

## Parsons City Council Discusses Five Year Strategic Plan

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The Parsons Advocate

The City Council of Parsons discussed the Christmas parade, and its four-point strategic plan for the next five years. According to Parsons' latest strategic plan created in partnership with the West Virginia Community Development Hub and FHLBank Pittsburgh, the city will prioritize building a recreation economy, developing quality housing options, supporting local businesses, and engaging the community.

Regarding recreation, Parsons' strategic plan envisions that there

will be at least one new restaurant and one new retail shop within one year, and two new restaurants and two new retail shops within two years. Within three years, the Allegheny Highlands Trail will be finished from Thomas to Hendricks, and the trails will be well maintained and promoted. Within one year, according to the plan, there will be eight AirBnBs within 10 miles of downtown; within three years a new bed & breakfast will be open; and within five years a small hotel/motel will be open.

Concerning housing, Parsons' goal is for its housing burden to decrease by 20%. According to

the strategic plan, Parsons will achieve this by working with private developers, nonprofit developers such as Woodlands Development Group and North Central WV Community Action, and by completing the redevelopment of the Board of Education building (former Parsons high school), which will house apartments and office spaces. Within two years, Parsons will also turn the lot of the former Lansberry building into apartments.

With respect to business, Parsons will complete the PRO Plaza

building, and install two new businesses—preferably—according to the plan, a coffee shop and retail business. Five new businesses will be located in the Industrial Park, and Parsons will conduct regular business meetings with the community as well as provide loans to existing businesses to improve their facades.

Regarding community engagement, Parsons envisions continuing events such as the annual Parsons Community Street Fair, the annual Christmas Festival of the Trees, bench painting contests, and

volunteer appreciation picnics.

Finally, Police Chief Kevin Keplinger advised citizens stay vigilant against phone scams, which he said are on the rise. Keplinger also urged residents to keep information regarding unusual traffic and other suspicious activity flowing to the police. "It's working," he said.

The next city council meeting will be held at the Community Center on December 21 at 6 p.m. It will be catered by Piccolo Paula, and citizens are encouraged to bring a covered dish.

## Circa 1905 Vintage Emporium & Tea Bar opens



Owner Vince Lombardi cutting the ribbon.

The Tucker County Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new business to Tucker County on Saturday, December 12th. Circa 1905 Vintage Emporium & Tea Bar is located in Thomas, West Virginia on Spruce Street. Owner Vince Lombardi has been

in operation for two months now and is looking forward to growing his business in Tucker County.

The shop offered FREE tea, coffee or hot chocolate to celebrate the ribbon cutting. They were also offering a huge Christ-

mas sale, with all Christmas items 50% off. Executive Director, Jessica Waldo described the shop as, "An eclectic shop, where you could enjoy a hot beverage and browse a variety of antiques. It's a wonderful addition to Thomas and Spruce St

## Myers Selected as Christmas Parade Grand Marshal 2021 "12 Days of Christmas Parade"

Jason Myers, currently Co-City Administrator/Treasurer for the City of Parsons, has been named the Grand Marshal for the 2021 Annual Parsons Christmas Parade. The parade is to be held on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7 p.m. in Parsons.

Myers earned his B.A. in Business Management and Marketing from Davis and Elkins College in 2000, and began working for the city in the same year. He has worked for the City of Parsons for more than 21 years, putting in countless hours to make his hometown a leader in infrastructure, development, and innovation. He has also served on numerous area boards, holding seats for the Highland Trails Foundation, West Virginia Public Employee Insurance Agency, West Virginia Rural Water Association, and Parsons Revitalization Organization.

Myers' list of certifications and professional memberships includes Certified Flood Plain Manager, West Virginia Municipal League, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Emergency Response Training and many more. Recently, Myers was inducted into the West Virginia Municipal League's Hall of Fame for his 20+ years of dedicated service to West Virginia municipal government.

Myers has been married to his wife, Beki, for 22 years

and is raising three children, Treyton, Kylan and Jaelyn. He gives thanks to God for his blessings, his family for their love, patience, and support, and the City of Parsons (Mayor, City Council, employees, and residents) for the many opportunities that they have given him.

"This year we honor Jason for his service, specifically to Parsons, a Small City with a Big Heart, by making him Grand Marshal of the final city-wide event of 2021," said Stephanie Murphy, newly appointed City Administrator/Treasurer. "His legacy of enthusiasm, high standards, dedication and love for our city sets the perfect tone for a successful team, responsible government, and a healthy community."

In May of 2021, Myers accepted a new role as General Manager at the Clarksburg Water Board. His new venture has moved him, along with his family, to Bridgeport. He continues his work in Parsons as well, as he trains and prepares his successor.

Myers stated recently, "I was always told growing up, if you love your job and what you do every day, you'll never work a day in your life. I'm 43 years old and (I guess) I've never worked a day yet!"

For more information about the 2021 Christmas Parade, please contact our business office at (304) 478-2311.

## Rhodes Joins Stevens' Realty & Management



Todd Rhodes, of Harman, formally of Parsons, has joined the sales staff at Stevens' Realty and Management in Parsons.

Rhodes completed Real Estate training from Spruce School of Realty in October. He is a member of the National Association of Realtors, as well as, North Central West Virginia and Potomac Highlands board of Realtors.

He serves as Pastor of Church of God congregations in Job and Davis, where he has been for 23 years. He enjoys his ministerial role of teaching and preaching from God's Word, as well as, hunting, fishing, and family activities with his wife, three children, and three grandchildren.

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# WVDA Now Taking Applications for 2022 Specialty Crop Block Grants

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is now seeking applications for FY 2022 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Funds will be awarded to enhance the production, processing, and consumption of specialty crops in West Virginia. Six West Virginia projects were awarded a total of \$284,618.10 in 2021.

“Specialty crop are vital to expanding, diversifying, and enhancing the impact agriculture has on our state’s economy. The Department is looking for projects that highlight how innova-

tive programs and rural development groups can help West Virginia agriculture expand,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “Our maple industry is a perfect example of a niche crop that has benefited from specialty crop funding.”

The state Specialty Crop Block Grant Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the WVDA. Recipients have two years to plan, implement and gather data on their respective projects. Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and

nursery crops, including floriculture.

The USDA awarded \$72.4 million to 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the five U.S. territories in 2021. The WVDA anticipates receiving approximately \$270,000, from which multiple grants will be awarded.

RFA, application, instructions, and other information can be found <https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/specialty-crop-block-grant/>. Applications are due January 12, 2022.

For more information, contact Leslie Boggess, [lboggess@wvda.us](mailto:lboggess@wvda.us) or 304-558-2210.

# New Davis Health mobile tool alerts ED that patient is on the way

Elkins, WV -- Davis Health System has launched a new mobile tool that will allow patients to tell the Emergency Department (ED) ... “I’m on the way.”

Health system officials are using the tool to aide ED staff in preparing for a patient’s arrival and speed up the process for the patient’s care.

By using the tool available at [onthewaydhs.com](http://onthewaydhs.com), patients can alert staff at one of DHS’ three emergency departments that they will arrive soon for services.

“It is easy to use, and will help our staff plan for a patient’s arrival,” said

DHS Chief Medical Officer Catherine “Mindy” Chua, DO, FAAFP, FMNM, CPE. “We believe it will improve efficiency in the registration and triage processes.”

Dr. Chua cautioned that the app is not appropriate for life-threatening medical conditions.

Once a patient has completed the self-check-in process online, an alert is sent to ED registration staff with information about arrival time and patient condition or symptoms. Due to the unpredictable nature of critical emergency care, the tool cannot be used to schedule an ED

“appointment” and does not guarantee care at a specific time.

Once accessed, it will guide users through three simple steps for check-in at Davis Medical Center in Elkins, Broadus Hospital in Philippi, or Webster County Memorial Hospital in Webster Springs.

The tool was developed by DHS Information Services Technical Team Supervisor and Security Officer Bill Dempsey with input by DHS emergency department and nursing leadership.

To learn more, visit [www.ontheway-dhs.com](http://www.ontheway-dhs.com).

# West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History to Begin Accepting 2022 Youth Congressional Art Competition Submissions

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) will begin accepting submissions for the 2022 Youth Congressional Art competition on Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, through Friday, Feb. 4, 2022. The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus. Artwork submissions can be mailed or hand delivered to the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston.

The exhibit is scheduled to open at the Culture Center on Friday, March 4, 2022. The WVDACH will host an arts workshop and awards ceremony, which will include light refreshments.

