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A Message from our County Administrator

Greetings Pulaski County,

I hope you all had a blessed Holiday Season and are as excited about this New Year as I am. 2019 was a monumental year for Pulaski County and we have so much to be thankful and proud. The construction of our new middle school, new jobs announcements, our unemployment rate is at a 20 year low, various community park improvements are on going, the Smith Community Park and Sheffey Riverside Park have been added to our recreational asset inventory, we enjoyed success with our Pulaski County Athletic programs, many notable student achievements, new partnerships with Radford University, state award winning programs, and the list goes on and on. But I believe 2020 can and will be even better. Over the last several years we have worked hard to position ourselves to now take advantage of new and exciting strategic growth opportunities. We foresee residential development to continue to take off, student enrollment and achievement to increase, our unemployment rate to remain historically low, new employment opportunities offered in diversified industry sectors, the siting of new commercial and retail businesses, new outdoor recreational assets and the start of a small business and entrepreneur movement here in Pulaski County. It is also important to share with you everything our local leadership is striving to achieve is for the betterment of the county and ultimately for the benefit of our citizens. It remains a privilege to serve the citizens of Pulaski County and I am truly honored to be on this journey of success together with each of you. Please continue to help us make Pulaski County the best it can be and thank you so much for choosing to call Pulaski County home.

Sincerely,
Jonathan D. Sweet, ICMA-CM
County Administrator



Our Home

Democratic Presidential Primary

March 3, 2020

Polls open from 6:00am to 7:00pm

Deadline to register to vote, or update existing registration, is **Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm.**

Deadline to request an *absentee ballot be mailed to you* is **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 5:00 pm.**

Deadline to request an *absentee ballot in person* is **Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 5:00 pm.**

In addition to our regular office hours, the Registrar's office will be open the following Saturday for absentee voting in person:

February 29, 2020, 8:30am - 5:00pm (final day for in person absentee voting)

Pulaski County Voter Registration

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2020 Outdoor Business to Business Expo

Meet your local businesses on May 1, 2020, at the 2nd Annual Outdoor Business to Business Expo. This year the event will take place at Randolph Park and give business owners and representative the opportunity to network and make connections with colleagues and the public. The fee for businesses to participate is \$75.00 for members, \$50.00 for non-profit members and \$125.00 for non-members. Any businesses that would like to participate can call 540-674-1991.

20th Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Networking on the Green

It's TEE TIME! We are now taking registration for the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce's 20th Annual Networking on the Green, May 22, 2020. To celebrate 20 years we will return to the Pete Dye River Course where we began the annual event. For more information or to register, call 540-674-1991.

Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Needs You!

The Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce saw the kick off of 2 new professional groups in 2019 and continued the highly attended Inspiring Pulaski County Women. We are looking forward to the efforts of these groups in 2020!

The Ambassadors Club kicked off this year. Look for the Ambassadors as they are out in the community visiting and checking in with our county businesses. Welcome 2020 Ambassadors: Chairman - Shannon Hammons – Agency on Aging; Lori Saul – Highland Ridge Rehab; Betsy Haugh – Pulaski Yankees; Tabitha Masters – Luttrell Staffing; Erika Tolbert – New River Community College; Rebecca LeBlanc - Community Health Center of the New River Valley; Elaine Holeton – Pulaski County; Michael Solomon – Pulaski County Economic Development

Pulaski County Young Professionals Into Leadership will begin in March of 2020. This group is open to members between the ages of 20-40 and meets monthly. The group will explore leadership in our county through segmented tours and speakers getting a glimpse into local government, resources and entertainment in our area. Commitment to the program includes volunteer hours. Upon completion, these young professionals will be recognized at the 2020 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet.

Inspiring Pulaski County Women will meet quarterly in 2020 featuring motivational speakers at each meeting. Meetings will take place at 8:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesdays of March, June, September and December. Please check the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce calendar for more information.

Call the Chamber of Commerce at 540-674-1991 for more information on these or other programs.

FIDDLE, BANJO & DANCE CLUB

LIVE MUSIC
EVERY 2nd SATURDAY

FREE ADMISSION

Donations accepted
to help pay band expenses.
Bands subject to change.

