



May 24, 2024

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## Supervisors Authorize School Board to Apply for Literary Loan Funds



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution authorizing the Pittsylvania County School Board to apply for state Literary Loan funds to be used for school capital improvements.

The authorization, not to exceed an aggregate principal amount of \$26,486,278, was approved at the May 21 Board business meeting and following a public hearing.

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## Blairs Fire and Rescue Extricates Woman from Collapsed Deck



An evening potting flowers could have taken a tragic turn if it wasn't for the trained response by Blairs Fire and Rescue, who successfully extricated a woman from a collapsed deck.

The incident occurred Wednesday, May 22, at about 7:25 p.m. at the home of John and Sandra Blair on Carson Jones Road.

Sandra said she was sitting on the deck, potting flowers like she does every spring. John arranged the pots around her on the table and had gone into the house when he heard an unusual sound.

## Freedom of Choice Committee Recognized



The Freedom of Choice Committee was honored with a resolution adopted by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors at its May 21 business meeting. The Committee began its work in October 2021 and is made up partly of alumni from formerly all-black Pittsylvania County public schools during the time prior to and during integration. Other committee members are from the County's library system and Historical Society.

The Committee sought to recognize the students who were part of the Freedom of Choice era and to create an accurate, complete, honest and inclusive account of this time in history. The Committee searched yearbooks to identify the black students who attended the primarily white high schools during the Freedom of Choice era, 1964-1969. The Committee wanted to honor these students who showed remarkable courage, leadership and sacrifice to help break the racial barrier in education.

The Committee worked with support from the County School Board, and in partnership primarily with the County Public Library System and the County Historical Society on the collaborative effort to curate and preserve the interviews and documentation collected about "Freedom of Choice" in the

County; along with digital records, including audio and video recordings of alumni, which are stored and made available to researchers and the public. To commemorate this work, the Committee held four ceremonies in February 2024 to unveil plaques installed at each County high school – Chatham, Gretna, Tunstall and Dan River – which list the names of the black students who attended during the Freedom of Choice era.

The Committee members are Elizabeth Mayo, Michael Brown, Pastor Reginald Carter, Glen Miller, Pastor Raymond Ramsey, Brenda Breedslove Carter, Margie LanierRichardson, Henry Myers, Rhonda Griffin, Marian Shelton Keyes, Calvin Yarbrough, Elma Patrick Lane, Lisa Tuite and Gayle Hunt Breakley.

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## Three Roads Added to Rural Rustic Program



Three unpaved roads were approved for addition to the Virginia Department of Transportation's Secondary Six Year Plan at the May 21 Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors business meeting and following a public hearing.

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## Beautification Committee Members Appointed



Members of the Beautification Committee were appointed by the Board of Supervisors during its May 21 meeting. The Committee will emphasize litter control, landscaping, beautification projects and public education.

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## Primary Elections Set for June 18

# DON'T FORGET ABOUT VIRGINIA'S JUNE PRIMARY.

Your vote could make the difference.



Early voting runs through June 15th.  
Or, vote in person on June 18th.

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## Board Proclaims EMS Week May 19-25



Emergency Medical Service providers were honored through a proclamation by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors designating May 19-25 as Emergency Medical Services Week during its May 21 business meeting.

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## Election Officer Training for June 18 Primary



**June 18, 2024 Primary**

- June 4th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- June 5th - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- June 6th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- June 11th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- June 12th - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- June 13th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

\*\*This training will focus on closing your precinct on election night. We will go over "end of night" procedures, closing down machines and how to navigate paperwork fast and accurately.

**Register Today!**

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**EMAIL: [SHANI.SHORTER@PITTOGOV.ORG](mailto:SHANI.SHORTER@PITTOGOV.ORG)**

## November 5, 2024 General Election



- October 8th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - *Chief's Training*
- October 10th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - *NEW Officer Training*
- October 15th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- October 16th - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- October 23rd - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- October 24th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- October 26th - 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- October 29th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- October 30th - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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# Event Featuring Local Services Coming Up

