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FFA's Clucking Day

By Tessa Jolly and Ariona Plumley

Tucker County High School's FFA program slaughtered their first batch of Cornish Broiler chickens. In total, they had 64 chickens, but only 54 made it to the slaughter. Ten died by natural causes.

Chickens were kept at the Old Radio 911 Building from the time they were one day old until they reached eight weeks. At eight weeks old, the chickens were butch-



(Left to right) Nick Lawrence, Marky Phillips, and Own Knotts

ered by the members of TCHS's FFA program.

During the chickens' lifespan, they were fed premium chicken pellets under the care of FFA adviser Paul Pennington and his students. Kiley Hebb, a TCHS sophomore, devoted her weekends to caring for

the chickens, and Mr. Pennington spent his Thanksgiving break making sure the chickens were well-fed and maintained.

At the beginning of the chickens' slaughtering process, the chickens had to first wait 24 hours before they could even

See FFA page 4A



Cooking the chicken

Change to Parsons City Hall Business Hours

Parsons, West Virginia – As of February 1, 2022 the regular business hours will be changing at the Parsons Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, located at 341 Second Street in Parsons, West Virginia.

The Parsons City Council approved the change of business hours during their meeting the evening of October 19, 2021. This action was prompted after an evaluation of business transactions during the 4 – 5 p.m. hour, and the availability of an online payment system coming in early 2022.

City Hall will continue to take in-person payments during the new hours, and as always, a drop box to the left of the front door to City Hall is also available.

The new hours are from 8 a.m. TO 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, closed Saturday and Sunday.

Charles Reed Would Have Turned 100 Years Old

Submitted by Cary Reed

My father Charley Reed, came to Blackwater Falls for a week in the Summer of 1963 with our family and bought a 55-acre farm on Back Hollow Road that Red Cooper told us about. It came with a 12 X 12 cabin and we converted the sheep barn into a hunting cabin during weekend trips. After three years in 1966, the state of West Virginia acquired the land, which is now part of Canaan Valley State Park. "When we sold



Charles Reed



Coopers Resturant Circa 1964



Charles Reed 12 X 12 Cabin

the place, the family said 'We still want to be in the valley.' This time Charley Reed bought land from Red Cooper, a 5-acre site along W.Va. 32 with a swampy stream and no access road. At the time, my dad was running a successful restaurant refrigeration equipment business in the Washington, D.C. area. He built my family a vacation chalet in 1967 and we visited often. This is the same chalet that is now the Canaan Realty office. The swampy stream was on National Forest so we got a permit and built Mirror Lake in 1970. Charley and a great crew of local men worked in the swamp ten hours a day, seven days a

week for four months with chain saws, axes, shovels, and dozers constructing the five-acre lake. Upon completion of the lake, Charley and Betsy made the decision not to return to the city and left their Northern Virginia home and business to work and live full-time in Tucker County, one of the poorest counties in the country. Remember at that time there was no Canaan Valley State Park, no Canaan Valley Store, no Timberline, no CATV, and no skiing in the Valley. My dad got a real estate salesman license with a firm in Elkins and worked. While serving an apprenticeship as a real estate broker, Charley

worked as a construction engineer at VEPCO's Mount Storm Power Plant until he got his real estate broker's license. Canaan Realty started in 1970 as the first real estate agency in Tucker County. Charley and Betsy Reed built two houses on Mirror Lake, and started building, selling and renting vacation homes in the Canaan Valley-Timberline when development was in its infancy. My mom would check people in all night long. Canaan Realty was the original Broker for Timberline and sold the first lots in the new sections of the development. Charley Reed build the first

See REED page 2A

Missing Person



OJ Hovatter
64 year old Male

Last seen on Sunday Oct. 3rd
at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Vehicle found at Fernrow
Experimental Forest, Parsons, WV

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with any information

Canaan Valley Resort Ski Area Opens

Davis, W.Va. – Canaan Valley Resort's Ski Area opens for the season on Christmas Eve. The resort's Tube Park is slated to open next week, conditions permitting.

Canaan Valley Resort's ski area, the site of the first commercial ski development in West Virginia and any state south of the Mason-Dixon line, is celebrating its 50th anniversary during the 2021-2022 ski season.

Situated in the highest mountain valley east of the Rockies, Canaan Valley Resort invested significantly in the property's ski operations in the offseason, which will greatly improve the guest experience.

The resort tube park has been expanded to more than twice its previous size and offers some of the longest tubing lanes in the Mid-Atlantic. With more than 17 lanes and the addition of a newly constructed second magic carpet lift, guests will spend less time in lines and more time zipping down the mountain.

With a newly remodeled and significantly enlarged ski and snowboard rental facility and with the addition of advance, online ski, boot, and snowboard ordering, the resort has streamlined and enhanced the rentals process, saving guests time in line. Guests can pre-order their rent-



als online at ski.canaanresort.com.

A new RFID (Radio Frequency ID) lift ticket and lift gate system has been added to speed a guests' trip to the mountain and reduce time in lift lines. Replacing the paper lift tickets, guests will be able to purchase passes online and receive a plastic RFID card that allows them to reload lift tickets or season passes via their mobile phone or computer. Passes can be purchased online at ski.canaanresort.com.

Canaan Valley Resort boasts 47 trails featuring a mix of beginner,

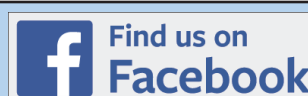
intermediate and advanced terrain. The mountain offers a vertical drop of 850 feet accessed by three lifts (one quad and two triples) and a magic carpet at the beginner's area.

Special overnight lodging packages are available. Guests who stay at Canaan Valley Resort three or more consecutive nights can save twenty percent off the standard rate (black-out dates may apply).

For more information, contact the resort at 1-800-622-4121 or visit the website at www.CanaanResort.com.



