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Homemade Eats at AdaMae's Country Kitchen



New owners of AdaMae's Country Kitchen, Kevin and Diane Mullenex, with daughters Ada and Maddie "Mae"

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Diane and Kevin Mullenex, a husband-and-wife team, have begun a new adventure in the restaurant business. Both are lifelong residents of Tucker County. The new restaurant, *AdaMae's Country Kitchen*, is named after their two daughters, Ada and Maddie "Mae". This is the family's first adventure together and they look forward to serving the residents of Tucker County and visiting tourists.

When asked who their biggest supporters were D. Mullenex said, "Our family, friends, and the community. We have been here our whole lives, so the community is kind of a family. This is home and we want to bring as much as we can to this commu-

nity with as much variety as possible and things to do. We want to bring in tourism so when people come through Parsons they have variety and places to go. We want people to be able to walk up and down the streets and have experiences."

Eat-in is always a choice but curbside delivery is an option as well. D. Mullenex has hopes of continuing to expand the business by adding some additions. She said, "I would like to see us branching out with outdoor service, live music and gathering place where people can come and relax. I really want the kids and the people to just be out and walking these streets. When I grew up here that is how it was and that was not that long ago.

I see a lot of the tourists coming and going walking the streets.



Inside look of the AdaMae's Country Kitchen eat in dining area.

They are checking out the buildings, the architecture, but once they go in B.F. Long's they are

done. There is nowhere else to go. So, they can come in here for a cup of coffee. They can come

in here for dinner or they can go around the corner to the bakery

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Christmas in the Mountains has "wonderful turnout"



The Grinch could be found lurking around Christmas in the Mountains this year.

Representatives for the Town of Davis said "It was a wonderful turnout, especially for the first year. The weather cleared off for the parade and tree lighting." Tina & Robbie Hull donated the Towns Christmas

Tree this year, and their daughter Lindsey Hull led the Christmas Carols and tree lighting ceremony. Parade winners were Best Appearing Float- Sunrise Sanitation; Best Appearing Group- Timberline Jr. Race Ski

Team; Best Appearing Vehicle- CVFD First Response (3-6); Best Appearing Emergency Vehicle- Thomas VFD-Dodge Ram; Judges's Choice- Parsons McDonalds. More photos of the festivities can be seen on 6A.

TC Ambulance Authority Recognizes Commissioner Moore

By: Jennifer Britt
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The Ambulance Authority President, Dennis Filler on the behalf of the authority as a whole presented Commissioner Lowell Moore with a certificate of appreciation for his work and dedication for the past 12 years. Filler said to Moore, "This certificate is presented for your tireless dedication and steadfast support to the citizens of Tucker County as the champion for the improvement of EMS service delivery throughout the county during his 12 years as County Commissioner. Thank you for all you have done." Moore responded by saying, "It has been my pleasure and if I had to do it over I would have done it again. I am still going to work with the authority and give it my best. Thank you all."

After recognizing Moore, the board presented updates. During his report to the authority board mem-

See MOORE page 4A



Tucker County Commissioner, Lowell Moore, with his certificate of appreciation presented to him by the Tucker County Ambulance Authority Board.

Blackwater Ministerial Food Pantry searches for a new location, seeks donations



Cars wait in line at the Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry. Starting Jan. 1, the food pantry will be located at St. John's Lutheran Church (The Big Green Church), the corner of 3rd Street and Blackwater Avenue in Davis.

The high demand for food assistance in the Davis, Thomas, and Canaan Valley areas is even more challenging for Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry volunteers this winter as the group prepares to move to a temporary location.

Starting Jan. 1, the food pantry will relocate to St. John's Lutheran Church (The Big Green Church), the corner of 3rd Street and Blackwater Avenue in Davis. The group will begin moving the non-perishable and perishable

food, supplies, and equipment after its regular Wednesday, Dec. 7, food distribution.

Veronica Staron, director of the Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry, said the new space is smaller than desired. Still, it will allow the organization to continue its mission of providing food assistance to individuals and families in the area.

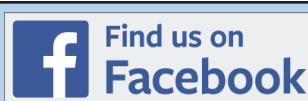
"It is a blessing for the food pantry to be back at St. John's Lutheran Church, even on a temporary basis," Staron said. See FOOD PANTRY page 4A



Veronica Staron, director of the Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry, and volunteer Diane Rader unpack peanut butter in preparation for distribution.



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News of Record

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

- **Carmela Kay Knight** was charged with one count fraudulently obtained food or lodging. The complaint states that on Nov. 22 the Tucker County Magistrate requested to speak with Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's office. The magistrate informed Summerfield that he had received a complaint about an individual at the Alpine Lodge in Davis. The Manager at the Alpine Lodge stated that a female subject, namely Carmela Knight, had been staying there and was behind on payment. Summerfield responded to The Alpine Lodge and spoke with a male subject, namely Greg Downing, who stated that he is part of the Management Team at The Alpine Lodge. The officer obtained a handwritten and signed statement from Downing which stated that the defendant checked into the lodge on Oct. 18. She was paying for a few nights at a time and had gotten behind on the balance. Downing stated they were trying to be accommodating because she had no vehicle or anyplace to go. He stated she is behind on payment in the amount of \$1,031.69. The officer also obtained documentation from The Alpine Lodge showing her current balance, along with her making a payment of \$187.58 on Nov. 21.

- **Heidi Ann Flynn** was charged with one count of Battery. According to the complaint, on Thursday, Nov. 10 at approximately 10:12 p.m. Tucker County 911 dispatched Law Enforcement to a fight in progress located at the Tucker County Football Field near 100 Education Lane.

PFC N.C. Gigley of the Parsons Police Department was the first officer to arrive on scene and observed a large group of people in the Curve of the road at the top of the hill. The fight appeared to have broken up at the time individuals were dispersing. Trooper C.A. Hawkins of the WVSP and Deputy D.M. Gidley of the TCSO also responded to the call and arrived shortly after.

Through multiple witness accounts, it was stated that a physical altercation occurred between a Tucker County football player, an East Hardy football player and the

East Hardy football player's mother in which she had The Tucker County football player on the ground in a choke hold from behind while her son struck him multiple times.

Joseph Strosnider, and East Hardy Middle School coach, in summary, stated that he and his daughter were exiting the parking lot of the football field and observed a group of people in a verbal argument. He stated the East Hardy player struck the Tucker County player starting the physical altercation. At this time Strosnider exited his vehicle and pulled the East Hardy player away from the altercation. He stated that the mother had the Tucker County player in a choke hold. He said that other individuals ran over and the altercation broke up.

