September September advantage CULPEPER Chamber of Commerce CONNECT & GROW PROSPER



The Pulse of Business in Culpeper

members in the news

UVA Health Culpeper Medical Center is working to keep our neighbors healthy and to meet the needs of our growing community. Join us in welcoming three new providers: Jason T. Laurita, MD, orthopedic surgeon, Kyndal K. Riewe, PA, orthopedics, and Leslie B. Rivers, NP, urology. Check our website for contact information and to make appointments, uvahealth.com.

Windstar Technologies Inc.

wants to remind everyone that Windows 10 support stops on October 14, 2025. No updates, no security patches and no backup plan. If your device can't up-grade to Windows 11, you could be stuck with costly workarounds or exposed data.

Germanna Community College will be hosting a 55th Anniversary Homecoming event on October 5th. Homecoming is a chance to

reconnect with classmates, faculty and friends who helped shape your story. Enjoy food, fun and community as we celebrate our 55th Anniversary.

Fauquier Health wants to remind everyone not to let your 2025 insurance benefits go unused! Now is the time to schedule that check up, screening or procedure you've been putting off. Make your health a priority before the year ends and head into 2026 feeling your best!

Did You Know? Every single girl in Girls on the Run Piedmont receives financial aid. Our registration fee is \$150, but the true cost to serve one girl is over \$440. We calculate this by dividing our total program expenses by the number of girls served. That means every girl receives a \$290+ scholarship, automatically – whether she asks for it or not. The remaining cost is covered by fundraising, grants, sponsorships, and donors who believe in our mission.

"Speed Dating with Voters," hosted by the Culpeper Democrats,

on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 2-4 p.m. at the Culpeper Library in Southgate Shopping Center. This unique event gives local voters the chance to meet candidates face-to-face in a relaxed setting. Engage with candidates one-onone at their own tables. Don't miss itl

Dogwood Village of Orange County is excited to host a community Trunk or Treat event on October 31st from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and the public is warmly invited to join the fun. Those interested in participating must register by October 17th. A special highlight of the event includes a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card for the best-decorated vehicle, as judged by Dogwood Village residents.

The Arc of North Central Virginia has introduced its COSA Young Entrepreneurs program, which empowers young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to turn their passions into businesses. Participants gain tools like business profiles, marketing kits, and startup supplies. CYE will build confidence, independence, and community connections.

Mom2Mom is excited to announce that Governor Glenn Youngkin has officially proclaimed September 15-21, 2025 as Diaper Need Awareness Week in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This proclamation shines a spotlight on an often-overlooked issue that impacts thousands of families across Virginia. At Mom2Mom, we are proud to be part of the solution-distributing diapers to families so babies can stay clean, dry, and healthy.

Prince Michel Vineyard & Winery is proud to announce our latest achievements at the 2025 East Meets West Wine Competition, one of the most respected wine competitions in the United

- Prince Michel Constellata -Gold Medal & Best of Class
- 2023 Prince Michel Cabernet Franc - Silver Medal (Monticello AVA)
- 2024 Prince Michel Della Rosa - Silver Medal (Monticello AVA)
- 2024 Prince Michel Petit Manseng - Silver Medal (Virginia)

These awards not only celebrate the skill of our winemaking team but also shine a spotlight on the growing reputation of Virginia wines on the national stage.

Village Frameworks & Gallery is celebrating our 35th anniversary on September 25th! We want to thank all those who have supported us during all this time. It has been, and remains, our privilege to work with you to preserve your treasured images.

Paige Read, Director of **Tourism** and Economic Development for Culpeper, has been awarded the Jim Ricketts Award for DMO/CVB Employee of the Year by the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association (VRLTA). Since 2014, Paige has led transformative tourism initiatives, secured millions in grants, and championed small businesses, making Culpeper a standout destination in Virginia.

