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Hay Fire Potential - Summer 2024

Each year some farmers experience hay fires from spontaneous combustion. A much more common occurrence though is quality losses due to excessive heating of hay. How do heating and quality losses occur and what can you do to prevent hay fires?

All hay baled above 15% moisture will undergo some rise in temperature the first couple of weeks – we expect this. Reports from Kentucky indicate that a small amount of heating up to 130 F 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 concentrates fiber, which is 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 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. When the temperature exceeds 175F, microbes die off. Chemical reactions then take over and temperatures can rise rapidly. Temperatures reach this point in just a few weeks to several months.

Bale small squares at 20% and round bales at less than 18% moisture as large packages retain heat. Use a preservative when baling above 20% moisture. Allow round bales 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, musty smell, and heat.

Watch for the following temperatures:

150F Beginning of the danger zone. Check daily.

160F Dangerous. Measure temperature every four hours.

175F Call the Fire Department. Remove hay from the barn, wet it down.

185F Hot spots expected. Flames develop when hay is exposed to air.

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

You can check moisture with a set of scales and a microwave oven. Weigh and heat repeatedly until weight stays the same. The difference in starting and ending weight is the moisture percentage. I put a cup of water in the oven near the end of drying to add some moisture back into the air to protect the oven. ccstaffo@vt.edu (540-727-3435, ext. 351)

Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR)

Ashley Appling, Extension Agent, ANR - Horticulture

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vegetable Gardening Series – June 12, 2024 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Vertical gardening, moisture management, and herb culture; plants covered: melons, okra, and squash

The Carver Center, 9432 N. James Madison Highway, Suite 101, Rapidan, VA 22733

Fee: \$15, contact the VCE – Culpeper Office to register and for payment information

Walking Workshop at Wollam Gardens – June 16, September 1, and December 15, 2024 from 2 pm to 4 pm

We will be walking around discussing tree identification and seasonal changes.

Wollam Gardens, 5167 Jeffersonton Road, Jeffersonton, VA 22724

Fee: \$8, you can register on the Wollam Gardens website: <https://www.wollamgardens.com/events-workshops>

Procrastinators Commercial Pesticide Recertification Class – June 26, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm

Re-cert credits:

VA – 2, 3A, 3B, 5, 10, Registered Tech

MD – 2, 3A, 3C, 6, 10, CORE

WV – applied for credits

PA – applied for credits

D.C. – applied for credits

The Carver Center, 9432 N. James Madison Highway, Suite 101, Rapidan, VA 22733

Fee: \$60, contact VCE – Culpeper Office to register and for payment information

Greenhouse and Nursery Crop School – September 24, 2024

from 9 am to 3:30 pm

Re-cert credits: Full category 91

Morning Session at The Carver Center, 9432 N. James Madison Highway, Rapidan, VA 22733

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Virginia Cooperative Extension, Culpeper Office, at 540-727-3435 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to discuss accommodations one week prior to this event.

Extension - Continued**Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)**

Lenah Nguyen, Senior Extension Agent, FCS



The Carver Food Enterprise Center is a Community Commercial Kitchen open to makers, bakers, caterers, food trucks, growers, and producers. Our inspected and certified production space includes a main kitchen, prep space great for mobile food units, and bakery. Soon, we will have a new blast freezer and steam kettle available to support the production of value-added agricultural products. We also provide support with regulatory paperwork, storage space for scalable production, and connections to distributor and retail markets. Kitchen rental rates begin at \$10 / hour. We regularly run job training programs and food rescue events to support our local food banks. More information about the Carver Food Enterprise Center including information about reserving space in the commercial kitchen and upcoming events can be found here: www.gwcfec.org

**Youth Development**

Cristy Mosley, Extension Agent 4-H

JoAnna Kilby, Program Assistant, 4-H



"I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world".

Culpeper-Madison-Rappahannock Farm Show – 75th Anniversary, July 11-15, 2024

Year-round work goes into the planning and preparation of the CMR Farm Show; 2024 is no exception. Make plans to join our 4-H family at what serves many students as the culminating experience of their 4-H project work. Tour the barns, see the animals, watch 4-H members compete in livestock competitions, enter exhibits, for both youth and adults, such as arts and crafts, fiber art, 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 the website at: www.cmrfarmshow.com.

Show off your hobbies, pictures, paintings, woodworking, collections, things you have grown, arts and crafts, in the Homemaker Department.

Open to all youth and adults.

