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More information about the George Washington Carver Food Enterprise Center can be found here: www.gwcfec.org



Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Ashley Appling, Extension Agent, ANR - Horticulture Managing Your Private Well Water Supply

Our office will be holding a drinking water clinic in July 2023. Registration will begin in late May. This drinking water clinic is open to residents of Culpeper, Fauquier, and Rappahannock Counties. Please contact us for more information or to sign up at (540) 727-3435 or lindab75@vt.edu.

In the meantime, here are some tips for managing your private well from the Virginia Household Water Quality Program:

- 1) Make sure your well is properly constructed. Well casing should be 12" above ground, with a sanitary, sealed well cap or secure concrete cover to prevent contamination from insects and surface water. Unsure about your well construction? Visit <https://www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu/well-check.php> for more information.
- 2) The ground should slope away from your well to prevent surface water from pooling around the casing, which can cause contamination and damage your system.
- 3) Ensure your well is at least 100 feet away from potential contamination sources, such as chemical storage, oil tanks, and septic tanks. If you have a septic tank, have it pumped regularly.
- 4) Keep the area around your well clean and accessible. Make sure the area is free of debris, paint, motor oil, pesticides and fertilizers. Do not dump waste near your well or near sinkholes, as this may contaminate your water supply.
- 5) Have your water tested once a year for total coliform bacteria, which will give an indication whether there is a likelihood of more dangerous bacteria present that could potentially cause illness. Every three years, test for pH, total dissolved solids (TDS), nitrate, and other contaminants of local concern.
- 6) Inspect your well annually for any cracks, holes, or corrosion. Ensure your well cap is secure. Every 3 years, or if you suspect a problem, have your well in-



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Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

Lenah Nguyen, Senior Extension Agent, FCS



After many years of planning and fund-raising, the first phase of the George Washington Carver Food Enterprise Center (GWCFEC) is planning to open its doors by the end of the summer. The GWCFEC is a shared-use commercial kitchen and food business entrepreneur incubator aimed at growing food businesses in Culpeper, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Orange, and Madison Counties. We will provide an inspected commercial kitchen for rent, trainings, and expertise in all aspects of food production.

The first phase of the GWCFEC is focused on providing commissary kitchen space for food trucks and caterers. This phase will also create a home for Virginia Cooperative Extension's Stone Soup culinary skills job training and certification program. Finally phase one will allow us to transform produce donations into convenient and nourishing meals for food bank clients with limited cooking equipment.

There are opportunities to support phases 2 and 3 of the GWCFEC. These phases will focus more on providing value-added processing and co-packing services to local producers.

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Managing Your Private Well Water Supply (continued)

spected by a licensed well drilling contractor with a Water Well and Pump (WWP) classification. For a list of contractors who provide well inspections, visit <https://www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu/wellcheck.php>

7) If a well on your property is no longer in use, have it properly abandoned by a licensed well contractor. Wells that are left unsealed or improperly abandoned can serve as a direct pathway for surface water to enter the groundwater supply, causing contamination. Remember: groundwater is a shared resource!

**Carl Stafford, Senior Extension Agent, ANR
Animal Science**

Hay Fire

Each year a small number of producers lose hay and barns to hay fires. A much more common occurrence though is quality losses that occur due to excessive heating of freshly harvested hay. How do heating and quality losses occur and what can you do to monitor and prevent hay fires?

Producers are challenged each year with small windows of opportunity in their efforts to bale and store hay at the proper moisture level while avoiding the risk of rain damage. Forage cut for hay must go from approximately 80% moisture to 20% moisture or less in order to be stable in storage as baled hay. As the cut forage dries down, both plant and microbial respiration (burning of oxygen) continues in the field.

All hay baled above 15% moisture will undergo some elevation in temperature the first couple of weeks in storage, called going through a heat. This rise in temperature is caused by both plant and microbial respiration. Reports from Kentucky indicate that a small amount of heating (130F) does not decrease quality and actually serves to aid dry down.

When baling hay above 20% moisture, take steps to reduce the microbial activity responsible for heating. The loss of energy during heating results in an increase in percent fiber which means the feed will be less digestible. When hay undergoes significant heating, color can change to various shades of brown. Dark color indicates severe damage from heat that lowers digestibility and useable protein, although livestock seem to enjoy eating it.

Baling and storing dry hay with moisture levels too high can result in fire. Moisture is a key ingredient in allowing plant and microbial respiration which generates the heat within the bale.

When the temperature exceeds 175F, microbes die off. Chemical reactions then take over with the potential to rapidly increase internal temperatures up to the point of combustion. The time it takes for temperatures to build up could be as long as several months to just a few weeks - it depends.

Small square bales should be baled at 20% moisture or less to minimize heating. Larger bales should be baled at less than 18% moisture as their size retains more heat. When baling above 20% moisture use propionic acid to reduce heating. Round bales should be allowed to finish curing outside until their internal temperature stabilizes. Stacking hay too soon limits drying and concentrates temperature. Check hay regularly for signs of heating: slight caramel odor, strong burning odor, visible vapor, strong musty smell, and hay that feels hot.

Make a probe that can be driven or inserted into the hay to check temperatures. For example: take a 10-foot piece of pipe or electrical

conduit. Attach a pointed dowel to one end and drill 10 quarter inch diameter holes in the tube just above the point. Drive the probe into the hay stack and lower a thermometer in on a string. The thermometer should be left for 10-15 minutes in several areas of the stack to get an accurate reading.

