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## members spotlight



**DOGWOOD VILLAGE** would like to recognize the Health Center Commission and Foundation Board Members for their service to the facility. Board members support both residents and staff as they make Dogwood Village the best place to live and the best place to work. L-R Sam Kessler, Jim White, Deanne Marshall, Philip Frazer and Lee Frame.

## members in the news

**CULPEPER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** would like to welcome our new Head of School, Chris Zeller, and his family from the Houston, Texas, area. Mr. Zeller, during his 26 years as an educator, has served as a teacher, coach, Athletic Director, Assistant Principal, Principal, and Head of School. He is also a licensed and ordained minister of 25 years. Chris will be bringing his family with him: Kris, wife; and sons Peyton, Ethan, Jaden, and Rysin. If you have not stopped by Culpeper Christian School recently, now would be a great time to come by and say hello. Also, we're pleased to welcome the following individuals to the Culpeper Christian School staff for the 2021-2022 school year! **Dani Cole**, 5th grade homeroom and middle school Science **Darlene Hoffman**, 7th grade homeroom and middle school Language Arts

**Melissa Keith**, 1st or 2nd grade (TBD)  
**Dawn Lutero**, K4 (3-day) teacher  
**Robin Patterson**, 8th grade homeroom and middle school Math  
**Kelly Stull**, K3 teacher and K4 (3-day) assistant  
**Kris Zeller**, Art, Music, and PE teacher

**RE/MAX CROSSROADS** office would like to welcome our New Office Manager – **Chrissy Wright**. Chrissy states "I have two beautiful daughters, who are my world, and drive me to succeed every day and a wonderful husband. I worked in banking for nine years, five of those years were with Oak View National Bank as a bank service representative. I am excited to start a new chapter in my life, and happy to be part of the RE/MAX Crossroads family as their office manager".

Contest Time! **DYNAMIC HEATING AND COOLING** is giving away a family 5 Pack of tickets to the Prince

William County Fair plus, wrist bands are included. Check out their Facebook page for details.

**PERMATREAT PEST AND TERMITE CONTROL** – During the month of July, we are taking reservations for our holiday Christmas light services. Contact us for the special pricing.

Bo Kilby, Owner of **R W KILBY WIRE AND WATER**, congratulated **Aaron Boxley** who has completed his classroom instruction, the required work experience, and recently obtained his Master Plumber license through the VDOL. Aaron has been employed with us in our plumbing division since 2006.

**Chiara Head** earned her music degree from George Mason University. She was hired to be the conductor of **WINDMORE'S** Piedmont Community Band. They had been unable to practice or perform during COVID. Head started working with them in June and on July 4th the band gave their

## welcome new members

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## Upcoming events

**BIE Day**  
8-11:30 a.m. Aug. 13  
CTEC, 17441 Frank Turnage Drive,  
Culpeper VA 22701

**19th Annual Golf Classic**  
8 a.m. Aug. 20  
Country Club of Culpeper, 2100  
Country Club Road, Culpeper, VA  
22701

first live performance in over a year.

**NORTHERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** has launched a new Planned Giving Program. This endeavor focuses on building relationships that contribute to community sustainability and the foundation's ability to support local nonprofits for generations to come. The M. Meade Palmer Memorial Fund grant applications open Monday, July 26, 2021 and close on August 16, 2021. The Emergency Response Fund is still accepting applications for funding for covid-related issues and can be found on the home page of npcf.org. To learn more please visit NPCF.org.

**THE MUSEUM OF CULPEPER HISTORY** will be organizing its Museum Jams series for 2021. The first offering will take at the museum on Friday, July 30, from 5:30-7:30 PM. The series, which was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, occurs monthly through September. Future events will be announced and will be held at local breweries and wineries that offer food, beverages, and music. "It's a great way to highlight Culpeper businesses while encouraging people to explore different areas of the county," said John Christiansen, the museum's executive director. "Many of these venues offer amazing views of the countryside." The museum will be accepting donations to support its operations and educational activities. A donation of \$5 per person is requested. Beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, visit the museum's website at [www.culpepermuseum.org](http://www.culpepermuseum.org) or call 540-829-1749.

