



Oct. 18, 2024

Tornado Victims Can Apply For Individual Assistance With FEMA

4 Ways to Apply for Disaster Assistance

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Individuals and families affected by the September 27, 2024, tornado that struck the Dry Fork and Callands communities have four ways (see above) to apply for individual assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA.

Board Receives Updates to Water Line Projects



Updates to two water line projects were provided to the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors during its October 15, 2024, work session. Pittsylvania County Public Works Director Chris Adcock told the Board that construction plans for the Robin Court water line project are complete and approved by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). The County was awarded a \$905,000 grant from the Health Department and is now awaiting the results of an environmental assessment before the project can go out to bid.

[Learn More Here](#)

Pittsylvania County Beef: Reputation and Relationships

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Pittsylvania County Extension Agent Becky Roberts and Cattle Producer and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Darrell Dalton talk about a growing program in the County designed to help cattle producers maximize their herds and selling power - Comingling Cattle. The program is increasing the quality of the herds as well as the reputation of beef produced right here in Pittsylvania County.

[Learn More Here](#)

Emergency Declaration Approved, First Responders Honored



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors approved a local emergency declaration during its October 15, 2024, business meeting for the F2 tornado that struck the Dry Fork and Callands communities.

The tornado formed from the remnants of Hurricane Helene and touched down during the early afternoon of September 27, 2024, causing dangerous conditions for residents, destruction of property as well as extensive cleanup efforts. The tornado spanned six miles between W.I. Powell, Dry Fork, Irish, Bearskin and North Flint Hill roads.

[Learn More Here](#)

Mt. Hermon Baptist Celebrates 180 Years



Mt. Hermon Baptist Church is celebrating its 180th anniversary and to recognize that milestone, the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors presented the church with a Certificate of Recognition at its October 15, 2024, business meeting.

Delegate Eric Phillips also presented a resolution, approved by the General Assembly, honoring the church for its longevity.

The church was formed in 1844 and has grown from a small rural congregation serving the immediate community to a vibrant regional church that impacts the greater Danville and Pittsylvania County area.

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia. MHBC offers a variety of outreach programs, including but not limited to, GriefShare, Mount Hermon Early Center, AWANA, Counseling Ministry, Good News Club at Twin Springs Elementary School and Care Portal.

The Board thanks the church for its service and mission to the citizens of Pittsylvania County and wishes it many more years of growth and blessings.

Rt. 40 Bridge Renamed After Deputy McBride



The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution at its October 15, 2024, business meeting in support of naming the Route 40 (West Gretna Road) bridge over U.S. 29 as the Deputy Sheriff Eugene B. McBride Memorial Bridge.

The resolution will be forwarded to the McBride family, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Board for consideration.

McBride was serving as a deputy sheriff when he suffered a heart attack while responding to a disorderly conduct call on November 2, 1969. McBride had arrested one suspect when he began suffering chest pains. When a second deputy arrived on the scene, McBride was leaning over the car's hood, clutching his chest.

The second deputy took control of the prisoner while McBride drove himself to the hospital. He died a short time later. McBride has served as a deputy with the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office for nine years at the time of his death.

He was survived by his wife, four sons, two daughters and his mother.

McBride, as well as his fellow law enforcement officers, save countless lives by protecting County and Virginia citizens through rigorous law enforcement and the patrolling of State and County roadways. Every day they brave ever-present danger to assist a stranded motorist, to investigate gun, drug, and human

trafficking, stop public corruption, bring closure to devastated families, and to stop dangerous driving and dangerous individuals.

McBride is an example of the dedication of the County Sheriff's Office, and it is fitting that the Board remembers his ultimate sacrifice.

The Code of Virginia provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation shall place the sign naming the bridge and that the cost of producing, placing and maintaining the sign shall be paid by the locality.

Crews Construction Commended for 50 Years in Business



Crews Construction and Asphalt Paving Inc. was presented a Certificate of Recognition for its 50 years of business by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors at its October 15, 2024, business meeting.

The company was founded in March 1974 by Melvin Crews and it has continually grown and adapted to meet the evolving needs of Southside Virginia. From its humble beginnings, Crews has provided foundation excavation for local contractors and homeowners, and has expanded to include land clearing, trenching, finish grading, and through the acquisition of Reynolds Asphalt Paving in 2014, road paving.

This natural expansion into asphalt paving solidified the company's position as a trusted partner of the Virginia Department of Transportation and furthered its role in improving infrastructure across the region.

Over the years, Crews Construction has built solid foundations for its customers but has also provided long-term employment and security for its dedicated

employees.

Today, Lin Crews, Jeanette Burger and Charles Burger – the next generation of leadership – continue to uphold the company’s tradition of excellence, innovation and community service.

Inspired by the vision and hard work of Melvin Crews, they are committed to carrying forward the legacy of service and integrity that has been at the heart of Crews Construction for half a century.

The Board wishes the company continued growth and blessings in the future.