Watch for the following temperatures:

150F Beginning of the danger zone. Check temperature daily.

160F Dangerous. Measure temperature every four hours and inspect the pile.

175F Call the Fire Department. Wet hay down and remove it from the barn away from buildings and other dry hay.

185F Hot spots and pockets may be expected. Flames will likely develop when hay comes in contact with the air. Be extremely careful at this stage when moving hay.

At **212F** Critical. Temperature rises rapidly above this point. Hay will certainly ignite.

If you enter a barn that is suspect for fire plan, create a solid walkway across the hay with planks and/or use a rope around your waist that an assistant can use to pull you to safety should a cave-in occur.

You can check moisture with a set of scales and a microwave oven. Weigh and cook repeatedly until weight stays the same. The difference in starting and ending weight is the moisture content. I put a coffee cup of water in the oven near the end of drying to add some moisture to the air in the oven. This protects your oven.

4-H Youth Development

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CULPEPER-MADISON-RAPPAHANNOCK FARM SHOW

Who can attend? Anyone! And it's FREE!

When: July 6-10, 2023

Where: Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises right next to the Culpeper Animal Shelter on Rt 29S

What should we expect? Tour the barns and see the animals, watch 4-H members compete in livestock competitions, enter exhibits for youth and adults such as arts & crafts, fiber arts, flowers and vegetables, pies, pound cakes, and cobblers. Visit the Homemaker's Building to view the exhibits, participate in special events such as the Cornhole Tournament, Little Mr. & Miss CMR Pageant, Bucket Babies and more!

For more information: Visit their website at www.cmfarmshow.com

Virginia 4-H & NRA Shooting Education Camp

Who can attend? Youth age 12-16 with an interest and/or experience with shooting sports.

When: July 30 – August 3, 2023

Where: Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Appomattox, VA

What should we expect? Four days of instruction related to your chosen discipline including safety education, fundamentals & theory, marksmanship instruction and a competitive shoot. Volunteer instructors are certified through 4-H, VDWR, NRA, NAA and other National Organizations.

For more information: Visit [NRA & 4-H Shooting Education Camp - Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center \(holidaylake4h.com\)](http://NRA & 4-H Shooting Education Camp - Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center (holidaylake4h.com)) for information (cost, disciplines offered, etc.) and to register. Registration deadline is July 12, 2023.

The following 4-H Day Camps were advertised in the March 2023 edition of the Culpeper Quarterly. Registration already underway – contact our office for more information and to check availability.

Junior 4-H Day Camp for Culpeper youth ages 9-13 as of 09/30/23 will be held July 18-20.

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp (2 session offerings – choose only 1) for Culpeper youth ages 5-8 as of 09/30/23. First session: June 28-30 OR Second session: July 12-14.

The **4-H Livestock Competition Club** is a newly created 4-H club to Culpeper County. The students in this club have been busy this year learning about the various species of livestock and successfully competing in a variety of hands-on educational contests across the Commonwealth. These contests have included livestock judging, skill-a-thon, and stockman's materials; all geared at creating the next generation of not only agriculturists but responsible adults here in Culpeper County. Through these learning opportunities, youth have sharpened their public speaking skills, critical thinking, and much more. Congratulations to this group of 4-H'ers on a successful first year of competition!



Front Row, L to R: Ireland Myers, Hudson Hale, Layton Reames
Back Row, L to R: Addie Cook, Allie Edwards, Kate Ramsey, Audrey Cook, London Myers, Ava Cook, Scarlett Haynes

Culpeper County Schools - News and Updates

by Laura M. Hoover, Director, Communications & Grants

New Website and App

This year, Culpeper County Public Schools has upgraded our website and launched a new mobile app to help students, parents, and community members know what is happening in our schools.

Website



The Culpeper County Public Schools website has been redesigned to make it easier to use for our families and community. Specifically for the community, there is a section at the bottom of the main page called "Community Links." This section includes links to the Community Facility Use page, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey report, the CCPS Thanks page, the Transcripts & Records Request page, and the What's Up Newsletter that includes events and activities for

Culpeper kids. The top of the page includes a direct link to our calendar, contact us form, and a link to become a volunteer.

What's Up Newsletter

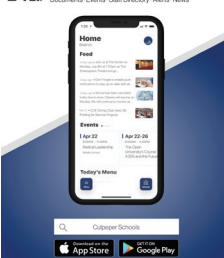
This monthly publication serves as a means of advertising for Culpeper County-based organizations and businesses to advertise their youth-oriented activities and events.

Culpeper County-based organizations and businesses are invited to submit their youth-oriented activities and events for consideration for this publication. CCPS will review and approve or deny requests for publication in the newsletter through the Student Services Department.

Advertisements of 100-200 words are due on or before the 15th of each month for publication in the next month's issue. Our goal is to publish each issue on the first Friday of the month. Email submissions to whatsup@ccpsweb.org. Please include name/company/organization and contact information with the request to publish.

Mobile App

It's everything Culpeper Schools, in your pocket.