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The Sheriff's Soap Box

This section of the Newspaper is brought to you by Sheriff "Jake" Kopec as to raise awareness of the West Virginia State Law and to educate the public in laws that are set forth by legislation. This month I would like to discuss duty to give information and render aid along the highway if you are involved in a motor vehicle accident or strike a highway fixture. As the roads become snow covered and slippery you may find yourself involved in a car crash and in doing so here is what the law says you are required to do.

§17C-4-3. Duty to give information and render aid.

(a) (1) The driver of any vehicle involved in a crash resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to any vehicle which is driven or attended by any person

shall, if physically able to do so, provide to the person struck or the driver or occupant of or person attending any vehicle collided with, the following:

(A) His or her name, a valid telephone number where he or she may be contacted and the year, make, model and last four digits of the vehicle identification number of the vehicle he or she is driving; and

(B) Proof of security and financial responsibility required by section three, article two-a, and section two, article four, chapter seventeen-d of this code, and if provided by insurance, the information provided upon the certificate of insurance, including the name of the insured, the name and contact information of the insurer and insurance policy number.

(2) A driver may meet the

requirements of this subsection by providing the information required herein to a law-enforcement officer who is investigating or providing assistance at the scene of the collision, who shall, if practical under the circumstances, provide the information to any person entitled thereto pursuant to this subsection.

(b) The driver of any vehicle involved in a crash resulting in injury to or death of any person, if physically able to do so, shall render to any person injured in such crash reasonable assistance, including the carrying, or the making arrangements for the carrying, of such person to a physician, surgeon or hospital for medical or surgical treatment if it is apparent that such treatment is necessary or if such carrying is requested by the injured person.

News of Record

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

- Carolyn F. O'Brien and Elizabeth Regina O'Brien-Oden, Dry Fork, lot 44 Cabin Mountain 5.48 acres to Jeffrey H. Goode, \$200,000.
- David Yaussy and Rebecca McPhail, Dry Fork, Unit 1244 Building 2 Beech Lodge of Beaver Ridge Resort to Jacquelyn Irwin Custer, \$91,000.
- Bailey & Slotnick PLLC, Thomas, Lot 657 Brown Street 120 x 120 to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, \$0.
- Beehive LLC, Dry Fork, Lot 35 Windwood to Valley One Enterprises LLC, \$49,500.
- Harry Sommerville and Candice B. Sommerville, Clover, 248.20 acres and 19.98 acres to Messenger Limited Partnership LLLP, \$470,000.
- Rebecca L. Miller, Black Fork, Tract 1 and 2 Porterwood to Raymond J. Foster, Joseph Raymond Foster and Christina Rae Wilfong, \$72,500.
- Darrell Plum, Licking, .0687 acre to Tim DeBerry, \$26,000.
- Linda Stanley, Thomas, Lots K and L to Joshua Pecek, William Pecek and Emily Stanley, \$0.
- Cynthia Louise Humphrey, Black Fork, 4.41 acres to West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways, \$30,300.

Reed

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Charles Reed with Fly Rod



Mirror Lake Large Postcard Picture



Building Mirror Lake 1970



Red Cooper Before WV Legislature



Branch Office at Sirriannis



David Downs with Model of Ski Area

spec house there in 1974. Charley managed to build several ponds in the valley and was instrumental in developments such as Black Bear Woods and Black Bear Resort, Flat Ridge and Jennings Farm working with David Downs. Canaan Realty once had branch offices in Sirianni's building in Davis, Canaan Valley Stores, Gormainia, Parsons and Arlington, VA. My late wife and I purchased the business from my father and mother in 1985, 3 days before the statewide flood. The Parsons office didn't reopen after that,

and today Canaan Realty operates at the same Mirror Lake location, selling land, homes and handling rentals. Charley Reed was on the Tucker County Planning Commission, Alpine Festival Association, Chamber of Commerce, Blackwater Civic Association, Potomac Highlands Travel Council and ran for Tucker County Commission as a Republican in 1973. Charley Reed died at 83 in Edgewater, Florida in 2003. His wife Betsy lived to 99 and passed away in 2017 in Culpeper, VA with her daughter Gail, Cary's sister.



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WV Senior Legal Aid News

It all happened quickly. Jenny (not her real name) was hospitalized after suffering from large bites from bedbugs, dehydration and disorientation.

The hospital's social worker, a mandated reporter of abuse and neglect, had to follow up on why she was in that condition.

Adult Protective Services in the Department of Health and Human Resources completed an investigation of her mental state and living conditions at home.

They determined that Jenny lacked the capacity to take care of her daily hygiene, medications, food intake and related health matters. Another person was needed to help her by assuming that oversight responsibility.

Her husband's health was also poor, and their nephew James had been helping them.

Through a court hearing, it was approved that James would be appointed as her legal guardian. He would have authority to make or assist with making all medical decisions for Jenny and handle the conditions she was living in.

Her financial matters would still be handled by her husband at that point. No legal conservator was needed.

In West Virginia, the legal roles of a guardian for health/daily living issues and a conservator for financial matters have been part of our system for a long time.

Whether for a minor child or an adult who is found to be incompetent, those serving as conservator and guardian hold a specific legal duty, called a fiduciary duty, to act in the protected person's best interest.

In addition to the DHHR handling such legal steps, any adult may petition the court to serve as conservator or guardian for another by providing a factual basis for that request.

To facilitate appropriate handling of these roles, the West Virginia Supreme

Court of Appeals provides online training for conservators and guardians.

Recent news stories about Britney Spears' legal efforts to terminate her father's conservatorship have focused on her own competence and the lack of need for someone else to act on her behalf.

Having a conservator or guardian appointed should be viewed as a last resort. There are often less restrictive options available.

