

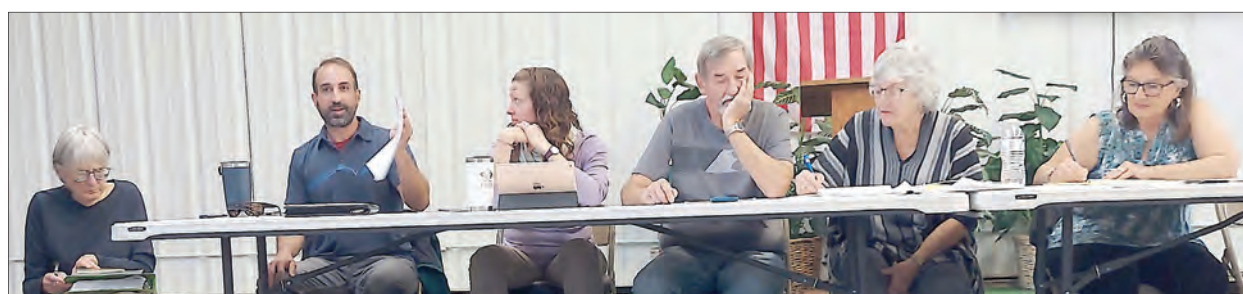
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Planning Commission and Town of Davis Council members at public meeting to discuss the Town of Davis Comprehensive Plan.

## Davis residents attend public meeting on comprehensive plan

By: Jennifer Britt  
The Parsons Advocate

The Town of Davis Planning Commission and Council members hosted an open public hearing meeting to allow the residents of Davis to express their concerns and receive answers to their questions. There were an estimated 50 residents in attendance of the meeting. This was the second of such meeting as the first was held in May by the Planning Commission.

Davis Mayor Al Tomson welcomed everyone to the meeting and said, "Just to give you an idea of what happens going forward. Today we will hear your comments, your questions, and we will take those as a town council. We will look at those.

We will put together a paper and then we send it back to the Planning Commission for them to look at and they will decide what they want to do with it. They can accept the comments. They can reject the com-

ments. They can modify the comments.

Then they will send it back to the Town Council where the Town Council will make a vote on the Comprehensive Plan. The vote will be to accept it or reject it, and those

are the only two options at that point. So, that is the process going forward and it is probably about a two- or three-month time frame before we know what the status of the Comprehensive Plan."

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Mayor Al Tomson addressing the audience during public hearing meeting to discuss the Town of Davis Comprehensive Plan

## Heck, Dishler, Pitzer, Nuzum in Honorable Judge Nelson's Courtroom



K. Dishler being returned to custody after standing before Judge Nelson.

By: Jennifer Britt  
The Parsons Advocate

The Honorable Lynn Nelson presided over court cases for Jonathan Heck, Keith Dishler, Timothy Myers, Kenzi Pitzer, and Jonathan Nuzum.

Heck, who was represented by public defender Brent Easton, accepted a guilty plea bargain for the charge of burglary for causing damage to the residence of Kenzi Pitzer. When officers responded to a call, placed by Pitzer, they found curtains ripped down, drug paraphernalia, and Pitzer reported Heck took \$385 from her. Heck was ordered to pay restitution of \$385, to complete an inpatient rehabilitation program, have no contact with Pitzer, and was placed on a two-year good behavior probation at which time all charges will be dismissed. Nelson commended Heck for already completing several months of his rehabilitation.

Dishler, represented by Easton, was charged with mali-

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## Kosanic Named Town of Davis Council Member

By: Jennifer Britt  
The Parsons Advocate

Joe Kosanic is the newest member of the Town of Davis Council. Kosanic was sworn in by Council Reporter, Jennie Helmick. Kosanic said, "I was born and raised in Parsons. I have lived here my whole life. I worked at Kingsford Manufacturing and recently retired as a maintenance tech and worked in the maintenance field my whole life. I have a good knowledge of the area and the town, and I care for the town."

There is now another seat available on the council as Councilwoman Charlotte Wales has resigned. Anyone wishing to fill the council seat must be a resident of Davis for at least one year. The seat will be for the remainder of the term that ends on June 30, 2023.

Mayor, Al Tomson, reported on the recent sewer leak at the industrial park. Tomson said, "The sewer leak we have

at the industrial park received a grant for \$191,000 for the IJDC (Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council) down in Charleston. That project is an emergency. It is moving forward very rapidly. Doug and Mark got prices and will get ready to order the supplies. Most of the pipe and supplies will be here before the contractor is even selected to do the work." Tomson stated that the easement paperwork was being prepared by the Town's attorney and the Development Authority has had an emergency meeting to approve permission for the right of way to conduct the work needed.

The Town of Davis Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking volunteers to assist in the December 3 "Christmas in the Mountains" event. The event is set to take place in Davis and will include a parade at 4 p.m. followed by an open house and festival of trees at the Davis Volunteer Fire Department from 5 p.m.

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## Filler Upgrades Weather Station



Newly acquired monitor for the newly installed Ambient Weather equipment on Dennis Filler's personal weather station.

By: Jennifer Britt  
The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County resident Dennis Filler has added some new equipment to his already existing personal weather station (PWS). His equipment has been operational and maintained since 2008 but was in need of an upgrade. To upgrade the existing Davis brand equipment, it would have cost an estimated \$1,500 but a new system manufactured by Ambient Weather was only \$500. Filler's station is one of few still in operation in this area.

Filler said, "Recently I upgraded all my equipment. My equipment had been made by a company called Davis. Their technology was state of the art in 2006, but they are still based upon the standard of 2006 and had not upgraded their equipment. It is still very good equipment, but I had to go from a computer or another device to get to the relay to get to the internet.

So, now the technology I have put into place does not use a traditional weather vane or anemometer (an instrument for measuring the speed of the wind). It

uses ultrasonics. It has a dome on it and when the wind blows through a slit it computes the wind speed and direction based upon

the ultra-sonic chambers. The technology is modern and used with military and weather stations."

Filler's weather station broadcasts to four different programs that includes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Civilian Weather Observation Program (CWOP). Filler said, "All weather is local. When you get a weather report the nearest weather station is at the Elkins airport. Every airport maintains for local reporting and feeds back into not only the FFA weather products but to NOAA. Pittsburgh is the area NOAA station where

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## Veterans Day Celebrated



Flags were placed by the Mountaineer Garden Club at the Blue Star Memorial marker, on Rt 72, in celebration of Veterans Day.



Dennis Filler's newly upgraded personal weather station with equipment from Ambient Weather (top) replacing the outdated equipment by Davis (bottom).



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## Meeting

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Tomson explained that the document had been worked on for five years starting in 2017. In the beginning stages of the plan Davis worked together with Thomas due to similarities of the two entities, but towards the end the two entities separated to fit each's own needs.

To explain a bit of information about the drafted Comprehensive Plan dated August 2022 the Executive Summary states, "The Town of Davis is situated in the rolling mountains of West Virginia. In 2020, it housed a small community of 674 residents. It is located near a National Wildlife Refuge, a National Wilderness Area, two state parks and three ski resorts. This environment provides ample outdoor recreating opportunities. As a result, tourism has been steadily increasing over the past twenty years. These continuous changes have transformed what was once a lumber town into one of the most visited small communities in West Virginia. While this has produced benefits for local businesses, it has also led to increased traffic and congestion that are evident on our roads and in our Town. New types of developments have emerged, and deciding what type of development is appropriate in certain locations is often contentious. Public utilities are reaching their capacity in terms of volume and age, and will have to be updated and expanded to address any impacts continued development would have on them.

The Town of Davis Comprehensive Plan is designed to provide information and to serve as a valuable resource to plan for the future of Davis. The Comprehensive Plan is the Town's official guide for land use, housing, transportation, economic devel-

opment, infrastructure, public services and community character. It provides a foundation for decision-making that is based on community consensus and an understanding of existing conditions and anticipated opportunities and issues. The Plan will serve as the Town's guiding document for 10-20 years into the future, protecting and enhancing the unique character of our community.

The Comprehensive Plan is a guide and a tool that can be utilized for making land decisions, preparing and implementing ordinances and influencing the rate and location of future growth.

The Plan is also a dynamic document which will be updated every five years, or more often as necessary, in order to respond to changing needs, conditions and emerging trends."

