





Plan

rent Comprehensive Plan.”

With the 20-year mark approaching the Planning Commission is working towards revising the document to fit with today’s needs for the county. Today’s board members are Tim McLean (formerly referred to as McCloud, please forgive the misprint from before) as President, Emily Hauger Wilson as Vice-President, Robin McClintock is the Secretary, Marti Neustadt is the Treasurer, Angie Shockley, Ben Herrick, Jonathan Hicks, William “Bill” Shahan, and Mike Rosenau is the Tucker County Commission representative.

Each board member has voluntarily taken assigned designated sections of the plan to work on between the monthly Planning Commission meetings. And although it may take a while to update the document the members of the board are in hopes that the process will go smoothly since they have a former approved document to use as a reference.

McLean said, “It is going to take all of us and take a while to write this thing. I believe it would be easier if you all agree to take a piece of it and work that piece. As our meetings come and go, we can come back in say: what is your progress on your piece of it; are there any speed bumps; I can only get this far with it; I have come to a dead end, and that is how I see this thing working.” McLean asked all members to be forthcoming with their progress so that everyone stays on schedule or gets help if needed.

Discussed in the plan are the goals, objectives and purpose of the document. According to the Comprehensive Plan, “The goal of the Comprehensive Plan is to achieve a balance between bringing prosperity and business development to the county while continuing to safeguard the natural beauty and the resources that are available within the county. Goals are concerned with the long term, and often describe ideal situations that would result if all plan purposes were fully

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in reference to the new proposed Blackwater PSD. County commissioner representative Mike Rosenau said, “There was an initial \$50,000 allocated to start the PSD. There was a public meeting held to make sure both entities, (Thomas and Davis), were on board. We now have to establish a board of three to five members. I want to make sure to include the Mayors from each city in the bylaws, so if the mayor changes the mayor is still on the board. From that point on it is back to the attorneys to work out the details and the cities to make sure they get their votes. Then it comes back to the county commission.”

The commission has also applied for a \$300,000 Community Block Grant. Region VII will be doing the leg work for this grant.

The request for qualifications has been ran in *The Parsons Advocate*. Leyh reported he had not received any as of yet but was expecting to receive up to 30. At the last development authority meeting five members were appointed for a committee. The request for qualifications is the process of obtaining statement of qualifications from qualified engineering firms to provide a variety of services for the Tucker County Industrial Park located at Davis, on an as-needed basis.

Once the proposals have been received the board will read and rate them.

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realized. Since goals are value-based, their attainment is difficult to measure.

Objectives are specific statements that carry out a plan in the short term. Objectives are measurable benchmarks that can be used to assess incremental progress in achieving the broader purposes expressed in the goals. The objectives will be individually set forth in each section of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is authorized by the West Virginia Code Chapter 8A, Article 3. The purpose of preparing a Comprehensive Plan is to: (1) promote the coordinated development of land and improvements to meet the future needs of the county; (2) achieve sound planning to assist the governing body in preserving quality of life and enhancing that quality of life to adapt to the future needs of the county relating to economic, physical, or social changes; (3) promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare of county residents; and, (4) promote efficiency and economy during the development process.

The Comprehensive Plan is a policy guide for the Tucker County Planning Commission and the Tucker County Commission as they assess the location, character, and the extent of future development for the county. The plan contains proposed policies and other recommendations to be implemented over time through a variety of decision-making actions including subdivision of land, and the location and construction of public infrastructure improvements, among other things.

The Tucker County Comprehensive Plan was developed so that decisions affecting the county’s lands should be made in a coordinated and responsible manner to capitalize on the county’s geographic location and its desirable physical features.

The Comprehensive Plan shall set forth goals and objectives to allow an informed decision-making process, ensure consistency in government,

Then interviews will be conducted with the intention of having a firm hired by January or February.

Leyh also prepared and submitted all the needed documents to the state for the audit procurement. Board member Dennis Filler asked, “Do we need to get someone from the state to do the audit?” Leyh answered, “No, the firm is approved to do the audit. The state has to approve the contract. The state approved them this week. They have a deadline of (November) 30.” If an extension is needed that will have to be approved by the county commission.

Leyh mentioned that office space was needed in Thomas, Davis, and Canaan Valley if anyone had any available to please reach out to him.

The board members voted to approve a work session for the industrial park protective covenants and restrictions. Preservation easements may be called a “covenant” or “restriction,” depending on jurisdiction. Regardless of what the document is called, a preservation easement will be recorded with the property title and is a required part of all development (construction) grants, including projects with ground-disturbing archeological work.

Protective Covenants must state who is responsible for the constant supervision of the park’s covenants and restrictions, i.e.:

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and coordinate the various arms of the local government. It will create conditions positive for vital resources, reduce resource waste relating to hazardous development and sprawl, preserve historic landmarks and other resources, and promote a sense of community character and identity. It will promote the most efficient utilization of available resources, coordinate development into well-planned communities, and advocate cost-effective development of facilities and services.”

McClintock said, “So, when we did this originally before 2010, we had a meeting with all of the stakeholders in the county. We asked them to write a couple of paragraphs of what they do and what their resources are. So, every one of those sections actually originates with the people that is about.”

McClintock gave EMS, and the Development Authority as examples, and said, “And then we fine-tuned and when we were updating we sent the sections back to the stakeholders. We assigned a member to usher that through and then brought the edits back to the group (Planning Commission). McClintock continued by saying that are certain obvious things that have to do such as housing.

Rosenau said, “The Comprehensive Plan, I was on the original, so it is not really as much as the public but what our county sees as the need. It is not so much as what we would like as what we have to see. It is what we actually have so, that is the Comprehensive Plan and if we want to do something beyond that is a whole different ball game than our comprehensive plan. This is what we actually have in our county now and what we plan to use.”

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on January 9, 2023, at 1 p.m. as the members voted to cancel December’s meeting. The meeting will take place in the Courthouse Courtroom located at 211 First Street, Parsons.

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stated that this person had many years of experience and knowledge to help. The goal of the plan is to determine the priorities of the board, what the board wants Leyh focused on, who are is the board trying to serve, and the main thing the boards want to see accomplished.

The December meeting of the Tucker County Development Authority has been canceled by vote of the board members. The meeting will recommence in January. Check the authority webpage at Meeting Information – Tucker County Development Authority (tuckerwv.com) for the latest updates on meeting days and times.



