

Rosenau: Aeronautics Commission “Holding Us Hostage”

By Cassady Rosenblum
The Parsons Advocate

According to County Commissioner Mike Rosenau, the state Aeronautics Commission is holding Tucker County “hostage” by insisting the county build and operate a helipad at the Industrial Park, thus making many other uses of the land impossible.

Readers will recall that Industrial Park once belonged to West Virginia Power & Transmission Company, a predecessor of FirstEnergy. During the 1970s, the power company transferred that land to the state Aeronautics Commission, which subsequently transferred it to the Tucker County Commission and Development Authority in the 1990s. Nevertheless, an old covenant remained on the deed stipulating that the land be used as an airport.

Given the Development Authority’s mission to attract businesses to Tucker County and grow its economy, Executive Director Steve Leyh sought this year to get the state to release this covenant, arguing that the state has never shown any interest in building an airport on the land at any point in the past, and did not even seem to know about the deed until the Development Authority brought it to its attention. If the state were to release the covenant on the deed, the county could sell off acres to new businesses, and develop the land as it sees fit. However, at Wednesday’s County Commission meeting, Leyh described the state’s attitude as “uncooperative.”

The Aeronautics Commission is comprised of five governor-appointed officials. According to Leyh, they believe that having a private helipad will help attract

business to Tucker County, which Leyh disagreed with strongly. According to Leyh and Rosenau, Tucker County tried to present an alternate solution to the Aeronautics Commission—a helipad at Windwood Resort—but the state refused, saying it was more than five nautical miles away from the Industrial Park. Windwood is six nautical miles from the Industrial Park.

At the core of the controversy is the fact that the state and federal government own much of Tucker County. There is not much available land to build on, making Tucker County unique compared to other counties in the state. The Industrial Park represents 25 acres that can be built on, according to Rosenau, who questioned why the county is overhauling its infrastructure if it can’t offer new companies a place to exist. For the time being, however, the Aeronautics

Commission seems convinced a private helipad at the Industrial Park is more important for the future of Tucker County.

In other county commission news, the commissioners voted to approve \$50,000 dollars worth of American Rescue Plan money to Hamrick, \$16,000 for Davis, and \$6,000 for Thomas. More will be allocated once the county receives its second tranche, or portion of money, from the fed-

eral government.

Finally, the commissioners also voted to approve new voting locations for the upcoming election in the spring in order to better serve voters with disabilities. Those new locations will be communicated soon to voters. The next County Commission meeting will take place at the Tucker County Courthouse Wednesday, December 1, at 6 p.m.

St. Paul’s Toy Drive

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Morrisey Offers Tips For Safe Holiday Shopping

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey reminds consumers to use caution, shop wisely and protect their personal information as the holiday shopping season begins with Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

“Scammers often take advantage of increased consumer activity during the holidays, and every transaction could be an opportunity for a fraudster to steal your money or identity,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “Whether you choose to shop for gifts in-store or online, be on the lookout for seasonal scams to avoid personal information ending up in the wrong hands. Remember, any deal that looks too good to be true is most likely untrue.”

The Attorney General recommends that consumers limit their use of debit cards, pay close attention to holiday credit card offers and be aware of fraudulent websites or coupons that resemble the real thing.

Credit cards, whether shopping online or in store, provide the best protection to dispute charges when goods or services do not arrive as promised. Debit cards, in contrast, are no different than cash and come with no special protection.

In-store shoppers also should leave Social Security cards and other non-essential information at home, lock presents away in the trunk, watch for skimming devices and use an RFID blocking sleeve or wallet to protect credit/debit cards from electronic pickpockets.

Online shopping is always popular and may see an even bigger surge this holiday season due to COVID-19, but it can also bring risks.

Online shoppers also should watch for spelling mistakes, low-quality images and ensure URL addresses

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‘Light Up a Life’ at Cortland Acres



The Friends of Cortland is accepting donations for its annual ‘Light Up a Life’ ceremony. A bulb for the 2021 Christmas tree for \$5 each and spots on the special treetop star are \$50 each. Proceeds support the residents at Cortland Acres.

THOMAS, W.Va. - The generosity of local residents has made it possible for the Friends of Cortland Acres to give back in many ways, and the group is asking for the community’s help again this year.

‘Light Up a Life,’ which is underway at Cortland Acres, represents the largest fund-raiser each year for the Friends of Cortland Acres. Last year the volunteer organization raised more than \$5,000, said Nancy Moore, president of the Friends of Cortland Acres.

Supporters are invited to ‘Light Up a Life’ by purchasing a bulb in memory or honor of a loved one for the 2021 Christmas tree for \$5 each. A limited number of spots on the special treetop star also are available for \$50 each.

To donate, mail a check to Cortland Acres, 39 Cortland Acres Lane, Thomas, WV 26292. “Please make sure to include the name(s) of those you are donating in memory or honor of,” Moore said.

The donations through the Friends of Cortland Acres tree help pay for many special projects for the residents throughout the year. Moore said that past projects include mini-massages, magazine subscriptions, monthly theme dinners, pizza parties and flowers for the courtyard.

“These funds also help us pay for regular resident outings such as the movies, ice cream and fishing trips,”

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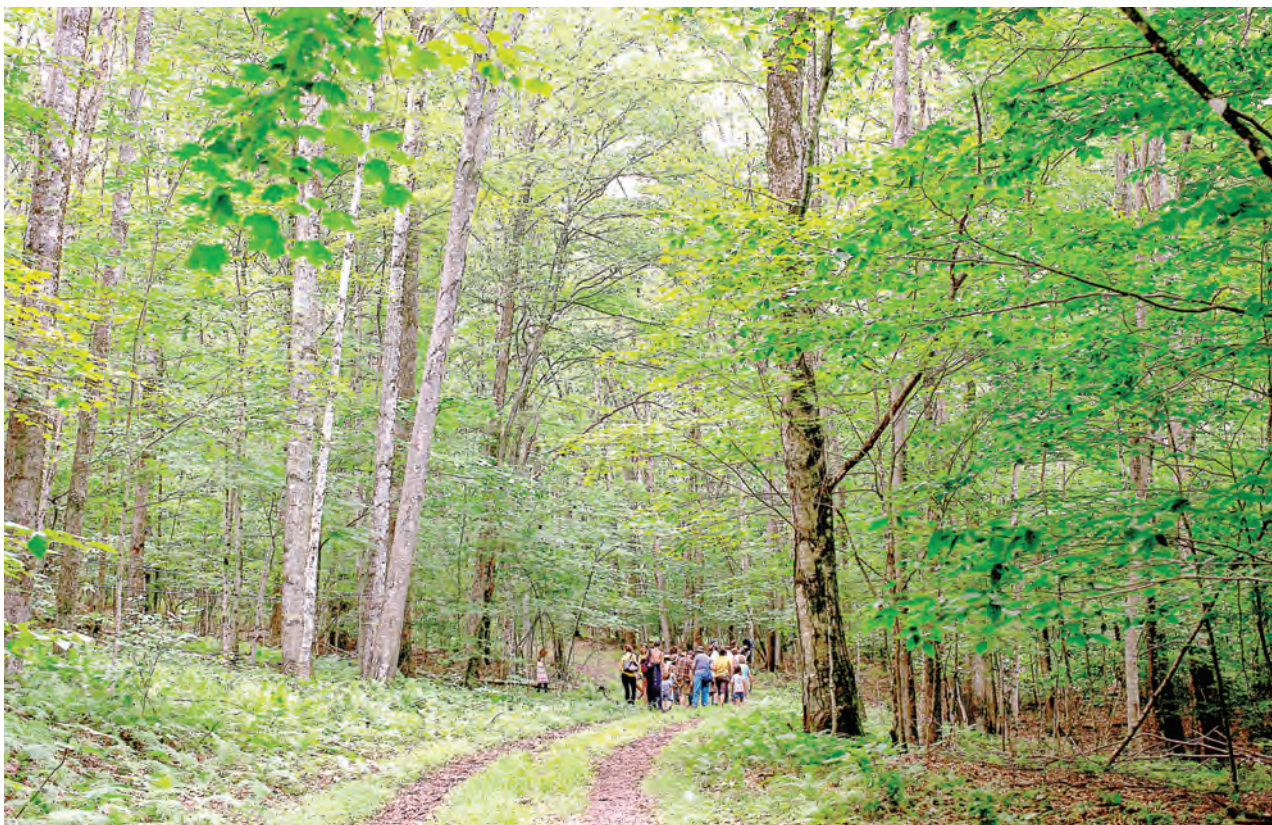


