

Wicked Creations Airbrushing

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Owner and operator of Wicked Creations Leonard Nestor has been making beautiful, airbrushed projects since 2006. Nestor went full time in his business in 2011. Since he has been creating airbrushed projects of all sorts. Nestor creates scenes for items like mail boxes, license plates and church signs.

One of his most recent creations were the two welcome signs for Hambleton. Nestor works out of his shop located in Parsons, but his art is displayed in 19 states. He has 14 mailboxes in Florida alone. Nestor has taken his art work on the road to events



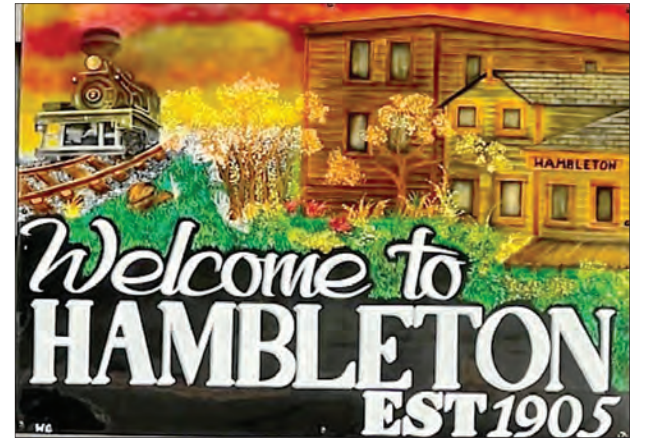
Owner and operator of Wicked Creations Airbrushing Leonard Nestor holding one of his mailbox creations.

such as the Harley Davidson Biker's Against Child Abuse event and locally at the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department fire hall. Nestor is currently work-

ing on a new sign for the Hambleton First United Methodist Church.

When creating the welcome signs for Hambleton, Nestor wanted to memo-

rialize the rich history of the small town. Once Nestor completed the first Hambleton welcome sign, he was commissioned to do a second with a theme



New welcome sign located in Hambleton, WV and crafted by Leonard Nestor of Wicked Creations Airbrushing.

from the railroad days. The signs include the Hambleton Hotel and train station, a horse barn that Nestor helped build, a water fall scene. All objects of interest were incorporated into a nature scene representa-

tive of Hambleton. Nestor said, "It has the original Hambleton Hotel that was there (in Hambleton). I researched through the Advocate (The Parsons Advocate) and the library
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Parsons City Council Meeting Heats Up

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Parsons City Council debate heated up during the meeting when members begin discussing the recent advertisement for the position of a new City Treasurer. Councilman Tim Turner started the conversation that questioned why the personnel committee did not bring the city treasurer job description back to the council for review as it was motioned and approved at a prior meeting on August 2, 2022.

During the August 2, 2022, meeting under unfinished business on the agenda Turner requested an item be added to consider the posting of the City Administrator/Treasurer position. Councilman Bruce Kolsun said, "This should be referred to the personnel committee." The personnel committee consists of Mayor Dorothy Judy, Kolsun, and Dave Greenleaf. Turner pointed out that the consideration was referred to the Personnel Committee at the last council meeting because it was stated that the committee would meet before the next council meeting.

Mayor Judy said, "We met but not for this reason. Jason was kind of waiting for August." to which Myers replied, "No, not for this." Kolsun entertained a motion to have to have the item referred to the personnel committee with Greenleaf seconding it but during the voting the no votes were overlooked, and Turner stop the mayor from proceeding to the next item on the agenda.

The council members that voted no were Kathy DiBacco, Melissa Jones, James "Sam" Humphrey, and Turner.



The motion did not carry with a four to three vote against. Humphrey said, "I opposed because we need to get this fixed." Kolsun said, "That is why we refer it to the personnel committee so they can figure it out." Jones said, "But that is what I do not understand, we already made the motion last time," to which Kolsun said, "It was not official. I thought it was too, but it is on the agenda again." Humphrey asked,

"So with it being official this time does that mean you will come back with something next meeting." To which the mayor replied, "We will not have someone to hire but yes, we can do that."

Jones said, "But I thought we put it on the thing for you all to come back with your description of how you wanted it handled and if you wanted one job or two jobs." Mayor Judy answered

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Parsons City Council Hears Updates

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Parsons Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Kevin White, thanked the city council for their help during the Fireman's Homecoming Fair. White explained that the fair was previously moved to May because of other fairs happening at the same time but White hopes to keep the fair in October in the future.

The new lights are now installed for the Pulp Mill Bottom Pond. They can be seen at night as a beautiful display of lighting. The cost for the lights were in the amount of \$3,099.99 and purchased from the Pond Guy. Council members also have heard good things about the fishing in the pond

but would like to add a sign that states "Catch and Release" for the pond.

Police Chief Kevin Keplinger informed the council that there were no incidents at the street fair except for parents being lost. Keplinger said the children knew exactly who to go to and ask for their parents to be found. Keplinger also informed the mayor and city council that the prosecuting attorney's office expressed appreciation for Patrolman N. Gidley for his excellent work with timely reports and testimonies.

The council voted to approve the proclamation for October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The color purple is utilized for the awareness. According to the procla-

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Public Hearings Set for EMS Levy Discussion

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The focus of the Ambulance Authority meeting was the upcoming November ballot that has the proposed levy on it. The vote for or against the levy could mean the difference between one or two EMS crews in Tucker County. The levy will help close the gap of funds needed to run an efficient EMS with better response times, more crew members and possibly a transport service to earn more revenue.

The Ambulance Authority has set dates for the public hearing to discuss the proposed levy tax. The levy tax is on the November ballot. The authority has tentatively set four dates for answer any questions residents of Tucker County may have concerning the levy. Facebook live streaming may also be an option for residents to view the meeting depending upon Wi-Fi service at meeting areas.

The first meeting is to take place on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department Hall. The fire hall is located at 6563 Appalachian Hwy, Davis, West Virginia, 26260.

The second meeting is to be held on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. George Clinic Pavilion. The pavilion is located at 8591 Holly Meadows Road, Parsons, West Virginia, 26287.

Third meeting is to take place at the Davis Fire Hall on Tuesday October 25 at 6:30 p.m. The Davis Fire Hall is located at 610 William Ave, Davis, West Virginia, 26260.

The final meeting will be held on the third floor of the Old Courthouse in Parsons on November 1 at 6:30 p.m. The courthouse address is 211 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia, 26287.

These meetings will include a question-and-answer session after a slide show presentation. The authority's
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Animal Shelter Seeks Volunteers

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The Tucker County Animal Shelter Director Bailey Falls reported to the Tucker County Commission that the animal shelter was in need of volunteers. Volunteers are needed to walk the dogs, pet the cats, fold laundry or anything to help with the massive load of intake animals. Volunteers also need help at the off-site adoption location in Davis and operated by Friends of the Tucker County Animal Shelter.

Falls reported that the animal shelter submitted the Petco Love grant application at the end of August and expects a response around the holidays. They have also submitted applications to the Milan Puskar LOI, Rachel Ray Grant, and the Guinness Dunn Grant.

Along with the grant applications, the animal shelter has received approval from their advisory board to purchase transportable kennels for dogs that will allow them to quarantine dangerous dogs safely. These kennels will be purchased with funds from the Stanton Foundation Grant.

Falls said, "We have reviewed and are

finetuning our standard operating procedures to make sure that we are keeping things sanitary and stimulating for the animals in our care. We are working extremely hard to get movement at the shelter. We are very full, with adoptions slowing and rescue partners completely overwhelmed with no space or ability to pull from our shelter. We are hoping to get a transport scheduled for the middle of October.

We desperately need people to adopt cats and dogs. If folks are unable to adopt, we could really use people to come in and volunteer at the shelter to walk and play with dogs, help us with laundry, and to photograph our adoptable animals and write descriptions for Petfinder."

Falls reminded the commissioners that rabies vaccinations are available for \$10 at the shelter. Bailey is unable to do a mobile rabies clinic due to the lack of available veterinarians.

During the Commission meeting Kevin White was also present and informed the commissioners that the annex for the Emergency Operations Plan for hazardous materials will need to be approved by the commission before the state will approve it.



TC Animal Shelter Director Bailey Falls giving an update to the TC Commission and audience members

White explained the annex by saying, "We have a plan in place in case we have a major hazardous event such as an oil truck spills over in Davis, Thomas, or Parsons or even on route 219, we have a plan of attack on how we will manage that. For small counties like us you do not have a hazmat team. Most fire departments do not have a hazmat team. So, we would use regional and state response.

The reason most do not have hazmat teams is because the equipment is very, very expensive. It can range up in the million plus dollars. There has to be special vehicles and suits that only last a couple of years

whether you them or not. So, most places have a regional response team instead."

The Commission motioned and approved for adding the Hazardous Materials annex to the Emergency Operations Plan.

The Commission then voted to approve a motion to upgrade the security system at the courthouse for the amount of \$13,133. A grant was applied for to cover the cost of the upgrades, but it was not awarded.

The next regular Tucker County Commission meeting will be held on October 12, 2022, at 9 a.m. in the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom located at 211 First Street.



News of Record

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

- **Anthony Lynn Scott**, was charged with one count of Harassment. According to the criminal complaint, on Tuesday, Sept. 20 Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) met with a female subject in reference to a Domestic Violence Protective Order (DVPO) violation. She advised him that she has been receiving harassing text messages and phone calls from Scott, who she has a lifetime DVPO against. She also advised that Scott allegedly had attacked her on two separate occasions, once on July 8, 2022 and again on Saturday, Sept 17, 2022. A handwritten and signed statement was obtained. She provided call records and copies of messages from Scott, which totaled three phone calls, 25 text messages plus the two physical altercations.
- **Diana Claire Merson**, of Parsons, was charged with one count Intoxication or Drinking in Public and one count Shoplifting 2nd Offense. The complaint states that on Wednesday, Sept. 28 Patrolman N.C. Gidley received a call from Tucker County 911 in regards to a female subject that had stolen a bottle of wine from the Walgreens in Parsons. Gidley observed her walking towards Family dollar and made contact. She was identified as Diana Merson and when questioned about the bottle of wine she allegedly stated she had a bottle in her purse that she had brought from home. When asked she produced the bottle and Chief Keplinger took it inside the store where a clerk identified it as the bottle she observed Merson take from the shelf and place in her purse. She did exit the store without paying for the bottle. The officers smelled alcohol on her breath and when asked to conduct a preliminary breath test she failed four times to produce a sufficient sample. A search on the computer showed one prior charge for shoplifting in 2021.
- 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:

- Vic Moccia, Paige C. Moccia, Thomas G. Moore and Kathy Jo Basil Moore, Dry Fork, Lot 4; 2.03 acres Stone Camp Meadows to Colin M. Bill, \$25,000.
- Joseph M. Nelson, Dry Fork, 25.73 acres to Joseph M. Nelson and Cassidy D. Easter Nelson, \$0.
- The Golden Anchor Properties LLC, Dry Fork, Tract 21 Deer Ridge Section; 6.27 acres to Josh Rogers and Heidi Falder, \$170,000.

