

News of Record

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

- **Jeanie Long**, of Parsons, was charged with one count of Truancy. According to the complaint the defendant did fail to cause her child to regularly attend Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School. The student has accumulated 15 full unexcused days. Records were obtained from the West Virginia Educational Information System and administrators at Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School.
- **Kenan Hatem Hossino**, was charged with one count of DUI First Offense. The complaint states that on Friday, Dec. 9 at approximately 4:56 p.m. Trooper C.A. Hawkins was dispatched via Tucker County 911 to a one vehicle MVC located at the intersection of Tuscan Ridge Rd. and Appalachian Highway.
- At the time of arrival the officer made contact with the driver, identified as the defendant, and observed the smell of alcohol on his breath.
- The defendant submitted to field sobriety tests of which he failed. At this time the officer conducted a preliminary breath test on the defendant but was unable to obtain a reading.
- The defendant was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and transported to the Parsons Police Detachment for further breath testing.
- Hossino was read the West Virginia Implied Consent and signed it. The 20 minute waiting period was observed before beginning the breath test. At this time Trooper Hawkins conducted a breath test and the results were a BAC of .080. At this time he was transported to the West Virginia State Police Parsons Detachment to be processed via Live Scan.

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

- Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Thomas, 120x120 Lot 657 Brown St. to Clayton P. Gremillion, \$0.
- Janet E. Barrett, Dry Fork, Unit E3 Week 35 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$495.
- Alice Malone Scott, Davis District, Tract 6 Canaan Loop to Mitchell Zemel and Tammy Seiler, \$175,000.
- Lisette Popish and David Patrick Popish, Davis Corporation, Lots 572 and 573 to David Patrick Popish, \$0.
- Helena Mock Administrator of The Estate of Anita White, Dry Fork, Unit C5 Week 51 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.
- Helena Mock Administrator of The Estate of Anita White, Dry Fork, Unit E3 Week 51 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.
- Shavers Fork Properties LLC, Parsons, All of Lots 14 and 15 Davis Addition to Phillip D. Claxton and Jenny E. Claxton, \$259,900.

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

- Alexa Lawson, Harman, was cited for driving on suspended by TPR C.A. Hawkins. She pleaded guilty and her driving was revoked and was assessed fines of \$100 and court cost of \$175.25.
- Adam Putlovic, Davis, was cited for passing in no passing zone by PFC N.C. Gidley. He pled no contest to the charge and was assessed a fine of \$4.75 and court costs of \$175.25.
- Brock Schoonover, Elkins, was cited for no proof of insurance by TFC J.J. Schmidle. He pled no contest and was assessed fines of \$200 and court costs of \$175.25.
- Ethan Waters, Romney, was cited for speeding 59/55 by TCSD Deputy C.R. Summerfield. He pled guilty to charge and was assessed fines of \$4.75 and court costs of \$175.25.
- Christopher Funk, Parsons, was cited for no proof of insurance by TFC J.J. Schmidle. Charges were dismissed.
- John Glen Guzik, Parsons, was cited for speeding 69/65 by TFC J.J. Schmidle. He pled guilty to charge and was assessed fines of \$4.75 and court costs of \$175.25.
- Daniel Jin, Arlington, was cited for speeding 74/65 by CPL J.J. Cornelius. He pled guilty to charge and was assessed fines of \$4.75 and court costs of \$175.25.
- Jeffery Rupp, Mt Holly Springs, PA, was cited for hunting without written permission and illegal possession of wildlife by State Division of Natural Resources officer Logan Dudley. He pled no contest to both charges and was assessed fines of \$40 and court costs of \$175.25.
- Drew Rentzel, Etters, PA, was cited for hunting without permission by State Division of Natural Resources

officer Logan Dudley. He pled guilty to charge and was assessed fines of \$20 and court costs of \$175.25.

- John Kennedy, Kerens, was cited for speeding 29/25 and no proof of insurance by TCSD Deputy C.R. Summerfield. He pled no contest to first charge and not guilty on second charge and was assessed fines of \$4.75 and court costs of \$175.25.

The following Civil Cases were filed at the Tucker County Magistrate office:

- Citizens Bank of WV vs. Katie Marie Lester was filed on November 18 for the amount of \$3,689.94.

The Sheriff's Soap Box

This section of the Newspaper is brought to you by Sheriff "Jake" Kopec as to raise awareness of the West Virginia State Law and to educate the public in laws that are set forth by legislation. This month I would like to discuss harassing phone calls. One of the key elements of this code section is intent to harass. Commonly this becomes an issue when the offender in the circumstance is told to stop calling or texting but the conduct continues.

The Code states :
§61-8-16. Obscene, anonymous, harassing, repeated and threatening telephone calls; penalty.

(a) It is unlawful for any person with intent to harass or abuse another by means of telephone to:

- (1) Make any comment, request, suggestion or proposal which is obscene; or
 - (2) Make a telephone call, whether or not conversation ensues, without disclosing his or her identity and with intent to harass any person at the called number; or
 - (3) Make or cause the telephone of another repeatedly or continuously to ring, with intent to harass any person at the called number; or
 - (4) Make repeated telephone calls, during which conversation ensues, with intent to harass any person at the called number; or
 - (5) Threaten to commit a crime against any person or property.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly permit any telephone under his or her control to be used for any purpose prohibited by this section.
- (c) Any offense committed under this section may be deemed to have occurred at the place at which the telephone call was made, or the place at which the telephone call was received.
- (d) Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$500, or confined in jail not more than six months, or both fined and confined.

Tucker County Sheriff Office Monthly Activity

Month of November 2022

- Felony Arrests (charges or indictments) 1
- Persons Arrested on Felony charges 1
- Misdemeanor arrest (charges or indictments) 4
- Persons arrested on misdemeanor charges 3
- Misdemeanor citations issues 3
- Hazardous moving violations tickets issued 9
- Other traffic violations tickets issued 11
- Hazardous moving violations warning issued 49
- Other traffic violations warning issued 55
- DUI arrest (Driving under the influence) 0
- Motorist Assists ie. broke down vehicle 6
- Vehicle crashes where a crash report was generated 5
- Felony cases fielded resulting in a police report 1
- Misdemeanor cases fielded resulting in a police report 8
- Drugs confiscated in dollar street value amount \$0
- Other contraband confiscated \$0
- Domestic violence petitions served 0
- Job Tasks completed 382
- Calls for service either through 911 or walk ins resulting in Police action 103
- Mileage Report (Total miles traveled by the Department patrolling) 6,218 miles

Additional Notes : The Sheriff's Office will be hosting its yearly Conceal Carry Class on February 4TH 2023, 10:00 AM sharp, at the Old Courthouse . Cost is \$ 55.00 call 304-478-2321 to get signed up for a reminder call at no cost pay on day of course.

Taxes can now be viewed on line and paid on line at tuckertax.com/piled-technologies.com, the system is user friendly and a receipt can be printed off as well.

Unpaid real estate taxes for the year of 2021 and 2022 have been certified to the State. This means if you did not pay your real estate taxes for these years you have to redeem them from the State by calling 304-558-2262.

This monthly report has been prepared by Sheriff "Jake" Kopec for educating the public as to how their tax dollars are being put to use at the Tucker County Sheriff Office.

Council


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applying for this position as well as the part-time office support specialist posted job position will close on January 13, 2023, and the council will review them again at the January 17, 2023, meeting.

The council also voted to approve a \$150 net stipend for the all the city workers. Employees were to receive their bonuses the same

week the meeting was held. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons. If anyone would like an item placed on the agenda, feel free to contact the Parsons Business Office at (304) 478-2311.

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THANK YOU!

On Saturday, December 3rd, an enthusiastic group of volunteers met at the Food Pantry on William Avenue to offer their energy and time to move six appliances and all of the food supplies to St. John's Lutheran Church at 315 Blackwater Avenue.

Tim McGowan and Jeff Palmer cleared, disassembled and then reassembled the shelving in the assembly room at St. John's.

Tim also orchestrated the move, including renting a van large enough and with the appropriate moving equipment to move all the supplies, furniture, groceries and appliances in one move. It was necessary to plan another move on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Kobe McGowan made a great warm pot of chili for the workers.

We are blessed to have such a great group of volunteers and I thank them for their time, energy and dedication.

Our workers were:
Dan Collins, Patrick Paugh, Patricia Cooper, Beth Spencer, Kyle Ellison, Rocky Spencer, Tom Kucer, Tom Staron, Tim McGowan, Tom Stout, Debbie McHenry, Alice Tekavec, Jeff Palmer, Paul Terranto, Austin Paugh (our tough hard working 4th grader), Bill Wallace, Dr. Ed Rader, Roy Wilfong

Veronica Staron, Mgr.

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OBITUARIES

Senior News

We are taking reservations for next year's trips. The trips will be taken only if we have the minimum number of participants (usually 40). PLEASE, if you are interested in one of the trips, call 304-78-2423 as soon as possible so we know whether or not to continue with the planning. At this point we are not signing contracts until we know if the trip is going. We will set payment dates when we know if we have enough signed up.

We have already reserved tickets for Sight & Sound Theatre for next July (around the 19th or 20th) to see "Moses." We do not have an itinerary or the pricing yet. We will let you know as soon as we decide. We are working on some shorter trips but they don't take as long to plan as the longer ones do.

We are seeking donations for our Senior Center food pantry. We are accepting any nonperishable foods. We also have some limited freezer space for meats such as chicken, beef, deer meat, turkey etc. These food boxes help the needy throughout the year not just at holidays.

Next week's Menu: Mon: CLOSED Tues.: Cheeseburger, baked beans, Coleslaw, and applesauce. Wed.: Fish Sticks, French fries, Beets, and Peaches. Thurs.: Navy beans, oven potatoes, cornbread, and pears. Fri.: Sauerkraut with pork, mashed potatoes, Carrots, and an apple.