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Participants learn about native plants at the Yew Mountain Center, a destination on the soon to be created Mountain Medicine Trail.

It seems like the world can’t get enough of Appalachian mountain medicine. Ginseng, black cohosh, goldenseal...global demand is increasing for the forest plants native to the West Virginia mountains. Those that live in and visit the mountains know about the health benefits of fresh mountain air, recreation in the forest, and the nourishing qualities of Appalachian botanicals.

A new initiative of the Yew Mountain Center, in partnership with Future Generations University, will help visitors and residents of the region better understand, appreciate, and experience the value of our native plants and their diverse ecosystems. The Mountain Medicine Trail is an agritourism initiative that will be piloted in

Pocahontas, Randolph, and Tucker Counties thanks to a Rural Business Development Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

According to Sarah Collins-Simmons, Program Manager at Future Generations University, “The Mountain Medicine trail will promote agritourism through the design and development of an auto-route allowing for various levels of visitor engagement. Whether visitors are able to visit a museum display or experience our forests firsthand on a hike, this project seeks to showcase the rich cultural and ecological history of this part of Appalachia.”

Sarah added that the project will also provide new opportunities for landowners growing forest

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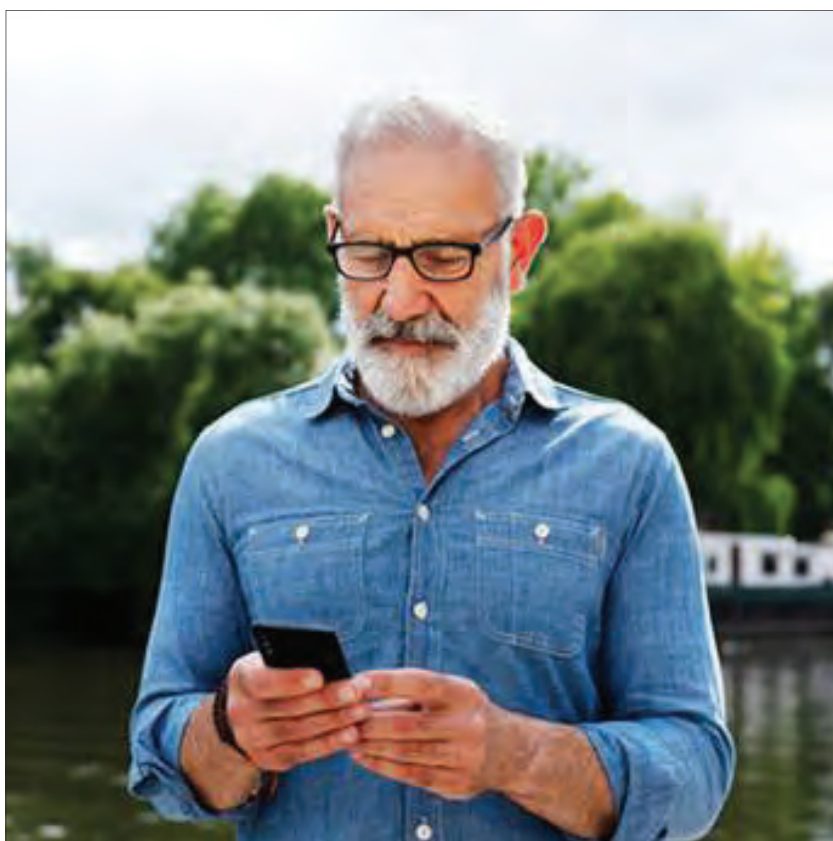
At home or on the go: social security is online

By Vince Petrice
Social Security Manager in Elkins, WV

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Gas Prices Decrease in West Virginia; Crude Prices Continue to Drop

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is two cents lower at \$3.313 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

- **This week's average prices:**
- **Northern WV Average \$3.313**
- **Average price during the week of November 15, 2021 \$3.330**
- **Average price during the week of November 23, 2020 \$2.110**

The following is a list of the average prices in several West Virginia locations:

- **\$3.369** Bridgeport
- **\$3.314** Clarksburg

- **\$3.311**
- **\$3.393**
- **\$3.294**
- **\$3.199**
- **\$3.280**
- **\$3.345**

Trend Analysis:

After stubbornly staying above \$80 a barrel since Labor Day, the price of crude oil tumbled this week into the mid-\$70s. Lower crude prices are reflected in today's national average price for a gallon of gas, down a penny since last week to \$3.40. As AAA projects more than 48 million Americans will hit the road this Thanksgiving week, motorists will be paying \$1.29

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- Parkersburg**
- Weirton**
- Wheeling**

more for a gallon of gas than a year ago and 81 cents more than in 2019.

According to new data from EIA, total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 700,000 barrels to 212 million barrels last week. Gasoline demand also dropped slightly from 9.26 million barrels per day to 9.24 million barrels per day. The decrease in demand, alongside stocks, has helped to steady pump prices. However, gasoline prices will likely remain elevated as long as oil prices are near or above \$75 per barrel.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and county-wide at GasPrices.AAA.com.

Shopping

legitimately match the known retailer's website. These tips will help consumers identify fraudulent websites or illegitimate coupon offers hastily created to steal money and personal information.