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News of Record

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

- Bradley Scott Coffman and Cheryl L. Morrison, Davis, Lot 35 Section 2 Black Bear Woods Sub to Sanctuary LLC, \$130,500.
- David M. Downs, Thomas Corporation, Lot 38, City of Thomas 120 x 50 to Britt Lake, \$300,000.
- Marc O. Chenoweth, Black fork, Lot #65 to Richard K. Henderson and Melody D. Henderson, \$255,000.
- David E. Gamache, Sr./Trustee, Jacquelyn G. Gamache/Trustee; Gamache Living trust, Dry Fork, Lot 80 Section E Black Bear Resort to Harriet Martin Shaw Tua, \$260.000.
- Tucker County Development Authority, Inc., Davis Corporation, Multiple Easements to Town of Davis, \$0.
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- Millard T. Driver, Frieda G. Driver, Jennifer Driver and Michele Marston, Dry Fork, Tract 9 Freeland Estates, 3.15 acres to Graham Lacy and Gayle Lacy, \$135,000.
- Dale Wallace and C. Suzanne Wallace, Dry Fork, Tract 10 Freeland Estates, 5.31 acres to Graham Lacy and Gayle Lacy, \$100,000.
- David Yaussy and Rebecca McPhail, Dry Fork, Unit 122 Beaver Ridge Condo to Georgia Kerrie Gifford Garlepp, \$160,000.
- Beth Ann Clevenger, Rebecca Ellen Reese, George Michael Cannon, Kathy Rebecca Nichols, Lori Dibacco/FKA/ Lori Ann Phillips, Debra Anne Sandoval, Daniel G. Dibacco, George V. Dibacco and Elizabeth J. Dibacco, Thomas Corporation, Pt. Lot 626 to Andrew Lamkin, \$138,000.
- William A. Shabb and Martha A. Wolfe, Dry Fork District, 2.20 acres Tract No. 22 to Wolfe Shabb revocable Joint Trust, William A. Shabb/Trustee and Martha A. Shabb/Trustee, \$0.
- City of Parsons, Black Fork District, .250 acres 2 parcels to Carolyn S. Gray, \$0.
- E.N. Knighton and Carol L. Knighton, Fairfax district, 0.258 acres to Knighton Family Trust, Eli N. Knighton and Carol L. Knighton, \$0.
- Eli N. Knighton/Trustee, Carol L. Knighton; Knighton Family Trust, Fairfax, .0258 acres to James S. Buczuk and Rachelle R. Davis, \$30,000.
- Sandra McBride, Gary Mansfield, Shelby Sylvester, Bethany Smith Mansfield and Amanda Mansfield, Dry Fork District, 38.66 acre parcel and 1.38 acre parcel to Lawrence Paul, \$178,000.

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# OBITUARIES

## Charles Calvin “Charlie” Bilby

Charles Calvin “Charlie” Bilby, 71, a resident of Hambleton, passed from this life, Tuesday, November 22, 2023, at the WV Caring Hospice Inpatient Center in Elkins. He had been in declining health.

Charles was born on Thursday, August 23, 1951, in Phoenix, AZ, a son of the late Freeman Guy Bilby and Mary Jane Lucas Bilby.

Left to cherish Charles’ memory are two sisters, Janet Mullenax and companion, Mark Spicer of Elkins, and Susan Metzner of Hambleton with whom he had made his home for the past twelve years, five nieces, Michelle England and husband, Robbie, Michalla Bilby Beatty and husband, Ed, Tina Bilby Hamilton, Crystal Bilby Nelson and husband, Dave, and Michalla Daige Metzner, two nephews, Philip Mullenax and wife, Christine and Loren Metzner and wife, Erica.

Preceding him in death besides his parents was a brother, Michael Bilby.

Charles was a graduate of Maryvale High School in Phoenix, AZ. His life’s work was developing and building aero-dynamic racing boats which allowed him to travel across the United States. He was Arizona State Champion in Martial Arts Savate Fighting for several years. He enjoyed flying Cessna airplanes. He participated in Kairos Prison Ministries at Huttonsville Correctional Center with beloved friends and served as a leader in Celebrate Recovery in Elkins. Charlie was a precious blessing to his beloved family, and he will truly be missed by them.

Charles request for cremation will be honored. A memorial service will be held at a later date. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Charles Calvin “Charlie” Bilby. Send online condolences to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com).

## Ralph Lester Knotts

Ralph Lester Knotts, age 78 years, a native of Tucker County and a resident of Falls Church, VA, departed this life Saturday, November 19, 2022 at his home. He had been in declining health.

He was born Thursday, April 20, 1944 at Allegheny Co., MD, a son of the late Lester “Red” Knotts and Rosetta Nestor Knotts. On March 28, 1969 at Rockville, MD, he was married to the former Emma “Ann” Shirley, who survives. They had celebrated fifty three years of marriage.

Surviving are two daughters, Jennifer Douglass of Falls Church, VA and Kellie Knotts of Culpeper, VA; one brother, Richard Knotts and wife Jane of Thomas, WV; one sister, Eleanor Hines of Gassaway, WV; one half-brother, Gary Knotts of GA; two half-sisters, Leslie Sytsma of FL, Wanda Watring of Roanoke, VA; and nine grandsons, Shane, Jacob, Cole, Brian, Gage, Gavin, Kelson, Caden, Jason.

He attended the one room Pleasantville School near Leadmine and Rockville High School in Maryland. He was and employee of the former Mullenex Lumber Co. of Parsons and was a carpenter for Arlington County Parks & Recreation in Arlington, VA. Ralph enjoyed Nascar, the Dallas Cowboys and was a collector of Hot Wheels cars. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who really enjoyed camping and being with his buddies. He was a loving husband, father and grandad “Pop”. He will be greatly missed by the entire Knotts family.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 from 11 a.m. until 12 Noon. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday at 12 Noon. The Reverend Neil Parsons officiated and interment followed at the Bonnifield Cemetery at St. George, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Ralph Lester Knotts. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).



# WV Caring to Light up a Life Tree Lighting set

The holiday season is upon us, and it is a very special opportunity to celebrate life. You can remember loved ones who have passed away or honor those living and those who are suffering illnesses. WV Caring’s annual “Light up a Life” event begins now and continues through the end of December.

The public is invited to the annual tree lighting ceremony which will be held on Thursday, December 1 at the Grant County Bank in Davis, WV at noon. On December 2, the Citizens Bank of WV in Parsons will take place at 4 p.m..

“Light up a Life is a tradition and it’s also one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. By supporting Light up a Life, you are making a significant difference in the lives our families, friends, and neighbors, who need the expert care that we provide, and they deserve.” said Cynthia Woodyard, Vice President of Public

Affairs and Access.

This year’s ornament is a handmade tree to represent a Christmas Classic, “The Partridge in a Pear Tree.” It is made from fine porcelain with a glaze luster which glows when a mini tree light is placed behind it. Also available is the hand-blown laced glass heart that is beautiful and delicate. These ornaments make a special tribute and gift for those in your life who might be spending their holidays alone.

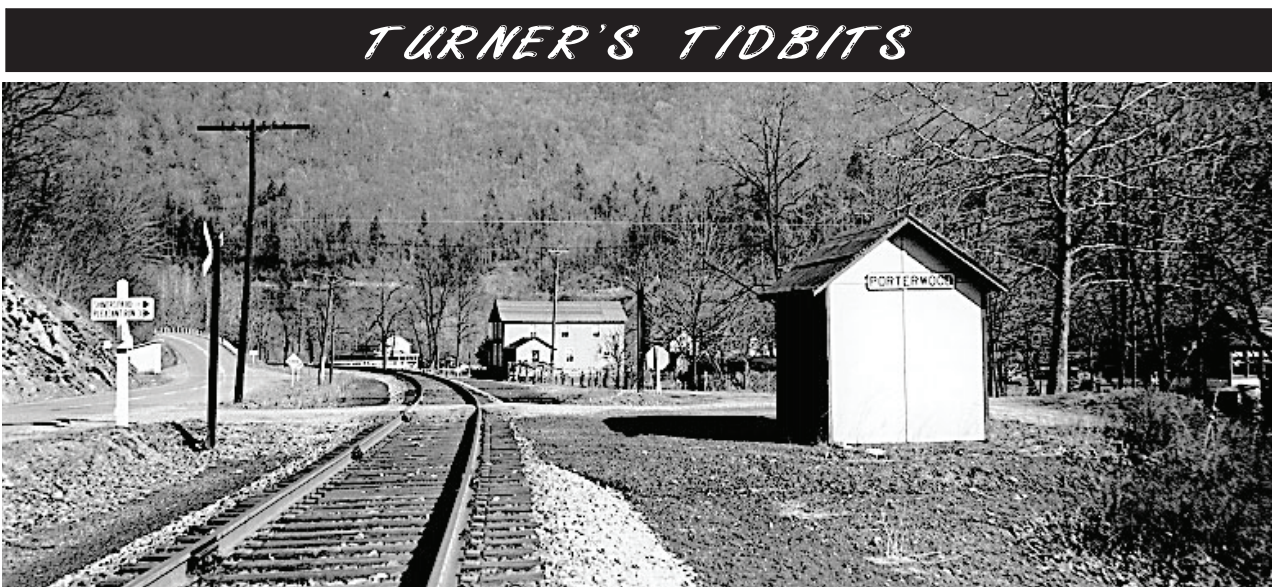
It is easy to participate with several options; Individuals can purchase a the “Partridge in a Pear Tree” keepsake ornament for \$35, or the hand-blown, glass lace heart for \$20. The ornaments can be mailed directly to you or sent to anyone that could use a little “light” in their life. A Tribute Wall on WV Caring’s website [wvcaring.org](http://wvcaring.org) will include the names who are honored or memorialized along with those who made the special donation.