- Rita J. Haverty, Dry Fork, Lot 32 Mt. Side Section A; 2.29 acres to Dusky LLC, \$83,500.
- Carrie Munson, Linda Rhodes/FKA/ Linda S. Thompson and Jada Owens, Hendricks, Lots 41 and 42 Rosendorf Addition to Timothy Owens II, \$13,000.
- Frank Slentz, Jr., Cindy Sage, James Slentz, Jan Pool and Sharon Dahlman, Dry Fork, Unit E1 Week 37 to (Heirs of Frank K. Slentz) Sharon Dahlman, \$0.
- Pam George, St. George, Lot A, 0.313 acres and 21,671 sq. ft. to Tyler D. Anderson, \$110,000.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., Dry Fork, Unit 36 Week 34 to Hunter S. Shipp and Jerry L. Helmick, \$0.
- Helen J. Dickerson/Trustee; The Jack Dickerson Living Trust, Dry Fork, Living Trust Lot 7 Cabin Mountain Section A Timberline to Helen J. Dickerson/Trustee; The Helen J. Dickerson Living Trust, \$0. Kristy Dawn Cline and Stacy L. Cohen, Dry Fork, 3 acres and 2 3/10 acres to Diane Renee Elbon, \$0.
- Bronson Winthrop Griscom, II, Heather Peckham Griscom, David Geoffrey Groves and Misti Dawn Groves, St. George, 15.89 acres to Johnny Bargo and Kara Tustin, \$260,000.
- Stanley Industries Inc., Clover, 121.81 acres to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$600,000.
- Mark Myers and J. Myers, St. George, 1/3 of 1/4 of 1/20 Und Int Min Thunderstruck Run to G. Russell Rollyson/ Appointee of the Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor, \$84.61.
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- Rella B. Cvetican, Davis Corporation, Lot 51 to Purnell Enterprises LLC, \$12,000.
- Timothy S. Cushey, Black Fork, 24 3/16 acres and mineral rights to Timothy S. Cushey and Sharon L. Cushey.
- Nancy J. Whitaker/FKA/ Nancy J. Ketterman, Hendricks, Parcel and 2 Parcels Orchard Lot to Susan Jane Dilly, Charles A. Ketterman III and Katie Ann Mullenax, \$0.
- Joseph Bernard Faller, Jr., Dry Fork, 6,400 sq. ft. to Christopher Joseph Faller, \$0.
- Ann Marie Turner, Dry Fork, 6,400 sq. ft. to Daniel Jacob Turner, \$0.
- Marcia L. Fuller, Davis Corporation, Lot 314 Kent Ave to Christy R. Hughes and Christopher Mallow, \$230,000.
- Mary Lu R Moats, St. George, 2.25 acres to Kenneth Wayne Liller, \$0.
- David A. Bolinger and Margaret R. Bolinger, Black Fork, 4.23 acres more or less to David A. Bolinger, Margaret R. Bolinger James Andrew Bolinger/Third Party, \$0.
- Sean H. Joyner and Anna I. Warburton, Davis Corporation, Lot 125 to Rebecca Cantrell, Joshua Saville, Carl T. Saville and Linda S. Saville, \$35,000.

October Term of Tucker County Grand Jury Indicts Four

The following were indicted during the October term of the Tucker County Grand Jury:

- Justin Clark Mallow: 1st Degree Sexual Abuse & Sexual Abuse by Parent, Guardian, Person in Position of Trust.
- Kenzi Marie Pitzer: Fraud by Access Device x 9
- Timothy Wayne Myers, Jr.: Possession with Intent to Deliver, Reckless Driving (misdemeanor), and Driving Revoked for DUI (misdemeanor).
- Keith Gene Dishler: Malicious Assault & Kidnapping

Arraignments are Thursday, Oct. 13 at 9 a.m.



Parsons Volunteer Fire Department 2022 Quarterly Runs

Parsons VFD CO. 10 3rd Quarter News

The Parsons Volunteer Fire Department responded to 61 calls during the Third Quarter (July, August, and September) of 2022. The following are the types of calls that the members responded to.

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| • Motor Vehicle Crashes with Injuries: 4 | • Gas Leak: 3 |
| • Motor Vehicle Crashes without Injuries: 10 | • Service to Public: 9 |
| • Traffic Control: 2 | • Line Down: 3 |
| • EMS Assist: 15 | • Odor of Smoke: 2 |
| • Mutual Aid: 3 | • Search & Rescue: 1 |
| • Landing Zone: 7 | • Brush Fire: 1 |
| | • Water Rescue: 1 |
- Kevin G. White / Chief
Parsons Vol. Fire Dept.

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St. George Holds Senior Outpost

The St. George monthly outpost of Senior Citizens met on Sept 15, 2022. Sharon Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and everyone enjoyed a lovely meal. Sharon read a story on catching a greased pig a county fair and led a lively discussion of experiences at carnivals. Shirley Cassidy showed her antique

dolls. Doloris Propst and Jane Pifer shared readings. Linda Bonner provided door prizes which were won by Jean Myers, Arlene Ramsey, and Claudette Judy. Attending in addition to the above were Carmen Walsh, Alice Phillips, Patty Wilfong, Ray Adams, Lucille Adams, Rebecca Corcoran, Carol Weinstein, Don Nestor, Junior Mason,

Virginia Popio, David Varner, Dale Varner, Buddy Arnold, Brenda Jones, Fred Jones, Delores Kelly, and Eleanor Nestor. The Parsons Senior Center usually provides a van and seniors are always welcome to


come, bring a covered dish, and bring a friend to the next gathering on October 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the St. George United Methodist Church for food, fun, and fellowship.

**Tim Knotts For
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EMS

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goal is to have a structured plan for EMS going forward. The meetings will provide an opportunity for the community to get a better understanding of the levy.

The authority has plans for the next few months to improve the EMS system. The focus for October is getting information concerning the levy out to the public. The authority members will continue to work on the policy manual and board by-laws.

November and post levy results will have an impact on what course of action the authority will take with their budget, staffing, and running one or two EMS crews. Policy procedures and the board's by-laws ready for review and to have the structural pieces of the organization in place. Ambulance Authority President Dennis Filler said, "Our policies and procedure, our by-laws, they start to come together in November, and we start to make decisions then based upon the outcome of the levy which way the organization has to go forward."

In December the authority's implementation plan will be based on the funding and how the authority plans to go forward with the new year. The authority plans have the revamped and modernized by-laws and policies in place. They also plan to have staff-



Ambulance Authority board members working diligently for upcoming Levy informational meetings.

ing increases with the tools needed. Filler said, "We will have to look at implementing any action plan that is, whether it is plan A or plan B, based upon the status of our funding. During those times in December, we would like to look at how we can improve our by-laws and can we have our policies and procedures revamped, modernized, and in place. So that way beginning of the new calendar year we have got an articular organization and we have whatever the financial situation is and hopefully a corresponding plan in place to start to execute.

God willing it will be a plan for staffing increases and those kinds of things moving forward. But at least then we will have the materials that is needed so when staff comes on board everyone gets baseline employee manual and procedures. With the right tools in place, we go into a new calendar year with a new game plan.

That is for us (the authority), the organization, and the community."

During the meeting EMS Assistant Director Scott Kennedy provided information of a \$5,000 grant awarded by TC Energy (formally Columbia Gas) for an airway upgrade. EMS will use the grant towards the purchase a video laryngoscope. The remaining \$1,400 to \$1,500 needed will have to come from the budget.

Video laryngoscopy is a relatively new technology developed to improve the success rate of tracheal intubation. A high-resolution micro camera mounted on the tip of a curved blade connected to small portable digital monitor improves the view of the vocal cords and subsequently the success rate of direct laryngoscopy. The video laryngoscope is recommended for intubating difficult airways.

Due to the upcoming public meetings no date has been set for a regular meeting.

Tucker Community Foundation Names Cooper New Executive Director

David Cooper has been named executive director for the Tucker Community Foundation after serving on the organization's board of directors for more than 20 years. Cooper stepped into the leadership position on July 1. He joined the Foundation after serving as the executive director of the Youth Leadership Association (YLA) at Camp Horseshoe in Tucker County.



David Cooper is the new executive director for the Tucker Community Foundation. He looks forward to focusing on the organization's future growth.

"David brings more than 25 years of experience working with nonprofits and community service organizations to the Foundation," said David Moran, president of the Board of Directors for the Tucker Community Foundation. "We are excited to have him lead our Foundation team, overseeing the vital work of strengthening communities throughout the region." Cooper said

he looks forward to guiding the Foundation's grants and scholarship processes and focusing on the organization's future growth.

"I am excited to accept the executive director position and continue to build on the Foundation's successful programs and projects," Cooper said. "I became very familiar with the Foundation while

serving on the board of directors as a member and president and participating in Uncle Sam's Birthday Party and Run For It. It is an honor to join an organization that values people and creates resources for communities."

As for priorities, Cooper said he would like to increase the knowledge about the Foundation's mission throughout the eight counties, Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker counties, W.Va., and Garrett County, Md. Additionally, he plans to help the Foundation raise monies for larger projects in the communities.