The Tucker County player stated that upon hearing his sister yelling, he observed his mother and sister in what appeared to be a verbal confrontation with a female individual. He stated he attempted to move his sister and mother away from the female while trying to calm them down. That is when the East Hardy player struck him in the face with an unopened can of Coke. He then states that he began to fight back against the male, when the mother jumped on his back and placed him in a headlock.

He states that while she had him in a headlock and was choking him, they went to the ground while he still had a hold on the other player and the physical altercation continued. He states that is when someone pulled the male off him and the mother continued to keep him in a headlock. He described the situation as her having him around the neck area with both arms, her forearms against his throat and neck area. He states that the individuals that pulled the male off of him were East Hardy affiliated individuals. He states that he then left the area in order to compose himself before Law Enforcement arrived in order to speak to them.

Neil Kisamore II stated that around 10:08 p.m. he witnessed a female wearing a green East Hardy hooded jacket and a younger female exiting the field area and yelling at a younger female that was Tucker County Affiliated. He states the he observed a family walking behind the group saying something in the effect of

“Stop”. He said he did not see the initial physical altercation however, when he heard yelling, he went running over to help. He states that he then observed the same female as mentioned above pull down a Tucker County player in a choke hold around his neck. He said that both individuals went to the ground. He states that while she choked the player, a young boy punched him twice before he could get over to them to separate the parties. He then stated that he grabbed the Tucker County player and took him away from the situation.

- All individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Larry D. Swann and Amy L. Swann, Dry Fork, Lot 37 at Aspen Village to Samuel Strulson and Emily Strulson, \$494,000.
- Charles James Appleton IV, Davis District, 1.647 acres to Canyon Properties LLC, \$90,000.
- CEProperties LLC, Parsons, 1 Parcel Jameson Ave. to Canyon Properties LLC, \$0.
- Jane Otto, Dean Richie and Robin Richie, Clover, 35 acres mineral rights to Workman Land & Livestock LLC, \$1,000.
- Karen Sturms, Clover, 0.99 acres to Eugene Sturms and Suzanne Sturms, \$1,000.
- Daniel Hill, Brian Hill and Matthew Enders, Davis, Part of Lot 437 and Part of Lot 262 to Keith Collins, \$288,600.
- Terri Nida/Executrix of The Nellie Ruth Auvil Estate, Clover, 0.41 acres minerals to Ronald L. Waybright, \$300.
- Donald L. Knotts, Black Fork, Partial Take to WVDOT Division of Highways, \$64,900.

Clarification – In the Nov. 23 issue of The Parsons Advocate, under News of Record, it should have stated: Northpoint Property Owners Association c/o R. Chenoweth filed a civil suit for the amount of \$2,575.14 on November 14, 2022, vs. Care Family Rev Living Trust c/o C. Steckley. The case is still ongoing. \$95 court cost.

Morrisey Calls on UPS, FedEx to Clarify Gun Purchase Tracking Policies

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey and 17 other state attorneys general are asking major shipping companies to clarify new policies that allow them to track firearm sales with unprecedented specificity and bypass warrant requirements to share that information with federal agencies.

Reports indicate that UPS and FedEx are now burdening those who hold Federal Firearms Licenses by requiring them to ship separately and track firearms, firearms parts and firearm products so gun purchases can be tracked and retain documents about what specific items those shipments contain and make that information available to the companies upon request.

“These demands, in tandem, allow [UPS/FedEx] to create a database of American gun purchasers and determine exactly

what items they purchased... In doing so you, perhaps inadvertently, give federal agencies a workaround to normal warrant requirements. This allows [UPS/FedEx] to provide information at will or upon request to federal agencies—information detailing which Americans are buying what guns,” Attorney General Morrisey joined in writing. “Additionally, we recommend that you consider taking actions to limit potential liability moving forward, including the immediate cessation of any existing warrantless information sharing with federal agencies about gun shipments.”

In addition to requesting updated FFL-related shipping policies from the two companies, Attorney General Morrisey asked them to clarify the following:

- Did UPS/FedEx enact these policies with the goal of information sharing

with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) or any other federal agency?

- Did UPS/FedEx enact these policies at the request of officials in ATF, a different federal agency, or on its own initiative?

- If UPS/FedEx implemented these policies at the request of a federal agency, please identify that agency, the officials who made that request, the nature of that communication, and any legal authorization cited by those officials.

- If UPS/FedEx changed its policies on its own initiative, please explain why it made those changes.

- Did UPS/FedEx communicate or coordinate with each other in making

these changes?

- Did ATF or other federal agency employees help draft the updated shipping agreements?

Attorney General Morrisey joined in the Montana-led letters with his counterparts from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

Read copies of the letters at: <http://bit.ly/3GUvRhP>.

PSC Issues Interim Rates for Mountaineer and Hope Gas

CHARLESTON, WV – The Public Service Commission today granted much lower interim purchased gas cost (PGC) rates for Mountaineer Gas Company and Hope Gas

Company and Hope Gas dba Dominion Energy West Virginia than the companies had requested. Mountaineer Gas had originally requested a PGC of \$9.85 per Mcf for residential customers. Under the requested rate, the average residential customer using 13 Mcf per month would have received a \$197.93 winter monthly bill, an overall increase of 38%, as opposed to the current \$143.59 monthly bill that customer is now getting. The Commission granted a PGC of \$6.547 per Mcf which will result in an average monthly resi-

dential bill of \$165.59, an overall increase of 15%.

Hope Gas had originally requested a PGC of \$9.87 per Mcf for residential customers. Under the requested rate, the average residential customer using 13 Mcf per month would have received a \$219.50 winter monthly bill, an overall increase of 62%, as opposed to the current \$135.51 monthly bill that customer is now getting. The Commission granted a PGC of \$5.856 per Mcf which will result in an average monthly residential bill of \$173.89, an overall increase of 28%.

The rates ordered today are interim rates. The Commission will continue to review the price of natural gas and the impact of these interim rates and

make further adjustments, if necessary, before setting final rates. These rates will be subject to a true-up in future 30C cases. Natural gas utilities are required to file PGC cases annually to reflect changes in the purchased gas component of their rates. The prices that natural gas utilities pay their suppliers for gas are not regulated by the Commission or the federal government, but are determined by the market. The Commission does examine the gas purchasing practices of gas utilities, reviews the reasonableness of requested increases and ensures the utility did everything possible to

obtain a reliable gas supply at the lowest possible market price. The PGC does not include any profit for the company.

