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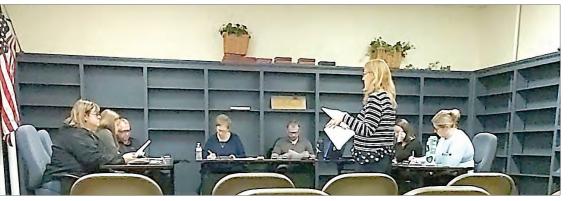
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# **Updated Open Enrollment Policy for TC Schools**

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Board of Education has adapted a new updated open enrollment policy designed to assure the quality of education by minimizing the capacity levels in grades seven through 12. Grade level capacity is determined by the number of students a classroom can safely seat as determined by the State Fire Marshal. Capacity is also determined by the need for the county to hire additional staff, prior to enrollments, to appropriately educate the nonresident student.

A nonresident student is defined as a student who resides in this state and who is enrolled in or is seeking enrollment in a county school district other



Amber Kyle presenting the TC Board of Education board members the update on current enrollment rates.

than the county school district in which the student resides. Open enrollment is the process for which nonresident students' parents must participate in order to gain enrollment in a school within the Tucker County School District. Open enrollment is distinct from a mutual agreement of two county boards regarding mass transfer of students.

Tucker County School Superintendent Alicia Lambert said "What happens when classrooms fill up? Well, we were the first in the state to find out. It happened to Davis Thomas to be exact. So, what is happening is the state did not realize opening the flood would resolve into something of this magnitude and now they do. Now they are telling us to go back to what the open enrollment was before where we had dates for deadlines and where we could deny people based on class size and classrooms filling up. Plus, we could show where there was

movement in and out, where right now we have that issue because of an outage at Davis Thomas and we have a lot of people transferring in."

The updated enrollment policy is what is suggested by the state and has gone through their legal system. The new dates to apply for enrollment are from March 1 to June 30 of the year preceding enrollment. Completed applications must be submitted to the Attendance Director or designee, and they will be processed in the order they are received. A written response to parents will be provided once the Tucker County Board of Education approves or denies the application.

The policy states that applications from families moving into the area, students in foster care, or students who meet the definition of unaccompanied youth prescribed in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act will not be held to the timeline mentioned before.

Amber Kyle presented the board with the current attendance rate report. Davis Thomas stands at 92.11 percent with 35.79 percent chronically absent. Tucker Valley has a 93.95 percent attendance rate with 22.99 percent chronically absent. Tucker County High School has a 91.80 percent attendance rate with 36.15 percent chronically absent. Overall, the schools stand at 92.62 percent rate of attendance and a 31.64 percent rate of chronically absent.

Kyle's report included that for the 2022-2023 school year there are currently 84 students in 64 families that are being homeschooled. There have been 13 students that reenrolled in school from home school and four homeschoolers moved from the **See UPDATED page 3A** 

Round Two of EMS Levy Meetings



TCAA board member Lenora Howell addressing the audience, in St. George, about the Ambulance Authority Excess Levy Tax

#### By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Ambu-

\$16,815 in funds received in the form of donations. Mayors, town councils, and business owners have also been asked to support the proposed levy tax.

# High Risk Search Warrant/ Barricaded Individual in Tucker County

A press release from the Tucker County Sheriff's Department states that on, October 19, 2022 at approximately 1800 hours, a call come into Tucker County 911 about a white male shooting a light out at the Family Dollar Store, in Parsons, with a shotgun then taking off in a vehicle.

Through investigation and witness statements Tucker County Sheriff Deputy Canaan Summerfield verified that the individual was 71-year-old Herbert Brent Bennett aka "squeak Bennett". It was verified that a high likelihood of Mr. Bennett returned to his residence located in Parsons. recent negative encounters with law enforcement of psychological concerns further suggesting an effect to arrest; of a high-risk nature. An arrest warrant and search warrant were gained for this incident for felony wanton endangerment.

The Mountain Region Special Response Team was activated and upon arrival a plan of operation was formed. Mr. Bennett was afforded the opportunity to surrender numerous times through telephone and loud speaker, however, refused to cooperate and barricaded himself in the home. The home was entered by the tactical team and Mr. Bennett was arrested and transported to the Tygart



Valley Regional Jail. Assisting in this investi-

lance Authority is set on a purposeful course to provide the residents of Tucker County with information needed to help them decide which way to vote for the proposed access levy tax on the November ballot. The authority's goals are for the excess levy to pass to enable stable funding, revamp and modernize the organization to provided efficient and timely EMS service, and get outside objective input.

The Authority recently hosted an informational meeting at the St. George Medical Clinic Pavilion. During this meeting Ambulance Authority board member Lenora "Nora" Howell talked to the audience members about the near-term donation campaign. Donations were requested to help make up for the 2022-2023 budget shortfall. In September mailers were sent out to all Tucker County mailing addresses while other cards were left at various locations across the county such as banks, the visitors bureau, Timberline Mountain, other businesses, and the libraries. As of October 14, there have been TCAA President Dennis Filler advised the audience that the authority had obtained outside assistance from the West Virginia EMS Advisory Council.

The summary from the EMSAC report reads as follows, "The TCAA has a long and storied history of excellent community service. Clearly the clinicians who have and continue to care for patients are deeply committed to their practice. Additionally, TCAA leaders have been extremely good resource stewards.

Through discussions with stakeholders, it is clear to the BAT (Business Assistance Team) that the financial stability of the organization is, at very best, tenuous. Significant change and bold moves are required to allow for the unimpeded delivery of emergency services. The system is increasingly unstable on many levels and requires attention. The BAT believes there is not a single solution, to position the service for the future a multi-fac-See EMS page 3A Mr. Bennett had previous and

gation was the Parsons State Police Detachment, Parsons City Police Department, Parsons Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management and the Mountain Region Special Response Team.

# **Spitznogle Sentenced by the Honorable Judge Courrier**



D. Spitznogle convicted of first-degree sexual assault and six counts of sexual abuse was sentenced in Judge Courrier's court.

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

Darrell "Gene" Spitznogle was in the courtroom of the Honorable Judge J. Courrier to receive sentencing on his recent guilty verdict of one count of first-degree sexual assault and six counts of sexual abuse. The verdict was handed down by a jury that consisted of eight women and five men that decided the state had proved sufficient evidence to convict Spitznogle. Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney, Savannah Hull Wilkins, and co-

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# Pulp Bottom Pond Catch and Release Only

By: Jennifer Britt

The Parsons Advocate

Councilman Tim Auvil updated the council on the Pulp Mill Bottom Pond project. Auvil advised that the geese were becoming a nuisance but there was nothing really that could be done about them at this time. Auvil asked for consideration to place signs around the pond that remind anyone fishing in the pond that the fishing was catch and release. This ensures the fish have time to properly populate and grow to some size. Auvil has been made aware of some holes under and around the decking overlooking the pond and was informed it was possibly muskrats but will continue to monitor for beavers.

City of Parsons Police Chief, Kevin Keplinger, introduced to the city council the new hire Garrett Crossland-Bolyard. The council welcomed Crossland-Bolyard to the position as the new municipal judge. Crossland-Bolyard also works as a Day Report Officer with Community Corrections. Keplinger also informed the council that the newest member of the police team would the current Code Enforcer Ricky Rosier. Rosier will continue to work as code and once completion of the police academy Rosier will work part-time for the Parsons Police Department. Rosier is shadowing police calls and helping with police detail such as traffic control, funerals, and football games.

The Treasurer's position ad was pulled from this week's The Parsons Advocate and from Facebook to allow the council the opportunity to discuss additional changes and requirements for the position. At first Councilman Tim Turner wished to include a salary base for the job but was voted down and so the position will be paid based on education and experience.

Turner pointed out that the treasurer should not make less than the \$45,000 plus that the City Administrator currently does. Auvil mentioned there was a way to have someone complete the work on a part-time basis with no benefits for less money.

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New Parsons City Municipal Judge Garrett Crossland-Bolyard



### Pulp Botton

Thus, saving the city some money in the long haul but Auvil was over voiced by other members that wished the position to be filled by a full-time hire.

Tim Turner motioned for the approval of the revised job posting for City Treasurer with finalized edits excluding salary range but including resident requirement. The motion was seconded. Motion was carried by a four yes to three no vote. Yes votes were council members Turner, Melissa Jones, James "Sam" Humphrey, and Kathy DiBacco. No votes were Recorder Bruce Kolsun, David Greenlief, and Tim Auvil.

