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Laurel River Club B&B offers peace and tranquility with a touch of history

Waybrights have transformed home into quiet oasis in the heart of the mountains

By Helen E. McKinney
Contributing Writer

Jenningsston - Tucker County resident Katherine Pratt Salovaara (PK) cared for her Jenningsston home until she no longer could. But the home that once sat in the middle of a booming logging town wasn't left to fall into disrepair; it has taken on new life as the Laurel River Club B&B.

Marsha and Kendall Waybright saw something special in the historic three-story farmhouse. "This is the last house standing from the original town of Jenningsston. We felt it needed the proper care so the history of Jenningsston would never be forgotten and the Salovaara family, who own the property, felt the same way," Marsha said. Even though Katherine "did not know of our plans to open a B&B," she no doubt would have approved.

The Waybrights, as property managers for the

Salovaara family, felt they could transform the house into a comfortable B&B. With a little elbow grease and a lot of determination, they knew their dream could come true. The B&B has been up and running since Memorial Day 2020, having been booked throughout the COVID pandemic. Marsha said the B&B "stays very busy so it is good to book your reservation early."

The B&B offers four spacious bedrooms for overnight guests,



Photo by Helen E. McKinney



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each decorated with period pieces that add to the country charm. Guests are treated to special meals using foods grown on the farm, which the Waybrights want to promote as working educational farm complete with chickens, turkeys, pigs and cattle.

It's the perfect spot for anyone who loves the outdoors, no matter the time of year. Visitors can enjoy a number of activities including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, kayaking, fishing, swimming and skiing. To add to the amenities at LRC

B&B, nearby recreational sites include Canaan Valley State Park, Blackwater Falls State Park, Seneca Rocks State Park, Dolly Sods Wilderness Area and Spruce Knob.

Visitors can also explore the

See B&B page 6A

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64 year old Male

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Commission Discusses Voting Precinct Changes; Hears How ARP Money Is Being Spent

By Cassidy Rosenblum
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Commission meeting began with a presentation by Aimee Verdisco of the Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department. Verdisco, on behalf of all fire departments and Emergency Medical Services in Tucker County, is applying for a grant from FEMA that would give Tucker County a set of new radios. According to the federal government, said Verdisco, the radios that Tucker County currently employs are well past their shelf life by several years. "They're the Star Wars type," Fire Chief Bob Metzger added. The commissioners voted to support Verdisco's "fire-fighter assistance" appli-

cation, and signaled its willingness to supply the five percent match required by the grant. As Verdisco explained, for \$64,000 dollars of taxpayer money, the grant would provide a value of over one million dollars to the county. "She's got a PhD in economics and no you can't have her," said Metzger.

Next, Metzger gave a report on how the Canaan Valley Public Service District is using the \$314,500 thousand dollars worth of American Rescue Plan money that the county commission awarded it in September. Metzger reported that they've been using the money to perform water infrastructure maintenance that had been ignored by the previous stewards, Timberline Four

Seasons Utility. "It's been a pain," admitted Metzger. "It's been fun, but it's been a pain."

In 2018, recalled Metzger, the county lost "thousands and thousands" of tourist dollars due to a

series of boil water advisories. "People don't want to haul bottled water to their vacation rental," Metzger said. In 2019, the court placed Timberline Four Seasons into receivership.

See COMMISSION page 2A

Waybright, Nestor, Watson Appear in Court

Recently, Melissa Waybright appeared before the Honorable Judge Courier for sentencing. Waybright was sentenced to the following: on each of the five counts of the felony offense of "Child Abuse Resulting in Bodily Injury," Waybright was sentenced to not less than one nor more than five years in a state correctional facility and a fine of \$100. On the one count of the felony offense of "Child Abuse with Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury," Waybright was sentenced to not less than two nor more than 10 years in a state correctional facility and a fine of \$1,000. On each of the two counts of the felony offense of "Child Abuse with Risk of Serious Bodily Injury," Waybright was sentenced to not less than one nor more than five years in a state correctional facility. For one count of the felony offense of "Child Neglect Creating Risk of Serious Bodily Injury," Waybright was sentenced to not less than one nor more than five years in a state correctional facility. The Court granted the State's request to run each count consecutively to one

another, for a total sentence of not less than 10 nor more than 50 years incarceration and a fine of \$1,500. Additionally, the Court ordered that she not have contact with the minor victims and that she not reside with anyone under the age of 18 upon her release. Waybright will also be required to register with the child abuse registry for a period of 10 years following her release from incarceration.

Pamela Lynn Nestor appeared before the Honorable Lynn Nelson and entered a plea of guilty to one count of the felony offense of embezzlement. Nestor was sentenced to not less than one nor more than 10 years in a state correctional facility, however that prison sentence was suspended, and Nestor was placed on probation for a period of five years with the condition that she pay restitution to Jim's Allstar.

Jeremy Clinton Watson appeared before the Honorable Lynn Nelson and entered a plea of guilty to the felony offense of "Felon in Possession of a Firearm." Mr. Watson was sentenced to four years in a state correctional facility for this offense.

Judge Nelson Continues Four Out of Five Cases In Court; Judge Courier Grants an Extension and Jail Release

By Jennifer Dearborn
The Parsons Advocate

The Honorable Judge Nelson recently presided over five cases.

Joseph Dice accepted a plea deal on a felony forgery charge. He will be on two years probation with Probation Officer, Butch Dibacco.

Judge Nelson set the trial date for Travis Cooper. Prosecutor, Savannah Wilkins, informed the court they do plan to proceed with the trial. At this time they are having testing done on the firearm. Cooper will appear before Judge Nelson on December 21, 22, and 23, 2021 for his trial.

Peter Babala, Jr. will be back before Judge Nelson on January 18, 2022. Brent Easton, Babala's attorney, informed the judge that

they are not at a point to move forward with this trial. Babala has other charges in Maryland and Easton wants to determine if the charges in Maryland qualify in West Virginia. Wilkins sent a request for additional information. She has also sent a plea offer, which the defendant and attorney have not had time to look over yet.

Haley Jones was only in the defendant's chair for a few minutes. Wilkins said more time was needed. Jones will be back in court on December 14, 2021.

Jeremy Watson appeared with his attorney, Bright. Watson has been incarcerated since 2017. Bright asked the court to waive fees for his ankle monitor as he does not have the funds to cover it. Wilkins received a report back that Watson has no cause of dimin-

ished capacity and extended a new plea offer to Watson. Wilkins left it up to Judge Nelson, as Watson would reside in Preston County if he is released. Judge Nelson informed Watson's attorney to contact Preston County and if they waive the fees he sees no problem with it. Watson has a trial date set for December 14, 2021.

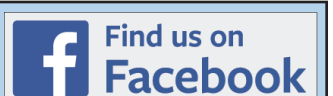
Judge Courier presided over the following cases.

The state filed a motion to revoke deferred adjudication for Kenneth Bott. Judge Courier granted Bott an extension.

Justin Campbell was before Judge Courier for reconsideration of his sentence. The state opposed the motion. Courier granted the Defendant's motion, under the circumstance that Campbell must check into rehab.



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But on this day, we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Lord.

It is a beautiful time. All the decorations for a world wide Birthday Party! All the singing and joy leading up to this special day.

Everyone helping each other and giving to one another in remembrance of how Jesus gave up his comfort in heaven to be on Earth. God, who gave us His son- who would love, heal, teach and one day die for us, so that we can go freely to Him in Jesus' Holy name.

All of this excitement and decorations and giving is all to celebrate this awesome birthday- Jesus' birthday!

With each present given and received we need to remember Jesus' gift and sacrifice and we must give and receive with thanksgiving.

Even the decorations are special! We use

a tree to remind us of the tree used to make the cross that one day Jesus would die on. We place a star to remind us of the star the wise men followed to get to this birthday of a prophesied Lord and King!

The green for life
The red for His blood shed
The white for His purity and Holiness
Gold and silver for His royalty

And oh the lights! The special decoration we almost only do on this Birthday... this important day. The lights are the best because they look their grandest in the dark! It is Jesus' message: He is a light in a dark place! No matter what darkness surrounds us or how bad the world gets or how difficult life becomes, we can go to Him and He will light the way. Not only that, but we can trust Him that He will work it out to be beautiful.

So while we drive around and look at all of the decorations for this party, and while we shop for gifts and gather together to break bread, we need to remember and think on the beauty of this whole worldwide celebration! It is all one big grand Birthday party and may it glorify our Lord and may any sacrifice of time, money or energy during this time be for God and His son's special day!