"My priority is to travel throughout the region talking to people, donors, and organizational leaders to understand what the needs are and what can be done to help the community," Cooper said. "I believe by focusing on the Foundation's strategic goals and working with our staff and board members, we can grow the endowment and increase the positive impacts." The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 140

endowed funds that provide scholarships, grants, and financial support to nonprofits and charitable causes in the eight counties it serves. These funds support a variety of causes, from animal welfare and youth to arts and culture, education, community, and economic development, recreation, preservation of history, and emergency services. A complete list of endowed funds can be viewed at tuckerfoundation.net/engage.

"Whether a donor wants to create a charitable fund to meet community needs, provide a steady income stream or ready assets for a particular organization, I am ready to work with them," Cooper said. "An unrestricted endowed fund can be initiated with as little as \$2,000." Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Tucker Community Foundation is to create opportunities for the communities we serve. For more information on the Foundation or how to establish an endowed fund within the service area, call 304-478-2930 or visit www.tuckerfoundation.net

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We also want to send a special thank you to the Tucker County EMS and police officers for their exceptional kindness during a very difficult time.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge all the help and guidance given to us by Kevin and Ruth of the Hostetler Funeral Home. It meant so much to us.

We are truly blessed by all your love and support.

Sincerely,
Barb, Patrick and Jennifer

Senior News

ACTIVITIES

The Senior Center is trying to get an AARP Driver Safety Class scheduled at the Parsons Center. We 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 1st and 3rd Thursday, Outpost (covered dish lunch) on the 3rd 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. Voting will. Thank you in advance for helping us decide.

We have already reserved tickets for Sight & Sound Theatre for next July (around the 19th or 20th) 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 the month. If you have a question about Medicare, please call 304-636-4747 to schedule an appointment. Open Enrollment begins October 15th. 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 Representative from the Attorney General's Office will be in Parsons on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. If you have a consumer question or complaint, please stop by and speak with her.

The menu next week will be: Mon.: Macaroni & cheese with hot dogs, stewed tomatoes, broccoli, and pears. Tues.: Pulled pork sandwiches, French fries, baked beans, and peaches. Wed.: Chicken stir fry with rice and vegetables, beets, and applesauce. Thurs.: spaghetti with meat sauce, carrots, bread, and mixed fruit. Friday: Open-face roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and an apple. 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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Mon Forest Town Community Meetings Set to Discuss West Virginia Rivers Coalition Report on "Our Wild and Wonderful Mon"

Charleston, W.Va. - West Virginia Rivers Coalition (WV Rivers) will present a recently published report, "Our Wild and Wonderful Mon" at three community listening sessions in Mon Forest Towns in October, 2022 (listed below). The report details the findings of 12 listening sessions held in 2021 with recreational users ranging from hikers and bikers to paddlers and anglers. Participants in the listening sessions identified areas of concern and visions for an improved recreational experience in the Mon Forest.

The report identifies a need for trail maintenance and development, addressing over-visitiation threats to wilderness, marketing less visited areas, and assuring access for all communities regardless of economic or other status. A summary of the findings and recommendations is at <https://wvrivers.org/ourmonforest/>.

The majority of participants in the report mentioned the importance of protecting the pristine, clear headwaters flowing from the Mon Forest. "As the report states, the Mon is truly the 'crown jewel' of West Virginia's public lands," said WV Rivers executive director Angie Rosser. "The concern for Mon Forest headwater protections aligns with the mission of WV Rivers to 'conserve and restore West Virginia's exceptional rivers and streams.'"

Because the listening sessions were held virtually, one recommendation of the report was to hold additional listening sessions, in-person, in Mon Forest towns, so that local citizens have an opportunity to discuss their perspective.

"It is important to get citizen input for any idea that affects their local community and recreation activities," stated Mike Jones, WV Rivers Public Lands Coordinator. The schedule of meetings is:

October 11, 2022 - Petersburg, Welton Park (Pavilion 5), 1979 Peterburg Gap Highway, Petersburg, WV 26847

October 12, 2022 - Canaan Valley, Outdoor Pavilion, Canaan Valley Resort, 230 Main Lodge Road, Davis, WV 26260

October 26, 2022 - Marlinton, Discovery Junction, 709 2nd Avenue, Marlinton, WV 24954

All meetings will start at **5:00 pm** for people to arrive and enjoy light refreshments.

The presentation and community conversations will begin at **5:30 pm**.

Media are welcome to attend.

Approximately 1.3 million people visit the Mon Forest each year. Mon Forest visitors spend about \$20 million annually (2018 Forest Service data). Outdoor recreation has only increased since the COVID-19 pandemic. "Forest recre-

ation means economic benefits for local communities and local businesses," said Rosser. "Leveraging those benefits thoughtfully will also deliver on sustaining one of the most valuable freshwater resources on the planet -- our headwaters of the Mon." The Mon Forest headwaters are the source of numerous West Virginia rivers and remarkable biodiversity. These rivers flow into the Ohio and Chesapeake watersheds; Mon Forest headwaters feed the drinking water sources of approximately 30 million people, representing 9% of the nation's population.

Other opportunities for the Mon Forest identified in the report include improving recreation and availability of forest and trail maps; effective removal of invasive

species; enhancing safe river recreation by increasing the number of U.S. Geological Survey Stream Gauges; a state "Bridge Bill" to permit public water access points at bridge crossings; and providing an endowment and other funding for Mon Forest recreation.

West Virginia Rivers Coalition (WV Rivers) is a nonpartisan non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve and restore West Virginia's exceptional rivers and streams. It coordinates the West Virginians for Public Lands alliance which involves organizations, businesses, and individuals working together to protect and enhance the benefits of our public lands. More information about us can be found at: WVRivers.org

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of three cousins. From left to right they are Lora Lou Teter, Jeffrey Cooper, Crystal Coffey. Lora Lou is the daughter of the late Paul and Lila Lee Cooper Teter. Jeff Cooper is the son of the late Waldo and Janet Mullenex Cooper. Crystal Coffey is the daughter of the late Boyce and Juanita Cooper Coffey. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share, contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

Laneville Bridge on Forest Road 19 Now Open

ELKINS, W.Va., - Monongahela National Forest is pleased to announce that the replacement bridge over Red Creek on Forest Road 19 in Laneville is now open to vehicles and pedestrians. The project was completed three weeks ahead of schedule.

The previous bridge, built after the 1985 flood, was closed July 26 after safety concerns were identified during a routine inspection.

"Thank you to the residents of the Laneville community for your patience and understanding as we worked to

replace the bridge as quickly as possible. It is times like these that bring us together to find creative solutions that work," said District Ranger Jon Morgan. "As a result of problem-solving together, we have strengthened existing partnerships and created new ones that will serve us well in the future."

Be sure to follow along with Forest news on the public website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>. For more information contact the Petersburg office at (304) 257-4488.

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and found some black and white photos of the Town of Hambleton and what it looked like back in the train days. This sign actually helped educate me on the history of Hambleton."

Nestor has also created airbrushed scenes on vehicles, bowling pins from the bowling alley in Elkins, tumbler mugs and the newest sign for the Black Bear Resort. The resort sign had to be made solely of wood, so Nestor used plywood and painted a mountain scene with a bear on the river that gave the sign a layered scenic look when finished.

The process requires Nestor to hand paint the design and then seal it. If working on older projects he sands, bonds any areas needing it, and primes the object before painting and sealing it. On most of his projects Nestor free hand airbrushes the picture on the objects. Other times he has used stencils or cut outs for wording. Nestor hand cuts all stencils out on a light board. Nestor said, "You have to use stencils every now and again to get the letters crisp."

The total time it takes to finish varies on the project. For instance, Nestor had over 25 hours in one large mail box and over 30 hours to complete a scene on a



Second welcome sign for Hambleton, WV commissioned by Leonard Nestor of Wicked Creations Airbrushing.

pickup truck with additional 15 for the tail gate. Price wise license plates start out at around \$30 and go up, and mailboxes range from \$120 and up depending on the size of the mailbox.

Nestor explained his process for the license plates and how they differ from the ones at carnivals or fairs. Nestor said, "I use two coats of automotive clear coat and then I wet sand it before giving it two more coats. My stuff turns out looking like your car. When the carnival does it, they use base coat and that is just a temporary clear to keep everything from getting finger prints

and oils from the atmosphere off of it. You are supposed to use a urethane clear and that makes it shine like your car does."

Nestor said, "I just love my art work. I like doing things like donating a sign to the animal shelter. A lot of people fuss about things in Tucker County, but we are truly the lucky ones."

Anyone wishing to commission a work of art from Nestor can reach him at 304-614-2423 or at leonardnestor@yahoo.com. Nestor's previous work can be seen on his Facebook page as well.

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Debra Frank has over 30 years of experience in the hospitality sector. She is a lifelong educator who recently retired from her position as program director of hospitality management at Allegany College of Maryland.

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TUCKER COUNTY SCHOOLS - FALL
SPEECH and AUDIOLOGY SCREENINGS/
RE-CHECKS SCHEDULED

Tucker County Schools will be conducting the fall speech and audiology screenings/rechecks in our schools. Speech/Hearing screenings are scheduled to take place on October 17-18, 2022.

Students who will be screened are as follows:

- (1) All students entering school for the first time who have not been screened at school;
- (2) All students who have been referred for speech or hearing re-screenings; and
- (3) Any teacher referrals for screening.

Parents will be notified if any student should fail the screenings.

Those who do not wish their child to be tested must contact their respective school in writing. For additional information, you can contact the Tucker County Schools Special Education Department at 304-478-2771.

What's? Happening

Craft Show and Bake Sale

The Five Rivers Public Library will sponsor a Craft Show, Bake Sale, 50-50 and Book Sale Friday, October 21 at the library, 301 Walnut St. Parsons. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

FUMC Breakfast Cancelled for October

The First United Methodist Men unfortunately had to cancel the Oct. breakfast, due to unforeseen circumstances. The next breakfast will be

November 6, at 8 a.m. We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience and hope you will join us is November.

