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The Pulaski County Parks and Recreation Department announces the launch of *Pulaski County Clubs* this spring. *Pulaski County Clubs* is a new initiative for the department that will facilitate the offering of special interest clubs to Pulaski County's youth, adults, and senior citizens. Clubs will be offered each quarter during the calendar year in collaboration with volunteers from the community who are passionate about sharing their area of expertise. A variety of special interest clubs will be offered each quarter during the calendar year, with each club season running a total of 8 weeks. This spring, the 8 week season will run from March 26, 2023 through May 20, 2023.

Pulaski County Clubs, Spring 2023 offerings include:

- Archery Club (Youth, 6th – 8th grade)
- 3 on 3 Basketball Club (Adult, Men)
- 3 on 3 Basketball Club (Youth, Co-Ed, 8th – 12th grade)
- Bridge Club (Adults, Seniors)
- Disc Golf for Beginners Club (Youth (15+), Adults, Seniors)
- Flag Football Club (Youth, 8th Grade Only)
- Flag Football Club (Youth, 6th and 7th Grade Only)
- Golf Club (Youth, Ages 4-14)
- Line Dancing Club (Adults, Seniors)
- Running Club (Youth, Adults, Seniors)
- Volleyball Club (Youth, 5th – 8th grade)
- Women's Self Defense Club (Youth (13+), Adults, Seniors)
- Zumba Club (Youth (16+), Adults, Seniors)

Registration for spring *Pulaski County Clubs* is now open. Early registration is encouraged to ensure you secure a spot! Register by visiting www.pulaskicountyparksandrec.org and selecting "REGISTER".

Visit the Pulaski County Parks and Recreation website to view the Spring 2023 brochure, which provides a detailed account of all club offerings, spring sports information, upcoming events, summer camp opportunities, and much more! This brochure can also be viewed electronically by scanning the QR code below.

For more information, please contact Jenna Kinder, Program and Activities Manager
jkinder@pulaskicounty.org | (T) 540.674.1513



The Pulaski Extension Office Seeks Community Input

Please take a few minutes to help Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) Pulaski Office learn about local issues that are important to you. We're conducting a community needs assessment that will help guide future educational programs and we would like to know what is important to Pulaski County residents. The Pulaski County Extension Office share its knowledge, supports businesses, and provides educational programs that advance the wellbeing of our residents through 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources, and Family & Consumer Sciences – Food, Nutrition and Health.

<https://tinyurl.com/2023VCEpulaski>



Commissioner of the Revenue Office Updates

52 W. Main Street, Suite 200
Pulaski, VA 24301
Open M-F, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(540) 980-7750, Personal Property Department
(540) 980-7753, Real Estate Department

- ◆ We provide FREE Virginia Income Tax filing assistance in addition to an Accelerated Refund screening. Bring your ID, Federal Tax Return, and necessary tax documents to our office by the May 1st deadline for assistance.
- ◆ If you operate a hotel, motel, or provide temporary lodging for transients in Pulaski County (excluding the towns), please submit the necessary paperwork to our office. Contact Deputy Commissioner, Sabrina Bishop at (540) 980-7750 for more details.
- ◆ Attention all businesses! You are required to report business personal property each year by the May 1st deadline. Please look to receive a yellow form in the mail from our office to be completed. If you have reporting questions, please contact our personal property team at (540) 980-7750.
- ◆ Did you know? Commissioner of the Revenue Officers were created in 1786 by the Virginia General Assembly to make tax assessments uniform and permanent. To this day, state laws determine what is to be taxed.

Kim Matthews, Commissioner of the Revenue

Pulaski County

Pulaski County Free Store would like to remind our neighbors that we are here to help. You can shop and donate items on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 12-3 p.m. We are located at 260 West Main Street in Dublin. For more information about shopping, donating, and volunteering, you can contact us at freestorepc@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

JUNE 1 – JULY 29, 2023

Join the Pulaski County Library System for the Summer Reading Challenge this year. We have so much summer fun in store for you. Stay tuned!



PULASKI
County Chamber of Commerce
Annual Welcome Back Membership Luncheon
Public welcome!

JUNE 5, 2023, 12:00 PM
CALFEE PARK

Welcome Back River Turtles!

