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Roads Surrounding Holly Meadows Dangerous for Big Trucks

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

Guest speaker Bob Ekholm spoke with the Tucker County Commission to discuss the neverending battle with large trucks on Leadmine, Sugarlands, Horseshoe Run, and Holly Meadows roads. Ekholm said, "I have put some research into this starting with Mike Simmons (Interim 911 Director) over at the 911 center. I asked him if there was a list I could obtain from all the tractor trailer incidents that occurred through last year. Not vehicles, just tractor trailers. He proceeded to give me a list of 49 incidents. Out of those 49 incidents 27 of those were on Holly Meadows Road, Sugarlands, Leadmine Mountain, or Horseshoe Run. All four of those roads intercept onto Holly Meadows.

I live on Holly Meadows, on top of Slip Hill, where a number of these incidents occur because of the extremely sharp hair pin curve there. I have spoken to the Sheriff about this. I even went over to Kingsford earlier to talk to them because a lot of the vehicles involved are hauling charcoal out of their plant."

Ekholm continued explaining that the trucks are taking this route because the GPS apps take the trucks on this route. Many of the truck drivers have said that the company they drive for,

mostly Swift Trucking, have a company policy that does not allow for them to deviate from the path that GPS takes them on. EKholm said, "Just since January of this year there has already been eight incidents."

Sheriff J.E. Kopec said, "The other day we had one get stuck and then he went down the road, flipped over, and dumped 48,000 pounds of charcoal."

At this point Commissioner Mike Rosenau called DOH representative Travis Long on his cell phone to obtain updates. Rosenau asked Long if the IT guy that was taking the routes off of GPS had done so. Long said, "Well it is not quite that simple. He cannot take them off the GPSs but we can send a request to do that." Long explained that Google did not have the option to eliminate the route of being a truck route but did have the option to label the route local traffic only.

The discussion of labeling the route local traffic included the options for AirBNBs that may be in that area or if a tourist was using the GPS to travel those roads for things like fishing. Tucker County Prosecutor Savannah Hull Wilkins said, "I think there are some AirBNBs out along that way. I think that also those particular owners could give specific directions to the people that are going out there. I mean I know our officers



Guest speaker Bob Ekholm expressed his concerns for the truck traffic incidents happening on the roads surrounding Holly Meadows Road to the TC Commissioners, TC Prosecutor Savannah Hull Wilkins, and audience guests.

are frustrated. It ties up a lot of our resources. It does seem to be primarily Kingsford, so what if we schedule a meeting between myself, get some numbers that you (Ekholm) got from 911 about how often, and maybe with Jake (Sheriff Kopec), and those agencies and maybe just sit down and talk to them and say this a drain on our county resources and just put some pressure on Kingsford to give their drivers a little better education on which route they need to be taking. I do not know what else to do except for the officers to give tickets."

Long said that even though Google may change the route to local traffic only it may not solve the problem completely because there are other map apps out there, but it will definitely help. Rosenau asked if flashing lights could be added to the existing signage along these roads. Long stated that he would talk to the person that could approve that and he did not see a problem with it.

OEM Director Kevin White presented his monthly report to the Commission. He reported that during the month there were several events that included search and rescues, water leaks at the City of Thomas' water tank, and many meetings throughout the county. White said, "I do want to touch base on a search and rescue event that happened the 31

(January) and 1 (February) and while utilizing the drone it met up with a catastrophic accident. It is out now for repair, and they do believe they can repair it. We are not exactly sure what happened, but it fell out of the sky. We do not know what caused that and that is why we have insurance on it."

White explained that the positive side of using the drone was the area coverage the drone could complete was vastly larger and faster than if done by people. White said, "It is equipped with infrared, so it does pick up heat. It has a camera on it that sends a signal back to the console so we can see things that we may not See ROADS page 4

Mountain State Brewing Co. Offers Pizza and More



to have a place to eat. R. Davis said, "Willie (Willie Layman, Owner of Mountain State Brewery, Co.) said if Debbie will run it he would build it and she agreed."

The menu offers a wide variety of specialty pizzas ranging from a Meatlover (\$15) to a Veggie Supreme (\$15). R. Davis stated the most popular pizza was the Fire on the

Mountain (\$15). This pizza hosts a

red sauce base and topped with red

onions, banana peppers, Italian sau-

sage, pepperoni, smoke gouda, moz-

zarella cheese, and finished with a

Snyder Joins the Tucker Community Foundation as Development and Marketing Officer

The Tucker Community Foundation is proud to announce they have added a new staff member to their team; Hannah Snyder was welcomed on board at the beginning of January as the Development & Marketing Officer. "Hannah Snyder brings a considerable amount of experience from her respective field to her new role with the founda-Hannah Snyder, Develtion," said David Cooper, opment & Marketing Offi-Executive Director of the cer for the Tucker Com-Tucker Community Founmunity Foundation. dation. "We're excited to harness her talents to support the Foundation in our work to create opportunities for the communities we serve."

Staff of Mountain State Brewing Co. kitchen from left to right McKenzie Zirk, Debbie Davis, Brian Arnette, and Randy Davis.

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

The Mountain State Brewing Co., in Thomas, now offers more than just specialty adult drinks. In an area connected with the brewery the company has opened a kitchen that serves not only pizza but salads, sandwiches, and hummus with pita bread. There is an option to order and pay online for pickup or choose to dine in a cozy seating area adjacent to the pub.

This is a new location for the company with two other locations in Bridgeport and Morgantown. The Thomas location is operated by Brian Arnette and Randy Davis. Debbie Davis manages the location with the help of McKenzie Zirk. According to R. Davis the kitchen was developed to satisfy the need expressed by many drizzle of smokey and spicy chipotle See PIZZA page 4



Blackwater PSD Discussed During Commission Work Session

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Commission met with Executive Director Shane Whitehair, of Region VII, Region and Development Council and Attorney Todd Swanson from Steptoe and Johnson to get updates on the development of the Blackwater PSD. Whitehair said to the commissioners, "I thought it would be a good idea to discuss the next steps and answer any questions you have in regards to cre-

ating this new PSD. I know we have talked before about some questions you had and we have brought Todd to kinda help us out with the public



Members of the TC Commission along with representatives from Region VII Region and Development Council and law firm Steptoe and Johnson discuss matters pretaining to the new Blackwater PSD during work sesssion.

service requirements and maybe anything you want to address."

Commissioner Mike Rosenau explained that as a commissioner he had never created a PSD before. Rosenau said, "All of this is new to me." Rosenau explained that he was inexperienced and did not know where to start with several of the components pretaining to the creation of the PSD such as how many people on the board or even what pipe sizes are used in the project. This was why he wanted to have the work session with Region VII and obtain guidance.

Swanson said, "We have done it before and we will get you where you need to be. You have done everything initially that you needed to do with the orders, proposing the creation, and creating the Blackwater PSD. We made the filing with Public Service Commission (PSC) last fall and things are moving along. We expect a final memo and recommendation See PSD page 3



In this role, Snyder is working on shaping and expanding the Foundation's footprint as well as helping to tell its story throughout Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker counties in West Virginia and Garrett County, Maryland.

"I'm excited to bring my skills to the Tucker Community Foundation to help support communities and impact the people in a region I love and where I call home," Snyder said. Hannah Snyder is a Tucker County native and comes to the Tucker Community Foundation with 5 years of marketing experience. One of her projects is organizing the Run For It race, one of the Tucker Community Foundations' biggest fundraisers. Snyder brings a knowledge of race experience having worked alongside Robby McClung, owner of Canaan Valley Running Company, for the last 5 race seasons. She received her degree in Business Management from Davis & Elkins College in 2016 and is the owner, photographer, and creative mind behind Hannah Snyder Media, a small business located in Tucker County.

If you would like to reach Hannah to talk about development opportunities for the Foundation, please email her at hannah@tuckerfoundation.net.

