

Knotts wins, levy fails



By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

For the residents of Tucker County new changes are on the horizon. Beginning in January of 2023 the next elected Tucker County resident to serve as commissioner will be Tim Knotts. Knotts won by a vote of 1866 for Knotts and 775 votes for Stiles. Also, residents have made their choice and the EMS excess levy tax has failed. The EMS excess levy tax failed on the ballot with a vote of 1255 for the levy and 1401 against the levy a difference of 146 votes. Sherry Simmons will remain the County Clerk and Sharon Moats will remain the Circuit Clerk as both candidates ran

unopposed.

Each West Virginia county has an elected body that governs it. In Tucker County that governing body is the Tucker County Commission. These officials are elected to six-year terms. The responsibility of the commissioners includes overseeing county tax dollars, supervising the county election process, maintaining the county courthouse and funding county services like the libraries, ambulances, fire services, and trash pick-up. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and live in the magisterial district they are representing.

Currently the Tucker County Commission consists of Mike Rosenau, Fred Davis, and Lowell Moore. Moore

is retiring from the commission seat at the end of December, so his seat is available for a replacement. The original four candidates for the commission position were Harry Hardy (Democrat), John "Red" Lipscomb (Republican), Tim Knotts (Republican), and Deborah Stiles (Democrat). During the May 10, 2022, Primary Election Knotts and Stiles won the majority to continue on to the November 8 General Election.

Knotts is a lifelong God-fearing Christian and resident of Tucker County who resides in Sugarlands. Knotts runs the family farm left to him by his mother and father, Junior and Cornell Knotts. Knott's father held a commissioner's seat for 30 years. He credits his business and budget knowledge to working construction for 38 years and owning his business for 19 years.

Knotts said, "I really appreciate all the people in Tucker County that supported me, my family, friends, and supporters. I thank my Lord Jesus Christ the most for giving me this opportunity and I pray he guides me through this and ask all of you people for your prayers for me and the other two county commissioners. We have got a lot to do. I want to serve the people of Tucker County. That has been my goal all along."

Stiles resides in Limestone on the farm she purchased in the early 2000's and has lived in rural areas with economies like West Virginia's that include forestry, agriculture, tourism, small businesses, non-profits, mining, and

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City of Parsons Mayor Dorothy Judy with TCHS Basketball team picture signed by team members and presented to the city for appreciation of support.

City of Parsons' Project Updates presented by Thrasher

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Randy Watson from Thrasher Engineering was present during the City of Parsons Council meeting to update council members on the nine million dollars' worth of projects currently in progress for the city. The Parsons and Hamrick PSD emergency interconnection, the Parsons sanitary

sewer system improvements, and Parsons water system improvements are the projects Thrasher has been inching closer to completion for quite some time.

Watson reported that the Parsons and Hamrick PSD emergency interconnection project is progressing. Thrasher is working towards bid authorizations by submitting the necessary

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TC Planning Commission Switches Gears to Comprehensive Plan

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Tucker County Planning Commission member Ben Herrick explained to other board members that a map outlining the area of Canaan Valley was completed when the original zoning ordinance was put into place. The map can be accessed online in the comprehensive plan posted on the Planning Commission link of the Tucker County Commission website.

The board had hopes of placing the new modernized zoning ordinance on the ballot in the spring for vote, but Commissioner Mike Rosenau informed the members of the board that next spring ballot was not until May of 2024. The board was under the impression that it was for the spring of 2023. After confirming this with Tucker County Clerk Sherry Simmons the board realized that they have time to prepare. Rosenau said, "Really that is a realistic time because by the time we combine the two (zoning ordinance and comprehensive plan) I can not imagine getting it done before then, because by the time we go through the public information part of it that is a good many months too."

Herrick then switched gears to the comprehensive plan that expires in 2024 and takes an estimated six months to get approved. The comprehensive plan will need to be updated, presented to the public for public comment, and then approved by the Tucker County Commission. Planning Commission President, Tim McCloud, said, "Now that we have got a little bit of time, it is probably going to be easier to get the comprehensive plan, because it is so well written, revised and updated."

Planning commission board member, Robin McClintock, explained what a comprehensive plan was by saying, "A comprehensive plan is just a report of the resources and the facts of the community. It does not prescribe rules." McCloud agreed and said, "It is a statement of what we are."

Rosenau was asked by McCloud for an update on the recent visit with the Western Pocahontas Group. Rosenau

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Attorney General Visits County Leaders and Business Owners



Attorney General Patrick Morrisey recently visited TC leaders and business owners to provide updates on the current dealings of the Attorney General office.

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West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey spoke at several locations during a recent visit to Tucker County including one stop at the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons, West Virginia. During this visit Morrisey spoke to local officials and business owners.

Morrisey explained to the audience members that in his ten years as Attorney General the office has never had as many ongoing cases as they do now. He continued by updating on three top cases the Attorney General's office is currently working on in his office. Morrisey said, "I am glad many people are here today so we can chat a little bit about the opioid settlements and the structure of

the organization that will house the settlements that will be really critical for Tucker County and for the state as a whole. So, we will talk a little bit about opioids and the opioid settlements. We will talk a little bit about our role defending state law and also some of the other work we do or charged to do for the state in terms of disability fraud, Medicaid fraud, etc. And then we will also talk a little bit about the Federal litigation that we are involved in because that absolutely impacts Tucker County."

Morrisey went on to say, "From a personal perspective I am a big believer that for West Virginia to move to the next level we need to be strong in a lot of key areas to give the best educational system possible. That to me means good private sector options from the best and robust public schools."

After mentioning a book about the northwest ordinances where people would go to get land in Ohio and were guaranteed free public schools he recently read Morrisey said, "I take that seriously. We need to have very strong public schools in the state of West Virginia. I am hopeful that our successful defense of the Hope

Scholarship will make our system more competitive, have better options in the private sectors for families who need that option, but then also we have to picture that our public are the best around. That is how we are going to help move more to our great state, and we need more people to move to the great state of West Virginia."

In reference to Amendment 2 Morrisey said, "Our job is to defend the state laws. So, whether constitutional amendments pass or fall I am going to be in the position of accessing what happens. We are going to have to step up and openly defend it."

As a way of defending the state the Attorney General's office sued the National Treasurer over the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money because of the many constraints placed on the states over the spending clause. Morrisey said, "They said West Virginia can not either directly or indirectly use any money for tax cuts. They also said our revenue can not be lower through those tax cuts. I have never seen spending provisions like that."

Morrisey explained he

had reached out to the Treasury department to know exactly what the rules were and what they meant but received no response. He went to court and sued because he did not want West Virginia "holding the bag" Morrisey said, "West Virginia gets \$1.25 billion of the ARPA and that is important for our state." If Morrisey and his office wins the case that could mean \$500 million to \$1 billion difference allocated to the state and allow the state to do a broader comprehensive tax cutting.

Telecommunications providers are also being held accountable for their services in the state. Morrisey said he could not go into much detail at the moment but to know that his office is working to ensure that broadband providers are actually providing what they advertise.

Morrisey touched on many other subjects such as quality of the workforce and how the opioid epidemic is having an impact on it, infrastructures and anti-trust laws, disability fraud, elderly abuse and sticking up for those them so they are not left vulnerable and protecting West Virginia from federal overreach.