Merry Christmas to all of you!
Melissa Bonner

News of Record

The following criminal complaints have been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate Court:

- **Heather Nicole Watson**, Parsons, was charged with one count Driving Revoked for DUI 2nd Offense. According to the complaint, on Friday, Dec. 10 at approximately 12:13 p.m. Sheriff J.E. Kopec was pulling out onto US219 on Water St. when he observed the accused, Heather Nicole Watson, traveling north on US219 in a red Subaru. From previous traffic stops he remembered that she was a suspended and revoked for DUI driver. He followed her for a short ways and she pulled into her sister's driveway on Quality Hill. While calling 911 to check the status of her operator's license, he asked her if she had gotten her license valid yet in which she responded "no." A record check through 911 indicated active DUI conviction from 11-30-17 and a driving revoked for DUI conviction of the same date. Kopec arrested the accused for driving revoked for DUI and transported her to the Sheriff's office for processing.
- **Alexa Ann Lawson**, Hambleton, was charged with one count Shoplifting 2nd offense and one count driving while license suspended or revoked 2nd offense. The complaint states that on Thursday, Dec. 9 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Patrolman N.C. Gidley received a call from Tucker 911 in regards to shoplifting at Walgreens. He arrived and spoke with the complainant. They stated that at approximately 3:28 p.m. an ex-employee of Walgreens, Alexa Lawson, was in the store and is seen on camera taking an object off the shelf and putting it into her jacket. Another employee stated that when Lawson came to pay she observed a square shaped object inside Lawson's jacket. The employee then approached her shift lead to report the item. The complainant

then states at that time is when they checked the camera system and found the above stated footage. They then did an inventory check of the aisle Lawson is seen in, to which it was found that a set of JVC Sport Wireless Headphones were missing from inventory. The cost of the headphones is marked as \$29.95. The complainant then showed Gidley a video of Lawson, in front of Walgreens entering the driver's seat of what appeared to be a blue Chevrolet and taking the object out of her jacket. The object appears to be a white square box consistent in size of the JVC Sport Wireless Headphones that was still on hand in the store and shown to Gidley as the product taken by Lawson. Lawson is then seen driving the vehicle away from the store and onto Main St in the direction of the traffic light. Following a criminal background check, it was found that Lawson had prior criminal charges of both Shoplifting and Driving while Suspended or Revoked, as well as other charges involving larceny.

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

- Thomas E. Merilic and June E. Merilic, Hendricks, Lot 44 to Larry Grant Pennington, \$0.
- Thomas E. Merilic and June E. Merilic, Hendricks, Lot 45 to Michael P. Fulton and Patricia S. Fulton, \$0.
- William R. Robinson and Cathy D. Robinson, Licking, 1.35 acres to Russell A. Beavers, \$35,000.
- Melissa Fawn Collins/AKA/ Melissa Fawn Ludwig, Fairfax, Lot 35 and 36 to Jeffrey R. Henderson, \$25,000.
- Stephen E. Haid, Davis, Lot #341 Black Bear Woods Subdivision to Thomas Schneider, \$302.51.
- Harry L. Green, III, Dry Fork, 6.42 acres Lot 19 Sand Springs Timberline Subdivision to 128 Lakeview LLC, \$0.

Commission

and designated Canaan Valley PSD the receiver. For this reason, the county has prioritized giving the Canaan Valley PSD what it needs to fix its water issues. As County Commissioner Fred Davis has emphasized before, water problems lead to a drop-off in tourism which leads to a drop in the county's six percent hotel/motel occupancy tax, which funds county-wide services such as Parks and Recreation, Fire and Emergency Services, and the Cultural District Authority. Now thanks to improvements the ARP money has facilitated, reported Metzger, Canaan Valley PSD can now often finish pumping enough water for the Timberline area before noon, whereas it used to take them well into the evening.

County employees gave their reports. Sheriff Kopec reported 106 calls or walk-ins during the month of November, and one felony arrest leading to an indictment. Director of Tucker County's Homeland Secu-

rity, Kevin White, reported that more than 18% of the county has tested positive for COVID-19 at some point over the course of the pandemic, and continued to urge vaccines and boosters for residents. Administrator Shelia DeVilder reported renovations to the county jail are now complete, and prosecutor Savannah Wilkins reported that two long-term county inmates, Jeremy Watson and Melissa Waybright, have now been transferred out of the jail, with Watson released for time served, and Waybright sentenced to 10-50 years in state prison for child abuse. "I was excited about that," remarked Wilkins of Waybright.

Sherry Simmons, Tucker County Clerk, also updated the commission on several voting precinct changes. Because some Tucker County residents did not fill out their U.S. Census forms, the federal government believes fewer people live and vote in Tucker County than actu-

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ally do. Simmons has been in the process of explaining to the U.S. Census Bureau that Tucker County is a rural county, where lack of access to computers and broadband was likely prevented some citizens from filling out their census forms. Voters can expect to receive letters telling them where their new voting locations are soon. The information will also be published in this paper. And as always, said Simmons, voters can request an absentee ballot. "Early voting is the bomb," said Simmons.


Finally, the county commission voted to give county employees off Dec. 23 and 24 for the Christmas Holiday, as well as 30 and the 31. "They deserve it," said Davis sincerely.



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OBITUARIES

Glenda Lynn Dumire Friend

Glenda Lynn Dumire Friend, 61, of Mt. Lake Park, MD, passed away on December 12, 2021 surrounded by her family. She was born in Cleveland, OH and was a daughter to the late Glenes Elwood and Joyce M. Dumire Nicolosi. Glenda was a graduate of Mountaineer High School Class of 1978. She was a member of Creation for Christ Church. She loved taking pictures, baking for her family and liked to play practical jokes on her husband. She was the proud organizer of her family reunion. She married the love of her life, William Boyd Friend, on May 30th, 1982. They have one daughter, her proudest accomplishment, Jasmine Friend. Also surviving are two brothers, Ronald Aliff and wife Renee, James Aliff and wife Betty; one sister, Rita Truxall and husband Larry; her furbabies, Bella, Boots, and Teddy; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and countless friends whom she loved dearly. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandmother, Vernie Mae Moats Dumire; two sisters, Mary Fay Aliff and Baby Debbie. Friends were received Thursday, December 16, 2021, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home. A funeral service was held, Friday, December 17, 2021, 11 a.m., at the funeral home with Mary Sanders officiating. Interment followed in the Accident Cemetery, Eglon, WV. The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Friend Family at this time.

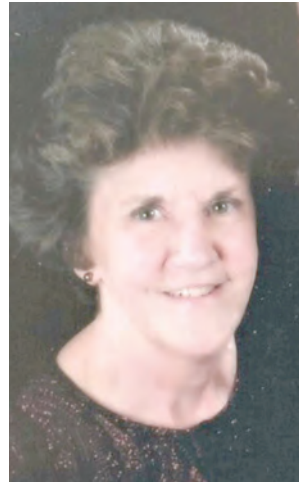


Lee Hamrick

Lee Hamrick, 65, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life Saturday, December 11, 2021, at his home. Lee was born on Friday, June 22, 1956, in Akron, OH, a son of the late Donal Reed Hamrick and Katherine Hamrick Roberts. Lee is survived by two sons, James Dean Hamrick and Ryan Lee Hamrick, a sister, Robin Barnett, a stepbrother, Gary Smith, and two daughters, Lori Collier and Nikki Maylor. Lee's request for cremation will be honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Lee Hamrick. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Nancy Louise Hapney Parsons

Nancy Louise Hapney Parsons, 75, of Hambleton, passed from this life, Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at Mountain Memories Assisted Living in Elkins. She was born Tuesday, October 1st, 1946, in Cumberland, Maryland, a daughter of the late Roy Emil and Ruby Merle Williams Hapney. She was reared by her maternal grandparents, the late Samuel Roby and Verna Mae Hebb Williams. On June 27, 1965, at First United Methodist Church, she was United in marriage to Jared Melvin Parsons, who survives. They had celebrated 56 years of marriage. Also surviving are one son, Michael J. Parsons and wife Shannon, of Eastover, North Carolina; one daughter Lesley G. Parsons and companion, Brian Wheeler, of Elkins; seven grandchildren, Bradley Parsons, and wife Alisha, of Fairmont, Cambrie Parsons, of Washington, D.C., Quinn and Addie Buckley, of Hambleton, Samuel and Benjamin Parsons of Eastover, North Carolina, and Mariah Parsons, of Corpus Christi, Texas; one great-granddaughter, Addison Bendele, of Corpus, Christi, Texas; two brothers, Roy Hapney Jr. and wife, Linda, and John Hapney; and one sister, Linda Lambert, and husband John, all of Ridgeley; as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews.



Nancy was a 1964 graduate of Parsons High School, where she was inducted into the PHS Hall of Fame. Following high school, she was employed at the Parsons Hospital, Federal Housing Administration, Dorman's Mill, and First National Bank, before beginning a lengthy career at Mountain Valley Bank, retiring in 2008 as Vice President. Nancy thoroughly enjoyed traveling the country with her husband Jared. She was an avid reader, and gardener, and often looked forward to "Bunco," nights with her friends, as well as 7:00 Jeopardy on TV. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Parsons. Nancy was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

Nancy's request for cremation was honored. A Celebration of Life was held at the Hostetler Funeral Home in Parsons on Saturday from 1 until 3 p.m. at which time a memorial service was conducted by Rev. William Brown. A special "Thank You" to the staff at Mountain Memories for the wonderful, attentive care Nancy received while at the facility. The family requests contributions in Nancy's memory be made to the Alzheimer's Association at act.alz.org/donate. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Nancy Louise Hapney Parsons. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com

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TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of Ernest "Ernie" Parsons (1939-2013). He was the son of Junior and Ruth Hedrick Parsons. On April 9, 1960, he married Peggy Hardin. They had two daughters: Peggy Sue (William) Kumpf and Rebecca (Henry) Polomski. He had three brothers: Jerry (Yvonne), James D. (Bonnie), and Roger "Joe" (Alice). Ernie worked as the Parsons Police Chief for eighteen years. He also was Fire Chief for several years. He retired from working security for Canaan Valley State Park with twenty-eight years of service. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or photos to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

Senior News

If you have not been vaccinated nor 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 hope to have them posted in the January newsletter and the January 5th newspaper, that way people will have an equal chance to sign up. We have several day trips in the works and possibly 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 Tucker County Senior Centers will be closed on Friday, December 24th in observance of Christmas. They will reopen on Monday, December 27th at the regular time.