Homemaker's Building - Departments

Arts & Crafts	Hobbies
Baked Goods	Needlecraft
Canned Goods	Photography
Fine Arts	Scrapbook
Flowers	Sewing
Garden & Crops	Woodcraft

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - See our website for updates and more information: www.cmrfarmshow.com

Homemaker's Building:

Friday, July 12	12:30 PM	Cobbler Contest
Saturday, July 13	12:30 PM	Pound Cake Contest
Sunday, July 14	12:30 PM	Apple Pie Contest

Thursday July 11

5:00 PM	Sheep Showmanship & Breeding Show
6:00 PM	Market Lamb Show

Friday July 12

9:00 AM	Dairy Goat Show
2:00 PM	Poultry Show
6:00 PM	Market Goat Show

Saturday July 13

10:00 AM	Beef Show
6:00 PM	Market Swine Show

Sunday July 14

10:00 AM	Rabbit Show
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Cloverbud Activities and Face Painting under the tent
11:00 PM	Tractor Driving Contest
1:00 PM	Little Mr. & Miss CMR
2:00 PM	"Bucket Babies" Show
6:00 PM	Swine Showmanship

Monday July 15

9:00 AM	CMR Supreme Livestock Showman Competition
3:00 PM	Awards Ceremony
5:00 PM	Buyers Dinner
6:00 PM	Livestock Auction for 4-H and FFA Youth. Sale Order: Goats, Beef, Lambs, Hogs

For more information, please visit our website: cmrfarmshow.com

Follow us on Facebook @ CMR Farm Show

CMR Farm Show Events held @ Culpeper Agriculture Enterprise Rt. 29 South of Culpeper, 10220 James Monroe Hwy., Culpeper, VA 22701

Please see our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/culpepercounty4H> **or our office website:** <https://culpeper.ext.vt.edu/>



OPTIONS by Tiffany Diggs, Programs Supervisor

Gardening, Rock Climbing and Teen Driving oh my. The longer days and the warmer weather have given us the opportunity to continue our work at the Carver Center Garden. Our clients have worked to maintain the tree line of unwanted debris and have installed birdhouses.

Back at the office, clients have been working together building a new garden, prepping beds, and planting new plants for the upcoming season. The young men and women involved with our Back to Nature project have done an amazing job. We would like to thank Whole Heart Farm for the lumber for our garden beds.

Our Healthy Youth Initiative Program has seen a growth not only in participation, but with the addition of rock climbing at the State Climb. Having our clients take on this new adventure has been exciting to watch. Some of the clients have previously tried this activity on their own. For some this is a new experience. Seeing these kids face their fears and challenging themselves to reach the top has been a sight to see. We here at OPTIONS would like to thank the staff at the State Climb for assisting our youth.

We have also made an addition to our Responsible Decision program. Responsible Decisions for Impaired Driving uses evidence-based practices to help inform youth of the effects of alcohol and marijuana on mind and body; also, how it affects a person's ability to drive. The addition we have made is having the Culpeper Police Department and Culpeper County's Commonwealth Attorney come in and do presentations on what happens when you are stopped by law enforcement for being under the influence of alcohol or illicit substances and what happens when you must go through the Court. These additions have given the opportunity for our clients to listen to and view, through simulation exercises, what law enforcement witness during a stop. The presentation given by the Commonwealth Attorney gives them a glimpse of the Court process of being convicted for driving under the influence. We hope the additions we have made will give our clients the opportunity to think about the choices they will make when it comes to making decisions. We would like to thank the Culpeper Police Department and Commonwealth Attorney, Mr. Rabb, for the time they have dedicated to speaking with our kids. We greatly appreciate it.

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.

Photos contributed by Kelsea Fincham, OPTIONS Programs Assistant



Maintaining a tree line



Preparing the raised beds



Taking the challenge at State Climb



Welcome Home Baby | Healthy Steps | Parent Education

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

Are you or someone you know expecting a baby, or have a newborn?

Then Families First – Healthy Families Culpeper is perfect! Nuestros servicios también se ofrecen en español.

Call or text us: 540-222-6320

Look for us on Facebook:

Families First - Healthy Families Culpeper

Visit our website:

healthyfamiliesculpeper.org

Email us:

healthyfamiliesculpeper@gmail.com

We are always accepting donations of any kind, including new or slightly used donations to share with families.

Welcome Home Baby

A confidential meeting with our Family Resource Specialist to connect you to community resources & it comes with a free gift bag filled with items for parents and babies!

Healthy Steps

A parenting & child development support program. Ongoing confidential visits with a Family Support Specialist. They will help you set goals, share information and provide free items that support parenting & child development.

Parenting Education Program

A parenting class offered to support parents and caregivers. Classes are held in person 5:30-7:30 pm on three evenings of each month.

