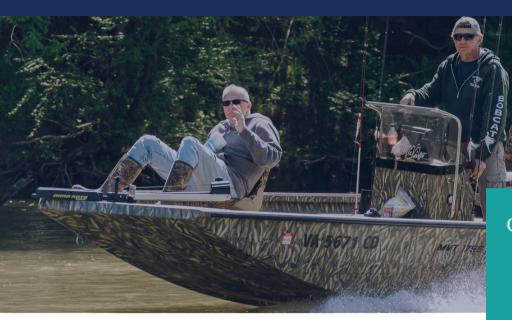
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NEWSLETTER



NEW CEDS SURVEY COLLECTING COMMUNITY INPUT

Coinciding with their latest in-person visit to the County April 22-24th, Phoenix Advantage has launched a community survey for anyone who lives or works in Campbell County. Community members who care about the focus and priorities of the Economic Development department can take a just few minutes to complete this online survey. This 10-question survey is quick and confidential, with only Phoenix Advantage employees having direct access to the submissions.



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IDA INCREASES CLIMB FUND SMALL BUSINESS LOANS MAX TO \$25,000

Financing your small business plans is getting easier thanks to the Industrial Development Authority (IDA). The IDA has created a fund dedicated to loans for Campbell County's small businesses and, at their March 2024 meeting, increased the maximum loan amount from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Get started today to take advantage of the lower rates and easy application. Complete a simple eligibility form and you are on your way up to the next level!

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CAMPBELL CONNECTS HEADS BACK TO BROOKNEAL ON MAY 9TH

Join us at Drug Store Grill on Main Street in Brookneal for the next Campbell Connects networking event on May 9th at 6pm.

The Campbell Connects program is an initiative from the Campbell County Department of Economic Development in partnership with the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance to promote regular engagement with the small business owners of the area.

Register for this free event on our website at the link below

REGISTER HERE









WELCOME TO THE WARDS ROAD CORRIDOR MODWASH!

It's Springtime when all cars turn a lovely shade of yellow! Fortunately, it was the perfect time for Modwash to open at the corner of Lawyers Road and Wards. Modwash offers eco-friendly cleaning solutions and modern technology to provide a superior car washing experience. With a focus on sustainability and efficiency, Modwash aims to provide convenience for customers while minimizing environmental impact. The first 1000 customers are rumored to receive a special deal, so don't delay your first visit.

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BROADBAND ACCESS CONTINUES IN MULTIPLE AREAS OF THE COUNTY

High speed internet continues to expand in the area as crews from several providers are active along roadsides. In addition to a press release in early April from Comcast/Xfinity reporting the access for over 6,700 homes and businesses in Campbell County, The News & Advance recently reported on the detailed project updates given to the Broadband Authority in April 2024 from RiverStreet Networks, Firefly Fiber Broadband, Century Link/Brightspeed, Southside Electric Cooperative, and Shentel.

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VIRGINIA OUTDOOR ADVENTURES ENCOURAGES LISTENERS TO VISIT CAMPBELL COUNTY

Tune into the two most recent episodes of the Virginia Outdoor Adventures podcast for a special advertisement touting the natural beauty of Campbell County. As part of a push to increase tourism to the area, Campbell County helped sponsor two episodes of this podcast which features interviews with outdoor enthusiasts around the Commonwealth.

Available on these podcast platforms











37TH ANNUAL STRIPED BASS & 13TH ANNUAL CATFISH TOURNAMENTS CONTINUE TO ATTRACT VISITORS TO TOWN

The Brookneal Fishing Tournaments were held on April 19–21. Winners of the catfish tournament are listed on <u>BrooknealFishingTournament.com</u>. The Altavista Journal covered the tournament and wrote up a detailed article which can be read <u>here</u>. The tournaments benefit Brookneal's Dixie Youth Baseball league and the Staunton River Masonic Lodge #155, which offers a <u>scholarship to a local high school</u> graduate.

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TWO CAREER FAIRS IN MAY OFFER GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT

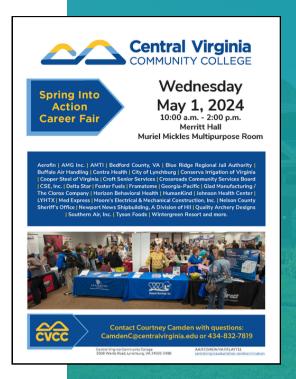
Workers seeking employment can meet more than 30 local companies looking to hire at the Spring Into Action Career Fair on May 1st at CVCC's Merritt Hall.

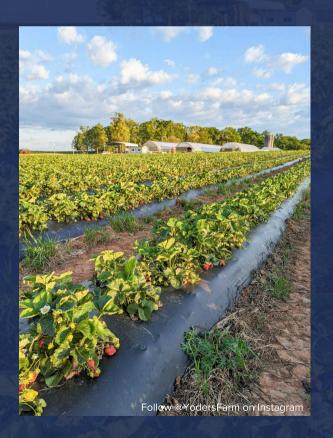
Meanwhile, local companies have another opportunity to showcase their job openings on **May 21st at Virginia Career Works**-Central Region headquarters on Odd Fellows Road.

Contact Tim Saunders at Virginia Career Works to arrange a table. (Email: tim.saunders@vcwcentral.com or call (434) 856–2713)

RESERVE TABLE







YODERS FARM PICK-YOUR-OWN STRAWBERRY SEASON IS ON!

Agritourism season takes shape as Yoders Farm opens up pick-your-own strawberries at their farm in Rustburg. Before heading out, be sure to check their website (YodersFarm.com) for the daily update on availability.

Local farmers interested in hosting visitors at their farms can contact Economic Development for resources on getting started, growing their current agritourism operation, or simply to let us know what they are doing. We love spreading the word on ways to eat local!

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AGRICULTURE

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FARM TOUR TO SHOWCASE IMPROVING TECHNIQUES FOR CATTLE FARMS

Learn more about best practices for your cattle farm at the Twilight Pasture Walk sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension, Campbell County Cattlemen's Association, the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water District, and the USDA.

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MORE UPCOMING







While you are at the airport, check out our tourism video playing in the terminal or <u>watch</u> <u>now</u> on YouTube.



CENTRAL VIRGINIA WELDING WARS 2024

Economic Development is a proud sponsor of this event which showcases the amazing skills of practicing local welders and student welders.



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