Tucker County Chamber of Commerce membership survey results

The Tucker County Chamber of Commerce conducted a membership survey to gather feedback on the designated route, specifically between the Davis/Thomas Area of Route 48 (Corridor H) versus a Northern Route. Of the Chambers 75 mem-

bers, consisting of Businesses, Non-Profits and Individuals, 43 surveys were completed. Of those 43 surveys, 28 voted in favor of a Northern Route, 9 voted in favor of the designated Route and 5 needed more information.



News of Record

The following criminal complaints have been recorded in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

- **Ryan Thomas Thompson**, of Elkins, was charged with one count of Harassment and one count Misdemeanor offenses for violation of protective order. According to the complaint on Friday, Oct. 2, at approximately 10:34 p.m. Trooper C.A. Hawkins was dispatched via Tucker County 911 to a harassment complaint located at Cortland Acres in Thomas.

Upon arrival he made contact with the victim who stated that she filed a protective order against Ryan Thompson on Oct. 24. She further stated that on Oct. 28 she allegedly received a Facebook message from him in which he allegedly threatened to kill her.

She explicitly told him not to contact her and the message she received on Oct 28 was received after she told him not to contact her further.

Thompson is currently released on bond for another related magistrate case with the terms that he has no contact with the victim.

- **Crystal Kay Hess**, of Montrose, was charged with one felony count of Grand Larceny. The complaint states that on Friday, Oct. 21 Deputy D.M. Gidley received a radio call at 3:34 p.m. from Tucker Communications (911) to respond to Family Dollar Store #1572 in Parsons for a report of theft by an employee. Upon arrival he spoke with Robert Hill, the District Manager. Hill advised that Crystal Hess, the store manager allegedly stole money from the deposits on the following dates:

Oct. 15 - \$1,314.59

Oct. 16 - \$1,250.98

Oct. 17 - \$1,215.38

Oct. 18 - \$1,100.76, for a total of \$4,881.71. Hill advised that he spoke with Family Dollar Asset Protection Manager, Bradley Nichols, and he obtained a

statement from Hess via telephone. Gidley contacted Nichols on scene and spoke with him about the deposits. Nichols did allegedly state that, "Mrs. Hess began rolling deposits to the point where one deposit would not cover the payback of the rolled deposits totaling \$4,881.71." Hess used the money to buy school clothes for her grandchildren, pay bills and pay for food. Gidley asked Hill and Nichols to provide statements via email. Hess was asked to come to the Tucker County Sheriff's Office for questioning regarding the incident and she agreed.

At 4:09 p.m. on Oct. 21 Hess was read her rights and signed an Interview and Miranda Rights Form and the conversation was video tape recorded. In summary, she allegedly explained that everything had happened and did admit to taking the money from Family Dollars deposits and using the money for food, gas, school supplies and paying personal bills.

- 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:

- CE Properties LLC, Thomas, 0.35 acres garage to J&B Walker Properties LLC, \$800,000.

- David Magness and Karin A. Magness, Dry Fork, Unit 113 Deerfield Condos to Too Many Trails LLC, \$0.

- James B. Burnham and Anne M. Burnham, Dry Fork, ½ interest in 69.4 acres Red Creek to Sarah Ransom McKenna and Katherine Ransom-Silliman, \$222,877.68.

- Charles W. Stahl, Dry Fork, Unit 1243 Beaver Ridge to Jared McCullough and Tamra Wroblecky, \$105,250.

- Willis Crossland, Linda Crossland and Philip Crossland, Davis Corporation, Lot 108 to Jared Helsler and Emily Gerlach to \$160,000.

- Debra L. Rhoades/AKA/ Godwin, Clover, 1.67 acres 0.33 acres to William I. Rhoades, \$0.

DHHR Reminds Residents How to Connect with Mobile Crisis Response Teams

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Behavioral Health reminds residents that Mobile Crisis Response and Stabilization Teams and other services are available across the state through 844-HELP4WV (844-435-7498).

HELP4WV and its Children's Crisis and Referral Line link adults and children with Mobile Crisis Response Teams, which de-escalate behavioral health crises by phone or have the ability to respond in person in most areas of the state.

"Mobile Crisis Response Teams provide on demand care for children and adults to help recover normalcy and prevent unnecessary out-of-home placements," said Christina Mullins, Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health.

Children's Mobile Crisis Response Teams are available statewide. Adult Mobile Crisis Response Teams are



operational in Calhoun, Greenbrier, Jackson, Nicholas, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt, and Wood counties, with additional counties currently in development.

HELP4WV, operated by First Choice Services, is funded by DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral

Health with a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

To learn more about HELP4WV, visit <https://www.help4wv.com/>. For more information about behavioral health resources for children and families, visit kidsthive.wv.gov.

WV DMV Online Knowledge Tests Surpass 50,000

CHARLESTON, WV - West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles' customers are taking advantage of the opportunity to stay home and take their driver's license knowledge test online. Since its official launch in February of 2021, over 50,000 customers have chosen to test from the comfort and convenience of home, reducing their wait and transaction times substantially in a regional office.

According to DMV Commissioner Frazier, "When we added the knowledge test to our growing list of online transactions, the COVID pandemic was still front and center, so this opportunity to test at home was really exciting to our customers. Taking the knowledge test is one of our more time-consuming transactions in the regional offices, so developing and implementing this option is just another way DMV is adding to our efforts to reduce wait times and provide excellent customer service."

Customers wanting to take advantage of this opportunity may visit the DMV website, dmv.wv.gov or this direct link: <https://apps.wv.gov/dmv/selfservice>.

Customers will need access to a computer with a keyboard, mouse, and camera to take the test; phones will not work. If the applicant is under the age of 18, parents or guardians can enter their information as the examination proxy. Once registered, the examination can be taken immediately or later, via an emailed link. During the exam, the test-taker is subject to an initial photo capture, stored for ID verification by the DMV upon passing the exam. Multiple photos are also taken randomly throughout the test, to ensure the person starting the exam is the one that completes the exam.

Once a test-taker completes the exam with a passing score, a certificate of completion with a secure barcode is issued. Before the applicant is officially ready to drive, they must bring that certificate

with barcode to a regional office for testing validation, along with any necessary paperwork, to receive

their credential.

For more information, please visit the WV DMV website.

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The Sheriff's Soap Box

This section of the Newspaper is brought to you by Sheriff "Jake" Kopec as to raise awareness of the West Virginia State Law and to educate the public in laws that are set forth by legislation. This month I would like to discuss the requirements of wearing blaze orange while hunting deer with a firearm. Keep in mind this code section specifically deals with a firearm and deer not turkey or bow hunting.

§20-2-60. Required attire for deer hunters; exemption; penalty.

The code states:

Any person who hunts deer on public lands or the lands of another during the period designated for firearms hunting of deer or muzzleloader hunting of deer shall wear a daylight fluorescent orange outer garment over at least 400 square inches of his or her person: *Provided*, That persons engaged in agricultural occupations shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while hunting deer on their own property. Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$50.

Typically, the average hunting vest is 400 square inches of orange. This portion of the code keeps hunters safe for traveling in the woods during a time where many hunters are afield, young and old. While hunting in the fall and early winter visibility is often limited during snowy weather. Always remember to be respectful to NRP when approached by them afield. NRP are there to ensure the safety of all the hunters. Without NRP there would likely be little to no deer population and hunting would be much more dangerous.

