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members in the news

Keith Morris, who is owner and manager of **Integrity Automotive**, earned his Competent Communicator Award at the December Toastmasters Club. This award is the culmination of a series of ten speeches, of increasing difficulty, which Mr. Morris completed. In his final speech at this week's meeting, Mr. Morris spoke with vivid examples on the need for training for technological expertise. **Culpeper Toastmasters** is a non-profit civic club that is dedicated to developing public speaking and leadership skills. It is open for public membership. If interested, please web search "Culpeper Toastmasters, club 8510".

Virginia Broadband, LLC "VABB" announces another addition to our Field Technician team. **Mike Vermillion** joined the team this month and he's very anxious to climb towers (crazy). Also this month, **VABB** was honored to provide free Internet service to the Wounded Warriors

– Healing Waters fly fishing event at the Rose River Farm in Syria.

Piedmont Area Soap Box Derby Foundation, Inc. has received a corporate donation from the **Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT)** to bring integrated STEM program to area schools in Culpeper and surrounding Counties. Elementary & middle school students will get firsthand experience in engineering design and STEM core concepts thanks to a recent donation from SWIFT. The \$25,000.00 corporate donation was recently presented to the Piedmont Area Soap Box Derby Foundation, Inc. to promote the Gravity Racing Challenge Program. These funds will provide funding for public schools to partner with the International Soap Box Derby® (ISBD) and their increased focus on STEM education initiatives.

Congratulations to **Tony Troilo** for being appointed to The International Soap Box Derby's Board of Directors. Tony is the President of **Rosson & Troilo Motor Co.**

The Board serves as the governing body of the ISBD and provides management and direction for the non-profit organization.

ColonialWebb Contractors/Comfort Systems USA is pleased to announce the addition of a new member to our Charlottesville team! **Andrew Davidson** has joined us in the role of Service Operations Manager. Andrew is replacing Heidi Messick, who has taken on additional corporate operational responsibilities for the organization. Andrew will manage all aspects of ColonialWebb's Commercial HVAC service operation which covers the greater Charlottesville and Culpeper areas.

Participating in the 5th Annual All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) Training and Education Symposium in Denver this month, **EMSI** not only hosted an exhibition booth, but provided incident management training for attendees. Offering a variety of workshops and presentations designed to facilitate the growth and develop of incident management teams, this symposium is additionally a national, state, and local effort to provide responders and operators with the knowledge, skills, best practices, and lessons learned from incident response deployments.

On June 10, 2015, **Brian Jarvis**, The Branch Manager of **PermaTreat Pest Control** located in Culpeper, VA was awarded his "Associate Certified Entomologist" certification by the Entomological Society of America. This certification is awarded based on industry

knowledge, ability to render safe and effective services, and maintaining high standards of ethical conduct.

The Blue Ridge Chorale has performed this season to very delightful audiences at Dogwood Village and the Prince Michel Vineyard. We have a concert at Walden Hall and the State Theatre before wrap up. We invite you to join us for our spring concert. Practice begins January 4.

welcome new members

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We are the voice of the business community working to promote, build, and support the most effective climate for economic development.



There is always a need for citizens to assume leadership roles in our community. The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for this dynamic 9 month program.

MORE INFORMATION

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"Equivalent to having the mayor give you the key to the city. It exposed me to all facets of the inner workings and the people behind the work that make Culpeper run. As for my class, my fellow classmates were an eclectic bunch from all walks of life, between the contacts / friends I made in class, I also made many more contacts throughout the town and county due to the immense exposure Lead Culpeper provided me. I've lived in Culpeper for 15 years, for the first time after graduating Lead Culpeper, I feel connected to Culpeper."

Keith Farrish, Owner, Saddle Ridge Farm

Chamber Membership Anniversaries

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Culpeper Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Spotlight: Megan Furlong, CPA



Meet Megan Furlong! Megan Furlong, a Culpeper native, was named the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Young Professional of the Year during the chamber's annual banquet. Megan is a Certified Public Accountant with the Culpeper office of Yount, Hyde & Barbour, which is located in Mulberry Commons off of Sunset Lane. It is one of six offices operated by the Winchester-based accounting firm. Megan graduated from CCHS in 2003 and received her bachelor's degree from Bridgewater College in 2007. Megan has been in a leadership role with the Chamber's Young Professionals group for five years now, serving as President for the past two years. She is also about to begin her second

year as President of the Culpeper Business Women, an independent group, formerly known as Culpeper's Business and Professional Women. Megan is a graduate of the Chamber's LEAD Culpeper program and has served on the planning committee over the past few years. Megan also serves on the county public schools' Career Tech Education Advisory Council, which helps to prepare students to enter the workforce after finishing high school. The individual who nominated her writes, "She is very generous and one of those understated individuals, who does so much that goes unnoticed, often contributing behind-the-scenes, which makes her most deserving of this award."