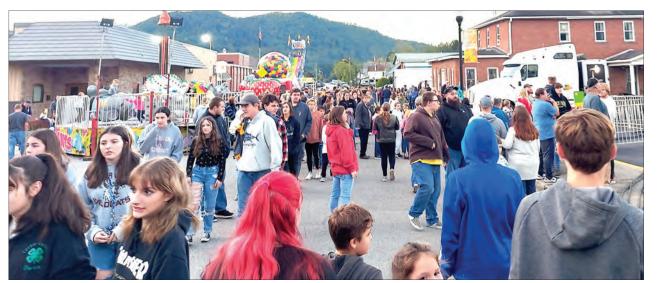
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Streets were crowded with people of all ages Thursday night for the PVFD Homecoming Fair and Street Carnival.

PVFD's Homecoming Fair and Street Carnival

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

The Parsons Volunteer Fire Department Homecoming Fair week started out on Tuesday with a family fun filled night at the Parsons Fire Department open house. Over 200 children and families enjoyed hotdogs supplied by Kingsford Manufacturing, bounce houses, fire safety house, face painting, cotton candy from the PVFD ladies auxiliary, popcorn by Tucker

County 4H, and of course everyone got to see all the fire trucks and sta-

Wednesday night the streets of downtown Parsons were full to the brim. Wrist band night brought many people young and old out to enjoy the carnival Midway rides provided by Gambill Amusements, Kiwanis famous corndogs, carnival street food

Thursday night was a repeat of fun with the addition of open mic night

karaoke contest with cash prizes sponsored by the City of Parsons. PVFD sponsored the tent bingo in the streets. There were raffles for guns and quilts as well.

Six contestants entered the karaoke competition that was hosted by Mistee Griffith and DJ'd by Danny Barkley. After round one of the contestants Brandi Kopec, Danny Barkley, Michael Fulton, and Noah "Mucker" Rhoades moved on to the

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Parsons Among 21 Communities to Receive Over \$9.2 Million to Remove Abandoned and **Dilapidated Structures**

MATOAKA, WV - Gov. Jim Justice and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) held an event today in Matoaka to announce 21 West Virginia communities will receive over \$9.2 million in grant funding to remove abandoned and dilapidated structures across West Virginia.

During the event, Gov. Justice led the ceremonial countdown to knock down a dilapidated house.

"West Virginia is becoming the diamond in the rough and people are noticing," Gov. Justice said. "Let's get rid of these buildings that are holding us back, join hands in moving our state in the right direction, and let's start right here in Matoaka."

The WVDEP's newly established Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program will administer the funding, which will be provided as reimbursement for demolition projects and qualified associated expenses.

"We're extremely excited about this program and feel it has the potential to transform communities across the state," Secretary of the WVDEP Harold Ward said. "Removing these structures provides a critically-needed health and safety component, while

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Parsons City Council Donates \$1,000 to Hinkle House Food Pantry

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

Parsons city council members unanimously voted to approve councilwoman Melissa Jones' motion to donate to the Hinkle House Food Pantry. Guests from Hinkle House, Dorothy Carr and Paul Mauzy, were present at the city council to explain what the food pantry does for the commu-

Carr said, "We started out in the basement of the First United Methodist Church. And then we purchased the Hinkle (formally Campbell) house what a blessing that was to get out of that dingy basement. We are presently serving 125 households a month. Which comes into 350 people we are serving. At Christmas time we do the baskets and last year we gave out 187 baskets which fed 488 people.

Our income comes from donations from different churches in town. Individual people sponsor and send us money, but prices have gone sky high, as you guys know. We get some food from down in Gassaway. We get it at

a discount, but they have limited what we can get. We are spending in Gassaway at least \$1,000 to \$1,500 a month. We have a credit account at Shop and Save and it is at least \$1,500 a month.

We give out at least \$75 worth of food to each person whenever they come to the food pantry. We never discriminate against people. We never ask what their income is, although the government tells us we are supposed to. We, as a group, decided that we do not know if someone has \$1,000 in medical bills or if all of sudden their family has moved in with them and they cannot take care of something, or they have gotten some kind of serious ness and cannot buy food.

I am very, very thankful that you guys are doing this for us. We have a lot of low-income families, and some come with just one in the family, but we have as many as three people who have 10 or 11 people living in their household. And when they come to get groceries, they can hardly get it into their car."

Among the items given out at

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Mayor Dorothy Judy presents the volunteer workers of the Hinkle House Food Pantry with a donation check for \$1,000

The Grant County Bank Celebrates 120 Years



The Grant County Bank President George Ford and Commercial Lender Lindsey Teets cook and pull the pork BBQ for Customer Appreciation Day.

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

During the annual customer appreciation day at the Grant County Bank in Davis and Canaan Valley, the bank also celebrated being in service for its customer for 120 years. The Grant County Bank was chartered as a West Virginia state bank on August 6, 1902

According to www.nahma. See CELEBRATES page 4A

TC Development Authority **Director's Updates**

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

Executive Director Steve Leyh updated the Tucker County Development Authority on the county's standings for the month of August during the September meeting. Among those reported by Leyh included the current unemployment rate, small business growth, and the meetings attended by

The unemployment rate in July for Tucker County was 3.9 percent which is up from the 3.4 percent in May. The median listing home price was \$275,000 in August with a downward trend of -11.3 percent year-over-year. The median house sold for \$300,000 in August. Leyh attended an affordable housing webinar on how to State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for affordable housing production and

org, "The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, a part of the American Rescue Plan, delivers \$350 billion to state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Recipient governments have a once in a generation opportunity to invest these SLFRF dollars to boost the supply of affordable housing. Under the program's final rule, "Development, repair, and operation of affordable housing and services or programs to increase long-term housing security" is an enumerated eligible use to respond to the negative economic impacts of the pandemic on households and communities."

Small business growth is continuing to accelerate for the year 2022. Tucker County has added 60 business entities in 2022 with a growth rate of 10.45 percent



Tucker County ment Authority Director Steve Leyh

for the year. Tucker County is ranked fourth in the state with a growth rate of 96.35 percent since November 2017. Leyh and the Development Authority plans to continue to support new businesses by counseling and assisting entrepreneurs and actively identifying ways to support their efforts and connect them to resources.

Leyh reported a group has been formed to revitalize the entrepreneurial pitch contest to develop a work plan for a new event next Spring. In

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News of Record

The following criminal complaint has been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

• Jeffrey Donald Hebb, Jr. of Thomas, was charged with one count of Wanton Endangerment. The criminal complaint states that on Monday, Sept. 26, Deputy B.M. Gidley along with Chief Deputy Sigley received a radio call from Tucker Communications in regards of an individual with a gun at 22 Perry Ave in Thomas. The officers responded to the address and Tucker Communications continued to provide updates to them. They advised the male was Jeff Hebb and had a gun allegedly threatening to go shoot people, the caller advised her husband was following him down the road. The caller then told Tucker Communications that she heard a shot fired in the house at 1677 Pierce Ben-Bush Rd. When deputies arrived on scene the caller spoke with them and advised they were in the house. Deputies approached the house and entered and a small caliber firearm was allegedly taken of Hebb. The firearm was secured and the suspect was detained.

Deputies noticed small caliber rounds that had been shot inside the house. They received statements from Perry Hebb the father and Louise Hebb the mother. The father advised and stated that Jeff shot three times inside the house while sitting on a chair located next to the front door of the house. The father was standing next to Jeff trying to get him to put the weapon down. This occurred during the call from the caller. There were six bullet holes in the wall next to the front door and one in the floor. The father stated that Jeff shot three times total, Two times in the wall which went through the wall in the direction of the roadway and one time into the floor. He was transported to the WVSP barracks in Parsons for processing.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Paul Magness, Dry Fork, Unit B-7 Blackwater Center Condo to William E. Kruse and Stephanie M. Kruse, \$111,500.
- Potomac Development Group LLC, Dry Fork, 2.20 acres to Triple P Realty LLC, \$525,000.
- · Maria Martion Thacker, Dry Fork, Right of Way Agreement thru Lot 7 to Canaan Heights Estates, \$0.
- Angela S. Burguess and Mona C. Corbin, Dry Fork, Unit F5 Week 50 to Angela S. Burgess and Mona C. Corbin, \$0.
- William Bradley Stevens, Parsons, Lot No. 14 and 15 Preston Miller Addition to William Bradley Stevens, \$0.
- · Susan Randolph, Glen Schoonover and Letha Kahl, Parsons, Lot 7 and 9 Sunset Dr. to David Teter, Sierra Pritt Teter and Daniel Hebb, \$189,000.
- · Robert J. Lynch and Denise L. Lynch, Dry Fork, Lot 9 Canaan Vista to The R & D Lynch Family Trust, \$0.
- · Robert Reckart Jr. and Gina Reckart, Black Fork, 66 acres Shavers Fork to Jared Brody and Latish Brody,
- Timmy A. Link and Valarie L. Link, Dry Fork, Lot 34, 2.26 acres to Nancy R. Bonnell and Brian W. Bonnell,

Senior News

The Senior Center is trying to get an AARP Driver Safety Class scheduled at the Parsons Center. They do not have an instructor in our area. If you are interested in being an instructor, you will need to complete an online training session for teaching the class and an in-person training, which may be given online if needed, to complete to process. Anyone interested should contact Terry Stone, tstone8278@suddenlink.net for information. Instructors receive a stipend for teaching the classes. If the instructor goes outside their service and the cost of expenses is higher than the stipend, the instructor will be reimbursed for mileage and a meal.

We have some volunteers from Mt. Grove that are going to get the folks from the Mt. Top Center area moving. Starting on Mondays these ladies will be there from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. to do mild exercises, tai chi, chair dancing, and maybe some yoga. Please plan to attend these sessions to improve your health and balance.

We are trying to entice more seniors to either visit the Mt. Top Center or Parsons Center. We are seeking suggestions of activities that you would attend at either Center. Some possibilities include: dance class, chair exercises, tai chi class, more crafts (be specific), more speakers, or other activities you would be willing to attend, please call Linda J Bonner at 304-478-2423 or write Tucker County Senior Citizens, 217 Senior Lane, Parsons, WV 26287.

Regular monthly activities include: Mt. Top: Free Lunch on the $1^{\rm St}$ and $3^{\rm rd}$ Thursday, Outpost (covered dish lunch) on the $3^{\rm rd}$ Wednesday, and a birthday celebration with cake provided by West Virginia Caring on the 2nd Tuesday.