Submitted artwork can be in any one of the following categories: paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer generated and photography. Each entry must be original in concept, design and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Each student can submit up to two entries.

Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each piece of artwork can be no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide and 4 inches deep. Even when framed, it must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds.

The winner from each congressional district will have their artwork displayed at the United States Capitol for an entire year in the Congressional Art Competition, as well as receive a \$100 Blick Art Materials gift card. The three first place winners will have their artwork framed by the WVDACH. A \$50 Blick Art Materials gift card is also awarded to five second place winners.

Each entrant must submit a student information and release form with a teacher’s signature. Students can get entry forms with a complete list of rules and guidelines from their school’s art teacher(s), or by contacting Charles Morris, WVDACH director of museums, at (304) 558-0220 or [Charles.W.Morris@wv.gov](mailto:Charles.W.Morris@wv.gov).

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# Morrisey Issues Statement Asking Court To Overturn Roe In Dobbs Case

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey issued the following statement calling upon the U.S. Supreme Court to rule in favor of Mississippi’s abortion ban.

The case at hand is *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*. Many believe that if the Supreme Court rules in favor of the state, it will mean the end of *Roe v. Wade* and the return of decisions on abortion to the states.

“It is long past time to overturn the flawed Supreme Court decisions that have led to the tragic deaths of over 60 million unborn children,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “Our Constitution should never have been interpreted in a way that lets it override the states’ compelling interest to protect innocent life. I am proud to join with Mississippi and other voices who are advocating for the sanctity of human life.”

In July, Attorney General Morrisey joined a 24-state brief supporting life in the *Dobbs* case. The brief urged the Supreme Court to support the right of individual states to regulate abortion and promote the sanctity of life within their borders.



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- Steven F. Stanton and Gayle W. Stanton, Dry Fork, Lot 8 Blackwater Annex to Phillips T. Salman and Claudine M. Salman, \$495,000.
- Douglas B. Spry and Janet E. Young Spry, Dry Fork, 104 acres to Acer Limited, LLC, \$194,500.
- B.M. Ramamurthy, Dry Fork, B1 week 34 Land of Canaan Resort Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$1,519.
- Karl W. Kirby, Dry Fork, A5 Week 9 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$4193.33.
- James D. Harsh and Tammy R. Harsh, Dry Fork, C3 Week 48 Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc. \$533.50.
- Charles R. Baylor and Karen Baylor, Dry Fork, A4 land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$100.
- Rebecca J. Riley, Dry Fork, A6 Week 41 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc. \$533.50.
- Heather D. Cipolloni, Licking, Lot 42 & 43 to Malinda S. Snyder, Samantha Boyce, Mariah Ervin, Emily Ervin and Sadie Ervin, \$3,000.
- Aidan L. Bunnell and Kassie L. Bunnell, Davis Corporation, 5062.2 sq. ft. most of Lot 380 to Jody D. Kackley and Tina M. Kackley, \$20,000.
- Gregory Scott Hinkle and Diane L. Hinkle, Dry Fork, Lots 5 & 14 Jenningston Farm to Gregory Scott Hinkle and Diane L. Hinkle, \$0.
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# OBITUARIES

## Roger Lee Poling

Roger Lee Poling, 65, a former resident of Parsons and more recently a resident of Elkins, passed from this life Monday, December 6, 2021, in Mon General Hospital in Morgantown.

He was born Wednesday, December 14, 1955, in Baltimore, MD, a son of the late Calvin Levi Poling and Minnie Mae Boyles Kincaid.

Roger is survived by two sons, four siblings, nieces and nephews, and friends.

The family's request for cremation was honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Roger Lee Poling. Send online condolences to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com)



## William Albert Turner, Sr.

William Albert Turner, Sr. was called to heaven on Nov. 9, 2021 at the age of 81. Bill was born in Hendricks, WV on Feb. 22, 1940, the son of Joseph (June) and Rose Young Turner. He was a 40 year resident of Baton Rouge, La. He was a 21 year veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a loving husband, father, brother and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Sylvia Ann Turner. Bill graduated from Parsons High School in 1958.

He is also survived by his children, Jessie Turner and wife Rebecca, Janice Renee Milligan and William Albert Turner, Jr and wife Celeste. He also has five grandchildren Ryan Milligan, Hisa Turner, Star Turner, Aubrey Turner and Allison Turner. He is also survived by a brother, Jerry A Turner and a sister Roberta J Fulton.

He was predeceased in death by his brother, Joseph A. Turner and his sister Elwanda (Cookie) Smith.

A memorial service was held at the gravesite on Nov. 13, 2021.

## Beulah Shahan

Beulah Shahan, age 95 has completed this stage of her journey and passed from this life Sunday, December 5, 2021. Beulah was born October 28, 1926 to Arlie and Henrietta Hershman Myers in St. George, WV.

She was a graduate of Rowlesburg High School. On October 28, 1949 in Parsons, she married Alton Shahan, who preceded her in death.

Beulah is survived by two children, Jeanette Shahan and Alton Guy Shahan, Jr.

Beulah liked doing sewing, quilting, crocheting, gardening, and canning. She enjoyed listening to music and singing. Beulah did child care for many years and was known as "Sha Sha".

She received the Lord as her savior in a Methodist Church and was baptized in a Baptist church and attended various churches.

Beulah loved flowers and they would be warmly received but in lieu of flowers her children suggest donations in her memory to WVU Foundation, One Waterfront Place, P.O. Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26507 for diabetic and nephrology research or to Camp Kno Koma, 364 Patteson Drive #284, Morgantown, WV 26505 for diabetic children.

Friends called at McCulla Funeral Home, 770 Fairmont Road, Westover on Thursday, December 9, 2021 from 10 until the 11 a.m. funeral service with Pastors Dan Meadows and Jim Cooley officiated. Burial followed at Beverly Hills Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.McCulla.com](http://www.McCulla.com).



## Sarah Jane Rosier Wolford

Sarah Jane Rosier Wolford, age 75 years, a resident of the Clover Run Community, Parsons, WV departed this life Wednesday evening, December 8, 2021, at Cortland Acres Nursing Home in Thomas, WV. She had been in declining health.

She was born Friday, January 18, 1946, at Clover Run, Tucker County, a daughter of the late Stephen B. and Hallie C. Armstrong Rosier.

Surviving are one son, Richard W. Wolford and wife Kellie of Clover Run; and four grandchildren, Kristin Tacy and husband Travis of Elkins, David Spessert and wife Holly of Parsons, Katie Spessert of Clover Run and Devin Spessert and wife Ashley of Syracuse, NY; five great grandchildren, Lathys, and Xavier Asbury, Dominic and Ivey Jenson and Zodi Gardner.

Preceding her in death is one son David Allen Wolford, Jr.; one brother, Dick Rosier; and three sisters, Yvonne "Nub" Johnson, JoAnn Akers and Kate Day.

She attended the schools of Tucker County. Sarah enjoyed yard sales, flea markets, bottle hunting and antiques. She was very artistic and enjoyed doing crafts, writing songs and playing music and gardening. She loved her family very much. Sarah will be missed, but she is no longer suffering.

A Graveside Service was at the Harsh Cemetery at Clover Run, WV, on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 10 a.m. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Sarah Jane Rosier Wolford. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com)



## Shirley Mae Miller Thompson

Shirley Mae Miller Thompson, 82, a resident of Thomas, passed from this life Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at Cortland Acres Nursing Home in Thomas.

Shirley was born Sunday, May 7, 1939, in Tunnelton, a daughter of the late Vernon Curtis Miller and Clarice Helena Britton Miller. On June 7, 1956, in Red House, MD, she married the late Hobart Ray Thompson who preceded her in death on July 7, 1990.

Left to cherish Shirley's memory are four children, Jimmy R. Thompson and wife, Bonnie, of Mt. Zion, Rebecka Ann Hinkle of Parsons, Linda S. Rhodes and husband, Joe, of Thomas, and a stepson, John Thompson and wife, Debbie, of Parsons, six grandchildren, Crystal Ann Hinkle, Sheena Hinkle Boyles, Ashley Thompson, Shawndra Shaylee Thompson, Cainon Thompson, and Jada Devone Owens, a sister, Betty Cooper and husband, Jim, of Terra Alta, a brother, Thomas Miller of Tunnelton.

Preceding Shirley in death besides her husband was two brothers, Charlie Miller and Joseph Miller.

Shirley attended Preston County Schools. She was a homemaker who enjoyed, gardening, canning, sewing, baking, drawing, walking and her cats. She enjoyed holidays and all that goes with them from decorating, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. Shirley was a very loving and caring person who loved her family. She will be missed by all of them.