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Connections Vendor Fair

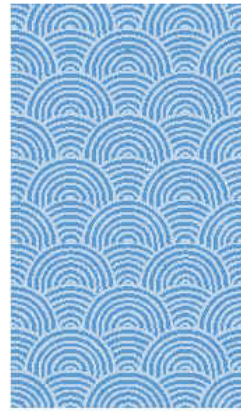
**May 31, 2024**

**10:00am – 3:00pm** (Open to the Public)

Chatham Middle School  
11650 US Hwy 29  
Chatham, VA 24531

If you are a vendor and would like to participate, please reach out to Jennifer Cooper for more information: [jennifer.cooper@pittgov.org](mailto:jennifer.cooper@pittgov.org)

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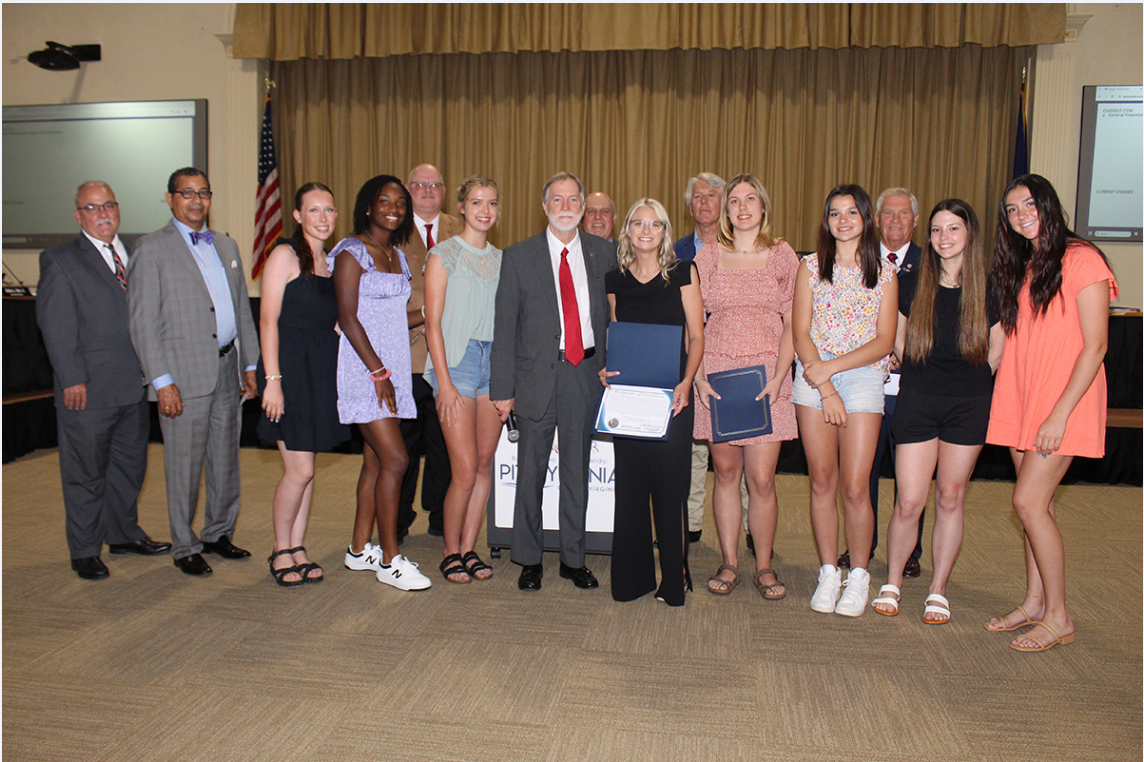
Swing by to learn the many resources available for children, families, and the community! Enjoy an opportunity to network and share information.

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## Tunstall Volleyball Team, Coach Recognized for Winning Season





The Tunstall High School Trojans volleyball team received a certificate of excellence from the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors during its May 21 business meeting.

The Lady Trojans had an outstanding season with an overall record of 21-4. They won the Piedmont District regular season and continued to advance and win the Piedmont District Tournament. The Lady Trojans then competed at the next level in the region and were Region 3D tournament semi-finalists.

Tunstall High School Head Coach Paige Echols was also awarded a certificate of excellence from the Board.

Echols was named Piedmont District Coach of the Year in her first year as head coach at Tunstall, and the Lady Trojans had 21 wins under her leadership.

The Lady Trojans won the Piedmont District Regular Season and continued their streak by advancing and winning the Piedmont District Tournament. They then competed at the next level in the Region and were Region 3D Tournament Semifinalists. Before coaching at Tunstall, Echols was the head coach for WCA Middle School for one season, assistant coach for Chatham High School for six seasons.