Parsons: Free Lunch on the 1st Thursday and the 3rd Friday, Outpost on the 1st Tuesday, and birthday celebration is on the 3rd Thursday,

TRIPS

We have been discussing trips for next year. We have decided to offer the following long trips for consideration:

1. Amish Theater Land Cruise in Ohio. 3 days/ 2 nights all-inclusive vacation. 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 nights at Berlin Encore Hotel, the Amish Country Theater shows, game shows, contests, trivia, bingo, swimming, etc., most of the things included on a regular cruise except you are on land, not water. There are even "shore excursions" for an additional cost. The cost of this trip will be \$550 and the dates are September 26 -29, 2023.

2. Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard 7 days/6 nights includes a seafood dinner, ferry ride & tour of Martha's Vineyard, visit to Newport, RI, tour a historic mansion, and tour Hyannis. The price of this trip will be \$1,050. We don't have definite dates but it will probably be in October.

3. Savannah and Charleston 5 days/4 nights includes hotel, breakfasts 1 dinner cruise with entertainment, 1 dinner at the Charleston Crab House, guided tour of Historic Charleston, visit the historic market, guided tour of Savannah, performance at the Historic Savannah Theater, guided tram tour of Jekyll Island, tour of St. Simon Island, and visit to Famous River Street. We are considering this for our Christmas trip for next year. The cost will be \$760.

4. Nashville 6 days/5 nights includes live show at the Grand Ole Opry, dinner show at Evening at Nashville Nightlife, scenic boat ride through Opryland Atrium, tour of iconic landmarks including backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry, 3 dinners—2 with entertainment, breakfast. We are thinking of doing this trip in June. We don't have exact dates yet. The price of this trip will be \$760.

These are short summaries of the possible trips. All trips include motor coach transportation, baggage handling, and gratuities. You can begin voting for your top 2 favorites. Voting will close on October 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for helping us decide.

We have already reserved tickets for Sight & Sound Theatre for next July (around the 19^{th} or 20^{th}) to see "Moses." We do not have an itinerary nor do we have pricing at this time. We will let you know as soon as we decide.

The next trip to the Gandy Dancer Theatre is Saturday, October 22, 2022. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be 6:00 p.m., and the show at 7:00 p.m. You may begin signing up and/or making payments any time now. The final day to make reservations or payments will be October 11, 2022.

MEDICARE ASSISTANCE

The SHIP lady is due in the Parsons Senior Center on the first and third Thursday of schedule an appointment. Open Enrollment begins October $15^{\,\mathrm{th}}$. If you have not scheduled an appointment for a review, I advise you to do it now. The appointment slots fill up very quickly.

The menu at our Centers next week will be: Mon.: CLOSED. Tues.: Fish sticks, tater tots, peas, and mixed fruit. Wed.: Cooks Choice. Thurs.: Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, and mandarin oranges. Fri.: Cabbage soup, grilled cheese sandwich, tomato juice, and pears. All meals are served with your choice of coffee, iced tea, or milk. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.



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business, for-profit or non-profit, could submit an application as long as the proposal would positively impact Tucker County's economic climate.

According to the Tucker Community Foundation website at www. tuckerfoundation.net, "This project was developed by a group of partner agencies, consisting of representatives from the Tucker County Development Authority, Tucker County Chamber of Commerce, Woodlands Community Lenders, Tucker Community Foundation, and the WVU Extension Service who are working alongside the WVU Launch Lab. The WVU Launch Lab has held several similar pitch competitions across the state."

Leyh attended several meetings for the good of the development authority including the Highlands

Creative Economy Tourism Summit at Canaan Valley State Park. The event was hosted by the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area and Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College. The event featured presentations on tourism business development and entrepreneurship.

Leyh also attended the West Virginia Economic Development Council Conference in Wheeling, West Virginia. Leyh met with state and federal partners to discuss business retention

the past the pitch contest was for any and expansion training. The conferorg, "The West Virginia Legislature ence also included "ZoomProspector" training for commercial and industrial sites.

> "ZoomProspector" would allow the Development Authority to search an online database of available commercial and industrial properties based on a wide range of userdefined criteria. Research and analyze cities, counties and regions with robust demographic, labor force, consumer expenditure, wages, business, geographic, and talent data. This data would allow decisions to made for the best possible location of a new commercial or industrial site.

> The development authority is working on preparing documentation for the fiscal year 2023 Local Economic Development (LED) grant applications. According to wvcad.

> > **■** Excavators

appropriate funds for the Local Economic Development Grant (LED) to support county or multi-county economic development efforts through a matching grant program. The program is administered through the West Virginia Department of Economic Development (WVDED). The purpose is to enhance the capacity of local economic development to undertake economic development activities and to complete Certified Development community (CDC) program requirements." The maximum grant is \$22,727 and the deadline is December 31.

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The next Tucker County Development Authority meeting will be held on October 20, 2022, at 6 p.m. and located at the National Youth Science Foundation Center, 494 Riverstone Drive, Davis, WV 26260.

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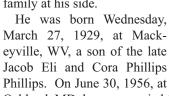
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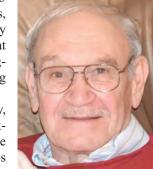
Charles Harrison Shaffer

Charles Harrison Shaffer, 93, died September 19, 2022 in Hastings, Michigan. He was born in July 1929 to Charles and Vernie Shaffer in Elk, W Va. Charles graduated Thomas High School, 1947. His wife, Dorothy sons Karl and Donald survive.

Truman Lee Phillips

Truman Lee Phillips, age 93 years, a resident of Parsons, WV departed this life Saturday morning, October 1, 2022, at Stonerise Kingwood at Kingwood, WV with his loving family at his side.





Oakland, MD, he was married to the former Vonda Wyona Bohon Phillips, who survives. They had celebrated sixtysix years of marriage.

Also surviving are three sons, David Lee Phillips and wife Kathy of Parsons, Danny Ray Phillips and wife Lois "Deanie" of Soddy Daisy, TN and Deral Jay Phillips and wife Kathy of Morgantown; seven grandchildren, Kelly Helmick and husband David, Kim Dilly and husband Duane and Eli and Emily Phillips, Shantae Carter and husband Dustin, Steven Woods and wife Stephanie and Ryan McDermott and wife Brooke; and thirteen great grandchildren, Macy and Maddy Helmick, and Evan and Ella Dilly, Nash, Ryder, Lauren, Morgan, Coby, Boston, Bailen, Presley and Aussie.

Preceding him in death are three brothers, Stanford Ulysses Phillips, Lloyd Eldon Phillips and Elmer Linzie

He was a graduate of Parsons High School. He was a Veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Korean Conflict, where he received a Purple Heart. He worked for the United States Forest Service, retiring after twenty-five plus years. Truman enjoyed doing presentations at schools and festivals being Smoky the Bear. He had worked construction and on drilling rigs. Following his retirement, he worked at Blackwater Lodge for two years. He was a volunteer driver for the Tucker County EMS and a past member of the Tucker County Board of Education. He attended the Parsons Church of God. His pastime hobbies included woodworking, being in the woods, hunting, mushrooming, and ginsenging. He always had large gardens and was always staying busy. He built his own home and was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He had a witty sense of humor.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Kevin Hostetler and The Rev. David Snyder will officiate and interment will follow at Mountain State Memorial Gardens at Gilman, WV, where the WV Army Honor Guard, the H.W. Daniels Post #29 American Legion, the Tygart Valley Post #3647 Veterans of Foreign War and the Tucker County Veterans Association will conduct full military honors. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Truman Lee Phillips. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com



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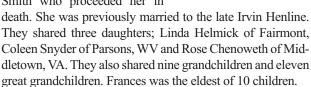


Frances Ann Smith

Frances Ann Smith, 77, a resident of Fairmont WV went home to be with the Lord, as she slept peacefully, on August 17, 2022 at the Guardian Healthcare Center in Fairmont.

She was born in Akron, OH on February 23, 1945 to the late Howard Edwin Casto and Doris Levern Bourdess Casto.

She was married to Paul C. Smith who proceeded her in



She was a cook for many years at the YMCA Camp Horseshoe in Leadmine, WV and at the Tucker County Hospital in Parsons, WV. While living in VA, she was a personal caregiver to the late Senator Harry F Byrd Jr. of Winchester, VA.

She loved her family and Jesus Christ her Lord and Savior. Her passion was planning and cooking delicious meals for those she loved.

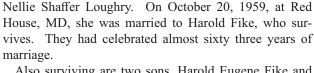
A memorial service will be held at the Police Reserve Building in Fairmont on October 22 at 2 p.m.

In the spring the family will also have a graveside memorial at Mt Zion church, in Tucker County, where she had spent most of her adult life.

Wanda Jean Loughry Fike

Wanda Jean Loughry Fike, age 81 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life late Thursday evening, September 29, 2022, at the Garrett Regional Medical Center at Oakland, Maryland. She had been in declining health for the last two months.

She was born Tuesday, June 3, 1941, at Parsons, WV, a daughter of the late Tom and



Also surviving are two sons, Harold Eugene Fike and wife Debra of Parsons, and Michael Allen Fike and wife Bonnie of Valley Head; one daughter, Teresa Ann Fike White of Parsons; one sister, Grace Stevens and husband Phillip of Parsons; eight grandchildren, Tyler and Justin Fike, Ericka Shipley and husband Mark, Derrick Fike and wife Natoshia, Katelyn Fike, John Beale and wife Harley, Steven Evans and wife Katie, Emily Emilov and husband Miro; ten great-grandchildren, Aiden Shipley, Grayson Shipley, Lilah Shipley, Avery Fike, Parker Fike, Noah Fike, Tegan Beale, Hunter Beale, Mila Emilov and Dorian

Preceding her in death are one son in law, Will White, one brother, Allen Loughry; and one infant sister, Annabelle Loughry.