Consumers should rely upon secure payment systems, avoid money transfers to unknown people and make sure any payment website starts with

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“https://” as the “s” indicates a secure page.

Anyone who feels as though they have been scammed while shopping should call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at www.wvago.gov.

Cortland

Moore said. “We sponsor bingo every month, and that's something the residents truly love. We also purchase each resident a gift from Santa Claus to open Christmas morning.”

The special ‘Light Up a Life’ virtual ceremony to light the tree is set for Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Cortland Acres. It will be posted online afterward for people to view. The names of all honorees are read during the ceremony and will be printed in a book placed in the dining room.

Moore hopes the Friends of Cortland Acres can resume the monthly resident outings and meetings

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at the beginning of the new year.

“We would love to have more members in our Friends group,” Moore said. “It's a great way to give back to the community, and the residents really enjoy our activities.”

The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, and programs, rental apartments in Pineview and homes in The Pines. For more information on the ‘Light Up a Life’ event or to join the Friends of Cortland Acres, call 304-463-4181 or visit www.cortlandacres.org.

Trail

botanicals. “Our aim is to help create new economic opportunities for landowners and farmers who are implementing long-term sustainable woodlot management plans that prioritize the diversification of agroforestry products.”

Julia Flint, the new WV Forest Farming Initiative Coordinator based at the Yew Mountain Center, will be reaching out to prospective partners to help create and participate in the Mountain Medicine Trail.

“There are many opportunities for local businesses to become involved.

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We hope to include forest farmers, producers, as well as retail, lodging locations, and educational sites. The goal is to create a network of destination sites throughout the three counties.”

Julia noted that they are in the beginning planning stages of this initiative and want to include input from potential partners and those interested in the project. Anyone who wants to learn more or is interested in becoming a partner on the Mountain Medicine Trail can email Julia at julia.yewmountain@gmail.com.

News of Record

The following property transfers have been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

- Jeffrey William Anderson and Julia Anne Geraldine Anderson, Davis District, 2.00 acres Canaan Mountain to Sean R. Sullivan and Amanda D. Sullivan, \$289,000.
- Allen H. Loughry II and Lisa Ann Loughry, Clover, 28,118 sq. ft. to Linda Loughry, \$0.
- Theresa M. Haupt and Susan A. Koons, Licking, 22.77 acres to Robin K. Haupt and Theresa Haupt, \$0.
- David L. Wyant and Deborah A. Wyant, Dry Fork, Unit 60 Deerfield Condos to Christopher Wade, Jamie Jacobs, J. Keith Wade and Kathy Wade, \$284,000.
- Albert Bigelow Harvey/Trustee, Sandra June Harvey/Trustee; Harvey Family Trust, Unit C-102 Herzwood Condos to KI Canaan LLC, \$179,000.
- EXR LLC, Parsons Corporation, Lot 5, Pt. Lot 6, Pt. Lot 6 (residue of Lot 6) and Pt. Lot 7 to Dartanion J. Weese, \$3,000.
- Jacob Harman and Victoria Harman, Dry Fork, Lot 3 at Winterset to GAP Holdings LLC, \$525,000.
- Land of Canaan, Dry Fork, Unit A6 Week 33 to David Burr and Sharon Burr, \$600.
- Land of Canaan, Dry Fork, Unit B4 Week 27 Lochoa to Randall Jones, II, \$750.
- Lheureux Family Trust, Dry Fork, Lot 16 at Northface to Giovanna Ban and Michael Smith, \$590,000.
- James Gill and Deborah Gill, Dry Fork, Lot 6 at Jennings to Courtney Nugent, \$67,500.
- Frank Winchell and Inna Winchell, Davis District, Unit No. 2 to Alexander Goddard and Marissa Clingen, \$150,000.
- Joy V. Fansler, Black Fork, 39.75 acres to Melissa L. Southern and Nicholas M. Southern, \$0.

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OBITUARIES

Carl L. Bible

Carl L. Bible, age 88, of Adrian, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at ProMedica Charles and Virginia Hickman Hospital. He was born April 25, 1933 in Parsons to Osee and Elizabeth (Lambert) Bible. On Oct. 6, 1951 he married Ollie Carrico who survives. Carl had been employed by Brazeway for 29 years. He was employed by Manchester Stamping and Hoover Trucking. He enjoyed music and belonged to the Dulcimer Club. Carl was a big Ohio Buckeye fan. He was a member of the Jasper Bible Church. Carl loved the Lord and his family.



In addition to his wife, Ollie, he is survived by a daughter, Carla (Peter) Claudia of Adrian, MI; two sons, A. David Bible of Galloway, Ohio and Jeff (Jill) Bible of Adrian, MI; one sister, Erma Williams of Ocala, Fla; one brother, Harold Bible of Bowie, Md; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and four sisters.

Adam Ray Arbogast

Adam Ray Arbogast, age 37 years, a resident of the Pheasant Run Community, Kerens, WV departed this life Thursday, November 25, 2021, at his home.



He was born Tuesday, November 2, 1984, at Elkins, WV, a son of Cle-tus Ray and Rebecca Sue Vandevender Arbogast.

Surviving are one daughter, Amberlynn Rose Arbogast; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was a graduate of Tucker County High School with the class of 2003. He attended the Corrections Academy and had worked at Huttonsville Correctional Center and Timberline Resort as a guard. He was an E.M.T. and was currently working at the Tucker County 911 Center as dispatcher and Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Parsons, WV. He was a member of the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department for over twenty years. He attended the Irons Chapel Church. Adam had a knack at working electronics and enjoyed riding ATV's and hunting and fishing. He enjoyed spending time at the fire department with his friends, and he especially enjoyed spending time with his family and his daughter.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Wednesday from 4 PM to 7 PM. final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 11 AM. The Reverend Justin Jones and The Reverend J. Michael Lantz will officiate and interment will follow at the Parsons Family Cemetery at Shavers Fork. The family suggest that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Parsons Volunteer Fire Dept., 216 Main Street, Parsons, WV 26287. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Adam Ray Arbogast. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Dixie Lee Goff Gutmann

Dixie Lee Goff Gutmann, age 84 years, a resident of Elkins, WV departed this life Wednesday afternoon, November 24, 2021 at the Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center at Elkins, WV. She had been in declining health.



She was born Monday, August 9, 1937 at Parsons, WV a daughter of the late Franklin "Frank" and Val-lie Virginia Cosner Goff. On May 30, 1958 at Parsons, WV she was married to Ronald Ludwig Gutmann, who preceded her in death July 22, 2002. Surviving are one son, Chip Gutmann of Raleigh, NC; one daughter, Erica Lee "Rikki" Mowen and husband David of Charlottesville, VA; one sister, Jerri Lynn Snyder of Elkins; several nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death is one brother, Donald Dale Goff. She attended the schools of Parsons and was a graduate of Parsons High School. She attended Commercial Art School at William & Mary University and later attended Davis & Elkins College where she received her degree in Nursing. Along with her husband, they had lived in Maryland and Africa before returning to Elkins. She was an Operating Room Registered Nurse at Memorial General Hospital and later at Davis Memorial Hospital until her disability. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she served many years on the administrative board and assisted with the Backpack Program. She was very creative lady with a wonderful sense of humor, who enjoyed quilting, canning and cooking. She had a great love for the outdoors, enjoyed her plants, gardening and was a Master Gardener. She enjoyed time at the beach and was always furthering her education.