Kolsun then motioned for the edits and final draft to be forwarded to the

### Spitznogle

counsel Assisting Prosecuting Attorney, Frank Bush, were in charge of providing the burden of guilt. Spitznogle's defense team consisted of, public defenders, Morris Davis and Brent Easton.

In February of 2020 Spitznogle was formally charged with sexual assault and abuse after a juvenile male family member disclosed that he had been touched in inappropriate manners and was forced to touch the defendant. The juvenile was aged nine through 11 during the time of abuse. The abuse was said to have taken place at the Sawmill Lodge located in Davis, and on one occurrence in a hotel in Morgantown.

The juvenile had been displaying behavior issues at home and at school which lead to him being hospitalized at the Psychiatric Institute in Washington. The juvenile testified that during this stay he was heavily medicated and spoke the details of his abuse to the staff. The staff called in the Child Advocacy Center to conduct an interview. That interview was then turned over to the Tucker County Sheriff's office on February 13, 2020. The juvenile male was 16 at the time of the interview.

The Tucker County Sheriff's office brought

During the sentencing hearing Wilkins requested that Spitznogle receive the sentence of 50 to 150 years for the charge of first-degree sexual assault and 10 to 35 years for each count of first-degree sexual abuse. Wilkins asked the court to consider running those terms consecutively. Meaning the terms of the sentencing would run one after another without interruption. With Spitznogle being 57 at the current time he is facing a life sentence

with these terms. Wilkins argued that Spitznogle was a repeat offender who had only been released from 20 years in prison, on a prior sexual assault by a parent charge of a five- to eightyear-old female in Mon County, less than a year when he started sexually abusing the nine-year male juvenile in Davis. Wilkins also argued that Spitznogle showed no remorse, empathy, or accountability for his actions.

Wilkins presented evidence of recorded phone calls made by Spitznogle while in jail. On those recordings Spitznogle several made threats against the victim and his family. On one recording presented by Wilkins she stated that Spitznogle said, "I did not do a thing to that lying mother \*\*\*\*\* but I will when I get out though you can believe that." With that Wilkins said, "So, (the victim) is still not safe from Gene. His family is still not safe from Gene. That played a part in (the victim) moving over five hours aways so he (Spitznogle) does not know where he is or where he works. He (the victim) has started a new job since

the trail. He had concerns he testified where he was working. The victim does not feel safe. In fact, no child is safe in the defendant's release because Mr. Spitznogle is a predator. His main target is children who is some of the most vulnerable to our society and we have a duty to protect them."

personnel committee that consists of

himself, Greenlief, and Mayor Doro-

thy Judy and have them bring it back

next meeting for council approval.

The motion was seconded but was

denied by a three yes vote to a four

no vote. The motion failed. Yes votes

were Kolsun, Auvil, and Greenlief.

No votes were Turner, Jones, Hum-

At which point Turner motioned for

the finalized job posting to post once

the edits were complete with the ads

to run in The Parsons Advocate, The

InterMountain, and on Facebook. The

motion is seconded and passed by a

four yes to three no vote. The four yes

votes were Turner, Jones, Humphrey,

and DiBacco. The three no votes were

phrey, and DiBacco.

Wilkins presented the victim's statement to the court, "There is no actual punishment that can give me back what Gene has taken from me. However, I feel he should receive the maximum and serve one at a time. Gene did these things to me separately and he should have to serve the time separately."

Defense attorney Morris argued on the behalf of Spitznogle asking for mercy from the court when handing down the sentencing. Morris argued that with Spitznogle being 57 years old that he would be a very elderly man when he is eligible for parole when the sentence was run concurrently. That means all seven sentences would run at the same time coinciding with each other.

Morris stated that with the sentencing running concurrently Spitznogle would be allowed the hope of one day getting out and turning his life around before he is expired.

When Judge Courrier asked Spitznogle if there was anything he would like to say to the court Spitznogle said, "The only thing that I can say is I am innocent. He (the victim) came over and asked me one day what would someone have to do to get me locked up. I told him that all they had to say was that I touched

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Kolsun, Auvil, and Greenlief.

The council moved on to the Good of the Order section of the agenda where Kolsun thanked and commended City Administrator Agnes "Aggie" Arnold and city work force for an outstanding job done during the recent water leak on First Street near Kidwell's Auto Parts store.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, located at 341 Second Street, Parsons. If you would like an item placed on the agenda, feel free to contact the Parsons Business Office at 304-478-2311.

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them. He knows I did not get along with his dad. He said he feared for his life. No, he did not. The boy was always over asking me to take him to pick stuff up, take him for a ride, do this and do that. There is not nothing I can I do, might as well get the gallows out and hang me.

I was up there all that time, and I did not do anything wrong. I went to prison and took my GED and all kinds of classes in there to try to better myself." Spitznogle's last comment to the court was, "Might as well this get this over with so we can start the appeal process."

After hearing arguments from both side Judge Courrier sentenced Spitznogle 50 to 150 years for the firstdegree assault and 10 to 35 years for each of the six counts of sexual abuse per state code and recommendations from the pre-sentence report. Courrier also ordered those sentences to be run consecutively.

Courrier mentioned that Spitznogle does have the right to file for an appeal within 30 days as a couple of different motions including a resentencing reconsideration (Rule 35-B of the West Virginia state code.) motion within 120 days.

Courrier stated that key factors for his decisions was the lack of acknowl-

# **News of Record**

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

Herbert Brent Bennett, of Parsons, was charged with one felony count of Wanton endangerment involving a firearm. According to the complaint on Wednesday, Oct. 19 Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County sheriff's Office received a complaint about a subject shooting one of the lights at the Family Dollar Store in Parsons. He responded to the scene and observed one of the lights on the front of Family Dollar to be out, glass covering the ground and a green in color shotgun shell casing laying on the ground beneath the light. He met with three employees from Family Dollar that were inside the store at the time of the incident and obtained handwritten and signed statements from them. The three employees stated that they had heard a loud boom and when they looked outside to see what caused the disturbance they observed glass on the ground. That stated that they next observed a blue Jeep Patriot speeding off in the direction of the stop light. Summerfield gathered photos for a lineup and he and Parsons Chief of Police K. Keplinger separately presented them to the employees and all three chose the same photo of the male subject they observed speeding away from the premises after the shot had been fired. This male subject was later identified to be Herbert Brent Bennett.

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

- Shaun Amos and Hardwick Johnson, Clover, Lot 2, 5.21 acres to Anthony Joseph Guido, III, \$28,500.
- Stephanie M. Marcus, Dry Fork, Lot 20 Spruce Glades Timberline to Sheldon Life and Margaret Yearwood, \$415.000.
- Robert O. Hughes and Dorothy H. Hughes, Davis, Lot 39, 1 acre in Black Bear Woods Section 3 to Mach2 LLC, \$498,000.
- Denzil R. Keller Jr., St. George, 10.92 acres more or less to Matthew C. Lawrence and Amanda B. Lawrence. \$0.
- Zachary Boyd Golightly, Davis Corporation, 2.13 acres and .07 acres surface to Joseph A. Holmes, \$355,000.
- Doreena Miles and Amber S. Perry, Fairfax, Lot 37 Coketon 90 x 120 to Caleb D. Burns, \$56,000.
- Thomas K. Douglass and Tari L. Douglass, Dry Fork, Unit/Lot 30 Black Bear Woods to Kathleen P. Craven and William Edward Adams, Jr., \$275,000.
- Thomas P. Miller and Betty Lou Groves, Dry Fork, Unit/Lot 65 Section D Black Bear Woods to Robin Lea Pyle, \$255,000.



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Spitznogle in for questioning and during that interview Spitznogle denied having any sexual relations with the juvenile. According to the report prepared by the Sheriff's office Spitznogle stated he had never touched the juvenile's genitals, seen him naked or mistreated him in any way.

edgement, empathy, or sympathy from Spitznogle and beyond the point of whether the action did or did not happen is no longer beyond reasonable doubt since a jury found him guilty of all charges. Although Spitznogle continues to claim his innocence, which is his right.



The family of Wanda Fike would like to thank our family, friends and neighbors for all the prayers, love and kind words shown to us during this difficult time.

