

Ambulance Authority Host Public Meeting in Canaan

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

The Ambulance Authority held their first of four informational meetings to discuss the proposed excess levy tax that has been placed for vote on the November ballot. The meeting was held in Canaan at the Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department hall with an estimated 18 to 20 people in attendance. Ambulance Authority member Lenora "Nora" Howell presented the audience with a slide presentation containing information regarding the EMS services in Tucker County.

For the fiscal year of July 2021 to June 2022 the number of EMS calls classified by the 911 call center were a total of 1,281 or an average of 3.5 calls per day. There were 721 calls for medical treatment, 179 call for personal injury, and ski accident calls totaled 19. Motor vehicle accident calls totaled 131, total fire calls were 31, non-emergency transports totaled 24 and other calls were 176.

During this fiscal period there was an EMS ordinance fee in effect that helped fund two stations and maintain enough staff-

ing for two EMS crews running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This enabled a paramedic to be available on every shift and crew morale was good. Hiring and staff retention were also at a good standing point.

The current status of the EMS has only one station with two crews some of the time and a paramedic four days out of the week. There are 10 staff members on the roster including two paramedics, 7 EMTs, and one driver. Response times have increased putting people's life in danger. The EMS crews can not handle all of the calls coming into the 911 call center. For the previous year there were 21 calls handled by EMS crews from outside the Tucker County area. July and August of 2022 there were 20 for the two months alone.

The future goal for the EMS is to have two stations fully staffed with advanced life support (ALS) capabilities. With a budget shortfall of over \$400,000 the proposed excess levy tax would enable the EMS to fill in the gap of funding needed to fulfill that goal.

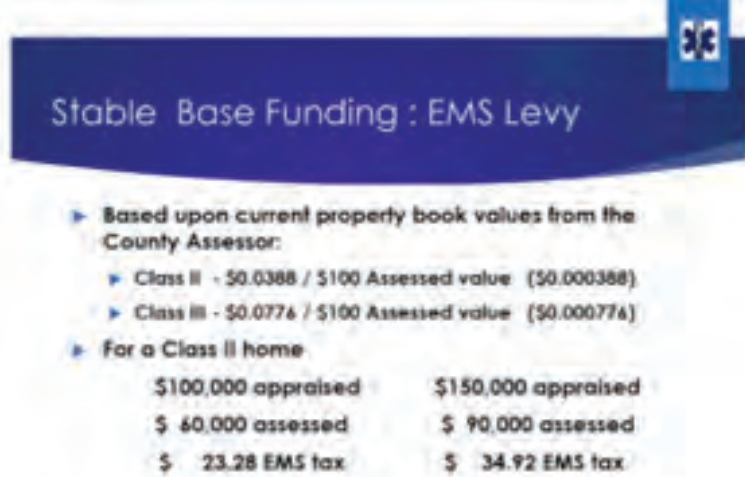
The levy, if passed, will be placed on a resident's tax bill

for the upcoming four years and is based upon the county's total assessed values of homes, business, farms, personal and business property. The total tax collected county wide will not exceed \$401,000. Assessed is the total appraised value multiplied by .60 but some residents will qualify for a homestead exemption that could further reduce their value by \$20,000.

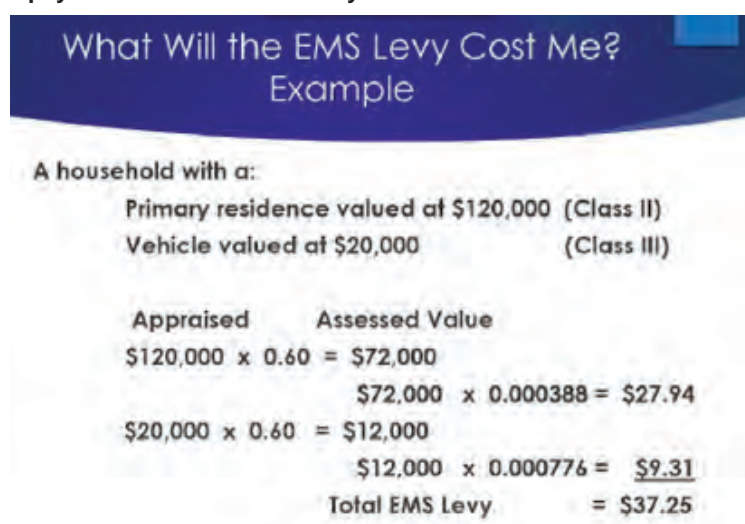
The authority has set plans in motion for the future goals of the EMS. Internal improvements are necessary for a positive and successful EMS going forward. The goals include managing the budget with the help of a certified accountant that will enable the EMS to track the financial metrics of the budget. There are plans to explore better billing and collection processes.

Finding and applying for more grants to help offset the financial cost of equipment or training is being accessed. Data analysis and information sharing are on top of the list of improvements as well looking at adding a non-emergency transport service to add revenue.

The authority has already
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Picture is an example of the amount of tax an individual could pay for the EMS Excess Levy Tax.



What will the EMS Levy Tax cost me? Example provided by the Ambulance Authority at public meeting in Canaan.

Pro Poly donates tank for flood relief

Pro Poly of America, Inc. Davis plant welcomes the public to participate in a tank signing Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 19 and 20 from 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. at the Davis Fire Department, 610 William Ave., Davis. Join us to sign prayers and well wishes on our 150 gallon skid unit tank being donated to VFD in Buckhorn, KY. Pro Poly was contacted by Michael Mullins, firefighter/paramedic with Lincoln County Fire Protection Dist., asking if we would contribute a tank to the VFD in Buckhorn. This is in response to relief efforts due to the historic flooding in Eastern KY.

"Our Davis team built the skid unit, and we know the department will be receiving a well-built water tank that will give their community years of trouble-free service", said Chris Freeman, Davis Plant Manager. "We were privileged to be able to donate the equipment to an area of our country that was really affected by the flooding."

Pro Poly is headquartered in Ocala, FL with plants in WI, FL, and WV. We have been manufacturing custom made water and foam tanks and truck bodies for the emergency response market since 1991.

Tucker Community Foundation and Family Resource Network start on this year's Warm the Children



Michael Moore, CFO, of the Tucker Community Foundation presents a \$9,000 check for this year's Warm the Children program to Sandra Bohon and Stephanie Fitzwater of the Tucker County Family Resource Network.

Now that we have had the first frost of the year, and the fall foliage is just past its peak and you can smell fall in the air, it can only mean one thing: WINTER IS COMING! That means The Parsons Advocate, Tucker Community Foundation and Tucker County Family Resource Network are starting to work on this year's Warm the Children campaign.

The Warm the Children program is made up of a group of newspapers across the nation and has provided new winter clothing to needy children, in Tucker County, since 1993. The Warm the Children program is essentially neighbors helping neighbors and is a collaborative effort between several local organizations. The process starts every fall with local clinics, all the school counselors and school nurses referring children to the Tucker County Family Resource Network, which then compiles a list
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TC Commission Proclamation of United Way Day



Unity Way Regional Engagement Director Angela Daniels with TC Commissioners Fred Davis, Lowell Moore, and Mike Rosenau.

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Unity Way Regional Engagement Director, Angela Daniels, presented the Tucker County Commission with a proclamation to proclaim Thursday, October 27 as United Way Day throughout Tucker County. The proclamation encourages businesses and community members to support the local Tygart Valley United Way through time, talent, and treasure this season. Tygart Valley United Way is a five-county regional United Way serving Marion, Randolph, Taylor, Barbour, and Tucker counties.

According to the approved and signed proclamation, "The Tygart Valley United Way mobilizes the power of individuals and communities through blocks of education, health, and financial stability.

Last year local citizens generously contributed more than \$620,000 to the Tygart Valley United Way and thereby investing in stronger communities. Thirty-two regional nonprofit organizations put those dollars to use throughout 46 programs to provide food, shelter, healthcare, emergency assistance, and more. Crucial services were provided to 30,661 members of our community last year. Our community is a better place when more people live with hope and opportunity."

Interim 911 Director, Mike Simmons, reported to the commission that during the month of September there were 1002 calls made to the 911 call center. Of those 1002 calls 125 were for law enforcement, 92 were calls for EMS, eight were Company 10, Company 20 had six calls, Company 30 had eight calls, and Company 40 had six calls.

Company 10 is the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1932. Davis Volunteer Fire Department is Company 20 and has been operating since October of 1937. Company 30 began in early 1982 as the Canaan Valley Station of the Davis Volunteer Fire Department. On September 26, 1985, the Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department was chartered. The Thomas Volunteer Fire Department was established in January of 1950 and is considered Company 40.

Simmons spoke on two upcoming projects, "We are going to be starting the installation of the virtual server. That will take our shelf life of our servers from the four-to-five years, we are at now to about 12 years. It gives us a lot of lead way to do other things because we are going to be changing our Cad System." Simmons explained the new Cad map will be tailored to the county and enable 911 to have aerial photos and street views from call areas while also enabling 911 to be more interactive with first responders.

After Simmons finished his report Commissioner Fred Davis said to Simmons, "You are headed in the right direction with your employees, and I appreciate that."

New business on the commis-
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Judge Nelson Sets Bond for Mallow, Pitzer, Myers, and Dishler

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The honorable Judge Lynn Nelson presided over court for the arraignments of Justin Clark Mallow, Kenzi Pitzer, Timothy Myers, Jr, and Keith Dishler. Motions were also heard for the case of the State verses Jason Plumley. Plumley is charged with possessing a stolen wood chipper owned by First Energy Group. Plumley's pre-trial is set to begin on December 6 at 9 a.m.

Indictments for Mallow, Pitzer, Myers and Dishler were handed down during the grand jury court session held by Nelson on October 4. Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins presented the grand jury with enough evidence and witness testimony in each of these cases for indictments to be issued.

Mallow was charged with first degree sexual abuse, and sexual abuse by parent, guardian, or person in position of trust. According to West Virginia Code §61-8B-7 sexual abuse in the first degree is defined "A person is guilty of sexual abuse in the first degree when: (1) Such person subjects another person to sexual contact without their consent, and the lack of consent results from forcible compulsion; or (2) Such person subjects another person to sexual contact who is physically helpless; or (3) Such person, being 14 years old or more, subjects another person to sexual contact who is younger than 12 years old.

(b) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a state prison not less than one year nor more than five years, or fined

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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 2nd 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.

St. George Outpost will be Thursday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. We will be having a delicious covered dish dinner followed by sharing time including poems and readings about Fall and Halloween. Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us for a fun evening of great food, fun, and fellowship.

TRIPS

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. If you have not made your payment, you must do it immediately.

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.: Chicken patty sandwich, pasta salad, baked beans, and applesauce, Tues.: Sauerkraut with hot dogs, mashed potatoes, carrots, and mixed fruit. Wed.: Navy Beans, oven potatoes, cornbread, and pears. Thurs.: Battered fish, buttered potatoes, beets, and peaches. Friday: Cook's Choice. 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.



Pepperoni Roll Dinner

Hendricks Free Methodist Church
Saturday, Oct. 22 • 10 am – 2 pm

Various soups, pepperoni roll, dessert and drink will be \$7.

Take-out available and proceeds go for Children's Church.

