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Farm Credit is searching for a Business Service Specialist to work in a fast-paced lending environment. Join a team of lending professionals who value collaboration, attention to detail, and customer service. Visit our website to apply at www.farmcreditofto virginias.com.

Narmada Winery is currently seeking a full-time winery manager to support our well-established winery business. Interested candidates should have at least 2-3 years of previous experience as a tasting room manager in the wine industry. We are looking for an energetic and passionate person to work with us to further develop our offerings and manage day to day sales and operations.

If you are interested in learning more about this position, please send a cover letter and your resume to sudha@narmadawinery.com for consideration.

Lora Davis joins **AR Johnson Law** as the firm's Senior Paralegal. Ms. Davis is a Culpeper native. She graduated from Eastern View High School with an advanced diploma. After graduation, she attended the University of Old Dominion in Norfolk, Virginia and majored in public health. She was a member of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority and participated in multiple community service programs. After college, Ms. Davis accepted a position as a deputy clerk with the Culpeper Circuit Court Clerk's Office where she excelled at executing her responsibilities assisting the citizens of Culpeper County. Lora comes to us with six years of experience with the Culpeper Circuit Court Clerk's Office and is a wealth of knowledge regarding evolving statutes, Virginia due process & procedure.

Dogwood Village would like to recognize the local businesses and organizations who have supported the facility over the past year through their many donations, notes of encouragement and calls. This support has provided both encouragement and a sense of optimism for residents and staff. As our residents remain COVID-19 free since the pandemic began last march, we want you to know we could not have been successful without your assistance.

In an effort to help some of our fellow small businesses in Culpeper, **K&M Lawn, Garden and Arborist Supplies** is now offering a free service to our local businesses. If you have any portable propane tanks, outside heaters that you are refilling on a regular basis, K&M Lawn and Garden will

come by your business and pick up your empty tanks and deliver them back full on the same day. You only pay the cost of the propane. K&M will offer this service 2x a week, Tuesdays and Thursday's. All you need to do is call the day before and request a pick up. There is a two tank minimum. They are happy to be able to help take a burden off their business neighbors in an effort to help each other be more successful through this difficult period.

There are so many exciting things going on at **Xpress Copy & Graphics**. With the recent purchase of a sister company in Fredericksburg they now have access to a much larger embroidery and screen printing department then we had before which is also allowing us to lower prices. They also just installed two more production units and another wide format printer to increase turn around times. Xpress loves their community and want to provide the best marketing materials we can at a great value.

Aging Together is currently compiling information for the first FREE regional directory for older adults scheduled for publication mid-late March. If your organization provides any kind of service or resource relevant to those who are age 50 and up, please let Aging Together know for consideration as a listing. We are also inviting advertisers. If you are interested in advertising please visit our website's homepage (www.agingtogether.org) or contact us at info@agingtogether.org.

Belmont Farm will open for the 2021 season on March 2, 2021. We will have products on sale in our distillery store and in the VAABC stores. Hopefully the covid will subside and we will be able to give tours on a regular basis, right now on Saturdays only in March. We will be giving tours to very small groups of the distillery. Social distancing and masks will be required in the distillery store and on the tours. Tasting and store purchases will be allowed using social distancing indoors and if weather permits, tastings will be conducted outdoors in our pavilion.

MVP Staffing has a brand new App that allows people to look for and apply for local jobs through their phone. There is also a referral program if anyone refers people to the job, they get money.

Culpeper Literacy Council (CLC) is partnering with Rosetta Stone to offer English classes online. Learners can complete lessons on their home computer, tablet, or phone. Quizzes at the end of each lesson measure progress. Learners also can interact with Rosetta Stone tutors and other learners at their level for live practice

sessions. Tutors at CLC work with learners in the classroom, one-on-one, and virtually. CLC trains tutors and supplies all material needed for teaching. Tutors do not need to know another language. To learn more, contact Lynn Gore at director@culpeperliteracy.org.

EXIT Cornerstone Realty would like to celebrate 2 anniversaries: Holly Westergaard is celebrating her 7th Anniversary and Rachel Stuart is celebrating her 4th Anniversary. Ellen Butters of **EXIT Cornerstone Realty** will serving as a member of the Virginia Association of REALTORS Risk Management Committee for 2021.

At the end of 2020 EXIT Realty Corp. International has pledged more than 6 million to charity.

The Vintage Nest is excited to introduce our newest Artisan's to our shop. We welcome Amy from Flying Pig Floral offering beautiful floral designs for your home decor. Steel Art by Lisa offering steel cut Art designs and Stain Glass by Melanie. All these wonderful products can now be purchased in our shop.

