culpeper Farm interested in learning more about Choose Culpeper Farms and how our department can better assist you, contact us today.



## Culpeper Fiesta Returns this September!



### Save the Date

Bring the family and enjoy the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Culpeper Fiesta, Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 – 10:00 pm at the Culpeper Depot, kicking off Hispanic Heritage Month!

Celebrate Latin American culture with tacos, pupusas, frozen treats, fresh-baked pastries, and more.

Come enjoy that irresistible Latino beat with the whole family! Free to enter.

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[www.facebook.com/culpeperfiesta](http://www.facebook.com/culpeperfiesta)  
[www.culpeperfiesta.org](http://www.culpeperfiesta.org)

September 22nd

## Culpeper County Chamber of Commerce - 108th Annual Awards Banquet

The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce announced its annual award winners at the 108th Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet Nov. 3, 2022.

Scott Smith and family, who own Ashland Farm, were honored as the Agribusiness of the Year. Smith's family has owned Ashland Farm since 1960 and he has transitioned the farm from dairy to grain. Today Ashland grows approximately 700 acres of soybeans, 400 acres of corn, 150 acres of grass hay, 100 acres of wheat and 86 acres of alfalfa. Smith's sons Andrew and Stone work with him every day and will be the fifth generation of the family to run the farm.

Mountain Run Winery was named the Small Business of the Year. David Foster and his wife Kayti Schumann-Foster opened the Winery in 2016 and have become one of the premier wineries in the state. They opened the Greenlee Tavern in July. Their cider won Best in Show in the wine competition at the 2019 Virginia State Fair. Mountain Run Winery works closely with several nonprofits to host events, including Habitat for Humanity, the Museum of Culpeper History, Mom2Mom, The MS Society and the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce.

Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services was named the Large Business of the Year. The organization serves more than 10,000 people annually in a planning district that includes Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock Counties. The agency also celebrated the first anniversary of the SEE Recovery Center – a center that provides a barrier and stigma-free entry point for substance use and behavioral health services.

The Culpeper Mid-Day Lions Club was named the Nonprofit of the Year. In 2022 the Lions helped

more than 350 people get eye exams, glasses and hearing aids. The club also accepts used eyeglasses which can be recycled and used again by someone in need. The Lions have donated \$60,000 to various causes in the past year as well. The Lions have also been working with Winchester-based Trex to recycle plastic and turning it into park benches.

Kirstan Knipple, who started the nonprofit Mom2Mom, was named the 2022 Young Professional of the Year. Knipple and Mom2Mom last year gave away 5,000 diapers in the region along with wipes, formula and hygiene products. Knipple said her resourcefulness led her to starting Mom2Mom and helping families in need. The nonprofit has two give aways each month, one in Culpeper and one in Orange. A single mom of a daughter, 13, and a son, 8, Knipple lives in Culpeper.

Donny Thompson was named the Entrepreneur of the Year. Thompson, owner of Thompson Auto Repair, started working on automobiles out of his backyard garage before transitioning to a garage in Brandy Station. He now services approximately 200 vehicles a month. Thompson Auto Repair offers a variety of services, including auto repair, general maintenance, engine and transmission replacements, tire replacements, alignments and state inspections.

Charles "Junior" Perryman was named the L.B. Henretty Outstanding Citizen. The longtime volunteer firefighter has been serving Culpeper County since 1983 and is the President of the Culpeper County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. He has been deputy fire chief at Culpeper County Volunteer Fire Department Co. 1 since 2013 and is an adjunct instructor for Virginia firefighters and vice chair of the local emergency planning committee. In the nomination letter written by his daughter Karah Thompson, his dedication to the community was noted. "Christmas, birthdays, sporting events, every cookout, if the tones dropped my dad didn't hesitate and was out the door with a kiss on the forehead and a, 'be back soon.'"



### Offered at the



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**Senior Chats at 10:30** Have you ever wondered what types of community services, are available for senior adults or who to contact to locate this information? To get answers to these questions and other useful information, join us the second Thursday of each month. We'll be sitting down with community leaders that can tell us about resources for emotional, physical and financial wellbeing; as well as programs about living well, staying active, managing stress, having healthy relationships and so much more! For more information email Rev. Hans Murdock at [hmurdock@culpeperbaptist.org](mailto:hmurdock@culpeperbaptist.org).