Upcoming Schedule:

May 2, 9, 16

July 11, 18, 25

To sign up email:

culpeperpep@gmail.com

Programa de Educación Parental

Para padres de niños. Una vez que esté registrado, se proporcionará información sobre cómo asistir a la clase, y los materiales GRATUITOS para la clase estarán disponibles para que los recoja.

Fechas de Clase:

Junio 6, 13, 20

Augusto 8, 15, 22

INSCRIPCIÓN:

culpeperpep@gmail.com

OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024
12PM-3PM

DRS Culpeper Field Office
19006 Crossroad Parkway

Scan QR code to register

DARS VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT FOR AGING
AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES
DIVISION OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES
540.829.7360 Leslie.diazortiz@dars.virginia.gov



We invite community residents and organizations to stop by the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services' Culpeper office on June 7, 2024 from 12pm to 3pm for an open house.

Meet the Culpeper team from the Division of Rehabilitative Services and learn how DARS helps individuals with disabilities to gain or maintain employment, including:

- Pre-Employment Transition Services for students with disabilities
- Career exploration and employment services
- SSI/SSDI work incentives and benefits planning
- Vocational evaluation
- How we partner with other community agencies for successful employment outcomes
- Alternative Hiring Process Letter for State Employment

Light refreshments will be provided. Food can also be purchased from an onsite taco truck.

Please register at the following link or scan the QR code on the flyer.

For more information, contact Leslie Diaz-Ortiz at (540) 829-7360 or Leslie.diazortiz@dars.virginia.gov or visit our website: www.dars.virginia.gov/drs.

Let us know if you will join us!

Let the Gourd Times Roll: Join Us at the Fall Family Festival!



Get ready for a day of fun, food, and community spirit at the disAbility Resource Center's "Let the Gourd Times Roll Fall Family Festival" on September 21, 2024, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, held at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a variety of activities, including:

- Food trucks offering delicious treats.
- Live performances from local arts organizations.
- Pumpkin painting for creative minds.
- A petting zoo and pony rides for the young and the young at heart.

But the Fall Family Festival is more than just a day of fun – it's an opportunity to connect with your community and support a worthy cause. Learn about the disAbility Resource Center and the invaluable services we provide to individuals with disabilities.

We're also inviting vendors who wish to be part of this exciting event. Whether you're a local business with unique items to sell or an organization eager to share information about your programs and services, we welcome you to join us at the festival! To register as a vendor, simply visit <https://cildrc.networkforgood.com/events/68482-let-the-gourd-times-roll-family-fall-festival-2024>

June is National Safety Month

by Mary E. Chamberlin, Rappahannock Rapidan Health District

Preventable injuries, commonly known as accidents, are the fourth leading cause of U.S. deaths. Each year, millions of people aged 65 and older suffer from falls and more than 32,000 of those people die. Falling once also doubles a person's chances of falling again.

What Conditions Make You More Likely to Fall?

There are several risk factors that contribute to falls. Some of these risk factors include:

- Lower body weakness
- Difficulties with walking and balance
- Use of medicines, such as tranquilizers, sedatives, or antidepressants, and some over-the-counter medicines
- Vision problems
- Foot pain or footwear that does not fit right or is worn-out
- Home tripping dangers

If you're an older adult, there are simple things you can do to keep yourself from falling:

- Tell your doctor if you have fallen, if you feel unsteady when standing or walking, or if you're afraid you might fall.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist to review your medicines to see if any might increase your risk of falling.
- Ask your doctor about health conditions (like depression or osteoporosis) that can increase your risk for falling.
- Ask your doctor to check your eyes at least once a year and update lenses as needed.
- Stay active- do exercises that make your legs stronger and improve your balance.
- Make your home safer:
 - Keep floors free from clutter
 - Add grab bars in the bathroom
 - Have handrails and lights installed on all staircases

The National Council on Aging offers a Falls-Free Checkup to help you understand your risk of falling: <https://www.ncoa.org/tools/falls-free-checkup>

Falls are Preventable.



Speak up.



Keep moving.



Check your eyes.



Make your home safer.

www.cdc.gov

STEADI Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries

Culpeper Baptist Hosts Stronger Memory Program 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Mornings in the IG Space

This is a breakthrough program for better brain health developed by Goodwin Living. Participants can experience an improved ability to focus, find misplaced items and remember conversations. Join us at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday mornings at Culpeper Baptist's InterGenerational space—it's effective, easy to use and fun. Contact Hans Murdock for information: hmurdock@culpeperbaptist.org. [540-825-8192].



Hope in Grief
Grief & Loss Support

Helping you find hope and comfort on your journey.