News of Record

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

- **Timothy Wayne Myers**, of Parsons, was charged with one count of Driving Revoked for DUI-2nd Offense. The complaint states that on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at approximately 2:54 p.m. Sheriff J.E. Kopec was performing routine road patrol along WV72 in St. George when a truck was traveling north at a high rate of speed. He activated his radar unit which indicated a speed of 70 mph. He pulled the vehicle and identified the driver as Timothy Wayne Myers, Jr. Upon a license check it was learned that Myers' license was revoked for DUI. He had a previous driving while revoked conviction on 11-03-15 from Penbrook Police Department. Kopec arrested him for driving while license revoked for DUI 2nd offense. He was transported to the Parsons State Police Detachment for processing and then to the TVRJ. Myers was also cited for speeding and no proof of insurance.

- 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:

- Thomas V. Bosley, Linda Bosley Dailey and Larry A. Dailey, Davis, 10 acres to US Department of Interior Fish & Wildlife Service, \$0.
- Mark Myers and J. Myers, St. George, .50 acres, more or less to Mark Myers and J. Mark Myers, \$0.
- Andrew J. Hamrick and Terry C. Hamrick, St. George, .869 acres to Maya B. Paul and Edward T. Kachmarek, \$110,000.
- William H. Freeman and C. Cortlandt Freeman, Dry Fork, Lot No. 167 Mountainside Section E to Daniel Sheehan and Jessica Sheehan, \$88,000.
- Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia Inc. Trustee, Hendricks Corporation, Lot 12 and 13 Gillespie Addition to Day Tripper LLC, \$68,500.
- Jeannette Jenkins and Matt

- Thomas, Thomas, Lot 603 to Jeannette Jenkins, Bob Jenkins and Matt Thomas, \$0.
- Robert L. Roberts and Pamela Roberts/FKA/Pamela M. Luckart, Hambleton, Lots 65, 66, 67 and 68 to Roberts Estates Inc., \$0.
- The John Michael Fletcher Revocable Trust/Trustee; John Michael Fletcher, Black Fork, 0.54 acres to Brent Kepner, Christie Kepner and John Michael Fletcher/Life Estate, \$60,000.
- Harold Merritt, St. George, .35 acres to Peltiers Rentals LLC, \$20,000.
- Bfong Solutions LLC, Parsons, Lot 10, 11 and 12 Cunningham Addition to CE Properties LLC, \$42,500.
- Rodney L. Lewis, Lori Ann Lewis, John Wayne Canfield and Diana F. Maginn, Black Fork, .772 acres, 55,000 sq. ft., 1.292 acres and 3 acres W/Out-sale to Richard Warren Dale Loria and Michelle Elizabeth Loria, \$72,000.
- Stephen Bucklew, Dry Fork, 2.332 acres, more or less to Parrish T. French, \$0.

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of all the referred children. The Family Resource Network then coordinates with all the families and schedules everyone a time to go shopping. Sandra Bohon from the Family Resource Network then meets the families at Walmart, in Elkins, to pick out winter clothes for the children. Mikie Dumire at the Parsons Advocate collects donations from the public year-round and gives the

money to the Tucker Community Foundation to manage. Tucker Community Foundation then gives the yearly allotment of funds to the Family Resource Network before they go shopping with the families every fall.

Michael Moore, Chief Financial Officer, at the Tucker Community Foundation said "Warm the Children is an amazing program. The problem is

that over the last few years the number of referred children has gone up and the donations from the public have gone down. In the last couple of years, we have had more children than Warm the Children can cover. Luckily, Family Resource Network has been able to secure funding from other sources to cover the children. If donations do not increase, the program will run out of funds and cease to exist. So, we are asking the public if you can afford to donate please donate to this wonderful program to keep our chil-

dren warm throughout the winter."

There are no administrative fees, all the organizations involved absorb all promotional and administrative costs. So, 100 percent of all donations go directly to buy new clothing for the children. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, Warm the Children collects donations year-round. Donations can be made to TCF – Warm the Children Fund and sent to the Parsons Advocate, PO Box 345, Parsons, WV 26287.

Commission

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sioner's agenda included approving a site for a new animal shelter and having the TCHS FFA cater the Christmas dinner again this year.

Commissioner Mike Rosenau motioned to have the four acres owned by the commission near the high school be obligated for a new animal shelter site. The motion was conditional upon the Tucker County Animal Shelter Director Bailey Falls obtaining all needed grant funding for the shelter. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Christmas dinner for the Tucker County employee dinner will again be catered by the TCHS FFA mem-

bers. Davis said, "I would like to have them come and do it again. They work for their money that they always come and ask us for. They did a wonderful job last year. It was a delicious meal. They make money and it helps them out." Rosenau agreed with Davis. Motion was carried to set tentative date of December 9 for the Christmas dinner dependent upon availability of the FFA members.

The next Tucker County Commission meeting will be held on October 26, 2022, at 4 p.m. and located in the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom at 211 First Street, Parsons.




Tim Knotts For County Commissioner

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No Snow Removal

The Town of Hendricks will not be providing snow removal services for the town.

Town roads are owned by the state and due to previous liability issues, further road maintenance has been turned over to the WV DOH.



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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Evelyn Price Moore

Dorothy Evelyn Price Moore, age 96 and “7 months”, a resident of the Clover Run Community, Parsons, WV, departed this life Friday, October 14, 2022, at WVU Medicine Ruby Memorial Hospital at Morgantown, WV, with her family by her side. Death was unexpected.



She was born Friday, March 26, 1926, at Clover Run, Tucker Co.nty, a daughter of the late Walter Jasper Price and Bertha Upton Price. On November 29, 1947, at Parsons, WV, she was married to Brown Moore, who preceded her in death June 25, 2001.

Surviving are one son, Terrence Brown “Terry” Moore and wife Debbie of Blackman Flats, Hambleton; one daughter, Nancy Lou Moore Shaffer and husband John of Teter Creek Rd, Barbour County.; one daughter-in-law, Nancy Moore of Clover Run; one sister, Annabel Moore; three grandchildren, Alex Moore and wife Andrea, Bryan Moore and wife Stephanie, Kevin Shaffer and wife Monica; six great grandchildren, Avery, Brycen, Blake, Ellie, Emmett and Jaydan; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are one son, Neil L. Moore; four brothers, Ester Lee Price, Ovie Lester Price, David Samuel Price and Woodrow Oliver Price; four sisters, Maxine Harsh, Mary Ruth Nester, Elizabeth Irene Phillips and Ruby Miller Price; and one grandson, Steven Craig Shaffer.

She was a graduate of Parsons High School with the class of 1941 and attended D & E College and Alderson Broadus College. She was a teacher in the one room #3 Cross School at Clover Run from 1946-1949, until its closure. She was the last living one room schoolteacher in Tucker County. From 1968 to 1989, was a special education teacher aid retiring in 1989. Evelyn continued as a substitute teacher aid in Tucker County, including Hamrick, Parsons, and Tucker Valley. She was a member of the Union Chapel Church, where she was treasurer and still teaching Sunday School. She was a member of the CEOS, which was the former extension homemakers (Farm Women’s Bureau), retired Teachers Association, past member of the St. George Medical Clinic Board, current President of the Senior Center Outpost, and life member of the Tucker County Fair Association. Evelyn enjoyed crossword puzzles and was the sweetest lady, making everyone feel welcome and important. Her family was everything to her.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Brad Barton and The Rev. James Snyder will officiate and interment will follow at the Pifer Mountain Cemetery at St. George, WV. The family suggest that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to Five Rivers Library, 301 Walnut St, Parsons, WV 26287 or the Tucker County Senior Center, 217 Senior Lane, Parsons, WV 26287. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Dorothy Evelyn Price Moore. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

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begun to reorganize and modernize the employee personnel, policies and practice procedure manuals. The Ambulance Authority’s by-laws are also currently getting a make-over and up-dated.

All this information and more will be discussed further in the upcoming public meetings scheduled by the

authority. The next meeting is set to take place at the St. George Clinic Pavilion on October 18 at 6:30 p.m. The following two meetings will take place on October 25 at the Davis Fire Hall and on November 1 in the Courthouse Courtroom in Parsons. Both meetings are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. as well.



START YOUR WEEK AT WORSHIP

The following merchants urge you to attend your chosen house of worship this sabbath.

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304-478-2161

Terry Lee Sponaugle

Terry Lee Sponaugle, 75, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.



Terry was born Tuesday, September 23, 1947, a son of the late Raymond William Sponaugle and Louise Bennett Sponaugle. On October 26, 1979, in Parsons, he married Phyllis Marie Hershman Sponaugle, who preceded him in death on August 24, 2022. They had celebrated forty-three years of marriage.

Left to cherish Terry’s memory are five children, Debbie Shahan of Bretz, Jimmy Waybright and wife, Joy, of Parsons, Linda Moore and companion, Robert, of Upshur County, Burl Waybright and wife, Patricia, of Parsons, and Mike Waybright and wife, April, of Holly Meadows, thirteen grandchildren, Debra Rhoades and companion, Timmy Sypolt, Tiffany Godwin and companion, Matt Nestor, Christina Andrews, Justina Moore, Robin Bolinger and husband, James, BoBo, Mary, Jessica, J.J., Melissa, and Rusty Waybright, Brooke Snyder and husband, Matthew, Heather Simmons and husband, Jeffrey, nineteen great grandchildren, Jaden, Ty, Ethan, Robby, Regan, Rucker, Renley, Elizabeth, Andrew, Thea, Mya, IdaLee, Hunter, Faith, Hope, Avianna, Brooklyn, Dominic, and Granite, a brother, Eldon “Gene” Sponaugle and wife, Ilene, and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents and wife, Terry was preceded in death by two sisters, Sue Ellen Farley and Judith Louk, and two brothers, Kenneth and Clifton Sponaugle.

Terry graduated Coalton High School and served with the United States Army. He had worked for D&W Truck Lines as a truck driver and for Kingsford Company over thirty years retiring as a supervisor. Terry enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, and flea markets.

Visitation was held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Monday from 6 until 8 p.m. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 11 a.m. Rev. Justin Jones officiated, and interment followed in Parsons City Cemetery. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Terry Lee Sponaugle. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Shaun Marie Crittenden

Shaun Marie Crittenden, 54, of Thomas, WV, passed away on October, 10, 2022, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV. Born on November 16, 1967, she was the daughter to the late Ronald and Yvonne (Close) Haller.



Shaun was a social butterfly, always happy and always smiling. Anyone who knew her, loved her, because she was such a joy to be around. In addition to spending time with her family, friends and beloved pets, she loved to go digging for ramps. In 2018, Shaun won the very well deserved “Employee of the Year” award from the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce. She worked in the service industry at Sirianni’s Cafe for 30 plus years.

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Jeff Crittenden; a sister, Jan Cox and husband Dale of Grafton, WV; two brothers, Jody Haller and wife Lisa of Junior, WV, and Eric Haller and wife Susan of Elkins, WV; her mother and father-in-law, Jim and Kathy Hedrick of Red Creek, WV; brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Becky Hedrick of Clarksville, TN, Sherry and Matt Campise of Crocker, MO, Michelle and Jody Kalar of Kerens, WV, Mara and Bill Kunkel of New Martinsville WV, Wes and Courtney Hedrick of Alexandria, VA, and Tommy Hedrick of Mechanicsville, MD; very special niece, Desiree Grimes and husband Bryson of Kingwood, WV, that was like a daughter to her; along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Pamela Sperry.