**Grief Support Group** Are you grieving the loss of loved one or friend? Do you feel overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and loss of hope of ever enjoying life again? Let us walk alongside you during this difficult time. We are offering a Grief Support Group beginning at 5:00 p.m. March 19, 2023 at Culpeper Baptist Church in the Inter-generational Space. Feel free to park in the lower parking lot and access the building through the Generations Central entrance adjacent to the parking lot. [Follow directional signage, and one of our leaders will greet you at the door]. For more information, please call Joyce Beales at 540-825-8192 or email [grief@culpeperbaptist.org](mailto:grief@culpeperbaptist.org).

## Community Partnerships Allow Culpeper Students to get a “Start on Success”

by Laura M. Hoover and Kim Bledsoe, Culpeper County Public Schools



SOS TE Connectivity



SOS Group at TE Connectivity, with Kim Bledsoe, CCPS Special Education Transition Specialist



SOS at Battlefield Auto Group



Left to right: Holly Binkert - Fieldhouse and Athletic Manager for Culpeper Parks and Recreation, James Stephens, Kain Hogsed, Khloe Bowles, Gabriella Membreno, Adam Weakley, Andrew Hardy, Culpeper Parks and Recreation Director

Culpeper County Public Schools (CCPS) is working with local businesses and community partners to implement the “Start on Success” (SOS) School to Work Program. This program is a highly structured school-to-work program for at-risk high school juniors and seniors with an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The students in the program are pursuing a standard or advanced studies diploma.

The CCPS Start on Success program is a collaboration coordinated by the VCU Center on Transition Innovations (CTI), Culpeper County Public Schools, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) and local businesses. In the program, students learn how to build and strengthen their employment skills by applying the skills and knowledge taught in the classroom while working in a paid internship with a local business.

CCPS Special Education Transition Specialist Kim Bledsoe said, “The students in the Start on Success School to Work Program benefit in many ways through the collaboration with a local business. I have seen the students become confident in their skills and abilities on the job. They apply soft skills discussed in the classroom and confidently apply new skills at school and on the job.”

CCPS started this program during the 2021-2022 school year. The first group of students worked in a variety of settings. One student worked with mentors at Battlefield Auto Group in the detailing and building maintenance department, learning how to run equipment, and the importance of maintaining the facilities. Four others worked at A.G. Richardson Elementary School and Culpeper Middle School with mentors on the custodial staff. Three of the students participated in a semester-long job shadow program at TE Connectivity where they learned the different jobs, the materials made and the skills needed in the manufacturing sector. At the conclusion of the semester, CCPS held a luncheon celebrating the partnership with our local businesses and recognizing the skills, and knowledge the students gained.

The first program was very successful and the students enjoyed the experience. Peyton Davis, who graduated from CCHS in 2022, and was one of the first Start on Success students shared, “The Start on Success Program taught me how



James Stephens



Left to right: Kain Hogsed, Khloe Bowles, Holly Binkert

to be more patient with people.” His classmate Oswaldo Leon-Bustillo said, “Being part of this program helped me learn that being consistent is important, and that more experience will give me more confidence and knowledge.”

This school year, five new students began their participation in the Culpeper Start on Success School to Work program. In the fall, students completed the Education for Employment class. During the fall class, students learn about soft skills, job applications, interviewing and participating in a mock interview.

This spring, the students have started internship placements working with the Culpeper Parks and Recreation Department at the new Fieldhouse. They work with mentors and current employees learning how to set the gym up for the various activities, learning how to maintain the fields, working with staff on programs and classes they would like to see offered, and assisting with running the class. The students are also learning about running the front desk and interacting with members of the community that come in to use the facility. Bledsoe said, “They are taking the initiative to seek out what they need to do and what their supervisor expects from them. They grow in their confidence in being successful on the job and in their future.”

In reflecting on the program so far, the students feel that the program is making a difference for them. Kain Hogsed said, “The Start on Success Program helped me gain responsibility in getting my work done and building my accountability.” Adam Weakley added that the program “has given me real world experience in getting ready for my first real job.” Gabi Membreno said that the program, “helps give you an open mind and plenty of opportunities” and Khloe Bowles added, “This class and program has helped me become a little more confident and sure of my skills on the job.” James Stephens said, “I have gained more knowledge on how to do taxes and work in a job setting properly.”