Mountaineer and Hope/Dominion are the two largest natural gas utility companies in West Virginia, collectively serving almost 89% of all natural gas utility customers in the state. Additional information, including documents filed in these cases and the rate schedules for all classes of customers may be found on the Commission's website: www.psc.state.wv.us by referencing Case Nos. 22-0702-G-30C (Mountaineer) and 22-0715-G-30C (Hope/Dominion)

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\$18.7 million to strengthen public health infrastructure across West Virginia

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$18,732,882 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). The funding was made possible in part by the American Rescue Plan and will help West Virginia strengthen its critical public health infrastructure by supporting the recruitment, retention and training of the public health workforce, improving organizational systems and advancing public health data modernization efforts.

“Our healthcare providers continue to go above and beyond to care for their fellow West Virginians, and I’m pleased the CDC is investing more than \$18.7 million to strengthen the public health infrastructure and workforce across our state,” said Senator Manchin. “The funding announced today will help expand the existing public health workforce, advance efforts to modernize the

use of public health data, improve organizational systems and prepare for future health risks to our state. I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this investment and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for funding to bolster public health infrastructure across the Mountain State.”

The CDC’s Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems grant program provides funding to public health departments and national partners to help ensure every community has the workforce capacity, services and systems needed to promote and protect public health. The three pillars of the program include recruiting, retaining and supporting the public health workforce, strengthening foundational and organizational systems and deploying scalable and sustainable data technologies. The initiatives will help accelerate efforts to prevent and respond to emerging health threats, as well as expand access to important health services for West Virginia communities.

Montgomery joins Eastern to coordinate college’s marketing

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Trent Montgomery, a resident of Rawlings, Md., has joined the staff at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College to facilitate communications and marketing for the community college.

Montgomery holds an associate degree in art from Allegany College of Maryland, and then completed a bachelor of fine arts degree at Frostburg State University, with a study focus in graphic design and illustration. He also minored in marketing.

Before joining Eastern, Montgomery worked as a graphic designer for The Final Touch Embroidery & Screenprinting in Cumberland, Md.

In his free time, Montgomery said he enjoys



time with his dog, Onyx. He also likes to write and create retro-futuristic illustrations. In addition, he pursues design and illustration freelance work.

“I appreciate how supportive, kind, and accepting everyone has been since my hiring,” Montgomery said of his colleagues at Eastern.

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a match book cover from Jasper’s Davis Inn. I am sure most everyone will remember Ladd Jasper. He boasted a Family Restaurant, Lounge, and Motel along Route 32 in Davis. I can remember eating many meals at the restaurant with family. It was a thriving restaurant, and you would know most everyone there from staff to diners. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share, contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

DHHR Announces Major Rate Increase for WV Ambulance Services

CHARLESTON, W.Va.

– The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Medical Services announced a 10% increase in ambulance ground transportation rates which will provide more than 200 West Virginia ambulance providers with \$11.8 million in additional reimbursements per fiscal year.

“We have so much gratitude for West Virginia’s ambulance and emergency medical services workers, especially during the last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting stress on the state’s health care system,” said Bill J. Crouch, DHHR Cabinet Secretary.

“Together with Gov. Justice, we requested this increase because these funds are critical to our local ambulance services, many of which operate in rural areas where access to healthcare is limited. I am proud to make this



announcement today because I know how much it will mean for all our EMS workers, and all the West Virginians who rely on them to respond when they’re needed most.”

Effective now and retroactively beginning July

1, 2022, West Virginia’s ambulance rate will now be paid at the same rate as Medicare. This is the maximum rate that Medicaid is allowed to pay by statute. Reimbursement is the same for both governmental and private providers.

DHHR’s Bureau for Medical Services submitted the State Plan Amendment on September 8, 2022, and the amendment was approved by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on November 9, 2022.

Applications open for Shepherd University’s July 2023 Appalachian teacher institute

SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV—Teachers and librarians across West Virginia are encouraged to apply for Shepherd University’s “Voices from the Misty Mountains West Virginia Teacher Institute,” which will run July 10-21, 2023.

The Institute was created by the Center for Appalachian Studies and Communities and will be offered both in-person and virtually to 20 teachers and librarians from across the state who work with kindergarten through 12th-grade students.

“The Institute is designed as interdisciplinary across all grade levels and teaching subjects. All teachers, librarians, and instructors of public-school students are welcome to apply,” said Dr. Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt, Institute director. “The Institute will feature visits to historic sites in the Eastern Panhandle and enrich-

ing intellectual experiences gaged to enhance pedagogy and teaching outcomes of every subject.”

The Institute aims to give teachers the instructional tools, resources, professional development, and knowledge to carry West Virginia’s rich cultural history and story to children of all ages across the state. Each participant will receive a \$1,000 stipend to cover Institute expenses, individual professional development, and classroom resources and materials.

Affrilachian poet and former Kentucky poet laureate Frank X Walker will serve as the Institute’s literary artist-in-residence. Other instructors will include Adam Booth, award-winning Appalachian storyteller; Dr. James Broomall, director of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the

Civil War; Dr. Benjamin Bankhurst, West Virginia historian; Rachael Meads, cultural scholar and musicologist; and Shurbutt, director, Shepherd’s Center for Appalachian Studies and Communities and 2006 West Virginia Professor of the Year.

“Scholars and artists have been selected to inspire participants to ‘revision’ their curricula, dispel stereotypes about the region, and bring to their students a new understanding of their cultural

roots and a positive self-image,” Shurbutt said.

The Institute, which is supported by the West Virginia Humanities Council through a \$16,206 grant to the Shepherd University Foundation, offers graduate credit as well as certificates of completion.

To apply, teachers and librarians can visit the Institute website at <https://www.shepherd.edu/apst-teacher-institute> or contact Shurbutt at sshurbut@shepherd.edu.

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COMMENT PERIOD FOR CORRIDOR H ENDS DECEMBER 12

The West Virginia Division of Highways (DOH) is accepting public comments regarding the Parsons to Davis section of Corridor H until Monday, December 12, 2022.

Those wishing to file written comments may send them to: Travis Long, Director Technical Support Division, West Virginia Division of Highways, 1334 Smith Street, Charleston, WV 25301. An online submission form also is available at <https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/engineering/comment/CorridorHParsonsToDavis/Pages/default.aspx>.

Some areas of concern with the DOH proposed route near Davis and Thomas, as expressed by a group of local residents, business owners, and organizations include dividing the towns of Davis and Thomas, degrading the Blackwater Industrial Complex and proposed trail system, increased acid mine drainage, degrading the viewshed from Blackwater Falls State Park, and undermining the unique ecology of the Blackwater Canyon.