Visitation was held at the Hostetler Funeral Home in Parsons on Monday from 6 until 8 p.m. Funeral services were held at the funeral home chapel on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 1 p.m. Rev. Sue Metzner officiated and interment followed in Campground Cemetery near Howesville. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Shirley Mae Miller Thompson. Send online condolences to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com)



## Tips to ensure holiday road trips are safe and stress-free

After a 2020 holiday season in which the pandemic forced the postponement or cancellation of festivities, families are planning to get together once again in 2021. Many people will head home for the holidays this year, and the vast majority will take to the highway to do so.

The U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics says the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's holiday periods are among the busiest for long-distance travel. The highways will be busy with motorists crisscrossing the country to visit loved ones. Holiday travel may require covering a long distance in a limited amount of time. Finding ways to be efficient in regard to time management can reduce stress and improve safety.

### Travel at night

If you can safely manage it, you may experience considerably less traffic in the evening hours than during other times of day. In addition, if kids are in tow, they may sleep much of the way, helping to reduce the number of times they ask, "Are

we there yet?" Share driving responsibilities with another person so that each driver can take a break to prevent drowsy driving.

### Get a vehicle maintenance check

No one wants to get stranded on the side of the road with a car filled with gifts and treats. It's well worth the investment to have a mechanic give a vehicle a checkup prior to leaving. Get an oil change even if it's a little early to do so. Look at tire tread wear and ensure that you have the right tires for the road conditions where you'll be headed.

### Plan your route

People often rely on mobile phone or dashboard GPS systems to get where they need to go. However, it helps to have a general idea of the route so that if service drops out you can still find your way. Scout out rest stops or acceptable restaurants online prior to leaving so you have a plan for making stops in safe areas.

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# West Virginia fall turkey hunters harvest 694 birds

FARMINGTON, W.VA. — Hunters in West Virginia harvested 694 birds during the fall 2021 turkey season, according to preliminary results provided by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Hunters harvested 33.1 percent fewer birds during the fall 2021 turkey season compared to last year. The low harvest may be in part due to mast conditions. Statewide mast conditions are 61 percent above 2020 and 8 percent above the long-term average with soft mast species doing very well.

“We were expecting the fall harvest to be higher due to the good turkey production we had this year,” said Mike Peters, WVDNR wild turkey and migratory game bird biologist. “It appears good mast conditions may have spread the birds thin across the landscape, making them more difficult to hunt and less susceptible to harvest.”

As reported in the 2021 West Virginia Mast Survey and Hunter Outlook, this year’s wild turkey brood observations

were above what was reported last year and were the highest in the past five years. The 2021 fall turkey harvest came in 30.7 percent below the five-year average and 39.5 percent below the 10-year average. This is the third year with a declining fall harvest and the lowest harvest since 1962, when 664 birds were taken.

District 2 is the only district that reported an increased harvest over last year’s numbers. District 2 also had the highest harvest with 168 birds. All other districts reported fewer birds harvested than in the 2020 season. District 4 reported 162 birds harvested, District 3 had 121 birds harvested, District 5 reported 109 birds harvested, District 1 had 72 birds harvested and District 6 reported 62 birds harvested.

Greenbrier County led the state with 41 harvested birds, followed by Hardy and Monroe counties at 36 birds each and Pocahontas at 34 and Mason at 33. All of these counties had a four-week season, except Mason County, which had a two-week season.

# WV hunters harvested 42,674 bucks during 2021 Buck Firearms Season

SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV — Preliminary data indicates West Virginia hunters harvested 42,674 antlered deer during the two-week firearm season from Nov. 22 to Dec. 5. The harvest is a 10 percent increase over the 2020 harvest of 38,785 bucks.

“The harvest during the 2021 traditional buck firearm season was expected to be similar to that of 2020,” said Paul Johansen, chief of the WV Division of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Section. “Below average oak mast indices may have allowed hunters to better pattern deer movement.”

Johansen explained that only the north central portion of the state had a decline, while all other areas of the state registered increases. The southeastern and southwestern areas of the state had the largest increases from the 2020 harvest at 31 percent and 20 percent, respectively.

The top 10 counties for the 2021 buck harvest are Greenbrier (1,603), Hampshire (1,483), Randolph (1,356), Jackson (1,353), Hardy (1,264), Preston (1,261), Braxton (1,243), Monroe (1,225), Kanawha (1,222) and Roane (1,205). A breakdown of county harvests since 2017 is attached here.

Several days of deer hunting opportuni-

ties remain for 2021, including the remainder of the archery and crossbow season, which runs through Dec. 31. The traditional Class N/NN antlerless deer season in selected counties or portions of counties on both public and private land will run from Dec. 9-12.

Muzzleloader deer season will open Dec. 13-19. The Youth, Class Q/QQ and Class XS deer season for antlerless deer will be open from Dec. 26-27 in any county with a firearms deer season. This will be followed by the reopening of Class N/NN antlerless deer season from Dec. 28-31 in specified counties or portions of counties.

The 2021–2022 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary can be found online at WVDnr.gov and includes county and area listings.

The WVDNR also reminds hunters of the third annual Hunting & Fishing License Giveaway. Anyone who purchases an annual 2022 hunting, trapping or fishing license in the month of December will automatically be entered to win one of several prizes, including the grand prize of a combination hunting, trapping and fishing lifetime license for a WV resident. Information about the giveaway can be found at WVDnr.gov/licensegiveaway.

## Senior News

If you have not been vaccinated or had your booster shot for the Covid-19 and need a ride to get it, please call 304-478-2423 and we will provide transportation for you.

Please be patient with us. Due to the Covid pandemic all of our activities are day to day. We are doing our best to stick to the calendar of events but we may have to make changes at a moment’s notice. Thank you for understanding.

Keep your eyes peeled for news about our trips for next year. We have several day trips in the works and one 7 day trip, probably in October. Please remember that most of our trips have to have the final payment to the tour company 4 to 6 weeks before we leave so you might want to put a little money aside each week in case you become interested in going with us on a trip.

The Outpost at Mt. Top is sched-

uled for Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Greg Smith from the First Baptist Church will be singing for us then. We begin our Outpost at 10:30 a.m. so please try to be on time so you aren’t interrupting the program. This is a covered dish dinner so bring your favorite dish to share with others. Please come and enjoy the good fellowship, great entertainment, and delicious food.

Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> is Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. Please wear your ugliest Christmas sweater.

The Tucker County Senior Centers will be closed on Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas. They will reopen on Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at the regular time.

The quilters at the Parsons Senior Center are now taking offers on a lovely purple, lavender, and white queen size Carpenter Star quilt (pictured below). It is on display at the Center during regular hours. The ladies have put a lot of work into this project. It is all hand sewn.



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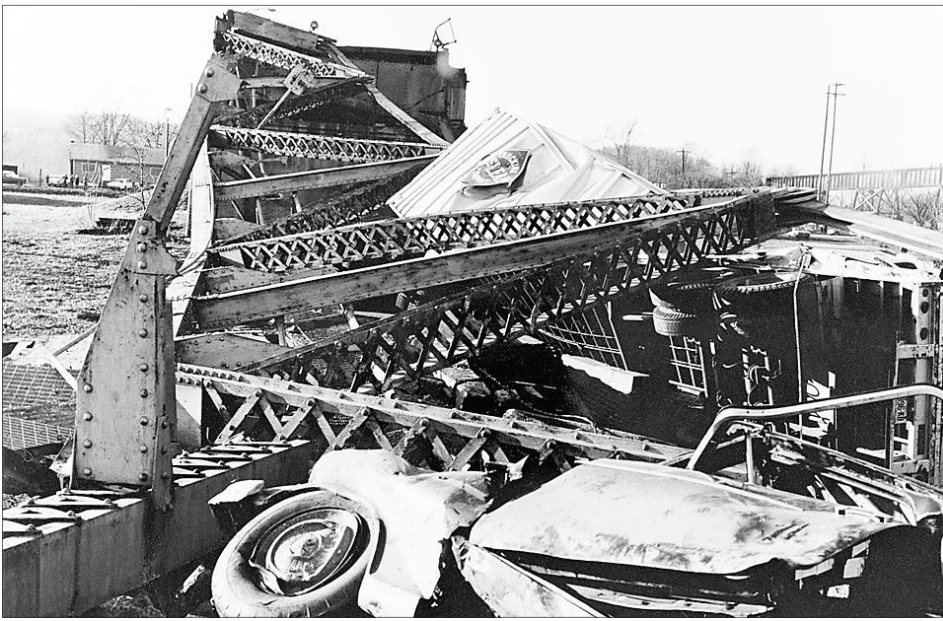
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**Dec. 15, 1967:** The Silver Bridge at Point Pleasant collapsed, killing 46 people. The Silver Bridge was built by the American Bridge Company of Pittsburgh and opened to traffic on May 19, 1928. The accident led to the passage of legislation for a national bridge inspection and safety program.