USDA Forest Service Closing Dolly Sods Roads for Public Safety January 3

PETERSBURG, W.Va., December 14, 2022 – Monongahela National Forest officials will implement the annual winter road closures in the Dolly Sods area by closing the gates on Forest Roads 19 and 75 January 3, 2023, the first business day after the holiday. These roads are closed to motor vehicle use from January to early or mid-April annually to provide for public safety due to variable road conditions in the winter months. Non-motorized use of the roads is allowed. "The road closures are put in place to ensure the safety of both visitors and employees," said Cheat-Potomac District Ranger Jon Morgan. "Forest visitors and emergency responders are put at

unnecessary risk without the road closures."

Both roads usually open again by mid-April. "We will monitor road conditions in March and April, and reopen the roads as soon as weather permits," Morgan said.

Staff from Monongahela National Forest work with local landowners and residents affected by the road closures to ensure they have access to their property. Landowners and residents who need access behind the gates should contact the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District office in Petersburg for assistance at (304) 257-4488.

Information about the status of roads and facilities is also available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf/>.

Janet Marie Irons Taylor Swecker

Janet Marie Irons Taylor Swecker, 79, a resident of the Pheasant Run Community and formerly of Valley Head passed from this life Thursday, December 15, 2022, at home. She had been in declining health.

Janet was born on Wednesday, October 13, 1943, at Poe Run in Randolph County, a daughter of the late L. Willard Irons and Ruby Evelyn Wilmoth Irons. She was twice married, first to Stanley L. Taylor at Pheasant Run on December 21, 1963. He preceded her in death on November 13, 1995. Second to Charles Keith Swecker at Porterwood, on March 20, 2004, who preceded her in death on April 17, 2021.

Left to cherish Janet's memory are children, Tracey Lea Elza and husband, Bill, and Connie Janelle Cope of Kerens, Keith Swecker of MI, Jennifer Swecker of Martinsburg, a special son Robert Champ, and wife, Lisa of Weirton, son-in-law Dirk Pritt of Philippi, nine grandchildren, Nick Gidley and companion, Chelsea Haines, of Parsons, Hunter Elza and companion, Trinity Bever, of Kerens, Levi Elza and wife, Tina of Clarksburg, Ashley Long and husband, Zach, of Hendricks, Skyler Lamb of Parsons, Kiona Daniels and husband, Doug, of Mill Creek, Elijah Lenhart of Martinsburg, and Kody and Kayla Champ of Weirton, six great grandchildren, Zachary Long Jr., Johnny Elza, Avery Decker, Vera and Aurora Daniels, Greyson Charlton, and she was eagerly awaiting the arrival of Emersyn Rae, in-laws, Brenda Shaffer and husband, Mike, DeDe Bunnell and husband, Randy all of Parsons, Ed Isner and wife, Sharon of Bridgeport and John Isner and companion, Jeanne Rockwell of Kerens, Colleen Jarvis of Sutton, and Hilda Gardner Dayton, OH, several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Janet in death besides her parents and husbands was a brother, Alvin Irons, a special daughter/niece, Jacqueline "Jackie" Irons Pritt, whom she raised as her own, and in-laws, Lena and Hershel Isner.

Janet was a graduate of Parsons High School with the Class of 1961. She had been employed by Lamberts Chevrolet, Kingsford, Head Start, Deb's Donuts, Elkins Recreation Center, Randolph County Magistrate Court from which she retired. Janet was a charter member of Riverview Chapel Church and attended Point Mountain Union Mission Church. She started playing piano in church at 11 years old and was well known for her piano playing ability. Janet sang with her parents and brother in the gospel group, "The Irons Family". After her parents and brother passed, she continued singing with her children. She was the original piano player at Riverview from its opening until moving to Valley Head in 2004. Janet also played for Valley Head Community Choir. She left a great legacy for her family of a Christian woman and touched so many lives.

Visitation was held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. Funeral services were held from the funeral home chapel on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 1 p.m. Pastor Connie Gainer and Rev. Marshall Williams officiated, and interment followed at Parsons Family Cemetery at Shavers Fork. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Janet Marie Irons Taylor Swecker. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



Linda Lee Poling Eye

Linda Lee Poling Eye, age 81 years, a resident of Porterwood, WV departed this life Saturday morning, December 17, 2022, at Cortland Acres at Thomas, WV. She had been in declining health.

She was born Thursday, May 29, 1941, at Porterwood, WV, a daughter of the late Charles Muriel and Flora Nell Reed Poling. On February 12, 1959, at Parsons, WV, she was married to Sherman James Eye, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Rex Allen Eye and wife Robin Marie of Porterwood; one daughter, Christine Lynn Eye Plumley and husband Thomas of Dunmore, WV; one brother, Charles William Poling and wife Susan of Falling Waters, WV; one sister, Betty Jo Poling Muehlbauer of Jackson, NC; three grandchildren, Heather Nicole Eye, Shane Allen Eye and wife Shannon and Logan Thomas Plumley; and two great grandchildren, Garrett Allen Eye and Alyvia Marie Eye.

Preceding her in death is one great grandchild, Adrian Marie Eye.

She attended the two-room school at Porterwood and was a graduate of Parsons High School with the class of 1959. She was an employee of the former Half Price Store, the Shoe Plant and she was a Clerk for the County Clerk at the Tucker County Court House for twelve years, until her retirement. She was a member of the Riverview Chapel Church at Porterwood. Linda enjoyed reading, cooking, canning, sewing, and gardening. She loved to get together with family camping and fishing.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV, on Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 11 a.m. The Rev. James Snyder will officiate and interment will follow at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Linda Lee Poling Eye. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com



Phyllis "Peanut" Lynn Myers Owens

Phyllis "Peanut" Lynn Myers Owens, 67, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life Monday, December 12, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family and under the care of WV Caring. She had been in declining health.

Phyllis was born Saturday, February 5, 1955, in Parsons, a daughter of Allen Dale "Squirrel" Myers, and the late Doris Emmogene Rogers Myers. On June 15, 1974, in Parsons, she was married to Phillip Dale Owens, who survives. They had celebrated forty-eight years of marriage.

Also left to cherish Phyllis's memory are two sons, Brian Owens and wife, Roxcella, of St. George, and Jeremy Owens and wife, Christy, of Masontown, PA, one step-son, Philip John Owens and wife, Lenora, of Fairmont four grandchildren, Ryan Owens and Racheall Owens, both of St. George, Hunter Owens and Brody Owens, both of Masontown, three brothers, Anthony D. Myers and wife, Teresa, of St. George, Matthew W. Myers and wife, Christina, of Porterwood, and Mark Myers of Clarksburg, five nieces and one nephew, April Sinsel, Alisha Parsons, Angela Myers, Adam Owens, Kate Myers, and Holly Myers.

Preceding Phyllis in death besides her mother was one nephew, Aaron Myers.

Phyllis graduated Parsons High School with the Class of 1973, and Randolph County VoTech School of Nursing. She had worked for Parsons Footwear. She then worked as a nurse for Davis Memorial Hospital for ten years, and then for Pruntytown Correctional Facility for seventeen years until she retired. Phyllis enjoyed quilting, knitting, shopping, cooking, and visiting with family and friends. She was a member of Pifer Mountain United Methodist Church.

Visitation was held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Friday, December 16, 2022, 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon, the funeral hour. Rev. Ronnie Rogers officiated, and interment followed in Pifer Mountain Cemetery. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Phyllis "Peanut" Lynn Myers Owens. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



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.

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Thank You

The family of Ernest "Sonny" Evans would like to thank all the family, friends and neighbors for the calls, food and flowers during this difficult time.

A special thanks to EMS, Garrett Regional Hospital and staff, Hostetler Funeral Home, Susie Metzner for a beautiful service and The Hendricks United Methodist Church for a wonderful meal.

JOY AND PEACE

As we celebrate the birth of the Child King, let us pray for wisdom, understanding and love among all nations. A blessed, Merry Christmas to all

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on the vehicle were not registered to the truck Nuzum was driving.

Igland then obtained a search warrant for Nuzum's residence on Cheat Valley Hwy in Preston County and found Nuzum to be in possession of three firearms (two pistols, one shotgun), methamphetamines, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a side-by-side Nuzum had been operating. One of the pistols had the serial numbers shaved off.

Nuzum's defense attorney Morris argued for the defendant to remain out on bail and that the defendant had a full-time job and placing him in custody would jeopardize that job. Judge Nelson replied, "I am not going to do it, not when you out riding around smoking meth and doing that sh*t. Not when you are on probation."

Nuzum was taken into custody with charges of failure to register with the registered sex offenders of the West Virginia State Police and violation of probation. His pre-trial is set for February 7, 2022.

Anthony Scott was not present in court for his case as there was a mix up at the jail for transportation. Scott is charged with felony harassment after violating a lifetime restraining order against his victim. According to Wilkins, Scott has continually violated the restraining order and is accused of traveling from Barbour County to physically abuse his victim. Scott's pre-trial motions date was set for January 24, 2023, and his grand jury trial is set for February 14, 2023.

Timothy Myers appeared in court after being detained for a capias issued at his

last court hearing when he did not appear before Judge Nelson. Myers was arrested one hour after the capias was issued at Community Corrections when he showed up for a drug screening.

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

Wilkins argued that Myers should remain in custody due to him not abiding by his bond conditions, not showing up for other current court cases and the fact he has been arrested several times in recent months. Morris argued that the defendant had received head and leg trauma during his recent automobile accident and still suffers effects from those.

Nelson entertained a motion that Myers be placed on an ankle monitoring bracelet and Wilkins agreed to those terms. Myers was ordered to report the West Virginia State Police the same day he was released with ankle monitor and to return to court on January 24, 2023, for pre-trial motions.