Whatever the loss, our groups are a confidential and safe place to belong, find comfort and start to heal.



If there ever comes a day we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever.
Winnie the Pooh

Every person's loss and reaction to loss is unique. There is no "right" way to do it. But there are things that will help along the journey.

New groups starting:

Hope in Grief
Tuesday, June 25th and Tuesdays through August 14th
6:00 PM in the Culpeper Public Library Conference Room
271 Southgate Shopping Center, Culpeper

GriefShare
Wednesday, June 26 and Wednesdays through September 18th
6:00 PM. Culpeper Baptist Church, 318 S. West St, Culpeper

For more information and to register, call 540-825-8192 or email grief@culpeperbaptist.org.

sponsored by Culpeper Baptist Church



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. We offer family services, financial services, education, housing, employment training, and community services in our 16 city and county service region across Virginia.

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](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

We're celebrating 60 years! People Incorporated has been helping build futures and realize dreams since 1964. Follow us on Facebook to keep up with our upcoming celebrations!

People Incorporated is working towards the construction of Lightfoot Apartments in Culpeper. The affordable housing property will consist of 60 two and three-bedroom units with a community center and playground. Follow People Inc. on social media for updates!



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 540-317-1665 or emailing bataylor@peopleinc.net.



Empowering Culpeper will continue to hold their community food distributions on the third Saturday or 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@gmail.com for location and distribution dates.



Interested in volunteering with Empowering Culpeper? Email volunteer@peopleinc.net.



People Incorporated's Whole Family Approach provides one-on-one coaching and support for the entire family. For more information, contact Sue Bridges at sbridges@peopleinc.net.

Did you know that People Inc. offers personal loans, business loans, services for ex-offenders, homeless services, volunteer services, family services, free tax preparation services, and affordable housing in Culpeper?

Call the Culpeper Office for more information at 833-277-9330, visit our website at peopleinc.net or email info@peopleinc.net.

Meghan Copenhaver
Communications Specialist
People Incorporated of Virginia



Financial Assistance for Septic System Maintenance and Repair Available to Most Culpeper Residents

Many Culpeper County residents are eligible for reimbursement of 50 to 80 percent toward the expense of pumping, maintaining, repairing, or replacing private septic systems. The Mountain Run, Muddy Run and Hazel River watersheds contain nearly all of Culpeper County except lands lying south of State Route 3, which drain directly to the Rapidan River, and areas north of Jeffersonton which drain directly to the Rappahannock River. The Hubbard Run area is also excluded.

The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD) grants program continues to expand its funding to help reduce bacteria pollution in local streams. The series of grants are focused on reducing any existing or potential impacts on local ground and surface water quality. Levels of E. coli bacteria in some local streams have long been identified as being higher than expected by state quality standards. Repairing or replacing dysfunctional septic systems helps to reduce E. Coli levels. An additional benefit to the property owner is the assurance that their system is up to standard and functioning properly -- It's a win-win for both water quality and property value.

Program participants are eligible for several different payments depending on the actual needs of their systems. Options include pump outs, repairs, inspections, and full system replacements. Reimbursements cover 50 percent of costs but can go as high as 80 percent based on low-income status.

Pump outs are recommended every 3-5 years and inspections are encouraged for older systems; such preventative maintenance can extend the life of a system and if repairs are indicated during the inspection, owners are eligible for additional repair payments.

Applications are required and need to be approved prior to the work being started, or funding can be declined. Free assistance with initial assessments of

system needs is available from the District. Reimbursement payments are made promptly once the work has been completed. The program is entirely voluntary and assistance from the District is free of charge.

For more information on the program, call the CWSCD at (540) 825-8591. Funding for these projects have been secured but the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Commonwealth of Virginia and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Road and Driveway Maintenance Guide Available

Now is a great time to start maintenance of your road or driveway! Over time, many roads and driveways deteriorate for a variety of reasons: poor initial design or construction, poor maintenance, extreme weather or heavy traffic. In addition to costly repairs, many roads and roadside ditches drain into local streams delivering both sediment and gravel into stream channels. This is destructive to the stream, resulting in loss of stream bottom habitat and channel capacity. Improved maintenance incorporating best management practices (BMPs) can save money and better protect waterways.

Currently available to property owners is the Dirt and Gravel Road BMP Guide, published with funding from the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund. The guide can be found at the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District website (www.culpeperswcd.org) under Publications. Hard copies can be picked up from CSWCD as well as your local Extension office or Building office. For technical assistance, contact Richard Jacobs at 540-825-8591 or RichardJ@culpeperswcd.org.