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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**Dec. 15, 1879:** Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint was born in Pickens. He was responsible for the building of many religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling (now the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston).

**Dec. 15, 1972:** An explosion at a Weirton Steel coke plant on Browns Island killed 19 men and injured 10 others. It was the worst industrial accident in Weirton's history.

**Dec. 16, 1893:** Alexander Martin died at the age of 71 in Greencastle, Indiana. Martin was the first president of the Agricultural College of West Virginia, which was renamed West Virginia University at his recommendation in 1868.

**Dec. 17, 1957:** The J. L. Stifel & Sons calico plant at Wheeling closed. For most of its history Stifel & Sons produced indigo-dyed prints and drills for clothing manufacturers. At its peak, the plant produced 3.5 million yards of cloth per month.

**Dec. 18, 1842:** U. S. Senator Nathan B. Scott was born. Scott rose to become one of West Virginia's four richest and most powerful men by 1900.

**Dec. 18, 1864:** General Harry Hill Bandholtz was born in Michigan. Bandholtz was commander of the federal troops that intervened to end the West Virginia Mine Wars in 1921.

**Dec. 18, 1816:** Lewis County was formed. It was named for Colonel Charles Lewis, killed at the Battle of Point Pleasant.

**Dec. 19, 1794:** A 40-acre tract of George Clendenin's land was selected as the site of Charlestown, later renamed Charleston. Clendenin, born in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1746, was one of the first settlers in the Kanawha Valley. Through Clendenin's influence the Virginia Assembly authorized the formation of Kanawha County from parts of Greenbrier and Montgomery counties in 1789.

**Dec. 19, 1832:** The town of Ripley received its charter. It was probably named for Harry Ripley, a popular, circuit-riding Methodist minister who drowned in Mill Creek in 1830.

**Dec. 20, 1943:** German fighter pilot Franz Stigler protected the heavily-damaged B-17 bomber flown by Charlie Brown as it made its way from enemy territory back to England. The two war veterans met in 1990 and remained friends until their deaths.

**Dec. 20, 2002:** Grote Reber died. In 1937, Reber built the world's first parabolic radio telescope in his backyard. The Reber Telescope was moved to the National Radio Observatory at Green Bank in the 1960s and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1989.

**Dec. 21, 1798:** Wood County was established by the Virginia General Assembly. It was named for James Wood, governor of Virginia from 1796 to 1800.

*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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**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

We have had such weird weather here this month it has gone from freezing weather one day to highs in the 60's the next. What happened to winter? The only saving grace is that on Dec. 21 it is the winter solstice. That means every day will start to get longer only if by minutes. They all add up to sunshine as far as I am concerned.

If it would just freeze and stay that way I wouldn't mind as much but the warming up only means one thing to me, "Muddy Dogs." I tried so hard to get rid of the mud problem in my yard but it was to no avail. I think it is just as bad now only I have two dogs running the fence like a race track. **Momma Said**, "Girls, start your engines!"

I have just about given up I just resign myself to clean up the mess every time I get home. Dirty dogs, dirty towels and lots of laundry to do, maybe I should have just stuck with cats. At least they clean themselves. I say that but I wouldn't give up my girls for anything. I guess you

could say they keep me hopping.  
Christmas will soon be upon us and another year will come to an end. Time is just going too fast. Another year closes out and a new one begins, time marches on, and on and on. I hope 2022 will show an uptake on the world's problems, but I really don't see that happening. The New Year may have us in another skirmish that is not really our business. This time it will not be with people hiding out in caves, it will be with one of the world's super powers. **Momma Said**, "Please God, hear my pleas and don't let that happen."

**Wassail Punch**

**Ingredients**

- 2 quarts apple cider
- 2 cups orange juice
- 2 cups pineapple juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 12 whole cloves
- 4 cinnamon sticks (3 to 4 inches)
- Optional: Orange slices and cranberries

**Directions**

1. In a large Dutch oven, bring the first 7 ingredients to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until flavors are blended, 10-15 minutes.
2. Strain and discard cinnamon and cloves. If desired, garnish with orange slices and cranberries. Serve warm.



**Super Crossword** ENGLISH QUINTET

**ACROSS**

- 1 Tribal carving
- 6 Beetle Ringo
- 11 Depict with bias
- 15 Ellipsoidal
- 19 Earthy tone, to a Brit
- 20 Magazine release
- 21 Irene of "Fame"
- 22 Central point
- 23 He played Jim Dial on "Murphy Brown"
- 26 Kazan with three Tonys
- 27 Carp in a garden pond
- 28 Football's Manning
- 29 "— my way!" ("Scram!")
- 30 Cathedrals' main areas
- 31 Necklace of 12-Down
- 32 Strong product-selling influence
- 36 Toon skunk Le Pew
- 39 Nonstick cookware brand
- 41 Ending for priest
- 42 In-favor vote
- 43 Partly joking
- 46 Shabby hotels
- 51 Striped stone
- 52 "Are you — out?"
- 53 Currency of Belgium
- 55 Dormant
- 56 Able to feel
- 58 Taking a rolling pin to
- 62 Period
- 63 Add- — (extras)
- 65 Brings a civil action
- 66 Snare loops
- 67 What the Australian Open is played on
- 72 Druids, e.g.
- 75 Bum soother
- 76 Bruins' Bobby
- 77 Purpose
- 80 Black Protestant denom. since 1821
- 84 Have coming
- 87 Green shade
- 88 Blood-related
- 89 Daddy
- 91 Pond buildup
- 92 Expected saviors
- 95 Gave a worthy effort
- 97 — ray Disc
- 98 Long-headed antelope
- 100 Florence's river
- 101 Pod items
- 102 Franz Liszt piano piece in 3/4 time
- 108 Purpose
- 110 In regard to
- 111 Conga relative
- 112 Standoffish
- 113 Animal kept in the house
- 116 Feudal VIP
- 117 Crossing during a journey
- 122 Balladeer
- 123 Green shade
- 124 Ho-hum feeling
- 125 Volunteer's offer to be sent
- 126 Disaffirm
- 127 Male tabbies
- 128 Regards as
- 129 Sequence
- 1 found in this puzzle's nine longest answers
- 1 Tick follower
- 2 Eight, in Madrid
- 3 Bangkok resident
- 4 Fumble
- 5 Rumble
- 6 "Yes, yes!" in Mexico
- 7 "For shame!"
- 8 "Just — suspected!"
- 9 Bit of hearsay
- 10 Reprimands
- 11 Actors Baio and Wolf
- 12 A Hawaiian Island
- 13 Work unit, in physics
- 14 Sound of a crying baby
- 15 Ryan of "Love Story"
- 16 Swedish vehicle make
- 17 Ta-ta, to Tati
- 18 Most minor
- 24 Aristocratic
- 25 Numbered hwy.
- 30 Scholastic sports org.
- 31 Some turns and jabs
- 32 Principal
- 33 Standoffish
- 34 Tarp material
- 35 "I didn't know that!"
- 36 Period
- 37 Avid
- 38 First strategy
- 40 Buddy
- 44 Viking locale
- 45 E-address
- 46 Plaster painting
- 47 Archie Bunker, e.g.
- 48 Hubbubs
- 49 Model binder
- 50 U.S. Open units
- 53 Sewing case
- 54 Beehive
- 56 State college team
- 57 Bodily trunk
- 59 Ed of "Roots"
- 60 Habituate (to)
- 61 Negative conjunction
- 64 Neat piles
- 67 Visibility reducers
- 68 DiFranco of song
- 69 Pre-coll., in education
- 70 Pluralizable word
- 71 Appoint to holy office
- 72 Oahu tree
- 73 French gal pal
- 74 Tiara stones
- 77 Have a tiff
- 78 She divorced Donald
- 79 Intersects
- 81 Bible book after Micah
- 82 Tax form pro
- 83 Went to town on
- 85 Plant pouch
- 86 Run off to tie the knot
- 90 Cuzco locale
- 93 "Likely story!"
- 94 "Thrilla in Manila" boxer
- 95 Spoke indistinctly and softly
- 96 Put one's finger on, say
- 98 "R.I.P." sites
- 99 City in Alaska
- 102 Legitimate
- 103 Superior to
- 104 Sophia of "Two Women"
- 105 Froth-filled
- 106 Pious song
- 107 "Common Sense" writer Thomas
- 109 Aleppo locale
- 112 Possible reply to "That so?"
- 113 Hungarian sheepdog
- 114 Kellogg's waffle brand
- 115 Holier-than- —
- 117 Blast source
- 118 — Grande
- 119 Dir. from Little Rock to Chicago
- 120 Juicy Fruit, e.g.
- 121 Bullring yell

**Tips**

**Stock the car**

While presents may be taking up valuable real estate, pack a cooler with snacks and beverages to help reduce how many times you need to get off the highway. Also, games or other forms of entertainment can keep children occupied on long trips.