She was a graduate of Parsons High School with the class of 1959. She worked for the former Tucker County Hospital, and she was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church of Parsons. She belonged to the prayer group, and she made many prayer shawls. She made wedding and birthday cakes, enjoyed crocheting and reading. Wanda loved and enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren tremendously.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Neil Parsons will officiate and interment will follow at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Wanda Jean Loughry Fike. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

Evelyn Ruth Buckley

Evelyn Ruth Buckley, 83, of Weirton, passed away peacefully with her family by her side at the Weirton Medical Center. Born April 2, 1939, in Quantico, VA, Evelyn was a daughter of the late Raymond and Mary Dugin Becker. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Franklin Buckley on July 25, 1988; three brothers, Kent, John,



and an infant brother Robert, and a sister, Karen Hornberger. After several years of faithful service, Evelyn retired from her job as a Dispatcher for the City of Weirton Police Department. She was a former parishioner, dedicated deacon, and a member of the Mat Class at the Paris Presbyterian Church in Paris, PA. She had a passion for helping others through the church, both old and young, whether it was visiting with and taking communion to shut-ins or offering a helping hand and guidance at vacation bible school. She was also a member of the Eastern Star, and an avid shopper, acquiring an impressive collection of shoes and jewelry throughout her lifetime.

Hummingbirds and gardening went hand in hand for Evelyn. She loved to watch the little birds enjoy the fruits of her labor as they buzzed around from flower to flower. Traveling also was important to Evelyn, especially if it was to see and cheer for her grandson, Casey, while he was in a bowling tournament. It can easily be said that Evelyn was his biggest and most dedicated fan, supporting him in all his endeavors. She was so very proud of him and loved him dearly.

Surviving Evelyn and left to cherish her memory are her son, Kevin Buckley (Stephanie) of The Villages, FL; daughter, Denise Krofcheck (Mark) of Weirton, WV; beloved grandson, Casey Krofcheck also of Weirton, nieces, and nephews, and a host of friends, all of whom will miss her.

Family and friends will be received on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Greco-Hertnick Funeral Home, 3219 Main Street, Weirton, WV 26062, where funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Susan Spencer-Smith officiating.

Interment in the Davis Cemetery, Tucker County, Davis, WV will take place Friday, October 7, 2022.

Memorial donations should be made to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org

Tributes for her family can be shared at www.grecohert-

Rev. Dana Patrick "Pat" Cassidy



sidy. On August 25, 1979, at the Pifer Mt. United Methodist Church, he was married to the former Linda Sevella Miller Davis, who survives.

Also surviving are two brothers: Larry Michael Cassidy and wife Barb of Location Road and Daniel Owen Cassidy and wife Pamela of Pifer Mt; two sisters, Connie Jean Myers and husband Boyd of Pifer Mt. and Cathy Dale Robinson and husband Bill, II of Hannahsville; mother-in-law, Dorothy Winkler of Belington; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Steven and Ruth Marks on NC; nieces and nephews, Stacy Haller, Teresa Wamsley, Steven Cassidy, Jason Pennington, Willie and Allen Robinson, Keith and Jacob Collette and Steven and Chuck Marks. Also surviving are many dear and special friends.

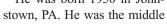
Preceding him in death are his grandparents, William and Virginia White; Thomas and Rainie Cassidy.

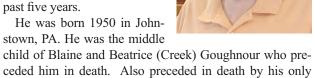
He was a graduate of Parsons High School with the class of 1970 and a proud Veteran of the United States Marine Corp. He worked for the former Frazee Lumber Co. in the woods. He worked at the Turkey Bone Coal Co., and Stanley Industries as equipment operator for several years. Pat was owner & operator of Fallen Timber Company from 1994 until 2012. Pat was a very much-loved minister. From 1985 until present, he pastored the Sycamore Grove Church and in 1986, he reopened the Mackeyville Community Church. Pat loved people, always helping and visiting and giving healing Salvation. He enjoyed making people happy and had an excellent sense of humor. He enjoyed deer hunting and sharing the deer meat. Pat will be missed by so many who loved him very much.

The family received friends at the Sycamore Grove Church at St. George on Friday from 2 until 8 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the church on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 11 a.m. Reverend Kevin Gainer and Lowell Moore officiated and interment followed at the Fairview II Cemetery at St. George, WV., where the H.W. Daniels Post #29 American Legion, the Tygart Valley Post #3647 Veterans of Foreign War and the Tucker County Veterans Association conducted full military honors. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Rev. Dana Patrick "Pat" Cassidy. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Joel Lee Goughnour

Joel Lee "Mr. G." Goughnour, age 72 years, left his earthly ties at peace with his wife Cindy, son Justin, and daughter-in-law, Antoinette by his side and under the care of WV Caring. Death is attributed to many complications he had been experiencing in the





He is survived by his wife Cindy of 43 years, son Justin and his wife Antoinette. Two brothers, Tim (Donna) Goughnour of Sinking Spring, PA and Sam (Amy) Goughnour of Davis, WV. Three nephews, Brett, Todd and Drew Goughnour and one niece Emily (Goughnour) Randall and several very close cousins from the Creek Family.

grandson Naden, who will be greeting him with open arms.

Joel graduated from Richland Senior High School in 1968 and upon completing his college education at California State University in 1972, he began his teaching career in Tucker County WV. He served as teacher, assistant principal, and principal, then finished his teaching career in kindergarten. During that time, he coached middle school basketball (boys and girls). He touched many lives during those 35+ years.

Upon retiring from teaching in 2006, he worked at State Farm and then at the Tucker County Court House as a grant administrator.

He was a Lutheran by faith and was recently attending Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with his wife Cindy.

Joel was a member of Pythagoras Lodge 128 AF & AM, where he served as secretary of the Masonic Lodge for many years. He was also a member of the Parsons Lions Club where he recently received the highest award in the state of WV (the Leonard Jarrett Award).

He served as the score/clock keeper at Tucker County High School basketball games for many years, and truly enjoyed attending all athletic events, including football, basketball, volleyball, track, and golf. He also worked 11 summers at Lutheran Church Camp Sequanota, in Jennerstown, PA.

Joel was loved by his family, friends and the community. His kindness and humor will be greatly missed by everyone.

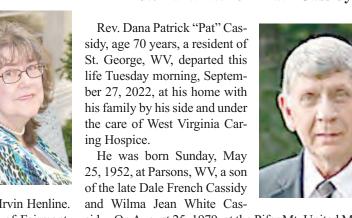
The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Monday, October 3, 2022, from 3 to 6 p.m. A Memorial service was celebrated on Monday evening at 6 p.m. The family suggest that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to Tucker County Animal Shelter or Parsons Lions Club. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Joel Lee "Mr. G." Goughnour. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

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One of the many highlights of the PVFD Homecoming Fair and Street Carnival are the famous Kiwanis corndogs. Many waited in a lengthy line to get one!

second round. The final three contestants were Kopec, Fulton and Barkley. Kopec placed first, Fulton placed second and Barkley placed third. Each contestant won a cash prize and were judged by Dave Stevens owner of The Music Center: A Plus Guitars music store in Parsons, Sandra Mason of the Tucker County Family Resource Network, and Diana Deluca from Pro On-Trac.

Friday night continued with midway rides, carnival foods, and entertainment was performed by Brandon Laxton & Tupelo Drive on the main stage and sponsored by the City of Parsons.

Saturday may have a been a washout with the parade and all fair events being canceled but one competition stuck it out through the rain. The Kingsford Pitmaster Com-

petition was held in the Stevens' Realty parking lot. Contestants competed in three different divisions. The three divisions were pork ribs, chicken, and a one bite challenge. All participants had to provide their own equipment, grill, and sauce. All meat and charcoal were provided courtesy of Kingsford Manufacturing Company.

Marcus Mullenax and Dillon Knots placed first for the ribs division. Greg Knots and Michael Eye placed first for the chicken division. Jack Plum and Colin Lantz won the one bite challenge and were crowned Grand Champi-

This year's fair was smaller than usual but with the COVID-19 pandemic closing things down for the past two years it is taking time to rebuild things back to what they were.



Kingsford Manufacturing Company sponsored the Pitmaster competition and provided all the meats and charcoal needed during the PVFD Homecoming Fair and Street Carnival.

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clearing the way for new economic development and boosting tourism."

In 2021, the West Virginia Legislature passed Senate Bill 368, which authorized the WVDEP to develop a statewide program to assist county commissions and municipalities remediate abandoned and dilapidated structures but did not provide immediate funding.

Over the following nine months, the WVDEP conducted extensive due diligence, including sending detailed questionnaires to all 55 counties and 168 incorporated towns and cities in the state.

From the 81 responses it received, the WVDEP learned that 35 communities already had existing programs to address this issue, all of which had a proven track record of demolishing structures and associated costs.

This data was incorporated into the WVDEP's development of a pilot program for 21 selected counties and towns. The maximum amount each candidate would be eligible for reimbursement was determined by the number of their targeted properties, average cost per structure, and previous experience. The combined budget for all grants was just over \$9.2 million.

Upon reviewing this data and selection process, Gov. Justice requested the Legislature to approve a transfer from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the pilot program. That request resulted in the passage of Senate Bill

722 earlier this year, which transferred \$10 million to the program.

"All the credit goes to Gov. Justice and members of the state legislature for creating the program and securing funding for the initial phase, and to our staff for getting it off the ground," added Ward. "If additional funding becomes available, we hope to be able to target more communities that may not have any mechanisms in place to deal with these structures."

Selected communities will have 12 months to spend up to their approved budgeted amount, with the possibility for a single sixmonth extension. No payments will be made until demolition work is completed and all required supportive documentation has been submitted.

The selected communities include: Town of Bluefield - \$1.5 million, City of Buckhannon -\$100,000, Town of Clendenin - \$150,000, City of Elkins - \$300,000, City of Hinton - \$170,500, Logan County - \$1.5 million, City of Mannington - \$175,000, McDowell County \$500,000, Mercer County -\$1.5 million, City of Montgomery - \$150,000, City of Nitro - \$350,000, City of Oak Hill - \$143,000, City of Parkersburg -\$650,000, Town of Parsons - \$110,000, City of Princeton - \$275,000, City of St. Albans - \$540,000, City of Salem - \$104,000, City of Smithers - \$224,000, City of Thomas - \$245,000, City of Wellsburg - \$290,000, and City of Weston -\$300,000.

Celebrates

and began operations on August 15 with its first office in Petersburg. Their mission of providing financial services and products to families, small businesses and the agricultural community has served both the customers and the bank well over the

Consequently, Grant County Bank has expanded its marketplace throughout the Potomac Highlands and now operates a total of seven offices in six counties. After more than a century of continued service, The Grant County Bank is truly "Committed to The Communities We Serve" and is a subsidiary of Highlands Bankshares, Inc., also headquartered in Petersburg.