Those options are often less costly, such as signing powers of attorney while the person is competent or a voluntary "watchdog" person or group that agrees to help the protected person in different ways.

Unfortunately, it's also been found that a person with lower levels of capacity is a prime target for scammers or outright theft. The thief feels they can get away with it because no one is "minding the store."

To protect their Social Security income, an individual can designate in advance who they want to be their representative payee for handling their benefits at a future time if needed. Anyone currently receiving Social Security benefits can do this through their My Social Security Account online.

The legal process for approving the appointment of a guardian or conservator for a protected person in West Virginia requires a court hearing. The person can dispute the allegations of incompetency in person or through an attorney. Also, testimony from a physician or psychologist can be involved.

These legal protections vary considerably from state to state.

No judge wants to impose restrictions that are not needed, but protections for a person unable to handle their own affairs are crucial for their well-being.

State residents age 60 or over can talk to an attorney at West Virginia Senior Legal Aid for free about planning for their futures, avoiding guardianships, protecting their autonomy, and other legal issues. Call 800-229-5068.

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 longer trip, probably in September or 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. We try to keep the prices as low as possible but with no local busses available, it adds to the cost just to get them here.

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.

The Parsons January Outpost will be on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. The entertainment will be our own Goldenaires choir. Please bring your favorite covered dish and join in the fun, food, and fellowship.

Weather permitting; we will be having a paper product/laundry Bingo at noon on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. This special Bingo is being sponsored by Aetna Insurance.

PUNS

Freedom of the press means no-iron clothes.
For many women, high heels are arch enemies.
The college student was so dog-tired, he took a cat-nap.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

OBITUARIES

Maci Layne Lawrence

Maci Layne Lawrence, age 3 years, a resident of Parsons, WV departed this life Saturday afternoon, December 18, 2021, at the WVU Medicine Children's Hospital at Morgantown, WV.



She was born Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at Clarksburg, WV, a daughter of Matthew Calvin and Amanda Brittany Cassidy Lawrence, who survives at Parsons, WV.

Also surviving are one sister, Alyssa Mae Lawrence of Parsons; paternal grandparents, Rick and Terri Lawrence of Lanesville and maternal grandparents, John and Sandy Cassidy of St. George; aunts and uncles, Amanda and husband Nick Hanson of Oak Hill, WV, Ashley and husband Kevin Wright of Lake Monticello, VA, Ashley Ware of Parsons, Matthew Cassidy and companion Kendra Reynolds of St. George; cousins, Allie Cassidy, Harlow Hanson, Ethan Scott, Isaac and Ava Mullenax and James and Jackson Wright; her best friend, Shelby Shrader; and the Burnside Family

Maci was fun, loving and full of energy. She loved being outside, spending time with her dad, planting flowers, always checking on the fruit trees and eating the ripe raspberries, riding the 4-wheeler and just being with her family. She loved her dogs, Sully and Lucy, playing with her dinosaurs, and going to the Hovatter Zoo, where she enjoyed feeding her favorite animal, the giraffe. She knew all of the heavy equipment by their names. She was always riding her toy horse, playing "cowboys". Maci liked to watch Blippi, CoCo Mellon, Tom & Jerry and her favorite movie was Bambi.

Arrangements are private. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Maci Layne Lawrence. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

Gary and Mary Moden create fund with Tucker Community Foundation

The new Gary and Mary Moden Fund will be used to provide Annual funding to the Blackwater Ministerial Association and the Mountaintop Public Library. The funding for the Blackwater Ministerial Association will be for food pantry needs. The funding for the Mountaintop Public Library will be for building maintenance expenses. The two organizations will each receive 50% of the annual distribution.

With the gracious support of Gary and Mary Moden, the Gary and Mary Moden Fund was created. Gary and Mary are both originally from Minnesota. Gary received his BA and MA from Minnesota State University. He received his PhD from the University of Missouri. Mary received her BA degree from Lea College and BS degree from the University of Missouri and her graduate studies at Ohio University. Gary spent his professional career working 47 years in

higher education at 4 different institutions. Most of his time at the University of Missouri (6 years) and Ohio University (37 years). Mary taught in public schools for over 30 years in Missouri and Ohio. She had children from 1st grade to 8th grade and taught reading, English and social studies. She also supervised student teachers for the Ohio University College of Education.

Gary and Mary Moden have 2 sons and 6 grandchildren. They have owned property in Canaan Valley since 1987. They originally owned in Deerfield Village and in 1998 they purchased a home in Timberline. They moved to that house in 2007 as full time West Virginia residents. The Modens are involved in several activities locally. They are members of the Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Elkins, where Gary currently serves as an Elder. Both Gary and Mary are active with the Friends of the Moun-

taintop Public Library. Gary serves as the Treasurer of that organization. Mary has served as the president of the Canaan Valley Women's Association and is a member of the Canaan Valley Fire Department Auxiliary.

To donate to the Gary and Mary Moden Fund, make checks payable to TCF – Gary and Mary Moden Fund and mail to the Tucker Community Foundation, P.O. Box 491, Parsons, WV 26287. Online donations can be made at www.tuckerfoundation.net.

The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 140 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to nonprofits and charitable causes throughout the eight-county service area. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Foundation is to create opportunities for the communities we serve. For more information on how to set-up an endowed fund or to learn about the foundation, call 304-478-2930.

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Allen Ford Nestor's family so very much appreciates all the kind acts of sympathy shown to us during his illness and passing. The cards, calls, kind words, special memories shared and prayers have been so comforting.

Thank you to Nick Barb and Anita Barb of Lohr & Barb Funeral Home for your kindness and tender loving care to our family, we will be forever grateful.

Our heartfelt thanks from Ford Nestor's Family

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(Left to right) Kylee Neff, Hannah Cussins, and Kelsynn Whitehair quartering chickens



Mrs. Snyder, TCHS Cook, adding gravy to the chicken meal



Emily Snyder processing the chicken

be touched. This ensured that the digestion system was cleansed before processing.