About the Tucker Community Foundation: The Tucker Community Foundation operates in eight counties - Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker counties in West Virginia and in Garrett County, Maryland. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Foundation is to create opportunities for the communities we serve. For more information on the Foundation or to learn more about our grant season call the office at 304-478-2930 or visit www.tuckerfoundation.net.



We Get Letters

To the Citizens of Tucker County:

As you know, Tucker County Commissioners have been in Charleston several days during the current legislative session, which started on January 11, 2023. We have been in meetings with our local elected officials--Senator Randy Smith, Senator Jay Taylor and Delegate John Paul Hott—and many others in hopes of furthering legislation in support of multiple ways to provide funding for our EMS.

Unfortunately, most of the current bills regarding the funding have been stalled due to the lobbyists for the State's tourism industry. We do, however, thanks to Senator Randy Smith, continue to have a chance at getting one piece of legislation passed, Senate Bill 429.

SB 429 will put a \$1.00 health and safety fee on tourism and recreational activities within a county. These funds will be collected and divided equally between EMS

Tucker County Sheriff Office Monthly Activity

Month of January 2023

- Felony Arrests (charges or indictments) 0
- Persons Arrested on Felony charges 0
- Misdemeanor arrest (charges or indictments) 3
- Persons arrested on misdemeanor charges 1
- Misdemeanor citations issues 3
- Hazardous moving violations tickets issued 4
- Other traffic violations tickets issued
- Hazardous moving violations warning issued 36
- Other traffic violations warning issued 68
- DUI arrest (Driving under the influence) 0
- Motorist Assists ie. broke down vehicle 7
- Vehicle crashes where a crash report was generated 4
- Felony cases fielded resulting in a police report 1
- Misdemeanor cases fielded resulting in a police report 9
- Drugs confiscated in dollar street value amount \$100
- Other contraband confiscated \$60
- Domestic violence petitions served 3
- Job Tasks completed 316
- Calls for service either through 911 or walk ins resulting in Police action 142
- Mileage Report (Total miles traveled by the Department patrolling) 5,376 miles

Additional Notes : None

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.

News of Record

The following criminal complaint has been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate Office:

• **Casey Leann Dravenstout,** of Hambleton, was charged with one count of Driving Revoked for DUI. According to the complaint on Jan. 13 Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office was patrolling WV72 when he observed a West Virginia registration that was expired. He and fire departments. This bill is a win, win for Tucker County.

Unfortunately, Tucker County Commission and our local legislators cannot get this bill passed alone, we need your help and support. We would ask that you contact members of our WV Legislature, local and all others as well, and let them know you support SB 429. Please visit wvlegislature.gov to get the names, phone numbers and email addresses of elected State legislators and call and email their offices in support of Tucker County, our EMS and our fire departments—tell them you support SB 429.

Tucker County Commission Michael Rosenau, President Fred Davis, Commissioner Tim Knotts, Commissioner

Dear Tucker County Citizens,

As WV Senate Bill 429 makes its way through the WV State Legislature, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the residents of Tucker County to contact their WV State Senators, and Delegates to encourage them to vote in favor of this bill. While no legislation is ever perfect, the ability to collect additional funding to support our EMS and Fire Departments is vital to our physical wellbeing and collective economic viability.

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2023 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 429

By Senators Smith and Taylor

[Introduced January 23, 2023; referred to the Committee on Government Organization]

Stable funding of our emergency services is our number one barrier to being able to provide paramedic (ALS) and multiple crew EMS services to the residents and visitors of Tucker County. A large geographic service area, lack of a within-county hospital with emergency services and low population density all work against us when it comes to providing and funding timely EMS services. While we are doing what we can to contain and manage costs, the reality is that it costs a lot to be able to staff 24 x 7 x 365,two crew, EMS services.

Billing alone does not cover our service delivery costs. We are limited by what we can collect for these services by what the insurance companies consider usual and customary. (These rates are established for large metropolitan areas and not rural counties). The risks incurred by being the second EMS caller, when our duty crew is out on a previous call, should not be acceptable to the citizens of Tucker County. It happens much more often than what we should consider acceptable. Our crews are doing their best, using as much innovation as possible, to be able meet our ever-changing EMS needs.

We need your help. Please consider contacting Senators Randy Smith (randy.smith@wvsenate.gov), Jay Taylor (jay.taylor@wvsenate.gov) and Delegate John Paul Hott (johnpaul.hott@wvhouse.gov) to encourage them to support our EMS needs and to endorse SB 429.

Dennis Filler

Tucker County Ambulance Authority Board President chitin in mammals has been shown to cause inflammation in the lungs and digestive tract as well as autoimmune responses. The human body doesn't recognize chitin and attacks it accordingly. We're simply not built to process bugs the way other animals, like birds or reptiles can. And yet they're quietly being introduced in school lunches in over a thousand schools in Australia alone, and the E.U. recently agreed to use ground up insects as an additive in pizza, pastas and cereals across Europe. All without our knowledge or consent.

The biggest dreadnought however, steering this movement is by far the World Economic Forum, with it's founder and Chairman Klaus Schwab at the helm. I find it rich that while these well-heeled celebrities and elites are literally trying to shove bugs down our throats, they themselves wouldn't touch 'em with a ten-foot pole. No.They're enjoying caviar, Chilean sea bass, grass-fed Kobe steaks and swilling thousand dollar bottles of wine, I can assure you.

Christopher Phares Thomas, WV 26292

Letter to the Editor:

My name is Chris Davis. I am a proud resident of Tucker County. Over the years I have been able to help with coaching basketball, volunteering on the Parsons Parks and Recreation board, and also currently volunteering as the Tucker County Ambulance Authority Treasurer.

As some of you are aware we are in a dire situation as it pertains to funding for Emergency Services. Our county Commission is using all resources available to support as best that they can. With the residents of our county voting that they are opposed to a levy at this time, our state senators and house of representatives are attempting to pass bills to help this cause. Please contact our state Representatives by email or phone and ask for support on Senate bill 429. This Bill would allow each separate County Commission the choice to attach a \$1 fee to certain amenities within the county. The proceeds of this fee would be split between EMS and Fire Departments. I realize the need for Tourism, but feel that it is too much to ask our local residents to cover the cost of emergency services for themselves and the over 1 millions other that visit our county.

We have a great county with great people and businesses. My hope is we can help get Senate Bill 429 to pass and improve our emergency Services. Please take the time to contact our WV State Senators and House of Representatives and have your voice heard.

Best Regards

Christopher Davis

Editor,

According to a study by Older Adults Technology Services (OATS), 42% of older adults lack access to the internet, which often translates to less access to information regarding healthcare and community services, social connections and financial management resources. Additionally, a social survey conducted by WVU in 2020 found that **See LETTERS page 3**



a west virginia registration that was expired. He initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver and asked for driver's license, registration and proof of insurance. The driver, Casey Dravenstout, stated she did not have a valid WV driver's license. A check was done through 911 and was advised that her right to drive a motor vehicle had been revoked for DUI. She was placed under arrest and transported to the West Virginia State Police Station in Hambleton for processing, then to TVRJ to await arraignment.

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

- Duane W. Cale, Clover, 0.96 acres, 1.61 acres, and 51.25 acres Brushy Fork to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$130,000.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork, Unit F6 Week 2 to Patty Hermosilla, \$300.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork, Unit F6 Week 1 to Patty Hermosilla, \$300.
- Kathy Ann Fry and James Fry, St. George, 1.15 acres more or less to David Robert Craig and Darl Lorraine Macargle, \$160,000.
- Tucker F. Murphy and Sydni L. Murphy, Hendricks 2.5 acres and ³/₄ acres to Raymond Reynolds and Barbara Reynolds, \$28,000.
- Marl L. Stout, Dry Fork, Unit G3 Week 3 to Lisa A. Vincent Stout, \$0.
- Ronald G. Hollis, Jr. and Ana J. Hollis, Davis, Part Lot 234 to James Linkinoggor and Heather G. Linkinoggor, \$280,000.
- Border Lee Crow, Jr. and Pamela Sue Bergren, Dry Fork, Lot 42 Woods End to Michael J. Gaffney and Jenny C. Gaffney, \$55,000.
- William R. Poling, Clover, 39 acres mineral to Workman Land & Livestock LLC, \$1,000.