Since most families use their phones as a primary means of communication, the new mobile app is custom-built for CCPS and made for smartphones. On the app, students, parents, and community members can read the latest announcements, locate staff contact information, review upcoming events, and find important documents. The Culpeper Schools app is available to download free from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store, search for "Culpeper Schools"

Rappahannock Rapidan Health District

by Mary E. Chamberlin, Community Engagement Specialist

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month. Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the U.S. and there are over 5 million cases diagnosed each year. Nine out of 10 cases of melanoma, a type of skin cancer, are caused by sun exposure. Using tanning beds and sun lamps also increases our risk of developing skin cancer. Fortunately, skin cancer is one of the most preventable cancers.

Anyone can get skin cancer, but there are people who are at greater risk. They include those who:

- are fair-skinned
- have blue or green eyes
- have blond or red hair
- have a large number of moles
- have a family history of skin cancer



Even if you do not have any of the risk factors listed, it's important to protect your skin from UV rays and help lower your chances of getting skin cancer. Practicing sun safety all year, not just during the summer, is an important way to protect your skin. UV rays can reach you on cloudy days and even reflect off surfaces like water, cement, sand, and snow. In the U.S., the sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

CDC recommends the following ways to protect your skin:

- Stay in the shade
- Wear clothing that covers your arms and legs
- Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade your face, ears, and neck
- Wear sunglasses that wrap around and block both UVA and UVB rays
- Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15
- Avoid indoor tanning

Making sun protection part of your everyday routine will help lower your skin cancer risk!

Changes in your skin are the most common signs of skin cancer. Talk to your doctor if you notice new growths, a sore that doesn't heal, or a change in a mole. The ABCDEs of skin cancer are:

- A. Asymmetrical: Does the mole or spot have an irregular shape with two parts that look very different?
- B. Border: Is the border irregular or jagged?
- C. Color: Is the color uneven?
- D. Diameter: Is the mole or spot larger than the size of a pea?
- E. Evolving: Has the mole or spot changed during the past few weeks or months?

For more information, visit: https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic_info/index.htm



DisAbility Resource Center - New Program for Disabled People Coming to Region

The State Independent Living Council (SILC) in Virginia provided a \$15,000 grant to disAbility Resource Center (dRC) based in Fredericksburg. The grant will provide funds to begin an outreach process in Culpeper, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock Counties to benefit local residents with disabilities.

“The purpose of this process is to establish interest in a Center for Independent Living in this region,” said Brenda Boggs, dRC’s Community Integration Specialist. “This includes establishing an advisory board of people with disabilities, and community partners, that can serve as an advisory board for the development of a Center for Independent Living in Planning District 9.”

There are currently 17 Centers for Independent Living (CILs) in the state of Virginia. “The unserved areas are missing out on financial resources that can support the work to assist people with disabilities to access support and services to live independently as possible in their community,” added Boggs. “People with disabilities are people first and want to reside in their community and in their own home.”

Centers for Independent Living offer services to individuals of all ages and types of disabilities. All CIL’s must provide 5 core services to people with disabilities including information and referral, peer mentoring, advocacy, independent living skills, youth transition and nursing home transition.

“We are inviting the community to learn more about Centers for Independent Living and our history, why they were established, and how they serve people with disabilities,” Boggs said. “Please join us for our monthly lunch bunch zoom meeting on the last Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon to learn more about this mission!”

For more information, please contact Brenda Boggs, Community Integration Specialist, disAbility Resource Center at bboggs@cildrc.org or at 540-373-2559, Ext. 101.

The disAbility Resource Center is a non-profit Center for Independent Living (CIL) that provides services and advocacy promoting independence, empowerment and productivity of people with disabilities in Planning District 16 including the city of Fredericksburg, and the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford.



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Are you grieving the death of a loved one or a friend? We are all different, and we grieve in different ways as well. Loss changes each of us in fundamental ways, and it takes time to discover who we are becoming.

Come join a grief support group led by folks who understand your grief and want to walk with you through the healing process. Whether your loss is recent, or it happened a while ago—everyone is welcome. Join us as we begin a journey of comfort and support; learn how to process grief and begin to move forward with hope.

For more information, contact:

Hans Murdock
hmurdock@culpeperbaptist.org
or

Joyce Beales
540-825-8192/grief@culpeperbaptist.org

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OPTIONS by *Tiffany N. Diggs, Program Supervisor*

It's that time of year again where the days are getting longer, and the weather is getting warmer. Some are thinking about vacations and barbecues. Here at OPTIONS, we have only one thing on our mind.... It's Gardening Time 😊. With the addition of new garden beds, we are looking to grow a variety of vegetables to donate to our local food banks. We want the clients we work with to develop a skill in cultivating a garden as well as give back to their community. We would also like to thank our local Master Gardeners for helping our clients with this project. Along with the garden our clients continue to participate in local community events such as Culpeper Con with the Culpeper County Library, Empowering Culpeper, and Manna Ministry. With our community service projects we will continue to provide services to our youth in the community. Along with our current groups and services we have implemented two new groups and individual service to our substance misuse program. The new additions are *Alternatives*, *Responsible Decisions* and *Getting Back on Track*.

Alternatives uses evidence-based practices that help youth learn accurate information about the effects of alcohol and other drugs on the mind, body, and behavior; identify high-risk situations associated with alcohol and other drug use; and the consequences associated with their use of alcohol or other drugs. Throughout the program, youth are expected to abstain from alcohol/other drug use. Random urine drug screens are administered to monitor abstinence.