The next step was to put the chickens in a cone and decapitate them. Then the chickens were placed in a scalding machine. The chicken scalding machine, a machine that is filled with water and has a spinning mechanism, was heated to the temperature of 150 degrees before the chickens were added. The scalding machine heated the chickens to a point that their feathers began to fall out easier which made for faster production.

After the chickens were removed from the scalding machine, they were placed into a plucker that used "plastic fingers" to slowly pluck the feathers from the chickens' flesh.

After the chickens were featherless, they were then frozen for an hour before quartering, cutting up the chicken into breasts, thighs, wings, and legs.

The following day after the chickens were quartered, the TCHS cooks and Mr. Pennington began preparing the school's lunch of BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad bar, and biscuits.

As for equipment and regulations, Mr. Pennington was able to provide the FFA students with proper equipment such as the plucker and the scalding machine from Charleston, WV for the butchering process. FFA members were able to raise the chickens legally without a license because of the WV FFA Department of AG 1,000 Exemption. The AG 1000 Exemption permits up to 1,000 chickens to be raised without having a license.

The FFA students expressed that participating in the raising and processing of the Cornish Broiler chickens was a fun learning experience. FFA members already are planning on getting a new batch of chickens for this coming spring.



Darrah Pennington completing her chicken meal with salad and fruit bar.



Neveah Nichols getting ready to sample her chicken dinner

TURNER'S TIDBITS



The Stars basketball team coached by Larry McCune. Players as identified: Number 9-Joni Cassidy, Number 5-Alisha McCune, Number 8-Stephanie Tennant, Girl with the basketball is Dee Stevens, Number 4-Cierra Smith, Number 10-Debbie Sikarski, Number 3-Carrie Carr. Ideas, comments, suggestions, photos to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.



Cooking the chicken under FFA advisor Paul Pennington's supervision

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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. 29, 1861: Confederate soldiers burned most of downtown Sutton. The town slowly rebuilt but remained small until the local timber industry boomed in the 1890 to 1920 period.



Dec. 29, 1970: John Denver and two friends completed the song "Take Me Home, Country Roads." Denver performed "Country Roads" in West Virginia on several occasions, notably for the opening of the new Mountaineer Stadium in Morgantown in 1980.

Dec. 30, 1917: The temperature in Lewisburg dropped to 37 degrees below zero. It is the coldest official temperature on record for the state.



Dec. 31, 2007: Sara Jane Moore was released from prison after serving 32 years for trying to kill President Ford. Moore grew up in Charleston and later moved to California, where she joined left-wing groups and became an FBI informant. She spent part of her incarceration at the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson.



Jan. 1, 1790: Claudius Crozet was born in France. As state engineer of Virginia, he was involved in numerous turnpike projects

and made a significant contribution to the road network in western Virginia.



Jan. 1, 1859: Michael Joseph Owens was born in Point Pleasant. A skilled glassblower by age 15, Owens went on to mechanize the making of industrial glass products and launched a factory in Charleston that became the world's largest producer of window glass.

Jan. 1, 1888: Jim Vance, uncle to "Devil Anse" Hatfield, led an arson attack on the McCoy family cabin. Two of Randall McCoy's children were killed, and his wife was beaten.



Jan. 1, 1936: Don Nehlen was born in Canton, Ohio. Nehlen, who had a record of 149-93-4 at WVU, was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2005.

Jan. 2, 2006: An explosion at the Sago Mine in Upshur County killed 12 men. Federal investigators pointed to a lightning strike as the most likely ignition source for the blast.

DEADLINE 8AM MONDAY



Jan. 3, 1856: Musician Lewis Johnson "Uncle Jack" McElwain was born. He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime. He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever being beaten.

Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School, a state institution that was established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

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.

Weather Totals

Dec. 14 - Dec. 21

Nursery Bottom Parsons

TEMPERATURE	
Max	69° F
Min	16° F

PRECIPITATION	
Week	0.56"
December	1.03"
2021	45.94"

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Another year closes on us and we are thankful to still be above ground. The pandemic continues to spread and we are losing more people every day. When it will all end, I don't know. Life has become so complicated, what happened to the good ole days? I miss the simple ways of life and not having to worry about contracting a virus that could kill you.

I lived through two kinds of measles, mumps, chicken-pox. Lord when we were kids if one of us got chicken-pox we invited every kid to come over and have a party. Everyone had it at the same time and then it was over. Now if you even get a sniffle you are quarantined for two weeks. *Momma Said*, "Don't sneeze in public you might get locked up in a black site."

When I would see pictures of China on the TV everyone was wearing a mask because of the pollution and I thought to myself, how can all those people wear those things all the time. Well guess what, I know what it feels

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

like now. It is a pain in the rear but I guess I am not ready to take my life into my own hands by not wearing one.

We will see the ball drop and another year will loom in front of us. What does it hold in store is anyone's guess. I don't see the situation getting much better any time soon. The economy is in the toilet, we have this virus waiting to wipe us out and it just seems to get worse. I hope to keep writing this little article as long as I can and share some on Mom's wisdom with all of you. *Momma Said*, "Hope everyone stays safe and has a great New Year."

Mashed Potato Puffs

Ingredients

- 3 cups of mashed potato
- 2 eggs
- one cup of shredded cheese of your choice
- 1/4 cup freshly chopped bacon or ham
- 2 tablespoons of chives/green onions
- 2 Tablespoons Parmesan Cheese
- Salt and Ground Pepper

Directions

1. Mix mashed potatoes and 2 eggs

with a spatula until creamy.