Culpeper County is represented on the Culpeper SWCD Board of Directors by Elected Directors Tom O'Halloran and Dennis Verhoff as well as Associate Director Bob Williamson.

As always, Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District is available with cost share for agricultural producers, technical assistance for all residents, hands on classroom/Zoom programs and rain barrels! Contact Stephanie DeNicola at stephanied@culpeperswcd.org or 540-825-8591 for more information.

Department of Environmental Quality Developing Watershed Clean Up Plan

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is developing a Watershed Clean Up Plan (also known as an implementation plan) to address bacteria impairments for Cedar Run, Lower Rapidan River, Mine Run and Mountain Run watersheds in the Rappahannock River Basin in Culpeper County, Orange County, and a small portion of Spotsylvania county. These bacteria impairments have been listed in Virginia's § 303(d) list of impaired waters for failing to meet Virginia's water quality standards due to an exceedance in E. coli.

The implementation plan will explain the pollutant reductions needed to meet the bacteria reduction targets outlined in the Total Maximum Daily Load plan. Implementation plans aim to target and discuss the nonpoint source pollutants that are contributing to the bacteria impairments and provide detailed goals in addressing these pollutants. The plan will also recommend a specific set of voluntary best management practices (BMPs) for agricultural lands, residential septic systems, pet waste, and urban practices to reduce bacteria from entering area streams. It will also include associated costs and a timeline of the expected achievement of water quality objectives.

Once an implementation plan is submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and granted approval then organizations may apply to DEQ's 319(h) grant program for this project area. Awards for this grant agreement fund the various BMPs documented in the plan and typically range between \$75,000 - \$300,000 per agreement, for up to three years.

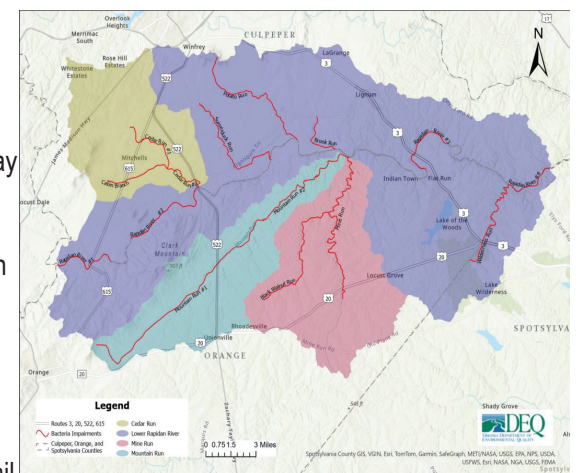
The development process for the plan entails a series of public meetings and community engagement meetings that are open to the public. Any member of the public may participate throughout the development process. Meetings include discussions on recommendations on implementation strategies, associated costs, outreach, and funding opportunities. Persons interested in participating should notify the DEQ contact person and provide their name, address, phone number, email address and the organization they represent (if any).

For upcoming meeting information please contact Kaitlin King at DEQ:

Phone: (804) 338-2430 E-mail: kaitlin.king@deq.virginia.gov

Mailing address: 1111 E. Main St. Suite 1400, Richmond, Virginia 23219

For more information about this plan development visit DEQ's website here: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/our-programs/water/water-quality/implementation/implementation-plans-under-development>



Culpeper County Voter Registration & Election Office



2024 ELECTION CALENDAR

June 18, 2024 - Primary Election for U.S. Senate & House of Representatives

Saturday, June 8, 2024—Open for Early Voting from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 15, 2024—Last Day of Early Voting from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

All Voting at the Precincts. NO VOTING AT THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE.

November 5, 2024 - General Election

Please visit our website at web.culpepercounty.gov/registrar for upcoming election deadlines and further information.

Are You Ready to Vote?

- **Have you moved?**
- **Recently had a name change?**
- **Do you need to register for the first time?**

Now is the time to get prepared!!!

Register to vote, update your information, verify your registration status, look up your district information or find your polling place on our website at: web.culpepercounty.gov/registrar.



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.