We also thank Garrett Regional Medical Center, Hospice of Garrett County, Lohr & Barb Funeral Home for their love and support to us, Stevens Florist for the beautiful flowers, Pastor Neil and the St. Johns United Methodist Church for the wonderful meal and Tucker County Emergency Medical Services.

Thank you all for the cards, calls, food, flowers and love gifts, may God Bless each of you.

> Sincerely, The Fike Family

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Sylvia Rettger

# Obituaries

#### **Donna Sue Barber Moore**

Donna Sue Barber Moore, age 57, a resident of Parsons, departed this life Friday afternoon October 14, 2022 in the United Hospital Center at Bridgeport. Death was following a period of declining health.

She was born on July 8, 1965 in Kingwood, WV, a daughter of Floyd A. Barber of Tunnelton and Shierline May Hershman of Grafton. On February 23, 1990 she was united in marriage to Gary Ronald Moore, who survives at their home.

In addition to her parents and husband she is survived by her son; James Allen Beavers and wife April of Philippi, step-son; Gary Frank Moore of Point Marion, Pennsylvania, four sisters; Elizabeth M. Barber and husband John of Independence, Charline Barber Nine of Tunnelton, Linda Poe of Fairmont, Jasmine Poe of Morgantown, two brothers; Allen Hershman and wife Lydia of Moastville, Floyd E. Barber and wife Shirley of Independence, mother-inlaw; Eldare Violet Moore of Digman Road, Philippi, daughter-in-law; Melissa Beavers of Grafton. Additional survivors include five grandchildren; Kayden Beavers, Brayson Beavers, Scarlett Beavers, Brianna Beavers and Addyson Beavers, Step-grandchildren; Kelsey Shahan and Blaine Shahan, a step great-grand child; Aubriella Floyd. Several nieces, nephews, cousins and a whole host of friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by son; Michael Roy Beavers Jr., grandparents; Neal and Anna Hershman and Elma Knotts.

Donna attended the schools of Preston County and was a homemaker. In her younger days she attended the Stevenburg Church. She enjoyed watching football and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Friends were received at the Talbott Funeral Home, 56 n Brandenburg Street in Belington on Tuesday October 18, 2022 from 2 - 8 p.m. and again on Wednesday October 19, 2022 from 8 - 11 a.m. the funeral hour where final rites were conducted from the funeral home chapel with the Pastor Jeff Burnett officiating. Interment followed in the Mt. Zion Cemetery near Philippi. Condolences can be made to the family at <u>www.talbottfuneralhome.com</u>. The Talbott Funeral Home in Belington is in charge of the arrangements for Donna Sue Barber Moore.

### Updated

#### county.

Kyle reported there has been 72 transfer students with 11 students transferred within the county going to different schools and 61 transfer students into the county. Of those 61 transfer students 31 were from Preston County, 25 were from Randolph County, three from Grant County, and two from Barbour County.

Surprisingly, there are 62 homeless students in the school system, and this is defined by a student that is lacking a fixed, adequate nighttime residence or is doubled-up in a home with another family. Tucker Valley has 24 students under this classification while Davis Thomas and Tucker County High School both have 19 homeless students. There are also 18 students in foster families and 38 students in legal guardianship families or kinship care. Twenty-two students are military connected with active or retired military family members.

With election time coming up and choices are having to be made as to whether a person or county entity such as the Board of Education is for or against the Amendment 2 that has been placed on the November ballot. The Amendment 2 is a State Bill designed to give the state the ability to change such statutes such as personal property taxes or business inventory tax.

Change can be good, but it also can be a deterrent to something good. Tucker County schools stand to lose \$820,147 if the amendment passes and property taxes are taken away. Lambert said, "The Senate says they have a

### **Philip Dale Stevens**

Philip Dale Stevens, age 85 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life early Thursday morning, October 20, 2022, at United Hospital Center at Bridgeport, WV, with his family by his side and under the care of WVU Medicine Hospice. He had been in declining health for the last two years.

He was born Tuesday, June 8,

1937, at Parsons, WV, a son of the late George Daniel Stevens and Mae Phillips Stevens. On December 24, 1960, at Oakland, MD, he was married to the former Grace Louise Loughry, who survives. They had celebrated sixty-one years of marriage.

Also surviving are two sons, Philip Edward "Eddie" Stevens and Robert Dale Stevens and wife Lisa, all of Parsons; one grandson, Lukas Dale Stevens and fiancé Chasity Putlovis of Clarksburg; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are half-brothers, Willard Stevens and Wilson Pritt.

He attended Parsons High School and was a Veteran of the United States Army stationed in Germany. Philip worked in construction most of his life and was a former employee of the former Armstrong's Paving and West Virginia Paving, as an equipment operator, building many roads. He enjoyed hunting and fishing in his younger years, farming and playing cards. Phil never met a stranger and had many friends. He loved his family very much.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at 1 p.m. The Reverend Neil Parsons officiated and interment followed at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV., where the WV Honor Guard, the H.W. Daniels Post #29 American Legion, the Tygart Valley Post #3647 Veterans of Foreign War and the Tucker County Veterans Association conducted full military honors. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Philip Dale Stevens. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

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us in Tucker County, and there is not a one size fits all approach. It would be a one size fits all approach. The scarier part of all of this is that politics has no place in our classrooms. Our jobs are to teach students and to let them form their own opinions and not to push our agendas down their throat or our personal beliefs down their throat. So, while we teach about republicans, democrats, and politics and how the election process works it is not to further a political agenda. I am afraid that something of this nature that is exactly

what it will do."

### Sylvia Rettger, 87, of North Huntingdon, PA, passed away on Thursday, October 20, 2022 in Peoria, IL. She was born in Washington, DC on February 20, 1935, to Walter and Mary (Taylor) Seiler. She married Charles J. Rettger in 1960; he preceded her in death in 1987.

death in 1987. She is survived by her 3 daughters, Renee (Thomas) Patton of Morton, IL, Deborah (Curt) Hovatter of St. George, WV, and Denise (Stephen) Smith-Hams of Los Altos, CA; her 8 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren.

Sylvia's grandchildren were her pride and joy.

A full obituary, with service details, is available at www. GaryDeitersFH.com.

# — 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 area and the cost of expenses is higher than the stipend, the instructor will be reimbursed for mileage and a meal.

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

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

Regular monthly activities include: Mt. Top: Free Lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Outpost (covered dish lunch) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, and a birthday celebration with cake provided by West Virginia Caring on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.

Parsons: Free Lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, Outpost on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, and birthday celebration is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday.

Both Parsons and Mt. Top will be having a Halloween dress up day on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. You may come dressed in you costume or you may dress up after you arrive.

Friday, October 28th is First Responders Day. Please make a special effort to thank them for all they do to help our community.

The Veterans will be at the Parsons Outpost on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. We will have a lowering of the old flag, a raising of our new flag, and a demonstration of the proper way to fold the flag.





cies. It would be codes and everything single thing enacted in our schools would come directly from the legislature. So, where we argue for local control, and where we say what works for them in that county does not work for

plan to issue this, but the

problem is nobody has

The Board of Education

has been asked to take a

stand on which side of the

change they stand on and

by unanimous vote they are

against the Amendment 2

change proposed by Sen-

ate. The board will sign a

proclamation at the next

board meeting. The board

also decided to be against

Amendment 4 that will

allow the legislative body

to have full control over

the state board of education

Lambert said, "There

would be no state poli-

and school systems.

seen the plan."

The next Tucker County Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and located at the Tucker County Board of Education Office, 100 Education Lane, Parsons.

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We have already reserved tickets for Sight & Sound Theatre for next July (around the  $19^{\text{th}}$  or  $20^{\text{th}}$ ) to see "Moses." We do not have an itinerary nor do we have pricing at this time. We will let you know as soon as we decide. We will start taking names and payments after the first of the year. You can start saving now since the holidays are quickly approaching.

### 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  $15^{\text{th}}$ . If you have not scheduled an appointment for a review, I advise you to do it now. The appointment slots fill up very quickly.

### MENU

The menu next week will be: Mon.: Cheeseburger, French fries, baked beans, and Mandarin oranges. Tues.: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and hot rolls. Wed.: Baked chicken, sweet potatoes, corn, and mixed fruit, Thurs.: Swedish meatballs over noodles, beets, Brussel sprouts, and peaches, Friday: Fish portion, French fries, carrots, and pears. All meals are served with your choice of coffee, iced tea, or milk. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.