2. add additional ingredients and mix well.
3. After completely combined, spray muffin tin with nonstick spray.
4. Scoop up the mixture with ice cream scoop or spoon and fill each well.
5. Take the back of a spoon and smooth out.
6. Pop in 400F/200C for 25-35 minutes. After 25 minutes check on them. Once golden brown, let them cool and remove from pan carefully.

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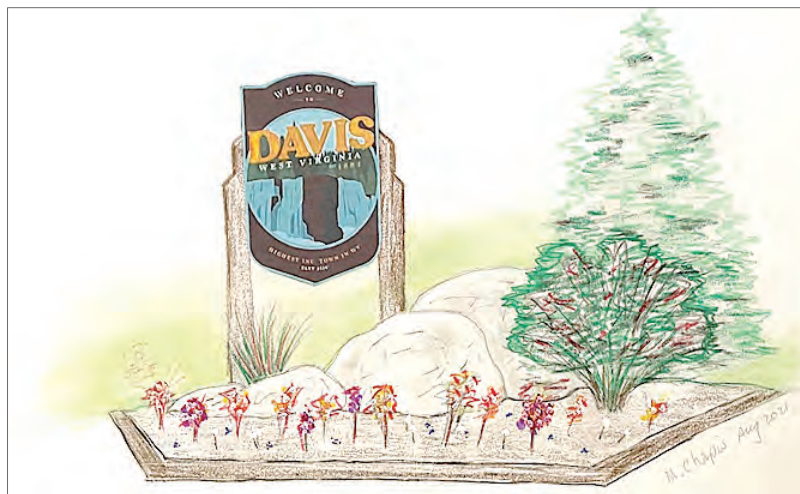
Placing the boulders



Almost ready for winter

Wondering what is happening around the Davis welcome sign? The Master Gardeners of Tucker County are landscaping to make our area even more attractive to locals and visitors. All is being done in compliance with the Town Council. From a sketch to getting the area ready for the winter, the Master Gardeners have been busy preparing the site. The spring will culminate with its final presentation.

The WVU Extension Master Gardener Program provides people interested in gardening with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and sharpen their skills by taking part in training programs that provide in-depth training in various aspects of horticulture. The program helps residents better understand horticultural and environmental issues



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through community engagement in gardening and beautification projects at schools, parks, public institutions, community organizations, and locations throughout the state.

The fall 2021 Master Gardener

class just completed. There will be a spring class. It is online with a few in-person classes. If interested, and for more information, see <https://extension.wvu.edu/lawn-gardening-pests/master-gardener-program>



Boulders delivered

Parsons Senior Center Ugly Sweater Contest



The Parsons Senior Center had an Ugly Sweater contest on National Ugly Sweater Day. There were six contestants: Virginia Popio, Rita Roberts, Nellie Workman, Shirley Cassidy, Priscilla Flanagan, and Ida Workman. The third place winner was Nellie Workman, the second place winner was Rita Roberts, and the first place went to Shirley Cassidy. Everyone had a good time with this activity.

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Mt. Lions get win over Petersburg at home

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team hosted Petersburg on Wednesday December 22nd. The Mt. Lions started quick and never looked back to capture a 68-45 win.

Tucker County came out strong as they outscored the visiting Vikings 17-9 in the first quarter to take a commanding lead after one. The Mt. Lions controlled the second quarter as well as the home team exploded for 23 points in the second and held Petersburg to 11 points to make the halftime score 40-20 Tucker County.

The third quarter was won by the Mt. Lions as they outpaced the Vikings 17-12 to push the Tucker County lead to 57-32 after three quarters. Petersburg would edge the Mt. Lions in the fourth quarter 13-11, but that was not enough as Tucker County got the win by the final score of 68-45.

Haden Wamsley led Tucker County with 26 points as Wamsley connected on 7 three pointers in the game. Levi Bennett added 10 points for the Mt. Lions, while Ashton Lycliter and Maddox Anderson chipped in 8 points each for Tucker County in the win. Lycliter led Tucker County with 7 rebounds. The Mt. Lions JV team won in the first contest 46-34.

Tucker County (3-1) will return to action on tonight Wednesday December 29th at Elkins High School against Meadow Bridge at 6:30 pm. The Mt. Lions will then play Tygarts Valley on Thursday December 30th at Elkins High School with tipoff scheduled for 7:45 pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Photo by Brittany Channell
Tucker County's Levi Bennett looks to dribble past the Petersburg defense on Dec. 22nd. The Mt. Lions defeated Petersburg 68-45.

Tucker County Girls' pick up road win at Lincoln 55-51

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

SHINNSTON – The Lady Mt. Lions traveled to Lincoln on Tuesday December 21st for a game at Lincoln. Tucker County pulled away late in a close game to capture the 55-51 road victory.

The Lady Mt. Lions took an early lead to start the game, but the homestanding Lady Cougars responded to end the first quarter to make the score 12-12 after one quarter. Tucker County then gained another lead in the second quarter, but the Lady Mt. Lions foul trouble gave Lincoln an advantage in the quarter 10-8 to make the halftime score 22-20 Lincoln.

Tucker County outscored the Lady Cougars in the third quarter 16-15 to make the score after three 37-36 Lincoln. The fourth quarter was back and forth throughout, but the visiting Lady Mt. Lions surged ahead late to outpace Lincoln in the period 19-14 to give Tucker County the 55-51 victory.

Jayden Kuhn led Tucker County with 20 points and Kadie Colebank added 17 points, 18 rebounds, 4 blocks. Brylee Wetzel added 11 points for the Lady Mt. Lions in the win. The Tucker County JV team also got the win 40-11.

Tucker County(6-1) will return to action on Tuesday January 4th at home against Tygarts Valley. The Lady Mt. Lions will then host Pendleton County on Thursday January 6th. The JV contest for both games will start at 5:45pm with the Varsity games to follow. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Photo by Becky Moore
Tucker County's Kadie Colebank takes that ball up against a defender in a recent game. The Lady Mt. Lions defeated Lincoln 55-51 on Dec. 21st. Photo by Becky Moore.

