

The Pulse of Business in Culpeper

members in the news

Sattva Creative has been spending the start of 2026 working alongside purpose-driven small businesses as they refine how they communicate who they are and what they do. It's been a meaningful reminder that clarity in business often starts with knowing exactly who you're here to serve.

On March 18, **UVA Health Culpeper Medical Center** installed the Inmar Drug Take Back Program in the Emergency Department. This provides a secure location for the disposal of prescription, nonprescription, and controlled-substance medications. The receptacles cannot be used to dispose of sharps used for medication administration. For questions regarding the receptacle in Culpeper Medical Center, please call 540.829.4347.

This month, **UVA Health** had a great time participating in **Culpeper County Public Schools' Career and Technical Education Center Skills Showcase!** The showcase gave students an opportunity to demonstrate hands-on skills, present innovative projects, and showcase the lessons they have learned to translate to their careers in the medical field. Our staff had a great time overseeing the certified nursing assistant, medical assistant, emergency medical technician, and culinary arts students.

Windstar Technologies would like to remind everyone the importance of turning on Multi-factor authentication. MFA stops 99% of automated attacks. It should be used for Email, Banking and any app being used with client data. It takes 2 minutes to set up but can stop thousands of dollars in headaches.

Germanna Community College leaders and students took part in the 60th anniversary recognition of Virginia's Community Colleges. Across the state, the system of 23 colleges generates \$11.6 billion in annual economic impact and supports more than 135,000 jobs—showcasing the vital role community colleges play in Virginia's economy.

Narmada Winery recently earned three Gold Medals at the Virginia Governor's Cup for their 2021 Melange, 2021 Merlot, and 2023 Reflection. This year's competition featured over 670 entries, which were evaluated through rigorous blind tastings by a panel of Masters of Wine and Master Sommeliers. To earn a Gold Medal, each wine must score at least 90 points. As a result of these high scores, Narmada has been invited to pour at the Governor's Cup Gala on Thursday, March 12th. While the gala is currently sold out, a waiting list is available for those interested.

Spring Cleaning at the Museum! **The Museum of Culpeper History** has just reopened with sixteen revamped displays and exhibits, and more hands-on interactives for the kids. Our hours have also been extended - 10-4 daily. Town and County residents are always free - as are kids from anywhere! Stop by and enjoy!

At **Freedom Hearing Aid Center**, we want to educate everyone on the importance of hearing healthcare. New research confirms a strong link between hearing loss and dementia, with studies suggesting that up to 32% of dementia cases in older adults with untreated hearing loss. There are now so many different hearing aids, technology levels & price points available that we do not want anyone to struggle with hearing loss. We've recently added new hearing aid technology to our lineup, giving patients access to more advanced and flexible options.

member spotlight



Culpeper County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association - On March 7, 2026, Firefighter students from the Piedmont Regional Fire Academy and Culpeper County High School CTEC Program participated in live fire training burns—a vital step toward their state certification. These controlled exercises allowed them to practice extinguishing real fires inside a designated structure. After preparing for four months, the students showed great dedication as they learned essential skills like hose handling, understanding fire behavior, conducting search and rescue operations, and working as a team. Their hard work is commendable, and we congratulate them as they prepare for the Virginia Department of Fire Programs final exams.

Gold's Gym Culpeper - We are excited to welcome a new instructor to our team, Jen Martin, certified in Lesmills Shapes, Bodyattack, Bodycombat and Bodystep. Bodystep is an energizing step workout that makes you feel liberated and alive. Using a height-adjustable step and simple movements on, over and around the step, you get huge motivation from sing-along music and approachable instructors. Cardio blocks push fat burning systems into high gear followed by muscle conditioning tracks that shape and tone your body.

InsideNoVa Media Solutions has

promoted Jennifer Margerum to the role of advertising sales manager for the **Culpeper Times and Rappahannock News**. Margerum fills the sales leadership position recently vacated by Tom Spargur, who retired earlier this month. Margerum, who has served as an advertising sales representative in Culpeper since 2023, brings additional experience from her previous six years as advertising manager at the Culpeper Star-Exponent. In her new capacity, Margerum will lead all print and digital advertising sales for both the Culpeper Times and Rappahannock News. She will also serve as the primary point of contact for the



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Women's Lift 2026

APRIL 22, 2026 | 11:00 - 2:00

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member spotlight



Epiphany Catholic School is making HUGE renovations to prepare for the 2026-2027 school year! Next up is a PRESCHOOL play area upgrade! Join us for a play date or open house! Placement for this coming year is booking up fast! Best of the Best PRESCHOOL of Culpeper 2024 & 2025!