Her commitment to excellence and passion for empowering her athletes to reach their full potential is truly commendable, and her leadership and guidance have made a significant impact on the team and inspired those around her. The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors expresses its deepest congratulations and admiration to Paige Echols for this accomplishment and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.

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## Animal Control Officer Earns Edmonds Award



The Danville Area Humane Society presented Pittsylvania County Animal Control Officer Leslie Fowler with the Emmett Edmonds Officer of the Year

Award at the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors May 21 business meeting. The award was presented by Executive Director Paulette Dean. Edmonds was a dedicated animal control officer who thought that going above and beyond the call of duty was the call of duty itself, said Dean. The award was established in 2010 to honor animal control officers who have followed in his footsteps.

“Leslie has the grit of John Wayne and the compassion and mercy of Mother Teresa. She blends mercy and justice perfectly in her job, and always, always, always does what Emmett Edmonds did, she always goes beyond the call of duty,” said Dean.

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## Wooding Celebrates 100 Years



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors recognized Margaret Geneva Carter Taylor Wooding as she recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 29, 2024.

Ms. Wooding was born in the Dry Fork community, where she has lived her entire life. She worked in the textile industry and loved working in her flower garden, sewing and reading the Bible, which she has done several times. Ms. Wooding also enjoys cooking, where peach cobbler and sweet potato fried pies were her specialty. Ms. Wooding had two husbands, five children, eight

grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren. Her favorite Bible verse is 2 Chronicles 7:14 and her favorite sayings are “I won’t shame you” and “just have (behave) yourself.”

The Board sends Ms. Wooding its best wishes and warmest congratulations on this amazing milestone and hopes her special day was filled with everlasting joy and pleasure.

Ms. Wooding was not present for the recognition, but her family was able to attend the meeting.

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## Board Recognizes Police Week, Peace Officers Memorial Day



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors recognized National Police Week 2024 and May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day through a proclamation at its May 21 business meeting.

Congress and the President of the United States have declared law enforcement officer safety and wellness a top priority, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police’s Center for Officer Safety and Wellness promotes the importance of individual, agency, family, and community safety and wellness awareness.

Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Department members play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedom of the citizens of Pittsylvania County and it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties, and responsibilities of their Sheriff's Office, and that members of the County's Sheriff's Office recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation. The Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office has grown to be a modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service. Therefore, the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors calls upon all County citizens, and upon all patriotic, civil, and educational organizations to observe the week of May 12 - 18, 2024, as Police Week with appropriate recognition and thanks for the police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security for all citizens. The Board also calls on all County citizens to acknowledge May 15, 2024, as Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

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## **Survey Addresses Road Safety**

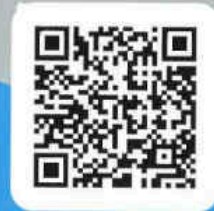
# Safe Streets & Roads for All!

Have you had a near miss while driving?  
Are there streets without sidewalks or crosswalks?  
Do you see speeding in certain places frequently?

Participate in our survey to share your safety concerns while driving, walking, biking, or using public transit. Your input will help us reduce serious and fatal crashes in the Danville Metropolitan Area. Survey participants will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card. Scan the QR code below to take survey or visit <https://bit.ly/4bziWOU>



Enter  
to Win



Concerned about road safety in Pittsylvania County? Who isn't? Participate in this survey designed to address safety and be entered to win a \$50 Visa gift card. The survey is part of a federal grant and will be used to reduce serious and fatal crashes in the Danville Metropolitan Area.