Davis-Thomas Girls' Basketball get win at Pendleton County

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

FRANKLIN – The Girls' Lady Bears Basketball team traveled to Pendleton County on Wednesday December 15th. The Davis-Thomas Girls' picked up the win by the score of 25-16. Isabella Kitzmiller led the Lady Bears in scoring with 9 points. Mayah Gross and Isabella Bennett added 8 points each for Davis-Thomas in the victory.

Davis-Thomas will return to action on Tuesday January 4th when they host Petersburg at 5pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball defeat Pendleton County

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

FRANKLIN – The Wildcats Varsity Boys' Basketball teams traveled to Pendleton County on Monday December 20th. In the JV game the Wildcats JV fell by the score of 39-30. Ty Ricottilli led the Tucker Valley JV with 10 points and Nate Davis added 8 points in the Wildcats JV loss.

The Wildcats Varsity team got the win over Pendleton County in the second game of the night by the score of 46-38. Nate Ricottilli led Tucker Valley with 12 points and Xander Lambert added 11 points in the Wildcats road win.

Tucker Valley will return to action on Monday January 3rd at home against Petersburg at 6pm. The Wildcats will then travel to East Hardy on Tuesday January 4th at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Lady Wildcats get win over Pendleton at Home

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball team hosted Pendleton County on Monday December 20th. In the JV game the Tucker Valley JV fell by the score of 32-8. Madelynn Helmick, Lela Wright, Lilly Crouch and Savannah Murphy scored 2 points each for the Tucker Valley JV in the loss. In the Varsity game Tucker Valley got the victory by the score 27-17. Makenna Evans led Tucker Valley with 21 points and Maddy Helmick added 4 points for Tucker Valley in the win.

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 29th

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

Thursday December 30th

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

Monday January 3rd

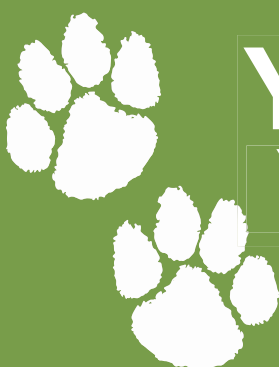
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball vs Petersburg @ Home 6pm

Tuesday January 4th

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 5:45pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball @ East Hardy 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' vs Petersburg @ Home 5pm

Wednesday January 5th

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Gilmer County @ Home 5:45pm
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Start Seeds Outdoors with Winter Sowing

By Melinda Myers

Save money and indoor space used for starting seeds indoors with winter sowing. This easy technique allows you to start transplants from seeds outdoors without a greenhouse or cold frame.

Growing your own transplants from seeds can save you money and is often the only option for new, unique, and other hard to find plants. Not everyone has the time, equipment, and dedication to watering that's needed to start plants indoors.

All you need are flower and vegetable seeds, milk jugs or two-liter soda bottles, duct tape and a quality potting mix. Check the seed packet for information on planting details and timing. Winter sowing dates vary with the growing climate, individual gardener, and seed variety you are planting.

Try starting hardy perennials and self-seeding annuals sometime winter through early spring. Other flowers and vegetables seeds are typically winter sown about the same time you would plant them indoors or a month or two before the transplants get moved into the garden. Keep a record of your planting dates and results to help you fine tune your planting schedule and increase future success.

Drill four to 12 small holes in the bottom of the jug for drainage. One winter sower fills the container with water and pops it into the freezer or outside in below freezing temperatures. Once frozen solid, he drills the holes into the container. The ice prevents the plastic container from collapsing during the process.

Next, partially cut the jug to create a hinged lid. Make your cut about three to four inches above the bottom, leaving the area by the handle attached so it forms a hinge. The bottom of the milk jug handle is usually a good guide.

Fill the bottom with moist potting mix. Plant seeds according to the package directions. Gently water until the excess runs out the bottom of the container.

Fellow gardener, Patricia, uses rolled newspaper or the cardboard tubes from toilet paper to help space and eventually



Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

Winter sowing allows gardeners to start transplants from seeds outdoors by repurposing milk jugs or two-liter soda bottles.

transplant her winter sown seedlings. She makes newspaper pots by wrapping 22 1/2" x 5" strips of newspaper around a 2 1/2" diameter x 4" tall jar. She folds the end to create the bottom for a 3 1/2" tall pot. Secured with staples, she sets the pots or toilet paper rolls in the milk jug, fills with potting mix, tops them off with about half an inch of seed starting mix and then plants her seeds.

Label the inside and outside of the jug with a permanent marker. Close the lid and seal it shut with duct tape. Remove the cap before setting your milk jugs in a sunny location outdoors where rain and snow

can reach it. Keep them handy to prevent waterlogged soil during extremely wet weather.

Water your outdoor seed starting chambers during snow-free and dry weather. This will be much less often than those seedlings growing indoors under artificial lights.

Your plants will be ready to move into the garden at the normal planting time. Just open the lids, harden off the plants and move them into the garden.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gar-

dening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her web site is www.melindamyers.com.

Morrissey Joins 24-State Lawsuit to Block President Biden's Head Start Mandates

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey has joined a multi-state lawsuit against the Biden administration's overreaching COVID-19 mandates, this time taking aim at the President's unlawful requirements of masks on toddlers and COVID vaccine shots for staff and volunteers in Head Start programs.

"This is yet another unlawful attempt by the Biden administration to impose vaccine mandates upon workers and volunteers, which will hurt already-struggling staffs in underserved communities and likely impede child development," Attorney General Morrissey said. "This effort goes even further by requiring universal masking for everyone over the age of two who is associated with the program. This mandate will ultimately hurt, not help the working families, single parents, and grandparents raising grandchildren who desperately depend on programs such as Head Start."