Christmas Song fill-in the blank! Number of letters is on the blank.

"Let us bring him silver and _____ 4 _____ 2. "Christmas is coming, the _____ 5 _____ is getting fat" 3. Irving Berlin holiday classic "_____ 5 _____ Christmas" sung by Bing Crosby. 4. "I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my _____ 6 _____" 5. On the first Noel... "Born is the King of _____ 6 _____" 6. "Let heaven and _____ 6 _____ sing" 7. "...and folks dressed up like _____ 7 _____" 8. "Good _____ 7 _____ we bring to you and your kin..." 9. "O come all ye _____ 8 _____ 10. "Walking in a winter _____ 10 _____." 11. "Up on the rooftop, click, click, click,9..." 12. "O _____ 10 _____, how lovely are your branches" (ends in M!)

The Tucker County Senior Centers will be closed Friday, December 31, 2021 in observance of New Years. They will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022 at the regular time.

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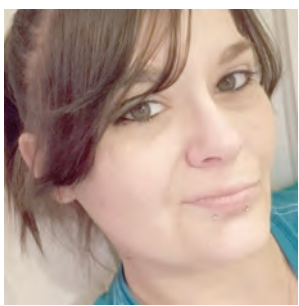
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Holly Nicole Jennings

Holly Nicole Jennings, 27, of Xenia, OH passed unexpectedly due to her life long battle with diabetes 1, Sunday, December 12, 2021 at her home. She was the youngest daughter of Kenneth Poling, Jr of Parsons, WV and Donna Hardy Simmons of Philippi, WV.



Holly is survived by her husband, Paul Jennings; one son Xander; two step- daughters Kaylee and Kloe Jennings. Three siblings: Destry Poling, Parsons; Misty Poling, Clarksburg; Brandy Poling, Parsons; grandmother Lulabelle Hardy, Hambleton; step sister: Quintessia Vest, Parsons; step brother: Trevor Poling, Parsons; 21 nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by a brother Joshua; grandfather Edward Hardy; grandparents Kenneth Sr and Joann Poling.

Holly attended Tucker Couby High School. She loved drawing, reading, and sitting around a campfire with family and friends. She was affiliated with Ahop Xenia and Freedom Recovery Ministry, where she was baptized.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. The Glickler Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Dayton, OH are in charge of her cremation.

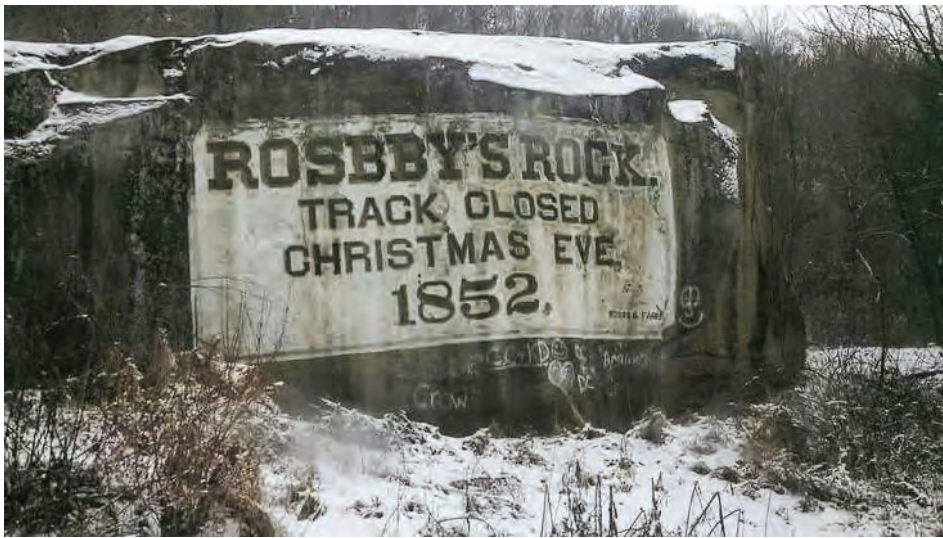
Donations towards her cremation can be sent to Kenny Poling, 172 Billings Ave. Parsons, WV 26287. Extra donation will be given to the American Diabetes Association in Holly's memory.

JOY AND PEACE

As we celebrate the birth of the Child King, let us pray for wisdom, understanding and love among all nations. A blessed, Merry Christmas to all

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Rosby's Rock

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. 22, 1928: Radio station WMMN of Fairmont began operations as one of West Virginia's pioneer stations. For nearly two decades beginning in 1935, WMMN was an important outlet for country and western music performers. The highlight of this era was the "Sagebrush Roundup," a Saturday-night live-audience show which began in December 1938 and was broadcast weekly for nearly ten years.



Dec. 26, 1917: Instrument maker Harold M. Hayslett was born in Putnam County. Hayslett's violins, violas and cellos have received awards for tone and workmanship, and are cherished by collectors and players alike.

Dec. 27, 1797: The county seat of Ohio County was moved from West Liberty to Wheeling.



Dec. 23, 1987: Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme escaped from the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson. Fromme, who was serving a life sentence for trying to kill President Gerald Ford, was captured two days later near the prison.

Dec. 24, 1852: The last spike was driven on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and the Ohio River. The event occurred at Rosbys Rock near Moundsville. To mark the spot where the final spike was driven the following words were carved upon the rock: *Rosbys [sic] Rock Track Closed Christmas Eve 1852.*

Dec. 24, 1942: The Committee on Fair Employment Practices ordered that Jehovah's Witnesses be reinstated to their jobs at Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Clarksburg. The workers had been fired for refusing to participate in union-sponsored flag-salute ceremonies at the plant.

Dec. 25, 2002: Jack Whittaker, a Putnam County contractor, won the \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot. At the time, it was the largest single lottery jackpot in history.



Dec. 28, 1879: Brigadier General Billy Mitchell was born in France. As chief of the Army Air Force, Mitchell ordered aircraft of the 88th Squadron to perform reconnaissance during the 1921 Miners' March on Logan.

Dec. 28, 1978: The last trains ran on the Greenbrier Division, a branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Unlike most C&O branches in West Virginia, the Greenbrier Division was not a coal-hauling line but served the valley's timber industry.

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The Winter Solstice has come and gone and Christmas is upon us. All the festivities and beautiful decorations, it makes everything look so lively. Unless things change drastically we will not be having a white Christmas, but that is ok with me. **Momma Said,** "If it ain't broke, don't fix it and things are going just fine."

I do believe I fell behind on my deer hunting story. I did get to go as you know and I finally did get an eight-point buck, meat in the freezer again, hurray. I had a great time but it is not as easy as it used to be. Cold affecting the ole bones and making me stiff and hard to walk, but I made it. I am not as good as I once was but I am as good once as I ever was.

You just have to learn to pace yourself, which I am not very good at, and anything is possible. You just have to get up and do it, make yourself a goal each day to do just a little bit more than

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

the day before. This method is not going to do you very good if you are a procrastinator so just make your goal and stick to it.

Our prayers go out to all the people affected by the hurricanes and hope that everyone is as safe as possible. It is hard to go through an event like that but this close to Christmas must be even more devastating. My wish is for everyone to be safe and try to make the best of a bad situation. **Momma Said,** "Be Safe, be happy and have the best Christmas Season you can."

Do Nothing Cake

Ingredients

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 16 ounces crushed pineapple, undrained

Icing

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup nuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Directions

1. Place first 6 ingredients in a bowl & mix until blended with spoon.
2. Pour into 13x9 inch cake pan.
3. Bake at 350°F 35-40 minutes.
4. For Icing: Mix butter, sugar and evaporated milk together and cook over medium heat until a little thickened. (This usually takes about 5 minutes at a boil).
5. Remove from heat and add remaining ingredients.
6. Pour over hot cake.