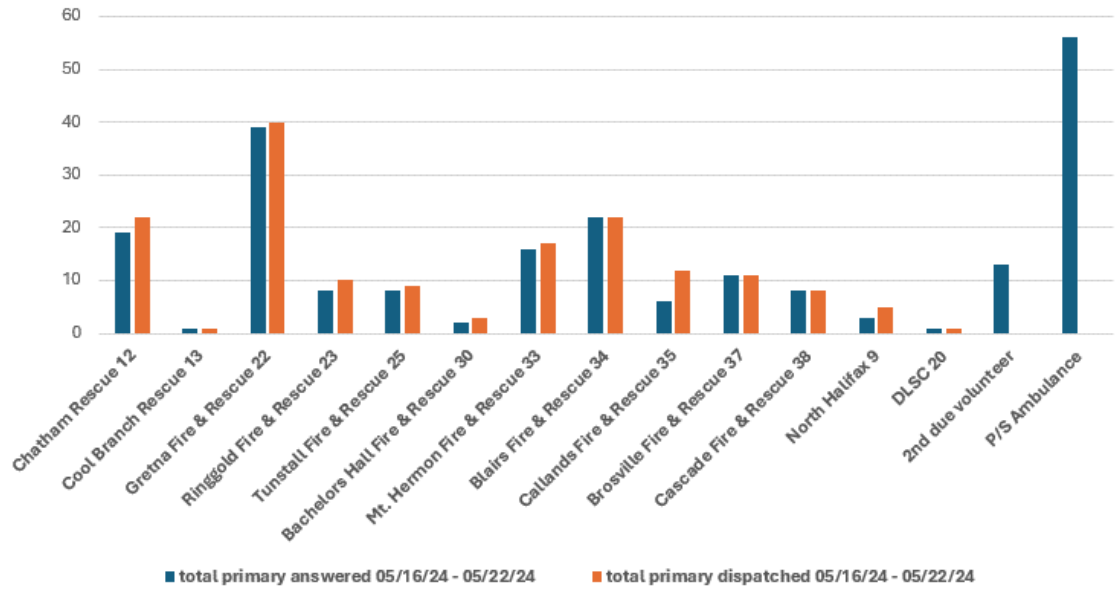
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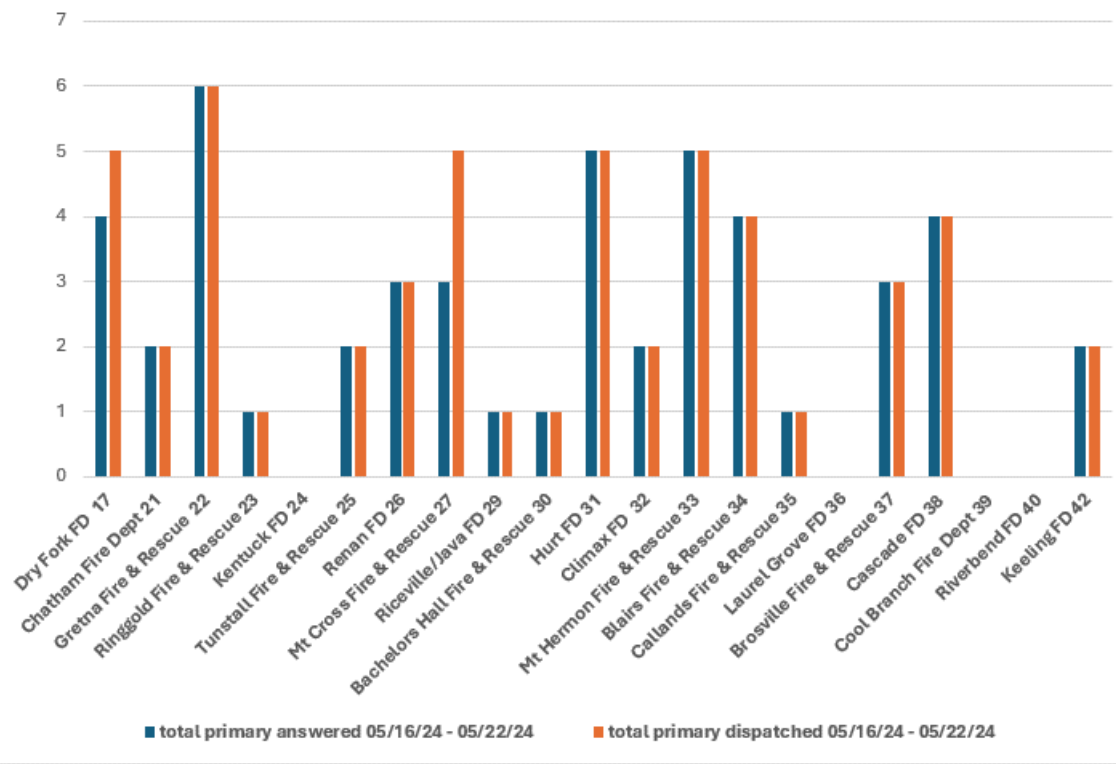
Pittsylvania County's first responders answered the call to service this week, saving the lives and property of the County's citizens. EMS responders answered 213 primary calls for service between May 16-22. Of those, volunteers responded to 157 of those calls – or 74%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 56 of those calls, or 26%, and outside agencies took nine.