**Slow down in inclement weather**

The holiday meal can be reheated if you're late, so don't feel compelled to speed or drive erratically when the weather is stormy. It's not worth the risk of getting into an accident that can cause serious

injuries. Travelers United, a nonprofit organization that represents all travelers, also warns that quick storms that pop up after a long dry spell can immediately make road

surfaces extremely slippery. Use caution. Planning and preparation are essential to getting home safely this holiday season.

Cont. From 3A

**What's Happening**

**Mountaineer Garden Club's Christmas Floral event**

Citizens Bank is once again sponsoring the Mountaineer Garden Club's Christmas Floral event from December 6 through the 21. The public is invited to view the offerings and vote for your favorite during regular banking hours. Voting closes on December 21.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦**

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**Weather Totals**

Nov. 30 - Dec. 7

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**TEMPERATURE**

Max 65° F  
Min 21° F

**PRECIPITATION**

Week 0.27"  
November 2.47"  
2021 45.18"

**SNOWFALL**

New Snow 0"  
Snow on Ground 0"  
Winter Total 1"

U.S. Forest Service

**DEADLINE 8AM MONDAY**

Puzzle answers page 3B

# Tax credits available for donations to the Cortland Foundation

Residents who want to donate to a worthy cause and save on their state income taxes at the same time should consider a donation to the Cortland Foundation.

The West Virginia Development Office awarded \$5,000 in special tax credits through the Neighborhood Investment Program to the Cortland Foundation this year.

“Money donated to the Foundation through this program will be used to support our ‘Sips & Dips’ project,” said Dan Bucher, executive director of the non-profit foundation. “The ‘Sips & Dips’ project involves the installation of a healthy snack bar in Cortland Acres’ dining room. We want to offer snacks with a high nutritional value in the form of soft-serve ice cream and yogurt. It will be fun and tasty for our residents and employees to enjoy throughout the day.”



The tax credits are awarded at a rate of up to 50 percent. Businesses or individuals who make at least a \$500 donation to the Cortland Foundation can receive a tax credit of \$250.

“After the donation, participants in the program will receive a tax credit voucher that lists the amount of the contribution,” Bucher said. “We currently have approximately \$2,200 left that we would like to get committed. Any interested businesses or individuals

should feel free to contact me with questions or inquiries.”

Donations can be sent to the Cortland Foundation, Attn: Dan Bucher, 39 Cortland Acres Lane, Thomas, WV 26292. Or, for more information contact Bucher at 304-463-4181 or [dan@cortlandacres.org](mailto:dan@cortlandacres.org)

The Neighborhood Investment Program is different from a traditional tax deduction because rather than decreasing total taxable income, it’s actually a credit applied to the amount of state tax

owed. Donors may use the tax credit to reduce liability for Corporate Net Income Tax, Business Franchise Tax, or personal income tax.

“We are honored to once again participate in the Neighborhood Investment Program and offer our donors tax credits that promote the addition of programs at Cortland Acres,” Bucher said. “Tax credits help donors make sizable gifts that will benefit the Cortland community this year, and forever.”

The Neighborhood Investment Program is designed to increase charitable giving to nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations. The Cortland Foundation used donations from last year’s Neighborhood Investment Program to construct the first phase of Happy Trails, a gentle walking trail that may ultimately connect to the Thomas City Park trails.

Each year, the West Vir-

ginia Legislature sets aside money for NIP tax credits to help nonprofit organizations that are serving distressed neighborhoods and at-risk populations. Donors can use the tax

credits to reduce liability for West Virginia Personal Income Tax or Corporate Net Income Tax by up to 50% annually. Credits may be used over a five-year period.

## Gas Prices Drop in West Virginia; Prices Down Nationwide as Crude Prices, Demand Decreases

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is three cents lower at \$3.265 per gallon, according to AAA East Central’s Gas Price Report.

- **This week’s average prices: Northern WV Average** **\$3.265**
- **Average price during the week of November 29, 2021** **\$3.292**
- **Average price during the week of December 7, 2020** **\$2.137**

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

\$3.302	Bridgeport
\$3.291	Clarksburg
\$3.292	Huntington
\$3.372	Martinsburg
\$3.177	Morgantown
\$3.191	Parkersburg
\$3.186	Weirton
\$3.312	Wheeling

### Trend Analysis:

The national average for a gallon of gas dipped 4 cents on the week to \$3.35. Pump prices continue to decrease Nationwide as fears of a possible COVID-19 global economic slowdown pushed oil prices into the mid \$60s per barrel range, which hasn’t been seen since August.

Also helping to ease oil prices was the decision by OPEC and its oil-producing allies not to cut production. On December 2, OPEC+ announced it would stick to its plan, for now, to raise production by 400,000 b/d in January.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks increased by more than 4 million barrels to 215,422 million barrels last week. Meanwhile, gasoline demand dipped from 9.3 million b/d to 8.8 million b/d. The slight decrease in demand also contributed to dipping prices.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and countywide at [GasPrices.AAA.com](http://GasPrices.AAA.com).

# Mountaineer Garden Club



Mountaineer Garden Club enjoyed a fellowship dinner for the December meeting at the home of member Jean Long. Benefits for new members include increased knowledge, fellowship and community service. Contact any garden club member for more information. Pictured above left to right are Kennetha Greenlief, Jean Long, Linda Sherman, Vivian Shomo, Faith Moore, Glenda Lipscomb and seated Sharon Kidwell.

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**How will the children’s clothing be purchased?**

The Advocate’s WARM THE CHILDREN coordinator has made arrangements with a local store and assigns volunteer shoppers to take the children and their parents shopping. Shoppers will be people like you, anyone in the community willing to help by donating a little of their time to this worthwhile cause.

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# SPORTS

## Tucker County Girls' drop game at Petersburg, win over East Hardy

By Chris George  
TuckerCountySports.Com

PETERSBURG – The Lady Mt. Lions traveled to Petersburg on Tuesday December 7th. The Lady Vikings pulled away in the third quarter and defeated Tucker County by the final score of 66-42.

The first quarter was a close battle as both teams traded leads throughout.

Tucker County held a slim 11-9 lead after one quarter of play. The second quarter was also close throughout as the Lady Vikings outscored the Lady Mt. Lions 14-7 to make the score 23-18 at the half.

The Petersburg Lady Vikings began to pull away in the third quarter as they outpaced Tucker County 23-10 in the third to take a 46-28 advantage after three quarters of play. The home

team then controlled the fourth quarter 20-14 to give Petersburg the victory over Tucker County 66-42.

Kadie Colebank led Tucker County with 10 points, 16 rebounds and Jayden Kuhn added 10 points as well for the Lady Mt. Lions in the loss. Avery Colebank also chipped in with 7 points for Tucker County. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team fell in a

See TC GIRLS page 4B

## JJ Knotts makes Football All-State Honorable Mention List

The West Virginia Sports Writers announced their High School Football Class "A" All-State List on Tuesday December 7th. Tucker County's Senior JJ Knotts was chosen to the Honorable Mention list for the Mt. Lions.

## Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball Update



Photo by Brittany Channell

Tucker Valley's Mikey Mitchell attempts a layup against Davis-Thomas on Dec. 11th. Tucker Valley won the contest 57-37.

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

MOOREFIELD – The Wildcats JV and Varsity Boys' Basketball teams traveled to Moorefield on Wednesday December 8th. In the first game the Tucker Valley JV team lost in a close game 24-23. The Tucker Valley JV team was led by Nate Davis with 8 points and Luke Barb added 5 points in the Wildcat JV loss.

See TV BOYS page 4B

## Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball open season with 2 game week



Photo by Brittany Channell

Tucker Valley player Lela Wright(24) attempts to box out Davis-Thomas player Payton Cross(2) on Dec. 11th. Tucker Valley got the victory by the score of 27-19.