Head Start provides much-needed assistance to underserved children, including early childhood education and resources for families. Forcing teachers, contractors, and volunteers in Head Start programs to be vaccinated by January 31 will cost jobs and programming.

The states allege that the Head Start mandate is not only beyond the executive branch's authority and arbitrary and capricious, but it also violates various federal laws passed by Congress.

This lawsuit marks Attorney General Morrissey's continued push-back against overreaching federal COVID mandates.

In November, his office joined a lawsuit regarding the Occupational Safety and Health Administration vaccine mandate; a request for a stay of that mandate is currently before the U.S. Supreme Court. He has also joined suits challenging federally imposed vaccine mandates on health-care workers and federal contractors. The latter two suits both resulted in preliminary injunctions granted by federal courts.

West Virginia joined the Louisiana-led lawsuit with attorneys general from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming.

Read a copy of the

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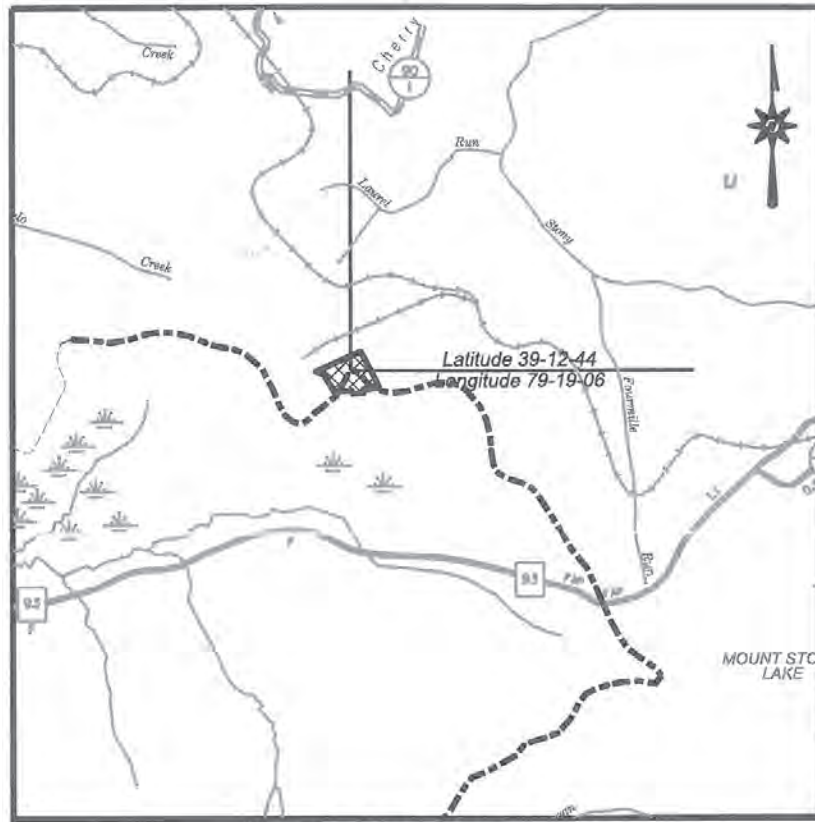
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Vindex Energy LLC completed revegetation on 3/21/2019 for Increment 1 and is requesting release of 25% of the reclamation performance bond currently in the amount of \$10,000.00 and Vindex Energy LLC completed backfilling and regrading on 4/29/2014 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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DHHR Launches New Electronic Death Registration System

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Health Statistics Center is launching a new Electronic Death Registration System that will allow deaths to be recorded and filed electronically.

WV DAVE, or Database Application for Vital Events, will be phased in on January 1, 2022. To ease transition of death reporting to an electronic registration system, the Health Statistics Center will offer a 60-day grace period for medical providers with full transition on March 1, 2022.

During this period, the Health Statistics Center will support both the new electronic death registration system as well as the paper process currently in place. Providers can begin using the system January 1 with the Health Statistics Center providing online training and technical support.

The current process for registering a West Virginia death certificate involves information to be completed on paper and filed through U.S. Mail between funeral homes, medical certifi-

fiers, or medical examiners, and the Health Statistics Center for registering records.

The electronic process reduces the time it takes to complete a record and transfer it to the next part of the process; however, this does not mean that deaths will be registered immediately. Under W. Va. State Code, a death certificate must be medically certified by a physician, but may not occur immediately by the physician.

"The electronic system will create efficiency, greatly reduce errors, and shorten the time it takes to register deaths in West Virginia," said Dr. Ayne Amjad, State Health Officer and Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Public Health. "The new electronic process will also improve timeliness and eliminate redundancies in COVID-19 death reporting, which will enhance the state's ability to monitor mortality trends. We would like to thank the funeral homes, medical certifiers, and medical examiners who participated in the pilot testing of the WV DAVE system in November."

Gas Prices Drop in West Virginia; Crude Prices Up and Down

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is five cents lower at \$3.181 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

\$3.037
\$3.096
\$3.120
\$3.214

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Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

Gasoline demand surged last week as pre-holiday consumer confidence increased, but the national average for a gallon of gas still dipped three cents to \$3.30.

At the close of Friday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate decreased by \$1.52 to settle at \$70.86. Crude prices declined last week due to growing market concerns that the omicron variant of COVID-19 will lead to a decrease in demand as governments around the globe increase measures to curb transmission rates. Additionally, crude prices declined despite EIA's new data reveal-

ing that total domestic crude stocks decreased by 4.6 million barrels to 428.3 million barrels. The current stock level is 14.4 percent lower than mid-December 2020.

According to recent data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 700,000 barrels to 218.6 million barrels last week. Meanwhile, gasoline demand increased from 8.96 million barrels per day to 9.47 million barrels per day. Typically, growing demand and tight supply would support rising pump prices; however, fluctuations in the price of crude oil have helped to put downward pressure on prices.