Doors Open: 5 p.m., Music: 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Edwards Hall, New River Community College

nr.edu/fiddle (540) 674-3625



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January 11, 2020
True Grass
Wolfe Brothers String Band

February 8, 2020
The Country Boys
Slate Mountain Ramblers

March 14, 2020
Java Brothers
Dixie Bluegrass Boys

NEW RIVER
Community College



Virginia Cooperative Extension Reality Day

The annual event with Virginia Cooperative Extension's Reality Day has become a county wide and community favorite (with great support from County Administration, Pulaski County School Board, Chamber of Commerce, and around 50 volunteers from our local businesses and residents), teaching our young people what their lives may be like at 26 years old. Each 8th grader is assigned a career, given single or married status, having children or no children, and must navigate through the event with a budget, securing everything from housing, to transportation, to groceries, to name a few, just like the rest of us do on a daily basis, for themselves and their families. Some had the 'Aha' moment while others experienced the 'Oh My Gosh' moments as the program is an eye-opener for most. One student said, "Being an adult is hard and having children is expensive." Another student said, "I am going home to 'Thank' my parents for everything they do for me." Last year, 92% of the students surveyed said, "Reality Day has provided me with an increased awareness of making smart, financial decisions." Additionally, almost 70% students said, "I spent less than I earned," while 19% said, "I spent just the amount I earned."

The students also attend an educational session showing how our local government works as well as participate in a mock Board of Supervisors meeting with the students serving as local elected officials and county staff. The pictures display several students from Dublin Middle School serving as Board of Supervisors who vote on issues brought to them by other students speaking as county citizens.



Livestock Owners

Do you own livestock in Pulaski County? The Pulaski County 9-1-1 Center would like to know where. The Center received over 150 calls for livestock in the roadways and on people's property from January 1, 2019 through December 1, 2019. Many times, important resources are depleted in efforts to locate the rightful owners. This also endangers the livestock and drivers if they are in the roadway.

If you are an owner of livestock we would like to hear from you about the location(s) you have livestock. Please send an email or a call about the type of livestock, i.e. cattle, horses or other, location i.e. your physical address, road name with directions or intersections, color of animals i.e. black cattle, red white-faced cattle or brown horses. If your livestock has ear tags, it is helpful to know the color of tags and how many numbers are on the tag.

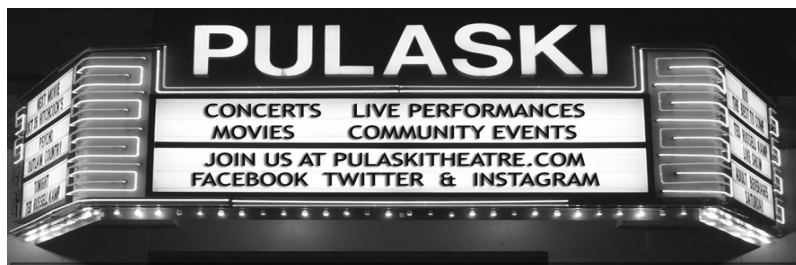
Having this information in the database will allow us to locate owners quickly.

Also, please include the home and cellular phone numbers and numbers of any other individuals who could assist if you are not able to be reached.

Please send all emails to bnester@pcva911.org or call 540-994-5340. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Thank you for your help!





Saturday, January 25, 2020

Thunderstruck – The Ultimate AC/DC Tribute

Showtime: 8pm Doors Open: 7pm
Admission: \$20 Advance \$25 At The Door

Advance Tickets available at
pulaskitheatre.com, Martin's Pharmacy
and Pulaski Visitors Center



Winter Weather Preparedness



It is winter in Pulaski County and the Sheriff's Office wants everyone to be prepared for the cold weather. Remember to keep a working flashlight, snacks, bottled water, a blanket, extra warm clothing and a cell phone charger in your car in the event of an emergency. Always make sure you have plenty of gasoline in your vehicle. Be sure to check on elderly relatives and neighbors, especially during power outages. Lastly, remember if it is too cold outside for you, it is too cold for your pets. Please bring them in! Be safe and call if you need us, we never close.

Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley

Phone: (540) 980-7363 EMAIL: info@facnrv.org Website: FACNRV.org Social: Facebook.com/FACNRV

The Listening Room

1/3/20 - Mike Mitchell, multi-instrumentalist & national touring artist of Floyd, VA

2/7/20 - Ed Snodderly, writer, actor, musician and owner of longtime country music venue - The Down Home Pickin' Parlor of Johnson City, TN

3/6/20 - Chris Haddox, performer and writer in the folk/traditional/old-time and country veins from Morgantown, WV

Edna B. Love Gallery

January/February - Annual Scholastic Art Awards Exhibit showcasing winners from Southwest Virginia middle school and high school age students.

March - Annual Youth Art Month, New River Valley students K-12 exhibit.

Saturday Art Cafe

Second Saturday each month, 11am Children's Art and 1pm Adult Class. Call (540) 980-7363 for more information.

Gift Shop

Open Monday-Friday, 10am - 5:30pm. Unique selection of prints and handcrafted goods.