Shaun’s request to be cremated will be honored with a celebration of life service to be held at a later date. The Hinkle-Fenner funeral home is honored to be serving the Crittenden family at this time.

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Shawn Eric Poling

Shawn Eric Poling, age 33 years, a native of Tucker County, WV, departed this life Sunday, October 9, 2022, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Wardensville, WV.



He was born, Monday, September 25, 1989, at Elkins, WV, a son of Kevin D. Poling and wife Pam of Hendricks and Mary E. Knotts Riley and husband Sean of Anderson, SC. He was married to the former Diana Serrata Poling, who survives at Philippi. Also surviving are one daughter, Isabella Poling of Philippi; one stepdaughter, Zaria of Philippi; two sisters, Ashley Louk of Elkins, Aslynn Poling of Parsons; one stepbrother, Aaron Hamler of Grant Town; one step-sister, Alexandria Hamler of Fairmont; his paternal grandparents, William and Janet Poling of Parsons; one nephew, Domeran Louk of Elkins; a dear friend and co-worker, Chad Shifflett, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding him in death are his maternal grandparents, Ronald and Mary Knotts. Shawn was a graduate of Tucker County High School, where he played football and basketball, having lettered in both. He was a Correctional Officer for the WV Division of Corrections & Rehabilitation Services at the Rubenstein Center for over six years and more recently traveling to Martinsburg, WV. He enjoyed weightlifting, working out, fishing and spending time with his daughter, the apple of his eye, Isabella.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Monday, October 17, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Final Rites were conducted at the funeral home on Monday at 1 p.m. The Rev. Justin Jones officiated and interment followed at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Shawn Eric Poling. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

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Gas Prices Climb in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is 16 cents higher this week at \$3.526 per gallon, according to AAA East Central’s Gas Price Report.

- **This week’s average prices: Northern WV Average** \$3.526
- **Average price during the week of October 3, 2022** \$3.369
- **Average price during the week of October 11, 2021** \$3.137

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

- **\$3.629** Bridgeport
- **\$3.529** Clarksburg
- **\$3.340** Huntington
- **\$3.527** Martinsburg
- **\$3.561** Morgantown
- **\$3.467** Parkersburg
- **\$3.560** Weirton
- **\$3.595** Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

The national average pump price for a gallon of gas rose 12 cents over the past week to hit \$3.91. Today’s national average is 19 cents higher than a month ago and 65 cents more than a year ago. Higher crude prices and increased domestic demand are the main factors currently affecting gas prices.

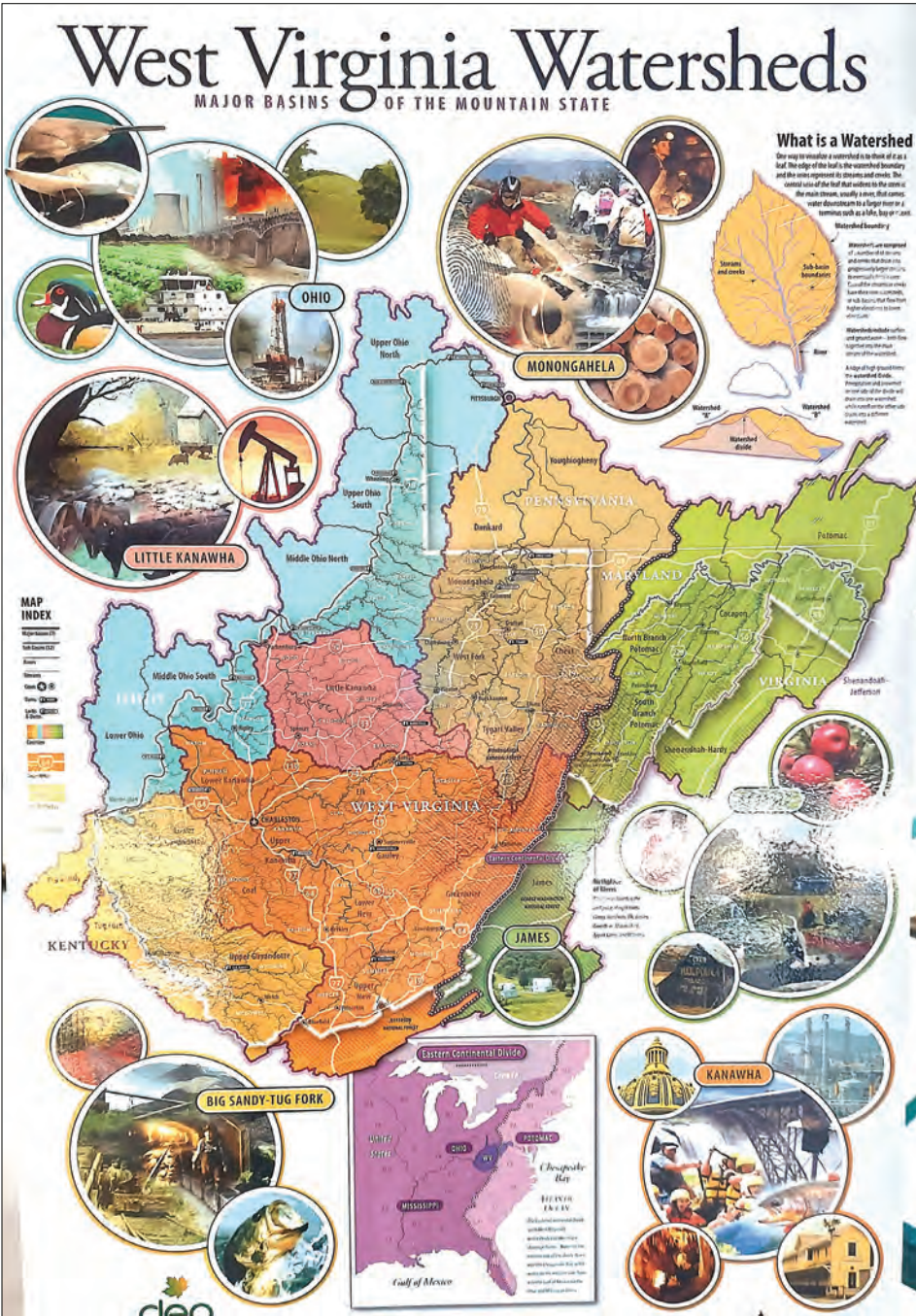
The OPEC+ recent announcement that the group of oil-producing nations would slash output by 2 million barrels per day led to the price of oil creeping above \$90 a barrel for the first time in several weeks. At the close of Friday’s formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased by \$4.19 to settle at \$92.64. Additionally, according to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic crude inventories declined by 1.4 million barrels to 429.2 million barrels.

EIA’s latest weekly report also showed gas demand increased nationally from 8.83 million barrels per day to 9.47 million barrels per day last week. Total domestic gasoline stocks decreased significantly by 4.7 million barrels to 207.5 million barrels. High gasoline demand, amid tight supply, has led to higher pump prices nationwide.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and countywide at GasPrices.AAA.com.

Town of Hendricks Trick or Treat
Saturday, Oct. 29th
6 - 8 p.m.
Leave porch light on if you wish to participate

Mon Forest Town Community Meeting



Mon Forest Watershed Chart

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

West Virginia Rivers Public Lands Campaign Coordinator, Mike Jones, along with Program Study Director, Jeremy Morris, provided an extremely informative public session, at the Canaan Valley Resort, discussing the issues highlighted in the recent report containing results from 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. Jones explained West Virginia Rivers Coalition to the audience members and said, "Part of my job is to help protect public land but also some federal lands like the Mon Forest. For 32 years a state wide advocacy group that researches concerns about waters and rivers. We are committed to serving and restoring West Virginia's exceptional rivers and streams. We do a lot of work with citizen science, water monitoring and water quality. We have got to expand our reach of scope because water is everywhere in West Virginia."

Jones continued by saying, "We became interested as an organization in studying what is needed for protection of the Mon Forest. We are very aware of the outstanding job the Forest Service does preserving some of the headwaters. The headwaters are some of the cleanest, purest, best waters in West Virginia come out of the Mon Forest. So, we commissioned Jeremy (Morris) to do a study and listening group."

The listening group was held by Zoom meetings due to the COVID pandemic and consisted of public opinions from paddlers, mountain bikers, hunters, hikers, backpackers, and those with concerns about handicap access and invad-

ing plants species. The listening group also had members from the LBGTQ and Native American communities as well as other minorities.

Morris added, "We brought all those groups on-line and I also did a lot of conversations one-on-one on the different aspects of recreation in the forest. In those sessions we asked very simple questions about recreation in the forest. We asked where do you go on Mon, how do you get there, do you encounter problems finding your way or accessing the recreation you want to participate in, and how they felt the experience could be improved."

Morris stated the top two concerns from the listening groups were the state or condition of the trails and the need to develop new trails and the preservation of the wilderness in Dolly Sods. Other concerns mentioned were the disparity of the forest mapping, access in underserved communities, involvement of minority groups, more gauges in the streams, public access at state railroad bridges, non-evasive plant species, and funding with a budget decline.

According to the executive summary of the findings and recommendations found at wvivers.org, "The Monongahela National Forest is the crown jewel of West Virginia's public lands. Created in 1920 and known as the Mon, it encompasses 1.7 million acres, 921,000 of which are actively managed by the United States Forest Service (USFS). Located in central Appalachia, the Mon is one of the most biologically complex forest systems on the planet. It's home to at least 75 tree species, more than 225 bird species, 60 non-game/forage fish species, 12 game fish species, and numerous other wildlife species. Additionally, eight federally listed, threatened, or endangered bird, bat, salamander, and plant species call the Mon home."

This yearlong effort by West Virginia Rivers Coalition to listen to the public about outdoor recreation and environmental quality in the Mon enables WV Rivers to be inclusive of and responsive to the diverse array of users in its conservation and public lands policy work.

For nearly two decades, agencies across the federal government have experienced declining budgets, and the USFS has not been immune to these cuts. Throughout the Our Wild and Wonderful Mon Listening Sessions, forest users expressed concerns about the impacts of these cuts on both recreational experiences and environmental quality. Hikers, mountain bikers, anglers, and tourism developers alike voiced concern about the forest service's ability to creatively manage a 21st-century forest if the operating budget continues to wane.

West Virginia's waterways are most significantly at risk amidst the declining USFS resources. The Mon Forest is headwaters to many West Virginia Rivers such as the Potomac, Greenbrier, Elk, Tygart, Cheat, and Gauley. These waterways are crucial to local economies and provide drinking water to many residents downstream. In some regards, West Virginia is a water tower for the eastern United States; our waterways provide clean flowing mountain water to 9% of the nation's population.

Expanding the resources available to the USFS in the region is critical. Widening the financial and human resources available to the Mon Forest Service will take a concerted effort of advocacy by constituents and legislative action by West Virginia's elected officials, both in Washington, D.C., and Charleston. While the budget and resources of the USFS need to increase, it doesn't mean the federal footprint of the agency must expand. The Mon Forest encompasses a diverse region of small communities with vibrant non-profit organizations and a strengthening business sector. Empowering these organizations as USFS partners is the creative solution to broadening recreational opportunities and environmental restoration within the boundaries of the forest.