Today's national average of \$3.30 is 11 cents less than a month ago and \$1.09 more than a year ago.

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2nd publication 12/29/21	Parsons, WV 26287
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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
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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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CASE NO. 21-0858-WS-GI
TIMBERLINE FOUR SEASONS UTILITIES, INC.
General Investigation of financing agreement between Timberline Four Seasons, Inc. and Kapitus Servicing, Inc.

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

By Order issued December 17, 2021, the Public Service Commission of West Virginia i) initiated an investigation of a financing agreement between Timberline Four Seasons Utilities, Inc. (TFSU) and Kapitus Servicing, Inc. (Kapitus) to determine whether the agreement adversely affects the interests of the public in this state, and ii) scheduled an evidentiary hearing. The Commission also required the TFSU receiver, Canaan Valley Public Service District, to advise the Commission of any other financing arrangements involving the transfer or assignment of TFSU's assets that TFSU entered into without the prior consent and approval of the Commission.

The Commission adopted a procedural schedule for its investigation.

TFSU response	4:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2022
Deadline to intervene	Tuesday, January 11, 2022
Staff recommendation	4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2022
Last Day to Serve discovery requests	Friday, February 4, 2022
Agreed order of witnesses	4:00 p.m. Monday, February 14, 2022
Evidentiary hearing	9:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 23, 2022, Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room Commission Headquarters, 201 Brooks St. Charleston, West Virginia

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in this case should file a petition to intervene on or before the above intervention deadline, complying with the rules on or before the set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive oral public comments at the hearing in Charleston on February 23, 2022. Anyone desiring to file a written comment should do so as soon as possible although comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Written comment also may be filed electronically via the "Submit a Comment" link on the Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

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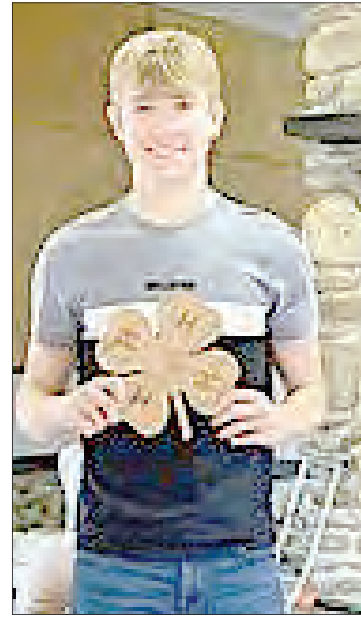
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Tucker County 4-H Annual Achievement Day Awards



Pictured left to right Marvin "Bud" Rosier, Logan Pennington, Marcy Evick, Owen Knotts, Vickie Carr.

Tucker County 4-H hosted its annual Achievement Day on Sunday, December 2. Youth and volunteers were recognized for their 2021 accomplishments, hard work and dedication.

Over 35 4-Her's, volunteers and their families were in attendance. 4-H Program Assistant, Cindy Harsh welcomed the guest and was assisted by Jessica Streets, Agent -ANR in handing out awards.

Club leaders honored each 4-H member with individual member awards for project completion, and recognition of 1st year 4-Hers and recognition of clover buds.

4-Merit is awarded to newer 4-H members that demonstrate exceptional participation and enthusiasm for the program. Those awarded were Alissa Hebb, Bailey Lewis, Alaina Owens, Payton Clower and Shelby Hicks.

Citizenships awards are given members that show 4-H Citizenship in their club and community. Recipients include Jacob DeVilder, Rory Day, Ava Wilfong and Haley Tuttle.

Leadership awards are given to members that demonstrate outstanding lead-

ership qualities. Recipients include Tabitha Adams, Owen Knotts, Laney Burns and Hannah Cussins.

I Dare You Leadership Award recognizes those who, with a little encouragement, are ready to see themselves as leaders - young adults who are ready to take the dare. This year both 2020 and 2021 youth were recognized. Recipients: 2020 were Kate Falls and Devin Witemore, 2021 were Camille Smith and Jacob DeVilder.

4-H Service is awarded to an adult volunteer that has contributed to the 4-H Program -A volunteer who donates their time to help wherever and whenever they can. Recipient Marcy Evick

FRIEND OF 4-H award is presented to an individual or business that has contributed materially or financially to the success of the 4-H Program. Recipient: Marvin "Bud" Parsons

Outstanding 4-H leader is given to a leader that has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Recipient: Vickie Carr

Outstanding 4-H member is presented to a member who best exemplifies the finest qualities of 4-H. Recipient: Owen Knotts



Pictured left to right with "I Dare You" are Katie Falls, Devin Witemore, Camille Smith, and Jacob DeVilder.

Don't Wait: Drug Education/Rehabilitation

We can make up thousands of excuses for why we can't do something in life. Addicts do the same thing when seeking the treatment they need. The excuse they use this time of year is "it's the holidays, and I want to spend time with my family," pulling on the heartstrings of their family and avoiding getting the help they need. The holidays should be a joyous, happy, and relaxing time.

Most people still get stressed out during the holidays. Knowing your loved ones' uses is hard enough;

worrying about them during the holidays is even more complicated. Addicts can be unpredictable. They make promises they can't keep. No one wants to worry about having a happy holiday and what their loved one is going to do. They say they'll come to spend time with you or their loved ones, then either don't show up or show up and cause a scene.

It's important you help your loved ones seek the treatment they need as soon as possible. The longer they wait, the worse it'll get. Many people

have wanted treatment and waited until after the holidays only to end up never seeing a treatment center or another holiday. Don't wait before it's too late.

If you have a loved one struggling with addiction, it is vitally important they get help before there is a tragedy. Contact us for assistance in getting treatment for your loved one.

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