

The Chamber ADVANTAGE

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Becoming involved in your community

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Ken Greenfield



Cherishing our past, embracing the present, and building the future. For more than 100 years the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce has been the cornerstone of our business community. When I speak about the chamber, I am not

referring to a small group of people in an office building or a street address; I am speaking about more than 500 business professionals that give their time and talent to help make the Culpeper business community vibrant and successful. The Chamber's mission is to be the voice of the business community working to promote, build, and support the most effective climate for economic development.

When my family and I moved to Culpeper 12 years ago, we quickly

found out that we had made the right choice. The Chamber of Commerce was and still is a great way to get involved, meet others in the community, network, and help my business grow.

Our community provides many opportunities to be active, engaged, and involved each year. The Chamber serves as the conduit that helps connect these opportunities to people. For example, you could attend Lead Culpeper, a program designed to develop

Culpeper's future leaders. Additional opportunities include CulpeperFest, the premier event that showcases local business to the community. Perhaps you would like to become involved with one or more of the groups that meet regularly within our community. These groups include the Professional Women's Council, Young Professionals, Major Industry Council, Non-Profit Council, and Business Development & Assistance.

If you would like to become more involved, the Chamber can be of service, please give us a call 540-825-8628 or visit culpeperchamber.com.

Together we will help Culpeper "Connect," "Grow," and "Prosper."



Sponsorship & Exhibit Registration LIVE at CulpeperFest.com

Save The Date!

at **FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016**

Eastern View High School
3:00 PM TO 7:00 PM



CulpeperFest is not sponsored by Culpeper County Public Schools

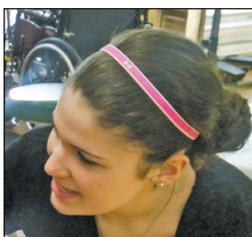
News from the CulpeperFest Committee!

We are thrilled to announce we have just 1 FOOD vendor spot left for this year's event! Vendors and sponsors are making use of our streamlined registration process at CulpeperFest.com. Some other enhancements include increased marketing opportunities and premium booth locations for Sponsors. The sale of merchandise, produce, baked goods, and crafts, etc by exhibitors is encouraged. Parking attendants will be on duty as well as more vendor check in staff. Stay tuned for more information next month and be sure to follow our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/CulpeperFest>.

Sophie Hudson
CulpeperFest 2016 Chair

members in the news

Dogwood Village would like to recognize **Hali Miller** for her contributions to the facility. Hali began her



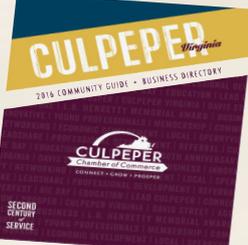
service with Dogwood Village in 2015. She was a member of the Orange County High School Nursing Assistant Class under the supervision of Kendra Crane. Hali lives in Orange with her parents Doug and Teresa Miller as well as her siblings and pets. She is a member of Zion Baptist Church and enjoys riding horses and baking. She is currently a senior at OCHS and would like to continue her education

with Germanna Community College in order to become a Registered Nurse. She is currently working part time for Dogwood Village Health and Rehabilitation as a CNA. Hali is pictured with resident, John Kearney.

We are excited to announce that the **Culpeper H&R Block** has had three \$1000 dollar winners of our "\$1000 Daily Sweepstakes". This promotion

runs through 2/15/16.

On February 18, **Dr. Michael Watts** presented a seminar entitled "Choosing a Pet Food: Science vs. Marketing" as part of **Clevengers Corner Veterinary Care's** "Third Thursday" pet owner education series. Dr. Betty Myers is scheduled to present "What to do in a Pet Emergency" for the March session.



THE 2016 CULPEPER CHAMBER COMMUNITY GUIDE IS AVAILABLE NOW!

The 2016 chamber guide is now available online at our website or you can pick up a printed copy at our office!

You can also pick up your copy at any Culpeper Times rack in Culpeper. We will also have copies at the Culpeper Times, right across from the Culpeper Post Office or you can call 540-812-2282.

Clevengers Corner Veterinary Care recognizes the employment anniversaries of Cristina Root (10 years), Jessica Daniel (5 years) and Michelle Gray (5 years).

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Bailey of Portrait Art by Elizabeth** who will be competing with 4 of her images in a regional competition in Williamsburg, VA on February 19th.

Dave Figueroa, Sr. Field Tech for Virginia Broadband, LLC "VABB" is now certified as a Tower Climbing & Tower Rescue Instructor by ComTrain – the leader in tower climbing training. Dave's certification allows him to train our own staff and anyone in the public who wishes to be certified.

Tim Carlson, CPP of Studio C Photography will be in Williamsburg with the Virginia Professional Photographers Association for their 2016 convention. Besides the business duties of VPPA, Tim will be competing in the Southeast District Photographic competition and attending classes to continue his education.

welcome new members

VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 2524
Keith Price-Post Commander
12210 Sperryville Pike
Culpeper, VA 22701
Non-Profit Clubs & Organizations

SERVPRO of Culpeper & Fauquier Counties
Bogdan Rati-General Manager
4224 Bragg Street
The Plains, VA 20198
540.423.6688
Cleaning Services Fire & Water Restoration

The Salvation Army
Bob Mullins-Captain
102 North Main Street, #304
Culpeper, VA 22701
703.321.4859
Non-Profit Clubs & Organizations

Edward T. "Ed" Scott
Individual Member

Storeland Self Storage
Steve McLean
18424 Gate Road
Culpeper, VA 22701
540.395.2614
Storage

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PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S WORKSHOP



Katie Snyder



Daphne B Latimore



Mary Vargas

THE INTEGRATED WOMAN

A morning of strategy, stories, & tools that will help you no matter what your personal mix of priorities is. You will leave being able to set priorities & create your own strategic plan. One that supports both personal & professional lives.

MEMBERS OF THE CULPEPER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - \$30
GENERAL ADMISSION - \$40
Thursday, March 31st 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Geranna Community College, 18121 Technology Dr,
Culpeper, VA 22701
Includes light breakfast, Instruction, Networking & Take Home Materials

Pre Registration Required at CulpeperChamber.com or 540-825-8628

\$250 EVENT SPONSORSHIP SIGN UP THROUGH MARCH 1ST

1 Attendee, 6ft Vendor Table & a 2 minute presentation.

Logo Recognition via:

- In emails promoting the event.
- Social media.
- Signage at the event
- The event program

Opportunity to distribute information to all attendees
Opportunity to supply door prize.



Culpeper Business Women



Experience Professionalism Est. 2000



Young Professionals

CONNECT • GROW • PROSPER



NEXT EVENT

MARCH 16TH

COFFEE AT PANERA 8AM-9AM

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