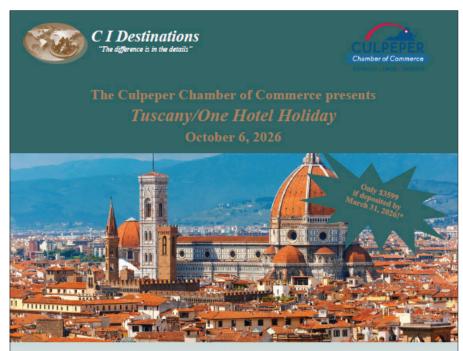
Gretchen Franti, Thrivent - Do you have any papers that need shredding? Well, have we got an event for you! Come on by the Reformation Lutheran Church parking lot at 601 Madison Rd in Culpeper on Saturday October 25th from 9-noon. Please bring your papers to be shredded and a non-perishable item to benefit the local food closet.

Ducking Gravity - Nerves spark and the air feels charged. A communal breath held releases as the scissors close on the ribbon across the door revealing the grandeur of 20 foot high silks just inside. Our Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting September 19 is more than a milestone; it's a shared leap, a celebration of how far we've come and how high we'll go.

Culpeper Chamber of Commerce - We're collecting historic and patriotic images for our 2026 Community Guide, "Independent and Free: Culpeper 250." Submit your photos to photos@culpeperchamber.com to be featured!

Culpeper Chamber of Commerce - Ready to grow your leadership skills and deepen your impact in Culpeper? Lead Culpeper is a dynamic program designed to connect and develop emerging and established leaders in our community. Don't miss your chance to be part of the next class-applications close October

Career Partners Fall Semes-



SPACE IS LIMITED. SIGN UP EARLY TO SECURE YOUR SEAT! \$699 - Optional 2 night Rome Post Tour Extension - Includes deluxe motor coach, 2 breakfasts, Rome city tour, and professional tour director.

Tuscany is the most popular region in Italy. Tuscany offers its numerous visitors the best of all things Italian starting with fine art. The capital, Florence, is considered the cradle of renaissance, and now one of the richest cities of art and culture. Tuscany is famous for its world-class art collections, charming medieval hill towns, and sweeping hillsides full of vineyards. Tuscany is where you have to go if you want to stand in a room full of Botticelli paintings or gaze upon Michelangelo's "David". You can't find the home of Chianti wine or the town that produced "Under the Tuscan Sun" anywhere else. The region's hill towns will provide a beautiful backdrop for the perfect Tuscan holiday you've always dreamed of experiencing.

ter 2025 Mock Interviews help students gain confidence, polish their communication skills and make connections with professionals in our community. On August 26th and 26th, more than 300 students at Eastern View and Culpeper County High Schools participated in Mock Interviews with members of Culpeper's business community, law enforcement, workforce board and

school board members to practice their interview skills. Spring Semester Interviews are scheduled for January 28th and 29th.

The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce has announced their 2026 International Trip Opportunity! A 9 day trip to Tuscany. The tour is \$3,599 if deposited by March 31st, 2026 and includes all airfare, 10 meals, tours and more!

upcoming events

Ribbon Cuttings

Stanley Excavating Old Trade Brewery, 13270 Alanthus Road Friday, September 26th 5pm

Mountain Spring Podiatry 499 Meadowbrook Shopping Center Thursday, October 2nd 12pm

Authentic Wealth Partners 201 Waters Place, #106 Wednesday, October 8th 11 am

Holy Chic Upscale Thrift Shop 102 N Main Street, Suite 102 Tuesday, October 14th 4pm Restore Peace Painting Retreats 14312 Jenkins Ridge Road Friday, October 24th 4pm

Grymes Memorial School Ribbon Cutting

And Building Dedication 13775 Spicers Mill Road, Orange Saturday, October 25th 10am

Young Professionals Luncheon

Peppers Grill 791 Madison Road Wednesday, October 1st 12pm

After Hours Social Hosted by Able Heating & Air and Girls on the Run

16033 Ira Hoffman Lane Thursday, October 16th 5-7pm

111th Annual Meeting & Awards

Germanna Daniel Technical Center 18121 Technology Drive, Culpeper Thursday, November 6th 5:30pm-9:00pm

member spotlight



Culpeper County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association, Inc. - Ready to serve your community? Pursue your passion. Grow your career. Individuals interested in serving their community may apply. Training is provided at no cost to members for firefighter or EMT roles. This opportunity can serve as an introduction to careers in firefighting or the medical field. The 2025 Fire Academy begins in October. Stop by your local Culpeper County fire station for more information about the upcoming Fire Academy and joining our talented team.

new members

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