The plan consists of 10 different sections including the introduction. The remaining sections provide information that pertains to land use, community design, preferred development areas, historic preservation, housing, transportation, economic development, infrastructure, and public services. There are two sub-sections under public services, one is for tourism and recreations and the other is for implementation strategies.

Among the guest to ask question or make comments was Davis resident Lori Quattro. Quattro presented the council and commission members with a list of issues she thought needed to be addressed in the plan. Addressing the council members Quattro said, "I have three pages of items. I did it page by page, paragraph by paragraph just so you could match this to

the plan and see what I am talking about." Quattro continued by saying, "You (speaking to Mayor Tomson) told me to go down to City Hall and sit and read it at City Hall. There is no way a person can go down there to make changes and study what was put together. This should have been made available to everyone. It was never available in the May meeting. Nobody in May sat here to tell us everything that is in here. It just did not happen.

The May meeting was we (the Planning Commission) will hear what you have to say. We (the residents) did not have anything to go by. Tomson responded by saying, "That is why we put it online and we were willing to make copies." At which point several members of the audience expressed they had not seen the plan or received a copy as well.

Tomson gave a generalization of the plan and said, "It is a plan. It is not an ordinance. It is not zoning. It is nothing like that. It is a vision. Think about if you are going on a trip with your family. You do not just get in your car and go. You make a plan of how are you going to get there, what are you going to do when you get there, where are you going to stay, where are you going to eat and who is going to go with you. These are all things that you look at before you start the journey.

This is a plan for the community. Where do we want to be in five years, ten years, 15 years and this is the vision today. In five years, this document may be totally different. It is a living, breathing document. It is what the community, all of us, think we want our community to look like. These are the kinds of things

discussed in the Comprehensive Plan."

Mayor Tomson then touched based on each section of the plan and what those sections cover.

Council member Jeannette Ware who is also a member of the Planning Commission added by saying, "I have numerous pages of notes and I put everybody's names down if I recognized you or asked for your name. I took all the suggestions to our Planning Commission meetings. So, it was not that those comments in May were disregarded. They were looked at and everything." Quattro said, "They were looked at, but they were not changed."

Ware continued, "Some of the things were changed or are going to be changed because I have things that you (Quattro) have talked to me about and other people. I have gone to the members of the Planning Commission as a commission person, and we have discussed, and we agreed on I know of two things. Punctuation and all we are not worried about that. We have had others talk about the punctuation. For you to say that we are not going to do anything with your suggestions that is not correct."

Other audience members made comments and asked questions but left the meeting before their names could be gotten from them. The questions and comments mentioned included work force housing, the industrial park, and infrastructure issues.

Tomson ended the meeting by inviting everyone to attend Town of Davis Council and Planning Commission Meetings as they are all open to the public.

## Judge Nelson

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J. Heck leaving Judge Nelson's courtroom after accepting guilty plea bargain.

cious assault and kidnapping. Dishler's charge of malicious wounding carries a sentence of two-to-10 years. For the charge of kidnapping Dishler is facing a life sentence

if convicted. Dishler has been held in custody. Easton requested of Nelson time to prepare for pre-trial motions. Nelson set December 6 to hear pre-trial motions.

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

Myers was placed on a bond of \$15,000 cash insured and ordered to report to Tucker County Community Corrections. Myers was to appear back in court but was a no-show. A *capias* has

been issued for Myers.

Pitzer, represented by Davis, was charged with committing nine counts of committing fraud by access device. Pitzer's charges carry a one-to-10-year sentence. Pitzer was granted, by Nelson, a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond and was ordered to report to Tucker County Community Corrections and register a Court Disposition Reporting (CDR) with the West Virginia State Police.

Fraud by access device is defined as a criminal offense that involves the use of an unauthorized access device to obtain money, goods, services, or anything else of value. This type of fraud can be committed in a number of ways, including using a stolen credit card, debit card, or bank account information.

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

Tucker County Prosecutor, Savannah Hull Wilkins, has presented Pitzer and her attorney with a plea bargain. Davis stated that Pitzer was most likely going to accept the plea but requested time to explain the meaning of

the plea bargain to his client due to the fact that she was young of age and had no prior knowledge of the judicial system. Nelson granted Davis until December 6 to discuss the plea bargain with Pitzer.

Nuzum, represented by Davis, waived his right to a preliminary hearing. It is unclear of the charges against Nuzum. To waive his preliminary hearing means he allows the prosecution to proceed on criminal charges against him without having to present its evidence. Most likely, a competent defense attorney would recommend waiving the preliminary hearing only if the evidence against the defendant was substantial or overwhelming, and waiving the hearing would benefit the defendant in a significant way.

## NRCS announces EQIP and AMA programs signup deadline December 16, 2022

MORGANTOWN, W.Va.— The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces the end of the first FY23 application evaluation period for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA). Producers interested in being considered for financial assistance need to submit applications to NRCS by December 16, 2022.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, agricultural producers receive technical and financial assistance to implement structural and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land.

The AMA program provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to voluntarily address issues such as water management, including irrigation systems, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operations; and mitigate risk through production diversification.

EQIP and AMA are open to all eligible agricultural producers and submitted applications may be considered or evaluated in multiple funding opportunities.

Local NRCS offices accept program applications year round. Application evaluations only take place during announced ranking periods. For consideration in the first round of 2023 federal fiscal year funding, eligible landowners must enroll by submitting their application no later than December 16, 2022. For more information, visit a local USDA Service Center or visit our website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>.

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## News of Record

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

- James K. Reece, Nancy Ann Reece and Jamie Amanda Reece, Dry Fork, Unit 1250 Beech Lodge Beaver Ridge Condo to Donald E. Jenkins and Natalie M. Jenkins, \$155,000.
- G. Russell Rollyson, Jr./Appointee of the Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor, Parsons, 1.08 acres surveyed to Barbara Zickafoose, \$1,352.22.
- G. Russell Rollyson, Jr./Appointee of the Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor, Parsons, 6760 sq. ft. .155 acre to Frank Alt, \$1,027.02.
- Nancy Star, Lot 15 Canaan Vista to Richard B. Collins, II and Lisa R. Collins, \$490,000.
- Ricky Nestor, Rocky Nestor and Randall Nestor, Clover, 45.65 acres Clover to Paul Nestor, \$335,000.
- Sheldon D. Life and Margaret L. Sleana Yearwood, Dry Fork, Lot 51 at Mountainside to Madker Ventures LLC, \$420,000.
- Barbara Dowler, Dry Fork, Unit C-4 Week 22 to Barbara Dowler and Mischa Johnson, \$0.
- Johanna Curry, Roseanne Carr, Rita N. Carr, Nancy Whittaker/AKA/Nancy J. Ketterman and Jeffrey Allen Carr, Hendricks, Lot 5 and Part Lot 6 Gillaspie Addition to Brandi Kopec, \$110,000.

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# OBITUARIES

## Marijane Delaney Martin

Marijane Delaney Martin, age 95 years, a resident of the Location Road Community, Parsons, WV departed this life Wednesday evening, November 9, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loving family and under the care of WV Caring. She fought a courageous battle with multiple myeloma.

She was born Sunday, April 17, 1927, at Parsons, WV, a daughter of the late “Dink” Delaney and Myrtle Baker Delaney Dye. On November 18, 1973, at Parsons, WV, she was married to Clifford Alan “Red” Martin, Sr., who preceded her in death 2009. They had celebrated thirty-six years of marriage.

Surviving are one son, Benjamin C. Foster, Jr. and wife Glenna of Kingwood; one daughter, Bonnie Knotts and husband Steve of Location Road; one stepson, Charles A. Martin and wife Sharon of Parsons; one stepdaughter, Cathy Thompson of Smarr, GA; one brother-in-law, Gary Martin and wife Barbara of Washington, WV; Stepdaughter-in-law, Debbie Martin of TX; five grandchildren, Cindee Joann Campbell and husband Scott of Beverly, Wendy Diane Nedrow and husband Gary of Parsons, Kenneth Scott Hebb and wife Marcy of Location Road, Andria Lynn Torpey and husband Kurt of Burgettstown, PA and Erica Dawn Kochenderfer and husband Jeff of Maysville, WV; eight great grandchildren, Coty Campbell and wife Paige of Beverly, Nick Nedrow and wife Taylor of Eglon, Kaylee Anne Nedrow of Morgantown, Alissa Kay Hebb, Brooklee Kay Hebb and Kenneth Case Hebb, all of Location Road, Natalie Noel Hollaway of Pittsburgh and Evelyn Jane Kochenderfer of Maysville; two great-great grandchildren, Charlotte Lorene Nedrow of Eglon and Sadie Lynae White of Beverly; several step- grandchildren and step- great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are three brothers, Tom and Albert and Earl “Mutt” Delaney; and three sisters, Pauline Mullenax, Dorine Allinder and Betty Jennings; one son-in-law, Kenneth H. Hebb and precious granddaughter, Melissa Anne Hebb; daughter-in-law, Patricia Foster; stepson, Clifford Alan Martin, Jr.