Tammy Mook's defense attorney Easton explained to the court that Mook was not present in the courtroom because she was



K. Pitzer accepting her felony plea agreement for one count of fraud by access device.

receiving treatment at a clinic in Cleveland, Ohio and asked that the pre-trial be continued. Wilkins added that the counsels were close to a resolution on the case and asked for verification or documentation that stated Mook was actually in the clinic. Judge Courier stated he would continue pre-trial until January 12, 2023, at 11:15 a.m.

Courier then heard the competency argument for Herbert Bennett. After being evaluated Bennett was determined to be incompetent to stand trial. Courier order for Bennett to be placed in a state mental facility until he is competent and able to stand trial.

Bennett questioned how he was determined to be incompetent when he had refused to answer the questions presented by the state professional conducting the evaluation and said, "I refuse to go (to that

facility)! I am of sound mind. I refuse to answer any questions. You are wasting your time." Bennett declared his innocence and according to him the case should have been dismissed due to the fact that Wilkins was not present on the scene of the incident he was being charged with.

Bennett was charged with one felony count of wanton endangerment involving a firearm. According to the complaint on Wednesday, Oct. 19 Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about a subject shooting one of the lights at the Family Dollar Store in Parsons.

Bennett's lawyer Timothy Gentillozzi explained that to Bennett that there was a report filed and he would make sure that Bennett received a copy of the report. No court date was set for Bennett.

Unique Volunteer Opportunity with Tygart Valley United Way's VITA Program

The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program is seeking volunteers of all ages to assist with local tax preparation. Volunteer hours are flexible – you can work whenever and wherever is most convenient for you. Prior tax preparation experience is not required, because the IRS provides comprehensive training for all volunteers. Volunteering with the VITA program is an easy way to obtain service hours, meet people in your community, and gain a valuable, lifelong skill. This service is available now – April 2023.

Volunteering for the VITA program can be done from the comfort of your own home! Tax preparation is done through secure, online software, so service can be done completely remotely. For those interested in volunteering in person, program sites will be located in the following cities:

- Fairmont, WV
- Grafton, WV
- Elkins, WV

Philippi, WV
Parsons, WV

With tax season quickly approaching, our VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program is in need of additional volunteers to help keep up with the increased number of taxpayers utilizing the service.

The VITA program provides free tax preparation services to low- and middle-income individuals and families in the community. Paid tax preparation services can cost \$200 on average, and those extra dollars are vital to taxpayers' annual refunds. Oftentimes, these funds can help cover necessary bills, replenish emergency savings, or put food on the table.

The VITA program provides a safe, reliable way for individuals to stay compliant with the IRS and, most importantly, to get the refunds that they deserve. This program brings funds directly into the community to the people who need it most.

USDA Invests \$61,946 to Expand Market Opportunities for Businesses and Entrepreneurs in Rural West Virginia

MORGANTOWN, Dec. 07, 2022 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development West Virginia State Director Ryan Thorn announced today that Woodlands Community Lenders in Elkins will receive \$61,946 to provide financial and technical assistance to rural entrepreneurs and businesses in three West Virginia counties through the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program.

"At USDA Rural Development we are advocates for, investors in, and partners to rural communities and the people, businesses, and organizations within those communities," said USDA Rural Development West Virginia State Director Ryan Thorn. "I look forward to seeing the positive impact that this funding will have on

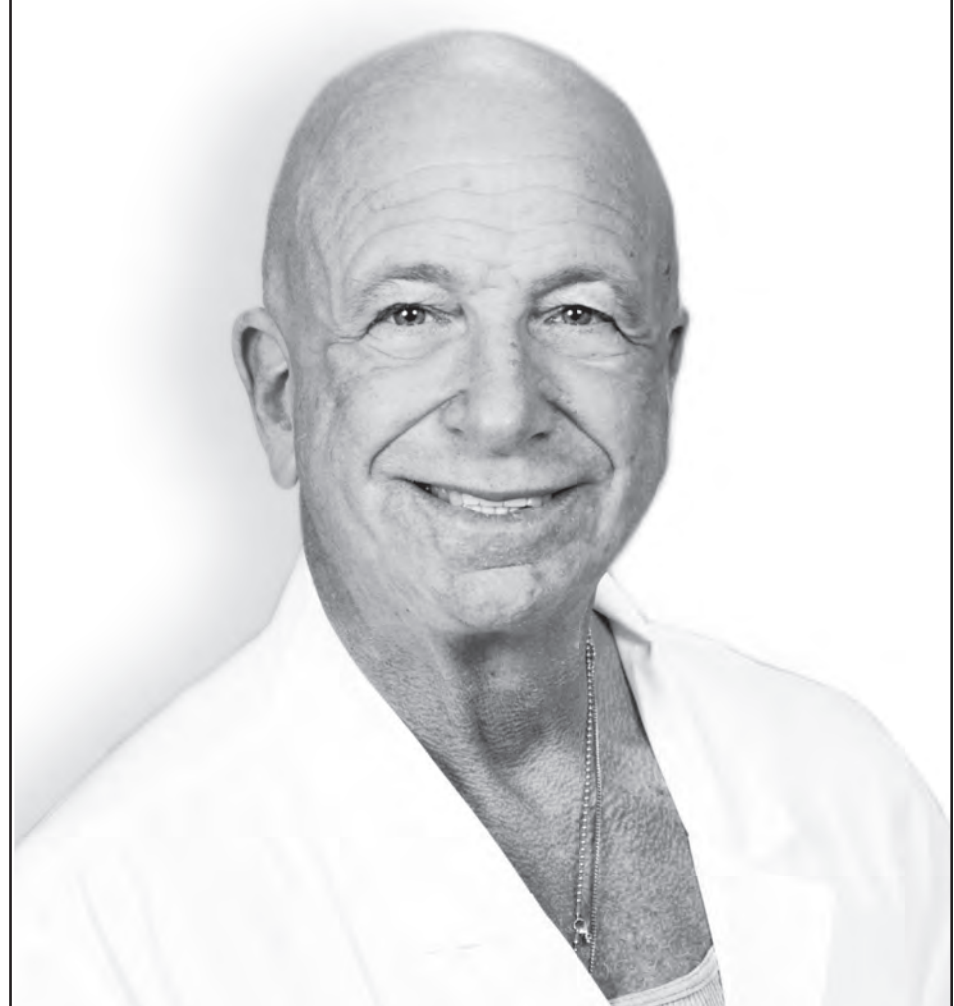
rural businesses in these central West Virginia counties."

The funding will allow the Woodlands Community Lenders to capitalize a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund to make microloans and provide technical assistance to rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises in Randolph, Barbour, and Tucker counties. This will help keep resources and wealth made by rural West Virginians right at home through affordable financing and technical assistance. It will help rural West Virginians start businesses and allow small business owners to grow. It will also open the door to new economic opportunities for communities and people who historically have lacked access to critical resources and financing.

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TUCKER COUNTY LANDFILL 2023 FREE DAY SCHEDULE

The Tucker County Solid Waste Authority has established the **first Thursday of each month as free disposal day**. If the first Thursday falls on a holiday, the following Thursday is designated as free day. Any person who is not a resident of West Virginia may only participate in the monthly free day upon proof that his or her state of residence would likewise allow West Virginia residents to dispose of residential solid waste in the same substantially similar manner.

The schedule for 2023 is as follows:
 January 5
 February 2
 March 2
HOURS: 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Please note that closing time is 4:00 p.m. Allow adequate time to be unloaded by 4:00 p.m.

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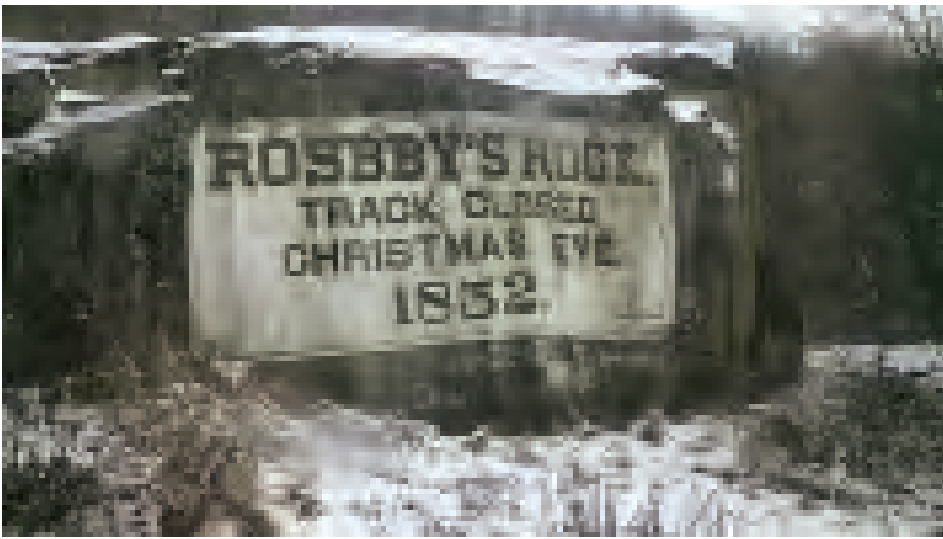
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MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

LANDFILL WILL BE CLOSED

- MONDAY, JANUARY 2 - NEW YEAR'S DAY (Observance)
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - PRESIDENT'S DAY
- FRIDAY, APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY
- MONDAY, MAY 29 - MEMORIAL DAY
- TUESDAY, JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - LABOR DAY
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - VETERANS DAY (Observance)
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - THANKSGIVING DAY
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY (Observance)



Rosby's Rock

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. 22, 1928: Radio station WMMN of Fairmont began operations as one of West Virginia's pioneer stations. For nearly two decades beginning in 1935, WMMN was an important outlet for country and western music performers. The highlight of this era was the "Sagebrush Roundup," a Saturday-night live-audience show which began in December 1938 and was broadcast weekly for nearly ten years.