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1 Examined by touching
9 Smart — (know-it-all)
14 Alphas' opposites
20 All across the region
21 Indian city on the Yamuna River
22 "Gil Blas" novelist Alain-René —
23 Blemish-resistant bar seat?
25 Male flower part
26 Earth lighter
27 Autumn chill
28 Sentry allowing nobody to nap?
30 Monet, say
34 Interstices
36 — roll (hot)
37 Shoulder-hugging, horn-honking driver?
42 Thin and supple
47 Duck cousin
48 Actress Messing
49 More plucky
50 Lt.'s inferior
53 "I see mice!"
56 Ear-related

58 Indian city on the Yamuna River
59 Vehicle in a chase scene
63 Decorative pins worn by jockeys?
67 Yellow-and-black bird
68 16-Down, to Jacob
69 Flagged auto
70 Mao — -tung
71 Bit of pasta that's really hard to find?
77 Bodily pouch
79 Spanish for "that"
80 Big pet food brand
81 "Infinite" rapper
84 Have pain from bending forward too sharply?
89 Tire type
90 Tolkien terrorizers
91 Up — (stymied)
92 — Lanka
94 Butter holder
95 More hideous
97 — liver (meat product)
100 Harvestable
104 Work layoff, slangly

105 Dive to attack with perfect form?
111 Texter's "I think ..."
113 Neeson of "Darkman"
114 GMC pickup
115 Decide on Domino's for dinner?
122 Taylor of "Cleopatra," for short
124 Los Angeles' Playa — Rey
125 Regular practices
126 Botching an April 1 prank?
131 Crops up
132 Ickily sticky
133 Enlarge
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135 In any way
136 Power-supplying socket

DOWN

1 Volkswagen model
2 Maestro Toscanini
3 Simple shed
4 — gow (casino option)
5 Grain beard
6 Up to, informally
7 Paradise
8 Blueprint
9 TV spots
10 "Show me"
11 College town in North Carolina
12 Toy train, when doubled
13 Quantity in a narc's bust
14 Former NFLer Merlin
15 Annual ritzy NYC fundraising event
16 Biblical birthright seller
17 Explorer Vasco da —
18 Antiquing aid
19 Ship off, say
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57 Rocket paths
60 Pigeon noise
61 Balm plants
62 Betelgeuse or Antares
64 Clangor
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73 "Bali —"
74 Autos such as Gremlins and Pacers
75 Belgian river
76 Spain's El —
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78 "I'm so frustrated!"
82 Water, to Gigi
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88 One-named sports legend
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101 Electees, say
102 Greek letter
103 She baas
105 Swab
106 Film score composer Schifrin
107 Iago's wife
108 Hard trial
109 Bully's threat ender
110 Warehouse platform
112 Hardly tidy
115 Cartoonist Addams
116 Celestial instrument
117 Off-Broadway prize
118 French river or department
119 TV actress Swenson
120 — suit (1940s duds)
121 Reverse alphabetical order
123 Bronze metal
127 Olive of "Popeye"
128 Lt.'s inferior
129 "Despicable Me" villain
130 Dewy, e.g.

Weather Totals

Dec. 7 - Dec. 14

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

TEMPERATURE

Max 68° F
Min 16° F

PRECIPITATION

Week 0.20"
December 0.47"
2021 45.38"

SNOWFALL

New Snow 1"
Snow on Ground 0"
Winter Total 2"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
John Wallace Bennett	Sarah J. Bennett
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Jason K. Nelson	Lois Nelson
1st publication 12/22/21	PO Box 483
2nd publication 12/29/21	Thomas, WV 26292
Bonnie L. Smith	Gene D. Smith, Sr.
1st publication 12/22/21	1131 Valley Fork Rd.
2nd publication 12/29/21	Montrose, WV 26283
Kenneth Hovatter	Terri Hovatter
1st publication 12/22/21	PO Box 2123
2nd publication 12/29/21	Elkins, WV 26241

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

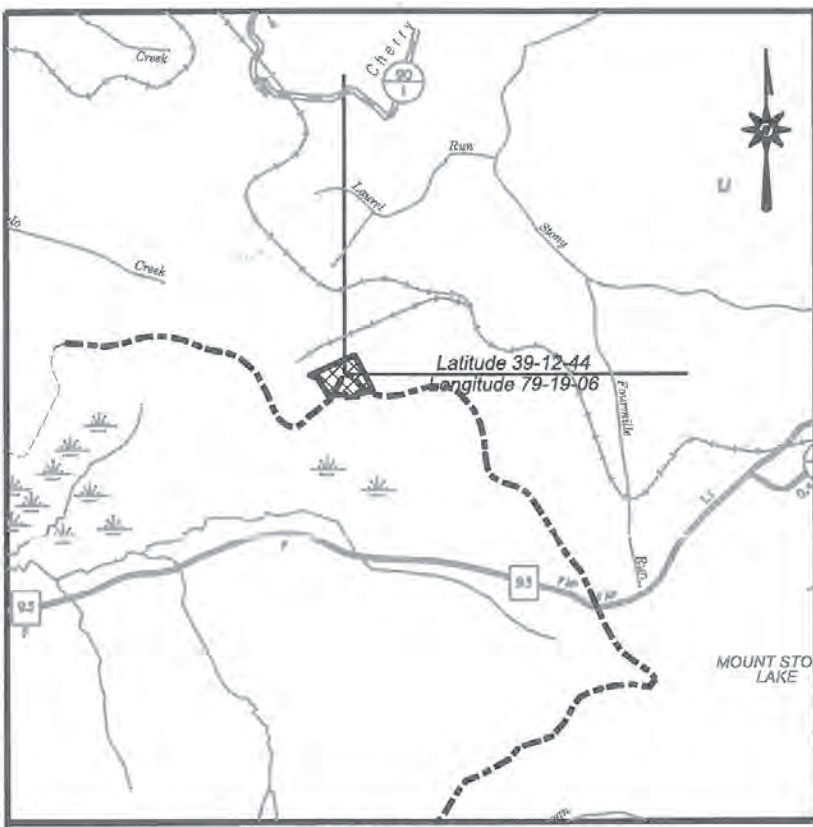
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Notice is hereby given that Vindex Energy LLC, 100 Tygart Drive, Grafton, WV 26354, has submitted an application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600 for a Phase 1 and 2 Release 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

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Tucker County

Western Pocahontas Property LTD: Property is 1207 acres and is located off of Kempton Road in the Fairfax District (6) on Tax Map 188 and the Parcel # is 4, property is 163 acres and is located off of Kempton Road in the Fairfax District (6) on Tax Map 189 and the Parcel # is 2, property is 350 acres and is located off of Kempton Road in the Fairfax District (6) on Tax Map 208 and the parcel # is 4, property is 3433 acres and is located off of Route 219 in the Fairfax District (6) on Tax Map 208 and the Parcel # is 5.

Work on these properties will be performed by qualified Vegetation Management contractors, on or after two weeks from the date of this publication. Work may include, but is not limited to, the removal or control, (mechanical or through the use of EPA registered herbicides) of trees and brush within the transmission corridor, side trimming of trees along the corridor, and removal of selected trees outside the corridor that pose an immediate threat to MonPower facilities.

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Bishop Worth Jennings



Cortez Hicks Jennings

Bishop Worth Jennings family photo with Bishop, his wife Ella and children Worth and Ethel.

Monongahela National Forest which includes 7,200-acres lying in the mountains of nearby Parsons. Acquired by the federal government in 1915, the land became known as the Monongahela Purchase. Five years later the national forest was designated. Additional lands were acquired within the 1.7 million-acre proclamation boundary of the forest so that today the forest includes more than 919,000 acres in ten counties as it stretches through the Allegheny Mountains of eastern WV.

After an active day outdoors, one can find peace and quiet at the B&B. The original beauty of the home, with its hand-carved wooden staircase and trim work, has not been lost to time. Stepping inside is literally like stepping back in time to the early 1900's when the bottom land adjoining the Dry Fork River was home to a large logging town. More than that, it was its own community.

The town of Jennings was founded in 1905 by brothers Cortez Hicks (C.H.) and Bishop Worth (B.W.) Jennings, natives of Luzerne County, Pa. Cortez went into the logging business in 1881, eventu-



Company script from the Jennings Brothers Logging Company

ally convincing his brother to join him as a partner in his new endeavor.

The Jennings Brothers Lumber Company quickly became very prosperous in Lopez, Pa. as the broth-

ers expanded operations. Wanting to increase their holdings even more, they eventually set their sights on expanding into Maryland and West Virginia. They targeted the area in



Photo provided by Marsha Waybright

A look into one of the rooms at the B&B



Photo by Helen E. McKinney

West Virginia that would become Jennings.

On November 29, 1899 the brothers signed an agreement with William Rosendorf, president of the Middle Mountain Boom

and Lumber Company. In exchange for \$11,000, they received 20,000 acres, a sawmill, dam, machinery, and a railroad running a short distance from the Dry Fork Railroad to the

mill. In 1900, the brothers purchased an additional 30,000 acres.

Knowing they would need a way to transport lumber out of the valley

See B&B page 2B



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Just what is The Parsons Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN FUND?

The Parsons Advocate's **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND** is neighbors helping neighbors in Tucker County. The Parsons Advocate is asking readers to donate to the fund and the proceeds will be used to buy new warm winter clothing for local children. There are no administrative fees. All the money donated is used to buy new clothing.

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

Lady Mt. Lions get wins over Pendleton and Lewis County



Photo by Becky Moore

Tucker County's Brylee Wetzel dribbles the ball up the floor against Lewis County on Dec. 18th. The Lady Mt. Lions got the win 45-28.

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

FRANKLIN – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team traveled to Pendleton County on Tuesday December 14th. The Lady Mt. Lions jumped out to early

lead the went on to win the game by the final score of 58-45.