Editor,

Bugs. They're the latest craze, they say. The greatest thing since Wonderbread, we're told. Delicious and nutritious! Sustainable. Best of all, they're eco-friendly, require far less farming land, and possess the carbon footprint of a jigger flea. All this from an obnoxious minority of self-appointed environmentalism minders. Any say to the contrary and you'll risk the wrath of an insane green priesthood of grub munching Gia worshipers.

Celebrities like Nicole Kidman, James Cordon, Stephen Colbert and Robert Downey Jr. giddily endorse them with a cult leader's fervor. Shows such as TED Talks promote them with big name agricultural entrepreneurs like James Rolin who'd have us plebs believe that Americans switching from burgers to bugs is an already foregone conclusion. CNN and The Washington Post write puff pieces about it. Even the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation have hitched themselves to the bug eating bandwagon, raising \$100,000 for a U.S. start-up group called All Things Bugs, committed to developing a "ready-to-use therapeutic food product made from insects for children in famine stricken countries."

Right. Because that's what hungry kids want, of course. Never-mind the basic dignity of meat and grain, eggs and dairy, or God forbid, an occasional ice-cream cone. No no. What they'd much rather prefer is a hearty bowl of ground up meal worms.

I mean give me break. It would be one thing if they were somewhat good for you and we all actually had a choice in the matter. But they're not good I'm here to tell you, and it's becoming more evident that we don't have a choice.

Apart from being manifestly disgusting, insects are extremely toxic, containing an array of chemicals like peptides and polyamines that are well known to cause cancer. Particularly carcinogenic is the compound chitin, which makes up the insects' entire exoskeleton and is essentially a natural polymer used in several industrial applications such as flocculants in water treatment plants, chelates, and coating materials. Regular ingestion of

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Jeffrey Mark Hebb

Morrisey Leads Multistate Effort to Protect Oil, Natural Gas Jobs

CHARLESTON - West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is again leading a multistate coalition, this time in a supplemental letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding a job-killing oil and natural gas rule proposed by the agency.

The letter, addressed to EPA Administrator Michael Regan, follows a missive penned by the Attorney General in January 2022 which expressed concerns the proposed rule would establish new standards of performance under the Clean Air Act for new and modified sources of methane in the oil and natural gas sector.

Recently, the EPA submitted a supplemental proposed rule-Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review-which the coalition said goes "far beyond its statutory authority and

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the lowest rate of internet access was among those 60 and older, with access dropping even more substantially after age 80. While cost has been pinpointed as a major factor in this matter due to the low and fixed incomes of those receiving social security, this session Delegate Danielle Walker introduced HB 2085, which would reduce the cost of broadband by 20 percent for low income and elderly individuals. Unfortunately, although this bill was introduced to the House

PSD

from PSC recommending the approval of it around the first of March.

Once we get a satisfied memo saying yes this is great, which we fully anticipate, John McFowler is the staff engineer that has been assigned to it. We will get the final commission (PSC) approval mid to late March. Once they approve it then the PSD will come into existence and that is when you as a Commission will need to appoint board members."

Swanson explained that three board members was the norm assigned to a PSD and said, "It has to be at least three and I would tell you to initially just do three."

and a specific statue allows them to have a base water authority. They are really not a PSD."

Rosenau explained that the authority mentioned was the only one to have five members and everyone else he talked with had three. Swanson said, "Some of the bigger PSDs that have consildated together will have the five members like the Mineral County Frankfort PSD has five board members."

Rosenau then asked Swanson about a rumor that he heard where the Tucker County Landfill was stating that if they did not obtain a seat on the board they would truck their leachate some where

would impose unnecessary costs on the energy industry, all while disregarding the role of the States in regulating methane emissions. "

"It's either the EPA missed our letter or ignored our concerns," Attorney General Morrisey said, writing "Rather than listen to our advice, EPA has doubled down-proposing a rule that vastly increases the EPA's authority while imposing compliance obligations even stricter than the ones described in the Proposed Rule."

The letter, signed by 24 attorneys general, highlighted how the EPA's supplemental proposal exacerbates the flaws of the proposed rule, which incorrectly reinstates legal deficiencies of the 2016 Clean Air Act rule, reflects an unbalanced view of EPA's prior regulations and improperly preserves duplicative and costly regulation.

West Virginia is a leader in natural gas production. The natural gas, pipe-

line and construction sectors provide thousands of jobs to hard-working West Virginians. Reintroducing unnecessary and costly regulations would jeopardize those jobs.

Experts estimate that in West Virginia alone, implementation of the proposed rule under EPA's preferred twoyear timetable could cost that state's environmental regulatory agency more than \$278 million each year.

Attorney General Morrisey was joined in the letter by his counterparts in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas. Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming.

Read a copy of the supplemental letter at: https://bit.ly/40SprY2.

Read a copy of the letter sent Jan. 31, 2022 at: https://bit.ly/3rrBqw9.

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ment Council. Delegate John Paul Hott represents Tucker County and Delegate Linville is responsible for moving HB 2085 forward. They can be reached at the emails and phone numbers listed below. John Paul Hott - johnpaul.hott@wvhouse.gov /(304) 340-3399 Daniel Linville: daniel.linville@wvhouse.gov / (304) 340-3324 Let them know that your access to broadband should be a priority

Morgantown, WV 26505

terms such as two, four,

Jeffrey Mark Hebb, age 53 years, a resident of Hendricks, WV, departed this life Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Monday, October 6, 1969 at Elkins, WV, a son of the late Charles F. Hebb and Phyllis Jean Heckler Hebb. On December 1, 2012, at Hendricks, WV, he was married to Donna June Hebb, who survives.



Also surviving are one daughter, Zoey Hebb of Parsons; one step-son, Daniel Michael of Hendricks; two stepdaughters, Stacey Canfield and husband Dylan and Amber Hissam and husband Dustin, all of Parsons; two brothers, Charles "Chuck" Hebb and wife Melondy, Danny Hebb and wife Michelle; four sisters, Sherry Cross and husband Omer, Becky Alexopoulos and husband Charles, Liesa Propst and Barbara Reynolds and husband Raymond; two grandchildren, Elias and Aleecia Hissam and one on the way; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are two brothers, Tony Hebb and Michael Hebb; one brother-in-law, Jimmy Propst; one sister, Susan Close; and one great niece Raya Simmons.

He was a graduate of Tucker County High School with the class of 1989. He worked at Dominion Power as an operator until his health prevented him from working. Jeff was a kindhearted and soft-spoken father who loved spending time with his daughter Zoey, especially their lunch trips and sightseeing outings. Jeff enjoyed hunting and fishing and he was a jack of all trades and very handy with anything he would be working with.

The family received friends on Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Saturday at 1 p.m. Pastor Antonio Palma officiated and interment followed at the Fansler Cemetery at Hendricks, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV was in charge of the arrangements for Jeffrey Mark Hebb. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Amy Louise Harman Teter

Amy Louise Harman Teter, age 75 years, a resident of Harman, WV departed this life Sunday morning, February 19, 2023 at the WV Caring Hospice Center at Elkins, WV surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Monday, February 16, 1948 at Har-

man, WV a daughter of the late Teddy Mirl Harman, Sr., and Mary Eva Lamb Harman Smith. On July 4, 1965 at Whitmer, WV she was married to Lewis L. Teter, who preceded her in death. Surviving are one son, Asa Ted Teter and wife Mae of Red Creek; one daughter, Angela Dawn Teter Moore and husband Tim of Harman; one brother, Teddy Mirl Harman, Jr. of Harman; three grandchildren, Ryan Lewis Moore, Jordan Leah Teter and Devin Paul Teter; and nieces and nephews, Ricky Huffman and wife

structure, the chair of the committee, Delegate Linville has repeatedly chosen not to place the bill on the committee agenda. In addition to HB 2085, there are several other bills expanding broadband accessibility including HB 2599, which proposes the creation of "the utility pole rights of way and easement mapping initiative," and SB 246 relating to membership of the Broadband Enhance-

is, if there is no reason to

expand the line out there

other than the landfill, is

the PSD going to take the

cost to incorporate that. I

think the difference on this

one is it is a state landfill.