Dixie's request for cremation was honored. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Dixie Lee Goff Gutmann. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

Mary Flinn Seligman

Mary Flinn Seligman, 100 years old, of Canaan Valley, WV, passed away peacefully at her home on November 22, 2021, surrounded by her family and supported by Mountain Hospice.



Mary grew up in Belleville, WV, graduated from Parkersburg High School and trained at St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse. She proudly served during World War II as a Navy nurse holding the rank of lieutenant and earning the Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

Mary worked as a nurse throughout her life at various hospitals and retired as the Plant Nurse from the O. Ames Company. After retirement, she served her community in various ways, on the Belpre Tree Commission, and for Washington Community Action. At 80 she was thrilled to accept a job (and loved the uniform) at the Wayne National Forest Visitor Center. Mary enjoyed knitting hats to sell and raise money for Fort Belleville Cemetery, a Civil War-era cemetery she adopted and maintained in Belleville, WV.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Walker Seligman; their son, Patrick Walker Seligman, mother, Marie Beckett Flinn, Father, Howard Flinn; brother Beckett Flinn, and sister Margaret McDonald. She is survived by her brother, John Flinn; children, Pamela Seligman Lutz (John), Nanette Seligman of Canaan Valley, WV, and Todd J Seligman (Stacy) of Thomas, WV; her grandchildren, Walker Lutz (Robin) of Breckenridge, CO, Athey Lutz (Maggie) of Canaan Valley, WV, Jacob Lutz (Lauren) of Leadville, CO, Emily Seligman Fifield (Paul) of London, UK, Patrick Seligman of Pittsburg, PA, and Victoria Seligman Sindou (Koné) of Brooklyn, NY; and great-grandchildren Saleh John Lutz, Ragan Lutz, Keller Lutz, and Isla Lutz.

Mary's secret of longevity was a hot cup of coffee and a good hot dog. She was widowed at a very young age and did an amazing job of raising four children on her own with much love and devotion. She enjoyed participating in her family's activities: Attending the Davis Farmers and Artisan Market where her children showcased their businesses: Todd's TJ's Bakery and Nanette's pottery. For two generations here she was known as "MaryGram". She loved visiting her grandchildren's business: Job Farm and Still Hollow Distillery and attending her great-grandchildren's activities at Mountain Laurel. Mary will be dearly missed and always remembered. She was as beautiful inside as she was on the outside.

In lieu of flowers, Mary and her family request that donations be made to Fort Belleville Cemetery Trust to maintain the cemetery. Donations can be mailed to Fort Belleville Cemetery, 1109 7th St, Parkersburg, WV 26101. A graveside ceremony was officiated by Pastor Cynthia Eakle of Stout Memorial United Methodist Church in Parkersburg, WV.

Update: Gov. Justice urges West Virginians to get booster shot

During Friday's briefing, Gov. Justice highlighted that the FDA has now officially approved use of COVID-19 vaccine booster doses in all Americans ages 18 and older.

Shortly following Friday's briefing, the CDC followed suit, opening up the booster to tens of millions more previously vaccinated individuals.

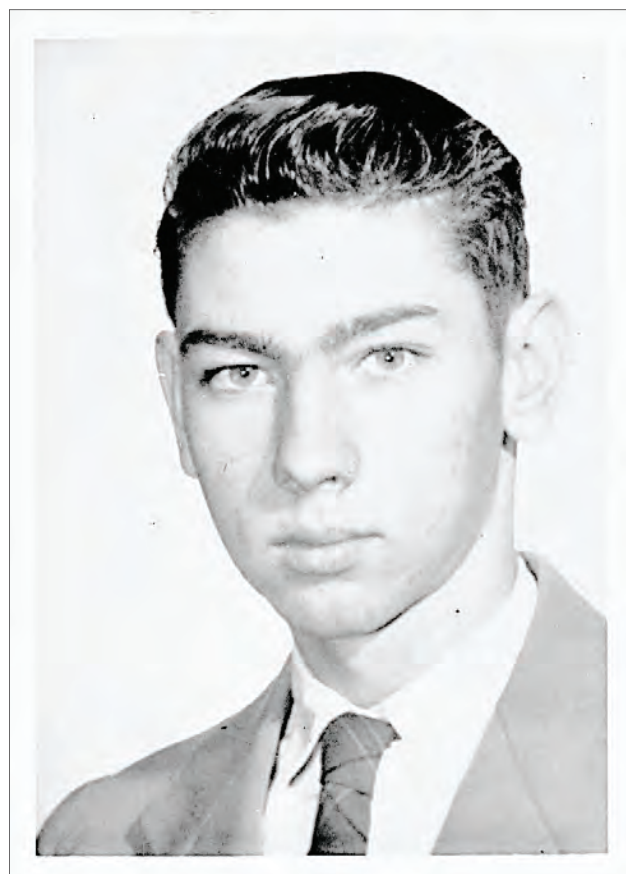
"In our last briefing on Wednesday, I went on a bit of a rant about these booster shots, telling you over and over that, if you're 18 and above and it's been long enough, you need to get your booster," Gov. Justice said. "Sure as the world, this morning the FDA approved booster shots for everyone 18 and

older." "If you're 18 or older and you got Pfizer or Moderna six or more months ago, or if you got Johnson and Johnson two or more months ago, you qualify," Gov. Justice continued. "Go to your pharmacy or health center and get that booster shot. Hopefully, this is the encouragement we need to move the needle a little bit."

Individuals now may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster.

West Virginians can go **See BOOSTER page 4A**

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of Norman Barney Argil Turner (11/14/1943 – 11/3/2021). He was the son of Conley and Texie Pennington Turner. He was one of five children, siblings include: Howard Turner, Tommy Turner, Nina Turner Carr, Twila Turner Smith. He retired as a plant manager from Royal Appliance Company of Ohio. He was my father, and I was the only child from the relationship of Norman and Patricia Ann Bonner. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or photos to share, contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.



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Division of Highways expands Equipment Training Academy

CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Division of Highways has expanded its Equipment Training Academy in Buckhannon to include a brand-new classroom in Parkersburg.

The existing Equipment Training Academy in Buckhannon houses two classrooms. The DOH recently opened a new training facility at District 3 in Parkersburg housing a third.

The Training Academy had three CDL courses running at once – two in Buckhannon and one in Parkersburg. The DOH holds CDL training almost every month of the year.