Despite a two month statewide Coronavirus Pandemic shutdown in 2020, **Elements Wellness Spa** re-opened to their clients in early May and have been thriving ever since. Thanks to their loyal and ever-growing local clientele, Elements is currently in the process of building out a new larger Spa which boasts 4 treatment rooms, a full shower room, a client lounge, and a custom blending bar where they will create their own natural skincare product line. The new location will open on March 1st.

Wine and Design Culpeper has just added pottery to their studio. They also now have an e-commerce site. The shareholders of **YHB** have voted to admit Megan Furlong, CPA as a principal effective February 1st, 2021. Megan started her career at YHB over 14 years ago. She has spent her time at YHB serving individuals and businesses in the service and healthcare industry, including veterinarians. Megan, who is also a Certified QuickBooks® ProAdvisor, provides her clients with continual and ongoing advisory services to make sure

Upcoming events

Culpeper Young Professionals Paint it Forward Event

Thursday February 18th 6:30pm
Wine & Design - 201 Waters Place #109, Culpeper, VA 22701

Young Professionals Monthly Networking Luncheon

Wednesday March 3rd 12pm
Country Club of Culpeper - 2100 Country Club Road, Culpeper, VA 22701

Candidates Forum Culpeper Clerk of the Court

Thursday March 11th 6:30pm
Virtual Event - viewable on Chamber Facebook, Chamber YouTube, and Culpeper Media Network

Ribbon Cutting - Elements Wellness Spa New Location

Sunday March 14th 2pm
763 Madison Rd, Suite 206, Culpeper, VA 22701

Lunch and Learn - Destination Mastery

Wednesday March 17th 12pm
ActionCOACH Two Rivers - 101 East Culpeper Street, Suite 150, Culpeper, VA 22701

Culpeper Chamber State of the Community

Wednesday March 24th 8:30am-10am
Zoom - Register at members.culpeperchamber.com/events/details/Culpeper-chamber-state-of-the-community-39257

they are set up to succeed. Megan is an active member in the community and currently serves as the Treasurer for Career Partners, Inc.

Grill 309 is now open for breakfast! Breakfast is served 8am - 11am everyday serving up amazing specials, homemade favorites and Raven's nest coffee. Grill 309 also has their menu online to call and order curbside.

Pepperberries has exciting news. We are opening a Pop-up shop at Pepperberries. It will be located inside the second door entrance at Pepperberries. Did you know we have two entrance doors? Our

welcome new members

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Billiard Tables

Pop-up shop will be open for two months at a time, closed for one month and then reopening for the next two months. We will offer products you would not normally find at Pepperberries or in downtown Culpeper. The opening of The Second Door at Pepperberries will be Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021. We will be open the same hours as Pepperberries and you can enter from street side or inside Pepperberries. We are always looking for something new and exciting for our customers and we think this will be so exciting.

Jessica Mahr, Director, has a Master's degree in Arts Management and a Bachelors' degree in technical theater. She is the Program Chair for **Windmore's StageWorks Community Theatre group**. Auditions will start soon. If you are interested in being part of the theatre group check www.windmorefoundation.org for more information.

Was 2020 rough on your business? It was for most. Been thinking about trying to get an edge for 2021? How about some education and training? After all, most owners of small business have no formal business training. The school of hard knocks doesn't always teach the right lessons. Think it's too expensive? Think again. **ActionCOACH Two Rivers** has a self-paced video education program that's affordable.

Bo Kilby, Owner of **R W Kilby Wire and Water**, is celebrating our strong team of dedicated employees. Alan Boxley has been working with Bo since 1980; Jerry Kilby since 1999; Jay Murray since 2000, and Aaron Boxley since 2006. Kevin Johnson has many years of experience and rejoined our staff in 2017. Alex Novoa joined us in 2019 as an electrician's apprentice.

Timothy Carlson and **Studio C Photography** have been busy during the past month. As we all have been working from home, having family time again, and recovering from the holidays...we have been open and as busy as possible. In January, Tim attended PPA's Imaging convention which was done with a lot of patience and zooming! He completed his CPP re-certification, multiple classes to elevate his Photoshop, restoration, and headshot work as his work toward my Master degree. The studio has been given cleanings, painting, and a few custom backdrops thanks to his new crew.

Studio C continues to offer private sessions and web delivery to all concerned for their safety. Don't forget to have your headshot refreshed. Ask about their 3 for 2 special. And those aging photo memories you cherish, They can enhance them and make you copies to share with your family.

Burnt Ends BBQ LLC is real Texas BBQ right here in Virginia and Texan / Woman owned and family operated. The Latina Pit Master Maria Riojas smokes Beef Brisket, Pulled Pork, Pork Ribs, & Pulled chicken with all your favorite fixins. **Burnt Ends BBQ LLC** now has a permanent location @ Battlefieldfordofculpepr and open Wednesday thru Sundays [12pm to 7pm](#). They also cater! Whether it's a corporate, family, private, wedding or

charity event. We can accommodate any size party with our mobile Lil Burnt Ends BBQ LLC trailer.