Responsible Decisions is an enhanced version of the most widely replicated national model for impaired driving offender intervention education. This participant-focused, user-friendly curriculum:

- Offers a personalized road map for good decision making.
- Aligns with common state impaired driving education standards.
- Incorporates a colorful, engaging Interactive Journaling® format.
- Includes a personal change plan which can be integrated across the course.
- Emphasizes personal responsibility and commitment to change.
- Moves beyond basic education to application of effective strategies for behavior change.

Getting Back on Track uses evidence-based practices to help youth get back on track and keep moving forward with abstinence, while at the same time preparing them to deal with other obstacles they will be facing as they move forward.

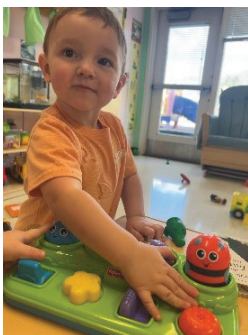
OPTIONS is a county program for youth ages 11-17. OPTIONS staff evaluate and determine a youth's risk of getting into further trouble with the legal system, in school, at home, in the community or with the use of illicit substances. OPTIONS then implements evidence-based programs to assist youth in developing personal skills to become productive, respectful, and responsible members of the community.



People Incorporated is a non-profit with locations across Virginia, including Culpeper. People Inc. is committed to providing opportunities for economically disadvantaged people to reach their goals to enhance their lives, their families, and their communities. You can learn more about our services by reading our **2022 Annual Impact Report**.

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

Find program updates, events, and community resources by following us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.



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



Empowering Culpeper will continue to hold their community food distributions on the third Saturday of every month in Culpeper. The service has now expanded to include personal care and hygiene items, as well as pet food supplies. Visit People Inc.'s Facebook page, call 540-935-0047, or email empoweringculpeper@peopleinc.net for location and distribution dates.

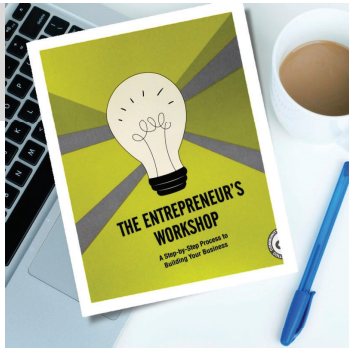
Interested in volunteering with Empowering Culpeper?

Email volunteer@peopleinc.net.



People Incorporated recently received funds to build affordable housing in Culpeper! Construction on Lightfoot Apartments, the agency's latest affordable housing project in Culpeper, will begin in late summer. The complex will provide safe, quality housing at below market rates.

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



Empowering Small Business for BIG Change CIC 16-Week Entrepreneur Workshop begins August 22

Are you thinking about starting a business, or have a small business you want to take to the next level? Community Investment Collaborative (CIC) is bringing their signature Entrepreneur Workshop to Culpeper!

Founded in 2011, CIC's mission is to strengthen our community and

contribute to economic development, by fueling the success of under-resourced entrepreneurs through education, mentoring, financing, and networking. CIC puts that mission statement into action with their signature program, a 16-week Entrepreneur Workshop. CIC held its first Workshop in May 2012. Since then, for every \$1 spent by CIC, the nonprofit has helped entrepreneurs generate \$6.28 in wages from job creation in our community.

The Entrepreneur Workshop is a 16-week, hands-on course that enables entrepreneurs to 1) determine whether their business is viable, 2) develop an initial plan for launching or growing their business, and 3) learn the fundamentals of how to act on that plan. The workshop is open to anyone interested in starting or expanding a business (contingent on availability and admittance).

Some of the topics covered include:

- Challenging your Assumptions
- Talking to your Customers
- Who is my Target Market?
- Personal Finance; Break-Even Analysis
- Your Time as an Asset; Time Management
- Brand Development; Prospecting; Creating your Marketing Plan
- Accounting; Cash Flow Projections; Credit & Financing
- Investing in People: Creating a Team
- The 1-Year Plan

The Culpeper-Orange CIC Entrepreneur Workshop is a 16-week commitment, meeting once a week, 6-9PM locally in Culpeper, from August 22 to December 12, 2023, culminating in a graduation celebration. Participation is limited to 32 entrepreneurs and business owners to build trust and collaboration among the cohort, offer individualized instruction, and ultimately ensure a quality experience. Tuition is \$750 and includes course materials. There are need-based scholarships, sponsored by the Town of Culpeper and Orange County, and payment plans available.

What can you expect from your CIC Entrepreneur Workshop experience?

- 16 weeks of high-energy, engaging discussions centered around your business.
- Excellent networking opportunities with your entrepreneur peers and leaders of the business community.
- A combination of lectures, discussions, and applied learning activities that can include an additional 10-12 hours per week consulting with professionals and potential customers.
- By graduation, you will have developed the components of a comprehensive business plan and consulted with financial advisors on personal finance.

If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling in the Workshop, visit the CIC website to:

- Review our [“What it takes to be a successful entrepreneur” Checklist](#) to ensure you've considered the various facets of entrepreneurship
- Consider attending a [“Starting Your Business” Workshop \(2hrs\)](#)
- Assess your schedule and allot time for the workshop, research, and corresponding assignments
- [Fill out this form](#) and look for an email from a CIC team member regarding next steps
- Get ready for an adventure!