Knowing the situation and

the cost of transporting, the

history of treating it (leach-

ate) itself I do not know

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Rosenau said, "As a cus-

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dispose of that leachate at

a higher rate and I have to

incur the cost of it, that is

where it would be the prob-

lem for me." Commissioner

Fred Davis explained that

the landfill was wanting a

representative on the board

continue to truck it."

of Delegates and moved to the house committee on Technology and Infra-

Veronica.Witikko

Cont. From Front Page saying, "The other thing

and six year terms. Since the Commission would like to appoint the Mayors of Davis and Thomas it was asked if the Mayor position itself could be appointed or the person had to be appointed. Swanson informed the Commission that the actual person not their position is appointed to the board according to code.

It was also informed that the person on the boards needed to be from the district of where the PSD is located. Rosenau asked the other Commissioners to be thinking about who would best serve on the board for the third seat, perferably someone with accounting or engineering experience. Commissioner Davis asked if the county would be responsible for the existing debt of the two separate Thomas and Davis PSDs. Swanson said, "Whatever debt there is would transfer over to the new PSD, and all the revenue that comes with those customers gets transferred too. So in theory they would still be able to generate the revenue that would satisfy the debt." It was established at the ending of the meeting the next step is to get the board established once they receive the approval from the PSC and move on from there. Obtaining an engineering firm is one of the next steps following board appointments. Whitehair and Swanson both expressed that they would be there to help the Commission with anything that is needed.



Rosenau said, "We talked to various Commissions and a couple of them had sewage or something similar but they had an advisory committee to the PSD in their county. Grant County was one of those." Whitehair explained that was when Grant County had a chicken factory come into the county and Swanson said, "Their structure is a little different over there. There is a utility that is not actualy a PSD over there

else. Rosenau asked, **''**I know when I worked with sewage and leachate before if sewage runs in front of your house you can not have a septic tank. Let me ask you this. If they have sewage running in front of their business and they have sewage coming out of there does it have to go to the PSD or can they truck it at a higher cost?"

Swanson said, "They have to take service by code." Whitehair added by

because of the different types of water they would be receiving throughout the year and could advise the board of the different type of water they would be receiving.

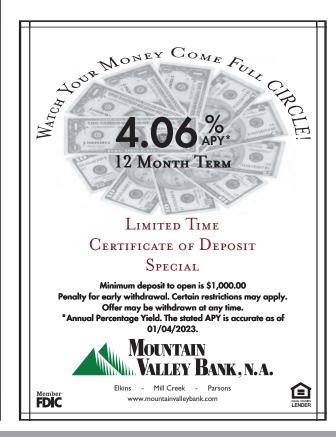
Whitehair said to the Commissioners, "It is your decision of who you want to appoint and you know better than anyone else who may be better at this. I think just due to the fact, and we have talked about this before, you are consildating Davis and Thomas and I think adding representatives from those two communities would be essential to the transition of the new PSD."

Rosenau stated that since the Mayors of Thomas and Davis was elected as the highest official selected by its residents that they should be on the board. It was discussed that the members of the PSD board would have staggered Kristi, Rocky Huffman, Robert Huffman, Jim Thompson and John Thompson.

Preceding her in death are one daughter, Pamela Sue Teter, one half brother, Clarence Keith Smith, two sisters, Betty Ann Huffman and Rosalea Linda Thompson Robson; one nephew, Jeffrey Thompson; and one niece Sheri Thompson.

She was a graduate of Harman High School with the Class of 1966. She previously worked for Donna and Fred Wilson at Parsons Hardware, Adkins Home Center and Canaan Valley Resort in the accounting department until her retirement. She attended the Flanagan Hill Church, the Whitmer Church of God and was a member of the Harman Church of the Brethren. She was a member of the Dry Fork Community Chorus and the Flanagan Hill Church Choir. She enjoyed traveling, cake decorating, crafts, and was a great painter doing oil painting freehand. She also enjoyed stamp collecting and learned to play the mandolin. She loved spending time with her family.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday. On Friday afternoon, February 24, 2023, Mrs. Teter will be moved to the Flanagan Hill Church at Red Creek, WV where friends may call from 1 to 2 p.m., the funeral hour. Pastor Bob Yothers will officiate and interment will follow at the Flanagan Hill Cemetery at Red Creek, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Amy Louise Harman Teter. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome. com





The family of David Orr would like to thank everyone for the love and support shown to us during the recent loss of our loved one.

We wish to thank our extended family, relations near and far, neighbors and friends who showed up, helped, supported and prayed for us during this difficult time. For those who telephoned, attended the service, sent floral tributes, cards and messages of condolences, as well as those who made charitable contributions, we are truly grateful.

To those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more bearable. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please know that you made a difference in our season of sorrow.

> Many thanks, Donna Orr and Family



pick up walking on the ground. A lot of the time you can not get a helicopter for different reasons." White stated that the drone has been used several times in the past year that included a river search and rescue.

Many people wear different "hats" or roles in the county and White is one of them. During the meeting White switched his "hat" to Fire Chief of the Parsons Fire Department and reported that for the year 2022 the fire department responded to 248 calls. The amount of calls the station is answering is in an upward trend. For 2021 the station answered 230 calls. In 2020 there were 225 calls and in 2019 there were 180 calls answered.

Of the 248 calls for 2022 there were five for structures, 14 for motor vehicle crashes with injuries, 50 for motor vehicle crashes without injury, 15 for traffic control, four for search and rescues, 21 for mutual aid, 21 for landing zone, one hazmat, 11 gas leaks, four brush fires, 21 services to public, one vehicle fire, two fire or CO alarms, seven for electric lines down, one water rescue, 11 smoke and odor investigations, two ATV or UTV crashes and 57 EMS assists.

White explained that while the calls being answered were increasing the number of volunteers is decreasing. This is not just a county issue it is a nation-wide issue. White said, "There is a strain on our volunteer fire services to provide services for not just our residents but our guest also or just people traveling through our area from point A to point B.

We know that the road is being built. We know that it is in a position where it is touching both ends of our county and soon to be further in county by my understanding of construction dates. I just want people to understand how important it is to get this road done to make things a little safer. Because a lot of the accidents and a lot of the situations we are seeing in are on an inadequate road that is bringing this traffic to us. And I am calling 219 inadequate for the type of traffic we are getting."

Commissioner Rosenau thanked White for his report and said, "Having the numbers before us sure helps. Like you said it is surely through out the county that they have increased. From the Commission we thank you and the fire department for all that you do for our community."

Animal Shelter Director Bailey Falls presented her monthly report to the Commission. During the report Falls stated that there were several upcoming events that will help with funding for the shelter. Those included a slumber party hosted by the animal shelter on March 25, a Save a Stray Soiree hosted by the Friends of Tucker County Animal Shelter (TCAS) on April 1, a rabies clinic on April 22, a golf tournament with Friends of TCAS on May 21, and dog wash with Friends of TCAS on June 3. All events can be found the TCAS website at www.tcanimalshelter.org.

engineers, contractors, and plumbers.

Falls said, "Our existing dog shelter was and is still not great but we had some rusty kennels that were a danger to the animals that were housed there and our staff was not able to safely move through there. It is still not perfect, but they were able to get the side that is most easily heated usable. We had two usable kennels on that side, and we now have seven. They did not charge us anything and we did not have to buy any material." A grooming tub has also been installed to replace the rusted and cracked old tub.

The commissioners accepted the resignation of Terry Silk from the Ambulance Authority board. In his letter of resignation Silk explained that due to the passing of his wife of 60 years and other personal health issues he felt it necessary to resign. Silk stated that it had been an honor to serve on the board and offered prayers for continuing the work of putting the EMS back together.