The bank served pulled pork sandwiches, chips, and cookies to its customers during the celebration. The pork was purchased at the Tucker County Fair animal auction. Grant County Bank President, George Ford, said, "This is a customer appreciation day that we do every year. We buy an animal at the Tucker County Fair and Randolph County Fair. Usually, the ones we buy at the Randolph County Fair we donate to the rec center and keep one to cook for our customer appreciation day."

The Grant County Bank is more

than just a bank it is a supporter of local communities and the organizations that work to make the local area a better place to live. The Grant County Bank has contributed to organizations such \$5,115 to Potomac Highlands Relay for Life for the 17th Annual Relay event that was held on June 8, 2018, at Valley View Golf Club and \$5,000 to the Elkins Rotary Club to help them achieve their goal of building a new amphitheater



The Grant County Bank employee Macie Zirk serves pulled pork BBQ sandwiches to customers during Customer Appreciation Day.

in Elkins. The bank has also donated a \$10,000 contribution to the Grant County Historical Society to support their efforts to renovate the old Grant County Courthouse building in Petersburg.

According to The Grant County Bank Website at www.grantcountybank.com, "The Grant County Bank recently contributed \$10,000 to the new nursing program at Potomac State College. The \$10,000 donation will be used to purchase a patient care bed in the school's state-of-the-art skills lab and simulation facility. The skills lab will allow nursing students to practice patient care in a multitude of medical scenarios. "Generous donations like the one from Grant

County Bank will supplement our program funding to help ensure our Keyser Campus BSN students are learning in the most state-of-the-art, evidence-based simulation environment possible," said April Shapiro, PhD, RN and BSN chairperson for WVU School of Nursing Potomac State. "We are so grateful for their generous donation."

Our recent contributions that bear out the fact that "Committed to the Communities We Serve" is more than just our slogan, it is our practice."

Ford explained he had been in the banking business for over 25 years and when he started out there were over 16,000 banks to which now there are less than 4.300 in the entire

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Historic Landmark Meeting

The Tucker County Historic Landmark Commission will meet Oct. 10, 2022, Monday at the St. George Academy at 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Buckwheat Dinner

Buckwheat Dinner, all you can eat, with sausage, gravy, biscuits pancakes & buckwheat cakes, \$10 donation on Sat. Oct. 8 from 4- 7p.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church, Parsons. Sponsored by St. John's United Methodist Men. Carry out meals are: Meal A: (5) Buckwheat Cakes & (2) Cakes of Sausage & (1) 4 oz. Gravy & (1) Biscuit; Meal B: (4) Biscuits & (2) 4 oz. Gravy & (2) Cakes of Sausage; Meal C: (4) Pancakes & (2) Cakes of Sausage & (1) 4 oz. Gravy & (1) Biscuit. Call 304-478-22620 to place an order for pick up.

Drive Thru Flu Shot Clinics

Tucker County Health Department's Drive Thru Flu Shot Clinic will be Friday, October 7, at the Health Department Parking Lot from 10 a.m. to 1:0 p.m. band Tuesday,October 11 from 10 a.m. to noon at Davis Fire Hall Parking lot. If you had your Covid-19 shots, you still need your annual flu shot! Seasonal flu shots will be given to anyone 18 years of age and older. If you have Medicare or insurance, please bring your card. You will not be charged any co-pay. If you don't have insurance, you can still receive a flu shot at no cost. Please wear a mask and social distance

Nature Stroll

Join the Canaan Valley Master Naturalists for fall stroll through the Canaan Valley Resort park on Saturday October 8. Themes may include foliage colors, plants, weather, history, animal tracks and signs, or plants and animals and their ways of adapting to the changing weather conditions. Bring water, binoculars, and camera. Dress for the weather including waterproof boots/shoes. Meet in the lobby of the Canaan Valley Resort Lodge at 10 a.m. the stroll will not take more than two hours.

October 1 marked the start of fall fire season

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Fall fire season starts Saturday, October 1, and continues through December 31.

The West Virginia the Division of Forestry (WV DOF) reminds residents to confine their outdoor burning to the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. according to the West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

"As we start into our fall fire season, I ask that everyone please use a little common sense and follow our burning laws. Please refrain from burning on hot and windy evenings, even if you are permitted to do so, and wait for a wet evening to conduct your burning" said Assistant State Forester-Fire Jeremy Jones, WV DOF.

Debris burning is the single most common cause of wildfires in West Virginia, averaging more than 35% of all wildfires over the past 10 years.

As the crisp, dry fall season replaces the humid summer, the air offers less moisture for grasses and leaf litter to absorb. Dry leaves and forest floor debris become more flammable. Burning is banned during the day because even in fall, relative humidity typically increases in the evening.

A summary of forest fire laws and safe fire practices can be found on the state Division of Forestry website here.

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The fire safe law includes:

- No outdoor burning from 7 a.m. to 5
- Any fire set between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. must be extinguished before 7 a.m.
- Fires must be attended at all times.
- · Before leaving any fire for any length of time, the fire must be completely extinguished.
- Clear at least a 10-foot area (safety strip) around the fire and make sure all burnable material has been removed.
- · Any equipment that can throw sparks and operating on land subject to fire by any cause must be provided with an adequate spark arrestor.
- · If your fire escapes, you are liable for the costs of fighting the fire and any damage the fire may cause.
- · Violation of the burning law is punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.
- To burn during prohibited periods for commercial burning, a permit must be obtained from the Division of Forestry. Learn more about burning permits here.

The Division of Forestry protects nearly 12 million acres of forestland across West Virginia. More information on fire safety and programs such as forest legacy, logging and landowner assistance, visit the website at wvforestry.com.

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The Weather Tech Floor Liners in my truck sure paid off recently. I had Ripley out with me and it was early. She had eaten her breakfast like always and we started out. About half way through the trip I looked over and she had thrown up all her breakfast. Luckily it all went on the floor liner.

Just a quick toss into the weeds, a Clorox wipe and we are good to go. They are a very good investment, although they are a little pricey. They have saved my butt many times over from snow melt, mud and of course the above mentioned stuff. Momma Said, "Be prepared for the unexpected and you will be prepared for anything."

Prayers go out to everyone in the path of Hurricane Ian. We are just going from one natural disaster to another this year. Momma helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to m By Teri Cayton

I even heard that this hurricane may even make it all the way up to Canada. This just shows how the warming effect of the ocean is disrupting everything. If the ice caps keep melting we may have beach front property here in West Virginia. Momma Said, "I want to keep the mountains as mountains not have the tops of them looking like islands."

Caramel Apple Snicker Doodles

Ingredients COOKIES

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 packets apple cider drink mix, .74 oz. each
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, softened, 1 cup
- 1 ½ cups granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup caramel bits, like Kraft brand
- **TOPPING**
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp. cinnamon

Instructions

1. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, salt and apple cider drink mix. Set aside.

- 2. In a large mixing bowl, beat the butter and sugar with an electric mixer for 2 minutes. Beat in the eggs. Mix in the caramel bits with a spatula. Slowly add the flour mixture to the wet mixture, mixing until the flour is just combined.
- 3. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and place it in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
- 4. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 5. In a small bowl, mix together the cinnamon sugar topping.
- 6. Remove the dough from the fridge. Using a small cookie dough scoop, scoop dough and roll it into a ball. Roll the ball into the cinnamon sugar mixture. Place them on a baking sheet lined with a silicone baking mat. Bake for 9-11 minutes or until the tops become a little crackly. Allow the cookies to cool for 5-10 minutes before moving them to a cooling rack or eating them!



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.

Oct. 5, 1992: Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton was designated as a National Historic Landmark, one of only 16 in the state. The first Mother's Day observance took place at the church on May 10, 1908.

Oct. 6. 1864: Labor activist Sarah "Mother" Blizzard was born in Edmond, Fayette County. Blizzard was deeply involved in the United Mine Workers of America from the organization's early beginnings in the late 19th century.

Oct. 7, 1747: Pioneer Ebenezer Zane, the founder of Wheeling, was born on the South Branch of the Potomac River near present Moorefield in Hardy County.

Oct. 7, 1900: Poet Roy Lee Harmon was born in Boone County. He was the founder of the West Virginia Poetry Society and served as the state's poet laureate for 38 years.

Oct. 8, 1993: The Rev. Bernard Coffindaffer died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Starting in 1984, Coffindaffer began erecting clusters of crosses in West Virginia and other states. He was buried in Nicholas County, just across the highway from a set of his crosses.

Oct. 9, 1877: The Episcopal Church created the Diocese of West Virginia. The initial convention of the new diocese met at St. John's Episcopal in Charleston, with 14 clergy and 16 lay delegates.

Oct. 9, 2014: Following court rulings and announcements by the governor and the attorney general, same-sex marriage was effectively legalized in West Virginia.

Oct. 10, 1774: Shawnee warriors led by Cornstalk were defeated at the Battle of Point Pleasant. It was the only major engagement of Dunmore's War and the most important battle ever fought in present West Virginia.

Oct. 10, 1878: Blanche Lazzell was born in Maidsville, Monongalia County She was one of West Virginia's most notable artists and is recognized as one of America's leading abstract painters and print makers.

Oct. 10, 1948: During a boat-racing event in Charleston, Chuck Yeager flew a Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star up the river and under the South Side Bridge, surprising boaters, audience and news media at the event.

Oct. 11, 1811: State founder and U.S. Senator Waitman Thomas Willey was born near Farmington. Willey proposed the West Virginia Statehood Bill in the Senate and saw to its passage and later signing by President Lincoln. He was then elected as one of West Virginia's first two U.S. senators and served from 1863

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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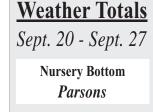
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October Yard of the Month



Rainy days are necessary to see the fall flowers bloom. This was certainly true when members of the Mountaineer Garden Club selected YOM for October 2022.

Residential YOM selection is long-

time resident Jeanette Bishoff's home on Railroad Avenue.. The twin dogwoods with fall berries galore, mums and the last of summer's roses make this a very welcoming scene.