She attended the schools of Parsons, WV. She was a very hard worker, working at Heinbaugh’s Restaurant, Sunset Heights, Dorman Mills, Parsons Footwear and Kingsford Charcoal Co. She spent fourteen years with the Island Creek Coal Co. and was the first woman miner to retire from West Virginia Coal Mines. She was a member of Saint John’s United Methodist Church, the Parsons V.F.W., Ladies Auxiliary, and Concerned Citizens Coalition “The Cookie Ladies”. She was an avid runner and had won several awards for the races she attended. She enjoyed crochet and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Martin’s wishes for cremation were honored. There was a covered dish dinner Memorial Service at Piccolo Paula’s on Sunday, November 13, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m. Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Marijane Delaney Martin. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com)



## Steven Ray Ullom

Steven Ray Ullom, 73, of Berkeley Springs, passed away on Sept. 26, 2022. Born on July 11, 1949 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Sanford Carlton Ullom and Lucille Ullom-Hottenstein.

Steven retired as Senior Vice-President of WJAL in 2017 after 20 years of service. Throughout his career he owned and operated multiple service stations and was an ASE Certified Master Mechanic.

Steven is survived by his wife Twila Beth Sponaugle-Ullom, a daughter, Lucy Ullom-Adkins, and adopted daughter, Krista Kreps, a step-brother, John Carlton Hottenstein and a son-in-law, David Lee Adkins.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a step-father, John Hottenstein, Jr.

The family has entrusted Helseley-Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Center with the arrangements.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 18 from 7 – 8 p.m. at Angus and Ale Restaurant. Mark Hahn will lead the ceremony.



## Tori Elaine Morral

Tori Elaine Morral, age 25 years, a resident of Kerens, WV, departed this life early Tuesday morning, November 8, 2022, at her home. Death was unexpected.

She was born Monday March 10, 1997, at Elkins, WV, a daughter of Troy Morral, Jr. and Sara Jane Kovach, who survive.

Also surviving are two sisters, Susan DeAnn Morral of Elkins, and Amanda Leah White and husband Rocky of Oregon; one brother, Aaron Dale Whitehair and wife Sierra of Philippi; her paternal grandmother, Mary Alice Morral of Clover; two uncles, Mark Morral and wife Lesa of Montrose and Mark Owens of Virginia; two aunts, Jeannine Helmick of Maryland and Debra Lambert and husband David of Clover; several cousins and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her paternal grandfather, Troy Morral, Sr. and maternal grandparents, Junior and Aline Kovach.

She was a graduate of Tucker County High School with the class of 2015. Following high school, she enjoyed spending time and volunteering with her mom’s third grade class at Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School. Tori enjoyed the outdoors, riding her Ace ATV, spending time with her animals and doing crafts. She loved her family dearly and she will be missed tremendously.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 11 a.m.. The Rev. Brad Barton will officiate and interment will follow at Mountain States Memorial Gardens. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Tori Elaine Morral. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).

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## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>) 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays,

She will be in Parsons on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.: Macaroni & cheese with chicken, stewed tomatoes,

Broccoli, and mixed fruit. Tues.: Sausage gravy over biscuit, scrambled eggs,

Oven potatoes, and pears. Wed.: Cook’s Choice. Thurs.: CLOSED. Fri.: CLOSED

St. George’s final Outpost for the year is tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us in great food, fellowship, fun before winter settles in.

## Weather

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most of the forecast for this area comes from including weather alerts. All the programs use information from my weather station.”

Filler’s new equipment can detect lightning strikes for a 25-mile radius. It can tell the different granularities based upon certain signal characteristics. The lightning strikes create an electromagnetic pulse that goes through the air, so the demographics of this area do not interfere with the reading. That pulse creates a blip on the monitoring equipment and by looking at the size of the blip can determine how close or far the strike was when it occurred.

Filler’s antenna on his device allows it to instantly broadcast to his station and

updates every 4.9 seconds. That information is then broadcasted to other programs at a different rate, but it takes no less than five minutes to produce a forecast.

The Ambient Weather PWS used by Filler can detect wind speeds and directions, humidity and dew points. It computes visibility although Filler is not sure how it does due to him not having a device that measures cloud cover. An UV (Ultraviolet) index reading that is granulated and measures the intensity of the sun and how much solar radiation is hitting a particular square of ground is also detected and rain is gauged by an event. For example, if it started raining on Friday and did not stop until Sunday that would be logged as an event.

Atmospheric and barometric pressure is also measured. They essentially refer to the same thing but depending on the usage they may have two distinct connotations. The main difference between barometric pressure and atmospheric pressure is that atmospheric pressure describes the pressure exerted by the atmosphere, whereas barometric pressure refers to a pressure measured by a barometer.

Filler said, “These forecasts are generated for our location. These are not coming out of Clarksburg Weather. This is weather that we think is going to happen here. This system’s program uses our local sensors to take and make our local forecast.”

Weather data from Filler’s and other local PWSs is available at [weatherunderground.com](http://weatherunderground.com), [ambientweather.net](http://ambientweather.net) and [pwsweather.com/station/pws/kwvparso2](http://pwsweather.com/station/pws/kwvparso2). Filler’s station ID is KWVPARSO2. (O two not zero two) and his CWOP ID is GW2194.

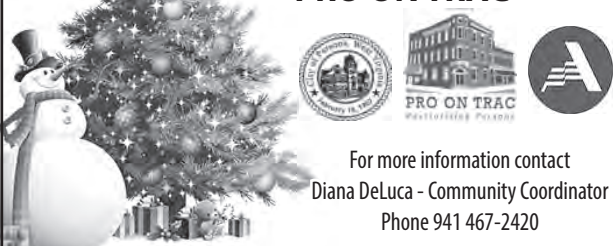


## 4th Annual Christmas Festival of Trees

Parsons Western Maryland Railway Depot

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to 7:30 p.m. The event will be concluded with a tree lighting at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. During the open house there will be a decorated artificial Christmas trees contest. The trees will be decorated by individuals, school groups, and businesses. Trees are needed for the event and can be donated at the Town Hall.

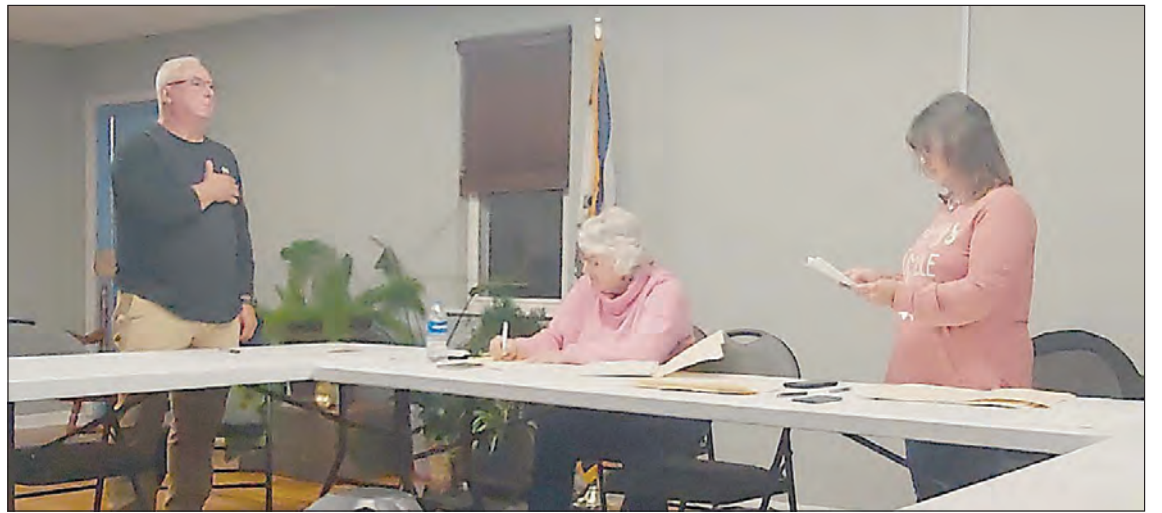
Parks and Recreation will also be starting the basketball night at the Davis Community Center on November 30, on Wednesday's, from 6 to 8 p.m. They are also working on raising funds by taking donations for planting some trees for an arboretum at the Riverfront Park and looking to add Pickleball at the community center. They are awaiting news from a

grant written to purchase the supplies needed.

