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Pulaski County recently switched from Rave Alerts to the CodeRED Community Notification System

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PULASKI COUNTY, VA, August 29, 2019 – Pulaski County is proud to announce the launch of our new CodeRED community notification system to send important alerts and time-sensitive messages to staff members and residents. **CodeRED** will be used to communicate emergency messages related to fires, floods, drinking water emergencies and missing children notices, as well as tornado, severe thunderstorm and flash flood warnings.

## **CodeRED Key Benefits**

CodeRED will deliver several benefits for residents and enable staff to more efficiently manage and distribute notifications before, during and after emergency events:

- Registration for this notification service is customized, allowing residents to choose which
  alerts they'd like to receive, as well as their preferred channel.
- Residents can select several different methods including landline, cell phone, email, text
  message, TTY, or even a combination. These alerts can be specific to streets, neighborhoods or
  regions, so individuals within affected areas are sure to receive relevant information.
- Residents and visitors can keep track of alerts in Pulaski County with the CodeRED Mobile App, which notifies smartphone holders of real-time alerts in the area. Similar to the online registration, users choose which notifications they'd like to receive via the app.
- Authorized Pulaski County personnel will have access to the CodeRED Launcher an app that
  allows authorized public safety officials to create and send messages on the go from any
  smartphone or tablet within seconds, without requiring a computer.
- Staff members can also use the system to communicate emergency information with one another. This will help us ensure our emergency response and daily operations are even more efficient.

All residents are encouraged to visit <a href="www.pulaskicounty.org">www.pulaskicounty.org</a> to sign up for CodeRED and immediately start receiving these informative, life-saving alerts. For more information on the CodeRED notification system or registration, please contact Josh Tolbert, Emergency Management Coordinator at 540-980-7705 or <a href="mailto:jrtolbert@pulaskicounty.org">jrtolbert@pulaskicounty.org</a>.

This holiday season Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce encourages you to shop small! Pulaski County is filled with small businesses where you can find unique gifts for the people on your shopping list. Did you know small businesses account for 99.7% of all businesses in the U.S.? Nearly 2/3 of your small businesses purchases stay in the local economy. Visit <a href="https://www.pulaskichamber.info">www.pulaskichamber.info</a> Business Directory and click on "Shopping & Specialty Retail" for more information on local businesses that can make your holiday shopping unique. Watch for Shop Small Saturday promotions from local businesses on Saturday, November 30, 2019.



It has been a great summer at the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office! Our annual National Night Out Against Crime was held on August 6, 2019, at Randolph Park. It was a wonderful chance

to meet with several hundred of our citizens and a great time was had by all. Sheriff Worrell would like to remind folks colder weather and the holidays will be upon us before we know it. Be sure to keep a check on your elderly neighbors and those who might be in need of assistance. Also, while out shopping, be sure to secure your merchandise out of sight in your vehicle and be aware of your surroundings. Be safe and call if you need us, we never close.



## American Evolution Finale Events

November 8 & 9, 2019 - 7:00 both evenings

Quiet Courage: Pursuit of Equal Educational by Adaire
Theater - Performed at the Historical Pulaski Theater
In the early 1900's, segregation and discrimination were an ongoing battle for the black community around the country. Hidden amongst the facade of "separate but equal" injustices against blacks penetrated America. But unforeseen, a hero was birthed in the small town of Pulaski, Virginia who would make his life's work a fight against racial discrimination. Quiet Courage is the story of Chauncey Depew Harmon and his fight for the equalization of salaries and facilities for African Americans. It is the story of one man's journey and the path he helped lay for equal rights in the community in which

Tickets \$10.00 for the general public and free to students with a student ID.

#### Friday, November 15, 2019 3:00pm

he was raised and later served.

"The Archaeology of Race and Diversity in Early Jamestown" at New River Community College in Dublin. The speaker will be David Givens, Director of Archaeology for the Jamestown Rediscovery Project.

Tickets are \$5.00 for the general public and free to students with a student ID.

#### Friday, November 22, 2019

#### Mary Draper Ingles Event

An actress/ interpreter will present a living history performance of Mary Draper Ingles, frontier heroine made famous nationally by James Alexander Thom's bestselling book, "Follow the River." The event will be presented in a tavern-like setting in Radford and will include a tasting and history tour of beer, wine and cider. Tickets will be available soon.

