

March chamber advantage



The Pulse of Business in Culpeper

members in the news

The Smyth Team is excited to make two announcements about their business. Tish the head of our Real Estate team has received two new designations. She now holds PSA-Pricing Strategy Advisor-SRS Seller Representative Specialist in addition to the GRI-Graduate REALTOR Institute, ABR-Accredited Buyer Representation, SFR-Short-Sale-Foreclosure Representative, MRP-Military Relocation Professional. Our second announcement is the Smyth Team has bought the rights to "SINGO" for our area. The team will be using this fun game throughout area to help raise funds for Charities and 501c3. If you are a part of an organization that needs a fun idea for raising funds, give us a call.

Miss Minerva's Tea Room and Gifts will be celebrating its 20-year anniversary on April 2, 2022.

Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. (CRI) President, Tish Smyth and Vice-President, Glen Hoffherr presented a CRI Façade, Sign and Awning Grant check in the amount of \$491.55 to Fearless, owner, Amanda Jane, and Studio Manager Jane Marlene for new business signage. Fearless is located at 109 S. East Street in Culpeper downtown.

AC Rieman won "Best Attorney" and her paralegal won "Best Administrative Assistant" in Culpeper's "Best of" 2022 Competition. The firm celebrated its 2-year anniversary on March 1. As of March 1, 2022, our firm will be located at 139 W. Davis St., Suite 302, Culpeper, VA 22701.

A brand new Adult Day Center is opening this month in Culpeper! Generations Central, located on the first floor of **Culpeper Baptist Church**, will provide daytime care for senior adults facing the challenges of aging. The Center is open Monday-Friday. To enroll call 540-403-0557 or email adultday@generationscentral.org

Congratulations to Dr. Courtney Conroy, of **Cleversong Corner Veterinary Care**, who was awarded the Recent Graduate Leadership Award by the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association! Only one veterinarian is selected for this prestigious award each year, in recognition of outstanding service to the veterinary profession.

The Little House at Seek Lavender now has a beautiful stone walkway to welcome you! On February 24, **Beer Hound Brewery** celebrated National Chili Day with a chili cook-off to raise money and awareness for the Culpeper County Volunteer Fire Department. A total of \$475 was raised through tasting tickets and donations.

Mom2Mom is proud to announce our newest team member, Marilyn Dunphy as our Hispanic Outreach Coordinator.

Dr. Whitney Grespin, Director of **Sloan Manor Consulting**, traveled to London in early March to deliver a lecture at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Sloan Manor

provides specialized professional services and strategic consulting for institutional transformation, professional military education, security sector reform, and contingency contracting efforts in developing/complex environments.

PATH Recreation & Fitness Center (PRFC) on Crossroad Parkway is offering a variety of exercise classes and personal/small group training in its newly opened fitness area. PRFC's recreation area opens June 1, adding multiport courts, batting cages, an activity room and more to this facility managed by the Culpeper Wellness Foundation.

Dogwood Village - Staff Spotlight - Joseph Seale Jr was born in Charlottesville, VA. He was raised in Madison, VA where he graduated high school. He is married to Jodie Lynn Seale, who works at the Department of Social Services and is a local photographer in Madison. Together they have a daughter Huntlyn Grace, (4) who will start kindergarten in the upcoming school year and Levi Bryant who is expected to make his grand appearance in

April. Jr has worked in the Dogwood Village Maintenance department for 9 months, and he loves the atmosphere and co-workers here at Dogwood Village. He loves to spend time with family (including their family dog Ruby), hunting, fishing, and camping in his spare time. Jr's advice to new employees here at Dogwood: "It's a great place to work and everyone you meet is a nice team player." He is a hard-working, funny team member who enjoys getting to know his fellow co-workers and residents.

Pastor Patrick Lane is a new minister and joined **Mitchells Presbyterian Church** last fall. He was ordained in his home church in Mississippi last October, and his Installation Service by the Presbytery of the James was on Sunday, Feb. 27.

David Reardon is the **Central Virginia SBDC** connection to our northern counties. Based in Culpeper, David works primarily with clients in Madison, Culpeper, and Rappahannock counties. As a U.S. Army Veteran, David especially enjoys working with our Veteran clients and the many more businesses starting, growing, and thriving in the northern central region. David holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Franklin Pierce University and has worked in accounting with major

corporations and smaller businesses. He has been a trusted counselor with the Virginia SBDC Network since 2005.