Holly Binkert, Fieldhouse - Athletics Manager at Culpeper Parks and Rec said, “The students of the SOS program have come to work hard and learn! It is apparent that the program has already made a positive impact on these young men and women. Culpeper Parks & Recreation and Culpeper County Public Schools has created a partnership that fosters growth and opportunity! Coming from teaching special education for the last several years, it has always been a mission of mine to create programs for citizens with all needs and abilities. Not only have we partnered with CCPS for the SOS program, but we are also creating an entire unified program for people of all abilities and needs with the help of our SOS employees. We hope to continue this wonderful partnership for years to come!”





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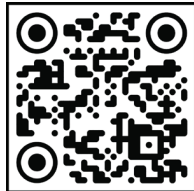


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## CulpeperCon - Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

### Day 1 - March 24 from 6pm to 10pm at Culpeper County Library - Cosplay Contest and Movie Screening

Enjoy cosplay contests for all age groups, including adults. Then, enjoy a movie screening of *Galaxy Quest* with an introduction to the film by the Library of Congress Packard Campus.

### Day 2 - March 25 from 8am to 10am at Rockwater Park - Kosplay5k sponsored by the Town of Culpeper

Encouraging all to dress in costume as their favorite characters and traverse one of Culpeper's public parks for a 5K in support of the Friends of the Library. Prizes and demonstration provided by State Climb. Registration required. Kosplay5k t-Shirts available (with donation) as part of online registration.



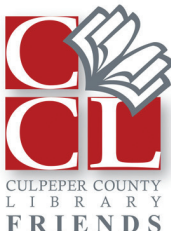
### Day 2 - March 25 from 10am to 5pm at Culpeper County Library - CulpeperCon Main Events

Enjoy listening to our keynote speaker, Dr. Grace Gipson, Assistant Professor of African American Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University. Other panels of speakers will be available throughout the day. Free-play or get instruction on iconic games such as *Pokémon* and *Magic: The Gathering* for all ages. Along with many activities, there will be Live Action Role Play demonstrations or you can take a look at some of the displays and surprise exhibitors. T-shirts available with donation to the Friends of the Library.

### Day 2 - March 25 from 7pm to 10pm at Library Congress Packard Campus Theater - Movie Screening

Sit back and enjoy a screening of the National Film Registry's *Superman (1978)* with Christopher Reeve portraying the iconic Man of Steel at the Library of Congress Packard Campus Theater. Free and open to the public. First come, first seated.

## CulpeperCon - Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



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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](http://www.cclva.org) and click Friends of the Library for more details.

## Adult Services

### Virginia's Constitutions: An Exhibition from the Library of Virginia

#### Now through April 8

We invite you to learn more about all six of Virginia's Constitutions in a poster exhibition.

State constitutions are one of the most essential parts of the social contract. They articulate a way of life and embody fundamentally important ideas about the relationships between people and their government. State constitutions provide additional protections and rights not named in the federal constitution, and can be amended more often than the federal one. Thomas Jefferson believed that state constitutions should be revised at regular intervals.

An exhibition from the Library of Virginia with support from the Virginia Law Foundation, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, ReedSmith LLP, and McGuireWoods. The Virginia Law Foundation promotes through philanthropy the rule of law, access to justice and law-related education.

## Family History

#### Last Tuesday of each month from 10am to 12pm

Grow your family tree by finding roots inside our Local History Room. Meet with Local Historian Julie Bushong the last Tuesday of each month from 10am to 12pm for instruction on using our collection of Culpeper area records plus Ancestry, Heritage Hub, Fold3, & more.

### "Don't Touch That!" Virginia's Poisonous and Venomous Animals

#### April 15 at 10am

Join the *Old Rag Master Naturalists* to safely learn how to identify venomous and poisonous creatures that live right here in Culpeper and surrounding areas. Discover where these animals are likely to be found, how to identify them, and what to do if you do encounter one in nature or your very own garden.

## Children, Tween, and Teen Services



Come explore **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math** in our hands-on **STEAM** programs. We explore a new topic monthly in **Storytime STEAM**, designed for K-2nd graders and **STEAM Squad**, designed for 3rd - 5th graders. Register in person at the Youth Services' desk or by calling 540-825-8691. Space is limited. Sponsored by the *Friends of the Culpeper County Library*.



Join our **FREE** reading program designed for newborns, infants and toddlers. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read 365 books in a year, 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years! Read a book (any book) with your child (you **can** repeat books) and mark it on your paper log. For every 100 books read, your child will receive a **FREE** book to encourage their love of reading. Learn more at the Youth Services' desk and pick up your free starter pack. Sponsored by the *Friends of the Culpeper County Library*.