Tucker County came out fast on offense as they outscored the Lady Wildcats 19-8 in the first quarter. Tucker County edged Pendleton County on the scoreboard in

See TC GIRLS page 2B

Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball Update



Photo by Becky Moore

Tucker Valley's Xander Lambert goes up for a shot against Moorefield on Dec. 15th. The Wildcats won the contest 42-23.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

KASSON – The Wildcats Varsity Boys' Basketball teams traveled to Kasson Middle on Monday December 13th.

Tucker Valley jumped out to a 18-5 lead after one quarter and the Wildcats went on to take the road victory 64-30. Mikey Mitchell led Tucker Valley with 17 points. Nate Ricottilli and Sam Marks

See TV BOYS page 2B

Tucker County Boys' Basketball get wins over Lewis and Pendleton

By Dave Helmick
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HAMBLETON – The Mt. Lions Boys' Basketball team hosted Lewis County on Tuesday December 14th. Tucker County started out slow, but the home team fought back for a 49-37 home victory.

The first quarter belonged to the visiting Minutemen as they led the Mt. Lions after one quarter 6-2. Tucker County fought back in the second quarter as their offense exploded for 20 points and held Lewis County to 10 points to give Tucker County the lead at the half by the score of 22-16.

The third quarter scoring was even as Lewis County edged the Mt. Lions 13-11 in the period to make the score 33-29 at the start of the fourth quarter. Tucker County then controlled the final quarter as they outscored the Minutemen 16-8 to give the Mt. Lions their first win of the season by the final score of 49-37.

Aaron Quattro led Tucker County in scoring with 11 points. Ashton Lyciliter and Zach Long added 10 points each for the Mt. Lions in the win. Levi Bennett led Tucker County in rebounding with 11



Photo by Brittany Channell

Tucker County's Ashton Lyciliter looks for room in the post against Pendleton County on Dec. 17th. The Mt. Lions won the game 45-39.

boards. The Mt. Lions JV team got the win also 66-61.

HAMBLETON – Tucker County hosted PVC rival Pendleton County on Friday December 17th. The Mt. Lions pulled away in the second quarter and held on late

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Davis-Thomas Boys' Basketball Update

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

FRANKLIN – The Boys' Bears Basketball team traveled to Pendleton County on Wednesday December 15th. Davis-Thomas fell in the contest by the final

score of 52-38. Logan Shahan and Carson Dearborn led the Bears in scoring with 10 points each for Davis-Thomas in the loss.

Davis-Thomas will return to action on Friday January 7th when they host Pendleton County. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball Update

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

KASSON – The Lady Wildcats Basketball team traveled to Kasson Middle for a Varsity only contest on Monday December 13th. Tucker Valley ended the first quarter with a 12-4 lead and the Lady Wildcats cruised to a 45-14 road victory over Kasson. Makenna Evans led Tucker Valley with 21 points. Maddy Helmick and Emma Wilfong added 8 points each for the Lady Wildcats in the win.

by the score of 31-5. Kenna Griffin and Jayden Barkley led the Lady Wildcats JV with 2 points each. In the Varsity game Capon Bridge picked up the win over Tucker Valley 36-27. Makenna Evans led the Lady Wildcats in scoring with 18 points and Peyton Hicks chipped in with 6 points for Tucker Valley in the loss.

Tucker Valley will return to action on Wednesday January 5th at home against Moorefield. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday December 22nd

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Petersburg @ Home 5:45pm

Tuesday December 28th

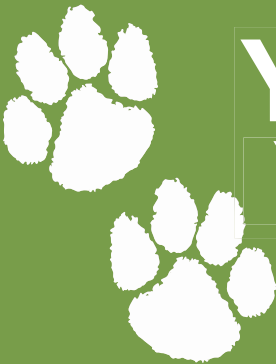
- Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs Gilmer County @ Home 5:45pm

Wednesday December 29th

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Meadow Bridge @ Elkins 6:30pm

Thursday December 30th


- Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Tygarts Valley @ Elkins 7:45pm



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added 10 points each for the Wildcats in the win.

HAMBLETON – Tucker Valley hosted Moorefield for a JV and Varsity game on Wednesday December 15th. In the JV game the Wildcats JV got the win 42-30. Ethan Cummings led the JV with 21 points and Luke Barb added 10 points for the Tucker Valley JV in the win.

The Wildcats Varsity team also picked up the

win in the second game of the night over Moorefield by the final score of 42-23. Mikey Mitchell led Tucker Valley with 12 points and Xander Lambert added 10 points for the Wildcats in the home win.

Tucker Valley will return to action on Monday January 3rd at home against Petersburg at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

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to capture a big win over the Wildcats by the final score of 45-39.

The first quarter was close as defense was the theme as the Mt. Lions held a slim 8-7 lead after one quarter. The second quarter was controlled slightly by Tucker County 14-10 to make the halftime score 22-17 Mt. Lions.

Tucker County outpaced Pendleton County 6-5 in the third quarter to put the score to 28-22 Mt. Lions after three quarters. Pendleton County tried to rally back in the fourth quarter, but Tucker County held off the Wildcats to capture the big home win by the final score of 45-39.

Haden Wamsley led Tucker County with 14 points and Levi Bennett added 11 points for the Mt. Lions in the win. Owen Knotts chipped in with 8 points and 8 rebounds also for Tucker County. The Tucker County JV team fell in the first game 49-44.

Tucker County (2-1) will return to action on Tonight Wednesday December 29th at Elkins High School against Meadow Bridge at 6:30pm. The Mt. Lions will then play Tygarts Valley on Thursday December 30th at Elkins High School with tipoff scheduled for 7:45pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

TC Girls

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the second 10-9 to make the halftime score 29-17 Lady Mt. Lions.

Tucker County controlled the third quarter 14-13 to make the score 43-30 Lady Mt. Lions after three. The fourth quarter was played even 15-15 to give Tucker County the win by the final score of 58-45.

Kadie Colebank led Tucker County with 30 points, 23 rebounds, 4 blocks and Jayden Kuhn added 15 points for the Lady Mt. Lions in the road win. Avery Colebank chipped in with 7 points and Brylee Wetzell added 9 rebounds for Tucker County. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team fell in overtime 49-44.

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Lewis County on Saturday December 18th. Tucker County put together a big second quarter to pull away and get the home win over Lewis County 45-28.

The first quarter was a battle as neither team could build a lead as Tucker County led 8-7 after one.

The Lady Mt. Lions then pulled away in the second quarter as they outscored Lewis County 17-2 to take a commanding 25-9 lead at the half.

Tucker County then extended their lead in the third as they outpaced Lewis 10-6 in the period to put the score to 35-15 after three quarters. Lewis County tried to rally in the fourth, but Tucker County held off the visitors to capture the victory by the final 45-28.

Tucker County was led by Kadie Colebank with 20 points, 20 rebounds, 7 blocks and Macy Helmick added 16 points, 6 rebounds for the Lady Mt. Lions in the victory. Avery Colebank also pulled down 8 rebounds for Tucker County in the win.

Tucker County(5-1) will return to action on Tuesday December 28th at home against Gilmer County. The JV contest will start at 5:45pm with the Varsity game to follow. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

B&B

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once they were up and running, they chartered a railroad from Pocahontas to Randolph County. As buildings and employee homes were being built, so was the house that would become Laurel River Club B&B. It was built in the main town square for company superintendent Bishop Worth and his wife Ella Castle Jennings.

Even though they were highly prosperous for a time, tragedy struck in 1906 when B.W. Jennings died unexpectedly. His son, William Worth Jennings, took over his part of the business.

B. W.'s brother C. H. had a hard time coming to terms with the fact that his brother had died. On July 1, 1909, C. H. sold all of the property to the newly formed Laurel River Lumber Company for \$1,400,000. This included 18 miles of railroad, 400 million feet of uncut timber, the mill, store, hotel, all houses, and animals. The purchasing company was owned by E.W. Mealy of Hagerstown and J.A.G. and E.M. Allen of Darlington, Maryland. C. H. and his wife, Mary Bowman, had moved to Townada, Pa. three years earlier to live on a 1,000 acre property near Towanda Creek.

Due to severe flooding, fires and the depletion of all trees in the area because of the logging industry, life in Jennings slowly came to a standstill. Even the railroad left, with no industry to sustain the once thriving community. The official end of the Laurel River Lumber Company took place on January 18, 1923.

The Waybrights have preserved this history in the B&B by showcasing mementoes such as company script and many photos of the area in its heyday as a logging town. Even though the black and white photos tell the history quite well, Marsha is only too happy to share her knowledge of the area also, making one feel as if the town's residents would at any minute walk straight out of 1906 and into her parlor for a cup of tea to share the day's news with visitors.

The Salovaara family still owns the 220-acre farm surrounding the B&B. Kendall's family farm adjoins the B&B property and Marsha grew up 15 minutes away in Middle Mountain.

The quiet little town Katherine Pratt Salovaara settled in decades ago has not lost its charm. Along with her children and husband J.J., she came from Chicago to become caretaker of a rich history that many had forgotten. The Waybright's have taken up that history and hospitably opened the doors of Katherine's former home to let visitors experience the peace and tranquility of the Laurel River Club B&B.