More information is available by calling (434) 218-3481 or visiting the website.

In addition to producing its Entrepreneur Workshop, Community Investment Collaborative (CIC) offers additional services to small businesses such as:

- **Microloans** of up to \$50,000. Eligible businesses include those with 6 months of revenue history OR startup businesses who have completed CIC's Workshop or similar program with a Small Business Development Center or entrepreneur support organization in Virginia. Loan interest rates are discounted for Workshop graduates and for businesses who have a working relationship with the Small Business Development Center.
- A **mentoring program** to Workshop graduates and other small businesses who meet specific criteria. CIC mentors support and guide entrepreneurs in making business decisions, setting goals, and establishing professional networks. They provide honest and informal feedback, exposure to new ideas, theories, practices, and people, and professional support and encouragement.
- **Office Hours offer business counseling** to support entrepreneurs in business planning, operations assessment, marketing, access to financing options, human resources, and specialty training (e.g., e-commerce) and other operational areas. Sessions are tailored to answer entrepreneur's specific questions and fit each business's growth stage, scale and size, capital requirements, industry, and geography.
- A Financial Management Program provides bookkeeping and record keeping support to startups or growing businesses. Our proven strategies allow our clients to work with financial coaching processes, and help support better financial habits. Meetings are at least twice a month and can be virtual or in person.
- Small Business Circles (SBC) are facilitated small groups of CIC entrepreneurs that meet on a monthly basis in various locations. SBC offers camaraderie, accountability, goal-setting, structure, and support as CIC entrepreneurs' businesses grow and change.

Community Investment Collaborative (CIC) is a certified Community Development Finance Institution (CDFI), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. CIC is the host of the Central Virginia Small Business Development Center (CV SBDC), which provides confidential, free-of-charge, access to resources, training and 1:1 business advising. For more information on CIC or the CV SBDC, please visit <https://cicville.org> or <https://cvsbdc.org>, respectively.



CULPEPER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK - CARSON W. BEARD

To the Citizens of Culpeper County,

I am so honored and humbled to serve the community as the Clerk of Court. Thank you all for everything. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me. The Clerk's Office is open from 8:00AM to 4:00PM, Monday through Friday (540) 727-3438.

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INFORMATION:

Please check out the Clerk of Court page on Culpeper County's government website. It contains a lot of helpful information about the office including information about concealed handgun permits, marriage licenses, estate matters, juries, etc. The URL is <https://web.culpepercounty.gov/circuit>. We will continue to post more and more information about the office on this page.

As of this writing, we are currently undergoing two separate scanning projects on deeds which are recorded in this office. These final two projects for the deeds will mean that all of the deeds recorded in this office from the year 1749 to the present will be scanned and available to view on our public terminals and via our Secure Remote Access (SRA) to those that subscribe. This will allow easier access to these records without having to sort through the physical books, but, don't worry, those that still prefer the book, they are still located in our Records Room and are available for search. Not only will this allow for easier searching, but it will also mean that the contents of the physical books will be preserved in another format to further help keep our history. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, these projects should be completed, and the records uploaded to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia for view on the public terminals in the Records Room and via SRA as previously mentioned.

In addition to this scanning, since I became Clerk in 2021, this office has received a total of 3 preservation grants. Two of the grants have come from the Library of Virginia and the other grant was from the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution. The total amount of those grants was \$90,829.25. The two performed from the Library of Virginia also included scanning the records that were being preserved. I am so thankful for both groups who are champions of preserving history in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Library of Virginia's Circuit Court Records Preservation (CCRP) program has been instrumental throughout the Commonwealth at preserving these important records. Since 1990, the CCRP has awarded over 2,000 grants totaling more than \$34,000,000. The CCRP is a collaborative program between the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Court Clerks Association (VCCA). Funded through a \$3.50 portion of the clerk's recordation fee, the CCRP provides resources to help preserve and make accessible permanent Circuit Court records stored in the 120 Circuit Courts and at the Library of Virginia. For more information on the Circuit Court Records Preservation Program's resources and services, please visit www.lva.virginia.gov. The Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution has 125 chapters and over 9,800 members in the Commonwealth. They were founded in 1891 and have worked all across the Commonwealth preserving and promoting our rich history. If you would like to learn more about them, please visit their website at <https://www.virginiadar.org>.

It is important to note that all the projects mentioned here have either been funded through grants, fees from Secure Remote Access, or fees from the Technology Trust Fund (TTF) on recordings through the Virginia Compensation Board. Moving forward in the future, the goal is to have even more documents and records scanned and preserved. The importance of these records cannot be overstated. These contain our history in this County, from family properties to the joining of two families. I am unbelievably appreciative of groups like the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution for taking the initiative to help Clerks across the Commonwealth to preserve their history. I am even more appreciative to be the recipient of some of that assistance, because one of my main goals is to preserve the history of my home, Culpeper County.