The County's fire departments responded to 49 fire calls during that same period.

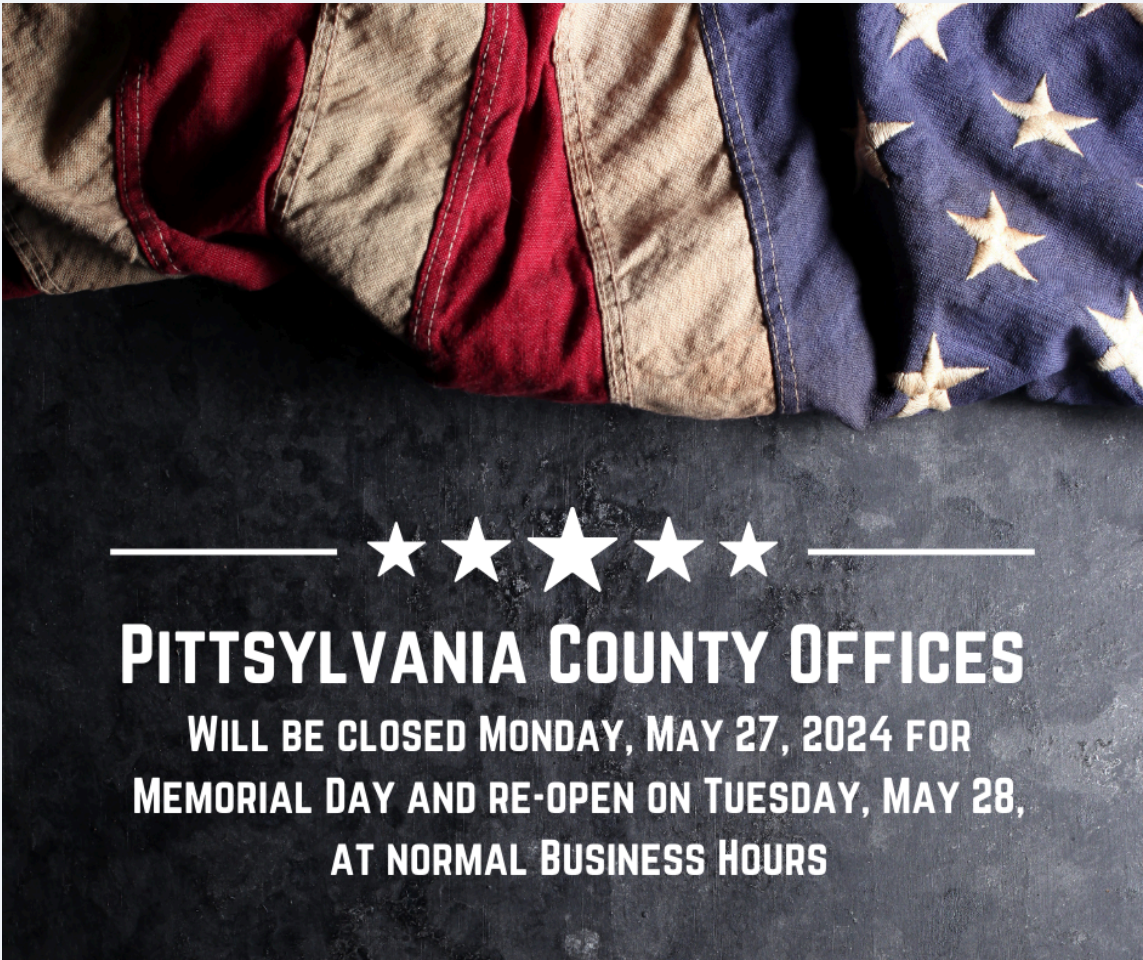
### Primary EMS Responses May 16 - 22, 2024



### Primary Fire Responses May 16 - 22, 2024







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**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY OFFICES**  
**WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024 FOR**  
**MEMORIAL DAY AND RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY, MAY 28,**  
**AT NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS**



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