Providing training for DOH employees to get a commercial driver's license, or CDL, is one of the most important courses taught at the Training Academy. The DOH requires a CDL to operate any of its trucks heavier

than 26,000 pounds, in addition to bulldozers, excavators, road graders, and other heavy equipment.

The facility is intended to supplement the main academy in Buckhannon and is closer for employees working in the western part of the state.

"I have to thank District 3 Engineer Justin Smith and Assistant DE Jared Evans for helping us get up and running in about two months," said Aaron Stroud, who oversees the Training Academy.

With work continuing in all 55 counties across the state, the West Virginia Division of Highways and the West Virginia Department of Transportation remind the public of the importance of keeping everyone safe in work zones by keeping "Heads up; phones down!"



35.4% of West Virginia Farmers Are Female, Below U.S. Average

Agriculture has historically been one of the most important industries in the U.S., but the sector has become less prominent over time. Farms have become more productive thanks to improved technology, which has changed farms' needs for labor. Simultaneously, economic opportunities in more urbanized areas have grown at a much greater rate and attracted workers away from agricultural life. As a result, the demo-

graphic profiles of U.S. farmers are changing.

Most notably, farm producers—a person who is involved in making decisions for the farm—have been getting older on average. According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, nearly one-third of the 3.4 million producers in the U.S. are 65 or older, and an additional 950,000 are aged 55 to 64. And fewer young people are taking their place, with only 284,000 producers under the age

of 34.

But one area where the ranks of farmers are growing is female farmers. From 2012 to 2017, the number of female farm producers in the U.S. grew by more than 250,000, while the number of male producers declined by about 40,000 over the same span. Collectively, females today farm 388 million acres of U.S. farmland and are responsible for a total of \$148 billion in agricultural sales.

Alderson Broaddus University Ranks High in West Virginia

PHILIPPI, W.Va. - Alderson Broaddus University (AB) was recently named one of the Best Bachelor Degree Colleges in West Virginia and Best Master's Degree Colleges in West Virginia by the online student resource, University Headquarters (HQ).

Ranked fourth overall in each category, AB achieved the highest ranking among private, nonprofit institutions in West Virginia.

"Deciding on a college or university to attend is one of the biggest decisions a young adult will ever make," explains AB University Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Andrea Bucklew. "Gathering sound, objective, and unbiased information can help set reasonable expectations for students before making that final decision. The bachelor's degree and

master's degree rankings by HQ only confirm what everyone at AB already knows...Alderson Broaddus University utilizes small class sizes, low faculty-to-student ratios, passionate faculty, and our close-knit community to educate our students to be successful contributors to society."

According to the HQ website, each college in the rankings is assessed using the same data sources, making the comparisons even and consistent. Ranking factors include the cost of tuition, admission rates, retention rates, graduation rates, the total number of programs offered, online programs offered, student loan default rates, diplomas awarded, and the percentage of students receiving financial aid.

For more information about AB, visit www.ab.edu.

Booster

to any location offering COVID-19 vaccines with your vaccination card to receive the booster. If your card has been lost, you can request a new one from the DHHR.

Additionally, Friday, Gov. Justice announced that 126 lucky young West Virginians had been named winners in the first week of prize giveaways for the Do it for Babydog: Round 3 vaccination sweepstakes.

Mauren Fisher of Fairmont won this week's individual grand prize of a \$50,000 Educational Savings Fund, an additional 25 young West Virginians each won a prize of a \$10,000 Educational Savings Fund, and another 100 individuals each won a Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License.

Cont. From 3A

Online registration to be eligible to win in the next prize drawing will remain open until Sunday, Nov. 28, at 11:59 p.m. EST. Winners will be announced the week of Nov. 29.

Additional giveaways will also be held during the week of Dec. 6 and the week of Dec. 13.

Do it for Babydog: Round 3 is open to all West Virginians age 5-18 who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Children age 5-17 must have parental consent to be vaccinated and to register. (Those who previously registered for Round 1 and/or Round 2 of the vaccination sweepstakes are required to register again to be eligible for Round 3.)

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What's Happening

Full Board Meeting

The Region VI Workforce Development Full Board will meet Thursday, Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Pleasant Valley. For more information about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530. Region VI is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance, please call WV Relay 7-1-1.

Annual Holiday Market

The 9th Annual Holiday Market will be Saturday, December 4 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Davis Fire Hall. Sponsored by: Highland Market and Davis Farmers and Artisan Market. Featuring local crafters and artisans.

Tucker County DEC Happenings

- Meeting: The Tucker County DEC will hold its regular 4th Quarter meeting via zoom on December 13 at 6 p.m. Meeting ID: 823 3790 5992 Passcode: 363722. Hosted by Michael McClintock. Call 478-1046 for more information
- Fall fundraiser: Fall fundraiser at the "Old Shop and Save" in Davis (533 William Ave.) Saturday December 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas Trees, Hand made wreaths, Bake Sale and Rummage Sale. Proceeds benefit the Tucker County DEC.
- Build Back Better Rally: The TCDEC will host an informational Build Back Better rally at the "Old Shop and Save" in Davis Saturday December 4 from 3 to 4 p.m. Speakers will include Mary Ann Claytor, Sam Petsonk, and Cody Thompson.



Charleston WV - The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 1, 1797: Journalist and politician John S. Gallaher was born in Martinsburg. He owned or managed several Whig newspapers and was instrumental in establishing the free school system in Virginia. He played a prominent role in having early railroads routed through the Eastern Panhandle.

Dec. 2, 1859: John Brown was hanged at Charles Town in Jefferson County. Maj. Thomas J. Jackson, later nicknamed "Stonewall," was among those commanding the Virginia forces standing guard at the execution of the abolitionist who led the raid at Harpers Ferry.

Dec. 2, 1933: The Charles Town Race Track opened shortly after West Virginia legalized racing and parimutuel betting. The Jefferson County complex contained 22 buildings and included 12 stables.

Dec. 3, 1787: James Rumsey demonstrated the steam engine he invented on the Potomac River near Shepherdstown. This was 20 years before Robert Fulton's boat, though the Fulton design was more practical, and it is Fulton who is honored today as the inventor of the steamboat.

Dec. 3, 1871: Statesman Newton Diehl Baker was born in Martinsburg. Appointed by President Woodrow Wilson, Baker served as secretary of war from 1916 to 1921. Baker oversaw U.S. involvement in World War I.

Dec. 3, 1921: Operatic soprano Phyllis (Smith) Curtin was born in Clarksburg. She made her debut with the New York City Opera in 1953, where she sang both classical and modern repertoire.



Dec. 7, 1941: The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The USS *West Virginia* suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs. Two officers, including the captain, and 103 crew members died.

Dec. 3, 1949: WSAZ-TV provided the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game. The television station, the 72nd in the nation and the first in West Virginia, was an affiliate of WSAZ radio station.