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Lady Wildcats Basketball team opened up their season at home on Friday December 10th with JV and Varsity against Petersburg.

In the first game the Tucker Valley JV team fell by the score of 36-5. Ava Wilfong and Aleyah Jackson led the Lady Wildcats JV with 2 points each.

See TV GIRLS page 4B

## Mt. Lions Boys' Basketball open season with loss to Elkins

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team opened the season with a home contest with Elkins on Friday December 10th. The Mt. Lions fought hard in the contest, but the Tigers pulled away in the third quarter to capture the road victory over Tucker County by the final score of 64-49.

The first quarter went back and forth as visiting Elkins led the Mt. Lions after one quarter 15-13. In the second quarter the game was like the first quarter as the Tigers outscored Tucker County 13-15 to make the halftime score 30-26.

The third quarter belonged to Elkins in a big way as the Tigers held the Mt. Lions to 5 points in the

quarter and Elkins scored 22 to give the visiting team a commanding 52-31 lead after three quarters of play. Tucker County tried to mount a comeback in the fourth quarter, but the Mt. Lions could only outpace Elkins 18-12 to make the final score 64-49 Elkins.

Haden Wamsley led Tucker County in scoring with 16 points off the bench and Ashton Lycliter added 13 points, 16 rebounds for the Mt. Lions. Wamsley also added 9 rebounds for Tucker County in the loss. The Tucker County JV team got the win in the first game of the night 60-53.

Tucker County (0-1) will return to action on Friday December 17th at home against Pendleton County. The JV game will start at 5:45pm with the varsity game to follow. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Photo by Brittany Channell

Tucker County's Haden Wamsley dribbles the ball against an Elkins defender on Dec. 10th. Tucker County fell in the contest 64-49.

## Davis-Thomas Boys' & Girls' Basketball Update

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

THOMAS – The Lady Bears Girls' and Bears Boys' Basketball teams hosted East Hardy on Tuesday December 7th for 3 games.

In the first game of the night the Lady Bears fell in a close contest 30-28. Mayah Gross led the Davis-Thomas Girls' with 9 points and Payton Cross added 6 points for the Lady Bears in the loss.

The Davis-Thomas Boys' JV took the floor in the next game and the Bears JV got the win by the score of 43-24. Cayden Arnold led the Davis-Thomas JV with 21 points. In the final game of the night the Bears Varsity team got the win in a close game 39-36. Keelyn Eichelberger led Davis-Thomas with 12 points and Logan Shahan added 10 points in the win for the Bears.

HAMBLETON – Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' teams faced off against Tucker Valley for a JV and Varsity game on Saturday December 11th at the TCHS Gym.

In the Girls' game Davis-Thomas fell by the score of 27-19. Isabella Bennet led the Lady Bears with 6 points and Izzy Kitzmiller added 3 points for Davis-Thomas in the loss.

In the Boys' JV contest the Bears JV got the win by the final score of 48-42. Cayden Arnold led the Davis-Thomas JV with 18 points and Gabe Oliver added 16 points for the Bears JV in the win.

See DT BASKETBALL page 4B



Photo by Brittany Channell

Davis-Thomas player Reid Kisamore goes up for a shot against Tucker Valley on Dec. 11th. Davis-Thomas fell in the contest 57-37.

## AREA SCHEDULE:

### Wednesday December 15th

- Davis-Thomas Boys' & Girls' Basketball @ Pendleton County 5:15pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball vs Moorefield @ Home 6pm

### Thursday December 16th

- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball vs East Hardy @ Home 6pm

### Friday December 17th

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Pendleton County @ Home 5:45pm
- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball vs Capon Bridge @ Home 6pm

- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs Petersburg @ Home 5pm

### Saturday December 18th

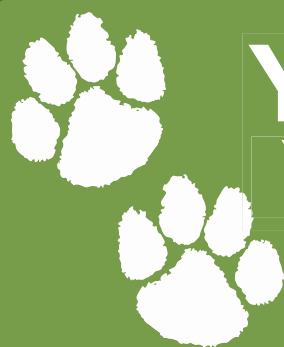
- Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs Lewis County @ Home 5:45pm

### Monday December 20th

- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball vs Pendleton County @ Home 6pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball @ Pendleton County 5:30pm

### Tuesday December 21st

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ Lincoln 5:45pm
- Davis-Thomas Boys' Basketball @ Paw Paw 6pm



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# Getting utility services to underserved customers

**By PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane**

Leaking and weakened water and sewerage lines. Aging and crumbling water and wastewater plants run by utilities with no financial ability to fund critically needed repairs or replace equipment. Areas without public water or sewer service. Aging gas pipelines. Frequent electric outages due to aging equipment and power lines. Insufficient internet service. At least 258,000 West Virginians without access to broadband. What do all these problems have in common? A lack of low-cost funding and grant funds.

The good news is that, thanks to the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act recently passed by Congress, around \$6 billion will be heading to West Virginia over the next five years for a once in a lifetime opportunity to address and solve the many gaps in our infrastructure systems.

The Public Service Commission has been assisting distressed and failing water and sewer utilities through a law recently passed by the Legislature. However, getting a stronger neighboring utility to take over a failing one doesn't always solve all the problems. Repairs and system upgrades cost money and can add significantly to utility rates. That's why we are so excited to learn the infrastructure bill includes over \$475 million to upgrade, repair and replace drinking water and sewer systems. The Commission will continue to identify utilities most in need of critical upgrades and government

grant funding and work with the utilities, funding agencies and other governmental agencies to assure that our troubled water and sewer systems receive all available funds. We will also work to create the necessary intra-utility partnerships, public and private, that will qualify for maximum infrastructure funding.

West Virginia utility companies will be eligible for \$5 billion to shore up the electric grid, enabling them to provide more reliable electric utility service during extreme weather events and to provide restoration of service more quickly when

outages occur.

West Virginians learned firsthand during the COVID-19 pandemic the importance of broadband connectivity. In order to support our educational, medical and business needs, reliable broadband is essential. The Infrastructure Act will provide around \$600 million to expand broadband across the state in rural and urban areas. The Commission has been focusing on the customer service and reliability of broadband providers, and we look forward to working with providers and state economic development agencies to obtain our share of

these new funds. Even with federal funding, high-quality internet service will not be free. Low-income families also deserve fast, high-quality broadband service and the Affordability Connectivity Benefit provisions enacted by Congress will provide financial support for the 543,000 low-income West Virginians so they too can acquire broadband service.

The Infrastructure Act will help West Virginia utilities improve their systems, give the state the ability to address our infrastructure needs and help build a stronger, brighter future for our citizens while creating good paying jobs and growing the economy.

## LEGAL

Tucker County Commission is requesting sealed bids for excavation work to be done at Tucker County E911 Center. The project is for a driveway and parking areas.

A request for bid package and viewing is available by emailing Beverly Cantrell, Director at Beverly.a.cantrell@wv.gov or by calling the office at 304-478-2121. The E911 center is located at 9060 Seneca Trl, Parsons, WV 26287.

All bids must be received by 12-31-2021 at 10 a.m. After job is awarded project completion date within 90 days.

## LEGAL

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 21-0588-G-30C-PW  
HOPE GAS, INC., dba DOMINION ENERGY WEST VIRGINIA,  
Rule 30C application to adjust purchased gas costs.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

On July 30, 2021, Hope Gas, Inc., dba Dominion Energy West Virginia (Hope) filed an application with the Commission to increase its purchased gas rate increment pursuant to Rule 14.2 (Historical Rule 30-C) of the Commission's Tariff's Rules. Hope requested increased purchased gas increments representing an increase of \$0.510 per Mcf. By an Order issued on October 20, 2021, the Commission approved purchased gas rates, on an interim basis only, representing an increase of \$0.487 per Mcf for all service on and after November 1, 2021.