PUBLIC OFFICE STAFF:

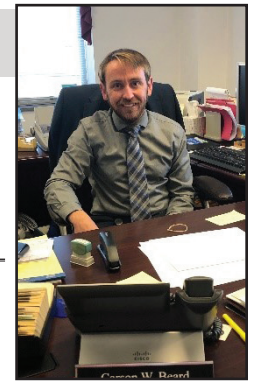
Jennifer L. Weakley, Chief Deputy Clerk
 Sylvia Renninger, Administrative Assistant Deputy Clerk
 Stacy S. Putnam, Deputy Clerk
 Nicole Fields, Deputy Clerk
 Kristen E. Lee, Deputy Clerk
 Shaneil Williams-Butler, Deputy Clerk

COURTROOM STAFF:

Stephanie Voss, Deputy Clerk
 Courtnie Koontz, Deputy Clerk
 Helen Casillas, Deputy Clerk
 Ashley Fox, Deputy Clerk
 Elizabeth Rybarczyk, Deputy Clerk



From left to right:
 Stacy Putnam, Shaneil
 Williams-Butler, Nicole
 Fields, Jennifer Weak-
 ley, Kristen Lee, Sylvia
 Renninger



I would like to introduce the amazing people who work in the Clerk's Office. This will be part one of a two-part series to introduce the Office. Without these people in this issue and the next, there would be no Circuit Court. I cannot thank them enough for their hard work and dedication, and, if you see them out and about, please thank them too. They give their all to being a Deputy Clerk and this Office could not function without them. The first people you will meet will be the Public Office Staff. They will be the ones you see when you come to the Office on the second floor of the courthouse. They handle marriage licenses, land recordings, probate, concealed handgun permits, and the list goes on. Each of them wrote a short bio about themselves and I hope you enjoy reading a little about them:

My name is Sylvia Renninger. I am married to my husband for 16 years and we have 2 kids. I began working in the Culpeper County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in 2011 as a Deputy Clerk and was promoted to Administrative Assistant Deputy Clerk in 2021. I have an associate degree in business management. I continue to take classes, webinars, and training to further my education. I enjoy spending my spare time with my family and friends hanging by the pool in warm weather and cozy crafting in the colder months.

Hi, my name is Shaneil Williams-Butler. I came back to work at the Culpeper County Circuit Court Clerk's Office in February of 2023. What I enjoy most about my job is the historical records. With both sides of my family originating from Culpeper County, it's fun to see old marriage licenses and land recordings done by family members. Outside of work I enjoy hanging out with my family. We are a sports family, so you are likely to see us at CYB and CFA games. Recently, my husband and I have started coaching a Girls AAU Basketball with the Team Hustle Organization.

My name is Stacy Putnam. I have worked for the Culpeper County Circuit Court Clerk's Office since July 17, 2000. My husband is a Lieutenant with the Town of Middleburg Police Department. My son is a first-class petty officer with the United States Navy. I also have two Yorkshire terriers, Bella, and Diva, who keep me very busy when I am at home.

My name is Kristen Lee. I have worked at the Culpeper County Circuit Court Clerk's Office for a little over 4 years now. I got married to my husband, Robert, in May of 2023. I have two nephews and one niece who mean the world to me. I am a summer girl, so I enjoy spending my free time out by the pool or in the Outer Banks at the beach.

My name is Jennifer Weakley. I started with Culpeper County in March of 1990 and have watched the County grow tremendously through the years. I have served in different areas in the Clerk's Office and, currently, I am the Chief Deputy Clerk and assist the public with the probate process. When I am not at work, I enjoy spending time with my family.

My name is Nicole Fields. I have been with the Culpeper County Circuit Court Clerk's Office for four and a half years. I am married to my middle school sweetheart, and we have two children - a son and daughter. I enjoy spending time with my family, being outdoors, and attending sporting events for my son. One day, I hope to retire and move to the beach with my family.



Commissioner of the Revenue
Terry L. Yowell

**ARE YOU CONDUCTING
BUSINESS IN OR FROM
CULPEPER COUNTY?**



CULPEPER COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

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BUSINESS REGISTRATION FORM

Our office receives numerous calls with questions on how to report information regarding business conducted in or from Culpeper County. In order to assist you in determining if you are conducting business, please take a look at the following questions:

1. Do you receive income for providing a good or service from a source other than an employer?
2. Do you receive a Miscellaneous Income Statement 1099 from a source other than an employer for which you have provided a good or service?
3. Do you file a Schedule C (Business Profit or Loss) as part of your Federal Income Tax Return?



If you answer "yes" to any of the questions above, you may be considered conducting business. To assist you in complying with state and local tax law, we need you to register your business with our office. For your convenience, a registration form is herein provided. Please complete the form and return to the Commissioner of the Revenue office. You may also obtain a form by email, mail or fax or by visiting our webpage at <https://web.culpepercounty.gov>, then click "Commissioner of Revenue" under "Government", then click "Forms and Documents" then click "Business Registration".

We will use this information to create a file for your business. Each year, a Return of Business Personal Property and Machinery & Tools will be



mailed to you using the most current mailing information we have on record. Completing this form will allow you to declare property used in your business for the purpose of local property taxation. Any time you receive a request for information from the Commissioner of the Revenue, please respond. Even if you

believe the request for information does not apply to you, please contact this office. If we have information on file which indicates you may be conducting business, AND we do not hear from you, you may be subject to a statutory assessment (which will generate a tax bill) using the best information we have on file.