Hinkle House

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Hinkle House volunteer Dorothy Carr explained to Parsons City Administrator Agnes Arnold the process of packing all the food items up and getting them ready for distribution to people.

the Hinkle House include fresh bread, eggs, milk, sugar, coffee, flour and on occasion fresh vegetables from places like World Vision. They offer at least two meats with every box as well as needed personal hygiene items like toilet paper and tooth brushes.

Some individuals come from Randolph or Preston counties to participate in the program at the Hinkle House, but those individuals are informed they cannot get food from another food source if they do. Carr

said, "It is because we give out so much food, but we cannot have anyone go hungry. So, thank you guys. Thank you very much."

Mauzy added by saying, "It is amazing the amount of food that goes out that door. Not only does it go out the door, but people have to come in on a day ahead of the time and get it all ready. Deanna Canfield has been good about planning meals. We used to just package food and put it out the door, but we do not do that anymore.

They try to plan meals. There is no use to go home with a bag of potatoes and spaghetti but no sauce. So now she (Canfield) puts together a list of things so that people will go in a day or two before and try to pull out the things to make a meal. Like if you get soup, you get crackers. We did not use to do this because we did not have the help, but now we do.

There should not be anybody in Tucker County going hungry. We have people in town that cannot get up the hill to get the



Hinkle House Food Pantry volunteers Dorothy Carr and Paul Mauzy spoke on the difference the food pantry makes to many families in TC to the Parsons City Council members.

food so if I know somebody like that, I have tried to put stuff together and take it down to them. We do not have the man power to start a delivery service. If you know someone that is hungry in Tucker County there is no reason, they cannot have food to eat."

Donations are also accepted from individuals wishing to give like Dennis Filler who donated a full-size refrigerator, or canned goods, clothing, and hygiene items. The Hinkle House is the only food pantry around that has a walk-in deep freezer to store food. The freezer was purchased as part of a grant provided by the Tucker Community Foundation.

The council members all praised and thanked Carr, Mauzy, and everyone at the Hinkle House food pantry for what they do for the residents of Tucker County.

The Hinkle House is open every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. or the last person is helped. The pantry is located at 101 1 st Street, across from the First United Methodist Church.

TURNER'S TIDBITS

This is a photo of Cynthia Graham Judy (1833-1911), she was the daughter of Isaac and Barbara Kile Graham. Cynthia was married to Zebulon Judy (1823-1913). They had the following children: Mary Ellen (Samuel) Harman, Isaac (Hannah Lough) Harman, Adam Fletcher (Sarah Elizabeth Bonner) Judy, Jacob Judy, George Enoch (Mary Alice Mallow) Judy, Phoebe Jane Judy, Florence (Edward) Allen, Charles Daniel (Laura Belle Imes) Judy, Rocena Della (Wayne) Kisamore. Ideas, comments, suggestions, items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.







Business YOM for October is the Pocket Park on Front Street. Corn stalks, mums and straw bales with pumpkins makes it a welcoming stop for a chat with a friend.

The Mountaineer Garden Club is accepting new members. Next meeting is on Tuesday October 4th at 6 PM.

Bids now being accepted for quilt



A Carpenter Star Quilt that the quilters and sewers at the Parsons Senior Center recently made could be yours. The Parsons Senior Center is taking bids on it until October 20. 2022. Call the Parsons Center at 304-478-2423 and leave your, name, phone number, and, bid. The quilters and sewers include: Deloris Kelley, Jean Myers, Arlene Ramsey, Beth Long, Shirley Carr, and Sylvia Rosenau. Every stitch in this 80 x 94 quilt has been done by hand. If you would like to join our group, just call the Center

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Tucker County pulls away for win at Pendleton 32-7



Tucker County's Jared Reall carries the ball at Pendleton County on Sept. 30th. The Mt. Lions won the contest 32-7. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick

TuckerCountySports.Com

FRANKLIN – The #5 ranked Mt. Lions Football team traveled to Pendleton County on Friday September 30th. Tucker County scored 26 unanswered points against the Wildcats after the first quarter to take the road victory by the final score of 32-7.

Tucker County got on the scoreboard first as they capped off the drive on an Ethan Rosneau 5 yard touchdown run. The 2 point conversion failed to give Tucker County an early 6-0 lead. Pendleton County would answer with a 10 yard touchdown pass and the PAT kick was good to give the Wildcats the 7-6 lead after one quarter of play.

The second quarter would yield only one score as the visiting Mt. Lions would strike paydirt with a 23 yard touchdown pass

from Rosenau to Maddox Anderson. The 2 point conversion failed to push Tucker County into the lead 12-7 at the end of the second quarter.

The rain would win the third quarter as both teams struggled to sustain drives with failed plays due to penalties and wet conditions. The third quarter ended with the score the same 12-7 Tucker County.

The Mt. Lions would get their offense rolling in

the fourth quarter as Jared Reall started the scoring in the fourth on a 2 yard touchdown run. The PAT was good on a Rosenau pass to Ashton Lycliter to push the Tucker County lead to 20-7. The Mt. Lions would score again with a 14 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Will McCallister. The PAT failed to give Tucker County a 26-7 lead midway through the fourth quarter. The final score of the game came from the Mt. Lions as Jared Reall broke free and raced 46 yards for a touchdown. The 2 point conversion failed to make the score 32-7 Tucker County. The game would end with the same score as the Mt. Lions picked up the road win by the final score of 32-7.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County in passing on 19 of 25 for 194 yards. Jared Reall led the Mt. Lions in rushing with 12 carries for 90 yards and Trenton Wilfong added 8 receptions for 102 yards receiving. Blaike Adams had 5 receptions for 32 yards receiving and Mad-

dox Anderson added 2 catches for 30 yards receiving. Jared Reall led Tucker County on defense with 7 tackles and Blaike Adams added 4 tackles for the Mt. Lions on defense. Tucker County outgained Berkeley Springs in total yards 297 to 159.

Tucker County(5-0) will return to action on Friday October 7th at home against Moorefield. The Homecoming game kickoff is set for 7pm and the game will be broadcast Live on the Tucker County Football Field YouTube channel. The Annual Homecoming parade is set for Thursday October 6th at 6pm in downtown Parsons. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE

Wednesday October 5th

- Tucker County Volleyball @ Moorefield 6pm
- Tucker Valley Football @ Philippi 6:30pm

Thursday October 6th

Tucker County Volleyball vs Moorefield @ Home 6pm
 Friday October 7th

• Tucker County Football vs Moorefield @ Home 7pm

Saturday October 8thTucker County Cross Country @ Home(Camp Kidd) 9am

Sunday October 9th

• Tucker County Youth Football @ Masontown 1pm

Monday October 10th

• Tucker Valley Volleyball @ West Preston 5:30pm

Tuesday October 11th

- Tucker County Cross Country PVC Championship @ TBA 4pm
- Tucker County Volleyball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 6pm
 Davis-Thomas Volleyball vs Tucker Valley @ TCHS 5pm
- Tucker Valley Volleyball vs Davis-Thomas @ TCHS 5pm

Lady Mt. Lions Volleyball get two wins at tri match

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

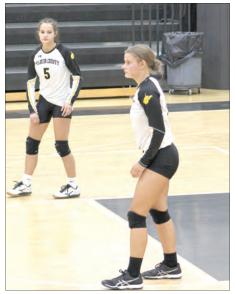
MILL CREEK – The Tucker County Volleyball team traveled to Tygarts Valley on Tuesday September 27th to compete in a Tri-match with Tygarts Valley and Trinity.

In the first match the Lady Mt. Lions faced Trinity in the best of 3 set match. Tucker County would win Set 1 25-22. The Lady Mt. Lions would take Set 2 25-17 to get the match win over Trinity 2-0.

In the last match of the night Tucker County would take on host Tygarts Valley. The Lady Mt. Lions won Set 1 by the score of 25-9. Tucker County then dominated Set 2 with a score of 25-4 to capture the match win over the Lady Bulldogs 2-0.

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Moorefield on Thursday September 29th for a JV and varsity match. In the JV match the Lady Yellowjackets got past the Tucker County JV in straight sets 25-14 and 25-20.

In Set 1 of the Varsity match Tucker County fell behind early on 8-2. Moorefield then extended their lead halfway through the set to 14-4. The Lady Mt. Lions could not make a comeback as they fell in the Set 1 by the score of 25-12. Tucker County struggled in Set 2 as Moorefield turned a 4-4 tie into a 17-6 lead. The Lady Mt. Lions would fall in Set 2 by the count of 25-10. In Set 3 Tucker County started strong as they built an 8-5 lead early. The



Sisters Moira Callaway(5) and Lilly Callaway(8) of Tucker County wait on the Moorefield serve on Sept 29th. The Lady Mt. Lions fell in the match 3-0. Photo by Dave Helmick.

Lady Yellowjackets battled back to tie the score at 10-10. Then Moorefield held Tucker County scoreless the rest of the set to take Set 2 by the score of 25-10 to claim the Match win 3-0.

Tucker County(5-5) will travel to Moorefield tonight Wednesday October 5th at 6pm and then the Lady Mt. Lions will host Tygarts Valley on Tuesday October 11th at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Mt. Lions Cross Country Teams run at Lincoln meet



Tucker County's Allan Boyles(left) and Lynk Suesli(right) push toward the finish line at Shinnston on Sept. 29th. Photo by Addie Hicks.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

SHINNSTON – The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams traveled to Shinnston near Lincoln High School to compete in the Junior Nuzum Memorial Run on Thursday September 29th.

In the Girls' race the Lady Mt. Lions finished in 2nd place as a team. Lady Mt. Lions Results: 4th-Katie Hicks(21:51.63), 5th-Erin Chambers(22:29.53), 8th-Addi Moats(22:51.03), 13th-Hannah Hardy(24:52.34) and 16th-Brianna Gooden(27:17.62). Girls' Teams final placement: 1st-Liberty Harrison, 2nd-Tucker County, 3rd-Robert C Byrd and 4th-Lincoln.

The Boys' race went next and the Tucker County Boys' placed 3rd overall in the event. Tucker County Boys' Results: 9th-Cameron Judy(20:16.50), 10th-Alex Boyles(20.31.25), 13th-Nate Ricottilli(20:39.83), 20th-Allan Boyles(21:29.20) and 21st-Lynk Suesli(21:29.45). Boys' Teams final placement: 1st-Lewis County, 2nd-South Harrison, 3rd-Tucker County, 4th-Liberty Harrison, 5th-Lincoln and 6th-Robert C Byrd.