Dec. 23, 1987: Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme escaped from the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson. Fromme, who was serving a life sentence for trying to kill President Gerald Ford, was captured two days later near the prison.

Dec. 24, 1852: The last spike was driven on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and the Ohio River. The event occurred at Rosbys Rock near Moundsville. To mark the spot where the final spike was driven the following words were carved upon the rock: *Rosbys [sic] Rock Track Closed Christmas Eve 1852.*

Dec. 24, 1942: The Committee on Fair Employment Practices ordered that Jehovah's Witnesses be reinstated to their jobs at Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Clarksburg. The workers had been fired for refusing to participate in union-sponsored flag-salute ceremonies at the plant.

Dec. 25, 2002: Jack Whittaker, a Putnam County contractor, won the \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot. At the time, it was the largest single lottery jackpot in history.



Dec. 26, 1917: Instrument maker Harold M. Hayslett was born in Putnam County. Hayslett's violins, violas and cellos have received awards for tone and workmanship, and are cherished by collectors and players alike.

Dec. 27, 1797: The county seat of Ohio County was moved from West Liberty to Wheeling.



Dec. 28, 1879: Brigadier General Billy Mitchell was born in France. As chief of the Army Air Force, Mitchell ordered aircraft of the 88th Squadron to perform reconnaissance during the 1921 Miners' March on Logan.

Dec. 28, 1978: The last trains ran on the Greenbrier Division, a branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Unlike most C&O branches in West Virginia, the Greenbrier Division was not a coal-hauling line but served the valley's timber industry.

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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

I absolutely detest rude people and they are becoming more prevalent every day. The worst place is Wal-Mart and the worst ones are the employees. The ones that push those big giant carts around shopping for people that are too lazy to get off their butts and do it for themselves. *Momma Said*, "People are becoming more introverted every day."

I had one of those personal shoppers girls almost run me down the other day. No excuse me or sorry from either of them. It makes me so mad how people they are so entitled these days. The customer is just irrelevant anymore. Just mow me down and if the clean-up crew gets around to it they can clean up the mess in a day or two.

I was raised to respect others and it just blisters my butt to see younger people today that have no manners. They will let the door hit you right in the face before they would hold it open for you

and I think the words thank you and you are welcome have been removed from the English language. *Momma Said*, "My English teacher in high school would be spinning in her grave."

I think manners should start at home but I don't see that happening anymore, it is just a waste of time. Well I don't care if I live to be 100 as long as I can get around I will still make my mother happy and use my manners. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and I hope you don't get a lump of coal in your stocking.

Candied Walnuts with Brown Sugar

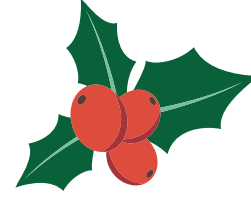
Ingredients

- 2 cups walnuts
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 tbsp. butter

Instructions

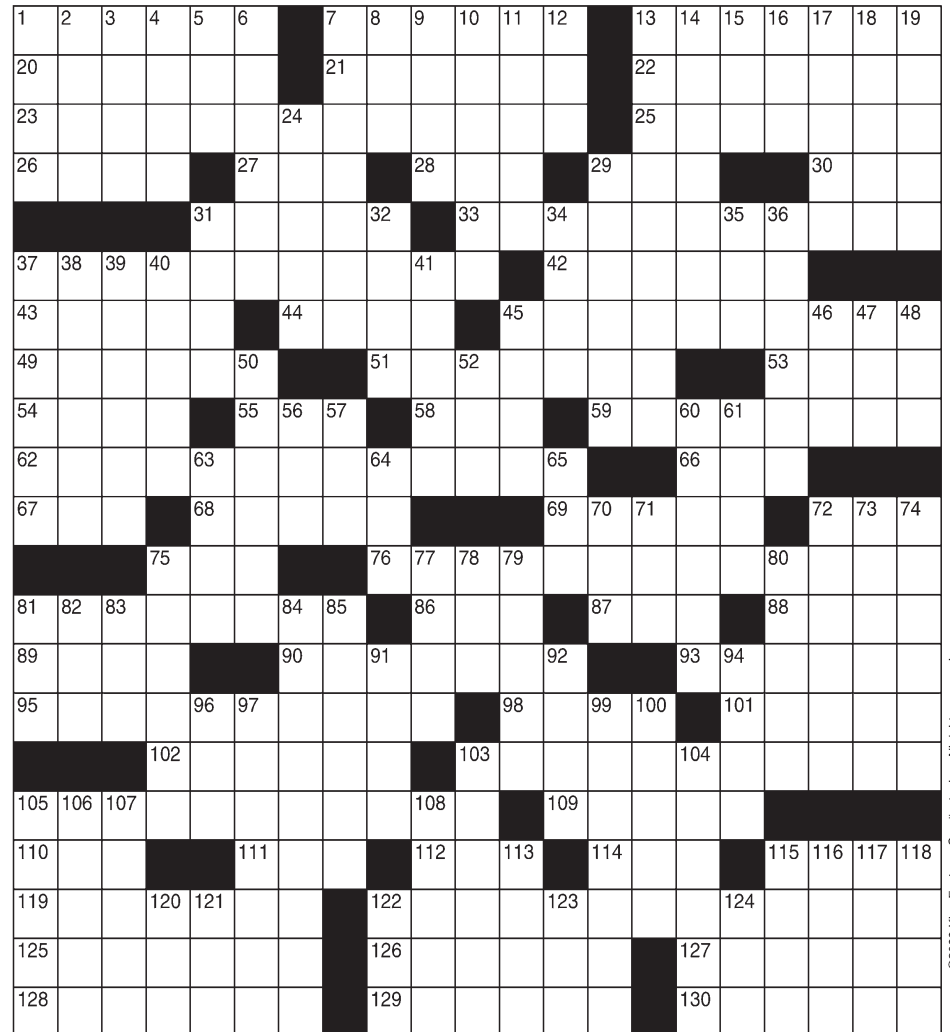
1. Line the baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Heat butter in a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat until butter is completely melted.
3. Add brown sugar and walnuts to the frying pan and mix.
4. Cook, stirring every 30 seconds, until the sugar is completely dissolved (about 4 minutes).
5. Remove candied walnuts from the frying pan onto a baking sheet. Put the walnuts on parchment paper in a single layer and spread them apart so they are not touching and don't stick together. Let them cool for 30 minutes.
6. After the candied walnuts are completely cool, put them in a bowl and serve.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Super Crossword THAT '70s SHOW

- ACROSS**
- 1 Motion detector, e.g.
 - 7 Portion out
 - 13 Person sleeping next to you, often
 - 20 Like many nuclei
 - 21 Surprise attacker
 - 22 Nero or Napoleon
 - 23 "Hello, Dolly!" star
 - 25 Capital of the country Georgia
 - 26 Doe's dear?
 - 27 Alley -
 - 28 Sousing sort
 - 29 TV's Cheers, for one
 - 30 Top pilot
 - 31 Ice sheets
 - 33 1960s-'70s talk show host
 - 37 She played Bree on "Desperate Housewives"
 - 42 Al Bundy portrayer Ed
 - 43 Nebraska city
 - 44 Jekyll's bad side
 - 45 She played the mother on "Lassie"
 - 49 Football's Joe
 - 51 Country next to Georgia
 - 53 - a soul
 - 54 "Like - not!"
 - 55 Suffix of beliefs
 - 58 Ending for serpent
 - 59 Microscope component
 - 62 Her first Vogue cover was in 1986
 - 66 Green and Gore
 - 67 - matter of fact
 - 68 Japanese dog
 - 69 Video game pioneer
 - 72 - glance
 - 75 Music genre for brooders
 - 76 Co-author of the 2006 bestseller "Three Cups of Tea"
 - 81 Like low-fat mozzarella
 - 86 Eggs, in labs
 - 87 Pro's vote
 - 88 Dot in the sea, to Jorge
 - 89 Actor Baldwin
 - 90 Tunneling rodents
 - 93 What to do after hiding, in a kids' game
 - 95 "M" star
 - 98 Big snakes
 - 101 - Gras
 - 102 Perfectly
 - 103 "Blue Velvet" singer
 - 105 "The Color Purple" novelist
 - 109 In - (irritated)
 - 110 Habited sister
 - 111 Slip - (some shoes)
 - 112 Links peg
 - 114 Boatload
 - 115 Pod veggies
 - 119 Affluent Rio neighborhood
 - 122 Sitcom associated with nine
 - 125 Hand-held filming equipment
 - 126 Soviet statesman
 - 127 Lost lady in "The Raven"
 - 128 Stinging-tentacle reef dweller
 - 129 "Already?"
 - 130 Got lippy with
 - 6 32-Down brand since the early 1900s
 - 7 Curtain
 - 8 Actor Holm
 - 9 French wines
 - 10 Linguistic expressions
 - 11 Teeth: Prefix
 - 12 Work unit
 - 13 Process by which an electron is emitted
 - 14 Involve in contention
 - 15 Print resolution abbr.
 - 16 Baseball's Ott
 - 17 Popular font type
 - 18 Puccini opera
 - 19 Iroquois tribe members
 - 24 Liquor, slangly
 - 29 Elton John's " - and the Jets"
 - 31 Italian car
 - 32 Soft drink
 - 34 Zen master's question
 - 35 Suffix with form
 - 36 Tony-winning actress Johns
 - 37 Tennis' Seles
 - 38 Very valuable violins
 - 39 "Pest" of kiddie lit
 - 40 Beet variety
 - 41 Letter stroke
 - 45 Scoff
 - 46 - kwon do (martial art)
 - 47 Tolkien brute
 - 48 TV "Science Guy" Bill
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 - 52 L-P linkup
 - 56 - Lankan
 - 57 Tumbler's surface
 - 60 Wildlife-tracking ID
 - 61 Balletic bend
 - 63 Thanksgiving side servings
 - 64 Joking type
 - 65 Water barrier
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 - 71 Add up to
 - 72 State as fact
 - 73 City in Ohio
 - 74 Luke and Leia's father
 - 75 "And on and on": Abbr.
 - 77 Architect Ludwig Mies van der -
 - 78 Eden dweller
 - 79 Actress Greta
 - 80 Jewish month after Adar
 - 81 Baby food
 - 82 Malted quaff
 - 83 No longer in the mil., e.g.
 - 84 1973 Jim Croce hit
 - 85 Gourmet mushrooms
 - 91 Class for tots, for short
 - 92 Buckwheat noodle of Japan
 - 94 Fail to put in
 - 96 Caviar source
 - 97 The Doors song with a Calif. city in its title
 - 99 Refrain from imbibing
 - 100 "Holy" council
 - 103 Gives rise to
 - 104 Shiny plastics
 - 105 Jungian inner personality
 - 106 Fictional sleuth Arsène
 - 113 Spanish river
 - 115 Bits of wit
 - 116 Baseball's Slaughter
 - 117 Farmland unit
 - 118 Shanty
 - 120 Pick-up-sticks math game
 - 121 Prefix with car
 - 122 Classroom aides: Abbr.
 - 123 Antique Olds
 - 124 Actress Arthur