The Commission next appointed Edward Watson to the OEM Advisory Board and re-appointed Phil Fansler to the Park and Recreation Board.

Executive Director of Region VII Region and Development Council Shane Whitehair requested funding of \$1,500 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The match requirement for the program is \$28,000. The Regional Council is coming up with an estimated \$12,000 and is asking each county commission for \$1,500 and a hand full of municipalities for \$1,000 each. Whitehair said, "Today I have three commissions that have committed \$1,500. Four municipalities that have agreed to pay \$1,000 and there are two more that I am going to visit as well."

Whitehair said, "We submitted the application in December of 2021. We were notified in November of 2022 that we were approved, however between those dates the State of West Virginia has taken up a position that they are requiring local governments to match rather than the State of West Virginia not coming up with the 25 percent non-federal shares."

Rosenau said, "In order for us to apply for grants on the federal level we have to have a mitigation plan."

The Commission approved the request.

Tucker Community Foundation Executive Director David Cooper and the Development and Marketing Officer Hannah Snyder presented the Commission with a request for a \$5,000 contribution to the Run For It program. The Commission has participated in the program since 2009 and since that time their total investment has been \$65,000 with a return on that investment in excess of \$1,182,000. This year's race is scheduled for September 23 in Davis and the registration is set to begin on April 1, 2023.

The Commission approved the request. Mayor of Thomas Iodi Flanagan pre sented a request in the amount of \$6,900 for a welder. The welder would be used by the City of Davis to help maintain the integrity of the city's water tank. The tank recently cracked and began to leak water. A new tank has been ordered but to prevent any further leaking Flanagan would like to purchase a used welder with 400 hours of service on it and includes a trailer from United Rentals to patch the tank. A certified welder is on staff at the water treatment plant and can complete the work required.

The Commission approved the request.

Director of EMS Amanda Simmons asked the Commission to table the two items that were placed on the agenda for matching contributions from the AFG Grant and the Stryker cots. Simmons and the Commission had held a work session to discuss these contributions but at the time the correct numbers for the total cost of the lift system was unknown. It is now known that the cost will be in the area of \$87,000 for everything that is needed to install one cot.

The items were tabled and another work session will be scheduled to discuss the matter further.

The Commission scheduled a budget meeting for March 15 at 9 a.m. to review the annual budget. During that day the Commission will meet with elected officials from the Assessor, Sheriff, Prosecutor's, Circuit Court, 911 Director, TCAS, and OEM Director for funding requests. On March 16 at 9 a.m., the Commission will meet again to construct the budget. The budget will then be unofficially approved at the Commission meeting on March 22 before sending it to the state auditor.

Commissioner Fred Davis gave an update. Davis said, "We have been working hard going to Charleston for a few weeks working for our county. We are working with EMS the best we can. We have some work sessions coming up where we are going to try to get some trade schools. Eastern College, the Tucker County Foundation, and the school superintendent will be there. This is not just for kids but adults also. The classes can be expensive but with grants anyone can get discounts or free college classes. Some of the classes

Pizza

sauce. Of course, there is always the option to build your own starting at \$10 and each topping is an additional charge.

The sauces that are available are the classic red sauce, alfredo, Franks (hot sauce), BBQ, and oil with garlic and a splash of red sauce. Cheese choices include mozzarella, fresh mozzarella, cheddar jack, blue cheese crumbles, and smoked gouda. Toppings include your everyday variety and also cranberries, A1 or chipotle drizzle, prime rib, meatballs, and caramelized onions are included.

All pizza dough is freshly made from unbleached and unbromated flour. A 10 inch gluten free is also available. D. Davis stated that all sauces and salad dressings are made fresh. Even the hummus that is served with pita bread is made fresh.

are CDLs, maybe VET tech, phlebotomy class, nursing assistant, and grant writing. I am hoping to get some heating/air conditioning technician classes as well."

By phone, Commissioner Tim Knotts said, "Sorry I cannot be there today the old COVID virus finally caught up to me after all these years, but I am doing well. I want to say that we went to Charleston last week for four more days, and we met with many Senators and legislators from districts in other counties. They are having the same problems as we are." Knotts urged the residents of Tucker County to call our legislators, Delegates, or Senators and push to get the bills passed that would add additional funding to the county for emergency services. Knotts said, "Tucker County is not all residents and we have a great number of people coming in here that we are supplying emergency service for. We need some help! So, please, please, call our Delegates and Senators and put some pressure on them."

Rosenau highlighted some the things that happened in Charleston. He stated that the Tucker County representatives have been working diligently to get the bills passed and appalled them. Rosenau explained the process a bill goes through and how the tourist lobbyist are very diligent in Charleston. Rosenau said, "This Commission is never against tourism. Never think that. We appalled tourism. The guest coming to our county brings so much revenue. We are not against tourism. I am for them paying their percentage for emergency services when they come to our county. Sixty-five hundred people cannot support a million guests. They may not use this service, but the service is there for them to utilize as needed."

The next Tucker County Commission is scheduled to be held on March 8, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom located at 211 First Street, Parsons, WV, 26287.

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are made from shaved prime called. One is called the Lost Cow with caramelized onions, smoked gouda, and a spicy chipotle sauce served on a toasted bun. The other is the Prime Rib Hoagie with mozzarella cheese, lettuce, tomato, and mayo served on a toasted bun. The classic Meatball Hoagie is also available.

Any pizza topping can be added to a salad. On the menu there is a house salad and a Blue Ridge Salad with dried cranberries, walnuts, and blue cheese crumbles.

Hours of operation are Monday, and Thursday through Sunday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. They are closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. R. Davis stated that summer will bring new hours of being open from noon to 9 p.m. They can be reached by calling 304-463-4500 or on their website at mountain-

Falls stated the TCAS has been informed that a funding and labor grant will be awarded from the Sundt Foundation employee funded grant program to construct a canine quarantine area. During the past the foundation has been to the shelter on three separate occasions with

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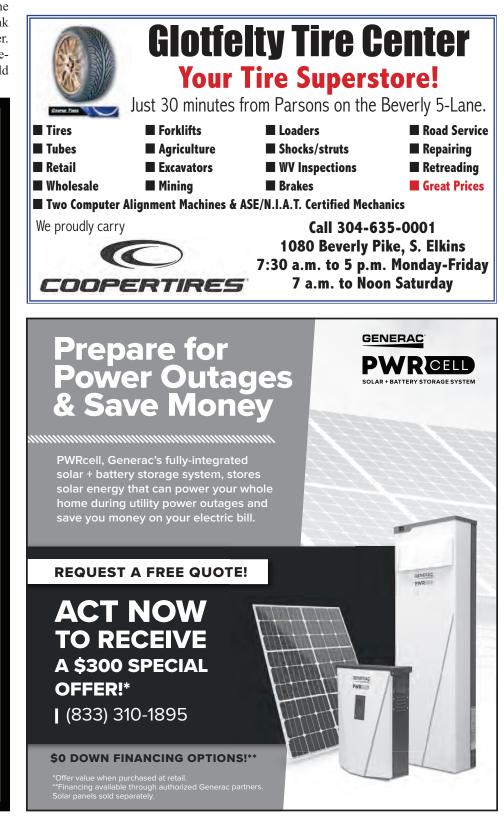
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Pepperoni rolls and sandwichs are also available. Sandwiches include two that

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Movie Night Monday

Movie Night Monday, hosted by Five Rivers Library will be featuring Till : Based on a true story - Rated PG - Runs 2 hour and 11 minutes on March 6, 2023

Showings afternoon 1:30 p.m. and evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. Free Community Event

Purple Majesties Red Hat Group to Meet

The Elkins Purple Majesties Red Hat

Group will meet Monday, March 13, 2023 at The Steer Steakhouse in Elkins at 11:30 a.m. Cost will be \$16 and the meal will consist of Grilled Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert and Drinks. There will be a St. Patrick's Day theme so wear some Green along with your Red and Purple. Reservations or Cancelations must be made by Thursday, March 9 by 2 p.m. by calling Connie Collins at 304-478-4710. New members or guests are always welcome.