4th Annual Christmas Festival of Trees

Parsons Western Maryland Railway Depot

Here is your opportunity to "show off" your creativity and talents by entering a decorated tree with a chance to win a cash prize for your favorite NON-PROFIT or CLUB. Decorating begins the 27th with the FESTIVAL opening December 2nd.

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OBITUARIES

Senior News

The votes are in. The Amish Land Cruise squeaked by the other trips into first place. The second highest vote getter was the Savannah and Charleston. As of now we will plan the Amish trip in September and the Savannah trip in early December for our Christmas trip.

At this point we are not taking any payments or reservations for any trips except the December 3rd Gandy Dancer show. The payments and reservations for the Gandy are all due by Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

We will begin taking reservations for next year's trips on Monday, December 5, 2022.

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 or the pricing yet. We will let you know as soon as we decide. We are working on some shorter trips but they don't take as long to plan as the longer ones do.

The SHIP lady has expanded her schedule. In addition to the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, she will be in Parsons on November 7th, 14, and December 5th. Just a reminder that you must call 304-636-4747 to arrange an appointment.

We are seeking donations for our Senior Center food pantry. We are accepting any nonperishable foods. We also have some limited freezer space for meats such as chicken, beef, deer meat, turkey etc.

Both Senior Centers will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022 in observance of Veteran's Day. They will reopen on Monday, November 14, 2022 at their regular times.

Next week's Menu: Mon.: Chef's Salad, cottage cheese with fruit, and tomato juice. Tues.: Sauerkraut with pork, mashed potatoes, carrots, and peaches. Wed.: Tuna noodle casserole with peas, beets, and applesauce. Thurs.: Turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and hot rolls. Fri.: Potato soup, ham salad sandwich, tomato juice, and an apple.

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Robbey Dale Nelson

On this day, Oct 29, 2022, Robbey Dale Nelson passed peacefully in his sleep.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Kathy Jo Nelson; his two sisters, Theresa Hannah and husband James, of Davis, WV and Tonda Crigger, Dayton of Dayton, OH; children and grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Randall Crigger and Lance Crigger.

The sun rose and welcomed Robbey to us on Dec 2, 1963, a day the world became a brighter place. He lived his life to its fullest, which was filled with excitement, adventure, and a lot of crazy. Robbey will be sorely missed and never forgotten. We all appreciate your love and support during this difficult time.

A celebration for his life will be held in the spring of 2023 where all of his loved ones will be welcomed - details to follow at a later date.

The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Nelson family at this time.



Magdalene Joan "Maggie" Silvester DeMotto

Magdalene Joan "Maggie" Silvester DeMotto, age 86 years, a former resident of Elkins, WV, and for the last twenty-six years, a resident of the Flanagan Hill Community, Red Creek, WV, entered eternal rest Thursday evening November 3, 2022 at her home, with her loving family by her side.



Maggie as she was affectionately known was born Wednesday, July 22, 1936 at Coalton, WV, a daughter of the late Romeo and Marie DiBacco Silvester. On Saturday, August 29, 1959 at Coalton, WV, she was married to Lorren Hugh DeMotto, who survives. They had celebrated sixty-three years of marriage.

She was also blessed with three children, Anita "NeNe" DeMotto Barb of Kerens; Lorren Hugh "Hughie" DeMotto, II of Red Creek, Michael Bruce "Mike" DeMotto and wife Lorrie of Elkins; one sister, Pauline Johnson of Elkins; five grandchildren, Nicholas "Nick" Barb and wife Courtney of Parsons, Jacob "Jake" DeMotto of Elkins, Bretsel "Bret" DeMotto of VA, Emily DeMotto of Elkins, Mikaela DeMotto and companion Joel Slabe of Charleston; three great grandsons, Lucas "Luke", Beau, and Jack Barb all of Parsons; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are one grandson, Adam Barb, who she adored and left this life to soon; five brothers, Joseph William "Joe" Silvester, John Edward "Johnny" Silvester, Anthony F. Silvester, Vincent "Freddie" Silvester and one infant brother; five sisters, Elizabeth Ann "Bay" May, Helen R. "Dolly" Silvester, Mary "Tootsie Ferruso; and two infant sisters, Anita C. and Veronica Silvester.

She attended Coalton Grade School and was a graduate of Coalton High School with the class of 1954. She was a member of Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church at Thomas. She retired from the Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center in 1995 after many years in the accounting department.

Maggie's friendly smile was always present. She was a humble and kind person. She loved preparing food and was an excellent cook. Her famous spaghetti sauce covered lasagna, spaghetti and various pasta dishes. Maggie's kitchen was hers and there was no room for anyone else.

She loved feeding the humming birds and watching the deer, turkey and bear on the farm at Red Creek.

She lived for others, and her family was her life. She was so pleased to see and hold young Jack Barb, the last addition to the family. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many people who will miss her tremendously.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday. On Friday, November 11, 2022 Mrs. DeMotto will be moved to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church at Parsons where the Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 a.m. The Reverend Father Martin Smay will be the Presider and interment will follow at the Flanagan Hill Cemetery at Red Creek, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Magdalene Joan "Maggie" Silvester DeMotto. Condolences may be expressed to the family at: www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Ann Quattro

Barbara Ann Quattro, 89, of Davis, WV, passed away November 4, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her family. Born on November 17, 1932, in Hendricks, WV, she was the daughter of the late John Cornelius and Maude Johnson.

Barbara was a graduate of Parsons High School. She was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and also a member of F.O.E. #936 Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed watching tv, cooking and baking, traveling with her family to go deep sea fishing, and hosting holiday meals and cookouts for her family. Everyone who knew her, knew that she loved the thrill of lottery tickets.

She is survived by three daughters, Janice Elaine Mullenax and husband Stacey of Thomas, WV, Cathy Ann Ruckman and husband Keith of Bridgeport, WV and Kimberly Jo Quattro-Corbin of Thomas, WV; four grandchildren, David "Pete" Scott and wife Missy, Cara Breedlove and husband Justin, Trevor and Ethan Phillips; eleven great grandchildren, Brendon Scott, Derek Scott who was known as "Her Buddy", David Scott and wife Leslie, Jordan Delsignore, Ryan Delsignore, Kayla Landon, and Adalynn Breedlove; and four great-great grandchildren, Jackson, Hunter, Brianna and Micala Scott.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death on June 7, 2016, by her husband, James "Chub" Quattro, to whom she was married on January 9, 1954; two infant sons, James David and Michael Joseph Quattro; five siblings, June Lohmaier, Mandy, Frank, Fred, and Donald Johnson. Barbara was the last surviving member of her immediate family.



St. George Senior Outpost

The St. George monthly Senior Citizens Outpost was held on October 20, 2022. Sharon Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance and blessing of the covered dish dinner enjoyed by all. A moment of silence was held for recently deceased Evelyn Moore. Kim Ledden read the WV Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation. Carol Precht stressed the importance of women getting mammograms, early screen-

ing, and that men should get checked, too. Sharon led a discussion on Halloween and Linda Bonner talked about becoming allergic to medicines.

Attending in addition to the above were Virginia Popio, Dorothy Simpson, David Varner, Dale Varner, Raymond Collins, Don Nestor, Becky Corcoran, Ray Adams, Lucille Adams, Sylvia Rosenau, Carol Weinstein, Shirley Cassidy, Betty Sturm, Jane Pifer,

Fred Jones, Brenda Jones, Pricilla Flanagan, Keith Pifer, Paul Schork, Sandi Owens, and Buddy Arnold.