Dec. 4, 1901: Construction of the present Cabell County courthouse was completed. An extensive remodeling was completed in 1940.

Dec. 4, 1883: Social reformer Stella Fuller was born Stella Lawrence Cremins in Point Pleasant. In the 1940s, Fuller opened a relief operation on Huntington's Washington Avenue. Eventually, the Stella Fuller Settlement expanded into the area's largest haven for the disadvantaged and homeless.

Dec. 5, 1892: Daniel D. T. Farnsworth died at the age of 73 in Buckhannon. As state senate president, Farnsworth succeeded Governor Boreman, who resigned in the last days of his term after being elected as a U.S. senator by the state legislature.

Dec. 6, 1814: Tyler

County was formed. The county was named for John Tyler, governor of Virginia (1808-11) and father of President John Tyler.

Dec. 6, 1865: Artist Virginia Latham Bartlett was born in Grafton. Her clay sculptures included conventional busts as well as figurines interpreting West Virginia's historic and cultural past, with such titles as "The Moonshiner."

Dec. 7, 1940: Radio station WAJR-AM in Morgantown began broadcasting. In 1949, it became the flagship station for a statewide network (now the Mountaineer Sports Network) distributing broadcasts of West Virginia University football and basketball games.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit *e-WV* at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is almost here. Five weeks until another year is under our belts. It is hard to believe that it is going to be the year 2022, never thought I would live to see it. I am still waiting to bag my big buck. **Momma Said**, "Patience is a virtue." I will do my best and hope I at least get to see a big one. I don't know how many more years I will be able to get out and traverse the woods and try for a big buck. I would like to beat the one I have on the wall, which is an eight point. Even if it is another eight I hope it will be bigger than the one I have. If I am not lucky it will still be a treat just to get back into the woods once again. I have always loved nature and you can certainly emerge yourself in it when the squirrels are running around

Momma Said
This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.
By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

and the birds are singing. I always seem to get around a woodpecker somehow and it is a treat listening to it pecking for worms and bugs. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and remembered to send prayers to our soldiers, first responders and to the loved ones not able to be at our tables this year. **Momma Said**, "Never forget."

Almond Coconut Cookies

Ingredients

- 14 oz. sweetened coconut flakes
- 14 oz. sweetened condensed milk
- 2/3 cup lightly chopped almonds
- 2 cups semi sweetened chocolate chips

Instructions

1. Heat your oven to 350 degrees F or 177 C.
2. Add the coconut flakes, condensed milk, almonds, and chocolate chips to a large mixing bowl.
3. Using a spatula, mix until well combined.
4. Place the mixture in the fridge for 15 minutes or so until it sets.
5. Using a large ice cream scoop, pick up a level scoop, and place it on a baking tray lined with parchment paper.
6. Leave lots of space in between as they will expand.
7. Flatten them down a bit with your hand.
8. Place in the oven for about 12 to 15 minutes.
9. Remove the cookies from the oven and allow them to cool completely.
10. Serve and enjoy your coconut almond cookies.



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by Linda Thistle

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Max 71° F
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Week 0.26"
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U.S. Forest Service

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Division of Highways declares war on rust to prolong the life of equipment



CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Division of Highways is prolonging the life of its equipment and saving money by undercoating state vehicles.

“I chased snowplows most of my career,” said Kevin Linger, anti-corrosion manager for the DOH Equipment Division in Buckhannon. “The biggest problem we see is rust.”

Linger spent 20 of his 32 years with the DOH as a mechanic, so he’s seen first-hand what rust and corrosion do to a vehicle. Four years ago, he helped set up a program to systematically undercoat DOH road equipment to extend vehicle life and save taxpayers money.

The DOH chose a product called Fluid Film to treat the undersides of

road equipment. The anti-rust and anti-corrosion compound was developed for the marine industry and offshore oil rigs. It contains lanolin as a main ingredient.

Every year, the Equipment Division undercoats approximately 500 vehicles. The division has two truck-mounted spraying units that travel all around the state.

Linger said the Equipment Division can undercoat 10 or 12 vehicles a day.

The division also undercoats every new vehicle that comes through the gates.

With work continuing in all 55 counties across the state, the West Virginia Division of Highways and the West Virginia Department of Transportation remind the public of the importance of keeping everyone safe in work zones by keeping “Heads up; phones down!”



70th Wedding Anniversary

Jim Felton, originally from Parsons, and Marilyn Marine, originally from Holloway, MI, were married by Pastor Trout of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Auburn, IN on Dec. 1, 1951. They lived the majority of their married lives in Tecumseh, MI, and Tupelo, MS. They have three daughters, Jan (Rick) Clewis of Onsted, MI; Pam Wells of Spring, TX; and Vickie Felton of Tecumseh, MI, as well as five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Jim and Marilyn are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on Dec 1, 2021 with family and friends.

Capito, Manchin Legislation to Improve Transparency at VA Medical Centers Becomes Law

Last week, legislation authored by U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) to improve transparency at VA medical centers was signed into law by President Joe Biden. This law will now require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to submit to Congress a report on the use of security cameras in VA medical facilities.

“Our veterans have made unimaginable sacrifices on behalf of our freedom, and they deserve access to safe, reliable, and trustworthy care at our VA medical centers. What happened at the Clarksburg VAMC in 2017 and 2018 was an unacceptable lapse in leadership and

accountability. This is an incredibly urgent matter, and I’m thankful that my colleagues have recognized the need for additional, comprehensive oversight from the Department of Veterans Affairs. With the president signing this legislation into law today, we are taking an important step in the right direction, however, at the same time, we must continue to remain vigilant against evil attacks on our veterans and push for the utmost level of transparency,” Senator Capito said.

“Over the past several years, West Virginia Veterans have lost faith in the VA system due to the murders of at least seven Veterans at the Clarksburg VAMC and the

negligence that allowed this heart-breaking tragedy to occur. It’s our responsibility to ensure that when our Veterans return home, they receive the quality care they deserve from our VA facilities,” Senator Manchin, member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, said. “Today, President Biden signed our bipartisan legislation into law, requiring the VA to submit a report on the use of security cameras at VA facilities. This is a good first step in restoring our Veterans’ confidence in the VA medical centers, but we have a long way to go and I am committed to ensuring every Veteran has access to the safe, quality healthcare they deserve.”

We’re Coming Back!

The Parsons TOPS Club will be starting back up on Monday, December 6, 2021.

Meetings will be held on Mondays at The First Baptist Church in Parsons at 227 Water St.

Times: Weigh-in at 4:30 p.m. Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Membership is \$33.92 per year which includes a subscription to the magazine. BUT The dues will be increasing on January 1, 2022 Weekly dues: \$1.00

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SPORTS

Young but talented Lady Mt. Lions team to take floor this season



Photo by Dave Helmick.