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Thank You

The family of Truman L. Phillips would like to extend their deepest gratitude for all the expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls, food, the beautiful wind chimes, tapestries and floral tributes during the passing of our loved one.

Thank you for the thoughtfulness, your generosity and support during this difficult time.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

Special thanks to the staff at Stonerise Kingwood for their exceptional care of Truman during his almost four year stay at their facility.

Our special thanks to Pastor Kevin Hostetler and Pastor Dave Snyder for their wonderful words of remembrance and cherished memories along with the beautiful eulogy.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Anita and Nick Barb for their love and kindness during this difficult time.

Our hearts are full of wonderful memories of Truman which makes the loss more bearable. We will truly miss him, but we know he is in God's care now with no more suffering and we have the promise of one day seeing him again.

JOHN 16-22: Therefore, you have grief now, but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice; and no one will take your joy away from you.

### EMS

### eted approach is required. Thus, our approach to this consultancy engagement has been to offer multiple options regarding governance, operations, funding, and external relations. While finance remains the present, overriding needs, the approach taken in preparation of this report is to allow stakeholders flexibility to mix and match solutions based on local needs and evolving challenges.

In this summary the BAT must be clear; maintenance of the status quo in terms of supplemental financial support positions the service for deep failure, putting critical emergency services at risk. Regardless of the outcome of the November 2022 levy election, supplemental funding is required for 2023. Should the levy fail, supplemental appropriations will be required for future years. Stakeholders must plan now for that potential eventuality.

Within a quasi-governmental organization like the TCAA, change is difficult. Unintended layers exist and there is a tendency for some stakeholders to accept a current state as completely acceptable. Additionally, fear develops within others that service delivery may suffer additional deterioration. These reactions are normal. All stakeholders come to planning meetings with different ideas, and different concerns. Collectively you are urged to stay focused on immediate, shortterm needs while simultaneously planning for that which comes next.

The BAT asks operational leaders, TCAA members and governmental officials alike to step back and imagine the future. A future where a community is guaranteed a paramedic unit response within an

Budget Shortfall: Future **Budget Shortfall** This Year Budget (est 7/22) Future Authority Goal Income Income Starting Account Balance 191,230 **Starting Account Balance** Equipment Escrow (COVID) 214,396 Equipment Escrow (COVID) Patient Reimbursement 350,000 500,000 Future Authority Goal **Patient Reimbursement** Hotel/Motel 100.000 Hotel/Motel 100,000 is 2 stations fully **County Contributions** 110,000 110,000 **County Contributions** staffed with Donations (estimate) 25,000 25,000 Donations (estimate) advanced life SUBTOTAL 990,626 SUBTOTAL 735,000 Expenses support(ALS) Expenses Personnel Expenses 857,000 capability. 1,000,652 **Personnel Expenses Contracted Services** 59,900 63,000 **Contracted Services** Vehicles 45,500 46,000 Vehicles Insurance 20,000 **Operating Expenses** Insurance 20,000 46,400 47,000 **Operating Expenses** Occupancy 7,450 8,500 Office/Communication/Other 15,300 Occupancy SUBTOTAL 1,051,550 15,500 Office/Communication/Other Net -60,924 1,200,652 SUBTOTAL

Budget Shortfall This Year: The budget shortfall The project budget shortfall for the projected by the TCAA for this fiscal year.

acceptable response time for rural communities. A future where advanced life support coverage is restored. A future where an established funding stream is present and a future where the organization knows where it is headed in coming years. Please imagine that future and celebrate those varied accomplishments which lead you there."

This full report can be found on the Tucker County Commission website under County Government tab and then the TCAA link.

Filler also spoke on the report given by the West Virginia Office of EMS and how the report emphasized on building a community and government shared vision and support for EMS. Filler said, "It takes everyone working together to deliver the service."

Filler then updated on the status of unavailable state funding and says, "The other thing folks thought that WVOEMS would bring to the table was state level resources and it was made very clear that there is no magic cure available at the state for West Virginia EMS.

At the moment right now, there is ten million dollars that the governor has put out there and that is going towards training. Which is encouraging us to use the West Virginia training programs for staff development, future EMS certifications and that is ongoing in just about all of the 55 counties to include here in Tucker County."

The authority has goals to make internal improvements that include revamping and modernizing several keys areas that have been a concern in the past. Accounting has been a major concern to residents and the authority has been working to mend that by using an outside accountant and tracking financial metrics. The authority is looking for ways to improve upon the billing and collections processes.

# future without the EMS levy tax.

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Grants for equipment upgrades are being applied for and received. The authority board

members have been working collectively as a group but also spilt into subcommunities to review and update the EMS personnel, policies, and practices manuals as well as organizational performance metrics and standards. Data analysis and information sharing are among the top priorities. Then there is the plan for the future to include a non-emergency transport service to bring additional revenue.

All meetings held by the TCAA to discuss the levy and include audience comments and questions can be viewed by video on the Tucker County Commission Facebook page. The next TCAA excess levy tax information meeting will be held October 25 at the Davis Fire Hall located at 610 William Ave, Davis, the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and be available on Facebook live.



### The Tucker County Senior Citizens would like to pay tribute to the President of our Senior Center Outpost.

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She has been a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend.

This poem is dedicated to Evelyn Moore.

### " Roses for Our Friend"

Lord, are there roses in your garden on the shores of Jubilee Would you pick a dozen of your best and deliver them from us? We can't visit our friend right now for it wasn't very long ago The angels came and took her home. So if there are roses in your garden on the shores of Jubilee Would you pick a dozen of your best And deliver them for us? Would you take them to our friend And tell her that we love her. Tell her we miss her in oh! So many ways But we have joy in knowing We'll meet again someday And we'll pick roses together On the shores of Jubilee.

# St. George Medical Clinic Scholarship established at Eastern



Brooklyn Boyce (seated at center), a nursing student at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, meets with St. George Medical Center nursing staff members (also seated, left and right) Emily Ramsey and Melanie Callaway, joined by (standing, from left to right) Eastern President Tom Striplin, Ed.D., St. George Chief Medical Officer Solena Roberts, MS, PA-C, St. George CEO Paul Wamsley, and Eastern Director of Non-Profits Robert Burns. Boyce, a resident of Hampshire County, was awarded the St. George Medical Center scholarship.

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Brooklyn Boyce, a student in Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's nursing program, has been awarded the inaugural St. George Medical Clinic Scholarship at Eastern.

Boyce, a resident of Hampshire County, said she has wanted to be a nurse since she was a young child. Her younger brother required care in a neonatal care when he was born, she explained, and she vividly remembers how nice the nurses were that helped care for her brother and that she wanted to be like them. "I've always loved helping people," she said, recalling those formative memories.

The St. George Medical Clinic Scholarship was endowed by the St. George Medical Clinic, based in Tucker County. The scholarship supports students who are enrolled in a medical program at Eastern and is a \$1,000 annual award that can be applied to tuition, books, and other related educational costs like scrubs, fees, and lab costs incurred as a result of enrollment at the community college.

The award is renewable for the scheduled length of the educational program as long as the recipient maintains a 2.5-grade point average and completes required volunteer services in the local community. The scholarship is managed by the Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation.

Paul Wamsley, CEO of the St. George Medical Clinic, and clinic staff members Solena Roberts, MS, PA-C, chief medical officer, Emily Ramsey, BSN-RN, director of nursing, and Melanie Callaway, RN, traveled to Eastern on Oct. 10 to meet with Boyce and make the award presentation. The group also met with Eastern's president, Dr. Thomas Striplin, Ed.D., and the college's director of non-profits, Robert Burns, who leads the college Foundation's efforts.

Callaway, a Tucker County resident, is also a graduate of Eastern's nursing program.

Boyce said learned about the St. George Medical Clinic scholarship from Eastern's nursing director, Alicia VanMeter, and immediately wanted to apply for it. "I'm very grateful for the scholarship," Boyce said. "The staff members [at St. George Medical Clinic] were very nice, and it seems like a great medical facility and community."

Applications for the next St. George Medical Clinic scholarship award will be accepted next year for the Fall 2023 term. Application deadline is the first Friday in August of each year, and the application is available on Eastern's website at https:// easternwv.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/

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### Wildfllower Seed Contest

Jesica Streets, WVU Tucker County Extension Agent, will do a class on saving wildflower seed on Saturday, November 5 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. The class is free and open to the public.