Those who are undecided about the highway route can visit <https://www.wvhighlands.org/highways/> and <https://www.saveblackwater.org/corridor-h>, in addition to the DOH website, for more information.

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AdaMae's Cont. From Front

or to *Piccolo Paula's*. It is getting to the point there is something to do. It is starting to grow.”

AdaMae's Country Kitchen specializing in homemade pastas, soups and smoked barbeque. The specialty pastas on the menu include chicken alfredo, spaghetti and meatballs, and garlic chicken pasta. Homemade soups include sausage potato soup and southwest chili. The barbeque and other items are offered as nightly specials on specific nights. Salads, sandwiches, dips, and desserts are also available on the menu for purchase.

The married couple has plans to modify their

kitchen as business progresses in order to add more items to the menu.

The Mullenex couple wished to thank former owners of *The Burrito Cantina*, Jake and Brandi Kopec, by saying, “I want to thank Jake and Brandi Kopec for helping us reach our dreams.”

The restaurant will be open on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday’s from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The full menu and daily specials can be found on the *AdaMae's Country Kitchen's* Facebook page. The restaurant can be reached for questions or call-out orders at 681-399-9046 and is located at 337 First Street, Parsons.

Attention – Church Meeting

Leadmine United Methodist Church is holding a vote to determine the future of the Leadmine United Methodist Church. Members and professing members are cordially invited to attend. Meeting will take place on December 29, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Leadmine United Methodist Church.

Moore

bers Filler said, “I have been trying to collect resources to help with our work on getting policies and those kinds of things like bylaws. I know the subcommittees have been working on it, but I have been spending some time with Randolph County EMS. I spent about a day in a half looking at their operations and having a discussion with their director. Yesterday I went to their ambulance authority board meeting. Some things are going to come up and there is potential changes forthcoming in the new calendar year with a mutual aid agreement.”

Filler explained he received a drafted copy of the agreement where Randolph County is potentially going to be charging a \$200 or \$250 intercept fee. Randolph County does not currently charge for taking EMS calls for Tucker County. Filler explained further by saying, “There is no fee right now for mutual aid but, they (Randolph County EMS) have had discussion with the West Virginia Office of Emergency Services (WVOES) and their ability to impose a fee. Tucker County is not the sole source of this but, needless to say we are a major contributor to some of the burden they are having.”

According to Filler the mutual aid calls have raised dramatically in recent months and the responding out of county EMS can not recover the cost back through traditional ambulance charges particularly if they make a call or run to Tucker County and it is a non-transit call.

Filler went on to say that the WVOES has tried to reach out to the Tucker County Commission several times but had received no response. After the meet-



TC Ambulance Authority members and TC Commissioners in attendance at meeting.

ing Commissioner Mike Rosenau reached out to Director of WVOES Jody Ratliff to verify if this was true and after his conversation with Ratliff it was determined to be a false statement. Ratliff informed Rosenau he had not been trying to call but had sent one email. Rosenau informed Ratliff that the commission’s office had not received that email.

EMS Director Shelia Marsh stated that she was under the impression that the Tucker County Commission would be responsible for the intercept fee, and Filler responded by saying that he was unsure if that is how it worked but the details of the agreement would have to be worked through. Randolph County EMS will continue discussion of the agreement at their January meeting.

Filler then introduced an idea to the board about providing Timberline Sky Resort with paid on-site EMS services. The crew would stay on-site at the sky resort for six hours a day for a per hour fee during the weekends. The resort would need the services from late December to around March as needed. Filler explained this would be a potential revenue offset and additional work for the EMS staff.

Treasurer Chris Davis presented the board with the financial standing of the organization. At the current time the authority is on track to make it through the fiscal year and into the next. If nothing is changed from the one crew running 24/7 then the authority has the funds to last until August of 2023 with the over \$200,000 still in their escrow account. Filler accredits the extended exhaustion date that was reported before was due to the mass reduction in staff. For the third portion of the fiscal year the authority stands at a 5.4 percent debt ratio.

The authority has received 305 donations for the total amount of \$31,510 and after expenses for the donation campaign the account has a balance of \$29,819.89.

Davis reported that was an estimated \$400 difference between the charges per run and the cash collected per run. From a cash accounting standpoint, the authority is \$84,000 in the red with the difference in cash flowing in and out. This is not a projected accrual budget for the fiscal year. The fiscal year runs July 1 to July 1.

Board member Diane Hinkle wished to thank the community for acknowledging and donating to the campaign by saying, “We just wish to acknowledge and thank everyone that has been appointed to the donations campaign. It has done pretty much as expected.” Hinkle continued by saying, “We need to know what the direction is going forward. If we can leverage the donated money so we can maximize its use. I hope that the commission can help with that. Any time you run a donation campaign you always want to maxi-

mize those dollars and if you can leverage other dollars it sends a strong message to other potential donors. It is a good use of the money and I think we need to be very transparent in how we are using the money because donors also like to have that information.”

Filler followed up with explaining he was working in his spare time to create a website for the Tucker County EMS to get the information out to the public.

The board voted accepted a sealed bid, from Angie Eldridge, for \$1,500 for a Dodge Durango (\$500) and a totaled 2009 Ford ambulance (\$1,000). They had also received a bid for the ambulance for \$1,000. Taking the offer for the \$1,500 was the obvious choice for the board.

The next Ambulance Authority meeting was not scheduled during the meeting.



TC Ambulance Authority President Dennis Filler presented TC Commissioner Lowell Moore with a certificate of appreciation, on behalf of the authority board members, for his 12 years of dedicated service.

Food Pantry

Cont. From Front Page



Food pantry volunteers work on bagging food and supplies for the monthly food distribution day, the first Wednesday of each month starting at 1 p.m. If you are interested in helping the food pantry, call Veronica Staron at 304-621-4389.

“We are still searching for a larger space, 1,400 to 1,500 square feet, with hot and cold running water, a cement floor, and a toilet. Additionally, most of our volunteers are older, and having a single-story building with parking nearby is vital in the search.”

“If anyone knows of a space in the Davis, Thomas, and Canaan Valley area, please give me a call at 304-621-4389,” she added.

Staron said that higher food prices and rising inflation are forcing more community residents to ask for help putting food on the table. The Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry served more than 90 households in October, an increase of 10 percent over what the organization helped in September.