**COME AS YOU ARE (CAYA) 5K** participants will run or walk on a beautiful 5K Cross Country Course located at **VERDUN ADVENTURE BOUND**. Follow the Sasquatch through the woods to the finish line. Music at the amphitheater, food and awards will follow the race. This year we are excited to announce that our motivational race speaker is wellness advocate, Chris Herren, founder of Herren Wellness, a residential substance use, wellness and recovery center that helps guests lead healthy, substance-free lives, with locations in Warrenton, VA and Seekonk, MA. Herren was a high school basketball legend from Fall River, MA, who scored over 2,000 career points while at Durfee High School and was named to the 1994 McDonald's All-American team. Chris went on to play at Boston College and Fresno State. He played two seasons in the NBA, including one with his hometown team, the Boston Celtics – and seven seasons overseas before losing everything to the disease of addiction. CAYA programs include teaching 'Revive', an opioid overdose and Naloxone education program, supporting school clubs such as Herren Project, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), funding student teams to attend the youth alcohol and drug abuse conference (YADAPP), and After Prom Parties. Proceeds from the Run For Your Life 5K will assist the CAYA Coalition in supporting prevention programs and reduce the stigma of addiction in our community. For more information visit: [www.cayacoalition.org](http://www.cayacoalition.org)

**GIRLS ON THE RUN PIEDMONT** is excited to announce that **Sarah Langland** is the new chairperson for our Board of Directors. Sarah has served the community over the years

as a coach for Girls on the Run and a volunteer at several other local non-profits. Sarah has a heart for our community and serving our girls and moving the organization forward to serve more girls. Sarah's has been a vital part of bringing LUNAFEST to our area. LUNAFEST is a traveling film festival that has elevated the world of 170+ women filmmakers over the past 20 years. LUNAFEST will be held on August 27, 2021, at The Refinery in Culpeper at 6 pm. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/Piedmont-in-person> or reach out to Sarah directly at Sarah.Langland@girlsontherun.org

**WAGNER HEARING AID OF CULPEPER** will be hosting Summer Demo Days on July 28th and 29th from 9am - 4 pm. Customers will receive a free hearing screening, demonstration and a 30 day risk-free trial of the new Oticon More hearing aids. These revolutionary hearing aids were developed to work more like how your brain works, because they learned through experience. This built-in intelligence ensures each individual sound is delivered with detail and clarity. Space is limited so call today to schedule your appointment. Call 540-825-6770 today.

**The Vintage Nest** will be hosting a Christmas in July sale from all our wonderful artisans July 28-31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**THE PATH FOUNDATION** produces a bi-monthly newsletter and welcomes Chamber members to sign up. The newsletter can be found at CNE at PRC update for July 1, 2021 (constantcontact.com). Please make note for the Employee Assistance Program that PATH is fully funding for all nonprofits (details are included in the newsletter.) Other current PATH grant opportunities include:

- **Better Together Fund** – A new funding cycle designed to support nonprofit-led events to bring people together again in Fauquier, Rappahannock and Culpeper counties. We are accepting submissions for event funding from Monday, June 14, 2021 to July 30, 2021. Selected organizations may receive up to \$2,500 in funding.
- **Flexible Funding Grant** will provide up to \$75,000 in unrestricted general operating support for 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations to be used as needed to meet their missions. The goal of Flexible Funding is to prioritize those most in need, as we strive to make this a great place to live, work, play and grow – for everyone. We are accepting applications for the Summer 2021 round of Flexible Funding from Tuesday, July 6 until Friday, July 30 at 5 p.m.

**MERCHANTS GROCERY** launched its new website at Home - Merchants Grocery Company ([merchants-grocery.com](http://merchants-grocery.com)). Merchants Grocery is a foodservice company as well as a k-12 school foodservice and c-store distributor. We have a great team and are excited about what is next for our team!

**Caroline Pearce** is the new office administrator for **CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL**. Caroline is a Culpeper native and an Eastern View high school graduate. She previously worked at Flavor on Main before joining the team at Peter Walther State Farm. There, she honed her computer expertise

and office skills while continuing the great customer service she gave at her previous position. At the Literacy Council, Caroline is the first person most of the learners meet. She explains the class offerings of English as a Second Language, Adult Basic Education and Citizenship Test Preparation. Caroline also helps register learners, tracks all attendance, and keeps the office running smoothly. If you would like to learn more about classes at Culpeper Literacy Council, you may contact Caroline at [admin@culpeperliteracy.org](mailto:admin@culpeperliteracy.org). To learn about volunteering opportunities, contact Lynn Gore at [director@culpeperliteracy.org](mailto:director@culpeperliteracy.org).



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