The last gathering of this year is November 17, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the St. George United Methodist Church. The Parsons Senior Center usually provides a van and seniors are always welcome to come, bring a friend, and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship.

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FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE

Parsons Water Customers

The City of Parsons Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants throughout its entire water system starting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 and running through Thursday, November 17, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

As our staff starts flushing fire hydrants near your neighborhood, you may notice a slight discoloration in your water. This is temporary and poses no health risk. Simply run your water for a short period of time until it clears up. Do not do any laundry until you are sure your water is clear. If the discoloration persists, please contact our business office at (304) 478-2311.

We apologize for any inconvenience this fire hydrant flushing may cause you. This procedure is necessary to insure the continued cleanliness of our water system. We appreciate your patience, cooperation, and understanding.



John E. Lipscomb
Chief Water Operator

A BIG THANK YOU

I want to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, my family, friends and supporters that have helped me through this campaign. I appreciate every one of you. I hope I can do half as great of a job as my father did as County Commissioner.

Please keep myself and the other County Commissioners in your prayers throughout our terms.

I will do my best to serve the people of Tucker County.

Tim Knotts

Your Next County Commissioners

Paid by Tim Knotts

sary WVDOH permits, finalizing easements acquisitions, and submitting needed documents to West Virginia Development Office for review of bid authorization documents that includes preparing a service area map as request by West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Funding applications with preliminary engineering report that reflects additional project areas and Earmark Funds for the sewer system improvements project were submitted on October 10. An earmark is congressional funding for a specific local project. Other funding considered for this project are the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan (\$990,000) and grants (\$1.5 million), the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (WVIJDC) grant (\$500,000), and Earmark Fund (\$1.6 million), and funding from the City of Parsons (\$50,000). The total cost to this project will reach \$4.6 million and will most likely not start for another year to year and a half from now.

According to <https://dep.wv.gov>, “The Clean Water State Revolving Fund program is a funding program to address water quality problems through wastewater facility construction, upgrades, or expansions. The program is charged with general oversight, fiscal management and administrative compliance review of local governmental entities that receive funds. This section provides information and guidance on what administrative actions are needed to process a loan through the program. When a community has been recommended by the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council to seek the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program for financial assistance, that community will be contacted by one of the financial managers.”

Enacted in 1994 by the West Virginia Legislature, The West Virginia Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council (WVIJDC) was created to be West Virginia’s funding clearinghouse for water and wastewater projects.

Watson reported that the West Virginia Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund (DWTRF) application has been submitted for the water system improvements project. Thrasher estimates that construction on this project will cost \$2,860,000 with a total estimated cost of \$3.7 million. Thrasher is working with accountant to determine the schedule of submission to the WVIJDC. Currently 75 percent of this project is completed.

according to <https://oehs.wvdhhr.org>,

“West Virginia State Code 16-13C establishes the Department of Health & Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health (BPH) the authority for administering the DWTRF that will provide financial assistance to public water systems to finance the cost of eligible infrastructure improvements needed to comply with the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and to protect public health. The fund established procedures and standards for project eligibility in accordance with the requirements of Federal and State law including the guidance from the EPA. The fund is intended to continue in perpetuity from loan repayments and administrative fees.

Typical DWTRF projects include water treatment plant upgrades, distribution and storage upgrades, and extensions of existing systems. Projects solely for economic growth, recreational and commercial facilities, or projects solely for fire protection are not eligible for DWTRF assistance.”

All three projects have an estimated cost of \$9 million with the city having to borrow an estimated \$990,000 for project completions.

Parsons Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Kevin White, presented the council with two requests for withdrawals from fund allocations for the purpose of supplementing their fire truck fund. The first request was \$36,000 from the Harman Fund account that was started in 2014 and the second was \$10,000 from the Fire Service Contribution Fund. The Fire Service Contribution Fund is set up to pay other items such as insurance for the fire department that runs about \$32,000 a year.

In the letter of request of funding White wrote, “We are entering into the design phase of the project and the need to combine our funds is upon us. The truck will in the are \$500,000 and will add a new fire engine to our fleet so we can better protect and serve the residents and guests of our coverage area. I would gladly answer any questions you may have and know that we appreciate the City of Parsons for being a part of our team.”

The council unanimously approved White’s request. Once the design is decided upon by the department and order placed it will take approximately three years for the completion of the new fire truck. White stated the department will not order the new truck until they have at least half down.

Parsons Police Chief, Kevin Keplinger, thanked the Mountain Region Special

Response team for their response during a recent incident involving an individual who had barricade himself in his house. Keplinger said, “This is first time we have used this team. They responded quickly and was very patient with the individual.”

City Administrator, Agnes Arnold, updated the council on several items. Arnold reported that the city has received a letter from the state department stating the employment rate was at 1.35 percent. Arnold informed the council that there 145 veterans banners currently in place around the city and there will be a Veteran’s Memorial service for Veteran’s Day on November 11 at 11 a.m. at the memorial in Parsons. On Saturday November 5 Arnold and volunteers will be placing flags on veteran’s graves in the cemetery on Quality Hill.

Arnold reported the winners for the Scarecrow Contest. First place went to Creations, second place went to *The Parsons Advocate*, and third place was presented to Parsons Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

An appreciate meal was prepared for the employees of the City of Parsons. The meal included hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixings. Arnold said, “Our crews have been working very hard. We have had a rough couple of years with a lot of water leaks. It was time for them to talk and laugh and they were very pleased with that.”

The sidewalk by Mountain Valley Bank will not be replaced until March due to weather conditions.

Memorial Drive will be completed by the end of the week.

The council voted to accept the proposed proclamation presented by Governor Jim Justice declaring Thanksgiving week of November 20 through November 26 as Christian Heritage Week. The proclamation states, “Whereas, the Preamble to the Constitution of West Virginia declares, “Since through Devine Providence we enjoy the blessing of civil, political and religious liberty, we, the people of West Virginia reaffirm our faith in and constant reliance upon God,” and

Whereas, the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of West Virginia guarantees religious freedom; and the “Sundays excepted” provision of Article 7, Chapter 14 historically recognizes Sunday as a day of rest and worship; and

Whereas, for many West Virginians public school days once began with a daily *Pledge of Allegiance*, prayer, and Bible reading; and

Whereas, the state songs, *The Virginia Hills*, and *West Virginia My Home Sweet Home*, contain the lyrics, “With their summits bathed in glory, like our Prince Immanuel’s land!” and “There I work, and I play, and I worship Sunday,” and

Whereas, the influence of Christianity in West Virginia is evident by her many churches and Christian charities, ministries, missions, and schools; cherished Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving holiday seasons; and a willingness of Mountaineers to love thy neighbor as thyself; and

Whereas, Thanksgiving week is an appropriate time to center attention on our thanks to Almighty God for His great and good Providence and for the Christian faith, which is part of West Virginia’s and America’s history.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim November 20-26, 2022, as Christina Heritage Week in the Mountain State and invite all citizens to join me in the observance.”

Arnold also informed the council of a correspondence received from the Tucker County High School basketball team thanking the City of Parsons for all their support and contributions. Mayor Dorothy Judy was presented with a picture of the team signed by all members of the team.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. “Bill” Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons. If you would like to place an item on the agenda please feel free to contact the Parsons Business Office at (304) 478-2311.