\$15 per person, includes lunch and program
Tickets can be purchased at www.pulaskivchamber.org/events
or by calling 540-674-1991

Chair's Corner

I would like to start out by thanking our citizens for keeping our county clean! One of the things that sets us apart from our neighboring communities is our Pulaski County Pride which makes Pulaski County a great place to live, work and play! So thank you each and everyone.

You may have seen results of or heard about the Board of Supervisors **“One Bag Challenge”** Campaign issued to our citizens and to the Town of Pulaski and Dublin Councils, the Pulaski County School Board, and others to help combat roadside trash. The challenge is pretty simple; pick up at least one bag of trash (multiple bags are always welcome!) along a littered area or roadway throughout the County, take before and after photos along with your bag(s) and send it to Laura Walters, Chair, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, at lwalters@pulaskicounty.org. These photos will be posted on the Board of Supervisors Clean Community Council Facebook page and other websites and social media outlets in an effort to recognize those who are setting a great example by displaying their Pulaski County Pride by helping to keep our roadsides clean. Participants receive one entry per bag in a drawing held at each Board meeting through May 2023 for 5 chances at a \$100 gift card (participants do not have to be present to win). All participants can stop by and pick up Pulaski Proud t-shirts from the County Administration Office.

During February 2023, 169 bags, numerous tires, brush and a toilet were picked up by over 40 volunteers. The first winners were drawn at February's Board of Supervisors meeting and included: William and Gina Paine, Spinning Jenny Winery, Linda McCraw, Ann Reeves, Karen Gerlach, Hannah Card & Sharon Simon. Congratulations and thank you to our winners. We are off to a good start in March as well with continued pick up efforts.

The Board of Supervisors are providing reflective safety vests, gloves, trash pickers and trash bags. These items are available at the County Administration Building, located at 143 Third Street N.W., Pulaski or you may contact your respective Board of Supervisor member to get supplies.

Littering is illegal and totally unnecessary. We want to keep the County we live in clean and welcoming. Also, keep in mind that safety is the first priority in this challenge, so please use caution when working around moving vehicles along the roadways.

Let the clean up continue! Thank you to all our volunteer citizens who have and will pick up! This campaign challenge only works because of you! Please do not hesitate to contact me or your supervisor with any questions.

Laura Walters, Chair, Ingles District
Pulaski County Board of Supervisors

PULASKI COUNTY'S FIRST RESPONDERS NOMINATED FOR HORIZON AWARD

Recently, a number of our first responders were involved in a complicated multi-agency rescue effort. The combined efforts of our 911 Center, Public Safety Department, Emergency Management, Special Operations Team, members of the Pulaski, Dublin, Draper Fire Departments, and Sheriff's Office Deputies are being recognized by members of Carilion Clinic's Life Guard crew who nominated our personnel and agencies for their HORIZON Award. The purpose of the Life Guard HORIZON award is to highlight the incredible individual efforts and community level teamwork of our area agencies. A Life Guard crew member stated: "The work that was completed was truly impressive and deserves to be recognized". A giant "Thank You & Job Well Done!" to all who contributed to this effort, working in challenging conditions while displaying incredible teamwork and compassion for the good of our community.

Pulaski County Special Operations Team

Brad Wright (Director, Emergency Management)
Chief Eddie Farmer (Snowville Fire Department)
Captain Andrew McClaugherty (PC Public Safety – Fire Division)
Captain James Kiser (Pulaski Fire Department)
Captain Brandon Hamblin (Pulaski Fire Department)
John Hall (Pulaski Fire Department)
Zachary Camacho (Pulaski Fire Department)
Zach Dunnigan (Dublin Fire Department)
Mike Kesling (Pulaski Fire Department)

Pulaski County Public Safety (EMS Division)

Lieutenant Bryon Ross
Brad Roope

Pulaski County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Brian Rochelle
Deputy Bronson Underwood
Deputy Joseph Vaught

Pulaski County Joint 911 Communications Center

PST Supervisor Betty East
PST/Radio Technician Roy Wall
PST Jessica Haga

Dublin Fire Department

Chief Dean Russell
Assistant Chief Curtis Whitt
Allan Anderson
Daniel Mitchell

Draper Fire Department

Chief Justin Dobbins

Pulaski Fire Department

Chief Jeff Conner
Anthony Schrantz
Robert Smith

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT AWARD

We would like to thank the employees who took the time to nominate members of various Pulaski County Departments for this award. Employees may be nominated by their peers or a member of the community based on excellent customer service, going above and beyond what is expected of their job, excellent attitude, etc. Nominations may be submitted by using this webform:

<https://forms.gle/zPX3tcUkHbNg5wVNA> **OR** Scan QR Code



Every employee that is submitted will receive a token of our appreciation and will be entered into a drawing at the County's Employee Recognition dinner for a special prize. Please continue submitting nominations and remember there is no limit to the number of times an employee may be nominated.