Pickleball is an indoor or outdoor racket/paddle sport where two players (singles), or four players (doubles), hit a perforated hollow polymer ball over a 36-inch-high (0.91 m) net using solid-faced paddles. Opponents on either side of the net hit the ball back and forth until one side commits a rule infraction.

Cameras at the community center to ward off vandalism is on the list for future projects of the parks and rec as well as hooking in electric at the Riverfront Park.

Before going into executive session to discuss employee Christmas bonuses the council voted to approve the building permit



**Town of Davis Council Reporter Jennie Helmick swears in Joe Kosanic as the newest member of the council.**

for Peter Johnson to build a new home at 2 Riverwalk Place. The Town of Davis Coun-

cil will meet with the Planning Commission for a work session on Wednesday, November 16,

2022, at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss amendments to the drafted Comprehensive Plan.

**The Grant County Bank Announces Appointment of Laura E. Kessel to Board of Directors**



Petersburg, WV — Grant County Bank announced that Laura E. Kessel, CPA, has been appointed to the Grant County Bank Board of Directors, effective October 13, 2022.

Ms. Kessel is the owner of Kessel CPA and Associates, LLC, located between Petersburg and Moorefield, which opened

in 2017. Ms. Kessel is a 2005 graduate of Moorefield High School and a 2008 graduate of West Virginia University with a major in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. Subsequently, she obtained her Masters degree in Accountancy from West Virginia University in 2009. She purchased the former Baker Rocks Accounting practice in 2017, having worked for the prior owner for seven years. Ms. Kessel is actively involved in the Hardy County Chamber of Commerce and the Tri-County Fair and enjoys working on the family farm in her spare time. She resides in Fisher with her husband Niles Ridgeway.

George Ford, Grant County Bank President & CEO, said, "We are extremely pleased Ms. Kessel has agreed to join our board. We believe she will make an excellent addition to the board due to her accounting background and experience in running her own business. Her extensive relationships with local small businesses and individuals will be a major asset to our organization as we continue to grow."

**TURNER'S TIDBITS**



This is a photo of some young basketball players. The are identified as follows: standing, left to right, Dani Cantrell, Jeremy Nestor, Wes Lambert, coach, Dan Ramsey, Leeann Vance; kneeling,

left to right, Rob Toth, Poling. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

**Tucker County Senior Citizens New Employees**



Cindy Harman is the new cook at Mt. Top Center. Cindy Harman is pictured here making a meal of lasagna.



Tucker County Senior Center's new Director, Michael, "Mike" Jones. Michael 'Mike' Jones has been named the new director of the Tucker County Senior Center. Jones will be transitioning into his new job for the next couple of weeks. Tucker County residents are encouraged to visit the center to meet and welcome Jones.

**Home Made Soup, Hot Dogs, and Baked Goods**  
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**Announcement**

There will be a Hendricks Town meeting on Nov. 17, 2022. Engineers from RK&K will be available from 4:30-7:30 p.m. to discuss the towns storm drainage issues and possible solutions.

The meeting will take place at the Hendricks United Methodist church. All town residents are welcome to participate.

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## The Buxton & Landstreet Company Store

By: Joseph W. Dumire

In August 1884 The West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh Railway, building from Cumberland, MD, extended its road to Thomas, WV. Owned by industrialist U.S. Senator Henry Gassaway Davis, the railway entered a region surrounded by a vast wilderness of red spruce, laurel, rhododendron, an abundant population of wild animals and aquatic life, and coal lands that were owned by Senator Davis and his empire that included the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh Railway as well as the Davis Coal & Coke Company.

The railroad was built for the purpose of providing efficient transportation for the seams of coal and timber holdings of Senator Davis that lay in and around the town of Thomas which was named after Hon. Thomas B. Davis who was the brother of Henry Gassaway Davis. A coal mine had been opened in the winter of 1883-1884 and was ready to ship coal as soon as the railroad arrived. This venture led to the forming of the towns of Thomas and Davis which survive today mainly through the tourist industry. Thomas was granted a charter in 1892 and was bonded in 1899 for the purpose of building a water system. Electric service was added in 1904, and in 1901 a fine depot was constructed.

The next eight years witnessed great changes and improvements. More people came, more businesses were opened, more mines were opened, and large mills began to convert the great virgin forests into lumber. Eventually, nearly one thousand coke ovens were constructed to add to Senator Davis' wealth and empire. The population included a cosmopolitan influx of sixteen different nationalities.

In 1888 the firm of Davis Brothers & Elkins reorganized and incorporated to better handle their interests and increasing the business of mining, coking and shipping. Accordingly, On January 7, 1889, Messrs. Sen. Davis, Col. Thomas B. Davis, Stephen B. Elkins, Harry G. Buxton, Fairfax Stuart Landstreet (nephew of H. G. Davis) and Major W. J. Armstrong organized Davis Coal & Coke Co. Collieries were enlarged, six-hundred tenement houses and superintendent houses were built, as well as a club house for staff enjoyment. Adding to the mix were coke ovens, tipples, a depot, a freight house, machine shop, powerhouse, etc., everything necessary to support this new industrial empire in the high Allegheny mountains of Tucker County. Passenger train service would also be added to the mix. In July 1893 the Davis Coal & Coke Co. absorbed the Davis & Elkins Co., Fairfax Coal & Coke Co., and the Henry Coal & Coke Co. Then, in February 1894 the company acquired Jefferson Coal & Coke Co. as well as all the Franklin property now giving Davis Coal & Coke Co. ownership of over 100,000 acres of land in Mineral, Grant, Tucker, Barbour, Randolph and Taylor counties with coal production of 8,000 tons per day. Thirteen hundred men were employed at Thomas alone.

As was common for the day, Davis Coal & Coke Co. added to the Davis family interests a retail arm known as the Buxton & Landstreet Company Store (the B & L). It was incorporated August 7, 1889, by Fairfax Stuart Landstreet and Harry G. Buxton. The B & L became the first retail chain in the State of West Virginia and did the largest general retail business in the State, owning and operating seven large stores at the time, with the Thomas store being the anchor store.

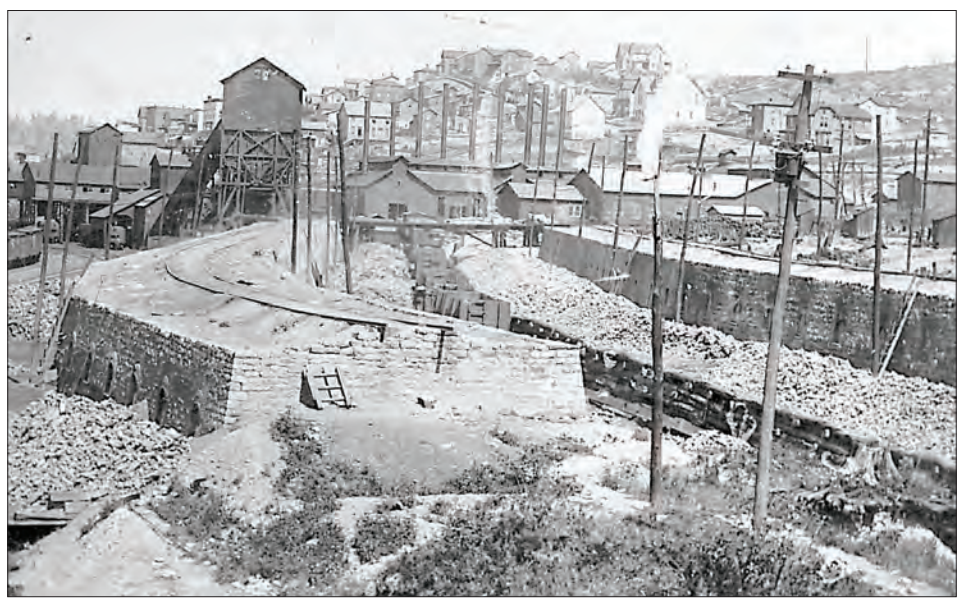
The initial subscription for the B & L was \$1,300 with a proposed capital of \$25,000 and a par value of shares at \$100. The incorporators held the following shares: Harry G. Buxton, 5 shares; Fairfax Stuart Landstreet, 5 shares; R. F. Bopst, one share; A. F. Gerstell, one share; and H. F. Harrison, one share. As Davis Coal & Coke Co. never built a store within the city limits, the Thomas store was built in 1889 south of Thomas at the east end of East Avenue in Coketon. The store property has since been annexed into the town of Thomas. On October 11, 1899, the original structure was destroyed by fire and burned to death the night watchman, William Nicson.