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



## Indoor Things to Do in Culpeper *by Nicole Warner*

Swimming, rock climbing, and more... the fun does not have to stop on a rainy day, or if it's too cold outside for an outdoor adventure. Here are just a few of the best indoor things to do in Culpeper, Virginia.

### **Golf/multi-sport simulator & indoor batting cages at PATH Recreation & Fitness Center** –

Plan an afternoon practicing your swing at the indoor batting cages or trying out the new golf and multi-sport simulator at PATH Recreation and Fitness Center. Both activities are hourly rentals and open to the public.

Address: 19002 Crossroad Parkway, Culpeper, VA 22701 Phone Number: 540-825-0000

**Swimming at Powell Wellness Center** - The aquatic arena includes a warm-water pool, two warm-water pockets for therapy, a two-lane walking oval with chest-high water and a current, and lap lanes for swimming or aqua classes. Day passes are available for visitors to enjoy without the commitment of an annual membership.

Address: 1005 Golf Dr., Culpeper, VA 22701 Phone Number: 540-445-5406

**Shopping on Davis Street** – Locally made art, gifts and honey, children's toys, clothes, accessories, scented candles and so much more. You can plan on spending several hours exploring the dozens of unique shops and eateries along Davis Street and in the historic downtown district.

Visitor Center Address: 111 S. Commerce St., Culpeper, VA 22701 Phone Number: 540-727-0611

**Catch a FREE Movie at The Library of Congress Packard Theater** - The Packard Campus of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center is a state-of-the-art facility where the Library of Congress acquires, preserves, and provides access to the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of films, television programs, radio broadcasts, and sound recordings. They open their doors weekly for FREE movie showings throughout the year. Be sure to check their screening schedule on their [website](#).

Address: 19053 Mount Pony Rd., Culpeper, VA 22701 Phone Number: 202-707-5840

**Puzzle Room Live** – Fun and challenging for couples, friends, and families this indoor adventure offers three themed room options based on the level of difficulty you choose. They offer an interactive and memorable experience for all.

Address: 509 South Main St., Culpeper, VA 22701 Phone Number: 540-717-7159

**Bounce With Us** – The area's only indoor, family, bounce house. General admission tickets get you unlimited bouncing access. Available for birthday parties and private events you can stop in for an hour or two or rent the space for your own celebration!

Address: 19400 Brandy Rd., Culpeper, VA 22714 Phone Number: 540-812-2168

**Rock Climbing at State Climb** – No reservations or experience is necessary to enjoy scaling the wall at this indoor rock climbing facility. You can opt for a guided climb or try it out for yourself. They also offer Aerial silk workshops throughout the year. (Reservations are required for these.)

Address: 115 East Locust St., Culpeper, VA 22701 Phone Number: 540-317-7100

**See local art at Village Frameworks & Gallery** – Discover an array of local art displayed at Village Frameworks and Gallery right on Main Street in Culpeper. For over 30 years this gallery has been showcasing local and national artists work to pay homage to the owner's roots in the community he grew up in and their love of the arts as well.

Address: 206 South Main St., Culpeper, VA 22701 Phone Number: 540-825-7515

**Find your inner artist at Glazed Up or Wine & Design** – Plan an afternoon filled with creativity where you can paint your own unique pottery at Glazed Up! Or choose to take a guided class painting your own canvas to take home with you at Wine & Design.

Glazed Up Address: 219 East Davis St. #130, Culpeper, VA 22701 Phone Number: 540-543-0880

Wine & Design Address: 109 Waters Pl. #109, Culpeper, VA 22701 Phone Number: 540-661-8409

For more things to do, activities, and events please visit <https://visitculpeperva.com/>



**PATH Rec Center**

*Photo Credit - Culpeper Wellness Foundation*



**Powell Rec Center**

*Photo credit - Culpeper Wellness Foundation*



**Packard Campus Theatre**

*Photo credit - Library of Congress*



**State Climb**

*Photo Credit - Visit Culpeper VA Tourism Office*

## Culpeper Renaissance Inc. (CRI) - Enjoy Downtown Culpeper by Candice Hayes

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the words "Downtown Culpeper"? With so many avenues of fun it would be hard to give just one answer. Our eclectic and diverse downtown has been a labor of love for Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. (CRI), a non-profit Main Street organization, since its inception in 1987. CRI staff and volunteers have worked hard over the years bringing economic vitality, awareness and charming aesthetics to our downtown, not only achieving, but also maintaining accreditation from the National Main Street America program.