The U.S. Forest Service could serve as the pass-thru of funding to organizations or businesses to operate any number of recreational and visitor services, in addition to necessary habitat restoration projects. Working through public and private



West Virginia Rivers Public Lands Campaign Coordinator Mike Jones (R) along with Program Study Director Jeremy Morris (L) held public information meeting to discuss results from concerns addressed in recent study.

partnerships, we can build a 21st century Monongahela National Forest that not only continues its legacy as a Land of Many Uses but also ensures that ongoing legacy is responsive to the changing needs of its residents and users. These types of cooperative partnerships empower local communities to have healthy relationships with the Forest Service. They leverage local and state investment into Mon Forest projects, and these efforts are attractive to private foundations.

Additionally, this type of programmatic effort doesn't require an expansion of federal employees or property. It ensures that tax dollars are reinvested directly into projects that enhance the community. There are many forces placing pressure on the integrity of the Mon Forest and its communities beyond declining budgets. The pandemic has increased visitation to the region, with many people looking for socially distant outdoor experiences.

Likewise, the newly designated national park at the New River Gorge will likely increase visitation to the state in the coming years. Once visitors experience the beauty of the Mon forest, they inevitably return. As the pandemic winds on the economic pressures of various magnitude are deeply affecting families and communities across the Mon region and our nation.

Visitors create tremendous economic value, but also place pressure on facilities and natural habitat.

Finding a balance between economic value and environmental sustainability is crucial and requires long-range planning with input from all entities that value the resources of the Mon Forest.

Timing is also critical on a political level, as each election brings new opportunities and challenges. West Virginia is in a unique situation with Senator Manchin serving as chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. WV Rivers can take this opportunity to convey the public's experiences, concerns, and needs to the Senator, thus painting a broader picture of how public lands and conservation policies under his committee's jurisdiction impact West Virginia and users of the Mon.

The Mon Forest is the best of West Virginia, truly wild and wonderful. As a state, we should strive to create a forest that provides recreational users with unique experiences they will cherish for a lifetime. We should make the Mon Forest the most data-connected forest in the nation, giving foresters, scientists, and decision-makers cutting-edge tools for their work. Lastly, we should always ensure that this precious land is carefully managed and respected for the next century of West Virginians to enjoy."

Audience member Gary Berti said, "First, I want to thank you guys for coming out tonight it makes a difference reaching out to everybody. Second, advocacy wise there is no one in West Virginia that is doing

the job you guys are doing. Thank you for that."

Another member of the audience Dylan Jones the owner, editor-in-chief, and publisher of *Highland Outdoors* magazine added what he felt was a disgrace to the natural beauty of the West Virginia Waterfall Trail. Jones said, "I had some friends that went down to Seneca Creek this past weekend. They said they went down the big main Tucker Falls where is now a West Virginia tourist post with a sign that says take your Instagram shot with the waterfall. There is a QR code and a thing about what to do later if you do not have cell phone service. I find that to be pretty disgusting to be honest because the last thing we need is more signs in front of waterfalls hiding natural features. Also, that is in the National Forest area."

I was just amazed to hear that. I do not like the direction the office of tourism is headed. They are all about Instagram and bringing in more people without considering the impacts for either the people that are in these locations or the impacts bringing in a million or more people to trample the waterfalls and take Instagram pictures."

Other guest such as Chip Chase and Wyatt Ronelli also voiced their concerns and asked questions of Jones and Morris. Jones stated anyone with concerns or questions can email him at MJones@wvivers.org and the full report can be found at WVRivers.org/OurMonForest.

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of Nell Wymer Bonner Kisamore, John Elza and Olivia Wymer. These three youngsters sure look happy to be having their photo taken. I don't know where the photo was taken but Nell and Olivia lived at Stringtown and they were the daughters of Margie Wymer. Olivia had three daughters, Betty and Joce Ann, which were twins, and Wanda, they graduated from Davis High School. Nell's children: Linda, Pat, Phil, Sandy, Dave, Kathy and Shawn, either attended or graduated from Harman High School. Ideas, comments, photos or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

What's? Happening

Pepperoni Roll Dinner

The Hendricks Free Methodist Church is having a pepperoni roll dinner from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22. Various soups, pepperoni roll, dessert and drink will be \$7. Take-out available and proceeds go for Children's Church.

Trunk or Treat

Riverview Chapel will host a "Trunk or Treat" on October 29, 6-8 p.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Annex Parking Garage.



The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history.

Oct. 20, 1990: The current USS "West Virginia" was commissioned. The USS "West Virginia" is an Ohio Class Trident ballistic missile submarine that is 560 feet long, 42 feet wide, and displaces 18,750 tons when submerged.

Oct. 21, 1865: Bishop Matthew Wesley Clair Sr. was born in Union. He was one of the first African-Americans elected as a bishop in the predominantly white Methodist Episcopal Church.

Oct. 21, 1918: Hulett Smith was born in Beckley. In the 1964 gubernatorial primary Smith carried 53 of the state's 55 counties, receiving more votes than his three opponents combined.

Oct. 22, 1693: Lord Thomas Fairfax was born in Kent, England. He inherited five million acres in Virginia, land that included much of the present Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

Oct. 22, 1821: Collis P. Huntington was born in Harwinton, Connecticut. In 1869, Huntington purchased the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway and set about extending its tracks from Richmond across southern West Virginia to the Ohio River. There, in 1871, he established a new city bearing his name.

Oct. 22, 1977: Construction of the New River Gorge Bridge was completed after three years of work. The New River Gorge Bridge in Fayette County is one of West Virginia's best-known landmarks. It is the third-highest bridge in the United States.

Oct. 23, 1943: German prisoners arrived at Camp Ashford in White Sulphur Springs.

Built by the U.S. War Department, Camp Ashford was one of two camps in West Virginia that housed prisoners of war during World War II.

Oct. 24, 1929: Composer George Crumb was born in Charleston. In 1968, Crumb was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for "Echoes of Time and the River: Four Processionals for Orchestra."

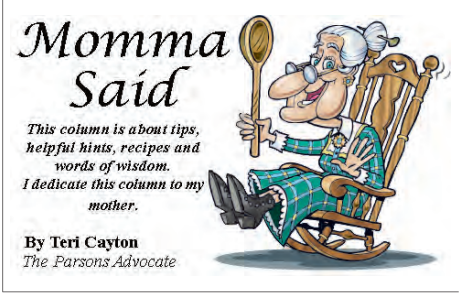
Oct. 25, 1918: Athlete Marshall "Biggie" Goldberg was born in Elkins. He led the Chicago Cardinals to the NFL championship in 1947 and was elected to the NFL Hall of Fame in 1958.

Oct. 25, 1951: Writer Denise Giardina was born in Bluefield and raised in neighboring McDowell County. She is best known as a novelist and also has a long history of community activism, including a run for governor.

Oct. 26, 1801: Jefferson County was established from a portion of Berkeley County by the Virginia General Assembly and named for Thomas Jefferson.

Oct. 26, 1934: Athlete Rodney Clark "Hot Rod" Hundley was born in Charleston. Hundley earned first team All-American recognition his senior year at West Virginia University. He averaged 24.5 points per game and scored 2,180 points over his college career, ranking second in WVU history.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; 304-346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.



she was.

I am making progress on most of the pieces I have so I will probably be going on a scavenger hunt before too long. I love to go looking to see what I can find. I like older, unique pieces that just need some love. The rescue, renew and reuse philosophy is still in affect and I want to save as many pieces as I can. **Momma Said**, "I think I am in that phase of my life when I need rescued and renewed. I definitely don't need the reuse part though."

Maple Walnut Sticky Buns

Wonderfully light buns, glazed in a maple syrup glaze and topped and filled with walnuts.

Ingredients

- For the dough:**
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed
 - 1 tsp. fine salt
 - 2 1/4 tsp. quick or rapid-rise instant yeast, *see Instructions below for using regular instant or active dry yeast
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1/4 cup milk, at least 2%
 - 2 Tbsp. butter, salted or unsalted
 - 1 Tbsp. maple syrup, preferably dark or Grade B
 - 1 large egg

For the filling:

- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, light or dark, but I generally use light
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- Pinch salt
- 2 Tbsp. salted butter, cold and cut into 4 pieces
- 1 Tbsp. pure maple syrup, preferably dark or Grade B
- For the pan:
- 1/2 cup pure maple syrup, preferably dark or Grade B
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, light or dark, but I generally use light
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 4 Tbsp. salted butter, cut into about 16 smaller pieces

Instructions

If you don't have rapid or quick-rising yeast and need to use regular instant yeast (such as SAF) or Active Dry yeast, proof yeast in 1/4 cup lukewarm water. Mix remaining 1/4 cup water with the 1/4 cup milk and butter and heat as prescribed. Add all to the dough. PLUS replace the 10-minute dough rest with a full first rise to doubled, probably 30-45 minutes.

Combine 2 cups of the all-purpose flour, salt and quick-rising yeast in a large bowl or the bowl of your stand mixer, fitted with the kneading hook. In a small saucepan or in the microwave, heat the water, milk and 2 Tbsp. butter until just warm to the touch (about 105F). Stir in the maple syrup.

Stir the milk mixture into the dry ingredients, then add egg and mix in until well combined, scraping down the bowl as needed to combine the flour. Start adding more flour, in small increments, mixing in well before adding more. Continue adding flour until you have a moist dough that wraps around the hook and cleans the bowl of the mixer. Remove dough to a lightly floured surface and knead briefly. Form into

a ball, cover with a clean tea towel and let rest 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare the filling. Add the chopped walnuts to a food processor and pulse a few times to break them down a bit. Add the brown sugar and butter and pulse a few times until you have an even crumb mixture. Add the maple syrup and pulse in once or twice. Set aside.

Prepare the pan by greasing an 8x8-inch baking pan well with butter, oil or cooking spray. Pour the maple syrup into the pan and tilt to spread evenly over the bottom of the pan. Sprinkle the brown sugar evenly over-top. Scatter the walnuts evenly over-top, as well. Dot the diced butter over the top. Set aside.

(Refer to the Step-by-Step Photos above the Recipe Card if you are unsure about this rolling and cutting process). Remove dough to a lightly floured work surface and deflate. Roll into a rectangle 9-inches wide and about 14-15 inches long. Scatter prepared filling over-top of the dough and spread out evenly right out to the edges. Starting from the short (9") end, roll up jelly-roll style. Use a measuring tape or stick to adjust the loaf to exactly 9-inches wide (press in from the ends of the roll). Measure out nine 1-inch slices using a measuring tape and cut the log into slices. Place the slices, cut side up, on top of the maple syrup/walnut mixture in the pan. Cover the pan with plastic wrap and set to rise until doubled, about 40-45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350F.

When buns are risen, remove the plastic wrap and place the baking pan on top of a baking sheet (to catch any bubble-overs!). Place into preheated oven and bake for 35-40 minutes, or until golden and they sound hollow when tapped. *Check buns at about the 30 minute mark and if they are already browned sufficiently, loosely cover the top with a sheet of aluminum foil for the last part of baking.

Remove from oven. Run a knife around the outside of the pan very thoroughly, to ensure there is no sticking on the sides of the pan. Also, if some of the centres of the buns have popped up during baking, use the side a knife to gently press them back down where they belong. Cover a baking sheet with a piece of parchment paper, then invert the hot buns on top of the parchment. If they don't immediately fall out, tap on the bottom of the pan with the butt of a knife until they do.