The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams will return to action at home on Saturday October 8th for the Tucker County Invitational at Camp Kidd at 9am. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker Valley Football falls at Buckhannon-Upshur 38-14

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the contest 38-14.

BUCKHANNON – The Wildcats Middle School Football team traveled to Buckhannon-Upshur Middle on Thursday September 29th. Tucker Valley got down early and they were not able to complete the comeback as Buckhannon-Upshur won

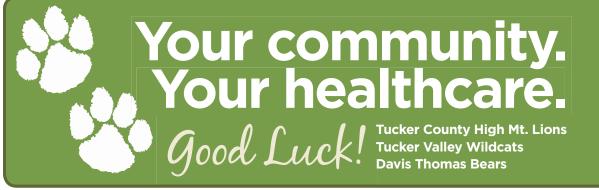
Buckhannon-Upshur would dominate the first quarter as they would score 2 touchdowns in the first to make the score 14-0 Buckhannon-Upshur at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter was also controlled by Buckhannon-Upshur as they added 2 more touchdowns to give the home team a 28-0 lead at the halftime

Tucker Valley would get on the scoreboard in the third on an 80 yard drive to start the second half. This drive was high-

See TV FOOTBALL page 6B

Tucker Valley's Cayden Arnold runs with the ball against Buckhannon-Upshur on Sept. 29th. Tucker Valley fell in the contest 38-14. Photo by Brittany Channell.







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TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2022

Governmental **Activities** ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES Assets: Cash and cash equivalents \$ 4,895,032 354,960 Investments 20,349 Taxes receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible taxes Deposit with Retirement Board 81.132 100,943 Food service receivable 71,036 Other receivables 19,879 Prepaid expenses Due from other governments: 52.365 State aid receivable PEIA allocation receivable 173,454 Reimbursements receivable 2,321,344 Capital Assets: Land 85,819 Buildings and improvements 30,531,958 Furniture and equipment 1,360,592 1,868,352 Construction in process 13,934 Less accumulated depreciation (21,435,514)Total capital assets, net of depreciation 12,425,141 Right-of-Use Assets: Equipment 115,095 Less accumulated amortization (28,774)Total finance lease assets, net of amortization 86,321 Total assets 20,601,956 Deferred outflows of resources: 99,125 Pension Other post employment benefit (OPEB) 94,277 Total deferred outflows of resources 193,402 Total assets and deferred outflows of resources 20,795,358 LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION Liabilities: Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities 988,898 PEIA premiums payable 217,047 Compensated absences 15,997 Accounts payable 76,379 Other post employment benefit payable 19,784 Long-term obligations: Due within one year: Finance lease liability 27,863 Due beyond one year: Finance Lease liability 60,988 Net pension liability - Proportionate Share 25,458 Net other post employment benefit (OPEB) liability - Proportionate Share 5,702 **Total liabilities** 1,438,116 Deferred inflows of resources: 246,022 Pension Other post employment benefit (OPEB) 413,846 (4,229)Other Total deferred inflows of resources 655,639

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Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources

Net Position:

Restricted for:

Unrestricted

Special projects

Capital projects

Net Investment in Capital Assets

Total net position

TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds 133,122 Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different due to: Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net assets, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The effect on net assets is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation in the current period. Depreciation expense (892,886)Capital outlays 4,504,996 Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of lease assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as amortization expense. The effect on net position is the amount by which capital outlays exceed amortization in the current period. amortization expense (28,774)Certain receivables will be collected this year but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures. This is the amount by which such receivables increased (decreased). (576.509)Property taxes receivable Operating Grants and Contributions 2.049.988 Differences in the cost and accumulated depreciation on disposed capital assets are reported as a loss and reduction in net assets in the statement of activities Cost of assets disposed (4,233,903)Accumulated depreciation of assets disposed Compensated absences are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the amount by which compensated absences (increased)/decreased. Accrued vacation payable (4,107)expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense 9,700 District pension contributions Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions 59,671 Government funds report district OPEB contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of OPEB benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as OPEB expense District OPEB contributions 29,750 Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions 151,209 Finance Lease payables are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position, but are only reported in government funds to the extent they have matured. This is the only amount by which finance lease payables decreased. 26,244

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1,228,501

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1,360

86,169

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Change in net position of governmental activities

TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

2,093,755

12,425,141

442,597

12,695

5,821,170

18,701,603

Program Revenues Net (Expense), Revenue & Changes Capital Operating Charges for Grants and Grants and in Net Assets Contributions Governmental Activities: **Functions** Expenses Services Contributions Governmental activities: Instruction \$ 7,485,974 2,459,330 (5,026,644)Supporting services: Students 453.824 Instructional staff 175,685 55,367 (120,318)General administration 501,310 (501,310)(523,840)School administration 523,840 411 744 (411.744)Central service Operation and maintenance of facilities 1.340,112 244,812 (1,095,300)Student transportation 17,796 968,986 (951,190)Other support services Food services 855,560 1,399 (76,775)777,386 Community services Interest on long-term finance leases 6,192 (6,192)Total governmental activities (8,846,339)12,856,253 19,195 3,745,907 244,812 General revenues: \$ Property taxes 4,000,814 Unrestricted state aid 5,756,871 Unrestricted investment earnings 2,640 Unrestricted grants and contributions 314,515 Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets 280,058 Transfers in Transfers (out) (280,058)Total general revenues, extraordinary items and transfers 10,074,840 Change in net position 1,228,501 Net assets-beginning 17,473,102 Net position - ending 18,701,603

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EASTERN AIR CORP

ECOLAB, INC.

EDMENTUM

EHRLICH

EASTERN WV COMMUNITY & TECH

EDUCATIONAL FUNDING GROUP, INC

TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA. **BOARD OF EDUCATION** SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Board Officials Timothy Turner 1.760 Daniel Evans 4,320 Christopher Gross 3,680 Cathy Hebb 4,160 Jessica Wamsley 4,320 Teresa Simmons 2,400 Superintendent - Alicia Lambert 98,000

TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, **BOARD OF EDUCATION** SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

The list that follows includes the name of each firm, corporation and person to whom more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) in the aggregate from all funds was paid during the fiscal year, together

with the aggregate amount paid, all for the education of students.						
VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT					
A V LAUTTAMUS COMMUNICATIONS	1,465					
A. F. WENDLING, INC.	1,580					
AASA	470					
ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE DRUG TESTING	778					
ADKINS HOME CENTER	14,401					
AIP	1,169					
AIR CLEANING SPECIALISTS, INC.	4,686					
AIR FILTER SERVICES	11,291					
AIRGAS	4,610					
ALICIA RACHELLE LAMBERT	841					
ALLDATA	1,200					
ALPHA TECHNOLOGIES	2,220					
AMERICAN FIDELITY	67,547					
APPLE	8,078					
APPLE INC	1,849					
APPLIED EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS	2,500					
APPTEGY INC	15,710					
ASSET CONTROL SOLUTIONS INC	750					
AT&T MOBILITY	2,709					
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	3,805					
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	2,132					
AUTOZONE STORE 6458	4,433					

BARBARA IIIOKN	000	ELECTRONIC SPECIALITI COMPANT	1,397
BEST LIFE THERAPY LLC	109,990	ELKINS BULDERS SUPPLY CO.	325
BLUE BIRD BUS SALES	11,164	ELKINS CDJR	19,875
BLUUM OF TEXAS LLC	1,076	EYECLICK	5,500
BOWLES RICE, LLP	45,050	FAIRFAX SAND & CRUSHED STONE	2,868
BREEZELINE	1,368	FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY	250
BREWER & COMPANY OF WV INC.	1,500	FIFTH THIRD BANK	189,685
BRUCETON AG-SERVICES INC	387	FIRST BOOK MARKETPLACE	2,156
CADLINK TECH CORP	299	FOLLETT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	978
CANAAN MOUNTAIN ENTERPRISE,LLC	650	FRIENDLY INFLATABLES LLC	1,050
CANDACE WRIGHT	27,000	FRONTIER	24,574
CAREER SAFE	450	FRONTIER COMM OF WEST VIRGINIA	36,588
CARR'S AG REPAIR LLC	1,360	FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP	3,145
CASCO USA	3,572	GLOTFELTY ENTERPRISES INC	14,084
CASTO TECHNICAL SERVICES INC	1,190	GLOTFELTY TIRE CENTER	434
CDI	12,995	GOODHEART-WILCOX	1,152
CENGAGE LEARNING	9,213	GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	302,721
CHARGINGATU LLC	1,200	GRAINGER	2,496
CITY OF PARSONS	17,815	GRANT COUNTY MULCH INC	320
CITY OF THOMAS	32,898	H & H HARDWARE	4,079
CLEAR VIEW VISION SERVICES	2,669	HAZLETT MECHANICAL	250
COBER CUMMINS	3,168	HAMRICK PUBLIC SERVICE DIST	6,133
COLOURS INC	1,965	HART OFFICE SOLUTIONS	3,646
COLOURS 27	10,030	HATCH	2,865
COOLE SCHOOL	1,920	HOBART	1,953
COUNTRY SEEDS & SUPPLIES	5,036	HORACE MANN LIFE INSURANCE CO	600
CPI	940	HORIZON MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES	2,305
CRAIG J. BOYKIN	5,000	HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY	561
CROOK BROTHERS	103,774	HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT	6,979
CUMBERLAND PIPE & STEEL	2,754	HPS LLC	2,510
CUMMINS CROSSPOINT	8,671	HUDL	8,000
CUPTANE L.P. GAS CO., INC.	1,964	IISC - EDUCATION	1,499
CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES, INC.	37,600	IMPERO SOLUTIONS INC	600
DAVIS ELECTRICAL SERVICE, INC.	554	INTEGRATED SPEECH SOLUTIONS	80,157
DAVIS SHOP N SAVE	356	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	1,647,579
DAVIS THOMAS ELEMENTARY MIDDLE	9,087	J. T. MARTIN COMPANY	4,870
DELTA DENTAL OF WV	65,008	JAMES & LAW COMPANY	98,343
DICK BLICK COMPANY	370	JAMES ALEX CORK	1,261
DINSMORE AND SHOHL LLP	24,420	KAPLAN SCHOOL SUPPLY	478
DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY	6,118	KAREN HOTT	4,125
EASON HORTICULTURAL RESOURCES	2,008	KIDWELL AUTO PARTS	4,512
EACTEDNAM CORP	1,000	I AMEGIORE I E ARABIG MATERIAL CO	127