Culpeper Downtown is dotted with some of the best restaurants, shops, boutique hotels and breweries that Culpeper has to offer, making the downtown the heartbeat of our community. Communities thrive on support and interaction, so be sure to think of CRI and Culpeper Downtown throughout the year; celebrating and enjoying the many art classes, spas & salons, specialty retail & fashion boutiques, flavors from around the world, historic murals and outdoor concerts...it's all DOWNTOWN!

Culpeper Renaissance prides itself on producing quality events through the help of sponsors and great community partners like the Town of Culpeper and its many integral departments such as the Police, Public Works and Light & Power. CRI's upcoming buzzworthy events taking place in downtown, include the **Gnarly Culpeper Block Party** (April 29), the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Summer Concert Series** (May through August) and the **Hop N Hog Culpeper Block Party & BBQ Competition** (October 21). Enjoy live, quality music, cold beer & fine wine, food trucks, adult & children game areas, all while staying just a stone's throw away from home.

**Culpeper Downtown Calendar of Events 2023**

- February 18: Culpeper Downtown Carnival
- April 29: Gnarly Block Party
- Every Saturday: Culpeper Downtown Farmers Market (May-October)
- October 9-15: Culpeper Downtown Restaurant Week
- October 31: Merchant Halloween Trick-or-Treating
- November 19: Community Tree Lighting
- February 18-19: Culpeper Downtown Restaurant Week
- March 6-12: Culpeper Downtown Restaurant Week
- May 18, Jun 15, July 20, Aug 17: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Summer Concert Series (Rain Date: Sep 21)
- October 21: Hop N Hog Culpeper Block Party
- Nov & Dec: Culpeper Downtown for the Season
- November 25: Celebrate Small Business Saturday

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the world's smallest city  
[www.culpeperdowntown.com](http://www.culpeperdowntown.com)

Make plans with your out-of-town friends and spend the weekend shopping, eating, drinking, dancing, crafting and relaxing... all in Culpeper Downtown!

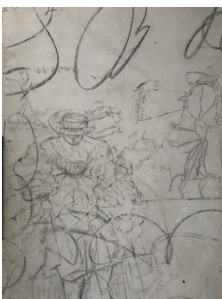
To learn more about Culpeper Renaissance, to volunteer or to sponsor an event visit [www.culpeperdowntown.com](http://www.culpeperdowntown.com), email [crievents@culpeperdowntown.com](mailto:crievents@culpeperdowntown.com) or call (540)825-4416.



## Brandy Station Foundation by Peggy Misch

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](http://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](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com). Admission is free, but donations are welcome. The Graffiti House will reopen on Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 12PM-4PM after being closed for drop-in hours

during January and February.

### BRANDY STATION BATTLEFIELD TOURS

Tours of the Brandy Station Battlefield are available year-round with advance notice. Sections of the Battlefield to be toured will be based on visitor requests. Tour duration is two to four hours. The cost of these tours is \$30 per hour per group. To schedule a tour, please contact the Foundation at 540-317-5581 or email [bsfgh1863@gmail.com](mailto:bsfgh1863@gmail.com) with an advanced reservation time of five days. All proceeds go to the work of the Brandy Station Foundation.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Park Day is an annual hands-on volunteer event to help Civil War and other historic sites shine their brightest. The Brandy Station Foundation will hold its Park Day on Saturday, April 15th, 2023, at the Graffiti House starting at 10:00 AM. If you can help that day, please call the Foundation at 540-317-5581 or email [bsfgh1863@gmail.com](mailto:bsfgh1863@gmail.com). Thanks for participating and volunteering to enhance the Graffiti House.

Our BSF Sunday lecture series resumes this year. Our speaker on April 16th is Jeff Say on a Civil War ancestor and his Graffiti House connection; our speaker on May 7th is Dr. Michael Hill on Civil War medicine. The series is held at the Graffiti House beginning at 2 PM. Light refreshments are provided. Free, but donations are welcome.

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, there will be a living history event at the Graffiti House featuring members of the 23rd United States Colored Troops. The Regiment included Culpeper-born soldiers and those from the surrounding counties. In early May 1864, the Regiment crossed the Rappahannock River into Culpeper County as the Union's Overland Campaign got underway.