Allow buns to cool to at just warm or cool completely before eating.

These buns will keep several days at room temperature in an air-tight container. They will also freeze well.

Super Crossword BEST OF BREED

ACROSS	43 Tiny flash of light	88 Gorbachev's wife	129 Playwright Clifford	40 Ark builder	74 Chair piece
1 Agents, informally	45 Light classical orchestra	89 "Count" of jazz	130 Eve's garden	43 Moo goo — pan	78 Roman 1501 Brit. mil. fliers
5 Wombs	51 Flips out	90 "The Simpsons" aier	DOWN	44 Lovers' get-together	81 Go — (kid's racer)
10 Soccer great Mia	53 Met again, as a legislature	93 "Lorna —"	1 Yank's rival	46 "You can't — train"	82 Certain Indian believer
14 Warms up	55 Painful spots	95 — cone	2 Instruct	47 Sports drink brand	83 Kindle buy
19 Fix up copy	56 Mendelssohn orchestral piece in A minor	98 U.S. spy org.	3 Flew, as a plane	48 Art of paper folding	84 Violet variety
20 Condor claw	62 Merlot, e.g.	99 Part of OTC	4 Patron of physicians	49 Waddling bird	85 Purpose
21 Emollient plant juice	63 "Yentl" actress Feldshuh	101 Platform for iDevices	5 Ogden native	50 Opposite of NNW	87 Podiums
22 Incandescent	64 Paranormal gift, for short	102 Entr— (interludes)	6 Pothole filler	51 Didn't leave the house	91 Stadium part
23 Good occasion to buy securities	65 Frankster's "Three Sisters"	104 Dispute go-between	7 Lean red meat source	52 To the — degree	92 Frigate, e.g.
25 After-hours	66 Frankster's messy missile	109 Very sleek	8 Fish spawn	54 Ones who can sense others'	94 Engine additive
26 Youngest of Chekhov's	67 Hunt quarry	112 Maine and Montana, to Canada	9 Bisected	55 Lay eyes on	95 Really raged
27 Davenport, e.g.	68 Pack animals around Lhasa	115 Fact fudgers	10 Corridor	59 "I believe ..."	96 Web location
28 Dish of melted cheese on toast	73 Actor Julia	116 Firefighter Red	11 "Tis so sad"	60 Suffix with neat	97 —Kosh B'gosh
31 Small marsupial with long hind limbs	75 "Dr." of rap	117 Residence	12 Fliers drawn to flames	61 "Absolutely!"	100 Suffix with Vietnam
35 Doubters	76 Lean red meat source	118 Crossbreed apropos to this puzzle (hint: see the starts of 10 long answers)	13 African mongoose	62 Novelist Josephine	102 Luc's gal pal
36 Dutch painter Jan	77 — Bo	123 Resolved to accomplish	14 Very sharp road curves	63 "I believe ..."	103 Vulgar
37 Actress Thurman	78 Eisenhower's wife	124 Fairway club	15 Heron variety	64 "Absolutely!"	108 Place to shop
38 Depot: Abbr.	79 On Soc. Security, say	125 At the zenith	16 Cover story	65 "Famous" cookie guy	110 Retort to "It ain't so!"
41 Financier Onassis	80 Popover served with beef roast	126 Org. looking for aliens	17 Pick-me-up	66 "Famous" cookie guy	111 Ice mishaps
42 Rocker Nugent	86 Thin as —	127 Party givers	18 Hits hard	67 "Famous" cookie guy	113 "Famous" cookie guy
		128 Annoyer	24 Thom — shoes	68 "Famous" cookie guy	114 Tepee
			29 Canon camera	69 "I believe ..."	119 Purpose
			30 Prefix with space	70 Small donkey	120 No. on a road sign
			31 Q-U link	71 Water nymph	121 Decay
			32 Big swallows	72 "—dam tootin'!"	122 Mark, as a ballot square
			33 Mennonite subgroup		
			34 Oversaw		
			39 Recipe amt.		

Puzzle answers page 5B

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Weather Totals

Oct. 4 - Oct. 11

Nursery Bottom Parsons

TEMPERATURE

Max 6° F
Min 25° F

PRECIPITATION

Week 0.05"
October 2.11"
2022 46.39"

SNOWFALL

Snow on Ground 0"
Winter Total 36"

U.S. Forest Service

DEADLINE
8AM
MONDAY

Judge Nelson

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not more than \$10,000 and imprisoned in a state correctional facility not less than one year nor more than five years. (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the penalty for any person violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section who is 18 years of age or older and whose victim is younger than 12 years of age, shall be imprisonment for not less than five nor more than 25 years and fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000.”

According to the West Virginia Code §61-8D-5 for the charge of sexual abuse by parent guardian, or person in position of trust is defined, “If any parent, guardian or custodian of or other person in a position of trust in relation to a child under his or her care, custody or control, shall engage in or attempt to engage in sexual exploitation of, or in sexual intercourse, sexual intrusion or sexual contact with, a child under his or her care, custody or control, notwithstanding the fact that the child may have willingly participated in such conduct, or the fact that the child may have consented to such conduct or the fact that the child may have suffered no apparent physical injury or mental or emotional injury as a result of such conduct, then such parent, guardian, custodian or person in a position of trust shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a correctional facility not less than 10 nor more than 20 years, or fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000 and imprisoned in a correctional facility not less than 10 years nor more



Justin Mallow, indicted on charges First Degree Sexual Abuse & Sexual Abuse by Parent, Guardian, Person in Position of Trust, leaving Judge Nelson's courtroom on a \$10,000 cash insured bond.



Keith Dishler, entering Judge Nelson's courtroom, after being indicted on charges of Malicious Assault & Kidnapping.



Kenzi Pitzer, indicted on charges of nine counts of Fraud by Access Device, leaving courtroom after being released on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.



Timothy Myers, Jr., indicted on charges of Possession with Intent to Deliver, Reckless Driving (misdemeanor), and Driving Revoked for DUI (misdemeanor), appeared before Judge Nelson.

than 20 years.”

After a back-and-forth argument for Mallow’s bond Judge Nelson granted Mallow with a \$10,000 cash insured bond and ordered Mallow to have no contact with the victim and register a Court Disposition Reporting (CDR) with the West Virginia State Police. Mallow is due back in court on December 6 at 9 a.m.

Pitzer was charged with committing nine counts of committing fraud by access device. Pitzer’s charges carry a one-to-10-year sentence. Pitzer was granted by Nelson a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond and was ordered to report to Tucker County Community Corrections and register a Court Disposition Reporting (CDR) with the West Virginia State Police. Pitzer will be back in court on November 10 at 9 a.m.

Fraud by access device is defined as a criminal offense that involves the use of an unauthorized access device to obtain money, goods, services, or anything else of

value. This type of fraud can be committed in a number of ways, including using a stolen credit card, debit card, or bank account information.

In addition, access device fraud can include driver’s license numbers, social security numbers, birth date, banking information, identification numbers, and signatures.

Myers was charged with possession with intent to deliver (felony), reckless driving (misdemeanor), and driving on a revoked license for a previous DUI (misdemeanor). Myers is accused of possessing over \$5,600 worth of methamphetamine (meth) with the intent to distribute. The charge carries a one-to-15-year sentence and up to a maximum of \$25,000 fine. The reckless driving charge carries a five-to-90-day sentence with a \$25 to \$500 fine. Driving on a revoked license due to a prior driving under the influence (DUI) charge carries a \$100 to \$500 fine.

Wilkins argued for Myers to be placed

on a \$25,000 cash insured bond as he is currently out with bond on other charges. After both sides of the argument from the defense attorney and prosecuting attorney Nelson reduced the bond to \$15,000 cash insured and ordered Myers to report to Tucker County Community Corrections. Myers will appear back in court on November 10 at 9 a.m.

Dishler was charged with malicious assault and kidnapping. Dishler’s charge of malicious wounding carries a sentence of two-to-10 years. For the charge of kidnapping Dishler is facing a life sentence if convicted. Dishler will remain in custody for his charges and will be back in court on November 10 at 9 a.m.

The details of these cases have not been disclosed at the time of this print. As the cases appear in court more information will come forward. All of the accused are innocent until proven guilty by a court of law.

Treasurer Moore announces highest-ever monthly unclaimed property returns in state history

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore today announced his Unclaimed Property Division returned nearly \$5.3 million worth of funds to individuals, businesses and other organizations during the month of September – the highest monthly returns paid out by the program in its history.

“This is a truly remarkable achievement and an incredible economic boost to our state,” Treasurer Moore said. “With the recent launch of our West Virginia Cash Now program, combined with the

tireless efforts of our staff, more people than ever before are being reconnected with their lost funds.

“I want to thank our state Legislature for passing the bill modernizing our Unclaimed Property laws and creating the Cash Now program, and also commend our Unclaimed Property staff for the tremendous work they do each day to ensure West Virginians are reunited with their money,” Treasurer Moore said.

The Unclaimed Property Division paid out 9,640 claims during September,

totaling \$5,282,973. The bulk of that consisted of the \$4,244,379 worth of claims processed through the newly launched West Virginia Cash Now program, which automatically returns some types of properties to their rightful owners.

The remaining \$1,038,594 paid out during the month was paid through the 1,437 claims processed by the traditional claims process through the Office.

The record monthly total from September follows the record \$18.6 million in unclaimed property returned during the recent

fiscal year that ended June 30 – the highest yearly total paid out by the program. Treasurer Moore said he and his Office are committed to returning more and more unclaimed property to its rightful owners.

“The record total of nearly \$5.3 million paid out by our Office this past month is a remarkable achievement, but I hope it’s

only the beginning,” Treasurer Moore said. “With inflation still eating into peoples’ wallets, we need to make sure West Virginia families have access to every dollar they are owed. That’s why we’re going to keep working hard to encourage folks to visit our website and check and see if we have any money in their name available to claim.”

Treasurer Moore said his Office has more than \$300 million in unclaimed property listings for individuals, businesses and other organizations. He encourages everyone to visit www.wvtreasury.com today to search and see if they have funds to claim.

More information about the Cash Now program is available at www.wvcashnow.com.

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SPORTS

Mt. Lions pick up road win at Southern, Md 56-27



Tucker County's Maddox Anderson avoids a Southern defender as he catches a pass at Southern on Oct.14th. The Mt. Lions won the contest 56-27. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

OAKLAND, MD – The Tucker County Football team traveled to Southern Garrett on Friday October 14th. The Mt. Lions used big plays all night to build a lead and Tucker County got the road win by the final score of 56-27.

Southern would get the scoring started with a 5 yard touchdown run and the 2 point conversion was good to give the Rams the 8-0 lead early. Tucker County answered with a 15 yard touchdown pass from Ethan Rosenau to Blaike Adams and the PAT attempt was good to tie the

score at 8-8. The Mt. Lions would score once again in the first quarter off another pass from Rosenau to Adams for a 63 yard touchdown. The conversion was good to give Tucker County the 16-8 lead. The Mt. Lions would get on the scoreboard one more time before the first quarter ended on a 38 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Maddox Anderson. The PAT conversion was good to make the score 24-8 Tucker County after one quarter of play.