The current building which sets on the site of the original structure, was built in 1900 and is an imposing structure being of 81 feet wide and 121 feet long with two stories above the basement which housed the butcher shop. An immense arched doorway fills the front and opens onto a platform extending the full width of the building. It is lined with white tile brick and has ornamental sheet steel ceilings that are supported by lines of graceful metal columns. By day numerous windows provide an excellent source of natural light. The B & L sets directly across the street from the Davis Coal & Coke Administrative Office which was also constructed in 1900 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2011.

The B & L occupies land containing 1.64 acres and was sold to Vandalia Heritage Foundation on November 4, 1999. The structure contains 9,837 square feet on each of 3 floors, including the basement level, for a total of 29,511 square feet. The super structure of the building is steel support beams with brick and sandstone exterior walls. Decorative support poles extend up through the building space 27.1 feet apart with spaces 14.8 feet between each pole in the column. The building sets on a sandstone foundation which extends up to the bottom of the first floor for the base of the brick. Floor joists are all wood with wood plan flooring throughout the main and second level of the building. Windows are all wood framed.

The interior of the building offers different types of finishes including drywall and glazed white brick wall, tin and tongue-in-groove board ceilings that are 16.17 feet tall, and original plan wood flooring as well as a magnificent carved oak staircase. A column crane still exits from the back-loading door to a trap door to the basement. The second floor has a 12-foot-tall ceiling. The building has a full unfinished basement with garage access from the right side of the building.

Here was an immense general store, managed by H. C. Berry, with a corps of



Coke ovens along Tony Row at Thomas



B & L Employees

thirteen efficient and courteous clerks. In addition to this store, there were branch stores in Elk Garden, Wabash, Beryl, Simpson, Weaver, Henry, Kempton, Benbush and Pierce. It was a sizeable operation that sold everything to the miners of Davis Coal & Coke Co., including food, clothing and furniture. It was a one stop operation that sold quality brand merchandise such as Florsheim shoes. It even included a post office on the main floor. Miners either used the B & L's system of scrip or trade coins to purchased goods at the store or charged purchase to their accounts with the charges being deducted from their pay.

The Davis Coal & Coke Co. maintained a payroll ledger for each employee that showed how much coal they had dug and what their corresponding pay was for the period. The ledger would then show everything that was deducted from their pay such as B & L store charges, rent on the company house in which they lived, water, lights, medical expenses to the company doctor, medical expenses to the company hospital in Elkins, UMWA dues, Social Security tax, etc. In truth, the miners often ended up in the hole and as the old song goes, "they owed their souls to the company store." The B & L used the McCaskey Credit Register system for accounting purposes.

One by one the B & L stores closed and died as the coal industry petered out. The store in Thomas permanently closed May 27, 1950, and with that an era died. The B & L stores used a system of "trade coins" little brass discs, stamped in various denominations from one cent to one dollar. After the closing of the anchor store, the last remaining store, all this trade money was collected and thrown down the shaft at the Kempton, MD mine with earth bulldozed over it.

The Western Maryland Railway acquired the Thomas store and in 1958 it was sold to the Tucker County Development Corp. for \$25,000 and was leased to John G. Purrs Manufacturing Co. of New York City which made sewing machine cabinets. They operated in this location for about one year before closing. Then, the Ruben-

Curtis Cop., a Rockville, MD firm which was headed by Ashton Curtis, took over the lease. This was a firm that designed and produced commercial interiors. It was a woodworking concern that employed forty men. It eventually closed. The property is now owned by Vandalia Heritage Foundation which uses the space as an artisan gallery and offices.

The Davis Coal & Coke Co., owner of the B & L, was one of the largest and best-known coal companies in the world. It's central point, or hub, was at Thomas and consequently the town of Thomas became known far and wide. At the peak of operations about 1910 or 1912 there were within a radius of one mile of the company's Thomas office, located across the street from the B & L nine producing mines, supervised by nine mine superintendents, and nearly one thousand coke ovens that stretched from Thomas, to Coketon and Douglas. The company had its own electric light and power plants, its own water system, and its own telephone system, with direct connections to the outside world through Cumberland, MD and Elkins, WV. The Buxton & Landstreet Col. Followed the Davis Coal & Coke Co. and wherever the coal company opened a mine and started a town they opened a store. At one time the sky over Coketon was so brilliantly lighted with the glow from the fires of one-thousand coke ovens that it was comparable to the aurora borealis. During the golden age the Davis Coal & Coke Co. employed nearly 1,600 workers in Tucker County with a payroll approximating \$100,000 per month.

During 2020 Vandalia Heritage Foundation applied to have the Buxton & Landstreet Company Store listed on the National Register of Historic Places with approval being granted by the State Historic Preservation Office in Charleston and the Department of Interior. The property was officially listed on April 15, 2022.

A public reception celebrating the National Register listing of the B & L will be held in the main floor gallery at 571 Douglas Road in Thomas on December 3, 2022, at 1 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## Mt. Lions season ends with 36-6 loss in playoff game

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – Tucker County hosted a first round playoff game against East Hardy on Thursday November 11th. After the Mt. Lions tied the game 6-6 in the third quarter the visiting Cougars rolled off 28 unanswered points to claim a 34-6 playoff win over Tucker County.

East Hardy got the ball to start the game and the Cougar offense went right to work. The East Hardy drive stalled in Tucker County territory to give the ball to the Mt. Lions. Tucker County could not sustain their first drive as East Hardy would get the ball back after a turnover on downs. Again, the Tucker County defense held the Cougars to get the ball back. The Mt. Lions were then forced to punt the ball back to East Hardy. The snap for the punt went over the Tucker County punter's head and the Cougars got the ball back at the Mt. Lions 9 yard line. East Hardy then capitalized on the great field position as they scored on a 1 yard touchdown with 5:18 left in the first. The PAT kick was no good to make the score 6-0 Cougars after one quarter of play.

The second quarter was about the defenses as neither team would score in the second to keep the score at 6-0 East Hardy at the halftime intermission.

In the third quarter the Mt. Lions possessed the ball first. Tucker County then got an explosive play from their team as Ethan Rosenau connected with Maddox Anderson for a 65 yard touchdown catch and pass. The 2 point conversion failed for the Mt. Lions to make the score 6-6 East Hardy with 11:47 left in the third. The Cougars then regained the lead with a 15 yard touchdown run. East Hardy then made the PAT kick to put the score to 13-6 East Hardy with 4:15 left in the third.



Tucker County players celebrate after a Mt. Lions touchdown against East Hardy on Nov. 11th. The Mt. Lions dropped the game at home 34-6. Photo by Brittany Channell.

The remainder of the third quarter did not show either team scoring. The Mt. Lions did get an interception by Dom Mullenax with 1:11 left in the third. Tucker County would trail after three quarters 13-6.