The Commission has rescheduled the hearing previously set to begin on February 17, 2021 to begin on **February 24, 2022, and to continue on February 25, 2022**, if necessary. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. **HOPE GAS, INC., dba DOMINION ENERGY WEST VIRGINIA**

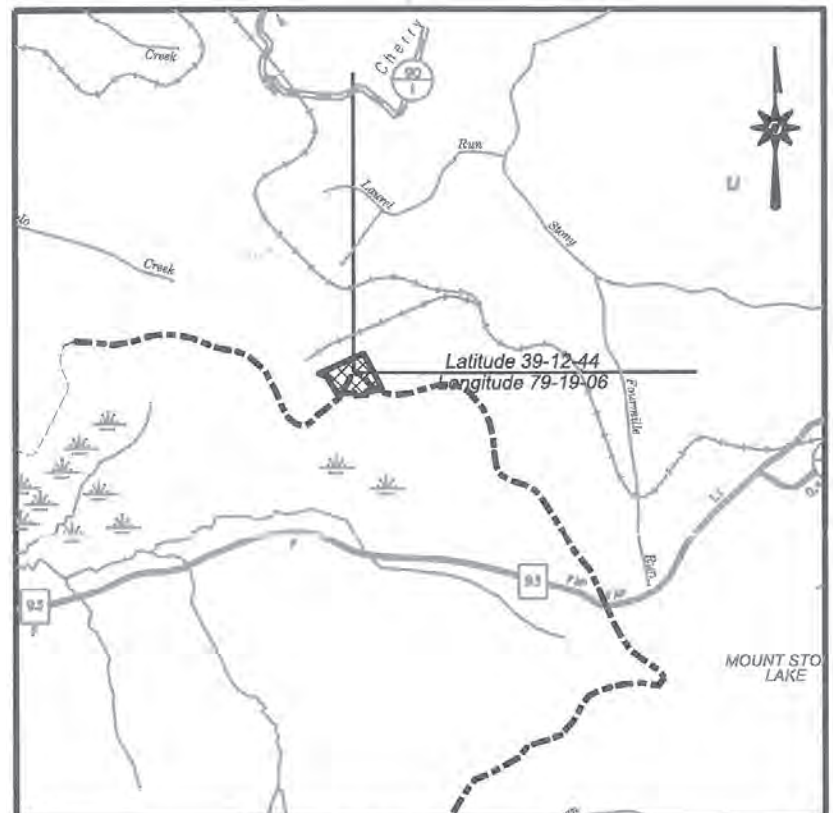
## LEGAL

### ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Vindex Energy LLC, 100 Tygart Drive, Grafton, WV 26354, has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 1 and 2 Release on Permit Number O004084, Increment Number 1 issued for 3.20 acres and for a Phase 1 Release on Increment Number 2 issued for 10.35 acres. The permit is located in Davis District of Tucker County and is located 4.6 miles southeast (direction) of Bayard (nearest PO) on Laurel Run and Beaver Creek (primary receiving stream) of Stony River of the N. Branch of Potomac River and Blackwater River of Black Fork of the Cheat River (secondary receiving stream) of the N. Potomac River (major drainage basin).

Vindex Energy LLC completed revegetation on 3/21/2019 for Increment 1 and is requesting release of 25% of the reclamation performance bond currently in the amount of \$10,000.00 and Vindex Energy LLC completed backfilling and regrading on 4/29/2014 for Increment 2 and is requesting 60% of the reclamation performance bond currently in the amount of \$11,000.00.

Written comments on this application will be received at the DEP address above until January 28, 2022, or thirty (30) days from date of final publication.



### LOCATION MAP

Scale: 1 inch = 1 mile

Article 3 Permit No.: O-40-84 Associated NPDES Permit No.: WV0060372  
will discharge into Laurel Run and Beaver Creek of Stony River of the N. Branch Potomac River and Blackwater River of Black Fork of the Cheat River. The site is located 4.6 miles Southeast of Bayard in Union District of Grant County and Davis District of Tucker County, WV on USGS 7.5 Min. Series Mt. Storm Lake, WV Quadrangle

## LEGAL

I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Carol Sue Patch	Tammie S. Patch
1st publication 12/8/21	78 Crouch Lane
2nd publication 12/15/21	Parsons, WV 26287

Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

## LEGAL

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Exceeded Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Haloacetic Acids HAMRICK PSD, WV3304704

*Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you, as our customers have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.*

*We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Test results for 7/1/2021 and 9/30/2021 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Haloacetic Acids.*

The average level of Haloacetic Acids over the last four quarters was 89.0000000000µg/L at #1 LEADMINE BPS location. The standard for Haloacetic Acids is 60.0µg/L.

#### What should I do?

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#### What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing Haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### What happened? What is being done? (Describe corrective action)

Excessive temperatures this summer increased our chlorine demand to maintain a legal residual in our system, that combined with increased organics in the raw water caused this issue. Allowing tanks to drop to lower levels and increasing flushing when it is hot should solve this problem.

For more information, please contact Jason S. Lipscomb at (304) 478-2898 Or P.O. Box 228, Hambleton, WV 26271.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by: **HAMRICK PSD** 10/11/2021  
State Water System ID WV3304704 Date Distributed: 10/22/2021

## LEGAL

### ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that ROSE HOLDINGS LLC, 70 COLUMBIA BLVD, CLARKSBURG, WV 26301 has submitted an application Permit No. Q201489 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600, in order to add underground mining to the current Article 4 quarry permit. Rose Holdings wants the option to conduct underground mining during months of the year when surface operations are not feasible.

The operation is discharging into Brushy Fork of Teter Creek of Tygart Valley River of Monongahela River and is located near Moatsville in Clover and District of Tucker County, Longitude 79°49'27.4" and Latitude 39°11'38.9" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

\*Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:  
Name and Address  
Rose Holdings LLC 70 Columbia Blvd, Clarksburg, WV 26301

\*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:  
Name and Address  
Rose Holdings LLC 70 Columbia Blvd, Clarksburg, WV 26301

\*The source of the applicant's legal right to enter and conduct quarrying operation on the land to be covered by this application is by: (e.g., Deed, lease, contract, etc.)

\*Surface of the area within 500 feet of the permit area is owned by:  
Name and Address  
Rose Holdings LLC 70 Columbia Blvd, Clarksburg, WV 26301

Comments on the application shall be in writing and shall identify the applicant and application number and be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above. Comments received by December 17, 2021, or thirty (30) days from date of initial publication, will be considered.

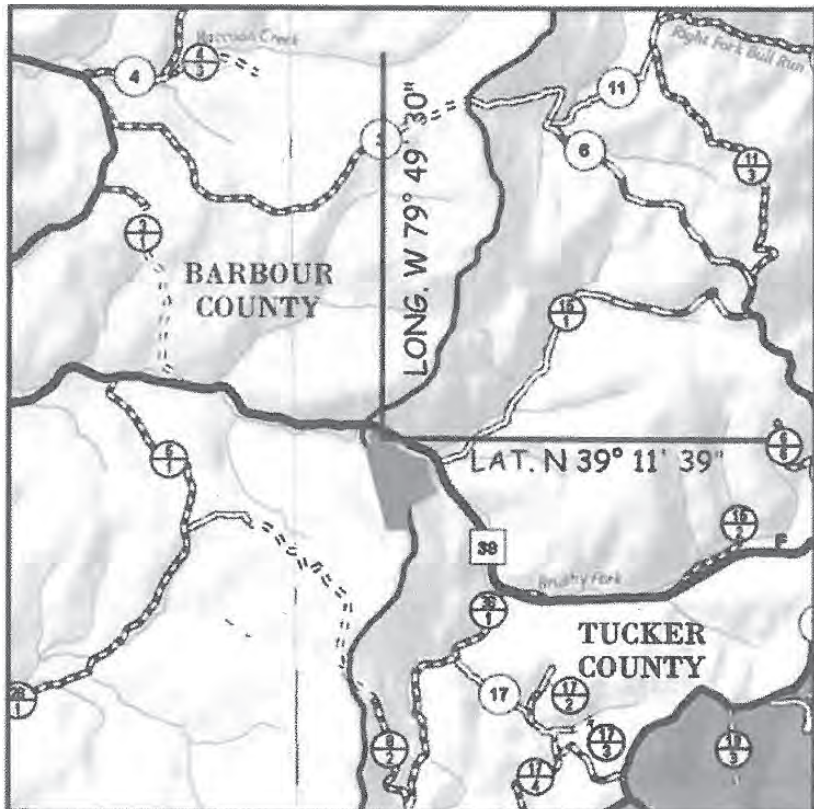
A copy of the application will be available until December 17, 2021, or thirty (30) days from date of initial publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

<http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm>

The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

\*These items are to be completed only for modifications that change the boundaries of the current permit. DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219

Include location map including north arrow and longitude/latitude which crosses the permit area.



Permit No. Q-2014-89  
WVNPDES Permit No. WV1023632  
Clover District, Tucker County WV  
1" = 1 Mile

Rose Holdings, LLC  
70 Columbus Blvd  
Clarksburg, West Virginia  
26301

## LEGAL

### ADVERTISEMENT (MR-34-BM)

Notice is hereby given that ROSE HOLDINGS LLC, 70 COLUMBIA BLVD, CLARKSBURG, WV 26301 has submitted an application for the **modification** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1023632 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150, in order to add deep mining activity to the existing NPDES permit.