### **Trail Work Day**

The last trail work day of the year, Saturday, October 22 at 9 a.m. will be working on Splash Dam. Meet at Blackwater Bikes in Davis.

### Last Nature Stroll of the Season

Saturday October 29 at 10 a.m. on Canaan Valley State Park trails to find what wildflowers are blooming and to find out what else Mother Nature is up to. Hiking difficulty will be easy to moderate and distance will be a little over a mile long. Meet at the Canaan Valley Resort main lobby and drive a short distance to the Blackwater River Trail head. Bring binoculars and watersafe boots as the trails might be muddy. Walk will be about two hours.

### **Purple Majesties Red Hat to Meet**

The Elkins Purple Majesties Red Hat group will meet on Monday, November 14 at The Lunch Box on Harrison Ave. in Elkins, at 11:30 with lunch at noon. The menu will consist of Country Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, drink and dessert. To sign up, call Connie at 304-478-4710 by Wednesday, Nov. 9. All ladies age 50+ are welcome to attend.

### **Trunk R Treat**

Trunk R Treat at St. John's United Methodist Church Parking Lot, October 29, from 6 till 8 p.m.

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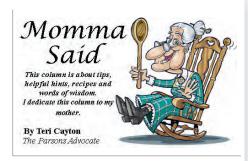
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### Momma Said 10-26-22 By Teri Cayton The Parsons Advocate

Fall has set in and we are having a beautiful Indian Summer. We had temperatures in the low 40's during the day a couple weeks ago and now it is back in the 70's, my kind of weather. Just right for outdoor activities, it is not too hot and not too cold. Momma Said, "The Three Bears knew what they were talking about."

The weather could stay like this all year long and I would be happy, it was so hot this summer that it made it hard to do anything outside. And that posed another problem, I stayed inside way too much and I do not like that in the summertime. I would be happy to stay outside all the time if the weather cooperated.

Mom was the same way she was outside all the time doing something even if it did not need doing. Her lawn was so



short everyone laughed and said she just mowed the dirt. But she had the best looking place in town. She would say she was very proud of her little patch of dirt. I try to follow in her footsteps and keep my place tidy, but with three dogs weighing in at around 60 pounds apiece it is a little hard sometimes.

I would not change it for the world, they are my little family and that is the end of that. I will take the mud and the dirt any time because it is worth it to have the companionship. Momma Said, "In my case I can pick my family."

# **French Toast Casserole**

Make your mornings special with this easy French Toast Casserole. It has everything you love about traditional French Toast, and is baked all in one pan!

(It is very important to use French bread so it doesn't get soggy.)

### Ingredients

- $\frac{1}{2}$  a loaf of French bread, (about 8 oz.) cut into cubes
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 6 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon, divided 1 Tablespoon brown sugar, for topping
- powdered sugar for topping, optional

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Butter a 13x9 inch baking pan and set aside.

- 2. In a small sauce pan, melt butter over medium heat. Once butter has melted, stir in brown sugar until dissolved and mixture is smooth. Pour mixture into the bottom of a 9x13 pan and spread evenly.
- 3. Add bread cubes to the pan, spreading over the top of the brown sugar/butter mixture.
- 4. In a medium sized bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, vanilla, and 1 tsp. of cinnamon. Pour egg mixture over the top of bread cubes, insuring that all pieces of bread are saturated. Sprinkle with remaining 1 teaspoon of cinnamon and 1 tablespoon of brown sugar.
- 5. Bake in preheated oven for 25-30 minutes until top is golden brown. Remove from oven and sprinkle with powdered sugar if desired.

# West Virginia Encyclopedia www.wvencyclopedia.org

Charleston WV - The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, the Entertainer of the Year County. He was the 19th go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www. Music Association. wvencyclopedia.org.

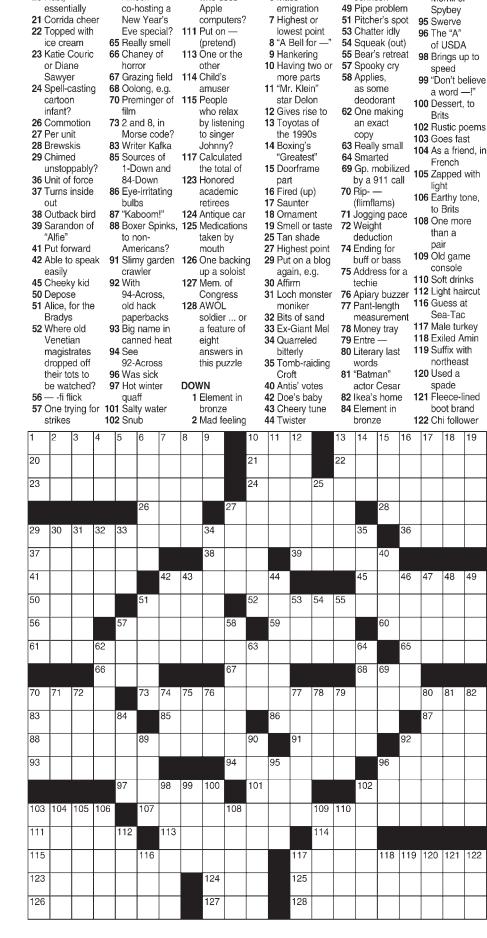
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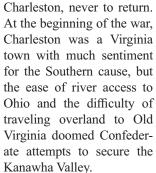


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County was established Charleston, never to return. from a portion of Berkeley County by the Virginia General Assembly and named for Thomas Jefferson.

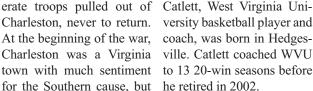
Oct. 26, 1934: Athlete Rodney Clark "Hot Ohio and the difficulty of Rod" Hundley was born in Charleston. Hundley earned first team All-American recognition his senior year at West Virginia University. He averaged 24.5 points per game and scored 2,180 points over his college career, ranking second in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

Oct. 27, 1879: Howard B. Lee was born in Wirt County. He was elected state attorney general in 1924, and served for eight challenging years. His term saw the impeachment of a state auditor, the lawlessness of Prohibition, and labor troubles in the coalfields.



Oct. 29-30, 2012: Following Hurricane Sandy, heavy, wet snow fell across West Virginia. With accumulations approaching 40 inches, it surpassed all previous known October snowstorms

Oct. 30, 1825: Randolph McCoy was born in Logan County. In 1878, McCoy accused a cousin of Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield of stealing a hog. It was the first episode of the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.



Nov. 1, 1688: Morgan Morgan was born in Wales. Morgan is traditionally considered the first white settler of West Virginia. He settled in the Bunker Hill area in 1731, building a log house that still remains.

Nov. 1, 1848: Israel Charles White was born in Monongalia County. White was West Virginia's first state geologist, appointed in 1897 and serving until his death in 1927, working without pay for all but two of those years.

Nov. 1, 1961: The first non-commercial radio station in West Virginia, WMUL-FM at Marshall University, began broadcasting.

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# The 16th Annual Run For It Event Distributes over \$241,000 to local charities



The Tucker Community Foundation's 'Run for It' event again surpassed all expectations as more than 1,300 participants representing 85 community causes walked, ran and fundraised for it.

David "Coop" Cooper, Executive Director of the Tucker Community Foundation, was beyond excited about the number of nonprofits who participated in this year's Run For It event.

"This year we had 85 organizations who registered as teams for this fantastic event," he said. "Rather than groups asking for money for support, these groups engage with the communities and ask other people to walk, run and fundraise for their causes."

This year's event raised over \$241,000 for local charities throughout the foundation's region – Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties, W.Va. and Garrett County, Md. Jeff Fellers, Development Director for Run For It, credited the numerous volunteers along with team captains for the event's success.

"I have to give the team captains credit for rallying so much support for their organizations," he said. "They work hard raising money for team sponsorship which they can leverage to get award money.

"We have to send a big thank you out to Mike Moore, Donna Stiles, David Moran, Rachelle Davis, Ann Wardwell, Janet Preston, Bud Parsons, Jane Parsons, Carol Gwinn, Charlie Waters, Brian Sarfino, Robbie McClung, Angie Stiles, Dan Lehmann, Wendy & Blaine Steensland, Susan Sutherland, Nora Howell, Lori Little, Crystal Roth Boone, Robin McClintock and Kelly Stadelman our Run For It volunteers who freely give up their time to help with the event. Without the assistance of the West Virginia Department

# West Virginia's in-person early voting period begins Wednesday, Oct. 26

Charleston, W.Va – In-person early voting throughout West Virginia will begin next Wednesday, October 26th, according to WV Secretary of State Mac Warner. Early voting will be available to eligible voters for ten days.