Puzzle answers page 3B

What's? Happening
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Christmas Eve service at Davis UM Church in Davis on Saturday, Dec 24 at 7 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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Weather Totals
Dec. 6 - Dec. 13

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature
Max 57° F
Min 28° F

Precipitation
Week 0.58"
December 1.00"
2022 51.97"

Snowfall
New Snow 0"
Snow on ground 0"
Winter Total 0.5"

U.S. Forest Service



FFA student members Owen Knotts, Laney Burns, Hannah Cussins, Abby Wilfong, Hayden Smith, and Emily Snyder (not pictured) along with Chef Carrie Boyles prepared and served the dinner for the Annual TC Commission Dinner.



TC Commissioners met with WV Delegate Elect John Paul Hott to discuss issues the county faces.

fication and return of their own members, and of all county and district officers, subject to regulations as may be prescribed by law.

The County Clerk responsibilities include the management of records of the county commission and election duties. The primary responsibilities center around two basic functions: to act as clerk (fiscal officer) of the county commission; and to act as the receiver of fees charged for the instruments filed and recorded within the county. To carry out the numerous duties, the clerk of the county commission may select deputies and other employees. The budget for the operation of the county clerk's office as a whole is determined by the county commission. The salary range for county clerks is from \$42,200 to \$55,440 and is required to be full-time in Class I-V counties.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is elected in each county to carry out administrative functions and to act as record-keeper for circuit court actions in that county. The office of the clerk is authorized by Article 8, Section 9 of the West

Virginia Constitution. The Circuit Clerk is an officer within the judicial system and plays a pivotal role in that system. The West Virginia Constitution establishes a hierarchy of administrative control that gives overall authority for the entire judicial system to the Supreme Court of Appeals. Local administrative authority lies in the circuit court, including the office of circuit clerk with regard to the clerk's judicial functions but the clerk has autonomy to establish procedures and policies necessary to carry out statutory responsibilities. The salary range is \$42,240 to \$55,440 and is required to be full-time in Class I-V counties.

Tucker County Commissioners Meet with Delegate Elect John Paul Hott

Commissioners Rosenau, Moore, Davis, and new commissioner elect Knotts met with the House of Delegates Elect Hott to discuss some of the issues Tucker County faces. Rosenau went over several key items that need addressing for the county with Hott. An example of those issues included the Corridor H

from Parsons to Thomas/Davis and the minimum tax paid by big land holders like the State of West Virginia and Western Pocahontas. Rosenau said, "Half of the county is owned by the state or federal government. Then there is 30,000 (acres) owned by Pocahontas. They are paying the minimum taxes and that leaves the 42 percent of us in the county to pay it all."

Another issue discussed was the use of hotel/hotel tax monies usage and how it is being mis-handled by Air BnB. Air BnB is a company that rents out short-term rentals on-line. The county is having an issue with them because they are allocating the hotel/motel tax by zip code and with the eastern part of Tucker County using the same zip code there is mass confusion as where the tax money is supposed to go and how much is supposed to be awarded for each entity involved.

These were just a limited selection of issues discussed with Delegate Elect Hott. The commissioners covered many more with him. After the meeting Rosenau introduced Delegate Hott to the different departments in the county building. Hott joined the commissioners and county associates for the annual Christmas dinner hosted by the Tucker County Commission.

Tucker County Commission Hosts Christmas Dinner and Presents Commissioner Moore with Plaque

The commission hosted a dinner for the associates of Tucker County. The dinner was served by the Tucker County High School FFA members and prepared by Chef Carrie Boyles. The students served ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, rolls, and chocolate chip cookies. The ham came from one of the hogs that

was donated back to the FFA after the Tucker County Fair auction.

During the dinner the fellow commission members Mike Rosenau and Fred Davis presented Lowell Moore with a plaque of appreciation for his 12 years of service to the residents of Tucker County. Commissioner Rosenau said, "While we have everybody together today we would like to present Lowell with a little token of our appreciation for his 12 years of service to Tucker

County." Moore replied and said, "Thank you so much. It has been an honor to serve the people of Tucker County. It has been an honor to work with this commission. I think I have worked with six different commissioners in the 12 years I have been here. It has been a pleasure and an honor. It has also been an honor to serve the people of Tucker County. The citizens are who we are working for. I want to thank everybody. It has been a great ride!"

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TURNER'S TIDBITS

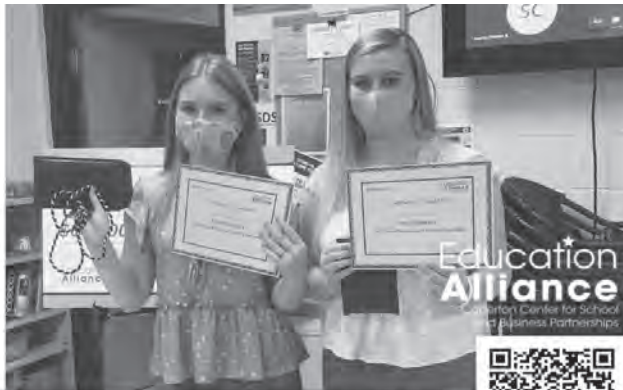


This is a photo of two Bennett brothers. Left is Benjamin Harrison Bennett and right is Gordon Bennett. They were the sons of Amos and Elizabeth Teter Bennett. The Bennett's were landowners in Randolph and Tucker Counties and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Ideas, suggestions, comments, or items to share, contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.



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Paul promoted to Ag Innovation Program Coordinator at Eastern

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Maya Paul has been promoted from part-time Eastern Ag Innovation staff to fill the ag innovation program coordinator position at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

Originally from Canaan Valley, Paul now lives in St. George with her boyfriend, Eddie, puppy Strider, and cat Pippin.

Paul grew up loving the outdoors and spending time in her family's garden. As she got older, she said she became aware of the importance of being self-sufficient, mainly developed by her passion for horticulture and the Appalachian culture. "Fresh, whole foods are a necessity," Paul said. "I want to help other members of the community to learn how to grow their own food and support local farmers."

Paul earned her associate degree at Eastern in 2021 and then worked for the college as the MASBio Project Coordinator, Potomac Highlands Producers Coordinator, and was a part of the Makerspace Project. In her free time, Paul paints, bakes, gardens, and spends time kayaking, hiking, and cross-country skiing.

Even though this role is her first full-time position at Eastern, Paul has already been an integral part of Eastern Ag Innovation activities. "This organization strives to provide accessible and affordable education, and happily contributes a vital service to the community," she



said. "I love working here; it feels like one big family, and everyone wants to see one another succeed."

Looking forward, Paul said she believes Ag Innovation initiatives are important for the communities in the college's six-county service district. "I would like to see the community take advantage of our programs and certificates to grow their small businesses," she said. "I would also really like to shift the focus of PHP [Potomac Highlands Producers] from the box program to providing nutritional education and locally sourced foods to low-income families."

Megan Webb, Eastern's dean of advancement and continuing education said, "We are delighted to have Maya in this position. She has not only been an exceptional student, but she has transitioned into an exceptional staff team member who leads with a servant heart for her community. We are so excited for her vision and growth in this position."

Learn more about Eastern Ag Innovation at Eastern at <https://easternwv.edu/ag-innovation>.



Event at Eastern marks recent CDL training program milestones

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's Workforce Education Department recently hosted a luncheon to mark several achievements and milestones with the college's CDL training program.

Megan Webb, dean of advancement and continuing education at Eastern, welcomed several program partners and community leaders to the celebratory event and luncheon held Dec. 14 at Eastern's campus in Moorefield. The luncheon was planned to mark significant CDL training program milestones and thank supporters, many of whom were present in the audience.

Webb introduced guests Tiffany Ellis-Williams of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, Jim Linsenmeyer of the state's Department of Economic Development, Kyle Reedy of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, David Workman of the Hardy County Commission, Freddie Davis of the Tucker County Commission, Greg Greenwalt of Eastern's Board of Governors, and Ward Malcolm, a Moorefield business owner who previously had been an administrator for the college's Workforce Education Department. Webb also recognized support from invited guests who were not able to attend that day, including state Sen. Randy Smith (R-Tucker), David Cooper of the Tucker County Community Foundation, and Adam Sand-

ers of the Steeley Foundation.