Culpeper office and represent the company within the Culpeper community. Additionally, Margerum will join the InsideNoVa Media Solutions leadership team, where she will collaborate with other leaders to develop growth strategies for the company's core and agency digital businesses.

Culpeper County Farm Bureau is thrilled to welcome Melissa Harpine as our newest agent! Jane joined us in January following a 30-year career at GEICO in Casualty Claims. After decades of helping people navigate their worst days, she is now dedicated to protecting families on their good days, ensuring they are prepared for the unexpected with expert, compassionate service.

As **WJMA/SAM FM: 103.1 WJMA, 105.5, 95.3 SAM FM** and Piedmont Performance Media would like to welcome Isabella

Rivera to their Sales & Marketing Team! She will be working with local businesses to support their outreach through radio and digital media.

For Home & Tack Organizing - Now that warmer weather is here, garages and sheds start getting more use. Take a little time to organize the items you reach for most by keeping frequently used tools and supplies in easy-to-reach spots so projects, yard work, and quick fixes become simpler and less frustrating.

Duct-Rite Mechanical, LLC - Indoor air quality plays a vital role in keeping your home healthy. Pollutants like pollen, dust mites, and harmful toxins can cause headaches, dry eyes, and sore throats. Installing an air scrubber helps remove contaminants, improving the air you breathe and creating a cleaner, healthier environment for your family.

upcoming events

Young Professionals After Hours Social in partnership with the Orange & Fauquier YPs
Thursday, March 26 5-7pm
Death Ridge Brewery - 5255 Higher Ground Trail, Jeffersonston

Small Business Council Listening Session
Wednesday, April 1 8:30am
Culpeper Chamber of Commerce - 629 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper

Young Professionals Networking Luncheon
Wednesday, April 1 12pm
Peppers Grill - 791 Madison Road, Culpeper

Women's LIFT
Wednesday, April 22 11am-2pm
Prince Michel Winery - 154 Winery Lane, Leon

Young Professionals Earth Day Cleanup
Saturday, April 25 10-1pm
Brandy Station Park & Ride on Atlantus Road

CulpeperFest
Friday, June 12 4-8pm
Germanna Daniel Technology Center - 18121 Technology Drive, Culpeper

Ribbon Cuttings
Celebrate the Grand Opening of State Farm: Jordan Walther
Thursday, April 2 3:30pm
763 Madison Road, Suite 202, Culpeper

Celebrate the Office Renovation of Hospice of the Piedmont
Thursday, April 16 11:30am
1200 Sunset Lane, Suite 2320, Culpeper

Wagner Hearing Aid of Culpeper has selected their annual winner for the Gift of Hearing program with ReSound. Thomas Powell, a 29 year old husband and new dad of twins, thought he would never be able to buy hearing aids again until his kids were grown and gone. Thomas was diagnosed with hearing loss at the young age of 5 years old and has worn hearing aids since the second grade. His new hearing aids replaced a set he had for almost 12 years! Wagner Hearing is so grateful for the opportunity to help Thomas on his hearing journey.

Seventy years ago this month, a small group dedicated to preserving the history of the Germanna settlements took an important step. On March 14, 1956, the Commonwealth of Virginia issued the charter incorporating *The Memorial Foundation of the Germanna Colonies in Virginia, Inc.*, the organization known today as **Historic Germanna**.

Because of your generosity, **Mom2Mom** was able to support 94 families, providing essential items when they needed them most. Together, we distributed: 4,060 diapers; 162 packs of wipes; 74 cans of formula; and 780 feminine hygiene products.

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Home Health Care

Bo Kilby of R W Kilby Wire and Water congratulated Alex Novoa for his diligence at continuing his education. Alex received certification for Core Achievement from the National Center for Construction Education and Research. Alex has been employed with us as an electrician since 2019, and he works hard to excel in the electrical trade.

April Staff Spotlight -Loretta Clements has served as the Director of Financial Services at **Dogwood Village** for 19 years. She has been married to her husband, Michael, for 22 years. Together, they have two children, Shane (21) and Michaela (20), and they proudly call Fluvanna County home, where they are deeply connected to the community. What she values most about Dogwood is its hometown feel and its roots as an organization founded by the county to serve its residents. Having previously worked in two for-profit long-term care facilities, she especially appreciates being part of a non-profit organization where every effort and resource is reinvested into supporting both employees and residents. This commitment is what makes Dogwood a truly special and meaningful place for her to work.

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