2021-2022 TCHS Girls' Basketball Team: Front row(L-R), Addie Hicks, Macy Helmick, Jayden Moore, Reagan Herron, Kelslynn Whitehair, Emily Snyder, Katie Hicks. Back Row(L-R), Kadie Colebank, Jacey Davis, Brylee Wetzel, Jayden Kuhn, Tabitha Adams, Raven Matthews, Hannah Cussins, Ericka Zirk, Avery Colebank. Not pictured Olivia Williams.

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – Last season the Tucker County Lady Mountain Lions made a strong run in the 2021 West Virginia Girls Basketball State Tournament. After disposing of Webster County in the Quarterfinal round, the Lady Mountain Lions would lose to eventual state champions, Tug Valley in the Class A Semifinals.

However, a bunch of experience returns in 2022. Still, this remains a young Tucker County squad. Gone are three varsity regulars from a year ago and this season only one senior and two juniors are atop the age chart this season. Jayden Kuhn returns for her senior season after not playing last year. Kuhn contributed as a varsity player during her sophomore season. She will be asked to play both guard positions this season and has improved heading into her final year. The Juniors are Kadie Colebank and Jacey Davis. Colebank is the leading scorer returning for the Lady Mountain Lions this season. Colebank as a sophomore averaged 17.7 ppg. She will be the leader down low in both offense and defense rebounding this season. She averaged 14 rebounds a game as season ago. Jacey Davis also returns. Davis started some games last year and returns to help Colebank in the frontcourt. Davis averaged 6.5 ppg a season ago. These three upperclassmen will be counted on for their leadership this season.

Nine sophomores make up the bulk of the varsity roster this season. Macy Helmick, Avery Colebank and Brylee Wet-

zel return with varsity experience from a season ago. Helmick was solid both offensively and defensively in 2021. Running the two-guard position, Helmick averaged 10.2 ppg as a starter. Avery Colebank is known for her outside shooting, and she showed that as a freshman getting varsity time last season. She is a much-improved overall player in 2022, as she looks to team up with her sister Kadie more this season. Wetzel is another talented guard who saw action a season ago. Wetzel can play both guard spots and is a good shooter beyond the 19'9" arc. These three sophomores are joined by a group who all stood out on the junior varsity team a season ago. Tabitha Adams and Ericka Zirk will provide quality depth in the frontcourt this season. Zirk stands over 6 feet tall and does a good job altering shots inside. Both will be key this season as they pair with Kadie Colebank and Jacey Davis inside. At guard, Jayden Moore, Katie Hicks, Addie Hicks and Hannah Cussins will all provide depth and compete for varsity action this season. The sister tandem of Katie and Addie are quick as cats and will be a force on opposing guards this season and both will provide scoring as well. Moore is a talented athlete who can play inside and out and can also help with scoring and defense. Cussins likewise much of the same as she adds her talents to the rest of this deep strong group of sophomores.

There are five freshman that are out for the team this season. Reagan Herron, Emily Snyder, Olivia Williams, Raven Matthews and Kelslynn Whitehair. All these

talented young ladies will make up this season's junior varsity squad to start the season. If they continue to grow and improve, they could very well move up to the varsity roster later this season.

The schedule this season looks like schedules of the past. Head coach Dave Helmick and his staff always loves to challenge his ladies to a hard tough schedule to prepare them for Charleston. The Lady Mountain Lions were scheduled to scrimmage Buckhannon-Upshur in Tennerton on November 29. That will be their last tune-up before the regular season starts December 2 with a home Game with Elkins. JV is set for 5:45 with varsity tipping off at 7:30 PM. Other top games on the schedule this season include home matchups with Class AAA Lewis County, state tournament contender Gilmer County, plus a strong Petersburg team will be on the schedule in February. The road portion of the schedule is also challenging. Tucker will hit the road to challenge the likes of Notre Dame, Lincoln, Philip Barbour, Gilmer County and a mid-season tournament at St Mary's high school, where they will take on Cameron in the first game.

Coach Helmick returns for his 5th season as the Tucker County Girls' Basketball

Head Coach and his 7th season overall as a Head Coach after serving as the TCHS Boys' Basketball Head Coach 2 years prior. Helmick looks forward to coaching this young and talented group. Here are his thoughts on the upcoming season, "This is a young team, but there is some talent in this group so that is exciting." Helmick added, "Practice has been great, the girls' are working hard and they are getting better every practice." There will be a new assistant coach this year as Carrie Colebank, the mother of Kadie and Avery Colebank will step in and assist coach Helmick and coach the JV team this season.

This should be a fun 2021-2022 season. WVRC Media sports broadcaster and longtime play by play voice of the Tucker County Mountain Lions, Chris George will have the play by play of select home games on Tucker County's official YouTube page this season. The video of the games is being sponsored by St. George Medical Clinic and the audio play by play will be handled by TuckerCountySports.com. For the entire schedule and a link to the YouTube page visit tuckercountysports.com for more information.

Next week

TCHS Boys' Basketball Season Preview

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday December 1st

- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Aurora 6pm

Thursday December 2nd

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs Elkins @ Home 5:45pm
- Tucker County Boys' Basketball Scrimmage @ Frankfort 6pm

Friday December 3rd

- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball @ Paw Paw 6pm

Saturday December 4th

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ Notre Dame 1pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs Warm Springs @ Home 1pm

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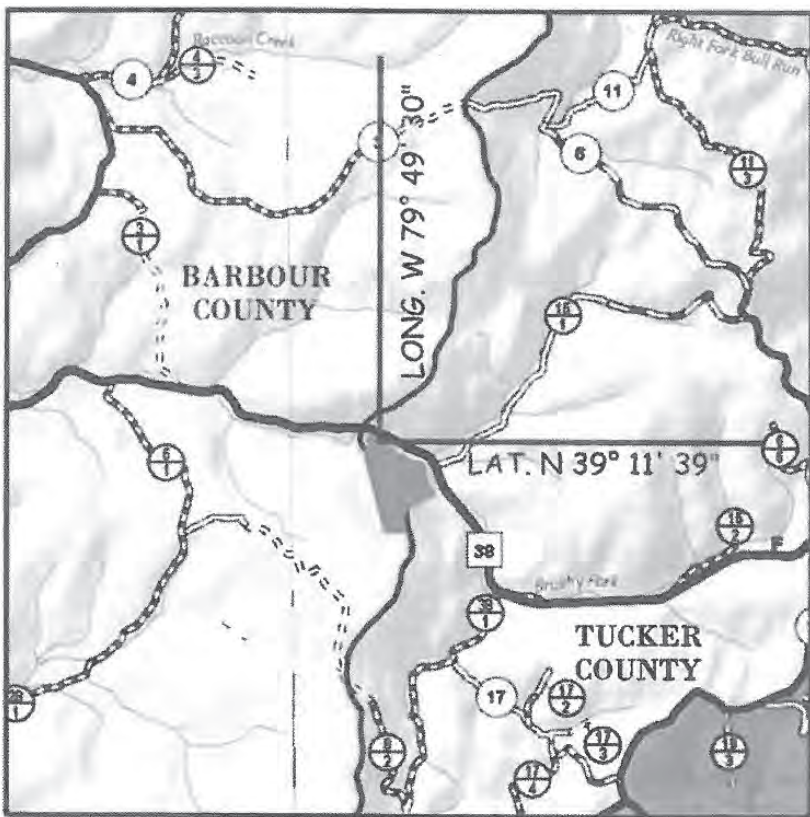
The operation will discharge treated storm water into Brushy Fork of Teter Creek of Tygart Valley River and is located 5.8 miles southeast of Moatsville in Clover and Cove Districts of Barbour and Tucker Counties, Longitude 79°49'30" and Latitude 39°11'39" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219 Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV1023632