Early in the fourth quarter Tucker County could not convert after the interception as East Hardy got the ball back. The Cougars then got a big play on a big 51 yard touchdown run with 9:39 left in the fourth. The PAT kick was good to extend the Cougars lead to 19-6. East Hardy then added another score with 5:38 left in the game on a 2 yard touchdown run. The PAT kick was good to make the score 27-6 Cougars. The last score of the night for East Hardy came on a 12 yard interception return for a touchdown. The extra point kick was good to increase the Cougars lead to 34-6 with 4:20 left in the game. Tucker County was not able to complete the comeback as the Mt. Lions fell to East Hardy by the final score of 34-6.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County with 11 of 25 passing for 132 yards and Maddox Anderson had 2 receptions for 67 yards. Racer



The Mt. Lions Will McCallister(3) takes the handoff from Ethan Rosenau(10) against East Hardy on Nov 11th. Tucker County fell in the contest 34-6. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Channel had 3 receptions for 47 yards for Tucker County. Jared Reall ended the night with 27 yards rushing on 9 carries. Dom Mullenax led Tucker County on defense with 6 tackles. Will McCallister

and Racer Channel added 5 tackles each for the Mt. Lions in the loss.

Tucker County ended the season with a 9-2 record. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



The Mt. Lions Jared Reall tried to avoid the East Hardy defender on Nov.11th. Tucker County fell in the contest 34-6. Photo by Brittany Channell.

### AREA SCHEDULE:

#### 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

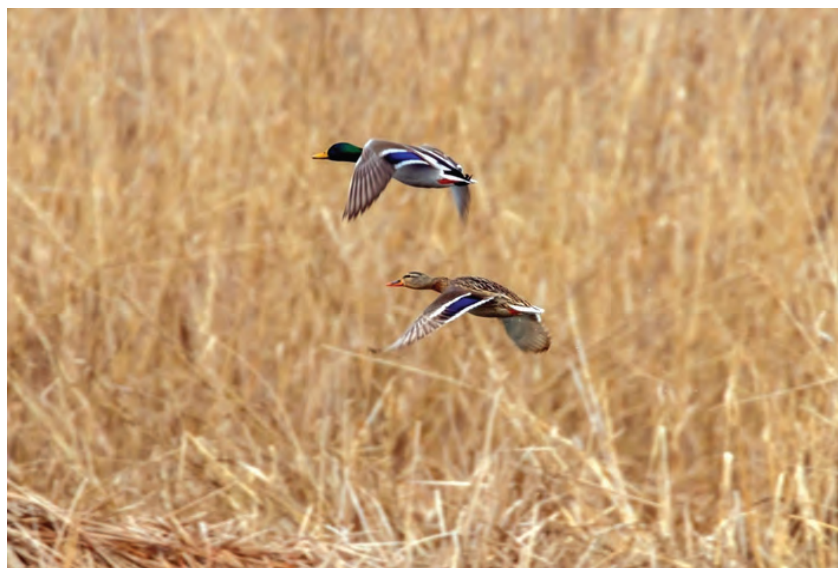
### Duck, Canada goose, migratory game bird seasons open

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Several migratory game bird hunting seasons opened on Nov. 7, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced.

Seasons for duck, scaup, mergansers, coots, Canada goose, white-fronted goose and snow and blue goose season opened Nov. 7-12. A season for woodcock will open later in the month and run Nov. 28 to Dec. 6. Seasons closing this month include those for sora and Virginia rail season (closes Nov. 9) and mourning dove (closes Nov. 13).

Hunters are reminded that shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. During the deer firearms season, it is lawful to hunt waterfowl on major waterways, lakes and reservoirs during a deer firearms season, should the waterfowl season be open.

In addition to needing a regular hunting license, federal regulations require all licensed migratory, including lifetime license holders and senior citizens, bird hunters to register with the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program and carry proof of



registration while hunting. HIP cards are free and available at all hunting license agents and online at wvhunt.com.

All waterfowl hunters 16 and older must also possess a federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp or duck stamp, which must be signed by the hunter. Duck stamps can be purchased at local post offices, by calling 1-800-782-6724 or at usps.com/shop. Hunters should report har-

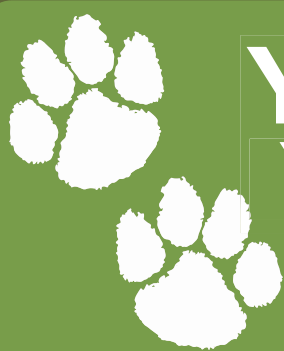
vested banded birds online at reportband.gov.

West Virginia's hunting season dates and bag limits for migratory game birds are set in accordance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's annual guidelines. For more information about game bird hunting in West Virginia, including changes to the merganser bag limit, download a copy of the Migratory Bird Regulations at wvdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

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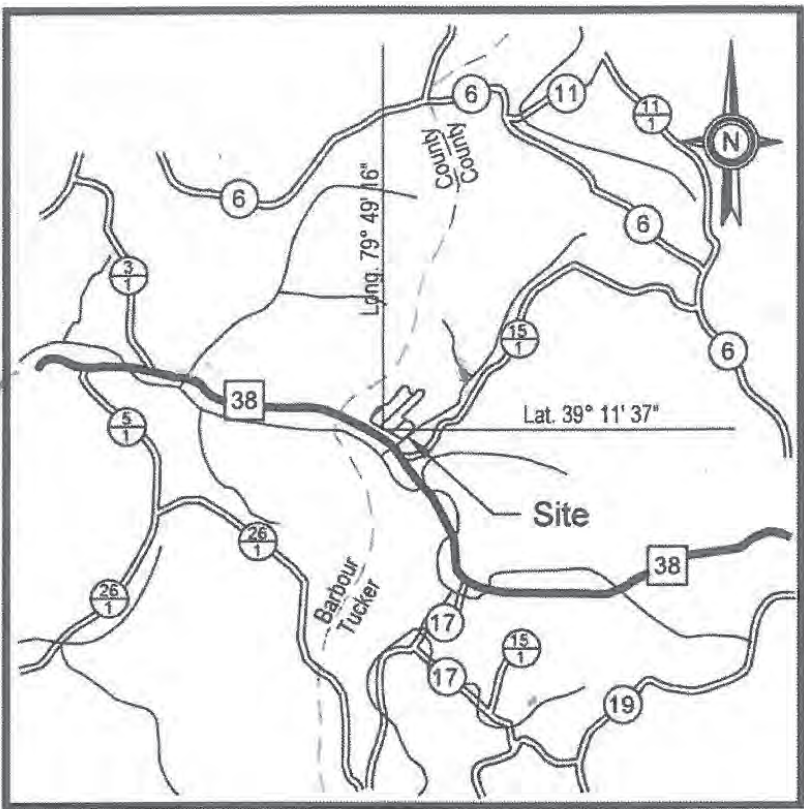
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Notice is hereby given that STANLEY INDUSTRIES, INC., 587 WILLOW WAY, FLEMINGTON, WV 26347, has submitted an application for Permit Number Q200495 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600, in order to Updated Blasting Plan with map.

The operation is discharging into Brushy Fork of Teter Creek of the Tygart Valley River of the Monongahela River and is located near Moatsville in Clover District of Tucker County, Longitude 79 49 16 and Latitude 39 11 37 (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Table with columns: Name and Address, and a list of owners including Shiloh Quarry, LLC, Rose Holdings, LLC, Allegheny Wood Products, Inc., Virginia Martin, Irrevocable Trust, Dwayne W. Cale, and Garry R. and Donna S. Moore.

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 December 17, 2022, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication, will be considered.