All 55 counties offer early voting for those eligible voters wanting to cast a ballot in person prior to Election Day. A registered voter can vote early at any early voting location in their county.

According to Secretary Warner, early voting runs from October 26th thru Saturday, November 5th. The county courthouse or its annex in each county serves as an early voting location. Many of the state's counties also offer additional community voting locations. A complete list of community voting locations can be found at GoVoteWV.com, viewed on the Interactive Map for Voting Precincts and Districts at GoVoteWV.com, or by calling the local county clerk's office. registration status at GoVoteWV.com and contact their county clerk with any questions before they go to vote. In addition, he encourages citizens to be educated voters before they cast a ballot. Sample Ballots for the November 8th General Election can be found at GoVoteWV.com.

The General Election ballot also includes four constitutional amendments for voters to consider. A summary and full text of each amendment can also be found at GoVoteWV.com.

"The General Election is upon us, and

of Highways, West Virginia State Police, Tucker County Sheriff's Department, Tucker County Office of Emergency Management, Canaan Valley Ski Patrol and the Davis Volunteer Fire Department because we couldn't do it without them and all their hard work."

Top awards included Best Team Effort. First place went to Appalachian Expeditions, second place Freedom Marchers, third place Fresh Canvas, fourth place Belington Public Library Bookaneers, and fifth place Kalie's Crew.

For most money raised, first place went to Elkins-Randolph Public Library, second place Garrett Mentors, third place Challenged Athletes of West Virginia, fourth place West Virginia Caring, and fifth place Philippi Public Library Bookworms.

A team favorite category was back this year, the t-shirt awards, and we saw a lot of great team shirts so it was very hard to choose. Awards for this category, first place went to Tucker Runners, second place Andy's Run, third place CASA of Mineral County, fourth place Randolph Tucker CAC, and fifth place Appalachian Expeditions.

Cooper said the team award totals will be tallied and distributed to teams by mid-November. For a complete list of the award results visit www.tuckerfoundation. net/race-results/

Major Run For It sponsors include: McDonough Foundation, Tucker Community Foundation, Randolph County Commission, Tucker County Commission, Barbour County Commission, Barbour County Commission, Preston County Commission, Grant County Commission, Dominion Energy, Mettiki Coal WV, Garrett County Commission, Barbour County Community Foundation, Canaan Valley Resort, Citizens Bank of WV, Grant County Bank, First Energy Foundation, Mineral County Commission, Cortland Acres, Best of Canaan, Chris and Hilary Boyce, Davis Health System, White Grass, Mountain Valley Bank, PCM Industries, Blackwater Outdoor Adventures, Kingsford, Q & A Associates, Mike Ross, Inc., State Farm-Bob Gutshall, Preston-Taylor Health Services, Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home, Edward Jones Investment-Chris Fry, Davis Dental, Fargo Insurance Group, Hinchcliff, Miners & Merchants, McClain Printing, Blackwater Bikes, Vandevander & Nypl CPAs, Sirianni's Pizza Café, Piccolo Paula's Caffe, WV Paving, Richard Hanlon and Elizabeth Hereford.

Since its launch in 2007, Run For It proceeds have surpassed \$2.8 Million being distributed to charities throughout the Foundation's service area. A huge shout out to all of our awesome Run For It Team Captains and racers for making this event a success... we could not do this without all of you!

Mark your calendar for next year, September 23<sup>th</sup> 2023 for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Run For It Event.

The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 140 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to nonprofits and charitable causes throughout the eight-county service area. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Foundation is to create opportunities for the communities we serve. For more information on Run For It or to learn about the foundation, visit www.tuckerfoundation.net

# **Tygarts Valley Conservation District Farms of the year**

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District would like to proudly recognize its Farms of the year for 2022. Each year the district must choose between nominations of cooperators who have managed and developed plans of conservation on their farms. Farms are not always chosen on project sizes but the project's innovation and creativity as well.

When you pull up to Skip Collett's home in Randolph County, you are met with an open hand and a smile. His farm sits on a ridge overlooking the Upper Cheat River Valley. A light rain had preceded our morning visit. The sun was breaking through the clouds in spots, casting shadows on the mountain green. Skip Collet own 516 acres of this mountain paradise. He runs 20 head of cattle on pasture fields that he rotationally grazes. He has improved his perimeter and division fencing. The Collett farm is lucky to have plenty of water but making this water accessible to stock has been one of the farm's projects. One unique project that Skip has done is create a habitat for the 38 Warbler species found in West Virginia. Congratulations to Skip Collett and his beautiful farm. His front porch wins first place of the year. Matt and Mateal Poling along with their beautiful family are owners of Upshur County Farm of the year for 2022. The Polings seem to be on the cutting edge on everything Ag. High tunnels, forestry management, agrotourism, market lambs and goats and Bio-char are all fascets in the daily work of the Poling farm. Biochar, according to Matt, can be charged with nutrients to improve fertility of the soil. He demonstrated his self-made charcoal maker. Using this method charging charcoal for fertility had found a rebirth in Ag. The Poling family gave us a tour of their high tunnel, handling pens, and my favorite, a table of homemade cookies. I have known this model family for many years. A farm life is a handful of responsibilities but one that can be rewarding. This family has found that working together on a common goal bond up even closer. Congratulations to the Polings, Upshur County Farm of the year for 2022.

Mitch Stemler is Barbour County's 2022 Farm of the year and Tygarts Valley Conservation District Farm of the year for 2022. Mitch and Cathy Stemler own and lease 400 acres on the Tygart River. Mitch runs a farm to plate business called Daystar Farm. Mitch raises high quality vegetables, eggs, honey, pork, beef and chickens on his farm to sell directly to the consumer. To keep up with his business food demands, the Stemler's have had to improve their farm's productivity. High tunnels, access roads, 7 water developments and fencing have improved the farm's productivity. Mitch shared his ideas on controlling parasites, raising Sudan grass and handling labor shortages. I left this farm knowing that today's farmer has to learn, change and innovate to meet a farm's demand. The Stemler farm represents the future of Agriculture. Congratulations to the District Farm of the year for 2022.

During weekdays, early voting will take place at the same time that the county's courthouse is open. On Saturdays, early voting locations will be open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Warner encourages voters to check their

thousands of registered West Virginia voters will vote early," Warner said. "We ask citizens to be mindful of our election laws and to report any irregularities that they may see or experience."

Citizens are also asked to report any possible irregularities or election fraud directly to the WV Secretary of State's Office or their County Clerk. Citizens can call 877-FRAUD-WV to make a report. They can also participate in the WVSOS "See Something, TEXT Something!" initiative. This allows a citizen to take a photo of a potential violation and text it directly to our investigations unit. To use the textto-report technology, text "WV" to 45995.

### Hile and Loucks Named Among 'Kids Kick Opioids' Regional Winners on Display at Capitol

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced artwork by students from north central West Virginia, who are regional winners of the office's sixth Kids Kick Opioids contest, will be on display at the State Capitol building from Oct. 25-Oct. 31.

The artwork designs showcasing efforts to raise awareness of opioid abuse were created by Amelia Henderson of Simpson Elementary School in Harrison County; Mary Calvert of Washington Irving Middle School in Harrison County; Miley Summers, Gabriella Clay and Hailey Hauser of East Fairmont Middle School; Lucas Runner and Hunter Richards of Monongah Middle School in Marion County; Kloey Cosner, Tyler Frankhouser, Sheridan Hudson, Beatrice Clevenger and Kylie Corwin of Rivesville Elementary & Middle School in Marion County; and Rachel Hile and Bella Loucks of Tucker Valley Elementary & Middle School in Tucker County.

Artwork created by Erin Walls from Winfield Middle School in Putnam

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County, which was selected as this year's statewide winner, along with statewide runners-up Mary Calvert from Washington Irving Middle School in Harrison County, Aryana Hinz from Moorefield Middle School in Hardy County, Sheridan Hudson from Rivesville Elementary/Middle School in Marion County and Abby Allen from Spanishburg Elementary School in Mercer County, will also be on display at the Capitol through Nov. 7.