A traditional option is to have your ornament placed on one of the Light up a Life trees. Everyone who is remembered or honored is entered in a memory book, which is on display at the trees. Besides Tucker County, ornaments can be placed on any of the trees in the service area.

If you do not wish to purchase an ornament, donations can be made in memory or honor of a friend or loved one.

It is easy to order. Online ordering is available at [wvcaring.org](http://wvcaring.org) and brochures are available for regular mail ordering.

For the past 39 years, WV Caring has held its “Light up a Life” campaign to raise money for those who have life-limiting illnesses regardless of their ability to pay. For more information about “Light up a Life” contact West Virginia Caring at 1-800-350-1161 or on the web at [www.wvcaring.org](http://www.wvcaring.org).



This photo was taken in 1957, it shows the depot at Porterwood. I wonder what happened to that building. The sign on the left of the tracks gives distance to Shaffers Fork Road and Pheasant (3-MILES). Ideas, comments, suggestions, anything to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

## Leyh

Coordination - The Regional Food Centers will act as regional hubs coordinating across geographic areas with USDA, other federal, state, and tribal agencies with relevant resources, regional commissions, stakeholders, and the other Regional Food Centers. They will engage with stakeholders and partners to develop and implement strategic and funding plans for serving the region through technical assistance and capacity building. They

will conduct outreach to underserved communities and businesses.

Technical Assistance - The Regional Food Centers will provide direct business technical assistance to small- and mid-sized food and farm businesses (producers, processors, aggregators, distributors, and other businesses within the food supply chain) and food value and supply chain coordination. Each Regional Food Center will identify priority areas for technical assistance (e.g., aggregation/distribution, specialty crop processing for institutions) for the region it plans to serve.

Capacity Building – The Regional Food Centers will provide financial assistance through business builder subawards up to \$100,000 to support projects focused

on regional needs and businesses that are working towards expansion and other investment. These subawards may support staff time, business planning activities, software implementation, the purchase of special purpose equipment, such as food safety, processing and packaging equipment, and value chain coordination, and other expenses associated as outlined in the RFA.


This program is to operate a Regional Food Business Center through a cooperative agreement with USDA. The Regional Food Centers will coordinate, offer technical assistance, and provide capacity building grants to businesses in the region. The capacity building grants can be up to \$100,000 and we anticipate that the Regional Food

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Centers will make multiple awards throughout the five-year cooperative agreement. An award to an individual organization can be a maximum of \$100,000 over 5 years. The minimum award is \$15 million, and the maximum award is \$50 million.”

The deadline to apply is December 15, 2022. Leyh has already sent in the paperwork and will keep the board updated as to what the outcome will be. Leyh stated that the authority would help identify potential recipients if the award is funded, coordinate technical services, and serve on an advisory board for three or four meetings a year.

Leyh said, “It is huge. It can be a game changer for the region.”



## Thank You

The family of Barbara A. Quattro would like to thank all of you for your kindness and support before and after the passing of our mother. Thank you for the cards, visits, phone calls, messages and the beautiful flowers and planters.

A special thank you to Mountain Hospice for their help and to their CEO, Don Trimble for his guidance during a difficult event. Thank you to Jordan Fenner of Hinkle-Fenner funeral home, you’re an amazing person and a blessing to our community.

Thank you, Nila Smith for your help these past few months, not only for the visits with our mother but also after her passing. You were there for us through it all and we appreciate everything that you did and also, your brother “Snuffy”, for the generous food gift.

Thank you to Daniel and Shirley Rhodes for being the best neighbors ever. Thank you to Davis Auxiliary 936 and Shop N Save for the delicious food and the Davis Volunteer Fire Department for the use of the fire hall.

To all of you in our small community, thank you for always being ready to help and support those around you.

*The Family of Barbara Ann Quattro*

## St. George Senior Outpost



The St. George Senior Outpost met on November 17, 2022 for the final dinner this year. Sharon Daniels welcomed everyone, led the pledge of allegiance and did the blessing of a wonderful Thanksgiving feast. Jane Pifer had arranged lovely fall table decorations. Shirley Cassidy played her dulcimer for a sing-along. Ellen and Ronnie Shaffer sang some beautiful hymns. Sharon also shared some readings. Linda Bonner announced planned trips and also mentioned a need for food items to be donated to the Senior Center pantry. Attending in addition to the above were Brenda Jones, Fred Jones, Don Silk, Buddy Arnold, Virginia Papio, David Varner, Dale Varner, Eldred Bright, Dorothy Simpson, Don Nestor, Amy Channel, Raymond Collins, Priscilla Flanagan, Sylvia Rosenau, Carol Weinstein, and Eleanor Nestor. April of 2023 will be the next St. George Outpost. Seniors are encouraged to attend the Parsons Outpost held on the first Tuesday of each month. Parsons next meets on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 10:30. Join us to hear the choir, enjoy good food and great fellowship.

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# WVDOH awards 21 construction contracts

CHARLESTON, WV – Two bridge replacement projects were among 21 construction projects awarded by the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, and Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022.

The contracts were awarded from a bid letting held Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022.

Rock Forge Bridge Company was awarded at contract for \$2,999,002.55 to replace the Caney Branch Bridge in Mingo County. The bridge currently carries a three-ton weight restriction, and would leave local residents stranded if not replaced.

SMH Construction Company Inc. was awarded a contract for \$2,178,679.44 to replace the Burnsville T-Beam Bridge in Braxton County. The bridge, built in 1929, was closed to traffic in 2019 due to its deteriorated condition.

“Unfortunately, this bridge came to the end of its service life before funding was available to replace it,” said WVDOH State Bridge Engineer Tracy Brown, P.E. “Gov. Jim Justice’s Roads to Prosperity program has made additional funding available to help us replace some of these older structures before they get to the point of requiring closure, which we realize can sometimes severely disrupt people’s daily lives.”

Contracts awarded in September were:

- PDK Construction Inc. was low bidder on a project to replace guardrail in District 2, with a bid of \$2,192,246.25.
- West Virginia Paving Inc. was low bidder on a paving project from Green Bottom to the Mason County line in Cabell County, with a bid of \$1,698,323.63.
- Kelly Paving Inc. was low bidder on a mine maintenance project along Interstate 70 in Ohio County, with a bid of \$8,222,620.
- Penn Line Service Inc. was low bidder on a project to replace guardrail in District 4, with a bid of \$1,513,087.98.