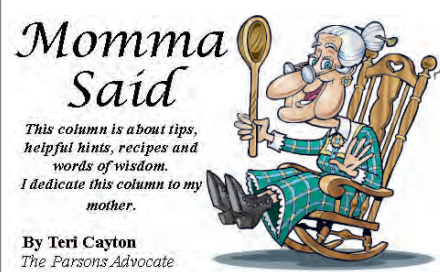
Retired School Employees Meeting

Tucker County Association of Retired School Employees meeting is at noon on Wednesday, October 19 2022 at The Depot Diner. Tucker County's Superintendent of Schools, Alicia Lambert, will be sharing information on the Amendments being voted on at the coming election. All retirees are invited to attend.

Another birthday has come and gone and the only thing any good about this one is I am eligible for Medicare now. Whoopie!! I always figured by the time I became eligible for Social Security and Medicare all the money would be gone and I would have worked for nothing. I will have to say, it has been a long and hard road to get this far. **Momma Said**, "At least I woke up on the right side of the dirt for another birthday."

The aches and pains are getting more pronounced, I never pass up a bathroom and I definitely don't trust a tooter. You can read into that what you will...have had a few close calls lately. I am sure a few of you out there can relate to that! My self-confidence has been put to the test a couple times.

The days and months are ticking down to end of another year. It seems I blink and months have gone by in a blur. I am not looking forward to winter and all the bundling up to keep warm. I have



always had a problem staying warm in cold weather but it is more noticeable now, especially my feet, they stay cold all the time even when it is warm out.

The best part about getting older is... nothing. I can't think of one good thing to say other than at least my hair isn't falling out. Oh yea, I still have all my teeth and they are healthy, knock on wood. I just had a check-up and the Doc said everything is great. **Momma Said**, "I would rather lose my hair than my teeth." That being said, here is a great recipe to kick in fall.

Applesauce Cake

Ingredients

- CAKE
- 2 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
 - 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 2 tsp. cinnamon
 - 1 tsp. nutmeg
 - 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
 - 1/4 tsp. allspice
 - 1 cup applesauce, unsweetened or regular
 - 1 cup brown sugar, packed
 - 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 - 3 large eggs

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

- 8 oz. brick of cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 stick unsalted butter (1/2 cup), room temperature
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3-4 cups powdered sugar
- optional: 1/8 tsp. salt and dash of milk or heavy cream

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Spray a 9x13 inch pan with non-stick cooking spray.

In a small mixing bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and allspice.

In a separate larger mixing bowl, combine the applesauce, brown sugar, vegetable oil and eggs, whisk together. Using a spatula, gently mix in the dry ingredients until just combined.

Pour the batter into the 9x13 inch pan. Bake for 30-32 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Note: if using a metal pan, the baking time may be shorter.

Allow the cake to cool for 1 hour before adding the frosting.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

Place room temperature unsalted butter and cream cheese in a mixing bowl. Use an electric mixer on medium and beat together for 1-2 minutes, until whipped and fluffy.

Add in the vanilla extract and powdered sugar (and optional salt) beat again on low for 1-2 minutes, scraping down the sides of the bowl, until everything is incorporated.

If the frosting is too thick, add a splash of milk or heavy cream, beat until creamy. Spread the frosting on top of the cake.



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.13, 1863: The Battle of Bulltown took place. The location was valuable during the Civil War because the Weston & Gauley Bridge Turnpike crossed the Little Kanawha River on a covered bridge at this site.

Oct. 14, 1947: In a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour. He set another speed record on December 12, 1953, by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A.

Oct. 14, 1949: WSAZ-TV went on the air on channel 5. Early shows included the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game on December 3, 1949.

Oct. 15, 1839: Aretas Brooks Fleming was born in Fairmont. In 1888, Fleming won the Democratic nomination for governor and then won West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election.

Oct. 16, 1859: John Brown and his raiders captured the arsenal at Harpers Ferry, but they were soon besieged by the local militia and federal troops. The raid galvanized the nation, further alienating North

and South and drastically reducing any possible middle ground for compromise.

Oct. 16, 1922: The Rev. Leon Sullivan was born in Charleston. In 1977, Sullivan initiated the original Sullivan Principles, a code of conduct for companies operating in South Africa. The Principles were among the most effective efforts to end the system of apartheid.

Oct. 17, 1859: Heyward Shepherd, an African American, was killed by John Brown's raiders at Harpers Ferry. Shepherd was a porter at the local railroad station and a property owner in nearby Winchester, Virginia.

Oct. 18, 1941: William "Billy" Cox was born in Wheeling. He is one of two bassists to have played regularly with legendary guitarist Jimi Hendrix.

Oct. 19, 1894: Historian and illustrator Julius Allan DeGruyter was born in Charleston. A self-taught painter and illustrator, DeGruyter's art appeared in numerous exhibits and is represented in the collections of the State Museum. The artwork includes scenes of early Charleston.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; 304346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Super Crossword

FILL IT UP!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cinch — (Hefty brand)
 - 4 Achy feeling
 - 12 Recede
 - 15 Sporty car roof feature
 - 19 "Just — expected!"
 - 20 "Babes in Toyland," e.g.
 - 21 What "U" may mean
 - 22 — Ridge (1972 Kentucky Derby winner)
 - 23 Birds for Yuletide dinners
 - 26 Some Pac-12 players
 - 27 Some antique autos
 - 28 Fr. woman with a halo
 - 29 Cuddly crib toys
 - 31 Letter holders
 - 35 Irritate
 - 36 Post office scale unit
 - 37 It flows in la Loire
 - 38 Vegetable pizza toppings
 - 42 Polling place containers
 - 48 Feels ill
 - 49 Weep audibly
 - 50 Zeno of — (Greek philosopher)
 - 51 Vie for the affection of
 - 52 Lies next to
 - 54 Guessing game for kids
 - 55 Garnishes for martinis
 - 60 Broody rock genre
 - 62 Nonbeliever in God
 - 63 Record half with the hit, usually
 - 65 Forces out
 - 69 Larry and Curly's pal
 - 70 Parts of respiratory systems
 - 75 "Fake-Out" co-star
 - 76 Zac of "The Lorax"
 - 78 "—: Battle Angel" (2019 action film)
 - 79 Grilled corned beef sandwiches
 - 81 "Yes" vote
 - 83 Things hanging from rims
 - 87 Put into a snug spot
 - 90 Base before home
 - 92 Oahu gift
 - 93 As straight as — (totally honest)
 - 94 Year, in Portuguese
 - 95 Speller's clarifying words
 - 96 Sewing kit accessories
 - 100 Chicks awaiting meals have them
 - 104 '16 Olympics host city
 - 105 "— a Letter to My Love"
 - 106 "Milk" director
 - 107 Bellhops' burdens
 - 113 Hard or soft
 - 117 Exhaust
 - 118 Socko review
 - 119 "Sure, sure!"
 - 120 Fact about 12 long answers in this puzzle
 - 125 100%, in Germany
 - 126 Winery cask
 - 127 People prettifying
 - 128 Unit of work
 - 129 Shopkeeper
 - Olson on "Little House on the Prairie"
 - 130 Hi-tech organizer
 - 131 Currently
 - 132 Cereal grass
 - DOWN**
 - 1 "— bleu!"
 - 2 Pale-faced
 - 3 Russian ballet company
 - 4 "Help us!"
 - 5 Elect (to)
 - 6 Sleep phase
 - 7 Expunge
 - 8 Tree homes
 - 9 Suffix with towel
 - 10 Apt name for a chef?
 - 11 "No Exit" playwright
 - 12 Looked at
 - 13 Hopalong Cassidy portrayer
 - William
 - 14 On the go
 - 15 Make level
 - 16 Female giant of myth
 - 17 Cultivate to excess
 - 18 Ticks away
 - 24 British verb suffix
 - 25 "Akeelah and the Bee" star
 - Palmer
 - 30 Conks on the head
 - 32 August sign
 - 33 Cereal grass
 - 34 Brit's bar
 - 35 U.S. tax org.
 - 38 An earth sci.
 - 39 Carsick feeling
 - 40 Deep hole
 - 41 Besides that
 - 42 Turned into
 - 43 Numerous
 - 44 Rakish guy
 - 45 Body of water
 - 46 Night hooter
 - 47 Losing row in tic-tac-toe
 - 52 Zipcar owner
 - 53 Hotel stock
 - 54 Debt slip
 - 56 Thin-toned
 - 57 White — sheet
 - 58 "— girl!"
 - 59 "Wicked Game" singer
 - Chris
 - 61 City in Iraq
 - 64 City in India
 - 66 Big name in light trunks
 - 67 "The Adventures of —" (2011 Spielberg film)
 - 68 Lips off to
 - 71 White rat, say
 - 72 Tale twearer
 - 73 War vet's affliction, for short
 - 74 Jellied fish
 - 77 Sturdy tree
 - 80 — B'rith
 - 82 Website for craft vendors
 - 84 Yalies
 - 85 What "X" may mean
 - 86 Pen choice
 - 87 Papete native
 - 88 Of no avail
 - 89 Color-sensitive retina part
 - 91 That chap
 - 95 Song and dance
 - 96 Measures of acidity
 - 97 Geller of psychic acts
 - 98 Grab a chair
 - 99 Ad —
 - 101 \$1,000 bills, informally
 - 102 Unpretty
 - 103 From Florence, e.g.
 - 107 Israeli native
 - 108 Overturn
 - 109 Pooch's bark
 - 110 Less perilous
 - 111 Each and —
 - 112 Bog plant
 - 114 URL starter
 - 115 Israel's Barak
 - 116 Singer Home
 - 117 White sheet?
 - 121 Fuss
 - 122 Body of water
 - 123 Give it a go
 - 124 Navy initials.

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Tucker Community Foundation is now accepting Grant Applications for 2022

Tucker Community Foundation will be awarding grant funding to organizations, volunteer groups and people working to make a positive change in their communities in Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties in West Virginia, as well as Garrett, Maryland. To be considered, groups must be working within the foundation's eight county service areas.

To make the process easier this year, everyone will use the regular Grant Form. In the past, we had a Mini-Grant Application and a Regular Grant Application but this year it doesn't matter how much of a grant you are requesting everyone will use the same application, doesn't matter if you are asking for \$300 or \$3,000. To download a grant application, go online at www.tuckerfoundation.net/endowed-funds/grants/. If you have any

questions please feel free to call our office between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 304-478-2930

Grant applications must be turned into Tucker Community Foundation's office located at 100 Education Lane, Parsons WV 26287 by November 4th at 3 pm. They can also be mailed, to PO Box 491, Parsons WV 26287, with a postmark date of November 4th. Grants can be electronically submitted to: grants@tuckerfoundation.net.

