

The Pulse of Business in Culpeper

members in the news

Germanna Community College's second annual Connected Community Fall Festival on September 27, 2025, welcomed community members to the Locust Grove Campus to explore the College's Health Sciences programs and discover local community resources.

Fauquier Health has been named a Blue Distinction Center+ for Knee and Hip Replacement Surgery by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The Blue Distinction Center Program identifies hospitals that demonstrate expertise in patient safety and deliver better health outcomes. Quality assessments are based on objective measures developed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield with input from the medical community.

UVA Health integrated network of three medical centers, clinics, and outpatient services across Northern Virginia and Culpeper, has awarded more than \$297,000 in community grants to 38 nonprofit organizations across the region. Grants support organizations addressing

key health priorities identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).

The Barn at Autumn Valley, in Culpeper, VA, welcomes visitors to its Corn Maze Fridays 4-9 PM, Saturdays 10 AM-9 PM, and Sundays 12-5 PM. Explore three mazes: Kids, Tractor, and Farmer John, plus special Flashlight and Adults-Only Wine-Out Maze events.

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The Carver 4 County Museum is excited to welcome four new Board members: Ruth Carroll, originally from Philadelphia PA and Boston MA is a retired Regional Executive Director of the YWCA Mid-Atlantic. Brenda Price is a Washington DC native, now residing in Culpeper and retired from Hitachi Data Systems. Bettie A. Turner, originally from Culpeper, now resides in Manassas and is retired after 31 years of technology and management experience with IBM and Boeing. Denise Turner, a Madison County native now living in Gainesville, is currently Senior Director of Finance at CASE in Washington, D.C.

Banks Graphic Design is excited to share two team milestones! Amber Hopkins joined us last month as a Junior Marketing Specialist, bringing fresh energy and marketing expertise. Congratulations to our very own Nina Blakely, who graduated this month with her Graphic Design degree from Full Sail University. We can't say enough how proud we are!

Scouts from BSA Troop 196 have begun their "Season of Service" by volunteering all three weekends of Graves Mountain Apple Festival this October. They will follow up in November with Scouting for Food where they collect donations and

member spotlight



In October, **The Rossy Group, Inc.** is proud to support the America First 3rd Annual Golf Tournament benefiting the Culpeper Food Closet and the Mary Kay Annual Horse Trail supporting groundbreaking cancer research and work to end domestic violence. Contributing to events that strengthen our community and promote meaningful causes is deeply rewarding.

re-stock the shelves with thousands of pounds of food at the Culpeper Food Closet. Troop 196 is always recruiting so if you or someone you know would like more information about joining, contact us at 919-585-4542 or amyclack@gmail.com.

David Wise recently joined the **Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance** team in the Culpeper office as insurance agent. While he is new to the Culpeper office, David is no stranger to Virginia Farm Bureau or the insurance industry - he has over 31 years of experience as an insurance agent. Welcome David!

What's new at **Banks Floors & Decor LLC**? We would like to let everyone know that our store now sells Pittsburg Paint!! This has been a great addition to our business, and I know we will be able to serve your painting needs with the same experience and dedication as the flooring and cabinets. We are looking forward to seeing you!

We are thrilled to share that Alan Rasmussen has been named the National Remarkable Volunteer Fund-raiser Award recipient from Girls on the Run International. From helping **Girls on the Run Piedmont** take

root in Culpeper to connecting us with Team Jordan, Alan's kindness and commitment have shaped our story—most recently helping fund our brand-new 5K Sparkle Trailer.

Peak Roofing is running their Annual Coat Drive for the 4th year. Just drop off any new or gently used coats, scarves, gloves & hats to our Warrenton office at 405 Belle Air Lane, Monday-Friday, between 8am-4pm, and your donation will help keep some of the great kids at Sudley Elementary School warm all winter long!

CIC's Fall Resource Fair is Wednesday, November 5th from 1-5PM at Daniel Technology Center. Free consultations with professionals are available for HR, QuickBooks, website design, SEO, ABC Licensing, IP Legal help, and more. Book your 30 minute appointments by October 28th!