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.

Feb. 22, 1927: Longtime Agriculture Commissioner Gus R. Douglass was born in Mason County. Douglass, a Democrat, was first elected commissioner of agriculture in 1964.

Reelected nine times, Douglass was the longest serving agricultural commissioner in the country.

Feb. 22, 2018: 33,000 schoolteachers and service personnel walked off the job over wages and health benefits. The strike drew national attention, and teachers in five other states organized work stoppages.

Feb. 23, 1867: Lincoln County was formed from Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, and Putnam counties. The county was named for Abraham Lincoln.

Feb. 23, 1905: The first USS West Virginia was commissioned. The armored cruiser was renamed the USS Huntington in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.

Feb. 23, 1945: Harrison County native "Woody" Williams distinguished himself during the Battle of Iwo Jima by neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. This act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 24, 1918: Judge Kenneth Keller "K. K." Hall was born at Greenview, Boone County. Hall spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.

Feb. 24, 1928: Doctor Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving force in the passage of state and federal black lung legislation.



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WV Teacher Strike Student Rally

Feb. 26, 1972: One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on Buffalo Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

Feb. 27, 1867: Marshall College (now university) was established as a normal school for the training of teachers. The first term began June 15, 1868, with 25 students enrolled in three departments.

Feb. 27, 1871: Summers County was established from segments of Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, and Monroe counties. The county was named after George W. Summers, one of West Virginia's founders.

Feb. 27, 1871: The West Virginia Legislature approved an act incorporating the city of Huntington.

Feb. 28, 1831: Fayette County was formed by the General Assembly of Virginia from parts of Kanawha, Nicholas, Greenbrier, and Logan counties. The county was named for the Marquis de Lafavette, the French military officer who served under George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Feb. 28, 1858: McDowell County, the

This week I am going to share a small piece that was sent to me by one of my readers. This little ditty was written by her Grandmother and I would like to share it with you. It is titled,

A Reading, "The Lazy Family"

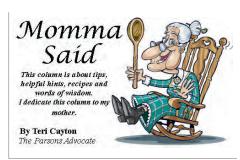
Sam Johnson was a lazy man, his wife was lazy too and all the boys were just the same, Joseph, Jim and Hugh.

One winter night was very cold, the wood pile very slim. Sam wanted Hugh to bring some wood and Hugh said talk to Jim.

Then Mr. Johnson said to Jim, I do not want to scold, but go and bring a stick of wood I'm suffering with the cold.

Run out yourself said Jim to him I'm suffering too you know. There's Mother there just talk to her, maybe she will go.

Rebecca Jane the old man said, please get some wood yes please and if you don't you'll surely see the boys and I



will freeze.

Well freeze she said quite angrily do you think I'll break my back, do you think I'll go and lug in wood for such a lazy pack.

Just freeze she said, just every one I'm sure it will serve you right. They all sat there, the fire went out and they all froze that night.

Momma Said, "Just a little humor but it goes to show if you want something done you better do it yourself!!"

Oats and Pumpkin Dog Treats

Ingredients:

- 1 Banana
- 3 Tablespoons Pumpkin Puree
- 1 Egg
- ¹/₄ cup Rolled Oats
- 1 ¹/₂ cups Garbanzo Bean Flour

Directions:

- 1. Using a large bowl, mash the banana and pumpkin puree together in a chunky mash. No need to go super fine on this one!
- 2. Add in the oats and the egg. Stir well to combine.
- 3. Last, mix in the flour and stir until all the ingredients blend together.
- 4. If your mixture is too sticky, go ahead and add a bit more flour. If it comes out too dry, you may want to use less flour next time. To rescue it this time, go ahead and add either a bit more pump-

kin or a tiny bit of water.

- 5. Take the dough out of the bowl and roll it out on a lightly floured surface. Use your favorite dog cookies cutters to cut the dough into treat shapes. You can also just place about a tablespoon in a ball and make non-shaped cookies. Place the shapes on a lightly greased baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for about 15 minutes.
- Remove from the oven and let 6. cool before you serve them to your dog.
- 7. This easy hypoallergenic dog treat recipe will surely be a hit with your canine companion! Keep them stored in your favorite dog treat storage jar and serve them up as rewards for good behavior after your dog training sessions!

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Feb. 25, 1911: Newspaperman Jim Comstock was born in Richwood. In 1957, he founded the West Virginia Hillbilly, a weekly newspaper that circulated inside and outside the state.

Feb. 26, 1869: The legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.

southernmost county in West Virginia, was created from part of Tazewell County, Virginia. The new county was named after James McDowell, a governor of Virginia.

Feb. 28, 1875: Musician Edwin "Edden" Hammons was born in Pocahontas County. A subsistence farmer and hunter, he is remembered as one of West Virginia's finest traditional fiddlers.

Feb. 28, 1909: Athlete John Zontini was born. Nicknamed the "Sheik of Seth" for his outstanding football career at Sherman High School in Boone County, he still holds state high school and Marshall University rushing records.

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Weather Totals

Feb. 7- Feb. 14

Nursery Bottom Parsons

<u>Temperature</u>

Max	69° F
Min	18° F

Precipitation

Week 0.13" February 0.19" 2023 4.24"

Snowfall

New Snow 0" Snow on ground 0" Winter Total 8.75"

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Puzzle answers page 6



WV Division of Forestry urges extreme caution as dry and windy winter conditions continue

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) urges West Virginians to be cautious of burning amid dry, windy conditions this winter.

"Although spring fire season officially begins March 1, we are experiencing some intensely dry, windy conditions across West Virginia that make it much more likely that a fire can get out of control than if we had seen a snowy winter," said Assistant State Forester-Fire Jeremy Jones, WV DOF. "We ask that the public continue to exercise caution and refrain from burning under these conditions."

The National Weather Service and WV DOF issued the following statement.

"Low humidity and dry fuels will combine with increasing winds later this afternoon (Feb. 14) into this evening, to create an enhanced wildfire ignition and spread potential. Even with light winds, a few brush fires were already noted this afternoon. Winds are expected to be strong and temperatures higher Wednesday afternoon so, even with slightly higher humidity, an elevated fire danger is again expected. While spring fire burning laws are not yet in effect, open burning of any type is considered dangerous at this time. Be very careful of heat and sparks while operating any equipment or smoking in wildland areas."

To date this year, WV DOF reports 86 fires that have impacted 452 acres across the state.

Safe Burning Tips

A summary of forest fire laws and safe fire practices can be found on the state Division of Forestry website.

- Before leaving any fire for any length of time, the fire must be completely extinguished.
- Clear at least a 10-foot area (safety strip) around the fire and make sure all burnable material has been removed.
- Any equipment that can throw sparks and operating on land subject to fire by any cause must be provided with an adequate spark arrestor

If your fire escapes, you are liable for the costs of fighting the fire and any damage the fire may cause.

Spring Fire season begins March 1.

The Division of Forestry protects nearly 12 million acres of forestland across West Virginia.

More information on fire safety and programs such as forest legacy, logging and landowner assistance, visit the website wvforestry.com.

Gas Prices Drop in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is nine cents lower this week at \$3.319 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

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The following is a list of the average prices in several West Virginia locations: \$3.240 Bridgeport

\$3.266	Clarksburg
\$3.144	Huntington
\$3.370	Martinsburg
\$3.496	Morgantown
\$3.178	Parkersburg
\$3.459	Weirton
\$3.396	Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

The national average for a gallon of gas dropped this week by six cents to \$3.41. Fewer people fueling up, and lower costs for oil, are behind the price dip. Today's average is 13 cents more than a month ago and seven cents less than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand dipped slightly

from 8.49 million to 8.43 million b/d last week. The current gas demand rate is approximately 700,000 b/d lower than the rate during the first week of February 2022, helping to explain why gas prices are declining. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks increased significantly by 5 million barrels to 239.6 million barrels last week.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased by \$1.33 to settle at \$78.47. Crude prices rose last week due to persistent market optimism that global oil demand will be stronger than expected.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and countywide at gasprices.aaa.com.