"Grant season at the foundation is always a time of great excitement", said David "Coop" Cooper, Executive Director of the Tucker Community Foundation. "Each year we are reminded of the efforts of hard-working folks who work to make our communities better". As a community foundation, our mission is, "Creating opportunities for the communities we serve".

Grant applications can cover a wide range of charitable service areas including the arts, education, health and safety, emergency services, community development, parks, libraries, historic preservation and more. In years past, grants have helped a high school theater group afford building supplies to construct a set or a church's food pantry to restock its shelves or for a search and recovery crew to afford new emergency equipment.

The foundation's grant funding is due to the generosity of donors who have established and contributed to the more than 140 endowed funds and unrestricted funds established through the foundation. While some funds are targeted to support specific charitable areas, others are written to have a much wider reach. All grant awards are based on a competitive application process. To see the full list of endowed funds supporting this year's grant season, please visit www.tuckerfoundation.net/endowed-funds/grants

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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Weather Totals

Sept. 27 - Oct. 4

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

TEMPERATURE

Max 66° F
Min 35° F

PRECIPITATION

Week 2.32"
September 2.97"
2022 47.34"

SNOWFALL

Snow on Ground 0"
Winter Total 36"

U.S. Forest Service

Meeting

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by saying, “He has been working on job descriptions.” And Kolsun stated yet again, “That is why we refer it to the committee.” DiBacco asked, “Who is working on the job description?” Mayor Judy answered that the committee was and Kolsun was heading that up.

Humphrey asked if the position was one or two positions. Kolsun answered stating the position was one right now, but they were working towards breaking it into two positions. Turner proposed a vote to split the position into two separate positions. Kolsun interjected for the third time saying, “That is why the personnel committee handles that.”

Jones suggested to Turner to make his motion saying, “How about making your motion that we send it to their committee to bring back to us at next meeting the two different descriptions that we are setting forth to them for two different jobs.” Kolsun said, “That has been the plan initially.” To which Jones responded with, “Nothing has been yet.” Kolsun responded by saying, “To say nothing has been done is asinine. It is not complete. We have already done this. This is why I do not understand.”

Turner then entered his motion for the personnel committee to come back at the next meeting with duties and responsibilities for City Administrator and a separate Treasurer. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried with an all-in favor vote.

During the September 6, 2022, meeting interim City Administrator Agnes Arnold was motioned by Kolsun of the personnel committee to be promoted to the role of City Administrator. The motion was seconded by Humphrey and the motion carried unanimously.

So, when Turner questioned about why the job description was not presented to the council before it was posted a heated debate started as to why Turner and fellow council members felt this was necessary. Turner said, “On August 2 there was a motion to send the treasurer job description to the personnel committee and then return it the next meeting with the job description for our approval and I see the job is posted but the council did not approve it.” Kolsun said, “Council does not need to approve it.” Jones said, “But in his (Turner’s) motion I had explained to him that we needed to have it come to council in case there were things we wanted to add to it. Like my personal preference is that the person lives in the county.” Judy responded with, “We are having a hard enough time finding someone without putting restrictions on it.” Turner then said, “This is the thing, there was a vote of four to three so are you making a decision to override the majority of the council members?” Judy responded and said, “I thought you wanted it advertised.” Turner said, “We wanted it brought to council so we could look it over and that did not happen.” Judy said, “We put it out for you to look over.” Turner responded, “We did not see it. It did not happen Dorothy.” Judy then asked Arnold if it was emailed to everyone, and Arnold stated that it had not been emailed to anyone.

When Judy attempted to move on to the

next item on the agenda, Turner stopped her and said that the council needed to discuss the issue at hand first. Turner said, “I think we need to address this issue. The job posting has going to have to be pulled.” Kolsun asked, “So you want to re-write it? The personnel committee was given the right to write a job description. And I wrote the job description and if we take it to council and they tear it apart.” Jones added by saying, “Tim (Auvil) has not been able to see the advertisement because he does not have Facebook and he may not be able to see the advertisement until it comes out in the Advocate and there may be something he wants to add to it.”

Kolsun asked, “Why do we need to add something when the personnel committee is given things to add and make the job description? It is not necessary to add anything. We do it and then give it to council to tear it apart. Just give it to council to write it.” Jones reminded Kolsun of the vote for the personnel committee to write the advertisement and present it to the council.

When Judy asked what did the council want to add to it Turner responded, “We do not know we have not seen it. You can not continue to post something the council did not vote on.” Humphrey then asked, “So whenever we get two or three applicants for this job who does the interviewing?” Judy responded, “You will be lucky to get any.” Kolsun answered Humphrey’s question with, “The personnel committee.”

Humphrey then said, “Before they are hired, they have to be approved by us, correct?” Kolsun answered by saying, “We (personnel committee) recommend the person to you, yes. And you approve it or deny it.” Turner added, “And the person on the personnel committee can not vote.” Judy responded, “Oh bull, where do you get all these rules from Tim?” Turner asked, “How could you vote if you sit in the interviews? It is a conflict of interest.” To which Judy asked again where did Turner come up with this.

Even though Kolsun tried to move on, the council pushed for more answers. Humphrey asked for a copy of the job posting so the council could read the advertisement. Jones said, “The only thing I have to say to this is that I myself believe that advertisement should not have gone on Facebook until after the council had looked at it or before the council had known about it.” Judy said, “We put a lot of things on Facebook before you all know about it.”

DiBacco who had remained quiet until this point said, “We voted on it in a meeting to come back to council then it should have come back to council. So, that is the issue.” Kolsun responded with, “You told the personnel committee to write it up. That is what the personnel committee is for, to write a job description not to come back to council and then have to re-write it again and re-write again.” DiBacco said, “But we voted to have it come back to us.” Kolsun said, “I do not remember that vote.” Turner then said, “You remember that vote very well, you can buffalo some people.” Kolsun said, “Do not tell me what I can remember.”

Acting City Treasurer Jason Myers then spoke up and said, “If I remember right a motion was made on an item that was not even on the agenda. So, I do not know if that motion was even valid.” Jones said, “No, it was on the agenda.”

After reviewing the job description advertisement Jones said, “I would like to see that first time advertising this that it goes out with the individual needs to preside in the Tucker County.” Kolsun said, “I do not think that is necessary.” Judy responded with, “You can put all the restrictions you want but it going to be hard to find someone anyway.” Jones reminded the Mayor that the previous advertisements were for two positions not one and said, “If all else fails when we do not get any applicants from in county residents, we can pull that off the advertisement and we can run it again.” Greenleaf said, “It will be discriminating if you do that.”

According to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission website at www.eeoc.gov, “It is illegal for an employer to publish a job advertisement that shows a preference for or discourages someone from applying for a job because of his or her race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information. For example, a help-wanted ad that seeks “females” or “recent college graduates” may discourage men and people over 40 from applying and may violate the law.” It does not state anywhere that is illegal or discriminatory to include the applicant should reside or be willing to re-locate in a certain area in order to be eligible for a job position. Police departments are an example that do it on a regular basis for new hires.

After discussing the grant awarded to Parsons for the demolition fund, Turner said, “I still think the personnel committee needs to look into hiring a part-time person to help Aggie and Misti because if one of them gets sick.” Judy interrupted Turner and said, “For God’s sake give it a break.” Arnold said, “We do have Danelle working with the baby. She is not here in presence.” Turner finished his prior statement by saying, “If one of you gets sick, we should have a part-time person here to help but I guess that is for another committee.”

Myers then said, “I have a question and I really do not give a rat’s who gets offended by this because I can walk away at any time. Why in the world is there so much scrutiny on the treasury job when we can hire a municipal judge and there is nothing said, we can hire someone for the Wellness Center, and nothing is said; why is there so much scrutiny? Do you all want me to leave and walk away? I will do it tonight. I do not care. I am there as a favor to everybody there. You all do not want me there and you want to put restrictions there and you do not want to put

someone outside the county there. Folks you are not offending me. I have a full-time job and I am glad I walked away.”

Jones responded with, “Jason it’s nothing against you. We want to put someone in here that we can be trustworthy of and try to fulfill your shoes. That is the only reason I am up about it because we need someone in here that can step in.”

Myers came back with, “I feel like I am not wanted. I have Tim Turner jumping at me and it just seems like everybody is against me. I can walk away tonight because I have no problem doing so.” Humphrey added, “Jason it is like I told you a long time ago. You have been here for 20 years, and you have done a wonderful job in 20 years. But you gave up on us 15 months ago.” To which everyone in the room started raising their voices speaking and nothing could be understood. Humphrey finished by saying, “What I am saying is that we have to move forward. We are looking toward the future. Jason, I just wish you would come back.”

Jones said, “That is the reason we requested that job be split up into two positions.” Auvil added, “It is going to take two people to fill your (Myer’s) shoes.” Jones added to the conversation by saying, “We cannot get another Jason Myers at all. And there is too much to do in this office and the next person needs to be able to be flexible in the beginning and to work with you to learn everything. And it is going to take probably another year before they get the training under their belt.”

Myers asked again why there was so much scrutiny and Kolsun said, “It is highly unnecessary.” Jones said, “It is because we need to find the right person.” DiBacco added, “Jason, I do not think we can compare your job to the Wellness Center person and a general laborer.” Kolsun was stating that was not what Jason was saying, DiBacco was saying yes it was when Judy yelled from the phone “Stop! We are not getting anywhere arguing. This is pointless!” At which point DiBacco said, “It is pointless!” and left the meeting.

Turner then said, “Jason, I am sorry if you think I am attacking you, but as we have talked before, you are in transition here. You are not going to be here permanently and yes; we need you to help the new person, but you are here temporary.” Humphrey said, “We need to find that person so he (Myers) can train them.” Auvil countered with, “If you do not run him (Myers) off in the meantime.”

Greenleaf then requested to adjourn the meeting.

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Updates

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mation, “Domestic violence is defined by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as the willful intimidation physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse.