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

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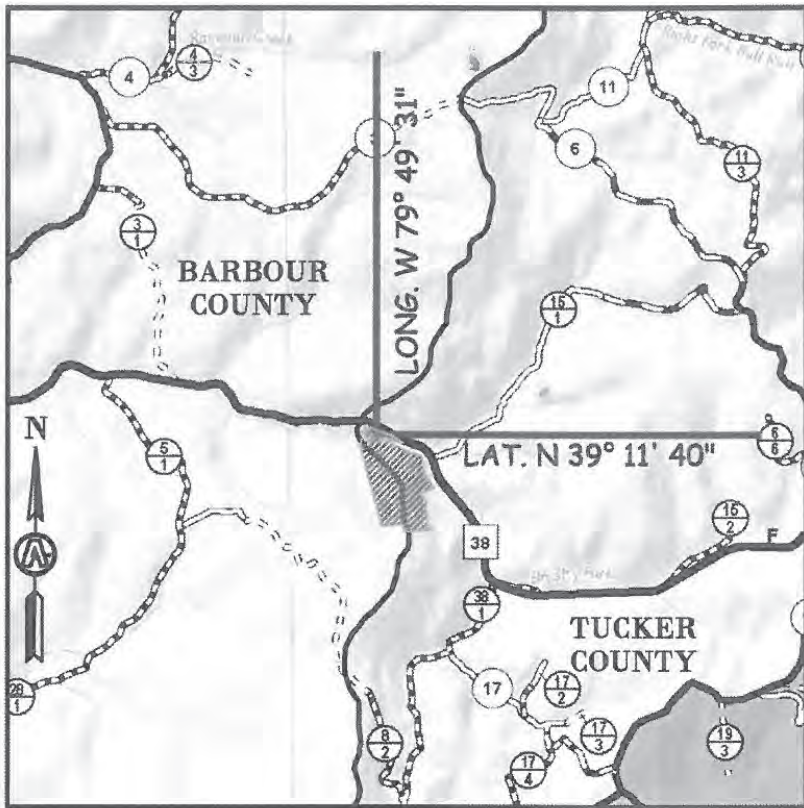
Notice is hereby given that ROSE HOLDINGS LLC, 70 COLUMBIA BLVD, CLARKSBURG, WV 26301 has submitted an application for the reissuance of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1023632 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150, in order to maintain, monitor, and operate a haulroad, conveyor, load-out facility, quarry (Philippi Quarry) and Deep Mine in the Greenbrier Limestone seam/mineral bed.

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

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

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above.

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



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Rose Holdings LLC 70 Columbus Blvd Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301

Evans Appointed Acting Director of the West Virginia Division of Forestry

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that he has appointed Harry Evans as the new Acting Director and State Forester of the West Virginia Division of Forestry.

"Harry has been a great asset to the Division of Forestry and the State of West Virginia during his career," said Gov. Justice. "I know he will continue to serve our great State in this new role."

Evans is a graduate of Glenville State College. He has 30 years of experience with the West Virginia Division of Forestry. Most recently, he served as Deputy State Forester for the division.

"During his decades-long career, Harry has shown a passion and dedication to West Virginia's forests," said West Virginia

Department of Commerce Acting Secretary James Bailey. "He has been named as the Forestry Employee of the Year for District V and has gone above and beyond the call of duty as a member of the West Virginia Western Fire Crew, which has been deployed to fight fires in other states."

Evans steps into the position following the retirement of West Virginia Division of Forestry Director Tom Cover.

Established in 1909 as a declaration of the state government for the need of forest protection and research, the West Virginia Division of Forestry protects and conserves forest resources in the nation's third most forested state.

For more information, visit www.WVforestry.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE

List of tax liens sold in the county of TUCKER on the 1st day of November, 2022 for the nonpayment of taxes thereon for the year 2021, and purchased by individuals or certified to the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

Table with columns: Ticket, Taxpayer(s), Legal Description, Sold To, Total Due. Lists various tax liens including 01-BLACK FORK, 02-CLOVER, 04-DAVIS CORPORATION, 05-DRYFORK, 06-FAIRFAX, 07-HAMBLETON, 08-HENDRICKS, 09-LICKING, 10-PARSONS, 11-SAINT GEORGE, and 12-THOMAS.

The owner of any real estate listed above, or any other person entitled to pay the taxes thereon, may, however, redeem such real estate as provided by law. Given under my hand this 1st day of November, 2022.

Signature of Jacob E. Kopoc, Tucker County Sheriff

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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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## Groundbreaking WW II-era aviator to be portrayed in free presentation at Eastern

**MOOREFIELD, W.Va.** – Rose Cousins, a Black female aviator and West Virginia native, who was belatedly recognized as an honorary member of the Tuskegee Airmen, is the subject of a free living-history presentation at 1 p.m. on Nov. 28 at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

The free presentation will also be streamed live on Eastern’s Facebook page (@easternwv).

Cousins will be portrayed by Ilene Evans, a historian who creates Chautauqua-style living-history conversations where the audience can engage with the historical figure. She also is the founder of Voices from the Earth Inc., based in Thomas, which presents living history workshops and performances around West Virginia and the

Mid-Atlantic region.

Rose Rolls Cousins was a native of Marion County, W.Va., and loved watching airshows in Fairmont when aviation was still a novelty. She was a young girl when her father took her on her first airplane ride at one of these local airshows, and it changed her life.

In 1940, fresh out of college at West Virginia State in Institute, W.Va., Cousins started working in the office of the college’s Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP), and quickly convinced the director that she could handle the flight training. She became the nation’s first Black women licensed as a solo pilot through the CPTP program, which was offered at colleges and universities across the country.

In 1941, Cousins joined



10 other graduates of West Virginia State’s

CPTP program in applying to the military aviation program in Tuskegee, Ala. Her application was rejected because she was a woman. She then applied to join civilian female pilots who flew supply missions to support U.S. troops, but the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) also rejected her application, this time because of her race.

Cousins returned to West Virginia State to help with the CPTP program, then married and had a family. She later worked as a teacher, then spent decades working in healthcare administration for a clinic in the Fairmont area.

In 1980, she was inducted as an honorary member of the Tuskegee Airmen because of her flight experience and her

tenacity in breaking down gender and racial barriers. She passed away in 2006, age 86.

Due to limited seating, those who wish to attend the Nov. 28 presentation in person at Eastern should RSVP by Nov. 18 by emailing Monica Wilson at monica.wilson@easternwv.edu. Eastern is located at 316 Eastern Drive in Moorefield.

## The Hills of West Virginia

### Part II

...and up the cliff wall Jess climbed as the law began to enter the valley, never once giving James a thought. Jess went crazy, “what is Jess thinking I can’t climb straight up there, even a cat couldn’t. And where will it take us, what would it lead to? He is my brother and he is crazy. I wish dad and mother were here they would kick him. Jess you are going to fall and break every bone.”

From down the hollow echoed a voice loud and threatening, “Lay down your guns and come riding out, we don’t abide cow thieving hereabouts.” The echoing voice rang in James’ ears and he replied, “I had just road by and asked this fellow if he needed help rounding the cows into the make-shift corral. I’m innocent of any wrong doing I am a lawyer traveling to Logan to do business with Mr. Rightmeyer and his brother. I’m innocent, I’m innocent I say.” James yelled in his defense. “Sure” yelled another voice.

“I’m a lawyer you can ask anybody. I have a law office in Martinsburg, I’m James Yokum and I have been traveling for days and just innocently rode by and asked this fellow, that is getting away as we speak, if I could give him some help.” James yelled. “Sheriff, that fellow sure can tell a good story, can’t he?”

At that moment James looked up at the tree line, straight up and Jess had climbed to the very top of the cliff. “Can you believe that? James whispered, if mom were here she would kick him for sure!” The time had ticked away and provided, just long enough for a get-away. Jess’s horse was gone, it had taken off when he told it to run and hide. That had to be 90 feet, what was he thinking, straight up just like a slick snake.

“I give up, I’m innocent, I’m coming out, you cannot hang an innocent man,” called James. I can talk my way out of this but I can’t climb a cliff. I have talked my way out for others in court, I can do it again, I hope he said to himself. “So you are a lawyer and you are yellow,” yelled a sharp voice. “We’ll have none of that Reid a man is innocent until proven otherwise. Let’s get in there and get that other fellow,” yelled the sheriff. “Well, Mr. Innocent, where is the other fellow we boxed two into the valley?”

“He just lit out, didn’t you see him?” replied James. “Get his guns and

cuff him, let’s advance this valley and get the cow thief, he won’t come out, we’ll find him, search every inch,” Sheriff Hedrick announced.

Jess lit out after his cliff climb, ran into the next gorge, climbed a hill and went across the river into a valley and whistled for the roan. Exhaustion had set in, winded and tired, he waited, watched and finally climbed into a hole beside an old fallen oak to rest and hide. As he lay there thinking He must hide somewhere from the law and find the rustlers.

Jess fell into a deep slumber and started to dream of his childhood. James was always a big chicken. Jess was at his great Aunt Zina’s big old house in Randolph County. He loved running through the hills on the farm and not much liking the chores she would find for him and his brother. She wore him to the bone making him mend the fence around the big garden. He kept the field wore down between mom and dad’s, the path was straight and clear for the many trips he made over there.