The luncheon's invited guests included representatives of organizations that had made significant financial contributions to the program in recent months, allowing the college to purchase two gently used tractors – one with an automatic transmission and with a manual transmission – and a pup trailer.

Webb closed her remarks at the luncheon by showing images of a co-branding project between Eastern and Pilgrim's Pride Corporation. The project, executed by LMC, a marketing agency in Elkins, features Pilgrim's Pride branding on half of the program's new pup trailer, along with Eastern's Workforce Education Department branding.

Melissa Shockey, Eastern's Workforce Education program director, then introduced Petersburg resident Mike Sites, CDL instructor, to the audience, and explained how Sites had initiated the transformation of the program by redeveloping its curriculum so the training program could be registered with U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and meet the latest federal requirements.

Sites subsequently introduced Eddie Mullenax of Petersburg as the newest CDL instructor in the program. With Sites and Mullenax working together, Sites said, they have been able to divide up tasks and spend more time with each student,

especially in the trucks, and that one-on-one instruction was improving the learning process for students. Also, based on comments from students who have earned their licenses and are driving, those students were well prepared when they entered the workforce.

Since September, Shockey said, 20 students have enrolled in the CDL training program at Eastern, with 14 finishing and earning their CDL license, and six still completing training hours. Nearly all of the program completers are employed.

The luncheon was concluded by Eastern's president, Thomas Stripplin, who credited the state's Higher Education Policy Commission and the West Virginia Community and Technical College system for supporting workforce education. Stripplin said Eastern was doing everything it could to provide workforce training, like the CDL training program, to fill workforce needs in the Potomac Highlands, and that the college valued support from its partners and the community to meet those challenges.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's Workforce Education Department, based in Moorefield, serves six counties in the Potomac Highlands by offering a variety of affordable workforce trainings, covering CDL training, agriculture, healthcare, welding, and more. Learn more at <https://easternwv.edu/workforce-education/>

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Lady Mt. Lions Collect Wins Over Petersburg and Pocahontas

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team hosted Petersburg on Tuesday December 13th for a matchup with the #4 team in Class "AA". The Lady Mt. Lions pulled away from the Lady Vikings after a tight game in the first quarter. Tucker County got the victory by the final score of 69-43.

The first quarter was controlled early by Petersburg as the visitors led 7-0 early. Tucker County fought back to tie the game at 13-13 after one quarter of play. The Lady Mt. Lions dominated the second quarter as they outscored the Lady Vikings 19-5 in the quarter to take a commanding 32-18 lead at the half.

Tucker County would win the third quarter 16-14 to increase the Lady Mt. Lions lead after three 48-32. Petersburg was unable to make a comeback in the fourth as Tucker County outpaced the Lady Vikings 21-11 to give the Lady Mt. Lions a big 69-43 win.

Tucker County placed four players in double figures as Kadie Colebank led the Lady Mt. Lions with 21 points, 18 rebounds, 6 block, while Brylee Wetzell added 12 points, 5 steals. Ericka Zirk had 12 points, 11 rebounds for Tucker County and Avery Colebank reached double figures



Tucker County's Macy Helmick waits for a pass against Petersburg on Dec 13th. The Lady Mt. Lions got the win at home 69-43. Photo by Becky Moore.

ures with 11 points including 3 three point field goals. Macy Helmick chipped in 7 points and 6 assists for the Lady Mt. Lions in the victory. The Tucker County JV team also won 64-47.

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions

Basketball team played Pocahontas County at home on Friday December 16th.

Tucker County dominated the contest from start to finish as the Lady Mt. Lions won the game 66-22.

In the first quarter Tucker County raced out to a quick lead as the quarter ended with the Lady Mt. Lions ahead 22-6. The second quarter was also controlled by Tucker County as they outscored the Lady Warriors 14-6 to make the halftime score 36-12 at the half.

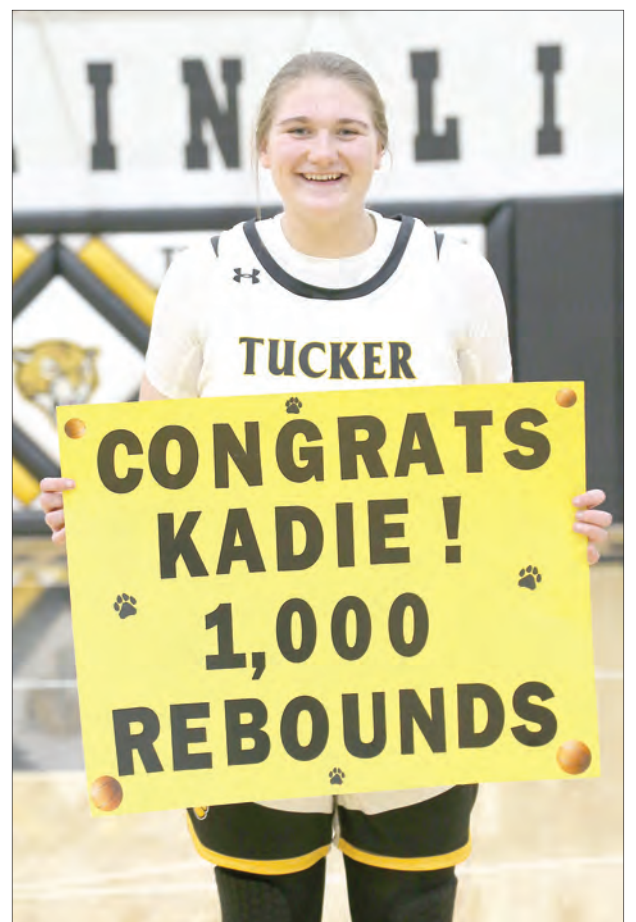
The Lady Mt. Lions once again would add to their lead in the third as Tucker County outpaced Pocahontas County 19-4 to put the score to 55-16. The fourth quarter was won by Tucker County 11-6 to give Tucker County the victory by the final score of 66-22.

Tucker County was led by Kadie Colebank with 18 points, 11 rebounds and Brylee Wetzell had 17 points, 5 steals. Ericka Zirk added 11 points, 10 rebounds and Macy Helmick chipped in 9 points, 6 assists. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team picked up a 40-31 win in the first

game of the night.

Tucker County(4-0) will return to action on Wednesday December 28th in the Mt. Storm Power Station Holiday Classic at Tucker County High School. Frankfort will play James Monroe at 5:45pm on December 28th and then Tucker County will host Union in the second game. The Consolation game will be on Thursday December 29th at 5:45pm and the Mt. Storm Power Station Holiday Classic Championship will be played after the Consolation game at approximately 7:15pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker County's Kadie Colebank Tops 1,000 Rebounds in Career



Tucker County's Kadie Colebank was recognized before the game on Dec. 16th for surpassing 1,000 rebounds in her career. Photo by Becky Moore.

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions Senior Kadie Colebank surpassed 1,000 rebounds in her career on December 13th against Petersburg. Colebank pulled down 18 rebounds in the contest to go over 1,000. Colebank also became the All-Time rebound leader in Tucker County Girls' Basketball history with this accomplishment. Kadie joined the 1,000 point club at Tucker County last season. She also was a 1st team All-State Selection last season. Kadie also recently signed a Letter of Intent to continue her Basketball career at Wheeling University. Colebank held offers from WV Wesleyan and WV Tech, but she chose to join the Lady Cardinals Basketball team in the fall.

Tucker County Boys' Basketball Drop Opener at Elkins 54-46



Mt. Lions player Maddox Anderson goes up for a layup against Elkins on Dec. 17th. Tucker County lost the game 54-46. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

ELKINS – The Mt. Lions Basketball team traveled to Elkins on Saturday December 17th to open their season with a game against the Tigers. Tucker County trailed 36-25 at the half, but the visiting Mt. Lions could not complete the comeback as they fell in the contest 54-46.

The first quarter went back and



Tucker County's Trevan Bonner brings the ball up the floor at Elkins on Dec. 17th. The Mt. Lions fell in the contest 54-46. Photo by Brittany Channell.

forth as both teams battled through a close first quarter. Elkins led after one 13-9. The second quarter seen the scoring increase as the home-standing Tigers outscored Tucker County 23-16 to give Elkins a 36-25 lead at the halftime intermission.

The Mt. Lions would fight back in the third quarter as their defense stepped up to hold Elkins to just 3

points in the third. Tucker County outpaced the Tigers 10-3 in the third quarter to make the score 39-35 at the end of the third. In the fourth quarter Tucker County got within 2 points with 7:36 left in the game when Trevan Bonner connected on a layup to make the score 39-37 Elkins. The Mt. Lions would get no closer the rest of the game as Elkins went on to outscore Tucker County 15-9 the rest of the game to capture the win by the final score of 54-46.

Trevan Booner led Tucker County in scoring with 19 points and Ashton Lycliter added 8 points, 16 rebounds in the Mt. Lions loss. Owen Knotts chipped in with 7 points and 5 rebound for Tucker County. Elkins was led by Cory Harper with 19 points and Tanner Miller added 17 points for the Tigers. The Tucker County JV fell in the first game by the score of 48-34.

Tucker County(0-1) will return to action tonight, Wednesday December 21st at home against Pendleton County. The JV contest will start at 5:45pm with the varsity game to follow. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Wildcats Boys' Basketball Win Game at Central Preston

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

KINGWOOD – The Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball team traveled to Central Preston for a JV and Varsity contest on Wednesday December 14th. In the first game of the night the Wildcats JV team fell by the score of 46-14. The Tucker Valley JV team was led in scoring by Branson Hyre with 5 points. In the Varsity game Tucker Valley got the road win by the score of 38-34. Ethan Cummings led Tucker Valley with 20 points and Nate Davis added 10 points in the win for the Wildcats.