On the long weekend of June 9-11, 2023, the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Brandy Station will be remembered by the Brandy Station Foundation and other organizations. Please continue to check the BSF website for upcoming activities.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Graffiti House and the Brandy Station Foundation are looking for volunteers. Civil War history buff? Looking for new friends who share your interest? The Graffiti House needs you! To volunteer or for more information please call the Foundation at 540-317-5581 to leave a message or email [bsfgh1863@gmail.com](mailto:bsfgh1863@gmail.com). We are looking for volunteers to be friendly greeters and tour guides at the Graffiti House with its rooms of Civil War graffiti.

Join us as we preserve our past for our future.



## Kids in the News



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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?

- 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 Partnership
- New Bus and Van
- Fun Staff
- Community Focused



# Excited for Summer?

Are you ready for summer camp? Can you come out to play?

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

This summer Kid Central is very excited about all the new local opportunities available for us to enjoy—a new fieldhouse, gyms, a fitness center, programs, parks and of course field trips await. Spring is a time for summer plans and a welcome return to warm weather.

Kid Central's Summer Day Camp will begin 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.

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 as summer approaches 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.

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 wants this to be the best summer ever we even have expanded transportation capabilities that are new and comfortable.

## Kid Facts

This summer Kid Central will have 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.**



Last 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...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](mailto:stageworks@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](mailto:pcb@windmorefoundation.org).



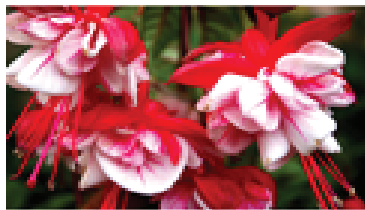
### Windmore Events

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.

### 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](mailto:pen-to-paper@windmorefoundation.org).

### 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 Cindy Siira and Sally Humphries. 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).

### A Wild and Crazy...Artist???

Steve Martin has been recognized for decades as a great writer, actor, and comedian. In his stand-up comedy act, Martin, in a pure white suit to match his premature gray hair, would don a gag arrow-through-his-head prop and play ditties on the banjo, while doing funny bits of often outlandish comedy. The image of a man in a white suit and gray hair, with an arrow through his head, doing absurdist comedy while plucking and picking away on a banjo, was enough to keep audiences in the 1970's and 80's in stitches.

Over time, Martin appeared less on the stand-up stage and more on the movie screen, his comedy more refined and family friendly. The fake arrow-through-the-head disappeared with the white suits, the banjo went back in its case and got pushed to the back of the closet.

Or so many of us thought...

In fact, Steve Martin never really stopped playing the banjo and in the early years of the 21st century, Martin transitioned from being strictly a comedian and actor, adding accomplished musician to his list of accolades. In 2001, Martin played banjo on the Earl Scruggs remake of "Foggy Mountain Breakdown", which won the Best Country Instrumental Performance Grammy in 2002. In 2009, he would release an album entitled "The Crow: New Songs for the 5-String Banjo". The album, which featured vocals by Vince Gill and Dolly Parton, won a Grammy for Best Bluegrass Album in 2010. In May 2009, Steve Martin made his first appearance on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry. In June, he began a long partnership with Steep Canyon Rangers by appearing on the radio show A Prairie Home Companion. Martin has gone on to perform all over the world with his banjo, creating new respect for the instrument and showcasing musicians who have mastered it. To honor banjo and bluegrass virtuosity, Martin established the Steve Martin Prize for Excellence in Banjo and Bluegrass in 2010.

Martin's artistic interests do not end with the banjo. Steve Martin also supports the visual arts, as an avid collector of art and former board member of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. He has organized art shows, and even loaned some of his personal art collection for exhibits. He is also a talented writer, author of several best-selling books, screenplays, and plays.

Artists may become famous in one form of art, like the theatrical art known as stand-up comedy, but their appreciation of other forms of art and desire to introduce it to new audiences is what allows different forms of art, and different genres of art disciplines, to thrive and receive recognition for its contributions to our society.

Thank you to everyone...famous around the world or just in our little corner of it...who support the arts and advocate for greater appreciation for the arts.

If you would like to learn more about Windmore, please visit us at [www.windmorefoundation.org](http://www.windmorefoundation.org).

Kevin Brandriff, Executive Director

Windmore Foundation for the Arts, founded in 1984 provides the visual, literary, and performing arts through awareness, participation, and education. For more information: [www.windmorefoundation.org](http://www.windmorefoundation.org), [info@windmorefoundation.org](mailto:info@windmorefoundation.org), 540-547-4333.