#### **Candle on Every Table Project**

To commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving in North America, which took place in Virginia, the Pulaski County American Evolution 2019 Committee wants to bring all of Pulaski County together in the Spirit of Thanksgiving. With that in mind, we are making available a candle we hope **everyone** in Pulaski County will use on their table at their Thanksgiving gatherings. The candles are available to purchase for \$2.00 each, and the purchase of each candle provides a candle for someone who cannot afford to purchase one. Please help us make sure every home is included in this effort to bring us together as a community. Candles are also available to purchase in bulk for employers, businesses, restaurants, etc. They are available for purchase at the Visitor Center in Dublin and at other American Evolution 2019 events. For more information please contact Carol Smith at 540–994–2453 or chsmith@pclibs.org.

Pulaski County is ....Thankful!



Join the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce and Randolph Park for the first annual "Randolph Park Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular" as we light up the trails for trick or treating, Saturday, October 26, 2019, 5:00—9:00 p.m. We are going to light up Randolph Park and invite you to be a part the festivities by carving a pumpkin and bringing it to Randolph Park on Friday, October 25, 2019 from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. or the day of the event from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Pumpkins will be judged and prizes given. Enjoy music, food, Iron Heart Winery, activities, and a celebrity pumpkin carving contest! The pumpkins will line the trails along with businesses for children to enjoy trickor-treating fun! For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 540-674-1991 or info@pulaskichamber.info.

Pulaski County, Virginia, is the Highlander's biggest fan! Pulaski County, through the Chamber and Economic Development Authority (EDA) is partnering with Radford University to strategically market to their students, faculty, staff and alumni the great place Pulaski County is to work, visit, play, invest in and to stay. Congratulations to the Pulaski County Team and Radford University for their newest alliance, and GO HIGHLANDERS!





## **Developing Our Comprehensive Plan!**

We are pleased to announce the Pulaski County Comprehensive Plan is in the final stages of development. Pulaski County is hosting four (4) open house meetings to share the plan and to receive public input. We sincerely hope you will join us at one of the community meetings in the month of October. More information about the Comprehensive Plan is available at: <a href="https://www.pulaskicounty.org/compplan">www.pulaskicounty.org/compplan</a> or by contacting the Department of Planning & Community Development – 540–980–7710

- Central Pulaski Open House:
   Pulaski County Board Room, County Administration
   Building, 143 Third Street, NW, Pulaski, VA
   Tuesday, October 8, 2019, from 5 to 7 PM
- Snowville Open House: Snowville Elementary School, Art Room, 4858 Lead Mine Road, Snowville, VA Thursday, October 10, 2019, from 4 to 6 PM
- Fairlawn Open House:
   Old Riverlawn Elementary School,
   6671 Riverlawn Court, Radford, VA
   Wednesday, October 16, 2019, from 4 to 6 PM
- Draper Open House:
   Draper Village Chapel,
   3091 Greenbriar Road, Draper, VA
   Monday, October 21, 2019, from 4 to 6 PM



Be on the lookout for red ribbons during Red Ribbon week in Pulaski County – October 23-31, 2019. We want to paint the county Red in support of becoming a drug free community. If you would like to support the effort and want a red ribbon for your business, organization, etc., please call 540-994-2453 or email <a href="mailto:chsmith@pclibs.org">chsmith@pclibs.org</a>. Find out more as plans are made at facebook.com/officialPCPC.



#### A Few Celebrations from Last School Year

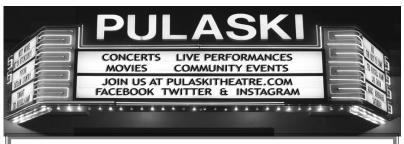
- Laura Norris, Culinary Arts teacher at the Pulaski County High School CTE Center, was selected as the Virginia Pro-Start Teacher of the Year.
- Grace Boone became the most decorated track athlete in Pulaski County history winning 9 total state titles.
- The Pulaski County High School Lady Cougars finished runner-up in the state Class 4 girls' basketball championship.
- A middle school drama program was launched for students at Pulaski Middle School and Dublin Middle School.
- Initial planning has begun for a new, state-of-the-art welding lab at the Pulaski County High School CTE Center.
- Snowville Elementary School received the Virginia Index of Performance (VIP) Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award for the second consecutive year.
- The new Pulaski County Middle School is currently under construction with the substantial completion date on schedule for July 2020!!! (artist rendering below)