“We have seen a steady increase in the number of people needing and asking for food assistance each month,” Staron said. “The food pantry relies on grants and donations to keep up with the rising demand in the community, especially during the holidays and winter. Our generous donors allow us to serve each individual or family in need, plus provide a special Christmas meal.”

Donations to the food pantry in Davis can be made out to Blackwater Ministerial Association and mailed to Treasurer Cathy Thomas, P.O. Box 58, Davis, WV 26260.

The Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry gets its food in multiple ways, including buying it themselves, Mountain-

eer Food Bank, and collections from individuals, groups, and churches. The volunteers plan and source the items for the distributions six months to a year ahead of time.

“We like to plan by counting and tracking our inventory carefully so we know what we can give out each month to individuals and families,” Staron said. “We buy as much as we can locally from Shop’n Save or other area grocers and get our fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers.”

The food pantry rotates the monthly staples and non-food items a family receives. One month a family may receive paper towels, and the following month they may receive toilet paper or toothpaste.

“Each month, we try and give each family some kind of meat, whether it be chicken, beef, or pork,” Staron said. “We also try and give out a little bag of goodies if there are children in the household.”

The food pantry relies heavily on volunteers for its monthly food distribution day, the first Wednesday of each month starting at 1 p.m. The volunteers prepare and fill the bags for distribution on the first Tuesday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

“We always need volunteers to help and welcome anyone who wants to donate time,” Staron said. “If it weren’t for the volunteers and the people in the community donating, we wouldn’t be able to serve families in our area.”

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What's? Happening

Democratic Executive Committee Meeting

The Tucker County Democratic Executive Committee will hold its Regular fourth Quarter meeting on Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Hosted by Michael McClintock, Meeting ID: 861 6435 4371 Passcode: 029555. (304) 478-1046 for more information.

Purple Majesties Red Hats

The Elkins Purple Majesties Red Hats will have their annual Christmas

Dinner on Monday, December 12 at The Railyard, in Elkins, at 5 p.m. There will be a Turkey and Ham buffet with all the trimmings. We will be collecting unwrapped new toys for Toys for Tots at this meeting. For additional information, reservations or cancelations, call Queen Connie at 304-478-4710 by Noon Wednesday, Dec 7.

The Christmas Miracle

St. John's United Methodist Youth and Children will present "The Christmas Miracle" play on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Weather Totals

Nov. 22 - Nov. 29

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Temperature

Max 68° F
Min 15° F

Precipitation

Week 0.49"
November 3.63"
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Snowfall

New Snow 0"
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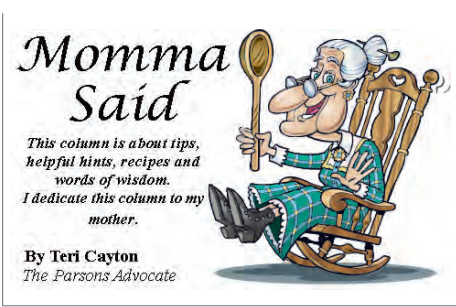
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| 7 Baseball card company | 53 Glitzy display (1993) | 94 Often-refined resource | 2 Togetherness | 43 — bit (just slightly) | 78 S&L devices |
| 12 Indy sponsor | 57 Verse tribute | 95 Capitol group | 3 Doctrines | 44 — bit (just slightly) | 79 Garage job |
| 15 Andy's pal | 58 Counterpart of masc. | 98 Life story: Abbr. | 4 "... we'll — a cup o' kindness ..." | 45 — Martin (cognac) | 80 Certain Fed |
| 19 Ryan and Tatum | 59 Test versions | 99 Gets by | 5 Pixieish sort | 46 Energy mogul | 81 Pan Am rival |
| 20 Little Mermaid's name | 60 Old- (quaint) | 103 Lose all feeling | 6 WWW access inits. | 47 Pound divs. | 85 Planet seen at sunset, old-style |
| 21 Superman's love interest | 61 Sky, to the U.S. Air Force (2003) | 106 Both pleasant and sad (1958) | 7 Florida port | 48 Dairy animals | 86 Canon or Sony products, for short |
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| 25 Rotating part in a water pump | 67 Nestlé movie theater treats | 113 See 54-Down | 9 Missed badly | 50 Move, in Realtor lingo | 88 Baking pans |
| 26 Chicago-to-Atlanta dir. | 68 Zadora of "Butterfly" | 114 Caustic alkali | 10 Wooden pin (1998) | 51 With 113-Across, had some humble pie | 89 Deli dish |
| 27 Fraternal org. with lodges | 69 "That's a big yes from me!" | 115 Muscle rotating the forearm to a palm-down position | 11 Wooden pin (1998) | 52 "Just the Two —" (1981 hit) | 90 Go-between |
| 28 Canine with gray brindled fur (1993) | 73 "Criminal Minds" ailer | 116 What each of this puzzle's featured answers is (with the year it was introduced) | 12 Gloppy stuff | 53 Based on — story | 91 Yeshiva text |
| 30 Carnival treat on a stick (1998) | 74 Grassland on the slope of a peak (1998) | 117 Like Nash's "lama" | 13 Burial places | 54 Fancy crown setting | 92 Telly network |
| 35 Loch monster, informally | 78 Pond growth | 18 Feudal slave | 14 Calumet part | 55 Square in the first bingo-card column | 93 Cry feebly |
| 36 Shoe parts | 81 Curt | 22 Opera — (many a Handel work) | 15 100% wrong | 56 Mr. T movie | 94 Solidified |
| 37 Piccolo's kin | 82 P.O. arrival | 24 Basic skills | 16 St. — (French resort) | 57 Square in the first bingo-card column | 95 Ship's backs |
| 39 Skin art | 83 Hip-hop "Dr." | 29 Suffix with hero | 17 Like Nash's "lama" | 58 Apropos of | 96 "Snap —!" |
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Thanksgiving was great with my brother and part of his family. We hunted and cleaned the house and made a fantastic dinner. We had roast chicken, gravy, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce and it was all super good. Didn't have any luck with bagging a deer but still had fun just getting out there. **Momma Said**, "That is why it is called hunting and not killing."



News around the world is not so great though. First we have TWO volcanoes in Hawaii erupting at the same time. I know all those islands were made from volcanoes but I don't think they are looking to expand like that now. We have also lost a great member of the iconic bank Jefferson Starship. Christine McVie has passed away from a sudden illness. I grew up with those kinds of bands and it is hard to realize some of them are in there 70's and 80's. **Momma Said**, "Time moves on all around us like it or not."