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2023 APPLICATION FOR VEHICLE HIGH MILEAGE ADJUSTMENT

If you believe your vehicle may qualify for a value adjustment due to high mileage, please complete this form, attach third party documentation and submit to the Commissioner of the Revenue. Documentation must be legible and must indicate mileage on or before January 1st of the tax assessment year seeking such adjustment. Documentation may be in the form of a state inspection receipt (displaying year, make, model and VIN), oil change or service center repair receipt, or simply have the garage read your odometer and document it. In order to ensure the highest value reduction, submit documentation indicating the mileage as close to January 1st as possible. By law, if mileage is taken into consideration as an adjustment to January 1st fair market assessed value, the adjustment must be determined using the mileage table included with the January issue of the J.D. Power (formerly NADA) guide.

Please note that the documentation must be SUBMITTED ANNUALLY until the mileage reaches 245,001
High mileage adjustments are not available on motorcycles, motor homes, large trucks or trailers

REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete and sign this form.
- Attach proper high mileage documentation, i.e. oil change receipts, state inspection slips, or repair bills. **Please do not send the originals.** Documentation provided must be dated on or before **January 1st**.
- Return this application and your documentation to the mailing address listed above.

AGE OF VEHICLE	REQUIRED MINIMUM MILEAGE AS OF JAN 01	VEHICLE INFORMATION		VIN (VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)			
		YR	MAKE	MODEL			
1 year old (2022)	20,001						
2 years old (2021)	35,001						
3 years old (2020)	45,001	LICENSE PLATE		USED MORE THAN 50% FOR BUSINESS: YES NO			
4 years old (2019)	60,001			VEHICLE IS GARAGED IN: COUNTY TOWN			
5 years old (2018)	70,001	OWNER INFORMATION		SSN/FEDERAL ID			
6 years old (2017)	85,001						
7 years old (2016)	95,001	LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	MI	SUFFIX	
8 years old (2015)	105,001						
9 years old (2014)	120,001	CO-OWNER		SSN/FEDERAL ID			
10 years old (2013)	130,001			LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	MI
11 years old (2012)	140,001						
12 years old (2011)	150,001	STREET ADDRESS					
13 years old (2010)	155,001						
14-19 years old (2004-2009)	165,001	CITY/STATE/ZIP					
20 years old or more	No additional adjustment						

Pursuant to Code of Virginia §58.1-11, any such person who willfully subscribes any such return which he/she does not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

DECLARATION BY TAXPAYER: I declare that the foregoing statements are true, full and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

SIGNATURE	DATE	PHONE/E-MAIL
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	Date documentation received:	Tax Year:
Clean trade-in value as of January 1:	Mileage used:	Auditor Initials:
Less High Mileage Allowance:	Account #:	
Equals value of:	Comments:	

Commissioner of the Revenue
151 N. Main Street, Culpeper VA 22701

Email: tyowell@culpepercounty.gov website: web.culpepercounty.gov

Terry L. Yowell
Commissioner



Commissioner's Office considers high mileage when valuing vehicles

Most Popular Question:

Does my vehicle have to have over 100,000 miles in order to make application for high mileage adjustment?

Answer: NO.

By law, if mileage is taken into consideration as an adjustment to the January 1st assessed value, the adjustment must be determined using the mileage table included with the January issue of the J. D. Power Official Used Car Guides (formerly NADA). The effect of mileage for qualifying vehicles will vary according to the class and age of the vehicle. If you believe your vehicle may qualify for a value adjustment due to high mileage, please complete a high mileage application, attach third party documentation and submit to the Commissioner of the Revenue. Applications may be obtained online or by contacting the Commissioner's office. Documentation must be legible and must indicate mileage on or before January 1st of the tax assessment year seeking such adjustment. Documentation may be in the form of a state inspection receipt (displaying year, make, model and VIN), oil change or service center repair receipt, or simply have the garage read your odometer and document it. In order to ensure the highest value reduction, submit documentation indicating the mileage as close to January 1st as possible. As always, if you have any questions, please stop by, call or email me.

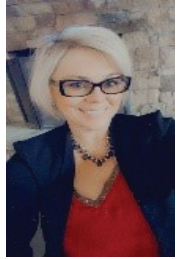
Please note that the documentation must be submitted annually until the mileage reaches 245,001. High mileage adjustments are not available on motorcycles, motor homes, large trucks or trailers.

CULPEPER COUNTY TREASURER, Missy N. White

Dear Culpeper Citizens,

I hope this issue of the Culpeper Quarterly finds you all well and ready for summer! As always, it continues to be my pleasure to serve as your Culpeper County Treasurer. I remain committed to promote professionalism and the highest level of customer service within the office. I am very proud to announce my recent certification received through the UVA Weldon Cooper Center.

~Missy N. White



Missy N. White, MGT



Missy N. White, Culpeper County Treasurer, has obtained her certification as a Master Governmental Treasurer (MGT) under the Master Certification program administered by the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service and the School of Continuing and Professional Studies. The designation program was developed to enhance the professionalism of local government officials and their staff.

The certificate was presented to her by City of Franklin Treasurer Dinah Babb, President, Treasurers' Association of Virginia at the Spring District Meeting of the Treasurers' Association of Virginia held in Culpeper on March 23, 2023.

The certification programs, which take a minimum of two years to complete, requires the Treasurer to take eight mandatory courses and pass a comprehensive exam in each course. The mandatory courses are Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasurer, Delinquent Collections, Bankruptcy, Internal Controls, Lawful Employment, Banking & Cash Management, Short Term Investments, and Intermediate Government Accounting. In addition, the treasurer must earn a minimum of 70 hours of continuing education credits.