The Tucker Valley Boys' JV Basketball team will return to action at Union tonight, Wednesday December 21st. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker Valley Girls' Split Games At Tygarts Valley

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

MILL CREEK – The Tucker Valley Lady Wildcats Basketball teams traveled to Tygarts Valley on Monday December 12th. In the first game of the night the Tucker Valley JV team picked up the win by the score of 27-3. Maddie Carr led the Tucker Valley JV with 8 points and Riley Slaughtbaugh added 7 points. In the Varsity game Tucker Valley fell by the score of 30-19. Peyton Hicks led the Lady Wildcats with 9 points and Ava Wilfong added 5 points in the loss for Tucker Valley.

The Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball teams will return to action tonight, Wednesday December 21st at Union. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker Valley's Peyton Hicks dribbles the ball against Tygarts Valley on Dec. 12th. The Lady Wildcats fell in the game 30-19. Photo by Brittany Channell.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday December 21st

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Pendleton County @ Home 5:45pm
- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball @ Union 7pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' JV Basketball @ Union 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Philippi 5pm

Wednesday December 28th

- Mt. Storm Power Station Holiday Classic @ TCHS
- Frankfort Girls' vs James Monroe Girls 5:45pm
- Tucker County Girls' vs Union Girls 7:15pm

Thursday December 29th

- Mt. Storm Power Station Holiday Classic @ TCHS
- Girls' Consolation Game 5:45pm
- Girls' Championship Game 7:15pm
- Tucker County Boys' JV Basketball @ Tug Valley Tournament 12:30pm
- Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ Tug Valley Tournament 6:30pm

Friday December 30th

- Tucker County Boys' JV Basketball @ Tug Valley Tournament 12:30pm
- Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ Tug Valley Tournament 5pm



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Mountaineer Garden Club News



An evening of fun, food and good conversation was shared by members of the Mountaineer Garden Club and guests at the home of Bob and Faith Moore.

Miller

Cont. From Front Page

“We rarely get to mark a milestone such as this and celebrate a resident turning 106 at Cortland Acres,” Clevenger said. “Throughout his life, Ira has touched countless individuals, families, and organizations in Tucker County and internationally. He is such an inspiration to the staff and other residents at Cortland Acres. He is a goal-setter and an achiever, and it’s important to recognize and honor Ira on his special day.”

People can mail cards to Attn: Ira Miller, Cortland Acres, 39 Cortland Acres Lane, Thomas, WV 26292.

Staying busy is a lifestyle Miller followed when he lived at home. Luckily, he

can continue to practice a habit, as Cortland Acres offers plenty of daily activities for its residents.

On the first of each month, the Cortland Acres Activities Director Marie Grafton publishes a monthly calendar full of daily happenings along with a monthly theme dinner. Miller reviews the calendar carefully each month, highlighting the days and locations of one of his favorite activities, bingo.

“Ira never misses a bingo game,” said his niece, Marlene Lucente, with a smile.

When he isn’t playing bingo and tallying his winnings, Miller enjoys visiting with friends or members of his extended

family. He is also pursuing a new hobby, Diamond Dot painting.

“Right now, I’m making a picture of a jersey cow for my granddaughter,” Miller said. “Helen Roth (a Cortland Acres resident) taught me the art and checks in on my progress almost every week.”

Miller lived at his farmhouse in Dry Fork until the summer of 2021, when an accident caused him to lose part of his leg.

“I have been mowing my yard, my son’s yard, my church’s yard, and the cemetery for years,” Miller said. “One day, I was in the orchard, and the mower went over the hill. I hollered for my son, who was in the house. Luckily he heard me, came out, and got help.”

After surgery and a stay at an inpatient rehabilitation center, Miller arrived at Cortland Acres in September 2021. Now, he rolls around the Cortland Acres with minimal help, visiting fellow resident friends and enjoying the activities.

Miller credits God for him surviving the accident and living a long life.

“God’s been good to me my entire life,” he said, noting that his mother lived until she was 104 years old.

Miller has always been inspired to give back whenever possible. Besides bingo, one of Miller’s favorite activities is packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Since turning 100, Miller has packed over 1,543 boxes. He often packs the shoeboxes with the help of his daughter, Debbie Welch of Oakland, Md. Welch serves as Operation Christmas Child’s area coordinator for West Virginia’s Eastern Panhandle and has traveled overseas with the program distributing the boxes.

Miller started packing shoeboxes with his church, where the congregation filled 40 each year. He felt it was important because the shoeboxes could go to places that missionaries could not.

Miller was born on Jan. 28, 1917, in Yoder, Kansas, and grew up with 12 brothers and sisters. His family moved to Indiana when he was young and later to Delaware before coming to West Virginia.

Miller has lived in Tucker County for more than 65 years. He has seven children, 17 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. He was married to Mary Olive for 56 years before she



Ira Miller enjoys spending time on his new hobby, Diamond Dot painting, taught by Cortland Acres resident, Helen Roth. Above, he puts the finishing touches on a greeting card.

passed away ten years ago.

In his lifetime, Miller has been a farmer, a school bus driver, a mail carrier, a carpenter, and also did masonry work. Recently, he served as the grand marshal in the Thomas Mountaineer Days Parade.

Miller was raised Amish and fondly recalled farming with horses. “It was very economical but hard work,” he said. “We were always healthy and strong.”

He laughed as he recalled the day his father purchased his first car and took the family for a ride.

“My mother told dad that you can’t go over 20 mph; if you do, blood will come out of your nose,” he said.

A couple of times a month, Miller’s family takes him home so he can spend a few days at the farmhouse in Dry Fork. He is looking forward to returning and spending time with his family over the holidays.

The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs, rental apartments in Pineview and garden and patio homes in The Pines. For more information or to set up an appointment for a tour of the facility, call 304-463-4181 or visit www.cortlandacres.org.

Tucker Residents Featured in 2023 Roadside in Bloom calendar



The free calendar showcases state’s wildflowers. Orders are limited to one calendar per household with WV residents as a priority

CHARLESTON, WV – The 2023 Roadside in Bloom calendar is now available to order.

The free calendar, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection’s (WVDEP) Adopt A Highway program, includes 12 pictures of West Virginia wildflowers growing naturally along state roadways. The pictures were chosen from dozens of entries submitted by photographers from West Virginia and surrounding states.

The photographer winners in this year’s calendar include:

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- March
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- June
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December
Karl Boone, Pendleton County

mailing address and you will be put on the order list. Requests are limited to one calendar per household. West Virginia residents receive priority.

Co-sponsored by the WVDEP and the state Division of Highways (DOH), the Adopt-A-Highway program is administered by the WVDEP’s Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) and improves the quality of the state’s environment by encouraging public involvement in the elimination of highway litter.

To order a calendar, visit <https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/aah>, call 1-800-322-5530, or email dep.aah@wv.gov. If you call and get voice-mail, please leave a message with your name and

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PARSONS, W.Va.— More than 125 local sponsors contributed to the Tucker County Family Support Center's fourth annual Cindy's Giving Tree program. The overwhelming generosity of the community provided 226 kids from Tucker County with Christmas presents.

"We estimate that over \$39,500 worth of Christmas presents were distributed during this year's program," said April Miller, executive director of the Tucker County Family Resource Network. "The generosity from our community surprises us every year."

The program was established in 2018 in memory of Cindy Simmons, long-time employee of the Tucker County Family Resource Network.

"Cindy's Giving Tree is designed to help support local families by offsetting the sometimes-challenging costs that comes along with the holidays," said Sandra Bohon, director of the Tucker County Family Support Center. "The goal is sharing and spreading the joy of the Christmas holiday to everyone and we think we've successfully achieved that again this year."

Miller recalled that Simmons loved the holidays and her goal in life was to make sure kids and families had all the support

they need. The Tucker County Family Support Center continues to honor her giving spirit through Cindy's Giving Tree and the Cindy's Closet Essentials Pantry, which supplies food, school supplies, baby diapers and hygiene supplies to local families

in need.

Cindy's Closet is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 100 Education Lane in Parsons. If you would like more information on programs of the Tucker County Family Support Center, call 304-478-3827.



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“With the snow guns blazing and a little help from Mother Nature, Canaan Valley Resort is tuned up and ready to go for the holidays,” said Matt Baker, resort general manager. “From on-mountain activities, like skiing and tubing, to resort-centered events, like our holiday meals, New Year's celebrations, and activities lineup, guests have all they want for a perfect winter get-away.”

Baker said the ski area opened Dec. 17 and should be in great condition for the holiday week.

The resort will also host festive, family-centered activities throughout the Christmas and New Year's holidays at the resort lodge from Dec. 22 through New Year's Day.

Beginning Dec. 22, resort guests will enjoy ice skating on the outdoor rink, craft making opportunities, family game competitions and other activities. For those interested in a winter stroll through the park, the resort's trail system offers miles of scenery in Canaan Valley's unique high mountain valley ecosystem.

On both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the resort will host lavish buffet-style meals from 4-8 p.m. The Christmas Day menu features Prime Rib Au Jus, Garlic and Herb Roasted Pork Loin, Salmon Piccata, Lobster Bisque and a host of traditional sides, salads, soups,

and desserts. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (304) 866-4121 x2655.

On New Year's Eve, the resort will offer both a family party and a more adult-focused celebration, as well as a grand fireworks display. The Family Party will take place from 8:00pm -12:30am in the resort's Pine Room and features music by Barkley Entertainment, party favors and snacks, and a Sparkling Cider Toast at Midnight. The adult celebration begins at 9:30pm in the Laurel Lounge and features live entertainment from the Soda Pop Gypsies, dancing, Champagne Toast at Midnight, and adult beverages available for purchase throughout the evening. Between 11:30-Midnight, guests will enjoy spectacular fireworks display over the valley floor.