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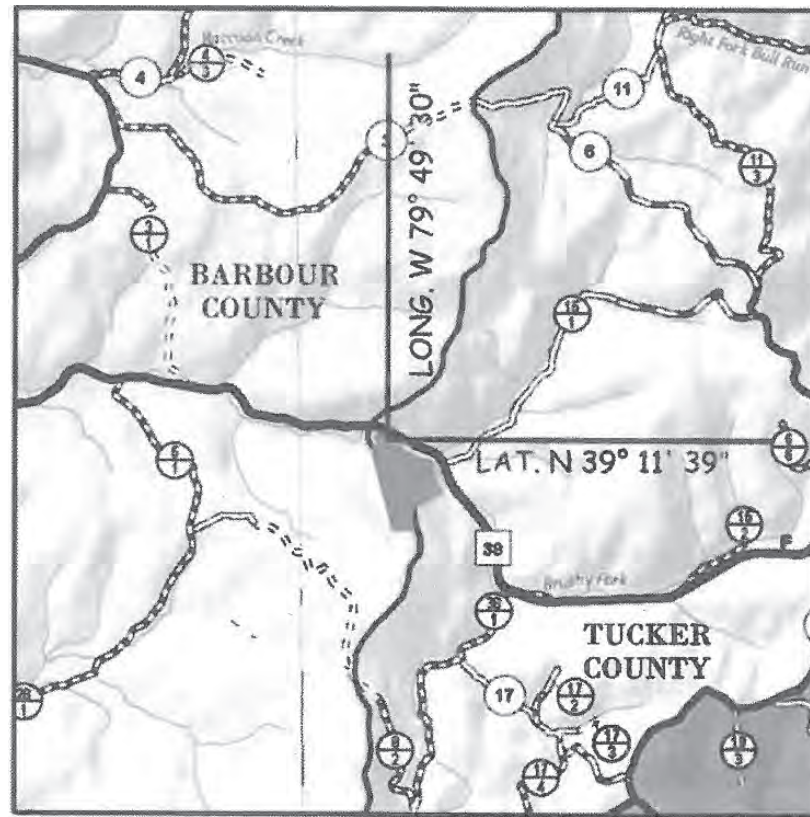
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Gov. Justice is counting on local governments to help fund his \$1 billion broadband plan. That's news to them.

By Douglas Soule
for Mountain State Spotlight

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Two weeks ago, when Gov. Jim Justice announced his billion-dollar broadband plan, two dozen people stood behind him, shoulder to shoulder. Not one of them represented the local governments that Justice is counting on to chip in a big chunk of that money.

The governor and his team want counties and cities from across West Virginia to contribute at least \$100 million of American Rescue Plan money to the broadband effort. But some local leaders now say they have been left in the dark about Justice's plan, and the state's expectation that they will help fund it.

"I heard [about the plan] at the same time everybody else did," said Jennifer Piercy, executive director of the County Commissioners' Association of West Virginia. "We're a key stakeholder, and we should be part of that conversation."

Piercy wants to make sure they get a seat at the table as plans are developed, especially with something as important as broadband.

"We've only got one shot at this, and it's a lot of money, and this could make a huge difference in the lives of West Virginians," she said. "I want to make sure it's done correctly."

When Mercer County Commissioner Greg Puckett learned about the plan announced two weeks ago, he was shocked.

"It said it would involve local efforts," he said. "But, to my knowledge, certainly no one called me."

Cindy Whetsell, Lewis County administrator and director of the Lewis County Economic Development Authority, said county officials haven't discussed how to use their American Rescue Plan funds. They're waiting for the final spending guidance to be released. And she said she hadn't heard about the \$100 million local expectation.

"I do think conversations alluding to utilization of funds that are not under your control should take place with the stakeholders," Whetsell said.

Nitro Mayor David Casebolt said his city would also be interested in working with the state on broadband projects, but hadn't had any discussions with the state



Photo by F. Brian Ferguson

A rusted satellite dish, from days past stands beside an empty home in Frost, WV on Aug. 19, 2020.

about it.

"We have had zero communication with the state on how the cities are to intertwine [with] this program," he said. "We have no idea of how we fit in this."

'The crux of the matter'

Justice's plan includes a combination of funds from federal, state and local governments.

State Economic Development Secretary Mitch Carmichael said a focus of the upcoming broadband projects is coordinating with local governments so there's no overlapping builds and all the money involved is used to its greatest extent.

"It's the crux of the matter," he said. "Local governments know their constituents the best and their areas the best."

Vic Sprouse, broadband and economic development specialist for the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, said state officials try to spread the word about informational webinars and other discussions around broadband efforts.

"And so, while you can always do a better job communicating, we feel that we

push out [and try] to over communicate to folks," Sprouse said. "So it's disappointing if a county felt like they didn't hear."

Carmichael said while the announcement was made to counties and cities at the same time as everyone else, the broadband programs that include local governments should have been known by local leaders in advance. He said if anyone wants to know more, they can go to the website, listen in to future webinars his department hosts or give his team a call.

"We want to be able to help provide guidance and direction and help them design their networks, submit their plans, refine those plans, and then hit the most number of citizens we can with new internet service, because the entire focus of this program is to serve those who are unserved," Carmichael said.

Looking ahead

Piercy hopes if her organization and counties push, they can partner with the state and get their questions answered. The County Commissioners' Association of West Virginia recently created a broadband caucus to help spread information to

association members and to help create that conversation.

"I feel like it's our responsibility to keep pushing," she said. "We have to keep making them aware that we're here. And that we need to be a part of the conversation."

She said they're attending webinars over the next couple of weeks held by the Department of Economic Development that might clear up remaining confusion.

But Puckett points out, "We wouldn't have to have that meeting next week if we all knew from the start. I guess that's my frustration."

Some county leaders are not as frustrated. Kanawha County Commission President Kent Carper said while it might be unusual to not have some of the information about the planned state-local government partnerships, so is the money itself.

"It's no secret that this money was directly allocated to local governments. So they know that cities and counties throughout the state have directly received ARP money and have wide discretion with it," he said. "So for that reason, yeah, it's a little unusual, but it's an unusual program."

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