A certificate is presented for successful completion of the program at the Treasurers' Association of Virginia spring district meetings. The education process does not, however, end with the completion of the program. Every four years after initial certification, the treasurer must complete an additional 80 hours of continuing education in order to remain certified.

Commonwealth's Attorney - Paul Walther

19.2-11.01 – Crime Victim and Witness Rights

“In recognition of the Commonwealth’s concern for the victims and witnesses of crime, it is the purpose of this chapter to ensure that the full impact of crime is brought to the attention of the courts of the Commonwealth”

In 1995 the Virginia General Assembly passed a law called the “Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act”. This can also be referred to as the Victims’ Bill of Rights. To quote the Virginia Department of Justice, the Victims Bill of Rights is intended to ensure the following things for crime victims:

- Have opportunities to make the courts aware of the full impact of crime;
- Are treated with dignity, respect, and sensitivity and that their privacy is protected;
- Are informed of their rights;
- Receive authorized services; and,
- Are heard at all critical stages of the criminal justice process.

Virginia Code Section §19.2-11.01 lays out the specifics of all the rights that a victim is entitled to under the law.

There are many ways that the Justice System achieves these rights. Here are a few examples:

Victim/Witness Programs – Arguably the biggest thing that 19.2-11.01 does is give each locality the ability to establish a Crime Victim/Witness Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to have people dedicated to assisting victims, giving victims and witnesses someone to help walk them through the Justice System.

Along with these system-based advocates, there can also be non-profit organizations/ community-based advocates that might specialize in assisting with a specific type of crime. In Culpeper we are lucky to have both:

Culpeper County Victim Witness Program – who assists all victims of crime – (540) 727-3413

Services to Abused Families (SAFE) – who specializes in Domestic Assault & Sexual Assault - 24 Hour Hotline 1-800-825-8876

VINE (Victim Information Notification Everyday) – When an offender is incarcerated in a participating jail they are entered into a national database which is made available by VINE. This database can be accessed by the website www.vinelink.com. Using this automated system a victim can sign up for notifications on the status of the offender. This includes when they are transferred from one facility to another and when they are released from custody.

Victim Impact Statement – A victim impact statement is a victim’s opportunity to tell the court how the crime has affected their lives (Physically, Emotionally, Financially, etc.). This written or oral statement is provided to the Judge before sentencing to be used for consideration. Usually Victim Impact Statements are given in Circuit Court cases but they can also be done in District Courts.

Virginia Victims Fund (VVF) – The Virginia Victims Fund was established to help victim’s pay out of pocket crime related costs that are not able to be covered by other means (i.e.: health/auto/life insurance, lawsuits, restitution, etc.). There are many expenses that can be covered by VVF – medical expenses, lost wages, prescriptions, crime scene clean up, counseling services, funeral expenses, and more. This organization is not funded by tax dollars but by fines collected from offenders.

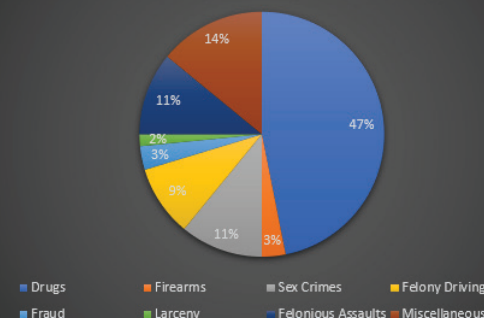
Civil Cases – Sometimes crime can also result in the need for civil action. The National Crime Victim Bar Association can provide referrals to local attorneys who specialize in this field. This service can be reached at 1-800-FYI-CALL (394-2255). The Culpeper County Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office cannot provide any legal advice or recommend any private attorneys.

My office always strives to address the needs of the victims, attempting to minimize the impact of a crime, while ensuring the safety of the community and providing justice for all.

Crime Statistics

Local -

February Felony Grand Jury



National -

The FBI Crime Clock



Employee Spotlight - Peyton Alston

Peyton Alston was born and raised in Prince William County, Virginia. After attending undergrad at The University of Central Florida & James Madison University, she followed in her father’s footsteps by attending his alma mater for law school, North Carolina Central University School of Law.



After graduating from law school in 2015, Peyton clerked for the Honorable Lon E. Farris for 2 years, completing her clerkship upon his retirement. She subsequently joined a private law firm in Northern Virginia, handling both civil and criminal matters, then was hired by Paul B. Ebert in 2019 as an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney for Prince William County. Peyton moved to the Culpeper area in 2021, recruiting lawyers to work with Big Five companies and some of the most prestigious law firms in the country. Missing the courtroom, Peyton was thrilled to be given the opportunity to serve the citizens of Culpeper under Paul Walther by joining the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office.

When not in the courtroom, Peyton enjoys spending time with her family, reading, trivia, and spoiling her dog.

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

Youth Law Enforcement Academy

June 26-29, 2023

The Culpeper County Sheriff's Office Youth Academy is structured so that young adults can have an opportunity to experience some of the training, procedures, and technology that are utilized by today's law enforcement.