Christmas House Tours Return this Year

Submitted by: Cynthia Kolsun

SAVE THE DATE: The Christmas House Tours, sponsored by PRO/On Trac, will be returning this year. We know how visiting the beautifully decorated homes and businesses in Parsons can help to get everyone in the Christmas Spirit! Our tours have been described as creating a “Hallmark Christmas” right here in Parsons. We have a great tour planned for Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3 from 5-8. The house tours will also include a visit to the Western Maryland Train Depot to see the lovely trees decorated by local organizations and adults and children at the Festival of Trees.

Three houses will be featured on the tour including Belva Dilly’s, Lynn Lipsomb’s, and Houston Walton’s as well as two businesses, The Hair Haven and Cork’s Turkey Knob Winery. Each home will feature a special item that you’ll have an opportunity to win. A 50/50 drawing will be held. Refreshments will

be provided at some locations.

The Festival of Trees will highlight a number of festive trees decorated by your friends and neighbors, and you’ll have an opportunity to vote on your favorite. The Festival of Trees will also be held on the 2nd weekend in Parsons, while the House Tours will only be held the 1st weekend in December so as not to conflict with the City’s Christmas Parade and other events. Tickets are \$10 for the House Tours and can be purchased from PRO members, at City Hall and at various businesses in Parsons and at Hair Graphics in Elkins. Visits to the Festival of Trees will be free!

Any proceeds received from the House Tours will be used to benefit the community. We’re all ready to kick off a terrific Christmas season! If you have questions, please contact Cindy Kolsun, PRO On/Trac Executive Director, at 304-553-1012 or Diana DeLuca, PRO/On Trac Community Organizer, at 941-249-7994. We hope to see you there!

Planning

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TC Planning Commission

informed the board that the group was working on a housing development by Mettiki Mine and that they have environmental design award winning people working on the project. Rosenau also stated that the group had no plans for the area located from the high school to Thomas and that he came away from the meeting feeling positive. The commission dis-

cussed other issues like the lack of housing available and whether a sit-down meeting with a state representative would be productive in finding a solution. McCloud said, “Our elected officials at the state level love to stand up and talk about tourism. It reminds me of the coal industry, and it is said that for every job in the coal represents six or seven jobs

down the street and for every \$30 spent on coal is \$8 in your pocket. Tourism has a very similar ratio whether it is the job or the dollar it is an investment that pays a huge dividend down the stream.”

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on November 14, 2022, at 1 p.m. located at the Davis Town Hall in Davis, West Virginia.

\$38 Million in Energy Assistance for West Virginia Families

Huntington, WV – Today, U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), both members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$38,680,155 from Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for the state of West Virginia. LIHEAP is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and provides critical financial assistance to low-income Americans with energy costs that represent a disproportionate share of their household budgets. The funding announced was included in Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations funding and the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

“No West Virginian should have to choose between heating their homes this upcoming winter and paying for necessities like food or medicine. Together with funding previously awarded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the American Rescue Plan, the funding announced today will help ensure LIHEAP can continue to assist low-income households and seniors in paying for their utilities, cutting costs for families across West Virginia. I urge the state to move quickly to put these critical funds to work, and I

will continue advocating for resources that provide and deliver relief for West Virginians across the Mountain State,” said Senator Manchin.

“As I travel throughout our state, West Virginians continue to raise concerns about rising heating costs as we approach winter. Due to rampant and sustained inflation, American families are struggling to make ends meet on essential costs, like heating their homes. With colder temperatures already settling in West Virginia, this federal funding could not come at a better time,” Senator Capito said. “Resources through LIHEAP is something that I have consistently supported and helped secure for families across West Virginia. I’m pleased to see the bipartisan infrastructure law that I helped negotiate and craft continue to deliver for West Virginians.”

LIHEAP helps low-income households pay home heating and cooling bills, prevent energy shutoffs, restore services, complete energy-related home repairs and weatherize homes to make them more energy efficient. Senators Manchin and Capito secured a total of \$73,348,414 for LIHEAP in West Virginia through Fiscal Year 2022 funding, which included resources provided through the American Rescue Plan and the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

WV Caring Celebrates National Hospice Month with an Open House

WV Caring, also known as, Hospice Care Corporation, will have an Open House at the Elkins office and Hospice Center to celebrate National Hospice Month. It will be Wednesday, November 9 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at 169 Diamond Street, Elkins, WV.

Stop by to have all your questions answered about your end-of-life options and have your advanced directives put in place so your wishes will be known and documented when needed.

Advance Directives are not just for adults, they are smart for anyone over 18 years of age.

Unexpected end-of-life situations can happen at any age, so it is important for all adults to prepare these documents. Having these in place allows you to be in control your medical care if you cannot speak for yourself. These are at

no cost to you; no lawyer is needed, and you can update them at any time.

While you are there, meet the staff and visit, enjoy some refreshments, and take a tour of the Hospice Center, the only hospice in-patient facility, in the region. The Hospice Center is a hospital for hospice patients. This state-of-the-art certified facility provides 24 hour a day 7 days

a week care for patients when they their illness needs more attention and care. Issues like pain and symptom control, complex medical issues, and for caregivers who need a break from caregiving.

This event is perfect for anyone who has been considering their healthcare choices. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Dotson at 681-406-9636 or the Elkins office at 304-637-0618.

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of the Senior Basketball players of 1992 as well as the Senior Cheerleaders. They are identified from left to right: Cheerleaders: Melinda Long, Wendy Rosier, Karen Maxwell, Missy Jennings, Susan Poling Basketball Players: John Utterback, Shawn Cutright, Ben Kisamore, Jim Sutton, Bryan Ricottilli. Ideas, comments, suggestions, items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

Election

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other rural industries. Love of the farm at Limestone led ultimately, in the early 2000s, to Stiles buying half the family farm from her father, Jim Stiles, who worked as an agricultural agent and later the homestead and since early retirement, Stiles and her partner have been working to bring this part of the farm back into production. Stiles credits her knowledge and skills of leadership, public speaking, growing food, and working collaboratively to her dad and from years in 4-H and FFA. Serving as Central District FFA President and West Virginia's Coed-Hi-Y youth governor, gave Stiles her first glimpses at the complexities of county, state, and federal government. As a university professor and director of a rural research institute Stiles got to write and teach history, literature, writing, and rural studies while also researching rural women's volunteerism and wool value chains among other projects.

Stiles was not available for comment.

Commissioner Moore welcomed the new commission member by saying, "I want to congratulate Tim Knotts on winning the position of County Commissioner. I wish you the best as you begin a new journey. I also want to thank the other candidate for also having an interest in servicing the people of Tucker County as an elected official."

Commissioner Fred Davis said, "I am glad to work with Tim Knotts and I think he will be an asset to the county."

Voting for **Tucker County Commissioner** in each district went as follows:

Cheat River District had a total vote of 686 for Knotts 158 for Stiles. This district includes **Precinct Number 1** who voted 92 for Knotts and 15 for Stiles, **Precinct Number 2** with 264 votes for Knotts and 67 for Stiles, **Precinct Number 10** voted 58 for Knotts and 16 for Stiles, and **Precinct Number 24** voted 272 for Knotts and 60 for Stiles.