"These entries demonstrate the immense creativity and talent of our students and shows the grim reality of the opioid epidemic and how opioid abuse can destroy lives," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Our hope is the work of these artistic students will bring greater awareness and change, and touch the minds and hearts of those who view them at the Capitol."

Walls's design also appeared as a public service announcement in newspapers across West Virginia. In addition, entries from Walls and the state runners-up can be viewed on the Attorney General's website.

The Attorney General received a total of 2,798 entries from 2,876 students at 78 elementary and middle schools across West Virginia. The submissions included a mix of drawings, poems and other designs aimed at promoting awareness.

Kids Kick Opioids represents one of many initiatives through which the Attorney General has sought to combat West Virginia's drug overdose death rate, including a lawsuit against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation's drug quota system.

The Attorney General also has combated the opioid crisis with civil litigation, multistate initiatives, funding to target opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education.

The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, West Virginia Association of School Nurses and the Capitol Police assisted the Attorney General in judging the public service announcement contest.





# Tucker County moves to 8-0 with win over Gilmer 42-14

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The Mt. Lions Football team hosted Gilmer County on Friday October 21st. Tucker County jumped out to a 30-0 halftime lead and then the Mt. Lions cruised to a 42-14 victory to up their record to 8-0.

# Tucker County Volleyball falls to Elkins and Petersburg

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

ELKINS – The Lady Mt. Lions Volleyball team traveled to Elkins on Wednesday October 19th. In the first match of the night the Tucker County JV team fell in straight sets 25-8 and 25-14.

In the varsity match the Lady Mt. Lions fell to the Lady Tigers in Set 1 25-17. The second set was also won by Elkins by the score of 25-11. Tucker County was unable to extend the match as they dropped Set 3 by the score of 25-20 to end the match and give Elkins the 3-0 win.

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Volleyball team hosted Petersburg on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> for a JV and varsity match. In the JV match the visiting Lady Vikings took the match in straight sets 26-24 and 25-11.

In the last match of the night the Tucker County varsity team fell in Set 1 to Petersburg 25-16. The second set was competitive as both teams went back and forth throughout. The Lady Vikings held a 15-11 lead halfway through Set 2. The Lady Mt. Lions fought back to make the score 20-18 late, but Petersburg pulled away to win Set 2 by the score of 25-19. Set 3 was also close as there was 6 ties through the set at 10-10. The Lady Vikings then pulled ahead slightly to lead 20-15 late in the set. Tucker County could not gain momentum as Petersburg pulled away to win Set 3 by the score of 25-17. The Set 3 win gave the Lady Vikings the Match win 3-0.

Tucker County(6-9) will travel to Union on Thursday October 27th at 6pm and then the Lady Mt. Lions will open Sectional play on Monday October 31st, opponent and time to be announced. For more info go to Tucker-CountySports.Com.

Tucker County would strike first as Jared Reall ran the ball in from 11 yards out for a touchdown with 5:25 left in the first quarter. The 2 point conversion was good on a Ethan Rosenau pass to Ashton Lycliter to make the score 8-0 Mt. Lions. Tucker County then scored again on a Rosenau screen pass to Levi Bennett for a 16 yard touchdown with 2:21 left in the first. The PAT was good on a pass to Maddox Anderson to up the score to 16-0 Tucker County after one quarter ended.

In the second quarter the Mt. Lions continued to dominate as Rosenau connected with Blaike Adams for a 52 yard touchdown pass. The PAT was good on a pass to Wilfong to put the score to 24-0 Tucker County with 11:50 left in the second quarter. The Mt. Lions would then get into the endzone one more time before halftime as Rosenau found Anderson for an 18 yard touchdown pass with 5 seconds left in the second quarter. The PAT kick was no good to give Tucker County a 30-0 halftime lead.

The third quarter would belong to the Mt. Lions as Tucker County scored on a 10 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Lycliter. The PAT was not good to make the score 36-0 Tucker County with 6:45 left in the third quarter. The Mt.



The Mt. Lions Ashton Lycliter makes a catch against Gilmer County on Oct. 21st. Tucker County won the contest 42-14. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Lions would score once again in the third on a 5 yard touchdown run by Jared Reall with 3:14 left in the third. The PAT was no good to give Tucker County a commanding 42-0 after

three quarters of play.

The running clock rule was in effect in the fourth quarter and the Mt. Lions worked in some reserve players. Gilmer County See FOOTBALL page 2B



Tucker County's Senior Football players Front(L-R): Jaden Stanley, Will McCallister, Curtis Freeman, Jakob Barrett. Back Row(L-R): Dom Mullenax, Levi Bennett, Trenton Wilfong, Levi Pennington, Hayden Smith. Photo by Brittany Channell.

# **Tucker County host Regional Championship Meet**

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

CAMP KIDD – The Cross

ishing teams in Girls' and Boys' advance to the State Meet and the top ten individuals from Girls' and Boys' will qualify to advance Junior Jenna Barnett(21:37.38) would take home 3rd place as Barnett was less than 4 seconds in front of Tucker County's Katie



Country Class "A" Region 2 Championship was help in Tucker County on Thursday October 20th at Camp Kidd. The yearly event is held to determine the qualifiers for the State Championship Meet next week at Cabell Midland. The top two fin-

to the State Meet next week.

In the Girls' race Doddridge County's Alexis Lamb dominated the event with time of 19:31.56, which was over 1 minute ahead of the second place finisher Katie Cottrill(20:49.15), also from Doddridge County. Trinity Hicks who came across 4th with a time of 21:41.15. Rounding out the top 5 was Doddridge County's Bailey Holden with a time of 21:46.99. Lady Mt. Lions freshman Addi Moats took 6th place overall with a time of 21:49.38 and Tucker County's

# Wildcats end season with big 35-0 win over Elkins Middle

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The Tucker Valley Middle School Football team hosted Elkins Middle on Wednesday October 19th in their last game of the season. The Wildcats dominated the game to get the win by the final score of 35-0.

Tucker Valley got on the scoreboard in the first quarter with a Ethan Cummings 65 yard touchdown run. The Wildcats would get another score in the first quarter on a Luke Barb 25 yard touchdown pass to Cayden Arnold to make the score 14-0

Tucker Valley after one quarter of play.

The homestanding Wildcats would add to their lead in the second quarter as Barb rushed 7 yards for a touchdown to push the Tucker Valley lead to 20-0 at the halftime break.

Cayden Arnold would add a score for Tucker Valley in the third on a 2 yard touchdown run to make the score 28-0 after three quarters. The Wildcats then added another score in the fourth to put the game away as Evan Witt scored on a 6 yard touchdown run



Tucker Valley 8th Graders were recognized before the game on Oct. 19th. Front Row(L-R): Cayden Arnold, Lela Wright, Emma Wilfong, Peyton Hicks, Logan Kopec, Evan Witt. Back Row(L-R): Cade Rapp, Ethan Cummings, Ben Gooden, Luke Barb, Colton Teter, Drew Simmons. Photo by Brittany Channell.

to put the final score at 35-0 Tucker Valley.

Luke Barb led Tucker Valley with 98 yards rushing and Ethan Cummings finished with 87 yards rushing for the Wildcats. Cayden Arnold added 27 yards rushing and 25 yards receiving, while Evan Witt had 30 yards rushing for Tucker Valley. Before the game the Tucker Valley 8th grade football players and cheerleaders were honored. Tucker Valley ended the season with a 3-5 record. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker County's Addi Moats(67), Katie Hicks(66) and Erin Chambers(63) run at the Regional Championship at Camp Kidd on Oct. 20th. Photo by Dave Helmick.