For more information or to make a reservation please visit <http://lrcbnb.com>, call 304-402-7095 or visit their Facebook page at Laurel River Club BnB.



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Inside the B&B



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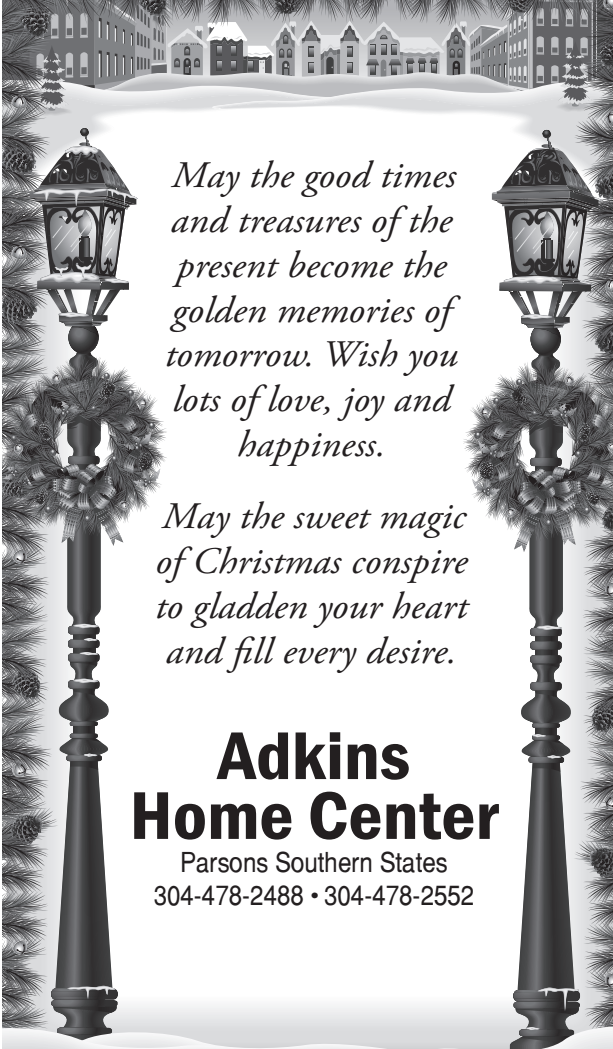




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Christmas Carols & Cookies return to Cortland Acres

Christmas music filled the dining room and hallways at Cortland Acres as the seasonal tradition Cortland's Christmas Carols & Cookies made a return to the skilled long-term care facility.

Sponsored by The Cortland Foundation, the holiday celebration featured residents singing and tapping their toes while Patricia Allison, music therapist and owner of Milestones & Music, and intern Elizabeth Mesogianes sang and played the piano and viola.

"It was a thrill to be able to put together this Christmas program for the residents this year," said Allison, who leads the music therapy program at Cortland Acres. "It's been nearly two years since we have played and sang together at an in-person event. Music is better when we can make it together."

Cortland Administrator Beth Clevenger said that the Cortland Acres staff and residents have experienced very challenging times since Covid-19 emerged.

"We wanted to make this Christmas extra special for everyone," Clevenger said. "What better way to do that than by welcoming back our music therapy program into the facility. Residents always enjoy the warmth of an old-fashioned Christmas carol sing-along and listening to the musicians playing."

Allison worked with Crystal Boone, member of the Cortland Foundation Board, who organized this year's holiday event. Boone, aka "Ms. Claus," emceed the event and entertained the residents



Elizabeth Mesogianes, an intern with Milestones & Music, played Christmas melodies for the residents on her viola. She works alongside Patricia Allison, music therapist and owner of Milestones & Music, who visits Cortland Acres weekly as part of the facility's music therapy program.

during each of the three 45-minute shows.

"Doesn't it just make you want to dance and sing," Boone said smiling and moving around the room to make sure the residents were having a good time. "Santa has been telling me who's

been naughty or nice."

Each Carols & Cookie show opened with a special handbell performance by Pastor Ruth Bullwinkle of St. John's Lutheran Church with volunteer and Pines resident Beverly Ellison accompanying on the piano.

"It's so special to be back at Cortland Acres playing the handbells for the residents again," Bullwinkle said. "I've missed all these smiling faces. The residents always love it when I play the handbells for them. They get a big smile on their face."

Sponsored by The Cortland Foundation, residents at Cortland Acres sing Joy to The World during the seasonal tradition Carols & Cookies celebration.

Residents were treated to songs such as Deck the Halls, Away in the Manger, Joy to the World, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, O Holy Night, and Jingle Bell Rock. During the sing-a-long portion of the program, residents shouted out their favorite Christmas carols.

At the end of the performance, each resident was handed a bag of holiday cookies to take back to their room.

Cortland Acres leads the way with unique and innovative programs like music therapy which offers a compassionate and holistic approach to senior living. Prior to the pandemic, Milestones & Music was visiting the facility four

times a month to play and sing with the residents.

"The weekly sessions give residents something to look forward to," Clevenger said. "Singing is incredibly beneficial, especially for older people, as music and sound are closely linked to memory recall."

The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation and programs, rental apartments in Pineview, and garden and patio homes in The Pines. For information on the programs and services offered at Cortland Acres, call 304-463-4181 or visit www.cortlandacres.org.

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A guide to cooking with kids

Children may start their culinary careers crafting mud pies in their backyards, but that creativity and imagination soon may translate into foods they can eat. Many kids love cooking because it can be fun and messy, which are two qualities that children find hard to resist.

Parents can foster their children's love of cooking and help them along the way with these tips.

- Be patient. Going into the cooking experience knowing there will be a mess, typically when young children are involved, can help you prepare. Toddlers have not yet mastered manual dexterity, so they're bound to spill and drop. Put a plastic tablecloth under the work area and on the floor to help catch what falls. Also, cooking with youngsters likely will take more time than it normally would, so set aside extra preparation and cooking time.

- Teach kids good hygiene. Hygiene is important and can prevent foodborne illnesses. Make sure everyone involved in cooking, including children, washes his or her hands before cooking begins and continues to do so after handling foods, particularly raw meat and poultry. Hair should be tied back, and separate prep surfaces should be designated for produce and meats.

- Assign age-appropriate tasks. Consider age and maturity levels when assigning tasks in the kitchen. Even children as young as 3-years-old can chop food if they are provided a serrated butter knife with a rounded point and soft vegetables or fruits. This helps teach knife skills that kids can develop more thoroughly in the future. Children can



The entire family can get in on the action when kids participate in the kitchen.

mix and add ingredients as well. As kids get older, parents can decide the right time to let them use the stove.

- Experiment with dough. Kids can have a blast with dough, particularly rolling out pie crusts and pasta. They also can make dumplings and then fill them with vegetables. Many cookware retailers sell small rolling pins that are easy for kids to manage.

- Practice measuring together. Let children read the recipes and be in charge of portioning out ingredients. This reinforces classroom lessons about temperature, ratios and fractions.

- Move on to more sophisticated tasks. Around age eight or

nine, children can take on jobs like opening cans, scooping batter, pounding poultry, proofing yeast, skewering kabobs, and slicing bread, according to cooking educator Julie Negrin. Negrin notes that children between the ages of 10 and 12 can start working independently in the kitchen so long as an adult is in the home.

Children also can be involved in cooking by helping to draft shopping lists and taking trips to the supermarket. This shows kids the complete process of gathering ingredients for meals, what they cost and how they are made before foods make it to the dinner table.

Monongahela National Forest Closing Dolly Sods Roads for Public Safety January 1

PETERSBURG, W.Va.,— Monongahela National Forest officials will implement the annual winter road closures in the Dolly Sods area by closing the gates on Forest Roads 19 and 75 on Jan. 1. These roads are closed to motor vehicle use from January to early or mid-April every year to provide for public safety due to variable road conditions in the winter months. Non-motorized use of the roads is allowed.

“The road closures are put in place to ensure the safety of both visitors and employees,” said Cheat-Potomac District Ranger Jon Morgan. “Forest visitors and emergency responders are put at unnecessary risk without the road closures.”

Both roads are usually open again by mid-April. “We will monitor road conditions in March and April, and reopen the roads as soon as weather permits,” Morgan said.

Staff from Monongahela National Forest work with local landowners and residents affected by the road closures to ensure they have access to their property. Landowners and residents who need access behind the gates should contact the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District office in Petersburg for assistance at (304) 257-4488.