Kona Ice is booking school fundraising events now for the month of April: *Special Kona Ice Spirit Events for Autism Awareness Month*. Fun and colorful Autism Awareness Dog Tag necklaces are free with every Kona purchase. Strict sanitation protocols are followed. Orders are placed online for contactless payment and picked up at the event location. Pre-pay. Pick Up. Paradise. 2021 bookings are now in full swing. Contact culpeper@kona-ice.com for details and info on fundraising opportunities for your school, youth sports teams, and any nonprofits.

Meet Christina Grubb-Bunch one of **Trinity Senior Village's** awesome team members! Christina was there when they welcomed our first residents to their new home on January 15th. Christina is a Registered Medication Aide; she began her career as a CNA 20 years ago and has been an RMA for 18 years. She is married to Devon and they have three children, Isaiah 19, Jameson 8 and Maelynn 3. They have 2 dogs, 3 cats and 2 guinea pigs. In her spare time, she loves to scrapbook.

If you would like to join our amazing team that provides exceptional care to our residents daily, we would love to talk to you. We currently have positions available for CNA's and RMA's. We are offering a Sign-on bonus and benefits. Send resume to Kclose@trinityseniorvillage.com, or call 703-706-4026. We would love to have you be part of our family.

People Incorporated has some exciting news for local small businesses financially impacted by the pandemic - we are once again offering Small Business Administration microloans to help businesses:

The first round - offered May through Sept. 2020 - helped **56 small businesses** keep their doors open while the SBA made payments on their loans.

The SBA will help borrowers make payments on qualifying loans closed between now and Sept. 30, 2021

Loan amounts are customized based on business need - they can be for as little as \$500 and up to \$50,000 with terms from seven months to six years

This opportunity is available for small businesses in **Culpeper County, Fauquier County and Rappahannock County**. Interested businesses can speak to a People Inc. lender by calling 833-437-0115.

Wellspring Health Services would like to congratulate Colten and Charline Drumheller as Culpeper's 2021 Cutest Couple! This contest, held by the **Culpeper Times/Rappahannock News Media**, was sponsored by **Wellspring Health Services**. Co-executive chefs at Grass Rootes Colt and Charline are gems of Culpeper and very deserving of this accolade! Cassandra Boone, Executive Director of Wellspring Health Services, presented them with their gift basket worth over \$250.

JIMNI at 154 East Davis has a new

member spotlight



The Little House at **Seek Lavender** is being created. As you know **Seek Lavender** is a labor of love. We are creating a permanent home for our lavender treasures with a dedicated entrance right here at 15528 Bradford Rd.

look and would like to introduce the Culpeper Artisan Group, now on view in the expanded showroom. These local artisans make "live edge", natural, organic hardwood statement tables as well as a beautiful selection of handmade ceramics, jewelry, photography and wood accessories. John Beck is a new partner at JIMNI and can be reached at 850-273-9100. Laser-engraving, custom-made signs of every sort, mantles, conference tables, barn doors and all of the quality and excellence you've come to expect from your neighbor, Jim Schorr, remains at **JIMNI**.

Your **American Red Cross** offers the following virtual preparedness programs for youth and adults. Contact your American Red Cross, Central Virginia Chapter, Disaster Program Manager, Viviana Cristian, viviana.cristian2@redcross.org to learn more.

The Pillowcase Project is a national youth preparedness program designed for 3rd-5th graders that Increases youth awareness of hazards and the importance of personal preparedness as well as builds skills in hazard-specific protective actions to reduce the impact of emergencies on youth and their families and Increases coping skills to manage emergencies and build resilience in youth. <http://www.redcross.org/pillowcase>

Prepare with Pedro is a 30- to 45-minute preparedness education program for grades K-2 that teaches students how to BE PREPARED and TAKE ACTION for either home fires or a local hazard.

Prepare with Pedro complements The Pillowcase Project in scope and mission, by reading a story featuring a penguin named Pedro. Students learn a coping skill and receive a storybook to share what they have learned at home. <http://www.redcross.org/pedro>

Be Red Cross Ready is a national, standardized, free preparedness education curriculum for adults designed to help people understand, prepare for, and respond appropriately to disasters. The program aims to reduce perceived barriers to taking preparedness actions by focusing on a step-by-step approach that is manageable, action-oriented, and affordable. <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html>

Ready Rating is a free, web-based, self-paced organizational emergency preparedness program that helps organizations of all types prepare appropriately, respond effectively, and recover quickly from disasters and other emergencies. Measure your organization's current preparedness level

Help your organization create or improve its emergency action plan and provide the tools needed so that staff have the knowledge and skills to respond effectively during disasters. Track progress as your organization takes steps to improve its ability to respond safer, smarter, and efficiently during disasters. For more information or to join visit ReadyRating.org