Shavers Fork District had a total vote of 609 for Knotts and 186 for Stiles. This district includes **Precinct Number Three** with votes 187 for Knotts and 53 for Stiles, **Precinct Number Four** with votes 149 for Knotts and 52 for Stiles, **Precinct Number Five** with votes 273 for Knotts and 81 for Stiles.

Blackwater District had a total vote of 571 for Knotts 431 for Stiles. This district includes **Precinct Number 12** who voted 150 for Knotts and 130 for Stiles, **Precinct Number 14** with 137 votes for Knotts and 50 for Stiles, **Precinct Number 15** voted 93 for Knotts and 140 for Stiles, and **Precinct Number 16** voted 191 for Knotts and 111 for Stiles.

The EMS excess levy has been a long, hard debate for many residents of Tucker County. The levy was first introduced on the May 10, 2022, Primary Election ballot but failed by a narrow margin of votes. After which the Tucker County Commission also voted to discontinue with the \$50 EMS ordinance fee. Since the EMS would no longer be receiving the needed funds the ordinance the Ambulance Authority decided to re-introduce the EMS excess levy tax again to Tucker County residents on the November General Election ballot.

The Ambulance Authority has had many meetings with the public to discuss the levy. In these meetings the Ambulance Authority provided

information about where the EMS will stand with and without the funds gained from the levy tax. The authority expressed it will come down to one or two ambulance crews for Tucker County depending upon the result of the ballot votes.

The purpose of the levy tax is to authorize levies for the years beginning July 1, 2023, through July 1, 2026, for the purpose 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 August 17, 2022. 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 offsets. This determination shall be made by the County Commission of a fiscal year basis.

Voting for or against the **EMS Excess Levy Tax** in each district went as follows:

Cheat River District had a total vote of 338 for and 523 against the levy. This district includes **Precinct Number 1** who voted 46 for and 62 against the levy, **Precinct Number 2** with 148 votes for and 188 against the levy, **Precinct Number 10** voted 17 for and 58 against the levy, and **Precinct Number 24** voted 127 for and 215 against the levy.

Shavers Fork District had a total vote of 344 for and 459 against the levy. This district includes **Precinct Number Three** who voted 98 for and 147 against the levy, **Precinct Number Four** with 101 votes for and 103 against the levy, **Precinct Number Five** voted 145 for and 209 against the levy.

Blackwater District had a total vote of 573 for and 419 against the levy. This district includes **Precinct Number 12** who voted 174 for and 102 against the levy, **Precinct Number 14** with 64 votes for and 126 against the levy, **Precinct Number 15** voted 187 for and 49 against the levy, and **Precinct Number 16** voted 148 for and 142 against the levy.

Ambulance Authority President Dennis Filler had this to say on the results of the vote, "We, the Ambulance Authority Board, are saddened that the EMS Levy has not passed. We did our best to educate and gain the support of the citizens for this critical

issue. We thank those who have supported our efforts. Unfortunately, we have failed to gain the votes necessary to pass this levy. We will do our best with the resources that we have available while remaining fiscally solvent but hope that the County Commission will seek ways to fund the level of service that Tucker County residents and visitors need and should reasonably expect."

In every West Virginia county, county clerks are the chief elections officer. They also handle functions including voter registration, licenses for things like marriage and death certificates. The clerk also handles payroll for county employees, maintains county financial documents and assists the county commission. Candidates must be 18 years of age, a county resident, and are elected for a six-year term.

Simmons who represents the Republican Party said, "It has been an honor for me to serve as the County Clerk of Tucker County for 16 years. I am thankful for those who have allowed me to serve another six-year term. In being a lifelong resident of Tucker County, I pride myself in dedicatedly serving the caring residents in our beautiful county. I could not be where I am today without my hardworking staff who prides themselves in providing the residents of Tucker County with their unparalleled customer service and individual care in each task."

The circuit clerk is an officer within the judicial system. In each county, this is the person who performs duties like recording and filing all documents and funds that pertains to cases filed in Circuit and Family Courts. Candidates must be 18 years of age, a county resident, and are elected for a six-year term.

Moats who represents the Democratic Party was unavailable for comment.

Other items on the ballot included the vote for or against the Amendment 1: Clarification Of The Judiciary's Role In Impeachment Proceedings Amendment for the purpose of clarifying that courts have the 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 judgement rendered by the Senate following an impeachment trial is not reviewable by any court

of the state; Amendment 2: Property Tax Modernization Amendment for the 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 tax on motor vehicles from ad valorem property taxation by general law; Amendment 3: Incorporation of Churches or Religious Denominations Amendment for the purpose to authorize the incorporation of churches and religious denominations; and Amendment 4: Education Accountability Amendment for the purpose to clarify that the rules and policies promulgated by the State Board of Education are subject to legislative review, approval, amendment, or rejection.

At the time of this print the state results of these proposed Amendments were unknown. Tucker County residents had a total vote of 803 for and 1,763 against for Amendment One; a total vote of 1,116 for and 2,108 votes against for Amendment Two; a total vote of 975 for and 1596 votes against for Amendment Three; and a total vote of 749 for and 1,900 votes against for Amendment Four.

On the ballot as well were the candidates for the House of Representatives Second Congressional District current Representative Alexander X. Mooney (Republican) from Charles Town in Jefferson County and challenger Barry Lee Wendell (Democrat) from Morgantown in Monongalia County.

Candidates for the State Senator Fourteenth Senatorial District were Jay Taylor (Republican) from Grafton in Taylor County and Amanda Jo Pitzer (Democrat) from Thornton in Preston County who are running to replace incumbent Republican Dave Sypolt, who is not seeking re-election.

Candidate running for member of House of Delegates Eighty fifth Delegate District was John Paul Hott II (Republican) from Petersburg in Grant County was unopposed.

At the time of this print the state results of these proposed candidates were unknown. Tucker County residents votes resulted in a total number of 1,678 votes for Mooney and a total vote of 887 for Wendell. Tucker County voters also had a total of 1,700 votes for Taylor and 838 votes for Pitzer.

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SPORTS

Tucker County Falls at South Harrison 44-22



The Mt. Lions Racer Channell makes a catch against South Harrison on Nov. 4th. Tucker County fell in the contest 44-22. Photo by Brittany Channell.



Tucker County's Jakob Barrett looks for room to run during a kick return against South Harrison on Nov. 4th. The Mt. Lions dropped the game on the road 44-22. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

LOST CREEK – The Mt. Lions Football team traveled to South Harrison for a matchup between two playoff teams in the last game of the regular season. The Hawks built a lead in the first quarter and never looked back as they handed the Mt. Lions their first loss of the season by the score of 44-22.

South Harrison got the ball to start the game and their offense went to work. The Hawks would march the ball 75 yards down the field on 10 plays. All

10 plays for the Hawks were rushing plays and the drive was capped by a 2 yard touchdown run. The 2 point conversion was good to make the score 8-0 South Harrison with 7:39 left in the first quarter. The Hawks defense would hold the Mt. Lions and the South Harrison offense went to work again. This time the home-standing Hawks would score on a 5 yard touchdown run with 1:13 left in the first. The PAT was good to put the score to 16-0 South Harrison after one quarter of play.