## Pulaski County Employment Opportunities

- Sanitation Worker I
- Water Meter Reader
- Facilities Manager
- Garage Mechanic
- Building Maintenance Mechanic
- Mowing & Grounds Technician
- Deputy Sheriff
- New River Community Corrections & Pre-Trial Services Probation Officer
- Juvenile Community Crime Control Assistant

Please visit www.pulaskicounty.org for more information.



Saturday, September 29, 2019 - Nightrain - The Guns & Roses Experience Showtime: 8pm Doors Open: 7pm Admission: \$20 Advance \$25 At The Door

Sunday, November 10, 2019 - Pulaski Elks Annual Veterans Recognition Concert, Showtime: 3pm Doors Open: 2pm FREE Admission

Saturday, November 16, 2019 - Darkside Project - A Tribute To Pink Floyd Showtime: 8pm Doors Open: 7pm Admission: \$20 Advance \$25 At The Door

Friday, November 22, 2019 - Departure - The Journey Tribute Band Showtime: 8pm Doors Open: 7pm Admission: \$20 Advance \$25 At The Door

Friday, December 6 & Saturday, December 7, 2019 - Dancing In The Wings - Winter Recitals Showtime: 7pm Doors Open: 6pm

Saturday, December 21, 2019 - Last Illusion: The Premier Tribute To The Trans Siberian Orchestra Showtime: 8pm Doors Open: 7pm Admission: \$20 Advance \$25 At The Door

Advance Ticket Sales for Live Shows Available on our website first: <a href="https://pulaskitheatre.com">https://pulaskitheatre.com</a>

Ticket Vendors: Martin's Pharmacy & The Pulaski Visitor Center Watch our Facebook page for the latest updates on coming events!

## **Fine Arts Center Events**

- The Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley is happy to sponsor The Listening Room in the Edna B. Love Gallery with live performances the first Friday of the month beginning in September May. Donations are recommended at the door to cover the costs of musicians. RSVP through Eventbrite or by email to <a href="mailto:info@facnrv.org">info@facnrv.org</a>. Events are listed on Facebook, Twitter, and Eventbrite.
- Second Saturday Art Café offers art for both children and adults on the second Saturday of each month. Childrens art program are at no cost and starts at 11am. Adult classes are at 1pm, with a minimal fee.
  Registration is requested to provide for adequate class materials. Call (540) 980-7363 or check the Facebook page for the latest events and classes.
- The Edna B. Love Gallery current exhibit is Acrylics by Carrie Gilboy. The artist offers some of her collection for sale. This year American Craft Week celebrates the wonders of American craft with 2019 focusing on the use of wood in craft and art production. The American Craft Wood exhibit runs from October 7 November 22, 2019. If you are interested in exhibiting in American Craft Wood, email info@facury.org.
- Greater Pulaski J.A.M. a new Junior Appalachian Musicians affiliate is starting this fall as an after school program for Pulaski County middle school age students. The program introduces traditional old time and bluegrass music to children, providing small group instruction on instruments common to the Appalachian region, such as fiddle, banjo and guitar. More information may be obtained at (540) 392-2823. Thank you to sponsors for the program: County of Pulaski and the Wayne Henderson Festival Foundation.

## **November General Election**

November 5, 2019

Polls open 6 am to 7 pm

Last day to register or to make changes to your registration is **October 15, 2019** 

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is **October 29, 2019** 

The deadline to vote absentee in person is **November 2**, **2019** 

Call or stop by our office to check your registration status. Or, you may go online at <a href="www.elections.virginia.gov">www.elections.virginia.gov</a>

Pulaski County is looking for citizens to help on election day. Interested? Please contact us for more information.

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## **New River Community College presents**



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

## **2019 SHOWS**

October 12, 2019 The New Habit

Friday Night Dance Band

November 9, 2019 Gate 10

New Ballard Branch Bogtrotters

December 14, 2019 Mountain Thunder

**New Macedon Rangers**