In the second quarter Tucker County would score on a big play as Rosenau connected with Anderson for a 72 yard

pass for another Mt. Lions touchdown. The conversion failed to give Tucker County a 30-8 lead. The Mt. Lions would add another score in the second quarter as Rosenau throws a 59 yard touchdown pass to Anderson. Ashton Lycliter made the extra point kick to push the Tucker County lead to 37-8. The homestanding Rams would get into the endzone before halftime with a 23 yard touchdown pass. The PAT kick was no good and both team went into the halftime break

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The Mt. Lions Marky Phillips(60) and Gavin Mullenax(55) make a tackle against Southern on Oct. 14th. Tucker County got the victory by the score of 56-27. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Lady Mt. Lions Volleyball gets win over Tygarts Valley 3-0

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Volleyball team host a triple header on Tuesday October 11th. In the first match of the night at TCHS the Davis-Thomas and Tucker Valley Volleyball teams faced off. Davis-Thomas got the victory over Tucker Valley in straight sets 25-19 and 25-18.

In the second match the Lady Mt. Lions JV team hosted Tygarts Valley. The Tucker County JV team picked up the victory over the Lady Bulldogs in straight sets 25-20 and 25-16.

In the last match of the night the Tucker County varsity team hosted Tygarts Valley in a best of 5 set match. In Set 1 Tucker County went on a 3-0 run to build an 8-5 lead early. The Lady Mt. Lions then produced a 9-2 run to make the Tucker County lead 17-7. The home team then cruised from there as they took Set 1 by the score of 25-11. In Set 2 Tucker County lead early 4-1. The Lady Bulldogs



Tucker County Seniors were recognized before the game on Oct. 11th. (L-R): Assistant Coach Judy Pitzer, Lilly Callaway, Paige Shaffer, Katlyn Simmons, Ella Spencer, Catie Kirk and Head Coach Crystal Kirk. Photo by Dave Helmick.

fought back to tie the score at 10-10. The Lady Mt. Lions then finished the set on a 15-5 run to give the Lady Mt. Lions the Set 2 win 25-15. Tygarts Valley was more competitive in Set 3 as the set score was 12-11 Tucker County half-way through the set. The Lady Mt. Lions then went on a big 7-1 run to put the score to 19-12 Tucker County. Tygarts Valley fought back as got with 2 points at 24-22. The Lady Mt. Lions were able to win

Set 3 by the score of 25-22 to give the Lady Mt. Lions the match win 3-0.

Before the Varsity Match the Tucker County Coaching Staff recognized this year's Seniors. These seniors are as follows: Paige Shaffer, Ella Spencer, Lilly Callaway, Catie

Kirk and Katlyn Simmons.

Tucker County(6-7) will travel to Elkins tonight Wednesday October 19th at 6pm and then the Lady Mt. Lions will host Petersburg on Thursday October 20th at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



The Tucker Valley Volleyball team talks during a timeout in their match at TCHS against Davis-Thomas on Oct. 11th. Photo by Dave Helmick.



The Davis-Thomas Volleyball team celebrates winning a point in their match at TCHS against Tucker Valley on Oct. 11th. Photo by Dave Helmick

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday October 19th

- Tucker County Volleyball @ Elkins 6pm
- Tucker Valley Football vs Elkins @ Home 6:30pm

Thursday October 20th

- Tucker County Volleyball vs Petersburg @ Home 6pm
- Tucker County Cross Country Regional @ Camp Kidd 4pm
- Tucker Valley Volleyball vs Belington @ Home 6pm

Friday October 21st

- Tucker County Football vs Gilmer County @ Home 7pm

Sunday October 23rd

- Tucker County Youth Football Playoff - TBA

Monday October 24th

- Tucker County JV Football @ East Fairmont 6pm

Tuesday October 25th

- Davis-Thomas Volleyball vs Tucker Valley @ Home 6pm
- Tucker Valley Volleyball @ Davis-Thomas 6pm

Mt. Lions Cross Country compete at PVC Meet

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

SHORTGAP – The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams traveled to Frankfort High School on Tuesday October 11th for the PVC Championship Meet.

In the Girls' race the teams scores of Frankfort and Tucker County were tied. The tiebreaker to determine the winner is the teams 6th place runner final position. Based on this Frankfort took home first place as a team to earn the PVC Championship for the Girls. Tucker County Lady Mt. Lions finished as follows: 3rd-Katie Hicks(21:55.3), 6th-Addi Moats(22:28.9), 8th-Erin Chambers(23:06.7), 10th-Hannah Hardy(24:05.6), 17th-Brianna Gooden(26:11.6). Girls' Teams final placement: 1st-Frankfort, 2nd-Tucker County, 3rd-Hampshire, 4th-Keyser.

The Frankfort Boys' also took the top team spot in the Boys' race. Tucker County finished 3rd as a team. The Mt. Lions Boys' finished as follows: 15th-Cameron Judy(19:38.7), 19th-Alex Boyles(20:23.8), 20th-Nate Ricottilli(20:46.1), 28th-Allan Boyles(21:27.7), 29th-Lynk Suesli(21:31.4), 45th-Hayden Smith(26:03.9). Boys' Teams final placement: 1st-Frankfort, 2nd-Hampshire, 3rd-Tucker County, 4th-Berkeley Springs.

The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams will return to action at home for the Regional Championship on Thursday October 20th at 4pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker Valley Football fall at Washington Irving 56-48


By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

CLARKSBURG – The Wildcats Middle School Football team traveled to Washington Irving Middle on Wednesday October 12th. Tucker Valley got down early and could not complete the comeback as Washington Irving got the win by the final score of 56-48.

Washington Irving got off to a fast start as they built an early 14-0 lead. Tucker Valley then got on the scoreboard with a 55 yard touchdown pass from Luke Barb pass to Ty Ricottilli to put the score to 14-8 WI would add another score before the first quarter ended to put the score to 22-8 Washington Irving. The Wildcats then fought back with 1 yard touchdown run by Barb to make the score 22-16 WI. The home team WI would then add 2 scores in the second quarter to put the half-time score to 36-16 Washington Irving at the half.

WI then scored to start the third quarter, but Tucker Valley answered right back on a Barb 45 yard touchdown run to make the score 44-24 after three quarters. WI would score to open the fourth quarter, but again Tucker Valley came right back to score on 35 yard touchdown run by Barb. The Wildcats then recovered an onside kick. Tucker Valley then scored on a 5 yard touchdown pass from Barb to Cayden Arnold. The Wildcats defense then forced a fumble and Tucker Valley's Arnold scooped up the fumble and raced in for a touchdown to cut the WI lead to 50-42 with under 2 minutes remaining in the game. WI then would score off a big run play to make the score 56-42. Tucker Valley then answered on a 52 yard touchdown run from Barb to put the score to 56-48 WI. The Wildcats


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Parsons native serves with Naval Oceanography at Stennis Space Center

By Alvin Plexico,
Navy Office of Community Outreach

GULFPORT, Miss. - Petty Officer 1st Class Shaun Eye, a native of Parsons, West Virginia, is part of Naval Oceanography ensuring the U.S. Navy maintains freedom from the ocean floor to the stars at Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command.

Sailors and civilians working throughout Naval Oceanography collect, measure, and analyze the elements of the physical environment (land, sea, air, space). They synthesize a vast array of oceanographic and meteorological data to produce forecasts and warnings in support of safety of flight and navigation.

Eye graduated from Tucker County High School in 2000 and currently serves as a yeoman.

“Naval Oceanography operates simultaneously at the strategic, operational and tactical levels of warfare in every theater around the globe,” said Rear Adm. Ron Piret, commanding officer, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command. “We pride ourselves in our ability to characterize the battle space and then predict changes in the environment over time. Every ship that sails, every aircraft

that takes flight, every submarine that dives beneath the surface of the ocean has to go to sea with the information that Naval Oceanography provides.”

According to Eye, the values required to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Parsons.

“I learned to give respect to all people you meet,” said Eye.

Naval Oceanography personnel demonstrate expertise in Hydrography, Geospatial Information and Services (GIS), datum issues, and Tactical Decision Aids (TDA). They combine knowledge of the operating environment with a thorough understanding of warfighting capabilities to assess and predict environmental impacts to friendly and enemy platforms, sensors and weapon systems.

Serving in the Navy means Eye is part of a team that is taking on new importance in America’s focus on strengthening alliances, modernizing capabilities, increasing capacities and maintaining military readiness in support of the National Defense Strategy.

“The Navy shows seapower around the world,” said Eye.

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Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Vanessa White, Navy Office of Community Outreach

traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize the importance of accelerating America’s advantage at sea.

“Maintaining the world’s best Navy is an investment in the security and prosperity of the United States, as well as the stability of our world,” said Adm. Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations. “The U.S. Navy—forward deployed and integrated with all elements of national power—deters conflict, strengthens our

alliances and partnerships, and guarantees free and open access to the world’s oceans. As the United States responds to the security environment through integrated deterrence, our Navy must continue to deploy forward and campaign with a ready, capable, combat-credible fleet.”

Eye and the sailors and the civilians they serve with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

“I’m proud of earning my Surface Warfare and Air Warfare qualifications,” said Eye.

As Eye and other sailors and civilians continue to train and perform missions, they take pride in keeping fellow sailors and civilians safe and serving their country in the United States Navy.

“I’m thankful to have a good-paying job and great health care,” added Eye.

Naval Oceanography directs and oversees more than 2,500 globally-distributed military and civilian personnel who collect, process and exploit environmental information to assist Fleet and Joint Commanders in all warfare areas to make better decisions, based on assured environmental information, faster than the adversary.

Antlerless deer season for youth, Class Q/ QQ, senior Class XS hunters available



SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — “This special season provides an excellent opportunity for adults to pass on hunting traditions and teach kids about hunting safety,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “This season also allows our youth, disabled and senior lifetime license holders a good chance to pursue antlerless deer at a time when hunting pressure is significantly lower compared to other antlerless seasons.”

During this season, youth hunters, those with a Class Q/ QQ permit and Class XS license holders may hunt on private and public lands in all counties where hunting deer with a firearm is permitted. This excludes Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties. A second two-day segment

is scheduled for Dec. 26-27.

The season is open to youth hunters 8-17, but hunters 8-14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult who may not hunt or possess a weapon. Hunters 15-17 must follow all licensing requirements and hunting regulations. Hunting licenses may be purchased online at WVhunt.com.

Senior citizens 65 years and older who have a senior lifetime hunting, trapping and fishing license (Class XS) may also hunt during this season. Hunters participating in this season, accompanying adults and all other hunters afield during these season dates must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange.

The daily bag limit is one antlerless deer per day and only four antlerless

deer may be harvested during this season. Class N/NN stamps are not required and deer harvested during this season do not count toward the hunter’s annual deer season bag limit.

Hunters must field tag and electronically check each harvested deer within 24 hours of the close of each segment of this split season and before pursuing additional deer. Deer may be checked online at WVdnr.gov, by calling 844-WVCHECK or by going to a WVDNR license agent.

For more information about this season and other hunting opportunities, check the 2022-23 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available at WVDNR district offices, license retailers and online at WVdnr.gov.