The railroad strike is looming, mass killings in random shootings and all this at the time that is supposed to be

conveying brotherly love. I just cannot comprehend how the world is so at odds. There is too much confusion and it is hard for me understand why, why, why. This world needs to slow down just a bit and consider where we are all headed. At the rate we are going now I would say our only direction is down the toilet.

I wish I had a time machine and I could go back to when I was younger. Life wasn't so complicated and I know we still had problems going on in the world but nothing like we have now. I just want to step back and enjoy what time I have left on this old rock. It has sustained us for millions of years. **Momma Said**, "Someday it is going to say enough is enough."

Chicken Noodle Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 package (12 oz.) egg noodles, cooked and drained
- Meat from 1 rotisserie chicken, shredded
- 2 cans (10 oz. each) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 onion, finely diced
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 1/2 cups frozen mixed veggies
- 1 cup Panko bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

How to Make Chicken Noodle Casserole

1. Preheat oven to 350°F and lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish with nonstick spray. Set aside.
2. In a mixing bowl, stir together chicken, condensed soup, mayonnaise, milk, onion, cheese, and frozen veggies. Gently fold in egg noodles and spread mixture into baking dish.
3. Sprinkle Panko bread crumbs evenly over the top and drizzle with melted butter. Bake until golden brown and bubbly, about 30-35 minutes. Let sit 5 minutes before serving. Enjoy!



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.

Dec. 7, 1941: The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The USS *West Virginia* suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs. Two officers, including the captain, and 103 crew members died.

Dec. 8, 1911: "Wally" Barron was born. Barron, West Virginia's 26th governor, achieved a remarkable record of legislative success during his term, but his accomplishments were overshadowed by the fact that he was the first governor in state history to be indicted or convicted of a major crime.

Dec. 9, 1829: West Virginia's fourth governor, John Jeremiah Jacob, was born in Hampshire County. He was the first governor born within the area that became West Virginia and the first Democratic governor of the state.

Dec. 9, 1932: Songwriter, musician, play-

wright, humorist, and poet Billy Edd Wheeler was born in Whitesville.

Dec. 10, 1841: Logan County preacher "Uncle Dyke" Garrett was born on Big Creek. His greatest fame was for converting and baptizing Devil Anse Hatfield in Main Island Creek in 1911.

Dec. 10, 1949: The first class of 20 cadets graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute. The State Police purchased property for the academy on a hilltop overlooking Institute from Kanawha County for about \$3,200. Construction began in 1948, and the building was completed the next year.

Dec. 11, 1905: "Pare" Lorentz, known as "FDR's filmmaker," was born in Clarksburg. In 1933, Lorentz created *The Roosevelt Year: 1933*, a pictorial review of FDR's first year in the White House.

Dec. 12, 1931: Attorney George Daugherty, better known as the comic singer and songwriter "The Earl of Elkview," was born upstairs over a Mannington

silent movie house.

Dec. 12, 1942: Internationally known jazz pianist and recording artist Bob Thompson was born in Jamaica, Queens, New York. He studied music at West Virginia State College (now University) and is the house pianist on the *Mountain Stage* radio program.

Dec. 13, 1861: The Battle of Allegheny Mountain, one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War's first year, took place in Pocahontas County.

Dec. 13, 1926: Wheeling radio station WWVA-AM began broadcasting. The 50-watt station operated from the basement of John Stroebel's house for most of its first year. Stroebel was a physics teacher and wireless pioneer.

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



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SPORTS

Tucker County Boys' Basketball Gets Season Underway Dec 15

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The TCHS Boys' Basketball team will get their 2022-2023 season underway at home on December 15th against East Hardy for a JV / Varsity contest starting at 5:45pm.

Head Coach Daniel Helmick returns for his 4th season as the Tucker County Boys' Head Coach. Last season the Mt. Lions finished the season in the State Semi-Finals with a loss to Greater Beckley Christian 48-40. Tucker County opened the 2022 State Tournament with a 59-45 win over Pendleton County, but fell in the next game to Greater Beckley. The Mt. Lions would end the season with a 24-3 record and a great playoff run. After a Final Four run in Charleston last season there is a great deal of excitement for this year's team. Helmick said, "This year our goal is to get to the finals, the kids have bought in to guarding on defense and getting stops." Helmick also added, "We are going to score the ball I think easier than we have the last 3 years." "We are getting them back to basketball mode after a successful football season for most of these kids."

This year's team will be made up of 25 players overall JV and Varsity. Coach Helmick will return several players who gained Varsity experience from last year's State Tournament team. Senior Players such as Levi Bennett and Aaron Quattro with experience. Seniors Dom Mullenax and Will McCallister also look to contribute to the team this year. Juniors Maddox Anderson, Ashton Lyciliter, Owen Knotts return from a great sophomore season a year ago. Juniors Ethan Rosenau, Justin Robeson and Brok Bennett will also see some action this season. Sophomore Tre-

van Bonner had a great State Tournament last season as a freshman and Sophomores Garrett Wilfong and Cole Carr will round out the varsity roster for Coach Daniel Helmick. When asked about this group of players being focused on the goal Helmick said, "These kids want to win, they are great kids, you have to run them out of the gym after practice, they are getting extra shots up before and after practice, it has been great."

The 4 class system is here to stay as the WVSSAC has decided to keep this setup for the future. This keeps the Mt. Lions in Class "A" going forward and the road to Charleston will be the same as last season as far as teams they play. The Mt. Lions will again be in the same Section with East Hardy, Union and Paw Paw. The other side of the Region will again feature Pendleton

County, Pocahontas County, Harman and Tygarts Valley.

Tucker County's schedule this season will be tough once again as the Mt. Lions have added some games that will challenge this team. The Mt. Lions will play home and away contest with their traditional rivals East Hardy, Moorefield, Tygarts Valley, Pendleton County. Tucker County has added Southern Garrett, MD back to the schedule for home and away games. The Mt. Lions will play single games against Elkins, Petersburg, Harman, Mountain Ridge, MD and Pocahontas County. Tucker County will travel to Tug Valley to participate in games against two quality teams in Cameron and Wesley Christian on December 29 and 30. The Mt. Lions will also participate in a Tournament at Tyler Con-

solidated that will feature teams such as defending State Champions James Monroe, Clay-Battelle and Tyler Consolidated will also participate in the Tournament on January 13 and 14. This schedule will be tough, but it will prepare this Tucker County team for a post season run. Helmick had this to say about his schedule, "We have definitely challenged ourselves with this schedule, this has to be one of the toughest schedules in Class A."