In the Allegheny Mountains times were rough and tough, or that was what My Great Aunt Zina would say. My aunts were so good at being good they were up for sainthood, or that was what my mother would say, they helped everyone. I think they always sit on the front pew at church and that is where all the Saints would sit. Yes, everyone helped them and they helped everyone.

Aunt Zina was the neighborhood nurse, she made chest medicines, put moonshine and sugar together

and kerosene and sugar together if she could get it. They made liniments for sore legs and set broken bones. They sure fixed a lot of mine, one summer they fixed four that I got from climbing oaks and hickory trees. They both loved to use skunk grease, Aunt Zina made her own worm jelly and they both believed in sassafras tea for the spring blood thinning.

My aunts could find more jobs for James and I to tend to, we kept the path worn down pretty good. My one aunt had a fellow who came around ever Saturday afternoon, early for about two hours. James and I would as he made his way across the field above our house, get a drink from the pond and travel over our path to their house. He always carried a mysterious bag under his right arm for Aunt Zina. Dad always told a story about Husk Hogan that he ran a moonshine place over in Barbour County. James and I always remember a glass jar setting close to the cookie pan in the old aunt’s kitchen.

I opened it one day when they were in the garden picking weeds as they always worked in the early evening to avoid the hottest part of the day. I’m sure I was not supposed to get into it but you see it was another adventure for me. I unscrewed the lid quietly, stuck my finger into the jar and it burned like no other. I licked my finger and whew, boy oh boy what is this stuff? I know now that I had tasted my first likker. If mom and dad were here they would kick me.

Stay tuned for part three of, “The hills of West Virginia.”



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# Alderson Broaddus University and the W.Va. Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation sign agreement

**PHILIPPI, W.Va.** - - Alderson Broaddus University (AB) and the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation (WVDCR) signed an affiliation agreement to provide educational opportunities for corrections officers and employees.

Using existing training, West Virginia corrections officers and employees can earn up to 18 credit hours at AB. These prior learning credits will count towards the completion of an Associate of Arts and/or a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

“We are excited about this new agreement and the opportunities it will present for the development of WVDCR staff,” said Brad Douglas, WVDCR acting commissioner. “We are looking forward to working with Alderson Broaddus to help our staff further their education, which will not only benefit them moving forward, but it also benefits

our agency and the State of West Virginia.”

In addition to prior learning credits, corrections officers and employees can apply transfer credit from other institutions towards these degree programs. All other courses will be offered online through AB’s extended learning initiative at a reduced tuition rate.

“We are thrilled to be able to partner with the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation,” stated Dr. Andrea Bucklew, AB provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. “It is our hope that this agreement will create a pathway for officers and employees to complete a college degree while receiving credit for the knowledge and skills they have already acquired through their training with the WVDCR.”

This is AB’s second articulation agreement with a state agency. The first, with the West Virginia Department of Education, was enacted in 2020.



(Back row; left to right): Dr. Andrea Bucklew, AB Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Michael Kochka AB Dean of Students, Dr. James Owston, Associate Provost, and Scott Patterson, Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Training and Staff Development. (seated; left to right): Dr. James “Tim” Barry, AB President and Brad Douglas, WVDCR Acting Commissioner.

## Mon Forest Towns Partnership Receives 2022 Governor’s Award for Regional Cooperation

**ELKINS, W.Va.**— Monongahela National Forest is pleased to announce that the Mon Forest Towns Partnership received the *Governor’s Award for Regional Cooperation* at a ceremony during the 2022 Governor’s Conference on Tourism in Huntington. The award is presented to a group of individuals, communities or organizations that have initiated regional tourism development efforts involving two or more parties and have demonstrated cooperation or collaboration across county lines to strengthen the region’s identity as a

travel destination.

The Mon Forest Towns Partnership was first conceived in 2017, formalized in April 2020, and now includes twelve communities in eight counties. The organization’s mission is to collaboratively grow a strong, sustainable recreation economy that enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors by providing the best outdoor experience. By working together, the towns have already seen amazing results and widespread support.

The partnership includes West Virginia

University, USDA Rural Development, Monongahela National Forest, Woodlands Development Group and twelve gateway communities: Thomas, Davis, Parsons, Seneca Rocks, Elkins, Durbin, Petersburg, Franklin, Cowen, Richwood, Marlinton, and White Sulphur Springs.

Since the initiative began, the partnership has developed a strategic plan, each community has outlined priority projects supporting the recreation economy customized to each community and a marketing plan has been implemented. The partnership and its communities are working with WVU Extension and other WVU schools including the arts & design and landscape archi-

ecture, Region 4 Planning & Development, Benedum Foundation, Woodlands Development Group, Downstream Strategies, West Virginia Community Development Hub, and DARRE in collaboration to create a unified brand for the Mon Forest Towns.

In 2020, the partnership finalized the branding with a primary logo and each community has customized the elements of the logo to complement their own unique assets. In 2022, the partnership engaged 84 Agency to draft a marketing plan and implement a 2022 summer/fall advertising campaign. Sustainability planning of the partnership is underway and includes a retail strategy and stewardship programming. An executive director is expected to be hired this winter.

Learn all about the Mon Forest towns partnership and recreational opportunities at <https://monforest-towns.com>. Be sure to check out the most recent newsletter for all the latest happenings and follow along on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/monforest-towns>.

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# Highlands Mountain Bike Team Wraps Up Successful Season

The Highlands Composite Mountain Bike Team concluded a successful season racing at The Brawl at Twin Falls State Park on October 23rd. The five-mile course featured windy single track through the autumn leaves, some two-lane track that was great for passing, then more single track with tight turns up and down a series of climbs and descents, followed by one last, big climb to the finish. Middle school athletes Pedro Suarez, Hudson Karlen, Luca Collier and Gavin White completed 1 lap; High school athletes Delaney Stull, Emma Ujvagi, Cooper Ruud and Hunter Channel completed 2 laps, and varsity athlete Ashton White completed 3 laps. With strong finishes and five athletes finishing on the podium, the Highlands team finished third among 16 teams in the race, and placed second overall for the season. Race results can be found at <https://westvirginiamt.org/races/2022>.

Head coach Todd Miller is happy with the team's efforts this season: "I'm so proud of our small team this year! Our newer riders improved their skills and got so much stronger, and our more experienced riders really worked hard and showed that they are some of the best in the state. Meanwhile, we had so much fun riding together, and cheering everyone on at the races. Its been wonderful to have a group of great coaches to work with our student athletes, and such supportive parents. We look forward to getting the team back together next summer, and

coaching new and returning student athletes as the team continues to grow."

The Highlands Composite Mountain Bike Team includes student athletes of all skill levels from middle schools and high schools in Randolph and Tucker Counties, as well as local, league-certified volunteer coaches. Cross country mountain

biking features hill climbs and descents, tight turns on narrow trails, obstacles and uneven terrain, sprinting and endurance. To build these skills, the team begins recruiting in the spring and summer and practicing in July, alternating between locations in the Canaan Valley and Elkins areas. As a member of the West Virginia Interscholastic Cycling League

(WVICL) and the non-profit National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA), the team also competes with other teams in 5 races held around the state, where over 400 male and female student athletes compete against other riders their age. Beyond building mountain bike and racing skills, the team emphasizes NICA's goals of building strong

body, mind and character in student athletes while ensuring that all are treated equally and can fully participate in all practices and races. For more information, check out the Highlands Composite Mountain Bike Team-WV on Facebook or the West Virginia Interscholastic Cycling League at [www.westvirginiamt.org](http://www.westvirginiamt.org).



Photo submitted by Todd Miller: The Highlands Mountain Bike Team celebrates their third place finish at the Brawl at Twin Falls, and second place overall for the season. Front row: Coaches Todd Miller, Darlene Clark and Karl Ruud, athletes Delaney Stull, Quincy Miller, Cooper Ruud, Hudson Karlen, Andrew Harris, Coaches Donya White, Rob Stull, Scott Harris and Tommy White. Back Row: Coach Josh Collier, athletes Gavin White, Emma Ujvagi, Pedro Suarez, Luca Collier, Ashton White, and Hunter Channels. Not pictured: Team Director Vicki Fenwick-Judy, Coaches Zach Adams, Kent Anderson, Sue Haywood, Shannon McCann and Owen Peet, and athletes Lilly Anderson, Sam Cochran, Daniel Dodds and Andrew Tesar.

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