Erin Chambers placed 8th with a run of 22:19.16. This gave Tucker County 3 runners in the Top 10. Tucker County's Hannah Hardy placed 16th with a time of 23:46.25 and Brianna Gooden of Tucker County placed 20th at a time of 226:05.28. The team race for 2nd place came down to just 5 points as Trinity edged the Lady Mt. Lions to take 2nd place. Doddridge County took 1st as a team as Doddridge County and Trinity advanced their teams to the State Meet with 1st and 2nd place finishes. The top 10 individual runners will advance to the State Meet, which means Katie Hicks, Addi Moats See CROSS COUNTRY page 4B

# **AREA SCHEDULE:**

### **Thursday October 27th**

• Tucker County Volleyball @ Union 6pm

#### Friday October 28th

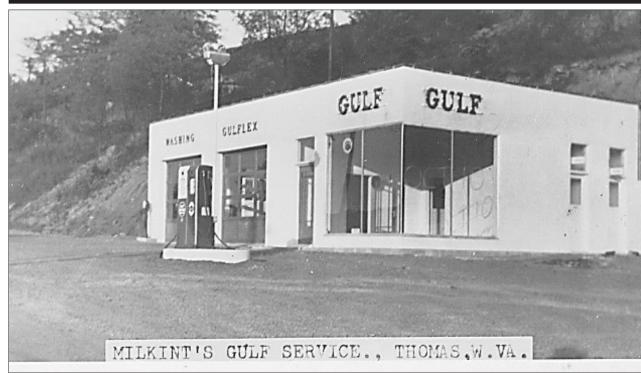
- Tucker County Football @ Petersburg 7pm
- Saturday October 29th
- TCHS Cross Country WV State Cross Country Meet @ Cabell Midland 12pm
- Monday October 31st
- Tucker County Volleyball Sectionals - TBA

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## TURNER'S TIDBITS



# Fall turkey hunting in 21 WV counties opens



SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — An additional two segments of West Virginia's fall hunting season for wild turkey opened Oct. 24.

Hunters will be able to hunt turkey in Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Mason, Ohio, Preston and Wood counties from Oct. 24-30. Turkey hunting is also available Oct. 24-Nov. 13 in Berkeley, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker and Webster counties.

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

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

For more information about the fall wild turkey season, download a copy of the 2022-2023 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available

This is a photo of Milkint's Gulf Service Station from Thomas. The garage stood at the end of the bridge, coming into Thomas from Parsons. A partial wall and some of the floor is still evidence that the Service Station existed. The Milkint's also had a garage and car dealership just up the road. The garage roof collapsed a few years ago and there were attempts to dismantle it. There is still a wall and parts of the second story floor standing. Ideas, photos, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

### LEGAL

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. 1st publication 10/19/22 2nd publication 10/26/22

Richard N. Evans 163 Jobs Run Rd 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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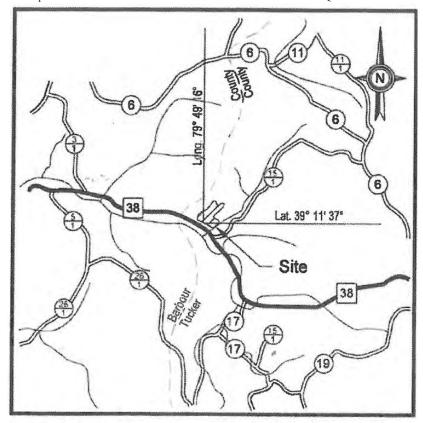
ADVERTISEMENT Notice is hereby given that STANLEY INDUSTRIES, INC., 587 WILLOW WAY, FLEMINGTON, WV 26347, has submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) located at 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600 to transfer, assign, or sell Permit No. Q200495 to SHILOH QUARRY LLC, 190 MIDSTREAM WAY, JANE LEW, WV 26378.

Comments on the application shall be in writing and shall identify the applicant and application number and be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above. Comments received by 11/21/22, 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:

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Permit No. Q200495



Permitte: Stanley Industries, LLC Being Transferred toShiloh Quarry LLC Permit No: Q-2004-95 NPDES WV1023683 Clover District, Tucker County

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## Football

then got on the scoreboard in the final quarter on a 20 yard touchdown run with 7:13 left in the game. The PAT was no good to make the score 42-6 Tucker County. The Titans would then score again against the Mt. Lions reserves on a 23 yard touchdown run. The 2 point conversion was good to put the score to 42-14 Tucker County with 2:18 left in the game. The Mt. Lions then ran out the clock to get the victory by the final score of 42-14.

Tucker County was led by Ethan Rosenau who was 18 of 28 passing for 326 yards and Trenton Wilfong led the team in receiving with 7 catches for 133 yards. Blaike Adams had 2 receptions for 79 yards for Tucker County and Maddox Anderson grabbed 4 catches for 77 yards receiving. Jarod Reall added 46 yards rushing for the Mt. Lions in the win. Dom Mullenax led Tucker County on defense with 6 tackles while Reall and Adams added 5 tackles each for the Mt. Lions on defense. Tucker County outgained the Titans in total yards 370-220. Before the game the Tucker County fall sports senior athletes were honored before the game.

Tucker County(8-0) will return to action on Friday October 28th at Petersburg. Kickoff for the game is set for 7pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



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Terry Lee Sponaugle 1st publication 10/26/22

3235 Location Rd. 2nd publication 11/2/22 Parsons, WV 26287

Debora Shahan

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

### LEGAL

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING OPERATIONS

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

Blasting activities will occur Monday through Saturday from "sunrise to sunset." No blasting shall be conducted on Sunday. Blasting is to commence on Nov. 25, 2022 and continue through Nov. 25, 2023.

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

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

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Location Map

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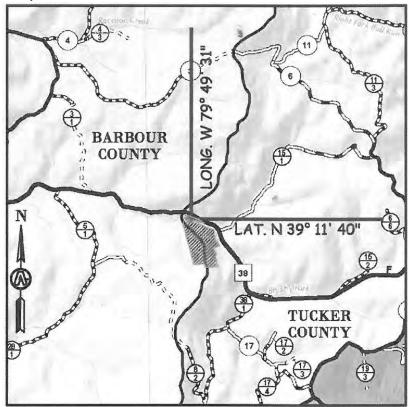
Notice is hereby given that ROSE HOLDINGS LLC, 70 COLUMBIA BLVD, CLARKSBURG, WV 26301 has submitted an application for the reissuance of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1023632 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150, in order to maintain, monitor, 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 antidegradation 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 II/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



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### Page 4B – The Parsons Advocate - October 26, 2022 **Blackwater Falls State Park hosted trunk or treat**



Blackwater Falls State Park hosted a walking trunk or treat on Saturday, October 15, 2022 to an audience of 200. This event was made possible by the following volunteers:

Vera Moran whose clown themed station won the scariest award, Family Support vulture themed station won them the funniest award and Youth Health Service won for most original with their Candyland theme. Other participants include: Thomas Yard, Integrity Archer Company, Parsons Lions Club, Tucker County Commissioners, Tucker County FFA, Jennie Smith, Black Bear Resort and Jan Michaels.

# **Cross Country**

and Erin Chambers will run next week at the State Meet representing Tucker County. Girls' Teams final placement: 1st-Doddridge County(28), 2nd-Trinity(46), 3rd-Tucker County(51).

Doddridge County's Carter Sias took home the top spot in the Boys' race with a time of 18:02.34. Evan McElwayne(18:50.81) of Notre Dame got 2nd and Josh Berke(19:13.00) of Doddridge County placed 3rd. A pair of Trinity runners Ethan Tomlinson(19:19.03) and Robert Kincaid(19:19.31) placed 4th and 5th. Tucker County's freshman Cameron Judy took home a 6th place finish with a time of 19:28.28. Nate Ricottilli(20:12.28) of Tucker County placed 13th and Lynk Suesli(20:23.66) came across in 15th place. The Mt. Lions runners Alex Boyles(20:32.59) finished

17th and Allan Boyles(21:38.33) placed 26th. The Tucker County Boys' had a good run in the last race as they captured 2nd place to advance as a team to the State Meet for the first time in several years. Doddridge County took 1st place as a team to sweep the Girls' and Boys' team events. Boys' Teams final placement: 1st-Doddridge County(26), 2nd-Tucker County(55), 3rd-South Harrison(70), 4th-Notre Dame(70).

The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross-Country runners that qualified for the State Meet will travel to Cabell Midland High School on Saturday October 29th for the State Championship Meet. Girls' Class "A" race will begin at 12pm and the Class "A" Boys' race will begin at 12:45pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County's Cameron Judy(70) and Nate Ricottilli(71) run at the Regional Championship at Camp Kidd on Oct. 20th. Photo by Dave Helmick.

# TIM KNOTTS **Candidate for Tucker County Commission** Will be passing out CANDY Saturday, Oct. 29 from 6 – 8 p.m. On the lot beside Kidwell Auto Parts in Parsons





# **Town of Davis & City of Thomas** will hold **TRICK-OR-TREAT** 6pm—8pm Monday, October 31st, 2022 Ages up to 12 years. Anyone wishing to participate, please turn on porch lights.



# Senior citizen's make ceramic pumpkins for Halloween





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