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Gretna Library Re-opens after major renovation



Libraries have become more than just a place to read books, and the newly renovated Gretna Branch Library reflects that growing trend. After a period of closure to complete the renovation, it is with great pleasure that the Pittsylvania County Library re-opened the Gretna Branch to the community and its many devoted patrons on Tuesday, September 26.

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Accessible



Early voting for the November general election is underway and the Pittsylvania County Electoral Board has made some changes to increase access for all County voters this fall.

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Pittsylvania County Offers First Citizens Academy



Pittsylvania County is offering residents an exciting, unique and fun way to learn how their local government works by hosting its first Citizens Academy. The Academy provides residents the opportunity to meet and work with key department staff members, to include the chance to participate in a hypothetical, but realistic problem-solving exercise. This program is designed to give participants knowledge about, and appreciation for, how local government operates. The four-session program begins Thursday, Nov. 9.

Amendments Approved to RPDs



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors approved several amendments to the County Code concerning Residential Planned Unit Developments (RPD) after a public hearing at the September 19 business meeting.

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Local Veterinarian Donates Fencing for Seized Livestock

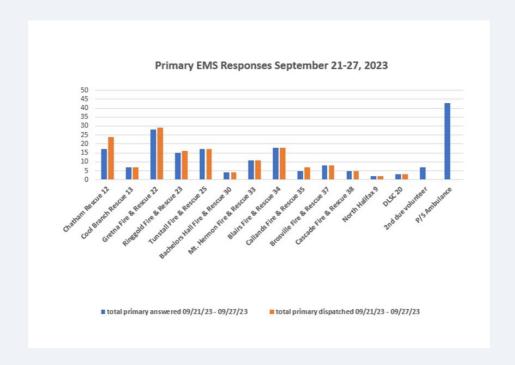


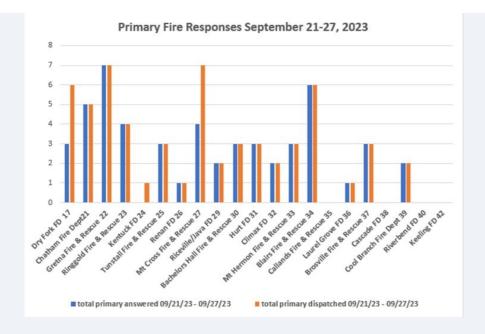
Dr. Kay Geyer of Cherrystone Veterinary Hospital donated fencing to help Pittsylvania County Animal Control with housing seized livestock before the cases go to court. Pictured above is Animal Control Officer Joey Johnson at the completed fence, located at the Animal Control headquarters.

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Pittsylvania County's first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County's citizens. EMS responders answered 190 primary calls for service between September 21-27. Of those, volunteers responded to 147 of those calls – or 77%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 43 of those calls, or 23%, and outside agencies took eight. The County's volunteer fire departments responded to 52 fire calls during that same period.





Volunteers Needed at Mt. Cross Fire and Rescue



The Mount Cross Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department is seeking volunteers to continue to meet the needs of the community. Chief Trey Woodson has been with Mount Cross for 12 years and loves the satisfaction that comes from helping his neighbors in their time of need.

"It's rewarding to be able to show up and have the training and tools to help resolve that situation," said Woodson. Another benefit? By volunteering with fire and rescue, you gain a second family, and the training is fun, said Woodson.

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Pittsylvania County Staff Participate in Career Choice













Pittsylvania County staff members participated September 27 and 28 in the annual Career Choice Youth Expo held at the Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex in Chatham. Participating County departments include Administration, Parks and Recreation, the Treasurer's Office, Public Safety and the Library. The Expo is organized around 17 Virginia Department of Education career clusters and included students from 14 school divisions throughout the Southside region, including Pittsylvania County. Students were also provided information about essential skills, cost of living and employment in this region. It is part of Career CholCE and is organized by the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research.

Coming October 3



Test Messages Will be Sent to All TVs, Radios and Cell Phones



FEMA, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts next week.

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