The second quarter

would not get better for Tucker County as South Harrison would capitalize on a Mt. Lions turnover as they added to their lead on a 1 yard touchdown. The 2 point conversion was good again to give South Harrison a 24-0 lead with 10:41 left in the second quarter. The Mt. Lions would then get on the scoreboard on a 14 yard touchdown pass from Ethan Rosenau to Maddox Anderson. The 2 point conversion failed to make the score 24-6 South Harrison with 5:14 left in the second. The Hawks then drove the ball down the field to score

once again on a 12 yard touchdown run with 2:23 left in the second quarter. The PAT conversion was no good to put the score to 30-6 South Harrison. Tucker County then drove the ball quickly down the field at the end of the first half, but an interception by the Hawks ended the Mt. Lions change to score. The second quarter ended with the score 30-6 South Harrison.

Tucker County received the kick to start the third quarter, but a fumble on the kick return was recovered by the Hawks at the Mt. Lions 35 yard line. South Harrison would turn the Tucker County turnover into points 7 plays later on an 8 yard touchdown run. The PAT conversion was good to make the score 38-6 South Harrison with 8:38 left in the third quarter. The Mt. Lions then scored in the third quarter on a 6 yard touchdown run by Jared Reall with 1:29 left in the third. The 2 point conversion was good on a Rosenau pass to Anderson to make the score 38-14 Hawks at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter South Harrison would score on a 23 yard touchdown pass with 9:11 left in the game to make the score 44-14 Hawks. The Mt. Lions also got a score in the fourth as Rosenau connected with Anderson on a 31 yard touchdown pass with 8:10 left in the fourth. The PAT conversion was good on a Reall run to put the score to 44-22 South Harrison. The Hawks then possessed the ball the rest of the quarter as they drove the ball down inside the Tucker County 5 yard line. South Harrison then went victory formation to run out the clock and preserve the win over Tucker County by the final score of 44-22.

Tucker County was led on offense by Ethan Rosenau with 19 of 28 passing for 313 yards and Maddox Anderson

led the team in receiving with 10 catches for 213 yards. Racer Channel had 3 receptions for 28 yards for Tucker County. Jared Reall grabbed 2 catches for 25 yards receiving and Levi Bennet had 2 receptions for 24 yards receiving. Reall led Tucker County on defense with 14 tackles and Dom Mullenax added 4 tackles for the Mt. Lions in the loss. South Harrison outgained Tucker

County in total yards 377-333.

Tucker County (9-1) qualified for the Playoffs and earned a #7 seed. The Mt. Lions will host the first round playoff game against #10 East Hardy this Friday November 11th at 7:30pm. Tucker County defeated East Hardy on September 9th by the score of 14-13 in the regular season. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker County Volleyball Drops Sectional to Petersburg 3-1



Tucker County's Ella Spencer gets ready to hit the volleyball at a recent match. Photo by Dave Helmick.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PETERSBURG – The Lady Mt. Lions Volleyball team traveled to Petersburg on Monday October 31st for a Sectional Playoff Match.

In the match the home-standing Petersburg Lady Vikings won Set 1 by the score of 25-14. In Set 2 the Lady Mt. Lions fought back to take the set in a

close score of 26-24 to tie the match at 1-1. Petersburg then responded with a 25-8 win in Set 3. Tucker County could not force another set as the Lady Mt. Lions fell in Set 4 by the score of 25-14. This set win gave Petersburg the match win 3-1. The win by Petersburg ended the season for Tucker County. The Lady Wildcats finished the season with a 7-11 record. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Friday November 11th

- Tucker County Football, Playoffs vs East Hardy @ Home 7:30pm

Friday November 18th

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball – Scrimm. @ Frankfort 6pm

Monday November 28th

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball – Scrimm. vs Frankfort @ Home 6pm

Tuesday November 29th

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball – Scrimm. vs Buckhannon @ Home 6pm

Thursday December 1st

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball – Scrimm. @ Buckhannon 6:30pm
- Tucker Valley Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs Kasson @ Home 5pm

Friday December 2nd

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs Notre Dame @ Home 7pm

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON CASE NO. 22-0899-WS-19A CANAAN VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, RECEIVER FOR TIMBERLINE FOUR SEASONS UTILITIES, INC.

LEGAL

Town of Hambleton is accepting bids for snow removal. Send bids to P.O. Box 60, Hambleton, WV 26269. Bids must be received by December 5, 2022. We reserve the right to accept or reject any bids.

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INDIVIDUALS may file protests concerning this emergency rate increase and the application to increase water and sewer rates.

TIMBERLINE FOUR SEASONS UTILITIES, INC. (WATER OPERATIONS)

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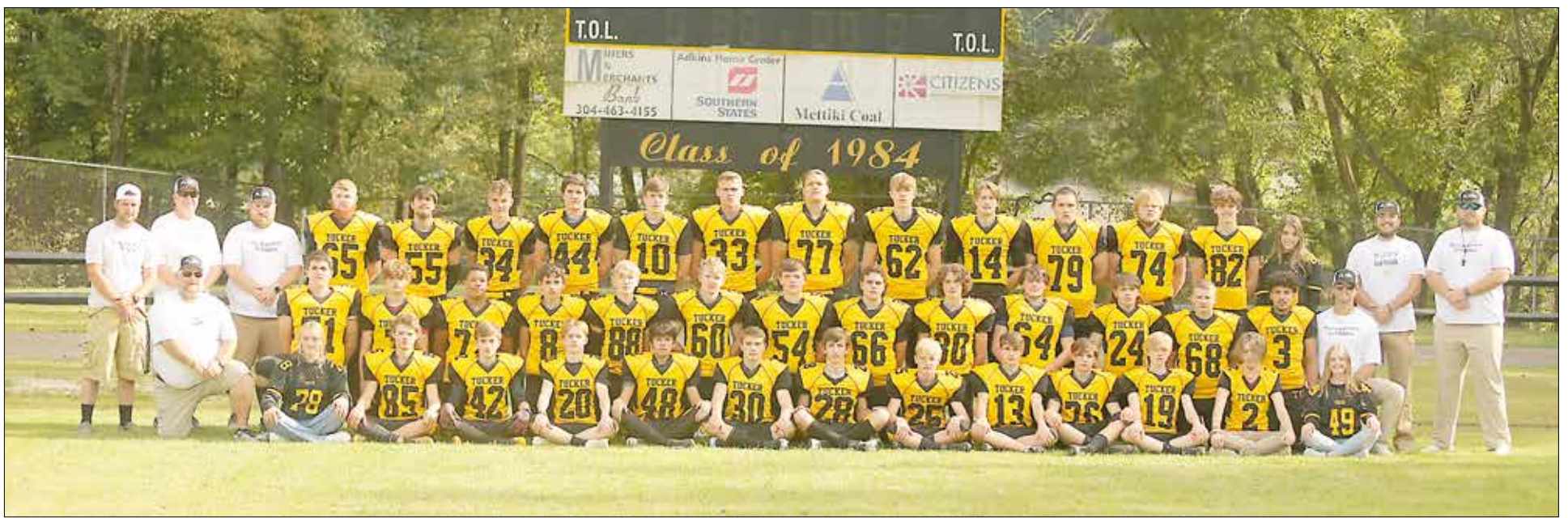
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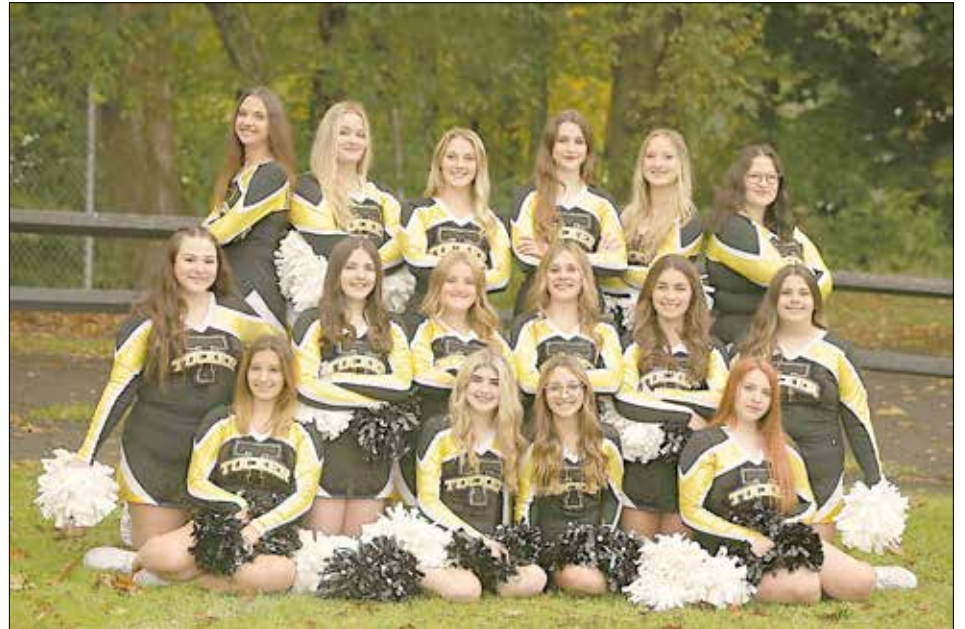
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2022 Tucker County Volleyball Team – not pictured Katyln Simmons, Ella Spencer and Rachel Felton. Photo by Lacey Evans.