- Rock Forge Bridge Co. LLC was on a project to replace the Caney Branch Bridge in Mingo County, with a bid of \$2,999,002.55.
- NLS Paving Inc. was low bidder on a paving project on Big Wheeling Creek in Marshall County, with a bid of \$1,735,627.13.
- West Virginia Paving Inc. was low bidder on a paving project from Lester to Sophia in Raleigh County, with a bid of \$1,738,152.
- West Virginia Signal and Light Inc. was low bidder on a traffic signal project on Brushy Fork Road in Upshur County, with a bid of \$220,460.60.
- J.F. Allen Company was low bidder on a paving project from Thomas to Pierce in Tucker County, with a bid of \$358,899.45.
- LMS Construction was low bidder on a sidewalk project in downtown Shinnston in Harrison County, with a bid of \$156,446.
- Kelly Paving Inc. was low bidder on an ATV trail project in Mountwood Park in Wood County, with a bid of \$92,929.
- Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co. was low bidder on a streetscape project on Pleasant Street in Monongalia County, with a bid of \$1,479,143.
- Davis H. Elliot Construction Company Inc. was low bidder on a traffic signal project in Wellsburg in Brooke County, with a bid of \$747,500.40.
- Bear Contracting LLC was low bidder on a paving project from Buffalo Creek to Shoals in Wayne County, with a bid of \$1,027,572.80.
- West Virginia Paving Inc. was low bidder on a paving project from Dunns to Flat Top Road in Mercer County, with a bid of \$967,875.
- Kelly Paving Inc. was low bidder on a paving project from Hickman Run Road to Greenwood Road in Tyler County, with a bid of \$1,530,164.99.
- Belt Paving Inc. was low bidder

on a paving project from the Grant County line to Skyline in Mineral County, with a bid of \$965,640.15.

- J.F. Allen Company was low bidder on a paving project from Buffalo Hills to Franklin in Pendleton County, with a bid of \$414,829.75.
- Specialty Groups Inc. was low bidder on a traffic signal project on First Avenue in Nitro in Kanawha and Putnam counties, with a bid of \$1,013,000.
- SMH Construction Company Inc. was low bidder on a project to replace the Burnsville T-Beam Bridge in Braxton County, with a bid of \$2,718,679.44.
- LMS Construction was low bidder to install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon on Patten Drive in Monongalia County, with a bid of \$349,857.

Several factors are considered before awarding a bid, including whether a bid falls above or below the WVDOH Engineer’s Estimate and by what percentage. In cases where a bid is above the Engineer’s Estimate, WVDOH must consider the project need, repercussions of not awarding the project, additional funding sources, and whether sufficient reasons exist for the differences in estimates. Most projects are reviewed, analyzed, and awarded within a week of the bid letting, but the process can take longer.

When the Division of Highways has a project that is determined to be best constructed by a contractor, it is processed through the

bid letting system. A letting is a scheduled opportunity for contractors to review and bid on several construction projects at one time. Lettings are held either once or twice per month and conducted through the Bid Express System online at [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com) and handled through the Contract Administration Division. Contractors need to subscribe to Bid Express before bids can be accepted on any project.

## New Officer Training Day was Held at Camp Kidd



Recently, the elected leadership for each 4H club was invited to attend a training day so they could better understand the roles and responsibilities of their respected office.

Community members agreed to help guide these youngsters in the right direction.

President & Vice Presidet: Mike Rosenau; Treasurer: Tammy Michael; Secretary: Heather Knotts; Song & Game Leader: Lydia Burns.

You are the “4H search lights.” During this next 4H year – search for new members, search for new ideas, search to try new projects and activities, and search to develop yourself “To make the best better”.

## WV Farm Museum Christmas Light Show Runs Dec. 5-20

POINT PLEASANT, W.Va. - Two-million lights will be twinkling this year at the West Virginia State Farm Museum to celebrate the Christmas season. Santa will also be on hand to talk with the kids Thursday through Sunday each week. The display runs Dec. 5-20 from 6-9 p.m.

“This light show is one of the best in the state and a credit to the hard work of the board and volunteers at the Farm Museum,” said West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “This should be an annual holiday tradition for everyone in the area.”

Located seven miles

north of Point Pleasant, just off Route 62, the museum features numerous historical structures that have been moved to or recreated on the grounds and large collections of steam and gas engines, antique tractors, farm and household implements and taxidermized animals.

Volunteer groups are being sought to adopt buildings to decorate, along with individuals who want to help

with smaller decorating projects. As in the past, admission to the light show is free, but donations in support of the non-profit museum are greatly appreciated. Call the office, email or Facebook message to volunteer.

For more information, call 304-675-5737, Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., email [wvsmf@sudenlinkmail.com](mailto:wvsmf@sudenlinkmail.com) or check out the museum on Facebook.

  
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# What's ? Happening

## Davis Holiday Market

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## Full Board Meeting

The Region VI Workforce Development Full Board will meet Thursday, Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Pleasant Valley. For more

information contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530. Region VI is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance, please call WV 7-1-1.

## FUMC Men’s Breakfast

The First United Methodist Church Men’s group will be hosting the monthly breakfast on Sunday, December 4, at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Eggs, fried potatoes, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee. Everyone is welcome. There will be no breakfast held in January.

# DEADLINE 8AM MONDAY

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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## Weather Totals

Nov. 15 - Nov. 22

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### Temperature

Max 51° F  
 Min 9° F

### Precipitation

Week 0.98”  
 November 3.14”  
 2022 50.41”

### Snowfall

New Snow 0.25”  
 Snow on ground 0”  
 Winter Total 0.5”

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## Super Crossword

EASY-PEASY

### ACROSS

- 1 Conceptual framework
- 7 Nickname of jazz pianist Earl Hines
- 12 Cat feature
- 16 Mailbox item: Abbr.
- 19 Cajoles
- 20 Backcountry
- 21 Actor Alan
- 22 Before
- 23 Saving a Hilton from being demolished?
- 26 Rove (about)
- 27 Eisenhower, informally
- 28 Dawn deity
- 29 Country that's the setting of a story told by Jesus?
- 31 Confusion when a golfer can't find the club for the green?
- 36 2000-15 CBS show
- 37 Two racing Unsers
- 38 Strike — (do some modeling)
- 39 Admission of defeat
- 41 “The way things now stand ...”
- 44 Road named for a head of state?
- 50 Intent
- 53 Golf average
- 54 Mental sharpness
- 55 Santa — winds
- 56 One who's bad at playing practical jokes?
- 62 Richard of “The Jackal”
- 63 Former AT&T rival
- 64 Creepy
- 65 Tax audit org.
- 66 Hunchback creator Victor
- 67 Belgian river
- 68 Favorite crucifix style?
- 74 “I seel,” facetiously
- 77 Match units
- 78 Cruise of “Top Gun”
- 79 Actress Bette
- 83 No, in Fife
- 84 DVR choice
- 85 Evangelizing in remote areas?
- 89 Fast internet svc.
- 90 Final words from a bully
- 92 Tirana's nation: Abbr.
- 93 Picnic pest

### DOWN

- 1 Italian tenor
- 2 Devise, as a plan
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- 4 Application filename extension
- 5 Actor Gibson
- 6 According to
- 7 Not stale
- 8 Vienna's nation: Abbr.
- 9 Two after uno
- 10 Persists in discussing
- 11 Thomas — Edison
- 12 British bye-byes
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- 96 Many #1 songs
- 97 Calder Cup rink org.
- 98 Writer Santha Rama —
- 99 Email giggle
- 100 Verdi's “— tu”
- 104 Instead (of)
- 105 Danish port
- 106 Big Apple
- 108 Coll. in Philly
- 109 Made grain-sized
- 111 Skater Sasha
- 112 Python in “The Jungle Book”
- 113 Scrabble 4-pointer
- 117 Roman 402
- 122 Sydney's state: Abbr.
- 123 Non- — food
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Puzzle answers page 3B

It seems we have had a few large bucks taken in the area and as I write this I hope I will be one of those. Actually I will be hunting in the southern part of the state and I hope my luck holds as it did last year. I got a decent eight pointer last year and I am going to try to find one a little bigger. **Momma Said**, “Go big or go home!”