The city of Parsons is an important partner in the Centers Against Violence vision to create a community where people thrive in safe and healthy relationships.

October is a time to remember and honor all victims, as well as raise awareness to help prevent domestic violence.”

During a previous meeting Councilman Tim Turner approached the subject of PRO On-Trac selling the property that the city has \$230,000 invested. Turner suggested that upon the selling of the property PRO On-Trac should return the invested monies and the monies be placed in an account for future projects.

Turner said, “There is an item that needs to be discussed at some point. It is not meant to cause a big ruckus, but it is something we need to discuss for the benefit of the city as we are the financial caretakers of the city. And that is the PRO building, I was told by the treasurer who has told other people that they are considering selling the place. Then I think we have invested \$230,00 in that and I talked to Jason (Myers) about it and we need to get our money back or as much money as we can recoup from that back. Jason said we need to ask for the money back and put in an account for any future projects. But it would be under the control of the city and that would be money that could be used for other projects that they may do or whatever. I just think that we need to have a discussion or at least begin to think about doing that with the money. We have to.”

This conversation sparked another round of heated decision where Mayor Dorothy Judy said, “We do not have to.” And Turner continued by saying, “Well we are going to because we have to be fiscally responsible.”

Judy then said, “It is the same thing as the library. We do not care of their money.” Turner responded with, “Well no they are not because they are not listed in the will (Harman Fund). The library is listed in the will. PRO is not.”

Councilwoman Melissa Jones added to the debate by saying, “The \$236,000 is just designated for that building and the problem I have is what if someone from out of state buys the PRO building and does not like the mural. There goes \$15,000 down because we cannot control it.” Judy said, “You can just put in the deed that they can not do anything to it.” Turner said, “No you cannot control property once you sell it.”

Reporter Bruce Kolsun raised his voice and said, “Do you want to eliminate PRO from doing any of the work?” Jones said, “No, Bruce that is not what we are saying.” Jones explained that once the loan PRO has on the building is paid off that any proceeds should be placed into an account to be used for any project PRO may do in the future. Councilman Tim Auvil agreed and said, “That is not a bad idea.”

Turner questioned when the state audit would be conducted. City Administrator Agnes Arnold stated that the auditor was hoping to start this October if he can.

Jones questioned when the poll would be posted on Facebook for changing the city streets from 25mph to 15 mphore information needs to be gathered prior to this being placed on the agenda. Arnold mentioned that they have tried to create the poll but there were some issues impeding it from working correctly and that Councilman James “Sam” Humphrey informed her he has not been able to discuss this issue with everyone on the Street Committee.

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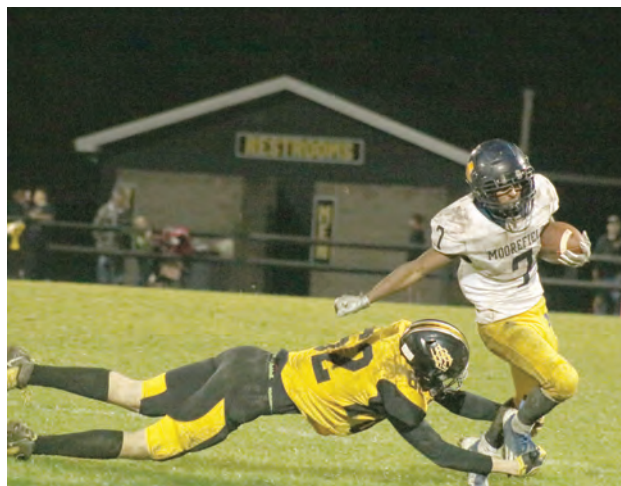
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SPORTS

Tucker stays undefeated with win over Moorefield 45-18



Tucker County's Blaike Adams(20) makes the catch on a pass play against Moorefield on Oct. 7th. The Mt. Lions won the contest 45-18. Photos by Brittany Channell.



The Mt. Lions defender Owen Knotts(62) gets the tackle against the Moorefield runner on Oct. 7th. Tucker County got the victory by the score of 45-18.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The #4 ranked Mt. Lions Football team hosted Moorefield on Friday October 7th. Tucker County trailed early, but the Mt. Lions offense got going to pick up the win and remain undefeated by the final score of 45-18.

Moorefield would strike first on the opening drive of the game. The Yellowjackets scored on a 1 yard touchdown run. The PAT kick was blocked to make the score 6-0 Moorefield with 8:09 left in the first quarter. Tucker County would answer on their second play of their opening drive on a 64 yard touchdown pass from Ethan Rosenau to Jared Reall. The 2 point conversion was good on a Rosenau pass to Maddox Anderson to give the Mt. Lions the 8-6 lead with

7:12 left in the first. The next drive for Moorefield would start at their own 5. After three negative run plays for Moorefield they were forced to punt from their own 1. The snap was then dropped out of the back of the end zone to give Tucker County a safety with 5:00 left in the first to up the Mt. Lions lead to 10-6.

In the second quarter Tucker County would score again on a 21 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Blaike Adams. The PAT failed to make the score 16-6 Mt. Lions with 6:41 left in the first half. Moorefield then answered with a 12 yard touchdown run with 3:46 left in the second. The 2 point conversion was no good to cut the Tucker County lead to 16-12. The Mt. Lions would then march down the field before the half-time break as Reall scored on a 20 yard touchdown run. The PAT was good on a

conversion failed to make the score 30-18 Mt. Lions with 2:38 left in the third.

The Mt. Lions got on the scoreboard again early in the fourth quarter on a Rosenau touchdown pass to Adams with 8:38 left in the game. The PAT was good with a Lycliter pass reception to increase the Tucker County lead to 38-18. The Mt. Lions then added a late touchdown with a Reall 2 yard touchdown run with 1:21 left in the fourth. The PAT kick by Lycliter was good to make the final score 45-18.

Rosenau pass to Ashton Lycliter to make the score 24-12 Tucker County with 1:34 left in the second quarter. The first half ended with the score 24-12 Mt. Lions.

Tucker County received the kick to start the third quarter. The Mt. Lions then put together a 64 yard drive that was capped off with a Will McCallister 10 yard touchdown run with 6:23 left in the third. The 2 point conversion was no good to put the Tucker County lead to 30-12. Moorefield's next possession started at their own 39. The Yellowjackets

Tucker County's Ethan Rosenau ended the game 14 of 21 passing for 224 yards. Jared Reall carried the ball 19 times for 141 yards rushing for the Mt. Lions. Blaike Adams led Tucker County in receiving with 7 receptions for 79 yards. Reall added 64 yards receiving and Trenton Wilfong chipped in with 50 yards receiving for Tucker County. Reall led the Mt. Lions on defense with 6 tackles and Dom Mullenax added 5 tackles for Tucker County. The Mt. Lions defense had 3 sacks on the night against Moorefield as Haden Smith, Owen Knotts and Marky Phillips had 1 sack each. Tucker County outgained Moorefield in total yards 386-265.

Tucker County(6-0) will return to action on Friday October 14th at Southern Garrett, MD. Kickoff for the game is set for 7pm in Oakland. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday October 12th

• Tucker Valley Football @ Washington Irving 6:30pm

Thursday October 13th

• Tucker County Volleyball @ Pendleton County 6pm
• Tucker County Cross Country Regional @ Camp Kidd 4pm
• Davis-Thomas Volleyball vs Kasson @ Home 6pm

Friday October 14th

• Tucker County Football @ Southern Garrett, MD 7pm

Monday October 17th

• Tucker County JV Football @ Philip Barbour 6pm
• Tucker Valley Volleyball vs Philippi @ Home 5pm

Tuesday October 18th

• Tucker Valley Volleyball @ South Preston 5:30pm

Tucker County Cross Country hosted meet at Camp Kidd



The Tucker County Girls' Cross Country team start the Tucker County Invitational at Camp Kidd on Oct. 8th. The Lady Mt. Lions team finished 2nd in the meet. Photos by Dave Helmick.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

CAMP KIDD – The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams hosted athletes for the Tucker County Invitational at Camp Kidd on Saturday October 8th.

In the Girls' race East Fairmont freshman Kailee Haymond came across the finish line first to win the race with a time of 21:19.09. Katie Hicks from Tucker County placed 3rd with a time of 21:59.28. Lady Mt. Lions runner Erin Cham-



The Tucker County Boys' Cross Country team as they start their event at the Tucker County Invitational at Camp Kidd on Oct. 8th. The Tucker County team finished 3rd in the event.

bers followed close behind in 4th place with a time of 22:13.82. Addi Moats(22:33.44) of Tucker County collected a 6th place finish and Hannah Hardy(23:35.56) took home an 11th place finish for the Lady Mt. Lions. Tucker County's Brianna Gooden(28:55.00) finished in 16th place for the Lady Mt. Lions team. Girls' Teams final placement: 1st-Philip Barbour, 2nd-Tucker County, 3rd-East Fairmont.

The Boys' race was won by East Fairmont's Nathaniel Stuck with a time of 17:37.28. Cameron Judy

was the top finisher for Tucker County in 9th place with a time of 19:44.72. Alex Boyles of Tucker County placed 12th with a time of 20:22.18. Mt. Lions runner Allan Boyles(21:28.75) finished 16th and Lynk Suesli(23:00.06) took home 22nd place for Tucker County. Haden Smith(28:32.66) placed 28th to round out the results for the Mt. Lions. Boys' Teams final placement: 1st-East Fairmont, 2nd-Notre Dame, 3rd-Tucker County.

The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams will return to action at home for the Regional Championship on Thursday October 13th at 4pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker County Volleyball falls to Preston and Moorefield

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Preston on Tuesday October 4th for a JV and varsity match. In the JV match Tucker County got the win in straight sets 25-22, 25-22.

In Set 1 of the Varsity match Tucker County dropped the set by the score of 25-17. Set 2 was close and competitive throughout as Preston edged the Lady Mt. Lions 29-27. Tucker County fought back in Set 3 to take the set 25-14 to force another set. The Lady Mt. Lions could not make the comeback as Preston would win Set 4 by the score of 25-21. This would give Preston the match win 3-1.

MOOREFIELD – The Tucker County Volleyball

team traveled to Moorefield on Wednesday October 5th for a JV and Varsity match.