After a two-year break, **Friends of the Rappahannock** is excited to bring back the action-inspiring 10th Annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival! This festival is sure to make you excited for the spring weather and getting back outdoors. Topics such as climate change, plastic pollution, environmental justice, biodiversity, and inclusion will empower you to take action on the threats facing our community. Tickets can be purchased at riverfriends.org/events or at the door. If you have any questions about the event, please reach out to Lis Heras elisabeth.heras@riverfriends.org or call (540)373-3448 ext 152.

We are very proud to announce that **IMAS International Multilingual Online Academy and Services LLC**, an English and Spanish school located in Culpeper, will hold a graduation ceremony for their

English Program Students. These classes are given to clients in all levels of learning. Many of them work all day and take the time to study at night. IMAS has innovative programs to teach English and Spanish as a second language. IMAS wants to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of our students for all their hard work and dedication. Congratulations IMAS students!


The Vintage Nest shop is very proud to support one of our Artist Kateryna Smith from Ukraine to raise money for aid to her hometown Novig Bugh region of Mykolaiv Region Ukraine. Her paintings as well as other artisans work from our shop will be displayed for you to purchase. All proceeds will go for this cause. Please support this wonderful cause by sharing it on your social media pages to assist in this effort and show Kateryna and all the Ukrainian people we are supporting them.

The Inn at Raccoon Ford is a

Riverfront Event Venue and River Rafting Company on the banks of the Rapidan River in Beautiful Culpeper County Virginia. We will be open officially for the Summer 2022 season, and our website will be up and running soon. We look forward to meeting you.

La Bee da Loca has expanded their business, opening a second store downtown at No. 106, 201 Waters Place, that focuses completely on beekeeping. The beekeeping business will hold its grand opening later this spring with Culpeper Renaissance Inc. and the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce.

Culpeper Literacy Needs Tutors! **The Culpeper Literacy Council** is excited to announce that we have doubled our space! We have three more classrooms and beautiful new offices. So, we need tutors now more than ever. It only takes two hours a week to make a difference. Email director@culpeperliteracy.org for more information. Literacy Changes Lives!



FREE WILLS, TRUSTS AND ESTATE PLANNING FOR CULPEPER FIRST RESPONDERS!

All Culpeper County's First Responders to include paid or volunteer firefighters, EMTs and law enforcement officers are eligible to participate in the Wills for Heroes Program!

First Responder Mandatory Education Session
Thursday March 10th 6:30pm
Saturday March 19th 9am

Document Preparation Dates
Saturday April 2nd 9am
Sunday April 3rd 9am

Contact Karry Whitten at whittenkarry@yahoo.com for more information.

welcome new members

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Retail

Upcoming events

Ribbon Cuttings
Grand Opening of Wellness Revolution
Wednesday, March 30, 4:30 pm
102 N Main Street, Suite 101

Virtual State of the Community
Wednesday, March 23, 9-11 am
Zoom - Register at Culpeperchamber.com to get the link

Young Professionals Networking Mixer
Thursday, March 24, 5-7 pm
Old Trade Brewery
Bring bag of diapers to be entered to win a gift basket!


Women's LIFT Kickoff Event
Wednesday, April 13 12-4 pm
Wollams Gardens

Culpeperpalooza
Saturday, April 23, 11 am-11 pm
Mountain Run Winery



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The Ole Country Store & Bakery
YHB CPAs & Consultants
BUSINESS PARTNER
All Install
Blue Ridge Bank
Carver 4-County Museum/ George Washington
Carver Regional High School Alumni Assoc.
CFC Farm & Home Center
Community STARS
Culpeper Dental Associates
Debi Manzari, Realtor
I & Ls DJing
Living the Dream Foundation
People Incorporated
Wow Moon Healing
Windows & Siding Unlimited



Women's LIFT is an event created to promote, build and inspire women in our community.

Our Kickoff Event on Wednesday April 13th 12-4pm.

This years theme is Growth - Intentions - Giving. Join us for a half day retreat at the beautiful Wollam Gardens. This retreat will include lunch and be full of flowers, networking, inspirational speakers and self care activities.

We will also be hosting a check in/give back follow up event on **Wednesday April 27th 11-4pm at Mountain Run Winery**. This will be an opportunity to reconnect with your fellow participants and give back through fun creative activities to assist our local non profits.

\$35 includes both sessions - you do not want to miss out on this!
Link to: <https://members.culpeperchamber.com/events/details/women-slift-41693>

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