4,000

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480

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600

ELECTRONIC SPECIALTY COMPANY

LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIAL CO

LIBERTY DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

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TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2022

				June	30, 202	. 4	C	: 1 D				
		General Current	Re	ecial venue	Scho	ial Revenue ol Activity	Fed and	ecial Revenue deral Stimulus I Stabilization		Capital Projects		otal
ACCURACY AND DESCRIPTION OF DESCRIPT	D CEC	Expense	Fu	nd	Fund		Fu	nd		Fund	G	<u>overnmental</u>
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOU	RCES	•										
Assets:	Ф	4.460.000	•		e.	126.024	Φ.		Φ.		¢.	4 005 022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,468,998	\$	-	\$	426,034	\$		\$	-	\$	4,895,032
Investments		354,960		-		-				-		354,960
Taxes receivable, net		20,349		-		-				-		20,349
Deposit with Retirement Board		81,132 19,879		-		-				-		81,132 19,879
Prepaid expenses		19,879		100.042		-				-		,
Food service receivable, net Other receivables		70.926		100,943		200				-		100,943
		70,836		-		200				-		71,036
Due from other governments:		52 265										52.265
State aid receivable		52,365		-		-				-		52,365
PEIA allocation receivable		173,454		1 202 022		-		1.004.246		7 200		173,454
Reimbursements receivable		17,066		1,292,033		16.262		1,004,346		7,899		2,321,344
Due from other funds	<u>~</u>	1,939,898 7,198,937		1.392.976		16,363 442,597		1,004,346		12,695 20,594		1,968,956 10,059,450
Total assets	<u> </u>					,						10,059,450
Deferred outflows of resources				-		-		-		-		
Total deferred outflows of resources		-		-		-		-		-		
TOTAL ASSETS PLUS DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	Φ.	= 100 0 2 =	Φ.	1 202 056	Φ.	440 505	Φ.	1 00 1 2 16	Φ.	20.504	Φ.	10.050.450
OF RESOURCES	<u>\$</u>	7,198,937	<u>\$</u>	1,392,976	\$	442,597	\$	1,004,346	\$	20,594	\$	10,059,450
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOUR	CES A	AND FUND BA	ALAN	CES								
Liabilities:	Φ	771 260	Φ.	100.607	Φ		Φ.	27.042	Φ.		Φ	000 000
Salaries payable and related payroll liabilities	\$	751,268	\$	199,687	\$	-	\$	37,943	\$	-	\$	988,898
Other post employment benefits payable		16,960		2,189		-		635		-		-
PEIA premiums payable		186,784		24,012		-		6,251		-		217,047
Accounts payable & Payable to others		38,401		32,091		-		5,887		-		76,379
Due to other funds		-		1,015,326		-		953,630		-		1,968,956
Total liabilities		993,413		1,273,305		-		1,004,346		7.000		3,251,280
Deferred inflows of resources	-	62,475		987,969				1,004,346		7,899		2,062,689
Total deferred inflows of resources		62,475		987,969		-		1,004,346		7,899		2,062,689
Fund Balances:		10.070										10.070
Nonspendable		19,879		-		442.507		-		-		19,879
Restricted		-		-		442,597		-		-		442,597
Committed		100.700		-		-		-		-		100.700
Assigned		108,708		(9(9,209)		-		(1.004.246)		12.605		108,708
Unassigned		6,014,462		(868,298)		442,597		(1,004,346)		12,695		4,154,513
Total fund balances		6,143,049		(868,298)		442,397		(1,004,346)		12,695		4,725,697
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF	Ф	7 100 027	•	1 202 076	e.	442.507	Φ.	1.004.246	Φ.	20.504	¢.	10.050.450
RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>></u>	7,198,937	\$	1,392,976	\$	442,597	\$	1,004,346	\$	20,594	<u>\$</u> \$	10,059,450
Total fund balance		C 1: CC	. 1	4							3	4,725,697
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the stater						41 . C . 1.						10 405 141
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not fi												12,425,141
Finance lease assets used in governmental activities are	e not n	nanciai resourc	es and	, therefore, are	not repo	orted in the funds						86,321
Other deferred charges are not reported in the funds Property taxes receivable and food service billings receiva	.1.1	:11 1 11 4 - 4	41. :	144	:1-1-1-							2,064,507
				ar but are not a	vanabie	soon enough to p	ay					2 411
for the current period's expenditures, and are therefore					C		·	. 1				2,411
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pens	sions a	re applicable it	Tuture	e perious and, u	nereiore	, are not reported	in the ful	ius				00.125
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions												99,125
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB												(246,022)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB												94,277
	. 1	. 1 1.1			41 C		1: 4 . (1				(413,846)
Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are no	t due a	na payabie in t	ne curi	ent period and,	tnereio	re, are not reporte	a in the i	una				(15.007)
Compensated absences												(15,997)
Net pension liability - proportionate share												(25,458)
Net OPEB liability - proportionate share												(5,702)
Finance lease liability, due within one year												(27,863)
Finance lease liability, due beyond one year											Φ.	(60,988)
Net position of governmental activities					.1			1: .: 1 .			1 1 2	18,701,603

TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

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	General Current Expense Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Special Revenue School Activity Fund	Special Revenue Federal Stimulus and Stabilization Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental
Revenues:						
Property taxes	\$ 4,000,814	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000,814
Other Local sources	53,699	45,456	533,509	-	-	632,664
State sources	7,995,755	389,121	-	-	244,812	8,629,688
Federal sources	156,612	1,202,092	-	178,416	-	1,537,120
Total revenues	12,206,880	1,636,669	533,509	178,416	244,812	14,800,286
Expenditures:						
Instruction	6,151,886	1,208,463	454,029	574,040	-	8,388,418
Supporting services:						
Students	527,807	37,750	-	73,377	-	683,934
Instructional staff	4,880	106,871	-	74,633	-	186,384
General administration	629,403	-	-	-	-	629,403
School administration	700,755	1,743	-	-	-	702,498
Central Services	424,615	1,805	-	94,476	-	520,896
Operation and maintenance of facilities	1,292,165	3,590	-	61,895	-	1,357,650
Student transportation	1,023,728	14,073	-	8,737	-	1,046,538
Other support services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food services	94	880,884	-	18,544	-	899,522
Community services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	11,754	-	-	207,731	219,485
Finance Leases:						
Principal payment expense	26,244	-	-	-	-	26,244
Interest expense	6,192	-	-	-	-	6,192
Total expenditures	10,832,769	2,266,933	454,029	905,702	207,731	14,667,164
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over						
expenditures	1,374,111	(630,264)	79,480	(727,286)	37,081	133,122
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in	212,938	28,548	38,572	-	-	280,058
Transfers (out)	(19,884)	(114,171)	(39,205)	(106,798)	-	(280,058)
Total other financing sources (uses)	193,054	(85,623)	(633)	(106,798)	-	
Net change in fund balances	1,567,165	(715,887)	78,847	(834,084)	37,081	133,122
Fund balances- beginning	4,575,884	(152,411)	363,750	(170,262)	(24,386)	4,592,575
Fund balances -ending	\$ 6,143,049	\$ (715,887)	\$ 442,597	\$ (1,004,346)	\$ 12,695	\$ 4,725,697

The notes are an integral part of the financial statements, however, to conserve space they are not included in the publication but are available to view at the board office.

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LYKINS OIL COMPANY	112,927	SAFETY KLEEN CORP.	1,008	TUCKER CO HIGH SCHOOL	14,365
LYNDA C BENNETT LLC	6,760	SAM'S CLUB DIRECT COMMERCIAL	3,272	TUCKER COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	1,630
MARION CO. BOARD OF EDUCATION	5,159	SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY	1,867	TUCKER VALLEY SCHOOL	15,121
MARK CLAYTON	650	SCHOLASTIC INC	917	U-LINE	2,142
MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL	330	SCHOOL CASH SUPPLIES	577	UNIQUE PAVING MATERIALS	327
MARY'S GREENHOUSE	630	SCHOOL HEALTH CORPORATION	2,622	UNITED DAIRY INC.	44,733
MASON & BARRY, INC.	18,710	SCHOOL MATE	722	USI INSURANCE SERVICES LLC	756
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MELIOR INC	2,500	SHERIFF OF TUCKER COUNTY	6,965	W R DRAKE CO, LLC	197,684
MICHELE MULLENAX	340	SHOP AND SAVE	1,794	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS. CO	18,904
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Work progressing on Laneville Bridge replacement project



CHARLESTON, WV - Work continues to install a temporary replacement for the Laneville Bridge in Tucker County, with installation of the temporary structure set to begin the first week of October 2022.

The old bridge has been taken down and is being cut into pieces for removal. The public should expect heavy construction traffic on Forest Road 19 and increased truck traffic on the west side of the bridge on Laneville Road. Equipment is currently staged on the road on both sides of the bridge and parking is scarce on the west side.

The bridge, which provides access to the community of Laneville, the Red Creek trailhead, Dolly Sods Wilderness and other recreational facilities, is a key connection between Randolph, Tucker, and Grant counties. The bridge was built and is maintained by the U.S. Forest Service, but is on a road maintained by the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH). The bridge was closed on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, after safety issues were discovered in a routine inspection.

Forest officials Service announced Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, that an \$800,000 contract

was awarded to A.L.L. Construction, Inc. of Mt. Storm, to complete the Laneville Bridge Replacement Project. The temporary bridge will restore access to local communities until a permanent bridge can

The Forest Service hopes to open the new temporary bridge to traffic on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022.

The WVDOH has agreed to design a permanent bridge to be built downstream of the existing span once the temporary bridge is constructed. The Forest Service intends to pay for the new bridge with funding from the Great American Outdoors Act.

Davis resident Rexroad working as advancement services specialist at Eastern

W.Va. – Following a career working with a variety of nonprofit organizations in roles that focused on meeting needs for individuals and communities, Jennifer

MOOREFIELD,

Rexroad is now applying those skills to higher education in the Potomac Highlands as Title III advancement services specialist at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

The advancement services specialist is a newly created position funded by the college's federal Title III Strengthening Institutions Program grant.