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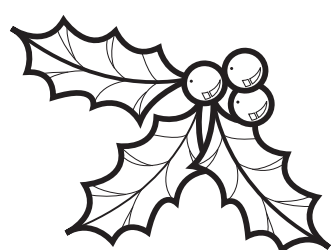
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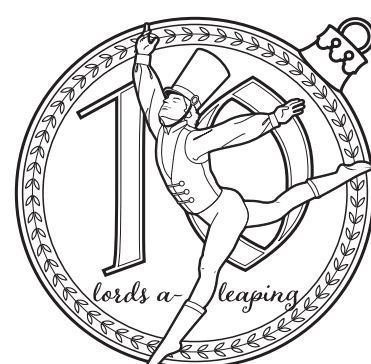
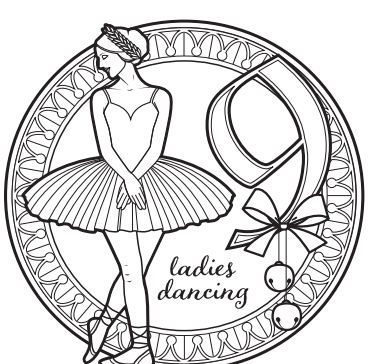
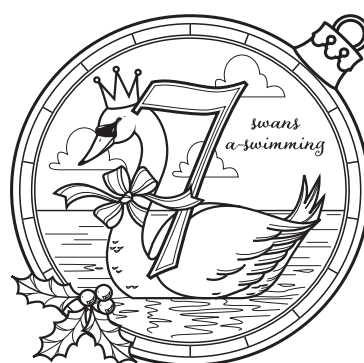
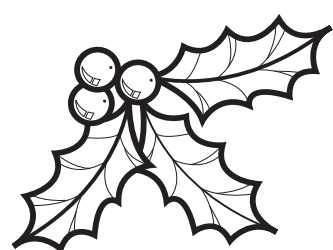
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2. If you're serving it to adults, add the sherry. It might make everyone want to go sledding!



When hosting friends and family at home, it's understandable that hosts direct so much of their focus to the foods they plan to serve. The main course is often the focal point and most memorable aspect of a dinner party, and that's true whether the get-together is a backyard barbecue, a holiday meal with the family or a formal affair with colleagues.

Food might be a focal point, but guests also will need something to drink. Traditional spirits like wine and cocktails are the standard but hosts who want to get a little creative should not hesitate to do so. When choosing a special beverage, timing is everything.

Guests will want to cool down on warm summer

evenings, so something cold and refreshing can make for the perfect signature cocktail. When hosting on nights when the mercury has dropped, a warm beverage can heat up guests in a matter of minutes.

On such nights, hosts can serve this version of "Hot Mulled (Sherried) Apple Cider" courtesy of Laury Masterton's "The Fresh Honey Cookbook" (Storey). One added benefit to Masterton's recipe is it can produce a welcoming winter aroma, helping hosts establish a warm ambiance for the festivities.



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were quickly extinguished. Johnson is credited with being the first to suggest light bulbs, which were invented by his friend Edison, be used to light trees in place of candles. While many were impressed by Johnson's eight-bulb holiday display, it remained a novelty until the 1920s, when preassembled lights became more accessible. Since then, Christmas tree lights have taken hold as a must-have piece of holiday decor in households across the globe.



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Minority Students Encouraged to Apply for Dominion Energy Educational Equity Scholarship

- The company will award \$500,000 in scholarships to 60 students in 2022
- Second year of the six-year, \$10 million scholarship program
- Students can apply for scholarships until Jan. 25, 2022

RICHMOND, Va. — Through its Educational Equity Scholarship Program, Dominion Energy is awarding \$500,000 in scholarships to 60 students in 2022. In its second year of the six-year \$10 million initiative, the program assists with undergraduate higher education expenses for underrepresented minority students who reside in the company's service area.

"We recognize the importance of education as an equalizer in society," said Robert M. Blue, Dominion Energy's president and chief executive officer. "This program helps reduce the financial hurdle many underrepresented

students face, which allows scholarship recipients greater access to post-secondary education and additional opportunities to propel their futures."

The scholarship application period is open Nov. 30, 2021, through Jan. 25, 2022, 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

To be eligible, students must:

- self-identify as Black or African American; Hispanic or Latino; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander with higher education expenses,

- be high school seniors or graduates, or current college undergraduates residing in Connecticut, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Idaho, Wyoming or Utah, with plans to enroll full time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire

upcoming academic year; and

- have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).

In all, 60 scholarships totaling \$500,000 will be awarded in 2022. Of those, 20 scholarships of \$5,000 each will be made available for students enrolled in two-year schools, while 40 scholarships of \$10,000 each will be awarded to students enrolled in four-year schools. Scholarship recipients will be able to renew scholarships as they progress in school, provided they meet certain criteria, such as GPA requirements and residence in an eligible state.

The program is administered by Scholarship America, a nonprofit specializing in managing scholarship and tuition assistance programs. Scholarship America will support Dominion Energy in the selection of finalists.

Morrisey Shares Tips for Wise Holiday Giving

CHARLESTON — Attorney General Patrick Morrisey encouraged West Virginians to give to charity this holiday season but to exercise caution before making any donations.

"As we get closer to the holidays, a lot of people tend to give to charitable causes," Attorney General Morrisey said. "We want people to continue to do that, but it's also important that they take steps to make sure they're not getting ripped off by those who would prey upon the goodwill of others. Donate with your heart, but don't forget to use your head."

Anyone with questions about the legitimacy of a charity or organization can review the Secretary of State's website to see if the charity is registered to solicit donations in West Virginia. Consumers may also research the charity on websites such as CharityNavigator.org or GuideStar.org.

Those interested in knowing if a donation is tax-deductible can access the U.S. Internal Revenue Service's Tax Exempt Organization Search at <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>.

Those making an online contribution should make sure the website starts with https:// when visiting the donation portal. This verifies a secure connection, making it less likely that personal information will be stolen.

Additional tips to keep in mind during the season of giving are:

- Never feel pressured to donate immediately.
- Be wary of charities that ask for donations in cash or via wire transfer.

If the organization is unfamiliar, research as much information as possible.

Beware some scams may use sympathetic-sounding names that are similar to the names of legitimate charities.

Be suspicious if organizations will not give additional information about their mission, how they use donations or proof that a contribution is tax deductible.

If a donation request is for a local chapter of an organization, verify it is authorized to solicit funds on behalf of the parent organization.

Go directly to the charity or organization's website instead of clicking on a link to the desired group.

Keep records. Contributions exceeding \$250 should result in a returned letter confirming the charitable status of the organization as well as the amount of the donation.

The advice comes as part of the Attorney General's Holiday Consumer Protection Week.

Anyone who feels as though they have been scammed while giving to a charity 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.

We wish you a very
Happy Holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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It's not how much we give but how much love we put in giving
—Mother Teresa

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From our home to yours, we wish you a Christmas that is joyful and warm. Well wishes to you and yours.

TUCKER COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS
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Christmas is a time for family, food and fellowship. Remember the reason for the season!

The Happy Camper Boutique LLC
First Street in Parsons

"One of the greatest joys of this season is the opportunity to wish you and all those close to you a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with happiness and hope for a world at peace."

Savannah Hull Wilkins
Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney

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To all our loyal customers, friends & neighbors, we'd like to extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and healthy holiday. May it be heavy with blessings and joy. Many thanks for your loyal support and friendship.

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To our customers and friends we extend our best wishes for a joyous holiday season and prosperous new year.

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CHRISTMAS

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HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

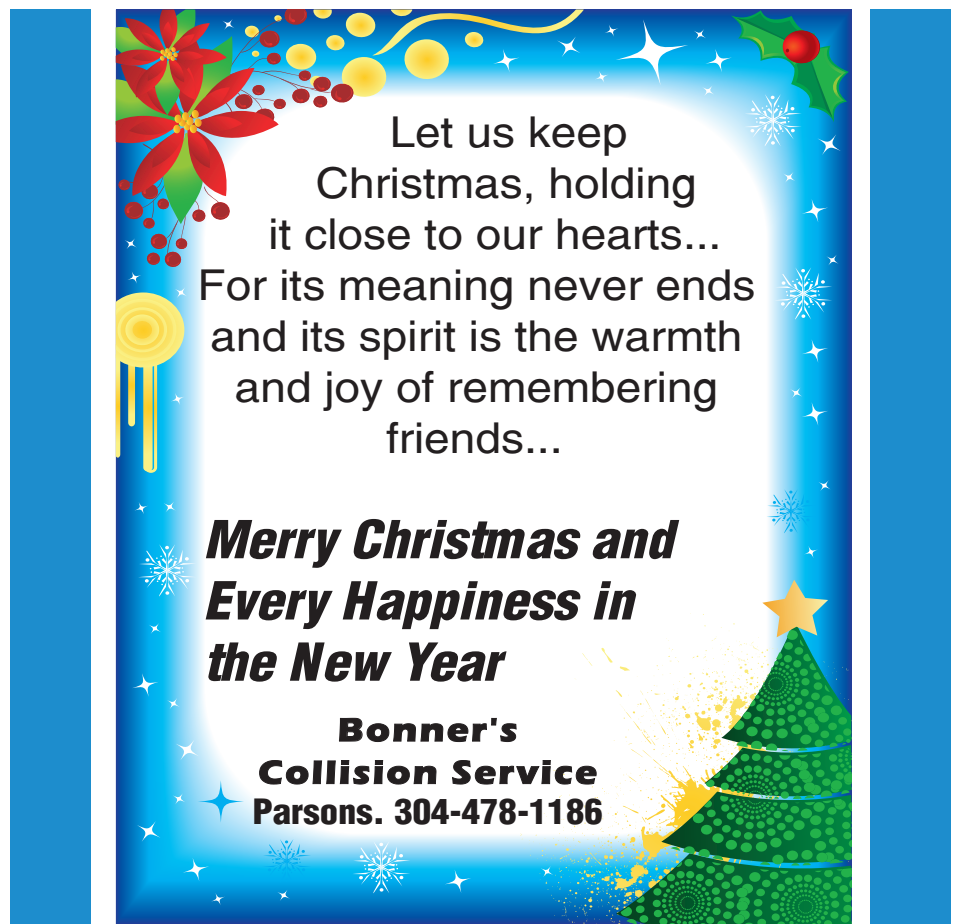


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Let us keep Christmas, holding it close to our hearts... For its meaning never ends and its spirit is the warmth and joy of remembering friends...

