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Ashley Dawn of “America’s Best Restaurants” (left) and Amy Robinson of Eubank Pizza (right) show off some of the restaurants pizza pies during the visit “America’s Best Restaurants” paid to Eubank on Tuesday.

## ‘America’s Best Restaurants’ to serve up a slice of Eubank Pizza’s story online

**BY CHRISTOPHER HARRIS**  
COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL

If you live in Pulaski County — or in one of its neighbors — you don’t have to go far to find one of “America’s Best Restaurants.” But that’s likely no secret to fans of Eubank Pizza.

The northern location of Eubank Pizza was visited this week by the online restaurant showcase series “America’s Best Restaurants,” who filmed a segment that will eventually be aired on the

show’s YouTube channel.

“We travel all over the United States, going coast to coast, talking to different restaurants that our people need to eat at and know about,” said Ashley Dawn, one of the show’s hosts.

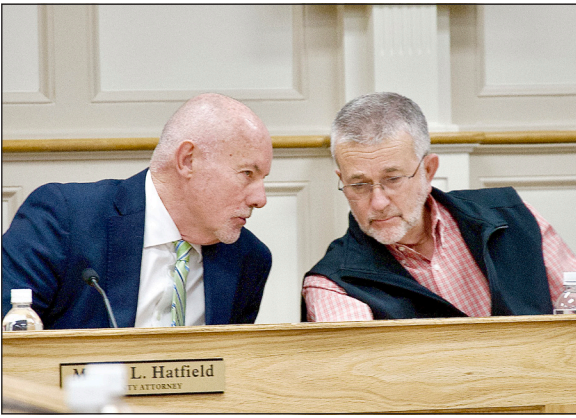
The “America’s Best Restaurants” YouTube channel has built a strong following since it started airing in 2021, with over 11,300 subscribers. Exact info on how the restaurant got on the show’s radar wasn’t available, but Dawn noted that Eubank Pizza could

have been nominated for an appearance, or discovered by the show’s team that’s always looking for interesting restaurants to profile.

“You cannot be a franchise (to be on the show); it’s all independent-run,” said Dawn. “People that are in their restaurants, working their butts off day in and day out to feed their community.”

Chris Robinson, who owns and

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Pulaski County Attorney Martin Hatfield (left) and Pulaski County Judge Executive Marshall Todd both gave comments and details on the upcoming gas line that will run through Pulaski County en route to John Sherman Cooper Power Plant.

## County officials address concerns over proposed gas lines

**BY STEVE CORNELIUS**  
REGIONAL EDITOR

In November 2024, East Kentucky Power Cooperative announced a major expansion. They plan to add a new 745-megawatt natural gas generator at the John Sherman Cooper Power Station in Burnside.

The reason for the natural gas additions is due to new requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which requires power stations to take action to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions or close by 2032. The creation of the additional unit is estimated to cost \$1.3 billion, while the conversion of the existing unit is estimated to cost \$73.8 million and is scheduled to be

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## Somerset Independent auctioning off surplus property

**BY CARLA SLAVEY**  
COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL

Anyone looking for a good deal on some school desks, electrical supplies or maybe even some purple and gold-colored turf might want to take a gander at what Somerset Independent will have for sale next week.

The city’s school district will be holding a surplus property auction on Tuesday and Wednesday (March 18 and 19).

That surplus property includes classroom furniture, office furniture, electrical supplies, athletic training equipment, light fixtures, turf material and other miscellaneous lots.

Those interested are urged to visit the old baseball/batting facility at the south end of the Meece Middle School parking lot on those two days.

Bids will be accepted sealed, and those sealed bids will be opened at the end of day Wednesday. Highest bids will be awarded.

When asked about the “turf material” in the description, Superintendent Kyle Lively said that it is extra material of the same purple and gold turf that makes up the Somerset High School

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## Better weather, but no date yet for re-opening of Fishing Creek Bridge

**BY CHRISTOPHER HARRIS**  
COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL

Winter was not kind to crews working on the Fishing Creek bridge, which has been closed to traffic since November. Bitter cold temperatures and multiple snowfalls and heavy rains interrupted progress on the bridge rehabilitation project.

Spring has seemingly set in for good, however, with balmy weather that’s favorable for working in and pouring concrete — something that can’t be done when it’s too cold. But how that affects the timetable for the bridge re-opening to traffic isn’t clear just yet.

“They’re still on target for the April 15 overall completion,” said Amber Hale, spokesperson for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 8 Office, “(but) they have not given us the opening (date). Hopefully, we’ll get one soon.”

The original contract with

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A significant amount of surface paving has been done on the Fishing Creek Bridge at the time of the taking of this photograph. A KYTC spokesperson though says there is still no word on when the bridge will officially re-open to traffic as of March 14.