Rexroad believes that one of her primary tasks is building relationships among the college, its nonprofit foundation, and the communities in the college's six-county service district. "In the brief time that I've been here," she said, "I've been impressed that so many people in different areas want to support Eastern."

Rexroad, a resident of Davis, had previously worked for Garrett County Community Action Inc. (GCCA), first as a financial aid counselor and later as a director of asset development. She had transitioned into work with nonprofit agencies like GCCA after time spent as an elementary teacher in the Washington D.C. area, where she recognized that many needs in her neighborhood were not being met, particularly as they related to housing. She later moved back to West Virginia to be closer to family and started working with GCCA, based in nearby Oakland, Md., where she said her communication skills and willingness to "meet people in the space where they were comfortable," helped her succeed when assisting GCCA cli-

Rexroad said she applied for the advancement services specialist position at Eastern because she believed her skills would fit, and the job provided her with opportunities to work on projects benefitting West Virginia residents. One aspect of her job is providing administrative support for the federal Title III grant at Eastern, while the other has her assisting Robert Burns, Eastern's director of non-profits, with support for the Foundation's administrative functions, donor relations, database management, and event manage-

"I am keeping my ear to the ground," she said. "We want to build support for scholarships and student services at Eastern. At the end of the day, our goal is to get students in and see that they have a good experience and are equipped with what they need to succeed."

Rexroad acknowledged that some challenges are magnified because of the size and rural nature of Eastern's service district, but she also believes the college and its staff have been nimble and flexible in meeting those challenges. "This institution has all the ingredients that are necessary to be successful – it has programs, it has facilities, and it has tremendous community support."

Rexroad's office is at Eastern's campus in Moorefield, and she can be reached



at Jennifer.Rexroad@easternwv.edu, by phone at 304-434-8000 ext. 9258, or by cell phone at 240-354-5406. Learn more about Eastern's Foundation at https://easternwv.edu/foundation.

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Laura G. Dickson 1st publication 9/28/22 2nd publication 10/5/22

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

Deceased Wilda Carol Godfrey 1st publication 10/5/22 2nd publication 10/12/22 Dellas Junior Myers/aka Junior D. Myers 1st publication 10/5/22

Personal Representative(s) Virginia Smith 18 Bristol Ave. Parsons, WV 26287 Kathleen Hovan 204 Ridge Ave. Altoona, PA 16602

2nd publication 10/12/22 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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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 22-0709-G-390P MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY

Surcharge on Infrastructure Improvements.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING On July 29, 2022, Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer) filed its annual Application for approval of an Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program for 2023 (2023 IREP) with revised IREP rates for 2023, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 24-2-lk, which authorizes the Public Service Commission of West Virginia to approve cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

In its Application, Mountaineer forecasts capital investment for calendar year 2023 of \$64.2 million as part of its multi-year plan. The 2023 IREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, measurement and regulator stations, and house regulators. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Mountaineer service territories throughout the State. These investments are identified in the Application, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and which may be viewed on the Commission's website, www.psc.state.wv.us

Mountaineer proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through an additional increment within the fixed or volumetric base rate component of its rates, depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered, to be effective on January 1, 2023. Mountaineer projects that if the program and rate increase are approved as requested, the average monthly bill for its various classes of customers will be changed on January 1, 2023 as follows

Mountaineer Gas Company — Proposed						
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE				
Residential	\$1.56	2.15%				
Commercial	\$4.44	1.50%				
Large Commercial *	\$204.93	0.36%				
Industrial *	\$302.96	0.68%				
Resale	\$50.40	1.17%				
(*) - Increases for Large Com	mercial and Industrial custo	mers assume transport customers				

purchase their natural gas at the same price as the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment rate.

The increases shown above are compared to the rates currently in place and are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing date on the Application, if necessary, that will begin at 9:30 a.m., on November 17, 2022, continuing on November 18, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If no opposition to the Application is received by the Commission within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived and the Commission may issue a final order within 150 days of the Application filing date. The Commission my cancel the hearing for good cause shown. Any interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within 20 days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to the Commission Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia, 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/

default.cfm by clicking the "Formal Case" link. MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY

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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of Tucker have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Hall of Tucker County Courthouse beginning at 11:00 AM in the morning, on the 1st day of November 2022.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold following the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and

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			HOLBERT RAY (2021)							
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47392	2019	NESTOR LONNIE		PARCEL	HENDRICKS					
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G. Russell Rollyson, Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands for Tucker County

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services in Barbour, Marion, Monongalia, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, and Webster Counties. Early Head Start provides services in Barbour, Marion. Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, and Webster Counties. Both are programs of North Central WV Community Action Association.

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Falconry Demo at Mountaineering Day was Experience of a Lifetime



Photos of Collin Waybright provided by the Laurel Fork Falconer. **Photographer: Tiffany Waybright**

Jenningston, W.V. - "It was such an outstanding experience!" said Collin Waybright of his recent participation in the 2022 Mountaineering Day event in Washington, DC. The Embassy of the Czech Republic had previously asked Collin Waybright, Master Class Falconer and Director of the West Virginia Raptor Center (WVRC), to participate in their Sept. 24 event. "The Embassy of the Czech Republic showed such great hospitality and interest in learning about falconry and birds of prey. I met so many people from the European Union. It was a great time with great new friends," said Way-

Waybright brought with him a Red-tailed Hawk, Harris's Hawk, and a Barred Owl for his falconry demonstration. Before assuming the role of Executive Director of the WVRC, Waybright had volunteered in many different capacities since 2014, thus being acutely aware of its mission and goals. His interest in falconry came at an early age before he even began to volunteer with the WVRC. He earned his falconry permit also in 2014 at the age of 14. Since then he has trained many birds to become

educational ambassadors, such as Shera, an American Kestrel currently at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh PA, and Mr. Spectacular, a Bald Eagle used for educational programs. At 22, Waybright is one of the youngest Master Class Falconers in the state of West Virginia.

"I was very excited and honored to participate," said Waybright, who is also known as the Laurel Fork Falconer. "I feel so blessed to have had such an awesome opportunity. I love watching eyes light up when I get the birds out; I know that people will look at birds of prey differently after each presentation." Waybright gives many similar raptor presentations in his home county of Tucker and across the state of West Virginia. He can frequently be seen giving a demonstration to school groups, at public events and at the Laurel River Club B&B in Jenningston, West Virginia. It is there that he leads a Hawk Walk or a Bird of Prey Demonstration. The unique Hawk Walk gives people the opportunity to walk side by side with a Master Class Falconer and see what they really do.

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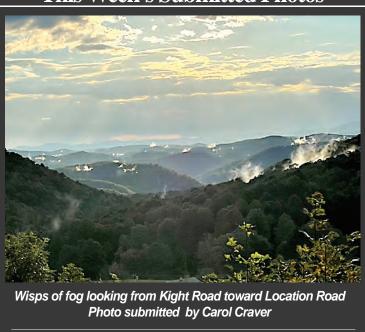
experience that you can't find just anywhere. Collin has a heart for teaching so this is an awesome opportunity for young and old," said his mother, Marsha Waybright, Property Manager for the B&B. "We are so proud of Collin! He not only represented West Virginia at Mountaineering Day, but the United States as well. He has a God-given talent that leaves many in awe," she said.

Part of the Mutual Inspirations Festival 2022, Mountaineering Day was presented by The European Union National Institutes of Culture in Washington, DC at the Embassy of the Czech Republic.

It was a day of "mountaineering through Europe," focusing on the mutual inspirations between Czech and American cultures. The festival began in 2010 and serves as a platform for bringing together communities centered in Washington, DC.

For those wanting to learn more about falconry, visit the Laurel River Club B&B in Jenningston, West Virginia and schedule a Hawk Walk or catch a Bird of Prey Demonstration. For more information or to book a stay at the Laurel River Club B&B, visit www.lrcbnb.com or call (304) 402-7095.

This Week's Submitted Photos



Email photos, where it was taken and who took it to mikie@parsonsadvocate.com

WVDA Awards \$200,000 for SNAP Stretch

CHARLESTON, W.Va. The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has awarded \$200,000 for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Stretch benefits to the West Virginia Food and Farm Coalition. SNAP Stretch dollars allow recipients to double or triple their spending power at farmers' markets and farm stands across West Virginia. For every dollar purchased with a SNAP/EBT card, the customer receives another dollar to spend on locally grown produce.

Funds for this year's SNAP Stretch program were award under COVID relief dollars through the

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lighted by a 55 yard catch and run by Caden Arnold on a pass from Luke Barb. The drive was capped off with a 5 yard touchdown run by Barb to put the score to 28-6 after a failed PAT by the Wildcats. Buckhannon-Upshur added another score before the third quarter ended to make the score 35-6 Buckhannon after three quarters. In the fourth quarter Tucker Valley would get a score on a 35 yard touchdown run by Barb. The 2 point conversion was good on a Ethan Cummings run to put the score to 35-14 Buckhannon-Upshur. The home team would add a field goal in the fourth to make the final score 38-14 Buckhannon-Upshur.

Luke Barb led Tucker Valley with 17 carries for 103 yards rushing, Cayden Arnold added 3 receptions for 65 yards receiving. Ben Gooden added 8 tackles for Tucker Valley on defense.

Tucker Valley(2-3) will travel to Philip Barbour High School to play Philippi on Wednesday October 5th for a 6:30pm kickoff. For more info go to TuckerU.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Monies awarded through HUD require certain demographic data to be reported. The WVDA worked with the Department of Economic Development and Senator Manchin's office to find a way to fulfill that requirement.

"I thank Secretary Mitch Carmichael and Senator Manchin for working with the WVDA on making this program possible. We hit some roadblocks with implementation, but I am glad we can provide this extra benefit to our farmers and SNAP recipients," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

Commissioner Leonhardt worked with the Governor's office, as well as the Food and Farm

Coalition, to secure onetime monies of \$100,000 in 2020 and an additional \$200,000 for 2021. Commissioner Leonhardt and the WVDA requested the Legislature make SNAP Stretch a permanent lineitem starting in the FY 2023 budget.

"We continue to see a significant return on every dollar invested in agriculture. From food security to a healthier citizenry to development, economic agriculture must and will play a role in West Virginia's future. It is time for the Legislature to increase funding towards agricultural production," Leonhardt said.

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