The daily classes will consist of mainly hands-on activities in criminal investigations, evidence recovery, patrol practices, defensive tactics, and firearms. The participants will also see demonstrations from the various specialized units that are available to law enforcement such as the K-9 Unit, Motor Squad, and SWAT. The participants will take field trips to the Culpeper County Jail, a firearms range, Culpeper E-911 Communications Center, Culpeper County Courthouse, and other law enforcement-related locations as available.

There is no fee to participate in the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office Youth Academy. Each student will receive a T-shirt and upon successful completion the attendees will receive CPR/First Aid Certification, and a Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) Firearms/Hunter Safety Certification.

Any Culpeper resident who is enrolled in high school for the 2022-2023 school year may apply (example: 8th graders rising into the 9th grade are eligible). There is no age requirement but the individual must be enrolled in high school. The attached Application Packet must be completed, in its entirety, and submitted prior to the listed deadline.

Applications will be evaluated on a "first come, first served" basis. Class size is limited to the first 25 qualifying individuals.

Subjects covered in the Youth Academy:

- Law Enforcement Academy Life
- Law Enforcement Physical Training
- Role of Law Enforcement in the community
- Jail Operations
- Court Operations
- E-911 Operations
- Basic Crime Scene Investigation
- Firearms Safety (Live Fire on Range)
- Crime Scene Processing
- K-9 Operations
- Patrol Operations
- Basic Explosives Awareness
- SWAT Operations
- Defensive Tactics and more

CCSO Youth Sports Camps

The Sheriff Scott H. Jenkins Youth Sports Camps are here and will be kicking off in June 2023! The Culpeper County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Youth Sports Camps are designed to bring the community and law enforcement officers together.

Our summer sports camps will be in conjunction with area youth sports associations including Culpeper Little League and Culpeper Soccer Club. Culpeper Little League, and its coaches have generously donated the use of all equipment for our youth baseball/softball camp. Culpeper Soccer Club has supplied not only all equipment, but has volunteered their coaches and players to help plan and organize a soccer camp for every age group.

In each camp, the basic fundamentals of the sport are taught to children aged 7 to 15. Each player will have the opportunity to learn new skills and to improve their existing skills. There is a strong emphasis on sportsmanship, respect, and teamwork. The goal for each camp is to have participants use lessons related to good sportsmanship and respect on the field and in their everyday lives as they continue to grow and mature.

2023 Youth Sports Camp dates are:

- Football & Cheer Camp - June 6-8, 2023
- Soccer Camp - June 20-22, 2023
- Basketball Camp- July 11-13, 2023
- Baseball/Softball Camp – July 18-20, 2023
- Check-in - 07:45
- Camp - 08:00-11:15

These camps will take place at the Sports Complex next to Eastern View High School.



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Mike Dale - Aviation Hero

Culpeper Airport is fortunate to count many Aviation Ambassadors among its tenants. We are proud that one long time tenant in particular was recently named an "Aviation Hero" and received a prestigious award at a grand AOPA event at Reagan Washington National Airport. The event was housed in a refurbished WWII hangar at National and much like a Hollywood Oscar or Academy Award event even included a red carpet leading into the lobby of the hangar. It made guests, such as myself, feel as though they were just a bit famous for one evening.

The hangar was beautifully decorated with a P-51 Mustang on one side and a Stearman on the other with wonderful lighting and projected images of aircraft flying in formation flowing across the inside of the hangar door. The tables and chairs were richly decorated for an aviation event. Everyone was dressed up and welcoming and my husband and I were sitting at one of the best two tables in the place as we were surrounded by some of Culpeper Airport's Aviation finest.

Mr. Mike Dale, former president of Jaguar North America and Chairman of the Culpeper Air Fest was honored with the Sharples Award, named for Laurence P. Sharples, AOPA's first chairman of the board. This award is given to those who may not work directly in aviation but have made extraordinary contributions to General Aviation. Mike who has been based at Culpeper for nearly 25 years and on the Advisory Committee for 21 years has poured his heart and soul into helping build the successful airport that we have today. During Mike's term as Chairman of the Culpeper Air Fest, the variety and professionalism of performers grew from a few based tenants showing their aircraft to include the only

civilian owned Harrier in the world performing for an enthusiastic crowd. Attendance at this annual event went from several hundred to over 5,000 and continues to be the largest event held in Culpeper County.

Mike and his wife Mary, a retired Teacher, are both advocates for education. Mike has been active in the local school system with Career Partners and ESquared, a program through the school system that works with groups of High School students preparing them for the world of business. Early in the Air Fest week, the airport hosts a STEM event for local 5th graders. We have the support of several hangar tenants that agree to give up their hangar use for a few days so that the hangars may be set up with hands on experiences for the students. Mike hosts kids in his hangar where they can view a Nieuport, WWI aircraft, in various stages of development and the only flying Percival Provost in the US, the type that was flown by Mike during his time in the Royal Air Force. The Dales' purchased the Provost and Mary set out to oversee the meticulous restoration of the aircraft as Mike was away for work.

Of the several awards given out that evening, we could not have been prouder than when Mike took the stage to receive his. In his speech, he of course deflected the moment and shone the light on the Airport, friends and of course gave most of the credit to Mary for if she had not been so accommodating he would not have been able to do all the things he truly has a passion for.

Thank you and congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Dale, for giving so much to Culpeper County and especially Culpeper Airport.



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