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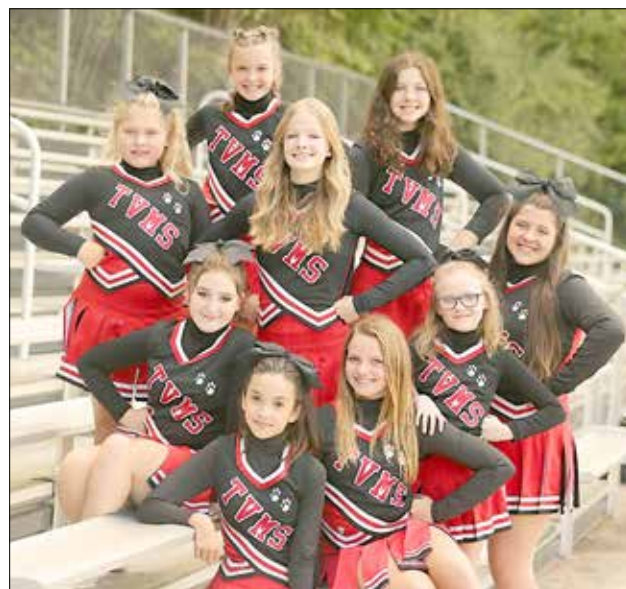
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The deadline for submissions is Friday, Dec. 2, 2022. Only one entry may be submitted per student.

Designed to showcase student creativity and the arts, this year's exhibition is a call for one-of-a-kind postcard designs illustrating your favorite West Virginia park (city, county, or state). Selected postcard artwork will later be used by the Department of Tourism to personally invite travelers to Almost Heaven.

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test guidelines and to print off a submission form click here or contact Laiken Blankenship, WVDACH exhibits coordinator, at (304) 558-0220 or Laiken.J.Blankenship@wv.gov.

"In the Hills of West Virginia"

This is a story sent in by one of our subscribers who wishes to remain anonymous. It will be a continued story and all people, places and events are fictitious.

Let me tell you a story about men who lived a long time ago in West Virginia. James and Jess Yokum were brothers who had not seen one another for 12 years. A lot of interesting things had happened to both young men. James was the older of the two and to his surprise he could not believe what had happened to him in the past few days that he had met up with his younger brother, Jess. Both brothers having unusual pasts were presently boxed into a canyon, with a posse of about 20 lawmen after them, just waiting for the very opportunity to escape.

James had gone to law school as soon as he had left the home place near Charleston, WV. He never once thought the Law would be hunting him. James was a gentleman, honest and loved the laws of the land. He was dark skinned, handsome and had a great lock of dark black hair that he had always taken pride in.

Jess had been everywhere and he had done everything. He loved adventure and at a moment's notice was off to whatever was out there. He was somewhat honest (most of the time), a rover, a scamp and traveling was what he loved. Two years ago, he hopped on a ship with three friends and was ship wrecked on an island for a year and a half. He never once thought he would ever see James again... let alone be alive. Jess was skeptical, pale but tough and rugged. His blonde hair was long and wavy just like his mother's. Working on the deck of a ship had made

him muscular and fit. He could move fast like a cat after prey. Jess was never a mind for schooling but was smart and alert to what was going on around him. He read all kinds of newspapers, books, ship logs and you might say was "self-taught." All his life he dreamed of places to explore and he had done this. Let's just say Jess was best at teaching himself his own book learning through his jaunts, antics and travels.

Being boxed into a deep valley by lawmen can be a real problem and the posse was ready for the two. "Come out you cow thieves" a voice echoed down through the valley, "You are going to jail." "Jess, what were you thinking stealing cows?" James asked. "I was not stealing," Jess replied. "Yes you were boy," James accused. "I was only rounding up strays... cows and pigs... when I could find them, he replied. There were a few scrub calves I found on a mountain top in Logan. I couldn't believe it when you rode by and asked me if I need a hand, friend. How long has it been, maybe ten years?"

No it's been 12, where have you been all this time? You sure have got us in a mess. If Mother were here, you know she would kick you good, James yelled. "We are giving you just five minutes to come out of there," yelled Sheriff Hedrick.

"James I think those guys

are after somebody besides us. I've been seeing these six riders going down by the river with all kinds of stock and it's not wild stock, they have the wrong men. I've been finding wild cows with no marks on them, taking them to the railroad and selling them to a businessman by the name of Mr. Myers, believe me," Jess begged.

Jess, they won't listen, this valley is a straight-up hill a real box canyon with no place to go but up James explained we're just plain trapped, taint no way out. I'm going to try to talk it out with that bunch. Iffin dad was here he'd kick you.

James, I tell you I wasn't rustling cows, it was an up and up honest to granny deal... a good honest deal with an honest businessman I say. In a huff James yelled gruffly, "What do you suppose we do, besides talk to them?"

"James, I'm going to climb those steep cliffs over yonder where the tree line ends and make clean away... you are on your own good luck." "Jess, just like you to take off and leave a mess, what about yours and mine horses?" James questioned.

Jess, leaning on a large rock, larger than a man and securely hiding, grabbed the reins of his roan and loosed it from the horse. "I'm letting him go... he will find me. He's real smart, a true friend and very good at dodging."

"Jess those men have

long guns and there must be 20 or more, they'll get you, they hang thieves, now listen."

"James, I'm off!" Jess untied the roan, gave it a dash of a smack on its rear and sent it to freedom. He had gathered what he could carry on his back and stuck what he could in his shirt and pockets and told James to do the same. "Jess you know I can't possibly climb straight up that cliff, you can but..."

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