8 easy holiday centerpiece ideas



Holiday hosts and hostesses should not neglect the dining table when they decorate. Festive centerpieces can be handmade without much effort on the part of hosts.

The holiday season is a great time to make any home a bit more merry and bright. Most individuals let their personalities show through their home decor, and holiday decorating is just as personal as decorating throughout the rest of the year.

The main living areas of a home get the most decorating attention, with a Christmas tree or menorah taking a prominent position in the front window. Garlands, candles and other accoutrements also may dress up spaces. However, when it comes to holiday hosting, attention also should be given to the dining table - which can benefit from a festive centerpiece.

Premade centerpieces are undeniably attractive, but adding a home-

spun touch can be a fun creative pursuit and become a family tradition. Explore these eight simple ideas to dress up your holiday table.

1. Frosted pine cones: Take advantage of a crisp winter's day to venture into a forest or park that is rich with evergreen trees. Gather pine cones from the forest floor and, if possible, a few evergreen boughs. Give the pine cones a touch of winter whimsy with a little faux snow in a can or even

white paint. Nestle the boughs and pine cones into a wide-mouthed vase or bowl in the center of the table. Individual pine cones can later be turned into place cards for seating guests.

2. Holiday thanks: Cut many strips of paper roughly 6 inches in length from various colored pieces of paper to match the holiday theme. When guests arrive, ask them to write a favorite holiday memory or two, or what they're thankful for. Twirl the paper strips around a pencil to curl them, and then place the curlicues into a decorative bowl in the center of the table. Later in the evening, the host or hostess can read some of the sentiments.

3. Magical forest: Use green and silver conical party hats to turn a table or sideboard into a veritable evergreen forest. Arrange them on a blanket of faux snow or white confetti.

4. Freshly cut: Select attractive flowers in vibrant holiday hues from a florist or even the supermarket floral section. Cut the stems and place them into an unusual display container, such as holiday themed mugs or a punch bowl.

5. Glass baubles: Who says ornaments should be exclusive to the tree? A crystal or glass cake stand can be transformed into an icy delight when topped with silver and clear glass ornaments.

6. Birch wood: The crisp white coloring of birch bark is right at home with holiday decor. Go stark with pieces of the cut wood in varying heights intermingled with white candles that mimic the shapes and scale of the wood.

7. Fruit and vegetables: If guests are coming over and the race is on for a fast centerpiece, look no further than the kitchen. Lemons, artichokes, pears, or pomegranates look festive in a bowl interspersed with some greenery and baby's breath.

8. Cornucopia: The horn of plenty can be customized to any holiday. Purchase a horn in wicker or woven grapevine and fill with flowers, fruit and greenery, or even painted gourds or miniature pumpkins.



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GHSP Reminds Drivers: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over



CHARLESTON, WV — The West Virginia Governor’s Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is conducting a high-visibility enforcement mobilization beginning today through New Year’s Day as part of its ongoing efforts to reduce impaired driving in West Virginia. The GHSP is partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), as well as state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies across West Virginia for this high visibility enforcement effort. This enforcement effort aims to keep drivers who are impaired by alcohol, drugs, or certain impairing medications off our roadways so that all road users are safe this holiday season.

According to data from NHTSA, 11,654 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes that involved an alcohol-impaired driver in 2020. During the month of December between 2016 and 2020, more than 4,400 people were killed in drunk-driving-related crashes. Although it is illegal to drive when impaired by alcohol, in 2020 one person was killed every 45 minutes in drunk-driving crashes nationwide.

“West Virginia law enforcement officers have zero tolerance for impaired driving,

especially during high visibility enforcement periods like this,” said Bob Tipton, GHSP Director. “The privilege to drive carries with it many responsibilities. You, and only you, are responsible for your actions. One of the responsibilities required of drivers in West Virginia is to not drive while impaired by alcohol, drugs, or impairing medications—whether prescribed or over-the-counter, such as allergy medicine.”

In 2021, there were 280 total roadway fatalities in West Virginia. Of those, 46 involved an alcohol-impaired driver.

“The most tragic thing about the alcohol-related fatalities is that they are preventable,” said Steven Jarvis, GHSP Impaired Driving Program Coordinator. “We want the motoring public to understand impaired driving isn’t just a ‘mistake.’ Driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs is a selfish, deadly, and illegal choice—especially with the available options for ride share services and taxis.”

The decision to drive sober should not be a difficult choice. In West Virginia, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. Drivers need to ask themselves if the risks are worth the gamble. Not only do drunk drivers put their own lives at risk, they endanger everyone they encounter on the road. The costs can be financial, too. If you’re caught drinking and driving, you could face jail time, lose your driver’s license and your vehicle, and pay up to \$10,000 in attorney’s fees, fines, higher insurance rates, and lost wages.

The GHSP reminds West Virginia drivers to celebrate with a plan this holiday season. There are many resources available to get drivers home safely. It is essential to plan a sober ride home before you ever leave for the party. The GHSP recommends these

safe alternatives to drinking and driving:

- Remember that it is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you’ve had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride service such as Uber or Lyft to get home safely.
- If available, use your community’s sober ride program, such as IntoxiTaxi or similar programs.
- If you were not planning on drinking but end up having one, call a trusted sober friend or family member and ask them to drive you home.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local law enforcement or dial *77 for the West Virginia State Police.
- Do you have a friend who is

about to drink and drive? Take their keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely.

“We want everyone to be as safe as possible on West Virginia roads this holiday season and year-round. We hope drivers will be safe and make responsible choices. Impaired driving is one hundred-percent preventable. Don’t make a selfish choice that puts yourself and others at risk,” concluded Jarvis.

Additional information about the 2022 Holiday Season Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign can be found at nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving. To contact the West Virginia Governor’s Highway Safety Program, visit highwaysafety.wv.gov or call 304-926-2509.

Shake up your holiday traditions – make a blood donation

Give the Gift of Life Blood Drives

MORGANTOWN, WV, December 14, 2022 — Join us for a special two-day event: The Gift of Life Blood Drives on Tuesday, December 20th in Clarksburg at the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center and Wednesday December 21st at Hotel Morgan in Morgantown. Shake up your holiday traditions – make a blood donation. The Clarksburg Gift of Life Blood Drive is supported by the United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties.

The need for blood is constant. **One in 7** patients entering a hospital will need a blood transfusion. Be a lifeline for car accident victims, parents with complicated childbirths, individuals battling cancer and people with sickle cell disease, give at the Gift

of Life Blood Drives. Go to www.redcrossblood.org/giftoflife to make your appointment.

All who come to give Dec. 16-Jan. 2 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last. You’ll look fantastic, and you’ll feel incredible every time somebody asks where you got it. After all, you’re in rare company: Only 3% of Americans can say, “I’m a blood donor!”

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, visit <https://www.redcross.org/volunteertoday>.

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Tucker County Magistrate
Paid by Candidate

Every holiday brings us closer to the people around us but there’s something extra special about Christmas that leaves a glowing effect on our lives. We embrace the meaning of the season with a Christmas greeting for your family, our family, friends and colleagues.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Mike, Christine & family

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Cortland Acres celebrates holidays with tree lighting



Members of the Tucker Community Chorus entertained the crowd and filled the dining room with Christmas carols during Cortland Acres' annual tree lighting.



Volunteer Kay Flanagan of the Friends of Cortland Acres turned lights on one at a time as Nancy Zizunas read the names of the special star light honorees. The annual holiday event raised more than \$4,600.

Residents, family, and friends of Cortland Acres gathered to celebrate the meaning of the Christmas season with readings and carols before lighting the star and tree. The annual holiday event raised more than \$4,600 for the Friends of Cortland Acres held on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The funds help pay for many special projects for the residents throughout the year.

After a heartfelt welcome by Cortland Acres Activity Director Marie Grafton, Rinda Bonner narrated a Christmas story called "There is a Kid in my Food." Residents and staff, who brought the play to life, included: Helen Roth as the sheep, Tom Lambert as the cow, Robert Stemple as the innkeeper, DeWayne McElwee as the donkey, and Tori Hansrote of the activity department as the "live cow."

Making their musical debut after a two-year break, several members of the Tucker Community Chorus entertained the crowd and filled the dining room with Christmas carols. Some of the melodies performed were "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," "Children, Go Where I Send Thee," and "Go Now in Peace."

Mary Swisher and Patty Parsons then took turns reading the names of those who donated month toward the Tree Lights in memory of, or honor of a loved one. As Nancy Zizunas read the names of the special star light honorees, volunteer Kay Flanagan of the Friends of Cortland Acres turned lights on one at a time.

Next, resident Roseann Messer threw the switch to turn on the outside tree lights while the gathered crowd inside sang, "Come On Ring Those Bells." Thelma Knotts, vice president of the resident council, drew the winning name for the handmade diamond dot painting, won by Patty

Stukey.

After the ceremony, the dietary staff prepared goodies for all those who attended, and many stayed around for fellowship. Established by the board of directors, the Friends of Cortland has been in existence since 1978, shortly after Cortland Acres began serving Tucker County and the surrounding areas. Since then, the organization's women and men have coordinated volunteer efforts and given generously of their time and talents to help make Cortland Acres the progressive, caring organization it is today.

Nancy Moore, president of the Friends of Cortland Acres, said past projects sponsored by the group included: mini-massages, magazine subscriptions, monthly theme dinners, pizza parties, and flowers for the courtyard.

Donations for the Friends of Cortland are accepted all year long, and new volunteers are welcome. For more information or to donate, call 304-463-4181, and ask for the Activities Department. The Cortland Acres includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation and programs, rental apartments in Pineview, and garden and patio homes in The Pines.

Star Light honorees: Ted & Donna Markley, and Jerry Cummings; Bob,

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Tucker County Commissioner Elect

Paid by candidate.

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