I hope everyone had a safe Thanksgiving and didn’t eat too much. My brother and I fixed a nice meal and enjoyed each other’s company for a few days. The only thing missing was Gran’s stuffing. I have tried but it just doesn’t measure up. It is great to spend time with family and it is my sincere hopes that all of you had a good visit with your loved ones.

I will keep you posted next week how the hunting trip went and I hope that I can report very, very good news. The biggest deer I have ever harvested was

## Momma Said

This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.

By Teri Cayton  
 The Parsons Advocate



an eight pointer and I would like to get one bigger so I can top myself. **Momma Said**, “If you don’t set your sights higher, you just stay in the same old rut.”

Mom really enjoyed hunting and Gran did in her younger days. It was not sport for them, they did it so we could have something to eat. They worked so hard to provide for us and it instilled in me the same purpose. I don’t necessarily need to hunt to eat but it sure does help. Good luck to everyone out there trying to Bag the Big One.

## Cornish Pasties Recipe

### Ingredients

- (17.6oz) minced/ground beef
- 1 medium onion, (Diced)
- 1 medium carrot, (Diced)
- 2 large potatoes (Diced)
- 1 turnip (Diced)
- 2 Tbsp. water or stock
- salt & pepper to season
- Cornish Pasties Pastry
- (12oz) plain flour
- pinch salt
- (6oz) margarine/butter
- 3 Tbsp. water
- 1 beaten egg or milk to glaze



### How To Make Cornish Pasties

Pre-heat the oven to 204C (390F)  
 Mix the beef mince, potatoes, turnip, onion, and carrot together in a mixing bowl with the water or stock and season well. Put to one side.

### Make the Short Pastry:

Sieve the flour and salt into a mixing bowl. Rub in the margarine until it looks like fine bread crumbs. Mix in the water to form a firm dough.

Roll out thinly and cut into round by

placing the plate or saucepan lid on top of the pastry & cut round with a pointed knife. Form the scraps into a ball and repeat. Place the filling in the center of each round.

Brush the pastry edges with water. Bring the edges up and over the filling & press gently together all around to seal. Flute the edges or fold & twist neatly with the fingertips.

Place on the baking sheet & brush with beaten egg or milk. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes; then turn the oven down to 160C (320F) and bake for a further 40-45 minutes.

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Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**Nov. 30, 1796:** Brooke County was established under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia. The county was formed from part of Ohio County and named in honor of Robert Brooke, governor of Virginia.

**Dec. 1, 1797:** Journalist and politician John S. Gallaher was born in Martinsburg. He owned or managed several Whig newspapers and was instrumental in establishing the free school system in Virginia. He played a prominent role in having early railroads routed through the Eastern Panhandle.

**Dec. 3, 1871:** Statesman Newton Diehl Baker was born in Martinsburg. Appointed by President Woodrow Wilson, Baker served as secretary of war from 1916 to 1921. Baker oversaw U.S. involvement in World War I.
**Dec. 3, 1921:** Operatic soprano Phyllis (Smith) Curtin was born in Clarksburg. She made her debut with the New York City Opera in 1953, where she sang both classical and modern repertoire.

**Dec. 3, 1949:** WSAZ-TV provided the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game. The television station, the 72nd in the nation and the first in West Virginia, was an affiliate of WSAZ radio station.

**Dec. 4, 1883:** Social reformer Stella Fuller was born Stella Lawrence Cremeans in Point Pleasant. In the 1940s, Fuller opened a relief operation on Huntington’s Washington Avenue. Eventually, the Stella Fuller Settlement expanded into the area’s largest haven for the disadvantaged and



**Dec. 2, 1859:** John Brown was hanged at Charles Town in Jefferson County. Maj. Thomas J. Jackson, later nicknamed “Stonewall,” was among those commanding the Virginia forces standing guard at the execution of the abolitionist who led the raid at Harpers Ferry.

homeless.

**Dec. 5, 1892:** Daniel D. T. Farnsworth died at the age of 73 in Buckhannon. As state senate president, Farnsworth succeeded Governor Boreman, who resigned in the last days of his term after being elected as a U.S. senator by the state legislature.

**Dec. 6, 1865:** Artist Annie Virginia Latham Bartlett was born in Grafton. Her clay sculptures included conventional busts as well as figurines interpreting West Virginia’s historic and cultural past, with such titles as ‘The Moonshiner.’

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# Weaner Among West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Participants

Charleston—The West Virginia Folklife Program, a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council, announces its 2022-2023 cohort of apprenticeship participants in the third round of the West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program. Seven apprenticeship pairs from across the Mountain State will study and practice traditions including soul food cooking, fiddle repair, and mushroom foraging. The Folklife Apprenticeship Program offers \$3,000 to recognize and honor West Virginia traditional artists or tradition bearers working with qualified apprentices on a year-long in-depth apprenticeship in their cultural expression or traditional art form. Participating apprentices are supported with \$500 to pay for starting expenses such as necessary tools and materials. These folklife apprenticeships facilitate the transmission of cultural knowledge, artistic techniques, stories, and traditional practices.

The 2022-2023 West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program participants:

Sharon Briggs of Paw Paw in Hampshire County will lead an apprenticeship in mushroom foraging with Anthony Murray of Capon Bridge. Sharon, a full time farmer and mycologist, owns and operates Peasant's Parcel Mushroom Farm and Mycology Lab. She has been foraging and mapping mushroom locations in the Eastern Panhandle and Potomac Highlands for over 20 years. When Anthony moved to the area, Sharon began to teach him how to identify and forage for mushrooms. He has been interested in mushroom hunting ever since. Anthony also helps Sharon on the farm and operates an apiary there.

Chris Haddox and Mary Linscheid, both of Morgantown in Monongalia County, will hold an apprenticeship in fiddle repair. A longtime musician, Chris studied luthiery from West Virginia instrument builders including Bob Smakula, John Blisard, and especially Gilbert Stiles, whom he apprenticed through the West Virginia Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program formerly supported by the Augusta Heritage Center. Mary is a multi-instrumentalist, song-writer, poet, and gardener whose art is inspired by Appalachians' connection with their homeland. Mary is excited to learn fiddle repair

because the practice empowers her to fix her own fiddles and those of the community, which helps to ensure the continuation of local music-making.