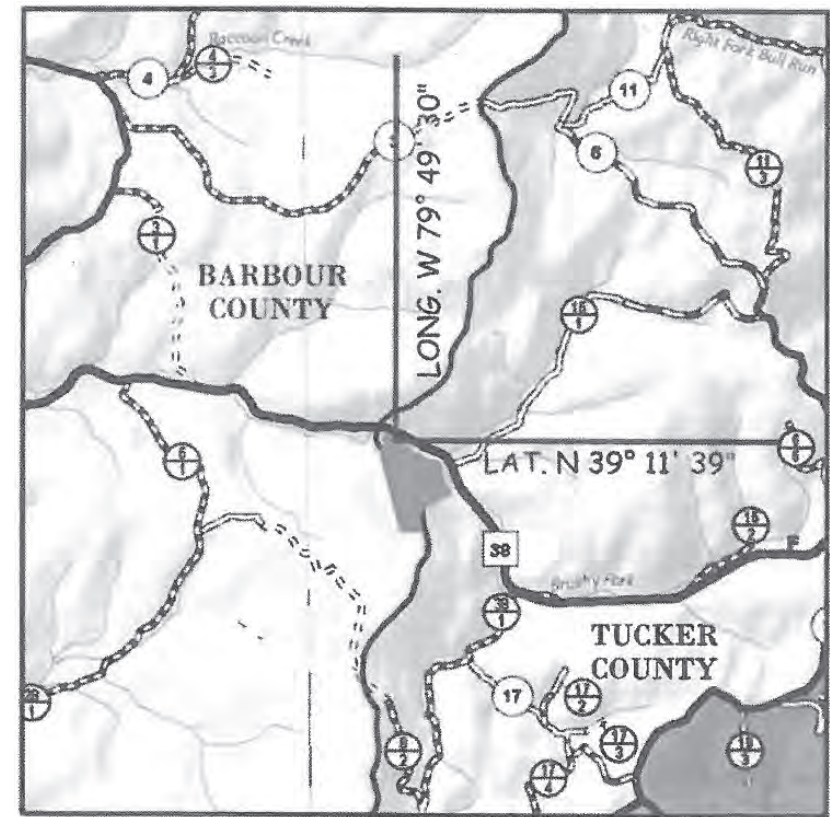
The operation will discharge treated storm water into Brushy Fork of Teter Creek of Tygart Valley River and is located 5.8 miles southeast of Moatsville in Clover and Cove Districts of Barbour and Tucker Counties, Longitude 79°49'30" and Latitude 39°11'39" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, Tier 2 protection is also afforded because the agency has made a determination that the discharge(s) will not cause significant degradation to the receiving stream(s) for any parameters of concern.

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by December 17, 2021, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

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



Permit No. Q-2014-89  
WVNPDES Permit No. WV1023632  
Clover District, Tucker County WV  
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### VACANCY

The Tucker County Board of Education is seeking an individual to fill a board seat vacancy, and is currently accepting letters of interest and resumes from individuals who wish to be considered.

Due to the legal restriction limiting the membership of the school board to two members per district, only residents of the Shavers Fork or Blackwater Districts may be considered.

Qualifications include:

- Possess a minimum of a high school diploma or GED/TASC diploma
- May not engage in political activities as outlined in West Virginia Code 18-5-1a
- May not be a current employee of the Tucker County Board of Education

The individual appointed to fill this vacancy will serve through June 30, 2022. The remainder of the unexpired term will be filled based on the results of an election to be held during the primary election on May 10, 2022. The individual elected will serve the remainder of the vacant term from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

**Letters of interest and resumes should be submitted to Tucker County Board of Education, Attn: Board Vacancy, 100 Education Lane, Parsons, WV 26287.**

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# West Virginia's muzzleloader deer season opens

**SOUTH CHARLES-TON, WV** — West Virginia's muzzleloader deer hunting season opened Dec. 13 and hunters who want to harvest an additional deer are reminded to buy their RM or RRM stamp before the season starts.

"The muzzleloader season offers a chance to pursue white-tails with a firearm when fewer hunters are hitting the woods compared to the traditional buck firearms season," said Holly Morris, a WVDNR assistant district wildlife biologist. "Also, there is an increased likelihood of hunting in the snow during muzzleloader season."

During the muzzleloader season, hunters may harvest one deer on their base license and one additional deer if they purchase a Class RM or Class RRM stamp before the season starts. RM is the stamp designated for residents and RRM is the stamp designated for nonresidents. Non-resident hunters also need to purchase a muzzleloader deer hunting stamp.

Hunters who need to register their DNR ID number, buy a license or electronically check game, should visit [WVhunt.com](http://WVhunt.com)

## Muzzleloader Deer Season Rules and Regulations

During the season, antlered deer are legal in all counties that have a buck firearms season, and deer of either sex are legal in all counties or parts thereof that have an antlerless season. Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties are closed to all firearms deer hunting, including the muzzleloader deer season.

There are 10 counties or parts thereof that require hunters to take an antlerless deer within the county, which may be taken during any regular deer season open to antlerless deer hunting, before killing a second antlered deer within the county.

No more than three antlered bucks can be harvested during the regular deer seasons and the Mountaineer Heritage Season combined. All hunters afield



during this week are required to wear 400 square inches of blaze orange.

Hunters cannot substitute a bow or crossbow for a muzzleloader; however, concurrent

archery hunting is legal during the muzzleloader season and is subject to all archery deer hunting regulations. Concurrent waterfowl hunting is also legal.

For more information about

the muzzleloader deer season and other hunting opportunities in West Virginia, hunters should read the 2021-22 West Virginia Hunting Regulations Summary, available at [WVdnr.gov](http://WVdnr.gov).

## TV Girls

The Tucker Valley Girls' Varsity team played well in the last game of the night, but they came up short as Petersburg took the contest by the final score of 34-28. The Lady Wildcats were led in scoring by Makenna Evans with 17 points and Maddy Helmick added 9 points for Tucker Valley in the loss.

**HAMBLETON** – The Tucker Valley Lady Wildcats faced off in a varsity only contest against Davis-Thomas at the TCHS Gym on Saturday December 11th.

The Lady Wildcats pulled away in the third quarter to get the win over the Lady

Bears 27-19. Tucker Valley was led in scoring by Makenna Evans with 11 points and Peyton Hicks added 8 points in the Lady Wildcats win.

Tucker Valley will return to action on Thursday December 16th at home against East Hardy. The Lady Wildcats will then host Capon Bridge on Friday December 17th with action starting at 6pm both nights. On Monday December 20th Tucker Valley will host Pendleton County at 5:30pm. For more info go to [TuckerCountySports.Com](http://TuckerCountySports.Com).

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## DT Basketball

In the Boys' Varsity game Davis-Thomas fell to Tucker Valley 57-37. Reid Kisamore led the Bears with 18 points and Logan Shahan added 6 points for Davis-Thomas in the loss.

The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys'

teams will be back in action tonight December 15th at Pendleton County. The teams will then host Petersburg on Friday December 17th with games starting at 5pm. For more info go to [TuckerCountySports.Com](http://TuckerCountySports.Com).

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## TC Girls

close game 36-35.

**HAMBLETON** – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball hosted East Hardy on Thursday December 9th. The Lady Mt. Lions played without their leading scorer Kadie Colebank and got a hard earned victory by the final score of 47-36.

The first quarter was controlled by Tucker County as they raced out to a 10-4 lead after one quarter. East Hardy fought back in the second quarter as they outscored the Lady Mt. Lions 12-6 to tie the game at 16-16 at the half-time intermission.

Tucker County then pulled away in the third as they outscored the Lady Cougars 18-6 in the quarter to put the score to 34-22. East Hardy was not able to complete the comeback in the fourth as the Lady Mt. Lions picked up the home win by the final score of 47-36.

Macy Helmick led Tucker County with 13 points and Jayden Kuhn added 12 points for the Lady Mt. Lions in the win. Avery Colebank and Ericka Zirk added 8 points each for Tucker County. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team also got the win 29-16.

Tucker County(3-1) will return to action on Saturday

December 18th at home against Lewis County. The JV contest will start at 5:45pm with the Varsity game to follow. The Lady Mt. Lions will then travel to Lincoln on Tuesday December 21st for a JV and Varsity contest starting at 5:45pm. For more info go to [TuckerCountySports.Com](http://TuckerCountySports.Com).

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