Jesse Anderson Carr and Virginia Carr Reunion

The family of the late Jesse Anderson Carr and Virginia Carr held their 54th. annual reunion on July 3, 2022 at the Hendricks Pavilion with 87 in attendance. A moment of silence was held for those who have passed away. A covered dish dinner was served at 12:30 PM with Paula Finster giving the blessing of the food.

Prizes were given to the following Carr family members: Oldest lady Joanne Carr, Oldest man Danny Carr, Youngest girl Everly Blamble, Youngest boy Easton Moats, Most recent married Thomas Carr and Beck Kelley, Longest married couple Danny and Phyllis Carr, Person traveling the farthest Michael Faller (Belmont Mass), Couple with Anniversary closest to July 3 Joe and Shana Heater, Person with birthday closest to July 3 Phyllis Carr.

Family members in attendance: Dave and Cathy Bonner, Tammy Davis, Bob and Sandy Lambert, Linda Bonner, Mark and Nancy Whittaker, Kris and Annie Ketterman, Vince and Katie Mullenax, Ashton Lycliter, Chelsey Faller, Sidney and June Gillis, Tomas Carr, Beck Kelley, Joanne Carr, Katie Carr, Michael Faller, Jeanette Carr, Andy Carr, Jeff and Ruthann Carr, PJ and Betty Heater, Joe and Shana Heater, Coleman Heater, Adrianna Heater, Breanna Heater, Paula and Leonard Finster, Randy and Tammy Carr, Steve and Trina Carr, Melissa Burns, Donald and Julie Parks, Brook Parks, Bill and Sharon Moats, Scott Moats, Travis and Chelsie Moats, Emma Moat, Easton Moats, Kensley Moats, Leonard and Brenda Arnold, Joe and Joyce Faller, Breanna Carr, Lester and Karen Uffman, Sean Uffman, Florence Carr, Phil Carr, Danny and Phyllis Carr, Zetta Fansler, Scott and Sara Carr, Mark and Stephanie Burns, Tanner Burns, Jonathan and Samantha Blamble, Kenley Blamble, Everly Blamble, Gregg Mayfield, Laney Burns, Isaac Bennett.

Visitors in attendance: Grace Barker, Sharon Griffith, Francis and Carla Foster, Josiah Heiney, Ada Grace Foster Yvonne Parsons, Nancy Maksin, Charles Fox, Colin Conahy, Isabella Bennett, Jason Bennett

WV WIC Announces Increase in Cash-Value Benefits



CHARLESTON, W.Va. – West Virginia’s Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WV WIC), within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources’ Bureau for Public Health, announced a monthly increase in Cash-Value Benefits

(CVB) for WV WIC participants. The increase is funded to states by the United States Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service through a federal continuing resolution.

Effective October 1, 2022, WV WIC will issue the following increased CVB benefits per month:

- Pregnant women (single child) and non-breastfeeding, postpartum women will receive \$44.00.
- Pregnant women of twins will receive \$49.00.
- Fully and partially breastfeeding women (single child) will receive \$49.00.
- Fully breastfeeding women (multiple children) will receive \$73.50.
- Partially breastfeeding women (multiple children) will receive \$49.00.
- Minimally breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum women will receive \$44.00.
- A child 12 months

through age five will receive \$25.00.

“The increase in benefits prioritizes consistent access to nutritious foods for all WIC participants,” said Heidi Staats, director of the West Virginia WIC program. “As our state continues to navigate increased costs and supply chain issues, this vital assistance ensures that new parents can introduce their children to new varieties of foods at a critical time for the development of taste preferences.”

Aside from nutrition benefits, WIC also provides nutrition counseling, parenting advice, breastfeeding support, food assistance and referral support to help families live healthier lives. WIC services are free for pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women and children up to the age of five. Learn more at dhr.wv.gov/WIC.

For additional information regarding the CVB increase, contact your local WIC clinic.

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First Lady Cathy Justice invites students to create ornaments for the 2022 First Lady Student Ornament Competition

CHARLESTON, WV - First Lady Cathy Justice is inviting all West Virginia students to participate in the eighteenth annual First Lady Student Ornament Competition. All kindergarten through 12th grade students who are public, private, or home-schooled are encouraged to create a "Nutcracker" themed ornament for the tree, which will be on display at the Culture Center in Charleston during the holiday season.

Ornaments will be classified in four divisions according to grade: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Each ornament will be individually judged and four winning classes will be selected, one from each division. In January 2023, the winning ornaments will be donated to the West Virginia State Museum for a permanent collection.

The ornaments and the Christmas tree will be unveiled in conjunction with Joyful Night, the annual holiday celebration at the State Capitol held in early December. The four winning classes

will receive a gift card to help purchase supplies for their class.

Students may mail their entries to:
Elizabeth Yeager
Department of Arts, Culture and History
The Culture Center
1900 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25305

With their submission, students MUST include their contact information (phone, email, mailing address, teacher name, school and class).

Ornaments must be received by November 18, 2022, to be eligible for judging.

Design and submission information for the 2022 First Lady Student Ornament Competition can be found at <https://wvculture.org/first-lady-student-ornament-competition-2022/>.

For questions please contact Elizabeth Yeager by email at elizabeth.a.yeager@wv.gov.

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Submit your entry by Friday, November 18th!



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attempted an onside kick, but Tucker Valley could not come up with the recovery. The wild game then came to an end with Washington Irving taking the win by the final score of 56-48.

Luke Barb led Tucker Valley with 222 yards rushing and 67 yards passing. Cayden Arnold added 32 yards rushing and a scoop and score on defense. Ty

Ricottilli had 30 yards rushing and 55 yards receiving and Ethan Cummings chipped in with 17 yards rushing.

Tucker Valley(2-5) will travel host Elkins tonight Wednesday October 19th for their last game of the season. Kickoff is set for 6:30pm in Parsons. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Gov. Justice announces legislation to eliminate car tax immediately without Amendment 2

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice today announced the Car and All Vehicles Tax Elimination and Protection of Local Government Act, which would credit property taxes paid on certain vehicles back to taxpayers without amending the West Virginia Constitution, as proposed by Amendment 2.

"Today I am proposing legis-

lation to get rid of the car tax immediately without amending our Constitution," Gov. Justice said. "This means you can vote no on Amendment 2 and still get rid of the car tax. As soon as the House and Senate are ready to take this up, the bill is in their hands. It's ready when they're ready.

"The proponents of Amend-

ment 2 claim that we must change our Constitution forever to eliminate the car tax. Not only is that untrue, it's just plain deceptive. It can be done, and we have the way right here, without making a major amendment to our Constitution.

"The Senate is using the car tax as bait. Don't take it. They're trying to pull a fast one

on you. You're smarter than that. By voting for Amendment 2 you are giving hundreds of millions of dollars and massive control to Charleston and giving big companies big tax breaks.

"Under my plan, each year, all West Virginians who own a vehicle would receive a full dollar for dollar refund for personal property taxes paid to the county Sheriff's in 2022 and every year going forward. The refundable credit is paid from the West Virginia General Revenue Fund and does not in any way interfere with the property tax revenue stream guaranteed to local governments and school boards since 1932.

"My plan guarantees that our local first responders, counties, cities, and school boards keep their constitutionally guaranteed revenue while at the same

time it allows WV taxpayers to share in this historic surplus. Call your legislator and tell them to vote for this and vote for it now."

Each year, all West Virginians who own a vehicle would receive a tax credit, equal to the amount of tax paid on their vehicles. Pass-through entities and corporations would also be eligible to receive the credit. It applies retroactively to January 1, 2022.

The bill authorizes a tax credit against the personal income tax, or the corporation net income tax, as applicable, in the amount of ad valorem property tax timely paid during the income tax taxable year on specified motor vehicles. The credit is retroactive to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022.

Clorox to Open Martinsburg Cat Litter Plant

The October 21st celebration will commemorate the beginning of operations at the Martinsburg Cat Litter Plant, with a production start slated for early 2023. The plant at Tabler Station will produce Clorox's signature cat litter brands, Fresh Step® and Scoop Away®.

The event will begin with a reception at 8:30 a.m., followed by an official opening

ceremony at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be served, courtesy of Blue Ridge Community and Technical College's culinary program. The program will include remarks from community leaders, elected officials, and Clorox leadership. Invited guests include: The Clorox Company CEO Linda Rendle, Governor Jim Justice, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito, U.S.

Senator Joe Manchin, area legislators and city officials.

Tours of the facility will follow the program. Please note, photography will be allowed outside of the plant, however both photography and video inside of the manufacturing facility are prohibited. Photographs will be provided to media following the event.

Football

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with Tucker County leading the game by the score of 37-14.

The third quarter would only have one scoring drive as Tucker County added to their score with a Rosenau pass to Trenton Wilfong for a 39 yard touchdown. The PAT kick by Lycliter was good to make the score 44-14 after three quarters of play.

The Mt. Lions would start the scoring in the fourth quarter with another passing touchdown as Rosenau hit Lycliter for a 3 yard touchdown. The PAT kick was no good to give Tucker County a 50-14 lead. Southern then added a score with a 35 yard touchdown run and the conversion kick was no

good to put the scoreboard at 50-20 Tucker County. The Mt. Lions then answered once again with a Rosenau 32 yard touchdown pass to Adams. The PAT kick was no good to make the score 56-20 Tucker County. The Rams then added a score late in the game on a 63 yard touchdown run. The extra point kick was good to make the final score 56-27 Mt. Lions.

Tucker County's Ethan Rosenau ended the game with huge night passing as Rosenau was 25 of 30 for 537 yards. Maddox Anderson led the Mt. Lions at the receiving position with 6 receptions for 209 yards and Blaike Adams added 10 catches

for 157 yards receiving. Trenton Wilfong finished close behind with 6 receptions for 136 yards. Jared Reall carried the ball on the ground 9 times for 45 yards rushing for the Mt. Lions. Reall led the Mt. Lions on defense with 10 tackles and Gavin Mullenax added 6 tackles for Tucker County. The Mt. Lions outgained the Rams in total yards 592-320.

Tucker County(7-0) will return to action on Friday October 21st at home against Gilmer County. Kick-off for the game is set for 7pm and the game will be broadcast Live on the Tucker County Football Field YouTube page. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Morrisey Warns Consumers About Computer Repair Scams

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is warning consumers about a computer repair scam that is currently active in the Mountain State.

"Consumers should be cautious if they receive a suspicious call, particularly if they haven't done business with the company in question," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Look for warning signs such as a machine-generated voice, unusual word choices or improper grammar. Most importantly, never give money to a scammer or allow them to access your credit card or computer."

This scam involves an impostor who calls consumers and claims to be

from a major technology or computer company. The scammer then demands payment for antivirus software the consumer supposedly bought.

The caller will urge the consumer to make a payment via credit card, gift card or ask for their bank account information. The scammer may also seek to gain access to the consumer's computer if payment is refused. For instance, they might claim they need to remove the supposedly-installed virus repair program since the consumer is refusing to pay them.

Scammers may also use a tactic called "spoofing" to mask the phone number from which they are calling and make it appear that it comes from

another source.

Other versions of the scam involve technology company impostors demanding payment and access to the consumer's computer to remove a virus that does not exist.

Consumers also should safeguard sensitive information such as computer passwords, network information and financial information. Creating strong passwords can be a good line of defense against potential hackers.

Anyone who believes they have been a victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808, or file a complaint online at www.wvago.gov.