Joe Herrmann of Paw Paw in Hampshire County will lead an apprenticeship in clawhammer banjo with Dakota Karper of Capon Bridge. Herrmann is a founding member of the Critton Hollow String Band and has taught old-time music to many students. Dakota has been playing old-time fiddle for over 20 years and currently tours with the band Hemlock & Hickory. In 2019, she opened a traditional roots music school in Capon Bridge called The Cat and The Fiddle. Joe and Dakota apprenticed together previously in 2004 when Dakota was 11 years old through the Augusta Heritage Center's former West Virginia Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program, and again in 2020 to study old-time fiddle with the West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program.

Bil Lepp of South Charleston in Kanawha County will lead an apprenticeship in Appalachian storytelling with James Froemel of Maidsville in Monongalia County. Bil has been writing and telling stories on

stage for over 30 years. He became a full-time touring professional teller by 2003 after performing at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee in 2000. Bil is a five-time champion, and James a three-time champion, of the West Virginia Liars contest. James is also an accomplished storyteller and actor, having performed at multiple festivals and schools. They have both participated in the West Virginia Storytellers Guild.

Enrica McMillon of Elkins in Randolph County will lead an apprenticeship with Barbara Weaner of Montrose in Tucker County to study fiber arts. They will specifically study fiber processing, dyeing with natural dyes sourced from locally harvested plants, and spinning fibers using a variety of tools for knitting and weaving. Enrica grew up in Helvetia, during a time when traditional practices of the 19th Century were not still commonly taught. Enrica learned spinning, dying, and weaving at a young age from both of her grandmothers and has since

utilized this knowledge as a foundation for her artwork. Enrica also researches large antique wheels traditionally used in West Virginia and has created a database of over 6,000. Barbara first learned to spin under Enrica's teaching in 1980. Over the years, Enrica and Barbara have both been active members of the Mountain Weaver's Guild in Elkins.

Gerry Milnes of Elkins in Randolph County will be leading an apprenticeship in old-time West Virginia fiddle tunes and techniques with Annick Odom of Morgantown in Monongalia County. Gerry is a documentarian, teacher, writer, and award-winning musician. He started documenting traditional musicians and singers in Webster, Braxton, and Nicholas Counties in 1976. For 25 years, Gerry traveled widely as the Augusta Heritage Center's Folk Art Coordinator, presenting old-time musicians at festivals throughout the country and producing traditional West Virginia Music recordings and films of West Virginia folklife. Annick is a Belgian-American musician born and raised in West Virginia. While she grew up playing classical violin, Annick is now a professional performer-composer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist with a strong interest in learning about the fiddle traditions of her home state.

Born in Beckley of Raleigh County where he still resides, Xavier Oglesby will lead an apprenticeship in soul food cooking with his niece Brooklynn Oglesby, also of Beckley. Xavier is a professional caterer and credits his knowledge of recipes and love of cooking to four generations of family members including his mother, father, and grandmothers. In the Black community, food traditions are often celebrated at church dinners and picnics. Xavier and Brooklynn are excited to work together so that this cooking tradition will remain in their family and in their community. In 2018, Xavier participated in the West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program as an apprentice to Doris Fields (aka Lady D) of Beckley to learn and carry on the tradition of blues and Black gospel music.

The West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program is admin-

istered by the West Virginia Folklife Program at the West Virginia Humanities Council in Charleston and is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. West Virginia Folklife is dedicated to the documentation, preservation, presentation, and support of West Virginia's vibrant cultural heritage and living traditions. For more information on the West Virginia Folklife Program, visit wvfolklife.org and http://wvhumanities.org/programs/west-virginia-folklife-

program/ or contact Jennie Williams at williams@wvhumanities.org or (304)346-8500.

The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit institution, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. With the support of the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and contributions from the private sector, the Council's mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.

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## Eastern awards first CDL scholarship; applications open for spring

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – The Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training program at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College has recognized its first scholarship winner, Steven Beard of Mineral County.

Beard is part of the current class of trainees in the CDL program, which has nine students enrolled. Another eight students completed CDL training earlier in the fall.

The Workforce CDL Scholarship is managed by the college's Foundation and was created by donors Stephen Roberts and Lisa Polisar through a one-time gift. Roberts and Polisar recognized the economic need for trained drivers, and they support workforce training programs like Eastern's CDL program to help close those gaps.

There are enough funds in the scholarship program to cover costs for another student taking CDL training at Eastern in the spring, so the scholarship application has been re-opened for interested applicants. Information about the Workforce CDL Scholarship and its application can be found at [cial-aid/scholarships, and the application deadline is Feb. 27, 2023.](https://easternwv.edu/finan-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

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# Tucker County Lady Mt. Lions set for another successful season

By Chris George  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – As the temperatures continue to drop outside, the sounds of basketballs bouncing off the hardwood floors across the state of West Virginia can be heard inside. The 2022-23 Tucker County Lady Mountain Lions are currently getting their pre-season work in before they start on what many think could be a very special season.

Head Coach Dave Helmick returns for his sixth year as the Girls' Head Coach. He has a very experienced team back that is poised to try to make yet another trip to Charleston

this season. Only one senior, Jayden Kuhn, was lost to graduation a season ago. While Kuhn will be missed, the other four starters are back with plenty of talent and experience to make another run. Returning is 1st team All-State, Wheeling University commit, senior Kadie Colebank. Junior point guard Macy Helmick returns for her third varsity season. Junior guard Brylee Wetzel and Junior guard Avery Colebank return with varsity experience while Senior forward Jacey Davis and Junior forward Ericka Zirk will be pushing to start for the Lady Mt. Lions. Others that will also see varsity action



2022-2023 TCHS Girls' Basketball Team: Front row(L-R), Jacey Davis, Mayah Gross, Reagan Herron, Katie Hicks, Jayden Moore, Macy Helmick, Brylee Wetzel, Hannah Cussins, Olivia Williams. Back Row(L-R), Addie Hicks, Addi Moats, Maddy Helmick, Makenna Evans, Kadie Colebank, Avery Colebank, Emily Snyder, Raven Matthews. Not pictured Ericka Zirk, Kelslynn Whitehair, Kristen Ritchey, Rylee White. Photo by Dave Helmick.

will be Juniors Addie and Katie Hicks, Junior Jayden Moore and Junior Hannah Cussins. There are 21 total players out for this year's Tucker County team as the JV team will be made up of 11 players, which consists of 5 sophomores and 6 freshmen.

Coach Helmick says, "This group of girls played well this summer during our 3 week period as we traveled to Liberty University team camp and competed and beat some great teams at the 3 day camp." "Practice has gone well, this group has picked up where we left off this

summer with good energy and great attitudes." "These girls are focused and are ready for another season and want to build on last year's great season and try to get to Charleston again and win some games." "This is the most experience I have had back since my 2018 team which finished the season in the final four with a 24-2 record."

include, Gilmer County home and away, Notre Dame home and away and road games at Elkins and Union, which made the Class A State Tournament a year ago. Tucker will also host a very good Class AA Philip Barbour Lady Colts team on January 24th. Finally, the Lady Lions will host their first holiday tournament in several years as they will welcome the teams of Union, Frankfort and James Monroe on the 28th and 29th of December.

You can catch all the Tucker County Lady Mountain Lions home games on the Tucker County High School Gym YouTube live page, which is a part of TuckerCountySports.Com.