The reason your property is assessed for local taxation is because of Virginia law. According to the Code of Virginia §58.1-3503, all tangible property, owned or leased, used in a trade or business is subject to taxation.

My goal, as your Commissioner of the Revenue, is to assist all new and existing businesses to comply with state and local taxation laws. The only way you can be sure that you are in compliance is if you file with this Office. The only way that I can be sure that your business is being assessed fairly and equitably is if you file with this Office. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the taxation of business personal property or machinery & tools used in manufacturing, please contact this Office for assistance.

Please Check One:

() New Business () Name Change – Prior Name: _____

() Sole Proprietor () Partnership () LLC () Incorporated () Other (explain): _____

Business Start Date in Culpeper: _____

Registered Name of Business or Individual Name if Sole Proprietor: _____

Trade Name: _____

Mailing Address of Business: _____

Physical Address of Business: _____

(Note--Businesses located in Town of Culpeper, must contact Town Business License Clerk)

Phone Number of Business: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Nature of Business: _____

Federal Identification Number (as issued by IRS): _____ - _____

Social Security Number, if applicable: _____ - _____

Contact Person(s) & Phone Number(s): _____

CONSENT TO RECEIVE AND RELEASE:

I, _____ (business owner) hereby authorize _____ as my agent/representative to receive and release confidential information related to my business account unless and until revoked in writing to the Commissioner of the Revenue.

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

Helpful Websites:

web.culpepercounty.gov

www.irs.gov

(federal forms & SS-4 form to obtain Tax ID)

www.tax.virginia.gov

www.tax.virginia.gov/taxforms/Business/Registration/R-1.pdf

(registration of business name, locations, & tax types)

www.business.virginia.gov

www.scc.virginia.gov

Other County Department Contact Info:

Planning & Zoning 727-3404
Location: 302 N Main St
Administration Building

Health Department 829-7350
(food preparation and lodging businesses)
Location: 640 Laurel St (next to hospital)

Notice to Business Owner: This is NOT an all-inclusive list of requirements for operating a business. The business owner is responsible for complying with all laws and regulations associated with owning and operating a business, notifying the affected offices of any ownership or address change and if the business ceases to operate.

For Office Use Only:
Date Received: _____
Existing Acct #: _____
Effective Year: _____

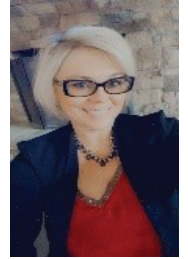
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CULPEPER COUNTY TREASURER, Missy N. White

Dear Culpeper Citizens,

I hope this issue of the Culpeper Quarterly finds you all well and enjoying the warmer weather! As always, it continues to be my pleasure to serve as your Culpeper County Treasurer. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you ever need our assistance or have any questions regarding your tax bills.

~Missy N. White



This is important information for taxpayers concerning local taxes. This brief summary should be especially informative to new residents of Culpeper. We welcome your inquiries and want to assist you in any way possible.

TAX RATES & DUE DATES

In the Spring of each year, the Culpeper Board of Supervisors sets the tax rates for personal property and real estate for the upcoming tax year. Culpeper is an annual biller with tax bills typically being generated around the end of August. Once generated, they are immediately available online to view and/or make payments. The paper bills are mailed in September and the due date is December 5th.

REAL ESTATE TAXES

The Code of Virginia provides for the assessment of real estate taxes based on fair market value as established by the governing body. Real property is assessed as of January 1 each year by the Culpeper Real Estate Assessor's Office. All real property is subject to taxation unless it is specifically exempt.

Culpeper County offers Tax Relief for citizens who meet certain eligibility requirements for Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons, Disabled Veterans and surviving spouses. Please contact the Real Estate Assessor's Office for more information on how to apply for these programs.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal property, to include business equipment, is assessed by the Culpeper County Commissioner of the Revenue's Office. The Treasurer's Office has no authority to make any adjustments and/or corrections to tax bills. Those changes must originate in the Commissioner's Office. Any vehicle registered with Culpeper County listed as its garage jurisdiction through DMV is subject to taxation.

Culpeper County is a prorating locality for personal property which means that tax is assessed based on the number of months during the tax year that the vehicle is garaged, parked or stored in Culpeper.

Culpeper County offers Personal Property Tax exemption for Disabled Veterans who meet certain eligibility requirements. Please contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office for more information.