Pittsylvania County Offers Youth Fishing Day



Saturday, November 9, 8 a.m. to noon
Wayside Park, 1678 Main St., Hurt

Youth age 15 and under **only**, limited to 100 participants.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

After noon, those age 16 and older can fish but must have a valid fishing license

Bring your fishing rod, bait and tackle to fish for rainbow trout in Sycamore Creek and stocked by Cedar Springs Trout Farm in Rural Retreat.
The limit is 6 fish per person with a length limit of 7 inches. Once the trout is taken into possession by placing in the creel, it becomes part of the daily creel limit and may not be released (culled).

A conservation police officer with the Virginia Conservation Police will be on site during the event.



To register online, go to
<https://forms.gle/ydgqDW7T5iKGtM9U6>
or scan the UPC symbol on the left.

Register in person at the Community Center, 115 S. Main St., Chatham.
The Community Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
For more information, call 434-432-7736.

[Sign Up Here](#)

RiverStreet Visits Riceville-Java, Gives Away Prizes





Ricky Cox, Mike Bond, James Yeatts, Pat Chilton, Averette Boatwright and Dana Quinn were the RiverStreet Networks prize winners during the company's sign-up event on October 15 at the Riceville-Java Fire Department.

Prizes included a power strip cube, Bluetooth smart plugs and smart bulbs.

Quinn, pictured, won a Bluetooth speaker.

RiverStreet has partnered with Pittsylvania County and Pittsylvania County Schools to bring high speed fiber internet service to more than 16,000 locations in the County.

****RiverStreet will return to Pittsylvania County on Oct. 24 at the Community Center in Chatham and Nov. 11 at the Callands Fire Department.**

[Make Appointment Here](#)

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Be the First Line of Defense During Severe Weather

SKYWARN Spotter Training

December 5th, 2024 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Pittsylvania County Community Center
115 S Main Street, Chatham, VA

Training is free and open to the public

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**National Weather Service
Blacksburg, VA**



Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by SKYWARN® spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data, has enabled NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods. SKYWARN® storm spotters form the nation's first line of defense against severe weather. There can be no finer reward than to know that your efforts have given your family and neighbors the precious gift of time--minutes that can help save lives.

By taking the class you will learn:

- Basics of thunderstorm development

- Fundamentals of storm structure
- Identifying potential severe weather features
- Information to report
- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety

The SKYWARN class is free and pre-registration is not required.

Pittsylvania County Brings Halloween to Main Street, Chatham



Election Security: Voting Equipment Fourth in a Series

An American flag is partially visible on the left side of the image, with the stars and stripes clearly shown. The background is a light, neutral color.

Executive Order 35 Summary 4

Election Security: Voting Equipment

- Virginia uses paper ballot counters, not “voting machines”
- Ballot counters are not connected to the internet
- Ballot counters are rigorously tested and certified to state and federal standards
- All equipment in the polling place, ballot counters and electronic pollbooks, is thoroughly tested before each election.

Above is the fourth in a series from Governor Glenn Youngkin’s Executive Order 35, which has codified election security procedures put into place during his administration. The series will highlight each summary section each week and up until the November 5 election.

To read the full summary of Executive Order 35, click on the blue button below.

****Early voting will continue through November 2 at the Elections and Training Center located at 18 Depot Street in Chatham. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Early voting will extend to include Saturday, October 26 and Saturday, November 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.****

[Learn More Here](#)

Ballots & BITES



Open to
the public!



Friday, November 1st

11 am - 2 pm

Parking lot next to Registrar's Office

18 Depot Street, Chatham

Food Vendors

Collins Roadside Produce

Taqueria Lady G

Sunset Slush

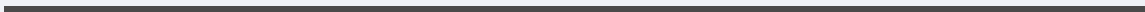
Food available for purchase

Tables and Chairs will be available

"Your voice matters—make it heard while savoring tasty treats!"



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PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

15th Annual Safe Halloween Event

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday 10.26.2024

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex

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D. J. Larry Stamps - Candy - Hot Dogs - Drinks
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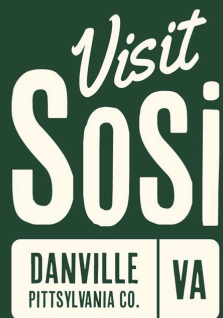
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Danville, VA 24541