## AREA SCHEDULE:

**Thursday December 1st**

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

**Monday December 5th**

- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball @ Tygarts Valley 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs Harman @ Home 6pm

**Tuesday December 6th**

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ Pendleton County 6:15pm

**Wednesday December 7th**

- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball @ Central Preston 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Aurora 6pm

**Thursday December 8th**

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ East Hardy 6pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball vs Belington @ Home 6pm

**Friday December 9th**

- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Tygarts Valley 5pm

**Saturday December 10th**

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs Notre Dame @ Home 1pm

**Thursday December 15th**

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs East Hardy @ Home 5:45pm

## James Monroe and Williamstown advance to championship

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

James Monroe and Williamstown will play for the Class "A" Football Championship on Saturday December 3rd in Wheeling. #1 James Monroe

beat #5 Wheeling Central 27-7 to secure the spot in the championship. #2 Williamstown defeated #11 Doddridge County by the score of 53-21 to punch their ticket to the championship game.

## It's the Peak Time of Year for Deer Collisions

The average AAA Insurance vehicle damage claim for a deer incident is about \$5,000

Cooler weather and shorter days mean more deer are now gracing West

Virginia's roadways. The number of deer-vehicle collisions increases in October and peaks in November and December. To reduce inconvenience, costs, and potential danger, AAA East Central cautions motorists to be especially vigilant on the road in animal-prone areas.

"More collisions between vehicles and deer occur now than any other time of the year," says Jonathon King, vice president of Insurance sales, AAA East Central. "One of our top claims as winter approaches is for vehicles that have been totaled from hitting animals, and the costs can be staggering."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there are about 1 million car accidents with deer each year that kill 200 Americans, cause more than 10,000 personal injuries, and result in \$1 billion in vehicle damage. Additionally, the most dangerous times for collisions are dusk and dawn when deer are most active. Because of reduced visibility, these are the times when it is tougher for motorists to spot the animals.

AAA's Recommendation: Check Your Coverage.

AAA Insurance reports that it's average deer-related claim in the region is about \$5,000, though costs can be much higher depending on the damage to a vehicle.

Collision coverage pays for damage to a vehicle that results from a collision with

an object (e.g., a telephone pole, a guard rail, a mailbox), or because of flipping over. AAA East Central recommends motorists opt-in for comprehensive coverage, which is for damage to vehicles covered by disasters "other than collisions" (in this case, contact with animals).

"While adding comprehensive coverage may add a small amount to your premium, it could save you money down the road," continued King.

To help prevent a crash or to reduce damage from an animal collision, AAA suggests motorists:

- Pay attention to road signs. Yellow, diamond-shaped signs with an image of a deer indicate areas with high levels of deer activity.
- Keep focused on the road. Ditching distractions is one of the easiest ways to be ready if a deer comes out of nowhere.
- Be especially attentive in early morning and evening hours. Many animals, especially deer, are most active from 5-8 a.m. and 5-8 p.m., prime commuting times for many.
- Use high beams when there's no oncoming traffic. Animals can be spotted sooner and the light reflecting off their eyes will often reveal their location.
- Slow down and watch for other deer to appear. Deer rarely travel alone, so if there is one, more are

likely nearby.

- Resist the urge to swerve. Keep both hands firmly on the wheel and don't change lanes. Swerving away from animals can confuse them so they don't know which way to run. It can also put motorists in the path of oncoming vehicles or cause the vehicle to crash into something.
- If the crash is imminent take your foot off the brake. During hard braking, the front end of a vehicle is pulled downward which can cause the animal to travel up over the hood towards the windshield. Letting off the brake can protect motorists from windshield strikes because the animal is more likely to be pushed to one side of the vehicle or over the top of the vehicle.
- In the event of a deer strike, AAA recommends:
- Call the police.
- Avoid making contact with the animal. A frightened or wounded animal can hurt people or further injure itself.
- Put the vehicle's hazard lights on, whether it's light or dark outside.
- If possible, immediately move the vehicle to a safe location, out of the roadway, and wait for help to arrive.
- Motorists should contact their insurance agent or company representative as quickly as possible to report any damage.

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In the Hills of West Virginia

Part IV

Jess in the meantime rode straight into the barn door, got down and yelled, “Is there anybody home in here?” The next thing he saw was the front end of a long rifle coming out of the barn door. A child-like voice called out, “Yes, and you best be laying down your guns mister!”

The next morning Sheriff Hedrick brought a tray of food to James. “Breakfast is here. Thought you’d want to wash-up so here’s a pan, water, towel and an extra blanket the little woman sent over. I have something to ask, if you’ll work while you are here, I will see to it you can be guarded, if you’ll cut wood for our local widow, Mrs. Spiker, it will get you out, make your time go faster and help her too. What do you think James?”

“Sheriff, that sounds real fair,” James replied. “You see, winter is coming and most of the men about’s have helped as they could. They need to work and provide for their own families and homes. Mrs. Spiker is a nice woman she sews for folks, cuts their hair and rarely charges much. She has the most well behaved young’ins about, well-mannered and good to obey her and everyone. All except Jake, Jacob, I sometimes wonder...he is a rounder. If there is something going on, Jakie is at the center of it and you can be sure, she will be pulling his ear. Mrs. Spiker can surely make the best sugar cookies in the hills of West Virginia, and her pies are just as good.”

“Sounds like I can hardly hope to try those cookies since my Great Aunt’s up in Randolph County can also bake the best sugar cookies in the Allegheny’s” replied James. “You’ve got the build and muscles sure you can chop wood and stack it in the wood shed and behave yourself like a gentleman?” Sure replied James.

Jess looked straight into the barrel of the long rifle and wondered what he had gotten himself into. If dad were here he’d kick me, he thought. “Just wanting some grub, a place to bed down and some grain for the roan, maybe some breakfast in the morning, and I can pay. I’m just going to my Great Aunt’s home in Randolph County for a visit. Can we do this? Name’s Jess Yokum,

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2nd publication 11/30/22	Parsons, WV 26287
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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

cattle man and business man. I have a pretty famous brother over in Martinsville, who’s a lawyer, James Yokum. If you don’t want me about, I’ll leave, how’s about it?”

Just then six women walked out of the log cabin and another small girl from the barn holding the long rifle. “How can we trust you?” chimed one woman who was standing on the porch in front of all the other women. “I’ll leave mam, I sure do understand seeing you are all women” Jess chimed in. “What do you think, will we help him or not?” the girl with the rifle said. “Mr. Yokum, we are tough and we have all learned to be smart through our walk. If you hang your guns on the post by the porch and give us a hand for just two days, you can get fed and leave with food and good health, is it a deal? You can eat and sleep in the barn” said the lead woman. “I’ll abide and I thank ya very much,” Jess replied.

So for five days Jess broke two horses, fixed bridles, saddles and somewhat cut 20 old dead trees that lay behind the cabin. He patched the barn roof with the help of four of the women and was asked to cut up some of the wood for the shed by the cabin. They were in need of fresh meat so he and two of the women who could ride well, went hunting. By this time they had entrusted him with his guns and this pleased him. The only thing he wanted was to get going and to leave them all happy.

Right off they spotted Elk in the ravine about a mile from the cabin. The three got off the horses and he told the women to be still. Soon they had bagged two large ones. All three set to gutting and packin’ the meat on the horses. It was not long before they were back at the barn where they hung the meat in a shed that ran back into the hillside. It was cold enough to store the meat for days until they could care for it.

The walk back had made all three worn,

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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).