A common question we get is What are aerials? Aerials are vertical movement arts performed on silks, hoop, or trapeze. But that's the boring explanation. Here's the fun one: we climb, flip, and hang upside down, sometimes gracefully, sometimes not so much. It's circus-meets-fitness with a side of fun.

new members

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Health & Wellness

Welcome to **Ducking Gravity**. Welcome new Firefighter Students! The Piedmont Regional Fire Academy, hosted by the **Culpeper County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association**, began its 2025-2026 Academy on October 7th. New firefighter students will undertake several months of rigorous training and skill development in preparation for becoming a certified firefighter in Virginia. Wishing you all the best on your journey ahead.

We're thrilled to announce that Shay Ragland, CNA at **Dogwood Village of Orange County**, has been awarded the Regirer Nursing Scholarship—one of only 20 given statewide in 2025! "I was completely shocked to be picked out of 20 applicants in Virginia. I'm so blessed to have my Dogwood family and close friends with me on this journey. I want to show my girls that anything they put their minds to, they can accomplish!"- Shay Ragland. Shay plans to become an LPN and continue serving the Dogwood community she loves. Since 1970, Dogwood Village has proudly provided compassionate, quality care for seniors—offering assisted living, rehab, and long-term care in a warm, welcoming environment where residents feel at home. Check out the Dogwood Village Blog on our website to read more!

We're excited to welcome Amy Frazier from the **Culpeper Chamber of Commerce** home after an incredible adventure exploring the stunning French Riviera. Next year, you can join in on the fun! The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce invites you to be part of our 2026 International Trip – a 9-day journey through the breathtaking region of Tuscany!

Career Partners Inc. has launched their new webpage! You can learn more about their programs, how they are impacting students at CCPS and how to get involved at career-partnersculpeper.com.

The **Piedmont Warming Shelter** needs YOUR help! For only \$25 you can provide a night of care, possibly saving the life of someone who is alone and in need of help. There are many ways to give. Checks can be made payable and sent to Culpeper Human Services, at 1835 Industry Drive, Culpeper, Virginia (indicate "warming shelter")

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) donated \$3,000 to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank during the 4th Annual Mad Jazz & Wine Festival held Sept. 6 at Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery in Culpeper.

Stonewall Harley-Davidson is pleased to extend an offer to members of the public to join us for an evening of music, food, candy, and a Harley haunted house at our Trick Or Trunk event on Saturday, October 18th from 4-8 p.m. Participants are also encouraged to register to decorate their trunks/saddlebags and hand out their treats at the event.

The Northern Piedmont Community Foundation is pleased to announce that applications for the Richard Lykes Rappahannock Community Fund will be available starting October 22, 2025. This grant opportunity aims to provide much-needed funding to nonprofit organizations based in or serving Rappahannock County. This grant invites proposals for projects that

strengthen the fabric of Rappahannock County by addressing community challenges or creating new opportunities. Eligible nonprofits can apply for grants through the NPCF website. Organizations are encouraged to reach out to staff to discuss your grants.

Generations Central is excited about launching new programs to better serve the senior community. From our free monthly Senior Social on the 4th Friday, which helps get seniors and caregivers out and engaged in activities, to our monthly Education Series that brings resources focused on healthy aging. GC's goal: Keep seniors thriving.

Greater Piedmont REALTORS® is proud to announce that one of its members, **Philip Thornton, IV** has been honored with the prestigious Virginia REALTORS® "RPAC Champion of the Year" Award, recognizing exemplary leadership and advocacy in support of REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) efforts.

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Boozy Aloha and **Mountain Run Winery** are coordinating and hosting "The Event Collective" on Sunday November 9th 12-3pm. Have you ever wanted or needed to plan an event but didn't know where to start? This is your chance to meet the local vendors who can make it happen. Whether you're planning a Thanksgiving dinner, a Christmas or New Year's Eve party, a birthday, a shower, or even a wedding, you'll find the right team here to bring your vision to life.

upcoming events

Young Professionals Luncheon

Peppers Grill
791 Madison Road
Wednesday, November 5th 12pm

Ribbon Cuttings

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

It Sucks Sometimes
Culpeper Chamber of Commerce
629 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper
Thursday November 13th 4-5pm

111th Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

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

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