In the JV match the Lady Mt. Lions fell to Moorefield in straight sets 25-10 and 25-3.

In the Varsity match Moorefield played strong as they won Set 1 by the score of 25-12. Set 2 would also go to the Lady Yellowjackets by the score of 25-13. Tucker County could not force a third set as they dropped Set 3 by the count of 25-11 to give Moorefield the Match win in straight sets 3-0.

Tucker County(5-7) will travel to Pendleton County on Thursday October 13th at 6pm and then the Lady Mt. Lions will travel to Elkins on October 19th at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

West Virginia's fall turkey season opens Oct. 8

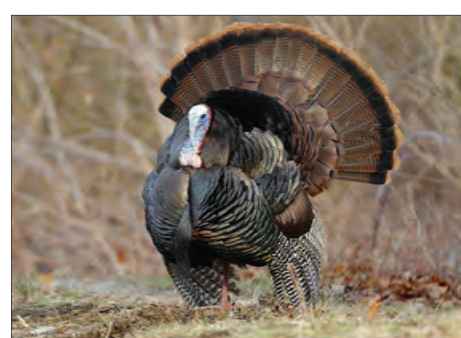
FARMINGTON, W.VA. — West Virginia's fall hunting season for wild turkey is scheduled to open Oct. 8.

Fall turkey season will be open Oct. 8-16 in all 55 counties. The season will be open an additional week in seven counties, from Oct. 24-30, and for three additional weeks in 14 counties, from Oct. 24-Nov. 13.

Wildlife biologists analyze harvest data from the spring gobbler season to determine what counties will be open for the extended two-week fall wild turkey season.

"The 2022 spring gobbler harvest was about 8 percent below the 2021 harvest so we had to reduce the number of counties open to a two-week fall turkey," said Mike Peters, wild turkey biologist with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

All hunters 15 and older are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license and a valid form of identification while hunting. Resident landowners hunting on their land do not need a hunting license. A West Virginia hunting license can be purchased at license agents across the state or



online at WVhunt.com.

During the fall wild turkey season, only one bird of either sex can be harvested using a bow, crossbow or gun, including air rifles that are .22 caliber or larger. Hunting hours range from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. The use of electronic calls and bait is prohibited.

For more information about the fall wild turkey season, download a copy of the 2022-2023 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available online a WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Wildcats Football drop game at Philippi Barbour 16-0

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PHILIPPI – The Tucker Valley Middle School Football team traveled to Philip-Barbour on Wednesday October 5th. The Wildcats failed to get their offense going all evening as they fell in the contest by the score of 16-0.

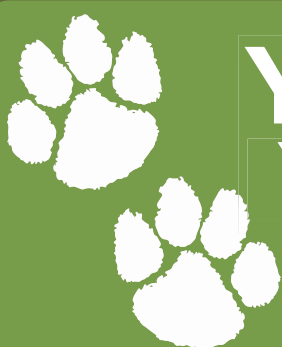
Philip Barbour scored first on a long pass play and the 2 point conversion was good to make the score 8-0 Philip Barbour after one quarter of play. The home team Philip Barbour would score again in the second quarter on another long pass play. The PAT conversion was good again to push the Philip Barbour lead to 16-0 after the second quarter ended.

Tucker Valley got the ball to start the

third quarter and the Wildcats put together a drive that lasted through the entire third quarter to keep the score at 16-0 Philip Barbour after three quarters. Tucker Valley could not sustain the drive early in the fourth as they were kept off the scoreboard. Neither team would score in the fourth to give Philip Barbour the win by the final score of 16-0.

Luke Barb led Tucker Valley with 11 carries for 58 yards rushing and Ethan Cummings added 9 carries for 31 yards. Cayden Arnold also had 6 carries for 17 yards for the Wildcats in the loss.

Tucker Valley(2-4) will travel to Washington Irving Middle on Wednesday October 12th for a 6:30pm kickoff. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



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Tucker County Giving Circle to Offer Grants to Local Not-For-Profit Organization

Tucker County Giving Circle (TCGC) is offering grants to be used by not-for-profit organizations to fund projects that support the needs of women and/or children in Tucker County. Any not-for-profit organization based in Tucker County that aligns with the TCGC mission of building the life skills of women and/or children residing in Tucker County is eligible to apply. Grant applications will be available beginning October 1, 2022 on the Tucker Community Foundation website at tuckerfoundation.net. Applications may also be requested by emailing the TCGC at TCGCofers@gmail.com or calling (484)955-2649 or (703)328-1376. Applications must be submitted to the Tucker County Giving Circle by 3:00 p.m. of November 4, 2022. Funds for the successful applicants will be awarded and disbursed by December 31, 2022.

The Tucker County Giving Circle (TCGC) is a philanthropic organization working in collaboration with the Tucker Community Foundation. TCGC's mission is to build a community of people working together to create a network of support addressing the needs of women and/or children residing in Tucker County, West Virginia.

TCGC had its inaugural year in 2020 and has since



contributed over \$14,000 to support women and children in Tucker County. It is expected that each year, as membership in the organization grows, more funds will become available. The Tucker County Giving Circle looks forward to hearing from interested applicants.

Pictured Left: Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School students exploring the world through virtual reality goggles, funded by the Tucker County Giving Circle.

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ELECTION INFORMATION
 OCTOBER 26, 2022 - NOVEMBER 5, 2022
EARLY VOTING BEGINS §3-3-3
 MONDAY - FRIDAY
 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SATURDAY DATES
OCTOBER 29, 2022, AND NOVEMBER 5, 2022 §3-3-3
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022, IS THE LAST DAY TO EARLY VOTE

TUCKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX ROOM 204

GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 §3-1-31
 POLLS OPEN AT 6:30 AM
 POLLS CLOSE AT 7:30 PM

TUCKER COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
 304-478-2414

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR MAKE CHANGES
OCTOBER 18, 2022
FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Dana Patrick Cassidy	Linda S. Cassidy
1st publication 10/12/22	3235 Location Rd.
2nd publication 10/19/22	Parsons, WV 26287

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Wilda Carol Godfrey	Virginia Smith
1st publication 10/5/22	18 Bristol Ave.
2nd publication 10/12/22	Parsons, WV 26287
Dellas Junior Myers/aka	Kathleen Hovan
Junior D. Myers	204 Ridge Ave.
1st publication 10/5/22	Altoona, PA 16602
2nd publication 10/12/22	

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
 DIVISION OF MINING AND RECLAMATION

PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING OPERATIONS

Notice is hereby given that: Shiloh Quarry, LLC, 190 Midstream Way, Jane Lew, WV 26378, 304-884-2325, Surface Mine Permit Number Q200495, situated in Clover District of Tucker County, approximately 5.0 miles West of Moatsville, WV, will be conducting blasting activities in accordance with all State and Federal Laws and as approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Blasting activities will occur Monday through Saturday from "sunrise to sunset." No blasting shall be conducted on Sunday. Blasting is to commence on Nov. 11, 2022 and continue through Nov. 11, 2023.

Ten minutes prior to and immediately after each blast, all access to the specific area will be safeguarded from unauthorized entry. The warning signal prior to each blast shall be from an air horn, siren, or other device audible to at least one half mile from the blast. The warning will be given three (3) minutes prior to detonation and will consist of three (3) short blasts of five (5) seconds duration with five (5) seconds between each blast. The all clear signal shall be one long blast from an air horn, siren, or other approved device of twenty (20) seconds duration.

Blasting shall be conducted in such a way so as to prevent adverse impacts to the public or the environment.

Blasting activities will not be conducted at times other than those announced in the blasting schedule except in the event of an emergency situation where rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonations.

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Notice is hereby given that STANLEY INDUSTRIES, INC., 587 WILLOW WAY, FLEMINGTON, WV 26347, has submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) located at 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600 to transfer, assign, or sell Permit No. Q200495 to SHILOH QUARRY LLC, 190 MIDSTREAM WAY, JANE LEW, WV 26378.

Comments on the application shall be in writing and shall identify the applicant and application number and be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above. Comments received by 11/11/22, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication, will be considered.

A copy of the application will be available until 11/11/22, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above AND in the Tucker County Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219

NOTE: Location map not required.