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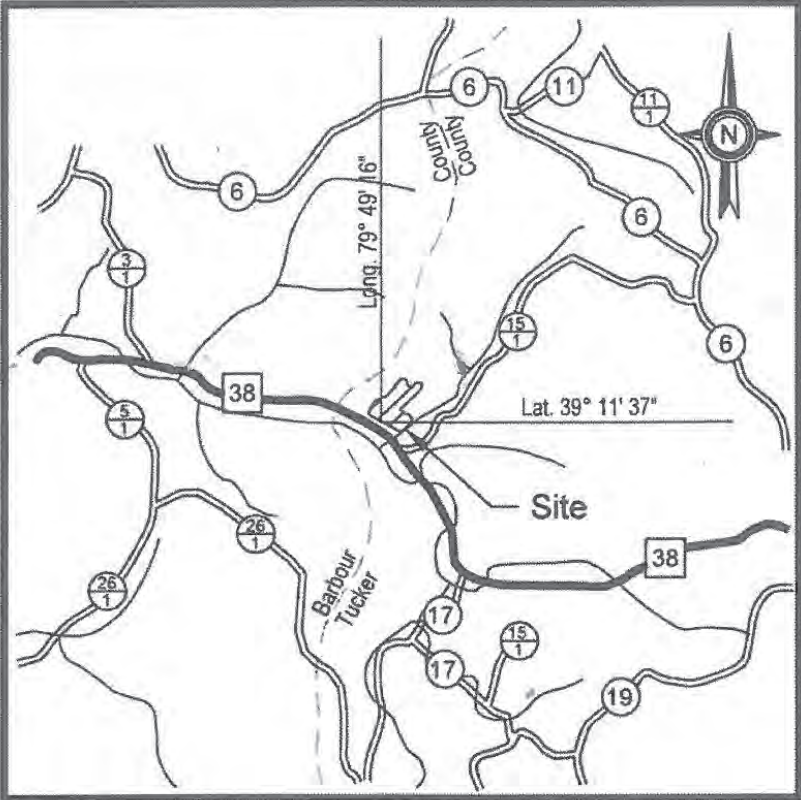
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Comments on the application shall be in writing and shall identify the applicant and application number and be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above. Comments received by December 24, 2022, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication, will be considered.

A copy of the application will be available until December 24, 2022, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:  
http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/\_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm  
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but it was time for breakfast and Jess was invited in to take breakfast with all six of the women and the girl for the first time. The girl bragged at breakfast that she could have shot elk that she had been shooting since she was six years old. They’d just left her in bed and she wanted to do the shootin’ next time. Everyone said she was too young to shoot. “I’m not too young,” she said.

Jess piped up and said, “Well, after breakfast, we’ll shoot and practice to see just how good you are. If you pass my teachin’ you can be the hunter of this family, that suit you Girlie?” Embarrassed, she hung her head with a nod. Jess had a very good breakfast and it was time to see what Girlie could do. “Girlie, show me that long gun and where did you get it?” he chimed.

“My Pa sent me to kill a buck deer that was near our home, we lived in Clay. It was getting’ our apples and Pa said we’d get him. So off I went all by myself and I was only six or seven. It was almost dark and I plugged him and was busy gutting and hanging him in the apple tree. That was when I heard a gun-shot down in the valley.

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Jess was riding along the pond where he and James fished and played as youngsters. Randolph County had changed some but the place looked real good to him. He had been weeks on the trail and he looked it. His roan was ready for some rest too. He looked towards Great Aunt Zina’s and he could see Great Aunt Eliza waving at him. What! I cannot believe my eyes, my brother James was standing on the porch with a smile on his face, waving that big hand of his at me.

The End...for now.

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Doris E. Myers	Mark L. Myers
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2nd publication 12/7/22	Clarksburg, WV 26301

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# Mills Group Establishes Elkins Location

MORGANTOWN – On Friday, December 2 at Noon, the Elkins-Randolph County Chamber is hosting a ribbon cutting to celebrate Mills Group’s grand opening of their new office located at 102 Third Street in Elkins, WV. Enjoy light refreshments and a tour of the new office space. The downtown location is a reflection of the firm’s commitment to their community and to the adaptive re-use of existing buildings.

Over the years, Mills Group has collaborated on many different projects in Elkins and surrounding areas. Opening a new location in downtown Elkins will allow the firm to better serve its existing clients and create relationships with new ones. Currently, Mills Group’s team of experts are providing profes-

sional architectural services for the Historic Tygart Hotel, Elkins-Randolph County Public Library, Davis & Elkins College Residence Hall, and Citizens Bank in Buckhannon.

### About Mills Group

For more than 15 years, the architects, designers, planners, and historians of the Mills Group have collaborated with their clients to improve communities through the latest design techniques while preserving the rich architectural character of the past. This blend of modern technology and storytelling makes for timeless, inspired design. Mills Group maintains offices and design teams in Morgantown, Wheeling, Shepherdstown, and Elkins.

# Lipscomb selected as Christmas Parade Grand Marshal

Parsons, West Virginia - Mayor Dorothy Judy announced that the Grand Marshal for the 2022 Christmas Parade will be Rebecca “Lynn” Lipscomb.

It is no surprise that Lipscomb’s favorite holiday is Christmas. She starts decorating the outside and inside of her home for Christmas in late October. She has hosted many house tours and has won numerous decorating contests. Her home is definitely a must see at Christmas time. Lipscomb has also been very active with the Parsons Christmas parades for the past several decades. She has served in different roles, but most notable is carrying the main banner down the city streets of Parsons officially kicking off the Christmas festivities.

“This position of Grand Marshal is traditionally reserved for individuals that have made a major impact in our community,” stated Mayor Judy. “This is why I felt it only fitting to honor Lynn Lipscomb during this year’s parade.”

The Frosty Christmas

Parade, will be on Saturday evening, December 10 at 6 p.m. on Pennsylvania Avenue near Parsons Shop ‘N Save. We encourage everyone to come out early to enjoy the festivities at the Tucker County Courthouse Plaza. Activities start at 4 p.m. which include the Community Choir, free hay wagon rides, free hot chocolate and cookies, free s’mores over an open fire, and much more. The Craft Show runs from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department. Following the parade, awards will be presented at the Tucker County Courthouse Plaza and Santa Claus will be at the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department to meet and greet everyone. We hope you will join this wonderful family event to celebrate the holiday season.

For additional information, please contact the Parsons Business Office at (304) 478-2311.



# Morrissey Fights to Keep Title 42 in Place

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey asked the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to permit a group of states led by Arizona and Louisiana to intervene in *Huisha-Huisha v. Mayorkas*, a case in which a judge terminated the Title 42 policy. This policy is one of the last remaining tools at the southern border.

“We will keep fighting the Biden administration’s utter disregard for protecting our southern border,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “Biden’s open border policy is a danger to our homeland, and we will do everything within the boundaries of the law to set this administration straight.”


Title 42 allows border officials to turn away migrants because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The policy has been in effect since March 2020 to turn away thousands of migrants to try and keep communicable diseases, like COVID-19, out of the country.

Without the Attorney General’s intervention, Title 42 will cease to exist on Dec. 21, dramatically worsening the border crisis right before Christmas. As the states’ motion explains, termination of Title 42 will exacerbate “the costs imposed on the States. Allowing intervention will ensure those interests are represented.”

Joining Attorney General Morrissey are the attorneys general of Arizona, Louisiana, Alabama, Alaska, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Wyoming.

Read a copy of the motion to intervene at: <http://bit.ly/3U1PcAi>.

This Week’s Submitted Photos



This week’s photo is the fireplace at Blackwater Falls State Park, Harold S. Walters Nature Center. Submitted by Beverly Ellison

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