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Political signs are prohibited on state rights-of-way

CHARLESTON, WV - With the November general election quickly approaching, the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) would like to remind the public that West Virginia law prohibits campaign signs on all state rights-of-way.

WVDOT workers around the state have been instructed to remove any campaign signs found on state rights-of-way pursuant to state law. Confiscated signs will be temporarily stored at county highway offices for retrieval by candidates or their representa-

tives. Violation of the law prohibiting campaign signs on state rights-of-way is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$25 to \$100 per day. Violators are also subject to reimbursing the WVDOT for the cost of removing the signs.

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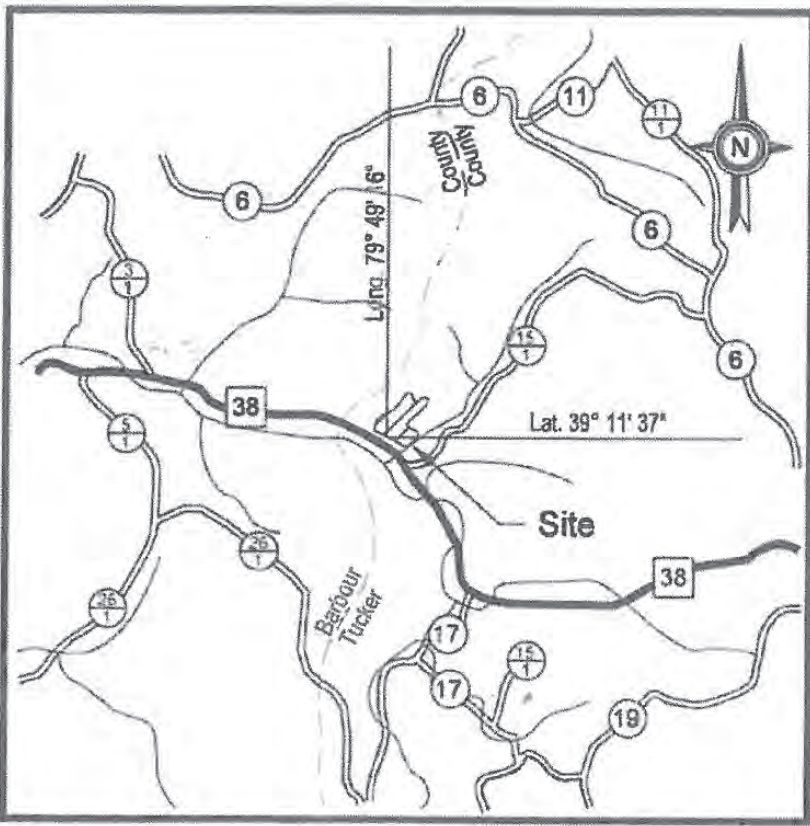
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Comments on the application shall be in writing and shall identify the applicant and application number and be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above. Comments received by 11/21/22, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication, will be considered.

A copy of the application will be available until 11/21/22, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

<http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm>
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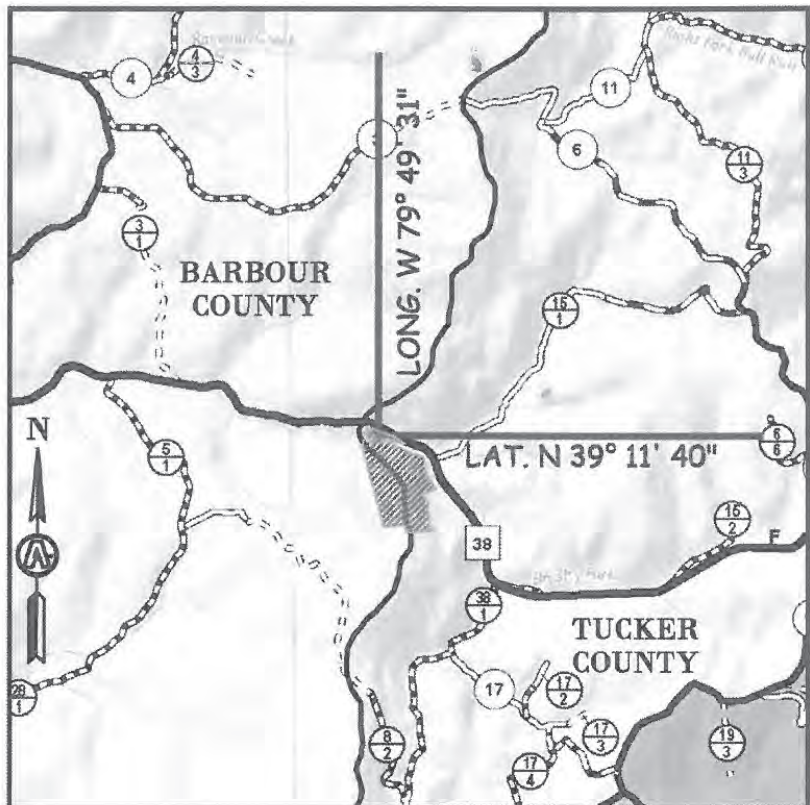
Notice is hereby given that ROSE HOLDINGS LLC, 70 COLUMBIA BLVD, CLARKSBURG, WV 26301 has submitted an application for the reissuance of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1023632 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150, in order to maintain, monitor, and operate a haulroad, conveyor, load-out facility, quarry (Philippi Quarry) and Deep Mine in the Greenbrier Limestone seam/mineral bed. The operation will discharge treated storm water into an unnamed tributary of/and Brushy Fork of Teter Creek of Tygart Valley River of Tygart Valley River and is located 5.8 miles Southeast of Moatsville, in Clover and Cove Districts of Barbour and Tucker counties, Longitude 79°49'31" and Latitude 39°11'40" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, a full Tier 2 anti-degradation review has been conducted.

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by November 16, 2022, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

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



NPDES Reissuance
Permit No. Q201489
WVNPDES Permit No. WV1023632
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE OF NAME
OF Tina M. Evans
TO THE NAME OF Tina M. Metheny

Civil Action No. 22-P-10

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that one the 14th day of November, 2022, at the hour of 3:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the undersigned will apply to the Circuit Court of Tucker County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court to change the name of the undersigned petitioner, Tina M. Evans to the name of Tina M. Metheny. Any party that can show good cause why the name should not be changed may appear at that time and object to the change of name.

Tina M. Evans
Petitioner

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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)
Ernest W. Evans, Sr.	Richard N. Evans
1st publication 10/19/22	163 Jobs Run Rd
2nd publication 10/26/22	Kerens, WV 26276

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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Public Test of Electronic Tabulation Equipment will be held on October 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Tucker County Clerk's Office, Courthouse Annex, Suite 205, Parsons, WV 26287.

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

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

CERT NO	YEAR SOLD	NAME1	NAME2	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT
47390	2019	BENNETT JERRY L	WILSON ROCK DBA POPCORN PROPERTIES (2020) WOLFORD HOLBERT RAY (2021)	.19 AC MILLER ADDITION P/LOTS 108 & PT 109	BLACK FORK
47391	2019	KISAMORE HELEN	KISAMORE HELEN BOX 109 RT 2	PARCEL .012 PORTERWOOD	BLACK FORK
47392	2019	NESTOR LONNIE & ROXANNE		PARCEL (ABANDONED 10' ALLEY) HENDRICKS	HENDRICKS CORP

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to the date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed.

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Tucker County, WV		General Election		November 8, 2022	
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER To vote you must darken the oval (●) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.					
NATIONAL TICKET					
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)		FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE) Not More Than One Resident of Any Magisterial District May Be Elected		AMENDMENT NO. 2: PROPERTY TAX MODERNIZATION AMENDMENT Summary of Purpose: To amend the State Constitution by providing the Legislature with authority to exempt tangible machinery and equipment personal property directly used in business activity and tangible inventory personal property directly used in business activity and personal property tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law.	
○ ALEXANDER X. MOONEY REP Charles Town Jefferson Co.		○ TIM KNOTTS REP Hambleton Cheat Dist.		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".	
○ BARRY LEE WENDELL DEM Morgantown Monongalia Co.		○ DEBORAH STILES DEM Parsons Cheat Dist.		○ FOR	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		○ AGAINST	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		Amendment No. 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment	
○ Write-in, If Any		○ Write-in, If Any		Summary of Purpose: To authorize the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.	
STATE TICKET					
FOR STATE SENATOR 14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)		FOR COUNTY CLERK (Vote for ONE)		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".	
○ JAY TAYLOR REP Grafton Taylor Co.		○ SHERRY SIMMONS REP Parsons		Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amendment	
○ AMANDA JO PITZER DEM Thornton Preston Co.		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		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.	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		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".	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		○ FOR	
○ Write-in, If Any		○ Write-in, If Any		○ AGAINST	
REGIONAL/STATEWIDE AMENDMENTS					
FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 85TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)		AMENDMENT NO. 1: CLARIFICATION OF THE JUDICIARY'S ROLE IN IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS AMENDMENT		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.	
○ JOHN PAUL HOTT II REP Petersburg Grant Co.		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED DEM		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".	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		○ FOR	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		○ AGAINST	
○ Write-in, If Any		○ Write-in, If Any		Amendment No. 4: Education Accountability Amendment	
COUNTY TICKET					
FOR CIRCUIT CLERK (Vote for ONE)		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED REP		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".	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED LBN		○ FOR	
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED MTN		○ AGAINST	
○ Write-in, If Any		○ Write-in, If Any		VOTE BOTH SIDES	

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.	
○ For the Levy	
○ Against the Levy	
VOTE BOTH SIDES	

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Members of the Tucker County FFA Chapter take part in the Potomac Highlands Ag Innovation Showcase, hosted by Eastern Ag Innovation at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield. The showcase included vendor displays and demonstrations, and this group of Tucker County students was watching as a classmate piloted a drone to land on the hand of another TCHS student.

Tucker County FFA students take part in Potomac Highlands Ag Innovation Showcase



Participants at the Potomac Highlands Ag Innovation Showcase, including students from Tucker County FFA, take a group photograph at the close of the event on Oct. 14 at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield.

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. - Tucker County FFA students were among the 88 student participants Oct. 14 at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College for the Potomac Highlands Ag Innovation Showcase.

The Potomac Highlands Ag Innovation Showcase, now in its seventh year, was hosted by Eastern Ag Innovation. The showcase was a two-day event, with one

day reserved for area students.

Showcase activities included an agricultural career fair, a vendor showcases and demonstration area, and tours and presentations about the community college and its programs. The event also featured the Agricultural Technology and Innovation Student Challenge competition, which was won by a team from Mineral County.

Students from Hardy County also participated in the day's events.

The event closed with an address by Norman Bailey, chief of staff of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, followed by a group photo of the participants.

"Youth programs like this help students

learn to be more confident while thinking critically to solve problems with innovation and strengthen the agriculture industry," said Megan Webb, Ph.D., Eastern's dean of advancement and innovation. "This program also celebrates the educational pathways that can support diverse careers to better benefit West Virginia agriculture."

Eastern Ag Innovation is part of Eastern's Workforce Education Department, and provides a range of agricultural workforce development, education, and training opportunities in the Potomac Highlands. To learn more about Eastern Ag Innovation, visit <https://easternwv.edu/ag-innovation>.



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