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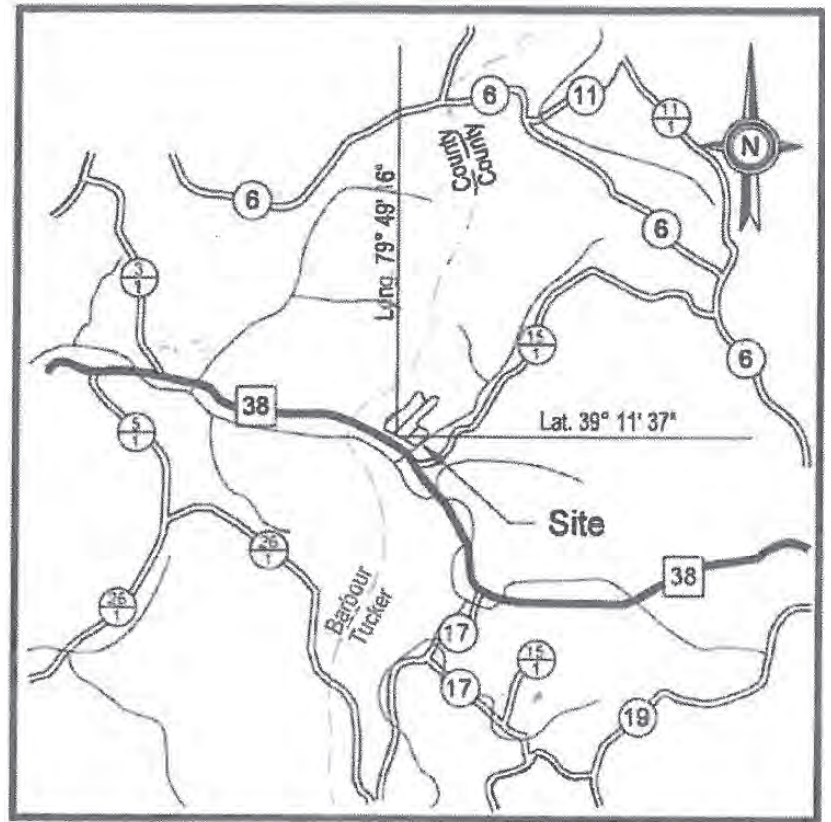
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G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
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 Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered
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OFFICIAL BALLOT					
NATIONAL TICKET		COUNTY TICKET		EMERGENCY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	
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STATE TICKET		FOR COUNTY CLERK (Vote for ONE)		Amendment No. 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment	
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BALLOTING ON SENATORIAL AMENDMENTS		FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 85TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)		Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amendment	
FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 85TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> JOHN PAUL HOTT II REP Grant Co. NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED DEM NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN <input type="radio"/> Write-in, if Any		Summary of Purpose: Clarifying that courts have no authority or jurisdiction to intercede or intervene in or interfere with impeachment proceedings of the House of Delegates or the Senate, and specifying that a judgment rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable by any court of this state. Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment, darken the oval next to "AGAINST". <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST		Summary of Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the rules and policies promulgated by the State Board of Education, are subject to legislative review, approval, amendment, or rejection. Instructions to Voters: To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment, darken the oval next to "AGAINST". <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	
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OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT	
TUCKER COUNTY AMBULANCE EXCESS LEVY	
Election to authorize levies for the years beginning July 1, 2023; July 1, 2024; July 1, 2025; and July 1, 2026, for the purposes of providing operational and maintenance support for the Emergency Ambulance Service. The approximate amount to be raised is \$401,000 per year according to the order of the Tucker County Commission entered on the 17th day of August 2022. The levy shall be on Class 1 property 1.94 cents per \$100 of assessed value; on Class 2 property 3.88 cents per \$100 of assessed value; on Class 3 property 7.76 cents per \$100 of assessed value; and on Class 4 property 7.76 cents per \$100 of assessed value. For Class 2 owner-occupied residential properties with an appraised value of \$150,000 and assessed value of \$90,000, the ambulance levy will be \$34.92. In the event the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the County of Tucker changes during the term of the special levy, the levy rate in any class of property may be adjusted so that the projected tax collection will remain approximately \$401,000 capped amount in any fiscal year. The total capped amount of this tax may be adjusted downward on an annual basis only if other state tax authorities to support EMS are enabled and utilized by the County to permit these tax offsets. This determination shall be made by the County Commission on a fiscal year basis. <input type="radio"/> For the Levy <input type="radio"/> Against the Levy	
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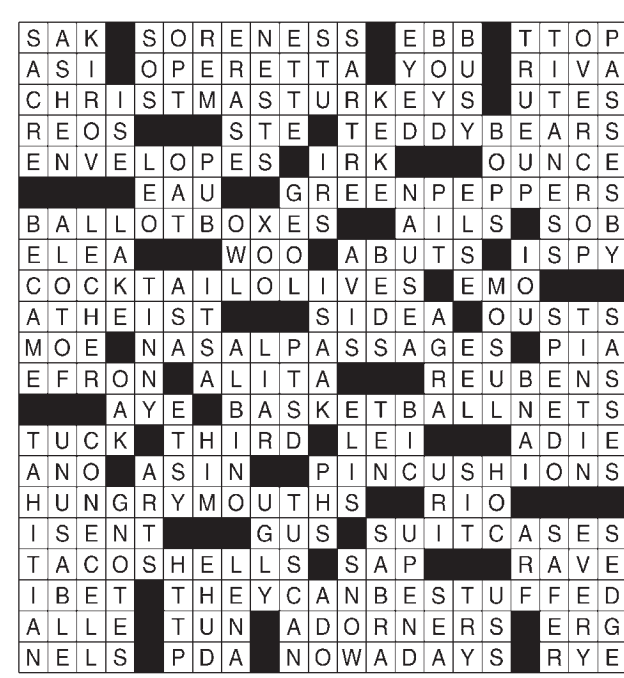
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Tucker County Homecoming Court (from Left to Right) - Junior Representatives: Joe Wratford and Kiley Hebb; Senior Representatives: Mason Kisamore and Paige Shaffer; Senior Representatives: Aaron Quattro and Darrah Pennington; Senior Representatives: Jacob DeVilder and Ariona Plumley; Sophomore Representatives: Garrett Wilfong and Raven Matthews; Freshman Representatives: Lynk Suesli and Belle Gregory. Inset Photos: 2022 Homecoming Queen: Darrah Pennington and escort Aaron Quattro

Hebb Promoted at Westrock's Covington, Va., Mill

COVINGTON, VIRGINIA — Jim Hebb has accepted the position of lead project engineer in the Engineering department, at WestRock's Covington, Virginia, mill effective November 1, 2022. In this position, Hebb is responsible for coordinating the safety, planning, organizing, and completion of capital projects primarily in the paper machine areas.

Hebb earned his B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from West Virginia University in 2007. He joined Verso's Luke mill as machine coating prep process engineer in 2008 before transferring to Nos. 8 and 9 Paper Machine as dry-end technical assistant in April 2010. In September

2010, Hebb assumed the role of wet-end technical assistant on

Nos. 8 and 9 Paper Machine, and in 2012, he accepted the position of technical assistant on No. 9 Paper Machine.

Hebb joined the Covington mill in December 2015 as the dry-end engineer on the No. 1 Paper Machine, and in December 2017 transferred to the position of operations supervisor for No. 8 Paper Machine. He was promoted to No. 8 Paper Machine superintendent in 2019 and accepted the position of assistant superintendent of No. 1 Paper Machine in 2021.

Hebb, a native of Parsons, West Virginia, currently resides in Alleghany County, Virginia.



Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau Celebrates Stars of Almost Heaven Awards Wins

Davis, W.Va. — The Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau is celebrating several wins from the 2022 Stars of Almost Heaven Awards. The ceremony was held on September 15, 2022, during the 2022 Governor's Conference on Tourism in Huntington, W.Va.

The Stars of Almost Heaven awards are presented by the West Virginia Department of Tourism as a way "to recognize industry partners from across the state for their outstanding achievements in advertising, marketing and public relations, as well as their contributions to the tourism industry in West Virginia."

The Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau was awarded Best Overall Advertising Campaign for the "Ski The Valley Campaign."

The campaign was in partnership with Tucker County's three premier ski resorts, Canaan Valley Resort, Timberline Mountain and White Grass. The campaign's goal was to showcase the resorts as the perfect winter playgrounds for locals and visitors, as well as to market the charming small towns full of diverse dining and impressive art communities in Tucker County.

The 2021 to 2022 Ski

the Valley Campaign was launched with updated branding to promote winter snow sports in Tucker County and grow Ski the Valley brand awareness, in order to attract more visitors to the area's three major ski resorts. The campaign featured digital and print ads, radio spots, videos, passports and branded swag.

The Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau partnered with Digital Relativity, a full service digital agency with offices in Fayetteville and Charleston, W.Va., on the campaign.

Additionally, Timberline Mountain was awarded the West Virginia Community Tourism Development Award. In November 2019, the resort was purchased and rebranded. Since then, Timberline Mountain has undergone many improvements, including a new high-speed, six-passenger Doppelmayr lift, a new fixed-grip quad lift to mid-station, improvements to the learning area, upgrades to snowmaking, lodge remodeling, and a new rental, retail and food service area.

During this year's ceremony, the 2021 winners were also honored. The Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau received Best Print/Photography for the 2021 Travel Guide.

Job Fair draws employers and job seekers from around region



MOOREFIELD, W.Va. — The sun rose brightly and glinted off the windows at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern) as the doors opened at 9 a.m. for the Oct. 7 Community Job Fair and dozens of employers and job seekers streamed into the building.

The job fair was a joint effort between the college's Career Services and Workforce Education departments and WorkForce West Virginia and the Region VII Workforce Development Board and was the first event of its kind held at the college since 2019. Reactions to the event were positive, said Shane Heimberger, business analyst with the Region VII Workforce Development Board, who said, one hour into the event, that foot traffic had been good so far.

High school students from East Hardy High School and the Mineral County Alternative Program were among the first wave

of interested visitors. The students from Mineral County also did a tour of the college campus and listened to presentations on some of the college's educational and workforce training programs. In addition, they talked with some of the employers at the job fair. One student, Robert Tasker of Keyser, said he was interested in welding, and classmate Nathaniel Warner, also of Keyser, said he enjoyed talking with representatives of Petersburg Oil Company because he liked doing mechanical work.

Jaime Bland, human resources generalist with Grant Memorial Hospital, said she wanted to engage with people at the event as there were openings available in nearly every department at the hospital. Colby Caldwell, superintendent at Lost River State Park, echoed Bland's sentiment, and noted that visitor traffic at the state park had doubled in recent years, and the park

needed staff to cover the increased demand. In particular, he said, the park had openings for part-time workers in housekeeping and maintenance, jobs that were ideal for high school students or those looking for some additional income.

Shannon Champ and Jennifer Heishman from American Woodmark's South Branch Plant said most of their available positions were in the hourly manufacturing/production area, but that they also have openings in other departments. They also noted that Woodmark provides many opportunities for advancement internally, as both Champ and Heishman had started out as production employees before moving into other positions.

Employers and organizations who participated in the job fair were American Woodmark, Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Children's Home Society, E.A. Hawse Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Eastern Allegheny Council for Human Services, Inc., Eastern Millwright Regional Council Local 443, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, Eastern's Workforce Education Department, Farm Credit of the Virginias, Genesis HealthCare, Grant Memorial Hospital, Grant Rehabilitation & Care Center, Hardy County 911, Hardy County Schools, HomeBase Inc., Lost River State Park, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Mountain-Heart Community Services Inc., Oakland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Peacock Manufacturing Company, Pendleton Commu-

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Dixie Heavener, Eastern's Title III project director and career counselor, said "It was a successful event, and I am happy with the turnout of both employers and job seekers. Our community and region need employees, so this was a good opportunity for people who are looking for a job or seeking a career change to get face-to-face time with top employers. It also allowed the public to speak to college administrators, faculty, and staff about the academic and workforce programs Eastern offers. It was a one-stop shop."

Heavener also said another Community Job Fair is already in the works, set for Tuesday, April 11, at Eastern.

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