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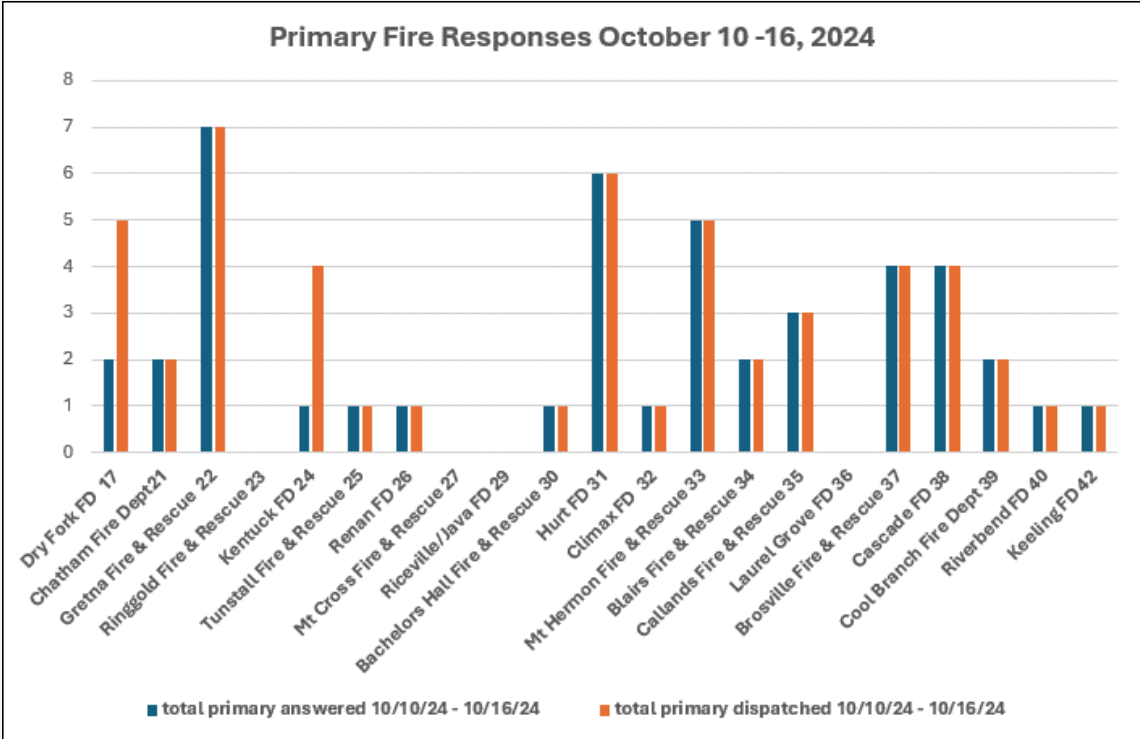
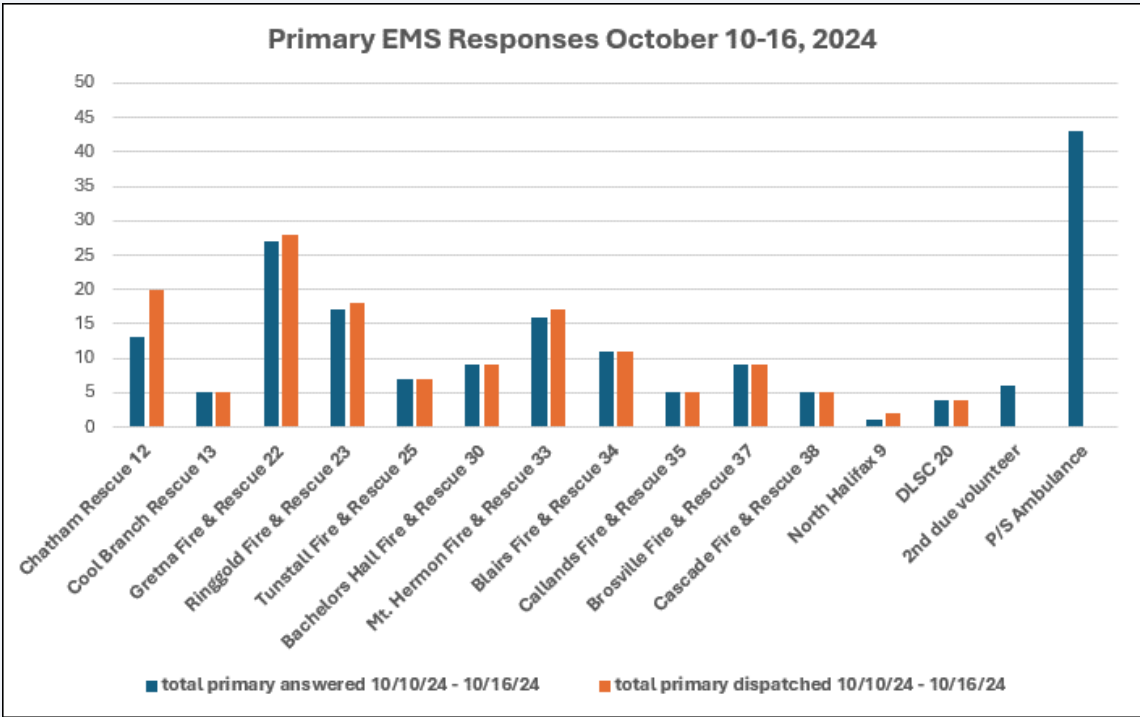
*Would you like to better understand what a visitor wants?

*Would you like to know how to use additional resources to promote the region?

Become an OFFICIAL Tourism INDUSTRY Insider!

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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 178 primary calls for service between Oct. 10-16. Of those, volunteers responded to 135 of those calls – or 76%. Pittsylvania County Public Safety were the primary responders on 43 of those calls, or 24%, and outside agencies took four.

The County’s fire departments responded to 44 fire calls during that same period.



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Being first on the scene?

Serving your community, learning valuable new skills and becoming part of a close-knit team?

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