The boys' season will get underway on December 15th at home against East Hardy for this Tucker County team. If you cannot make it out to the games this season all home basketball games will be broadcast live on Youtube. For more info and a link to the Youtube channel go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



2022-2023 Tucker County Boys' Varsity & JV Basketball Team. Front Row(L-R): Cole Carr, Owen Knotts, Maddox Anderson, Carson Dearborn, Jordan Robeson, Logan Shahan, Ashton Lyciliter. Second Row(L-R): Will McCallister, Ethan Rosenau, Trevan Bonner, Dom Mullenax, Aaron Quattro, Levi Bennett, Garrett Wilfong. Third Row(L-R): Jared Reall, Josh Crossland, Jonathan Black, Reid Kisamore, Sam Marks, Xander Lambert. Back Row(L-R): Mikey Mitchell, Keelyn Eichelberger, Justin Robeson, Ryan Scott, Brok Bennett. Photo by Dave Helmick

WVDNR announces starts of December deer, bear hunting seasons

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Hunters will have several opportunities to target deer and bear in December with the next segments of West Virginia's antlerless deer and bear firearms seasons set to open early in the month.

The next segment of West Virginia's ant-

lerless deer firearms season will be open Dec. 8–11 in the state's 51 counties open to deer firearms season. The next segment of the bear firearms season will open Dec. 5 and run through the end of the year.

"The year may be coming to a close, but there's still plenty of chances for folks to enjoy a hunting adventure and fill their freezer with nutritious wild game," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion.

Hunters are reminded to wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange when hunting in a county with an open deer firearms season. Hunters must also check big game at a license agent, by calling 844-WVcheck or online at WVhunt.com. For more information about these hunting seasons, open counties and regulations, hunters should consult the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Antlerless Deer Season
All antlerless deer taken during the season must be taken on a Class N or NN stamp or with a Class DT license. Landowners hunting on their own property do not have to purchase a Class N or NN stamp. Only one antlerless deer may be taken on each stamp. For bag limits by county, hunters should consult the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

A final segment of the ant-



lerless deer season will be open Dec. 28–31. **Bear Firearms Season**

Starting Dec. 5 and running through Dec. 31, all or parts of 26 counties will be open for bear hunting with or without dogs and all or parts of 35 counties will be open for bear hunting without dogs. For a complete list of these counties and portions thereof, check page 39–40 of the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

All bear hunters are required to have a Class DS stamp. Hunters also are reminded that they are required to send a first premolar tooth from each harvested bear to the WVDNR Elkins Operations Center or their local district office by Jan. 31. Hunters who harvest a female black bear are encouraged to save the reproductive tract and entrails.

Hunters who harvest a female black bear should save the reproductive tracts or entrails by keeping them cool or freezing them and contact the closest WVDNR district office to arrange a pickup. Hunters who submit a complete reproductive tract will be eligible for a \$20 gift card.

Hunters can get a bear tooth envelope at

all district offices and the Elkins Operations Center.

For instructions on how to submit a bear tooth, check page 37 in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Other December Hunting Opportunities in West Virginia

West Virginia's week-long deer muzzleloader season is also set to open on Dec. 12 in the 51 counties open to the buck firearms season. Two deer may be taken during the season and hunters who purchase a Class RM or RRM stamp or a Class DR license may take one additional deer. For more information about the deer muzzleloader season, hunters should consult page 30 in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

To participate in these seasons, hunters are reminded to purchase their stamps to go along with an appropriate hunting license. Hunting licenses and stamps may be purchased at license agents around the state or online at WVhunt.com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

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

- Tucker County Girls' JV Basketball vs Keyser @ Home 7pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Tygarts Valley 5pm

Saturday December 10th

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

Monday December 12th

- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball @ Tygarts Valley 6pm

Tuesday December 13th

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs Petersburg @ Home 5:45pm

Thursday December 15th

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



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FCC Launches New National Broadband Map; West Virginia Prepares to Challenge by January 13, 2023

CHARLESTON, W.Va. —The new National Broadband Map was released by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on November 18, 2022. The West Virginia Office of Broadband and the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council ask that all West Virginians review their location data and broadband availability data on the new map to help ensure accuracy. The FCC will accept challenges through January 13, 2023.

According to the FCC, the new National Broadband Map is a “pre-production draft,” identifying broadband availability at the address level. The new map is the first iteration designed under the FCC’s new Broadband Data Collection (BDC) program. The map displays Internet services across the United States, as reported by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to the FCC. States, local governments and consumers have less than two months to submit challenges.

The FCC map will be used to calculate the amount of funds allocated to the State of West Virginia by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) through its Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. This program will provide historic funding for broadband deployment nationwide under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The greatest share of funding, \$42.5 billion, will be allocated nationwide under the BEAD program. Each state will receive a minimum of \$100 million and final allocations will be based upon several factors, including an analysis of unserved locations as shown on the FCC map. Unserved locations are those without reliable service of at least 25 Megabits

per second (Mbps) download and 3 Mbps upload.

“It is vital that all West Virginia addresses are included in the FCC mapping data, especially when funding allocations will be based on the number of unserved locations in our State,” said Governor Jim Justice. “Every West Virginian and every West Virginia address should be counted, especially those that lack real broadband service. I have directed the West Virginia Office of Broadband to challenge the FCC data whenever and wherever possible to ensure that all West Virginians gain access to crucial infrastructure.”

The West Virginia Department of Economic Development, Office of Broadband, has already submitted more than 138,000 missing addresses to the FCC, as part of the State’s official challenge to the FCC Broadband Serviceable Location (BSL) Fabric, in November 2022. The BSL Fabric provides the foundation for the new broadband availability map. Missing locations can still be added. Additionally, multi-family addresses with incorrect unit counts can be corrected.

There are several distinctions between the FCC map and the WV broadband map. The WV Office of Broadband has utilized the Statewide Addressing and Mapping System (SAMS) and parcel data to create West Virginia’s address-level broadband map, which includes 1,094,392 unique address locations in

West Virginia. The FCC map initially included 902,699 address locations. In addition, the WV Office of Broadband does not include satellite service in its served category. However, the FCC map is showing satellite areas as served. The

Office will continue working to reconcile discrepancies between the two maps.

“Participation in the challenge process will help ensure that all West Virginians are accurately represented on the FCC map,” said Economic Development Secretary Mitch Carmichael. “All West Virginians should review their location on this new FCC map and submit a Location Challenge if their location is missing. Concerns about internet service are also extremely important and should be included in an Availability Challenge.”

West Virginians are encouraged to submit a Location Challenge to indicate that an address is missing, or an Availability Challenge to indicate that availability is incorrect.