JANUARY WINNERS

Jena Coalson, Library
Zac Handy, Public Safety EMS
Sarah Polan, Public Safety, EMS
Brad Wright, Emergency Management
Anthony Phillips, Commissioner of the Revenue
Stephen "Squeaky" Morris, PSA
Trish Huff, Commissioner of the Revenue
Katrina Dobbins, Commonwealth's Attorney Office
Tammy Nichols, Human Resources

FEBRUARY WINNERS

Alford Woodyard, PSA Refuse
Sandy Lackey, Commonwealth's Attorney's Office
Amber Bays, Commissioner of the Revenue
Nicole Cumberland, Commonwealth's Attorney's Office
Barbara White, Environmental Services
Judy Baker, Pulaski Library
Teresa Harden, NRCC & Pre-Trial Services
Matthew Phillips, PCPS
Tracy Belcher, PSA
David Perfater, PCPS
Brittney Carter, PCPS
Tammy Ramsey, Environmental Services
Meagan Maderia, Garage

PLAY OUTSIDE.



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MARK YOUR 2023 CALENDARS!

SPRING FESTIVAL 4/1

BRANCOS, BOATS AND BBQ 5/19 & 5/20

MUSIC AND MERCHANTS FESTIVAL 5/20

CLAYTOR LAKE FESTIVAL 6/10

CROOKED ROAD AT ROCK HOUSE 6/22

AJSA SUMMER SOUTHERN SERIES JET SKI CHAMPIONSHIP 9/8, 9, 10

NRV SHEEP & GOAT FESTIVAL 9/23

JEEPS, JARED AND JUMBALAYA AT THE ROCK HOUSE 10/8

FIRE PARADE 10/12

NEWBERN FALL FESTIVAL 10/14 & 10/15

JACK-O-LANTERN SPECTACULAR 10/28

WINTERFEST 12/2



Friends of Peak Creek's Annual Spring Creek Clean Up is Saturday, April 22, 2023, beginning at 10 a.m. We will meet at 41 NE First Street (the parking lot behind the Senior Center). Trash bags, gloves, grabbers, masks, water and snacks will be provided. Please wear long sleeved shirts, long pants and sturdy shoes. Check our Facebook page for updates or rescheduling due to weather. Email info@friendsofpeakcreek.org for more information.



117 Edwards Hall, NRCC

*Second Saturdays, October-April

*FREE ADMISSION

Donations accepted to help pay band expenses.

*Bands subject to change.

*Doors Open: 5:00 p.m.

*Music: 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

NEW RIVER
Community College

*April 8, 2023

Sassafrass Bluegrass Band (2 sets)

TICKETS ON SALE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1



LITTLE TEXAS

APRIL 28, 2023

7:30 P.M. DOORS OPEN 6:30 P.M.

RESERVED SEATS: \$35 advance (online only)
\$40 at the door

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$25 in advance
(online, NRCC Business Office, Pulaski County Visitor Center)
\$30 at the door

www.nr.edu/concerts @NRCCConcerts (540) 674-3625



Our most recent GED graduates!

Help change a life in your community!

Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley offers wonderful opportunities for adult learners in our community, but we can't do it without YOU!

LVNRV's 2023 goal is to train 150 new volunteers! If you're interested in volunteering, please visit our website at lvnr.org to fill out a volunteer application or call our office at 540-382-7262.

WE OFFER FREE, CONFIDENTIAL ONE-ON-ONE TUTORING AND GROUP CLASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Basic Reading & Writing
- Basic Math
- Job Readiness
- Workplace Skills
- Citizenship Preparation
- GED Preparation
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Basic Computer Skills
- Family Literacy
- Financial Literacy

There are a lot of scams out there; please be smart when people contact you requesting any type of payment. Never use gift cards to pay anyone, this is never legitimate. Remember, no law enforcement agency will ever call and threaten to put you in jail if you do not pay. If you have doubts, tell the caller to give you a number to call them back and call your local law enforcement agency to advise them of the situation. Be safe and call us if you need us.

Sheriff Mike Worrell