LATE PAYMENT PENALTY & INTEREST

A late payment penalty is required by law for all untimely payments (Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, §§ 58.1-9 and 58.1-3916). The law specifies that payments made by mail must be postmarked by no later than the due date.

The late payment PENALTY is ten percent (10.00%) of the tax amount not paid or postmarked by the due date. INTEREST, at ten percent annually (10% APR), is assessed on the unpaid tax amount plus the penalty beginning on December 6 (the first (1st) day following the due date) and accrues on the first (1st) of each month thereafter until paid in full (Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, § 58.1-3916). Failure to receive a tax bill will not relieve you of the penalty and interest applied to all past due bills.



The CULPEPER SHERIFF'S OFFICE cordially invites you to register for their free Youth Sports Camps this upcoming summer season. This is a great opportunity for your children to participate in various sports, as well as hone their skills, foster teamwork, and develop sportsmanship.

Here is a schedule of the upcoming camps:

Soccer Camp ages 8 to 15: June 11-13 at the Culpeper Sports Complex 8:00 to 11:15.

**Basketball Camp: June 25-27,
Ages 8-11 will meet at the Culpeper Field House from 8:00 to 11:15
Ages 12-15 will meet at Eastern View High School 8:00 to 11:15**

**Baseball and Softball Camp: July 9-11 at the Culpeper Sports Complex
Ages 8-15, and will run 8:00am to 11:15am**

**Co-Ed Volleyball Camp: July 16-18 at the Culpeper Field House
Ages 11-18 and will run from 8:00 to 11:15.**

For further details and inquiries, please refer to the websites listed below.

**Registration is now available on
www.culpepersheriffsoffice.com or
web.culpepercounty.gov/parksrec.**

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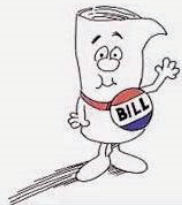
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Culpeper Airport Works With State to Legally Deal with Abandoned Aircraft *by Chris Godart*



I'm just a bill, I'm only a bill.....If you recognize the lyrics and this cartoon character popular during the 70s and 80s you might already know how a Bill becomes Law. We recently had to relearn just that here at Culpeper Airport. We have a poor airplane just sitting there abandoned by his or her owner for some unknown reason and with every passing month it is worse for wear. Months turned into years and now the airplane is in quite a derelict state. We also learned other airports in Virginia had similar problems with airplanes left on their property. Something had to be done!

We did some research on what options we have with an abandoned aircraft tied-down on the ramp and left without payment nor contact information. Nothing was found. Through our research we found that Virginia has laws regarding abandoned vehicles and even abandoned boats but nothing on aircraft. One thing we did find was that several other States already had laws in place so we set about looking for a way to get a law enacted in Virginia. The Airport Director is a member of the Virginia Airport Operator's Council (VAOC). One of the many things the VAOC deals with is how to help the aviation community in Virginia. Once they were made aware of our research they set about to work on behalf of all Virginia airports to find a member of the Virginia Legislature willing to introduce a bill for consideration and vote.

Now we get to the process of how a bill becomes law. Delegate Wren Williams (R) agreed to sponsor the bill. Once the bill was introduced it received a number, ours was HB 446. It was introduced on January 8, 2024 and since it deals with aviation was immediately referred to the Committee on Transportation where it began its long journey to becoming a law. First it went to a

sub-committee for Transportation Infrastructure. After making some changes it was approved by a 22-0 vote and referred to the full House. More changes were suggested and made and on February 7, 2024 it was voted on by the Virginia House and passed with 100 voting Yea and 0 voting Nay.

It's looking good, now on to the next step, which is the Virginia Senate. Our bill was now referred to Senate Committee on Transportation. They made some changes and after some procedural votes it eventually passed the Senate by a vote of 29-11. So, were we done? Far from it!

Since the Senate had made some changes, it now had to go back to the House to approve those changes. They did by a vote of 97-0. All right !! Could we celebrate now?? Not quite.

The next step was for the House of Delegates Clerk's Office to Enroll the bill. After that the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the President of the Senate had to sign the Enrolled version of the bill.

The next step was for the bill to be sent to the Governor for his review and recommendations. The Governor had some choices. He could have signed the bill as presented to him, he might have suggested recommendations to amend the bill or he could always have vetoed the bill.

Since the Governor returned the bill without any amendments, etc., it has now become an Act of Assembly of the 2024 Regular Session and will become effective July 1, 2024.

What a journey! This shows you how someone with a problem reached out to an elected official and now they made it a law to help with the problem. We will have to go through the process specified by the Bill but at least now our poor airplane may have its next journey to look forward to.

Culpeper Regional Airport

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