Please follow the instructions below on how to submit a challenge:

How to Find Your Address:

1. Visit <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home>.
2. Using the search bar, type in the address you wish to review. The map should automatically zoom to your location.
3. After finding your location, a side-panel on the right-hand side of the screen will populate location and service information.
4. If your location is missing, ensure to select the building footprint or space of your location to submit a Location Challenge.

How to Submit a Location

Challenge to the FCC:

1. After searching a location, select the building footprint or space to where the point location layer is missing.
2. Once the location is found, select “Challenge Location.”
3. You will be required to fill out a form regarding information about your location.
4. After a challenge is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email informing you that it has been received by the FCC.
5. If a location is available on the map that includes inaccurate information, navigate to “Location Challenge” in the side-panel to complete the form.

How to Submit an Availability Challenge to the FCC:

1. After searching a location, select “Availability Challenge” in the side-panel.
2. Select the provider (ISP) you wish to challenge.
3. Complete the form to dispute the providers claim on service availability.

The map will be updated through a combination of FCC verification efforts, new data from Internet providers, new location data, and—importantly—information from the public and state broadband offices. Under the BDC process, the FCC will collect data and release new maps twice per year. The WV Office of Broadband anticipates that several cycles will be needed to refine the data. To learn more about West Virginia’s ongoing broadband development initiative, visit broadband.wv.gov. Challenges must be submitted by January 13, 2023.

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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).

* Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

Shiloh Quarry, LLC 190 Midstream Way, Jane Lew, WV 26378

*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

Shiloh Quarry, LLC 190 Midstream Way, Jane Lew, WV 26378

*The source of the applicant's legal right to enter and conduct quarrying operation on the land to be covered by this application is by: (e.g., Deed, lease, contract, etc.)

*Surface of the area within 500 feet of the permit area is owned by:

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Dwayne W. Cale 9754 Mountaineer Highway, Parsons, WV 26287

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WVDOH District 7 - Barbour County Roads 131 Highland Drive, Weston, WV 26452

WVDOH District 8 - Tucker County Roads US Route 219 North, Elkins, WV 26241

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.

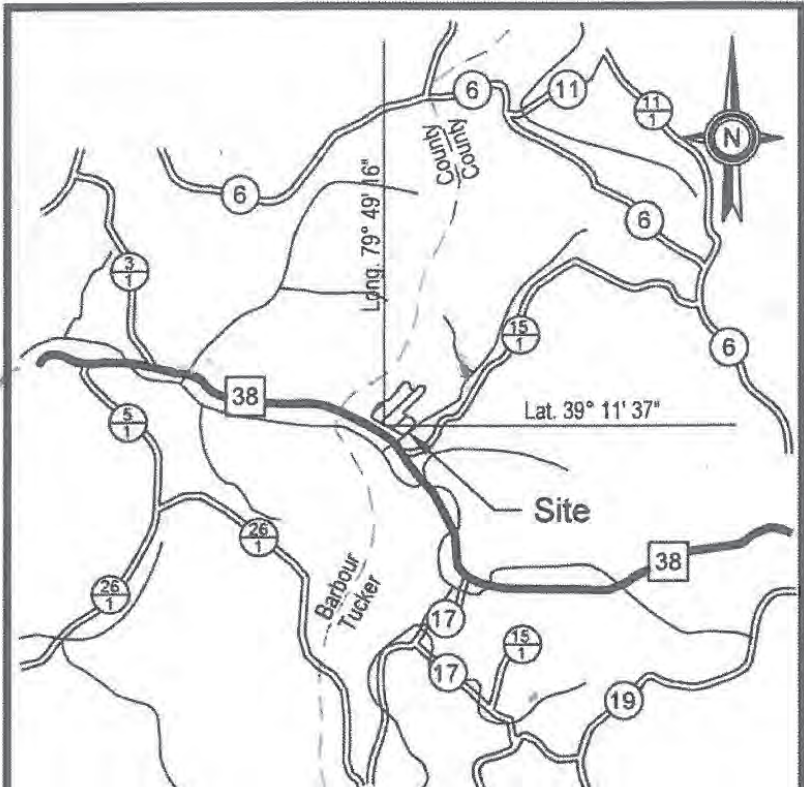
A copy of the application will be available until December 24, 2022, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm

The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

*These items are to be completed only for modifications that change the boundaries of the current permit. DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219

Include location map including north arrow and longitude/latitude which crosses the permit area.



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

Receiving Stream: Brushy Fork of Teter Creek of the Tygart Valley River of the Monongahela River

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Location Map
 Scale: 1" = 1 Mile

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Phillips named to WVHA Quality Committee



Committee. Appointment to this state-level committee provides the forum for leaders to strategically plan and collaborate on initiatives that advance patient safety and quality of care in healthcare organizations in our state. This works supports the mission of the organization in advancing patient safety and quality care in West Virginia,” says DHS’s Julie Phillips, CQO

appointee.

The Committee provides guidance for the advancements in patient safety and quality of care, strategic and policy advice pertaining to significant policy and organization issues, and to provide enhanced statewide quality reporting. Its mission is to advance patient safety and quality care in West Virginia. Davis Medical CMO, Dr.

Catherine “Mindy” Chua states, “We are excited to have Julie serving at the state level representing our organization and helping to improve hospital quality. She brings years of experience as a nurse, an infection preventionist, and a clinical leader to the table. She is going to be an asset to the WVHA.”

Creating a safe environment for individuals within

hospital settings is basic to the missions and values of care providers and healthcare organizations. The West Virginia Hospital Association is committed to helping member hospitals improve quality, reduce medical errors and adverse events, and maximize patient safety through the implementation of education programs and quality initiatives.

Elkins, WV – Julie Phillips, BSN, RN, CIC, System Director of Quality & Risk Assessment for Davis Health System, has been named to the West Virginia Hospital Association’s Quality Committee as Chief Quality Officer.

The WVHA Quality Committee is a committee of the WVHA Board of Trustees and was created by their board in 2013

and is comprised of CEOs, CNOs, CQOs, and CMOs. The committee has done some great work over the years including the Antibiotic Stewardship Collaborative, the EDie project, the WVHA Honors Program, Opioid Guidelines for Emergency Departments and an Opioid Collaborative to name a few.

“I look forward to serving on the WVHA Quality

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This Week’s Submitted Photo



This week’s photo of the cozy fireplace, at The Inn at Canaan, was submitted by Danyelle Conley.

Email photos, where it was taken and who took it to mikie@parsonsadvocate.com

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