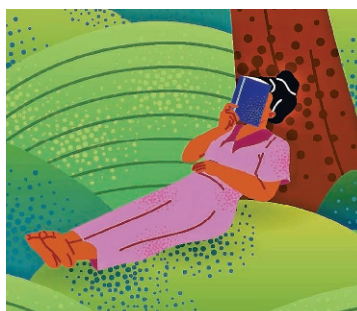


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## Interim county administrator named

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Three weeks after hiring Shane McCrum as the first-ever Clerk to the Board, the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors has also appointed him as acting county administrator.

“To maintain stability in day-to-day operations, the Board authorized Mr. McCrum to assume the duties of Interim County Administrator while continuing to serve as Clerk to the Board. Mr. McCrum



**McCrum**

a county release Wednesday night from the new county attorney, Amy F. Wilson. McCrum, 29, of Amissville, most recently worked as

will serve in this capacity through the Board’s July regular meeting or until the hiring and placement of a permanent County Administrator, whichever occurs first,” according to a county release Wednesday night from the new county attorney, Amy F. Wilson. McCrum, 29, of Amissville, most recently worked as

a senior military sales analyst with government contractor Cydecor Inc. in Arlington and is a 2019 graduate of Christendom College in Front Royal with a bachelor’s degree in history. He grew up in Fairfax County. His appointment as acting county administrator following a closed session on Tuesday is the latest in a series of governmental structure changes a Republican majority on the board is seeking to implement, with Tom Underwood leading the charge as board chairman.

### Resolution on Clerk and Executive Leadership Team

McCrum attended his first public meeting Tuesday morning, straightaway reading out loud a 10-page resolution up for board approval establishing “general governing authority” in the absence of a county administrator.

The resolution designated McCrum as the county’s signatory

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### FAMILY-OWNED CHAIN

# FIRST SHEETZ IN CULPEPER OPENS



**ALLISON BROPHY CHAMPION PHOTOS, CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT**

Micah Bender waits for his slip after ordering a pretzel on the MTO screen at the new Culpeper Sheetz on Thursday morning as his father, Winston Bender, smiles in approval.

## Ryan Sheetz in town for launch of new convenience center, restaurant

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Sheetz opened its 830th store in Culpeper on Thursday with free coffee, fountain soda, swag, a WJMA live broadcast, community donations, and, best of all, discounted gas.

The public flocked to the new gas station, convenience store and restaurant on James Madison Highway at Nalles Mill Road to fill up for \$3.84/gallon. The introductory price was a little cheaper than the area average of \$4.06.

Competitors along the U.S. 29 corridor temporarily followed suit in anticipation of the local opening of the family-owned business based in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Part of that family, Ryan Sheetz was there for the Culpeper celebration.

“The fact that we’re family-owned means a lot to us. It really impacts how we lead this company,” he said in an interview on site. “We spend a lot of time in our stores and with our store team members, so anytime we open a new store, a family member works really hard to get there and help celebrate what a wonderful accomplishment it is to build a new one.”

Thursday morning was sunny and in the 50s.

“This is fantastic, couldn’t have asked for better weather,” Ryan Sheetz said. “It’s



Crystal Rainey and James Coppage, of Culpeper, were the winners at the grand opening Thursday of the Sheetz for a Year gift card, worth \$2,500.

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