Merry Christmas and Every Happiness in the New Year

Bonner's Collision Service
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With You In Mind at Christmastime

During the holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. To our loyal customers and friends, we extend our sincerest best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year.

Directors, Officers & Employees

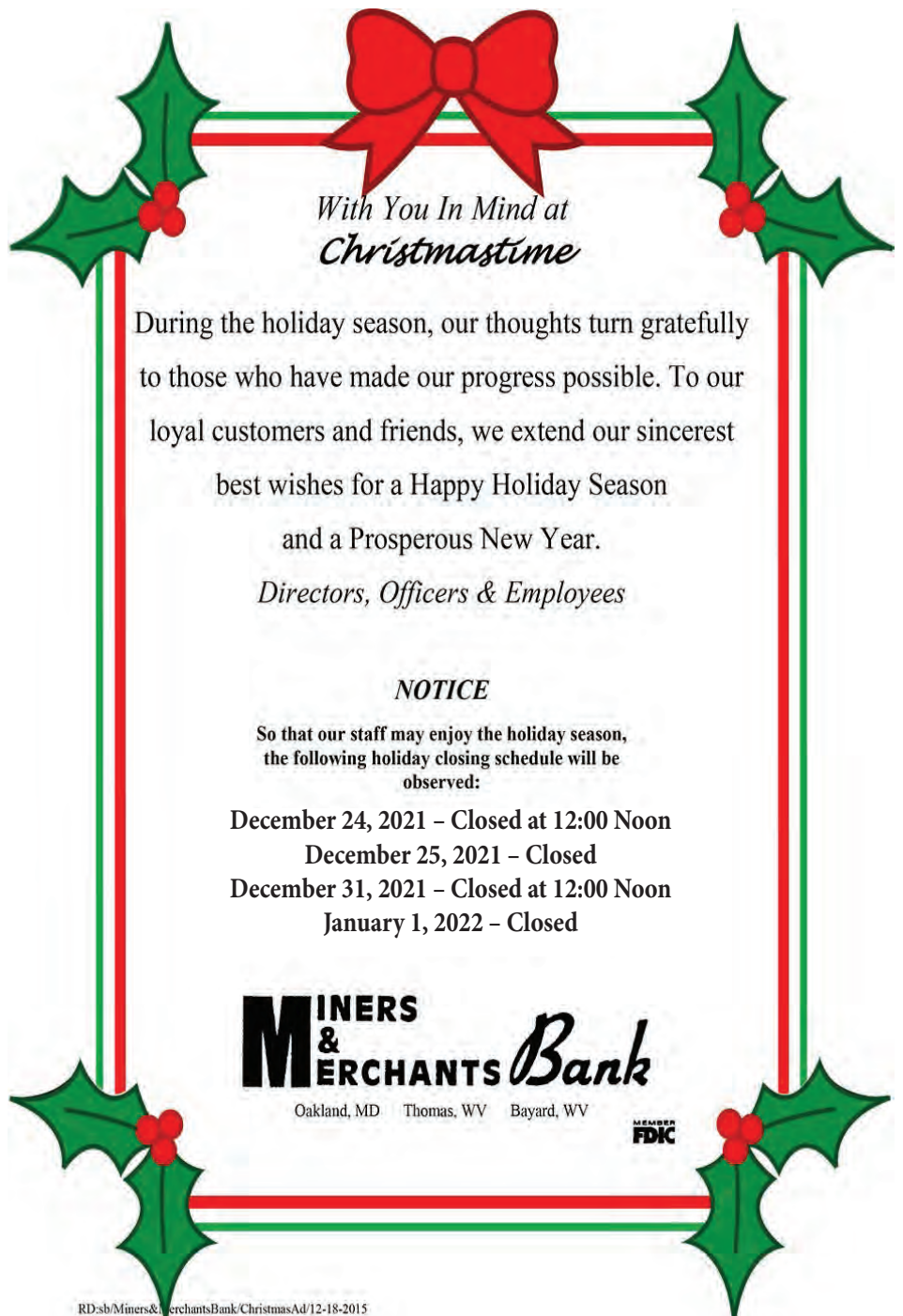
NOTICE

So that our staff may enjoy the holiday season, the following holiday closing schedule will be observed:

December 24, 2021 - Closed at 12:00 Noon
December 25, 2021 - Closed
December 31, 2021 - Closed at 12:00 Noon
January 1, 2022 - Closed

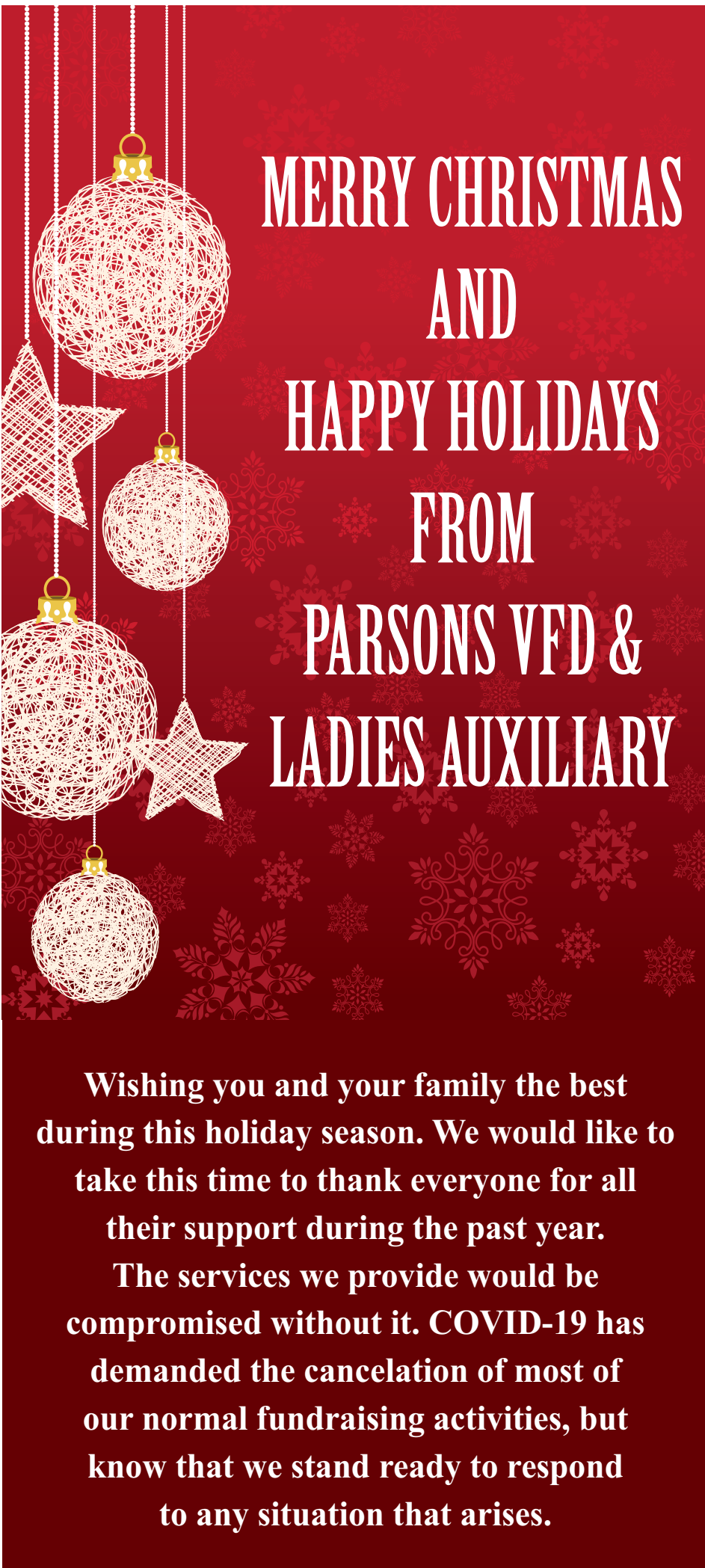
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Wishing you and your family the best during this holiday season. We would like to take this time to thank everyone for all their support during the past year. The services we provide would be compromised without it. COVID-19 has demanded the cancelation of most of our normal fundraising activities, but know that we stand ready to respond to any situation that arises.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Wishing You Every Happiness This Christmas

Deck the halls and trim the tree, wrap the gifts and share the glee. The holidays are in full swing and on our list is one last thing: A note of thanks and our warm wishes too for peace, joy and friendship to last the year through!

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