Annual Valley District Health Fair – March 18th

Arthurdale, WV - West Virginia Caring will host the 22nd Annual Vallev Annual Valley District Health Fair at the Reedsville Fire Department on Saturday, March 18, 2022, from 7-11 a.m. This health fair will provide everyone an opportunity to take advantage of screenings and advice to assess their medical health and prevent illness.

There will be a variety of screenings through a blood draw for low fees including: Multiphasic Panel \$33; PSA \$23, CA 125 \$16; B12 & Folate \$10; Hemoglobin A1c \$13; Thyroid Panel (TSH, T3 & T4) \$25; Vitamin D \$26; Hepatitis B & C \$10; Testosterone Free & Total \$20; and Estradiol \$10. To schedule your appointment and the tests you need please call WV Caring at (304) 864-0884 and ask for Jessica.

Bonnie's Bus will return. It has state-of-the-art mammography offering threedimensional (3D) digital mammograms and breast care education to women. This is a service of WVU Healthcare and the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center. The mammograms are billed to insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare if available. Mammograms for women who do not have insurance will be covered by the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program or through special grant funds. A physician's order is needed for a mammogram.

Caring is sponsoring this event with the Masontown United Methodist Church and the Reedsville Volunteer Fire Department.

SENIOR CENTER HOLDS OUTPOST

The Tucker County Senior Citizens held their monthly Outpost at the Parsons Center on February 7, 2023. Mike Jones welcomed everyone. They then recited the Lord's Prayer, gave the Pledge of Allegiance, and sang "God Bless America".

Those having February birthdays were recognized and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to them. Those present were: Lily Nestor and Jean Morrison.

The program began with Arlene Ramsey reading "Ground Hog Day". Next David Sharp read "Thankful for America". There were 3 readings about Valentine's Day. They were: "To My Valentine" read by Patty Wilfong, "Valentines" read by Patty Wilfong, and "The Legend of the Valentine" read by Barbara McClain.

The musical entertainment for the day was presented by the Goldenaires Choir and Meg and Jim Buddingh.

After the blessing everyone enjoyed a delicious meal.

on April 29, 2023, at the Bruceton Mills Volunteer Fire Department, in Bruceton Mills, WV. For more

information call Jessica at West Virginia Caring at 304- 864-0884 or toll free at 1-800-350-1161.

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Town of Hendricks Advertisement for Bids

The Town of Hendricks will be accepting bids for property located at 188 7th Street, Hendricks, WV

Terms and Conditions: The property will be sold as is. Time and Place of Bids: Sealed bids will be received at Hendricks Town Hall or via mail to Town of Hendricks, PO Box 122, Hendricks, WV 26271 until March 8 2023

Rejection of Bids: The Town of Hendricks reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE Notice of Application

Notice is given that Rose Holdings LLC has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a general permit modification for a nonmetallic minerals processing facility located off Mountaineer Highway near Parsons, in Tucker County, West Virginia. The latitude and longitude coordinates are 39.19283 and -79.82297.

The applicant estimates the potential to discharge the following Regulated Air Pollutants will be:

Pollutant	Tons/yr
PM	242.63
PM10	77.90
NOx	2.56
CO	6.99
VOC	0.94
SO2	11.45
Total HAPS	0.15

Modification of operation is planned to begin upon permit issuance. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice. Written comments will also be received via email at DEPAirQualityPermitting@WV.gov.

Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 926-0499, extension 41281, during normal business hours.

Dated this the 22nd day of February 2023.

By: Rose Holdings LLC DBA Ace Aggregates Alex Wolfe Owner 70 Columbia Blvd. Clarksburg, WV 26301

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(2021-S-00000036-Tucker County-JESSICA TAYLOR)

To: OCCUPANT, NORMAN A. LONG, MELISSA A. JONES, OCCUPANT, WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, COMPLIANCE DIVISION, MELISSA A, JONES, MELISSA A, JONES, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA TAX DEPARTMENT COMPLIANCE DIVISION, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administra-tors, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT ST. GEORGE MAP 244 PARCEL 0021 0000

You will take notice that JESSICA TAYLOR, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000036, 12.5 SLIP HILL, located in ST. GEORGE, which was returned delinquent in the name of LONG NORMAN A, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Tucker County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 10th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest,	\$	432.12
to March 31, 2023.		
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest	\$	318.83
to March 31, 2023.		
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for	\$	787.29
preparation of the list and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following	ng	
the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.		
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to	\$	87.14
March 31, 2023.		
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must	\$	1,625.38
be made payable to The Honorable Jacob Kopec, Sheriff and Treasurer of		
Tucker County.		
Cost of Certification of Redemption - ashier check, money order or certified check or	\$	35.00
must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.		
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above	e total	
less any unearned interest.		
Return this letter and both certified funds to the		
West Virginia State Auditor's Office,		
County Collections Division,		
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114,		
Charleston, West Virginia 25305		
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2		

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WVDOH accepts bids for road striping contracts

CHARLESTON, WV -- Projects to paint road stripes in 20 West Virginia counties are among seven projects included in a special bid letting conducted by the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023.

When the WVDOH contracts to have roads paved, the contract usually includes painting the stripes down the middle of the road. However, those stripes wear and fade over time, so it's necessary to restripe them periodically.

When that happens, WVDOH accepts bids for countywide restriping contracts. The Feb. 16 bid letting includes the following striping projects:

Roadway striping, Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, and Summers

counties.

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- Roadway striping, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, and Tucker counties.
- Roadway striping, McDowell, Mercer, Raleigh, and Wyoming counties.
 - Roadway striping, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, and Upshur counties.
 - Roadway striping, Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, and Ohio counties.

The WVDOH also accepted bids for two projects originally scheduled for a bid letting held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2022:

US 60 (Lafayette Street) Lewisburg sidewalks. (Greenbrier County)

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Thomas Bridge cleaning and painting. (Tucker County)

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

When the Division of Highways has a project that is determined to

be best constructed by a contractor, it is processed through the bid letting system. A letting is a scheduled opportunity for contractors to review and bid on several construction projects at one time. Lettings are held either once or twice per month and conducted through the Bid Express System online at www.bidx.com and handled through the Contract Administration Division. Contractors need to subscribe to Bid Express before bids can be accepted on any project.

I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons: Deceased Darrell L. Heckler 1st publication 2/22/23 2nd publication 3/1/23 Ellen F. Arnold 1st publication 2/22/23 2nd publication 3/1/23

Personal Representative(s) Trina D. Carr 2188 Location Rd. Parsons, WV 26287 James S. Arnold, Jr. PO Box 472 Davis, WV 26260

Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons: Personal Representative(s) Deceased James Alfred Quattro Brian Quattro, II 1st publication 2/15/23

PO Box 512 Thomas, WV 26292 Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date

of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA CANAAN CROSSING HOMEOWNER'S

ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

2nd publication 2/22/23

Civil Action No. 22-C-48 Judge David H. Wilmoth

ROBERT THOMAS PENIC

Defendant. AMENDED NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER SALE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by Order of the Circuit Court of Randolph County, West Virginia, entered on the 17th day of November, 2022, in Civil Action No. 22-C-48, entitled Canaan Crossing Homeowner's Association. Inc. vs Robert Thomas Penic, as Special Commissioner of said Court. shall on the 14th day of March, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. proceed to sell at public auction at the front door of the Randolph County Courthouse to the highest bidder(s), the following hereinafter described real estate, together with any buildings, structures and other improvements situate thereon and any and all appurtenances located on the real estate herein, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: All that tract or parcel of land situate in Dry Fork District, Randolph County, West Virginia, known as Lot 18, of the Roaring Plains Section of Canaan Crossing Corporation Development, containing 3.50 acres, which said Lot 18 is more particularly shown on a map or plat of said Roaring Plains Section, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Randolph County, West Virginia, in Plat Cabinet C at Slide 23 SUBJECT TO all restrictions, reservation, covenants, exceptions easements and right of way easements, including utility right of ways as set forth in the chain of title.



SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE SITUATE IN TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA PARSONS CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to you that pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned Substitute Trustee, Jaclyn L. Nichols, said Substitute Trustee having been appointed by Mountain Valley Bank, N.A. as Substitute Trustee, which document is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission in Deed of Trust Book 317 at page 651, and pursuant to that certain Deed of Trust executed by David L. Howell securing the Mountain Valley Bank, N.A., Elkins, West Virginia, in the payment and performance of certain obligations set forth therein, which Deed of Trust bears date of May 4, 2015, and which Deed of Trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission, Parsons, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 272 at page 476, and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party of the said Deed of Trust to foreclose thereunto and the makers of the said note and obligations having failed to pay the obligations as provided under the terms of the said Deed of Trust and Note and the holder of said Deed of Trust and Note having declared the whole of said indebtedness to be due and payable, and having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in writing to make sale of the said real estate, located in Parsons Corporation, Tucker County, West Virginia and described in said Deed of Trust as follows:

> Map: 6 Parcel: 112

The following piece or parcel of real estate, situate in Parsons Corporation, Tucker County, West Virginia, together with any and all appurtenant easements which may benefit same, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a post on the Old County Road, now a part of Yellow Spruce Street in the City of Parsons, an agreed corner of the Lee Baker lot and running thence S. 80 1/4 W. 198 feet to a post; thence in a southern direction with the Lee Baker line reversed 120 feet to a post, formerly a corner of Lee Baker lot; thence N. 80 1/4 E. 198 feet with Lee Baker wire fence to a post in the Old County Road; thence in a northerly direc-tion in a straight line with the said Old County Road 120 feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same parcel of real estate conveyed by Deed of Michael L. Nestor and Vera Nestor, husband and wife, to David L. Howell, dated October 24, 2003, which deed is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission in Deed Book 176 at page 520.

I, Jaclyn L. Nichols, Substitute Trustee, shall offer for sale the above-described real estate at public auction at the front door of the Old Tucker County Courthouse, 215 First Street Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, 26287 on:

March 8, 2023

At 11:00 A.M.

The real estate and mobile home identified above will be sold in its present (AS IS) condition, and the highest bid may be accepted by the Substitute Trustee, and the Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenants and/or persons occupying any of the above-described parcels of real estate to vacate the real estate. Any personal property remaining on the real estate after the date of the public sale will be disposed of and considered abandoned by the successful bidder or bidders.

TERMS OF SALE

1. Cash in hand on day of sale or of the purchase price by certified check or by a letter of credit from a leading institution on day of sale delivered to the Substitute Trustee and approved by the said Substitute Trustee or such terms as agreed to by the Substitute Trustee.

2. The above-described parcel of real estate will be sold subject to all prior liens senior in priority to the Deed of Trust, described above, the redemption right of the Internal Revenue Service as set forth in 11 U.S.C. Section 7425, and any and all unpaid real estate taxes or encumbrances and claims in favor of any municipality, county, or government entity, or other party, if any, and also further subject to any covenants, restrictions, conditions, reservations, rights-of-way and easements recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office prior to the Deed of Trust and affecting the subject real estate as well as any prescriptive easements that are unrecorded, if any, that may exist. The successful bidder shall pay all transfer stamps and recording fees, associated with the deed to be issued by the Substitute Trustee and the successful party shall have twenty (20) days to close the transaction after the public sale.

3. The above-described real estate will be sold by the undersigned Substitute Trustee at public auction to the highest bidder subject to the right of the undersigned Substitute Trustee to reject any and all bids if, in his opinion, said bids are inadequate.

4. The owner of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust shall have the right to bid at the public sale; and

5. The public sale shall be without representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, and the Deed to be issued in this matter shall reflect the same and shall be a Special Warranty Deed.

6. Such other terms as may be announced at the time of sale.

The undersigned Substitute Trustee reserves the right to continue the public sale or to adjourn the public sale for a time or from time to time without further notice other than oral public announcement at the time and place of sale as hereinabove set forth or at any continuance or adjournment thereof.

The Sale shall be made WITHOUT WARRANTY OF TITLE of any nature.

Any questions regarding the Public Sale should be directed to the undersigned Substitute Trustee.

Jaclyn L. Nichols Attorney At Law P.O. Box 201 Parsons, West Virginia 26287 434-409-9426 jackienicholsesq@gmail.com WVSB 13730

Given under my hand this the 9th day of February, 2023.

Jaclyn L. Nichols Jaclyn L. Nichols Substitute Trustee

AND BEING the same real estate as conveyed unto Robert Thomas Penic, single by Mark C. Anderson and Mary Loretta Anderson, husband and wife, by deed dated December 31, 1998 and of record in Deed Book 463, at page 679.

1. Said sale will be held at the Randolph County Courthouse, in Elkins, Randolph County, West Virginia. 2. The Special Commissioner will allow all prospective purchasers to visually inspect the real estate to be sold from the roadway adjacent to the property from 10:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the day of sale.

3. This sale will be by the boundary and not by the acre without warranty as to the quantity of acreage contained on said real estate.

4. The sale shall be made with special warranty of title and subject to all reservations, exceptions, covenants, restrictions, easements, limitations, conditions, minerals rights, rights of way or easements, and other servitudes, if any, made, retained or otherwise created by deeds or other instruments constituting the record chain of title to the real estate aforesaid.

5. The sale shall be made subject to any and all liens and encumbrances affecting the real estate, to all unpaid or any accrued real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. The proceeds from the sale will be applied to pay the judgments/obligations owed to Canaan Crossing Home Owners Association (CCHOA) of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Randolph County Commission. CCHOA will release those judgments, upon receipt of the payment.

6. This sale shall further be made subject to all necessary rights of way for ingress, egress and regress, water/sewer, and utility service to the real estate.

7. Any sale hereunder may be postponed from time to time or adjoined without any notice other than an oral announcement at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting notice. The Special Commissioner reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

8. Opening bid: Bidding will start at \$28,000.00. The real property will not be sold for less than the opening bid amount.

9. Conveyance of the real estate will be made by a Special Commissioner Deed in the form prescribed by W.Va. Code 38-1-6, subject to any and all effective and enforceable exceptions, reservations, conditions, covenants, restrictions, limitations, assessments, easements, rights of way, mineral severances and other encumbrances as have been created with respect to and/or imposed upon said real estate by the Grantor or its predecessors in interest in title prior to the recording of the Deed in the aforesaid Clerk's office. All real estate, and any improvements located thereon, are sold in "AS IS" condition and are FINAL. The Special Commissioner do not make any representations or warranties as to the physical condition of the real estate. Prospective purchasers are responsible for inspecting the title to the real estate prior to the Special Commissioner Sale. Any and all legal procedural requirements to obtain physical possession of the real estate and personal property after the sale are the responsibility of the purchaser(s). Anyone interested in purchasing the subject property should review the contents of this case file (Randolph County Civil Action No. 22-C-48), of record in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Randolph County. Risk of loss or damage will be the purchaser's from and after the sale. All outstanding taxes, assessments and utility charges will be the responsibility of the purchaser(s).

All settlement fees, costs of conveyance, examination of title, title fees and recording charges shall be at the expenses of the purchaser(s). Special Commissioner makes no representation regarding the state of title to the real estate or personal property. Purchaser(s) shall bear the responsibility and risk of any inspection of the real estate and shall take title to the real estate subject to any existing leases, land contracts, or other agreements recorded and unrecorded affecting the real estate and shall take title to the personal property subject to any liens and UCC filings.

The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by Article 2 of Chapter 11 of the West Virginia Code. Sale is made subject to the right of the Internal Revenue Service to redeem the real estate as provided by Section 7425 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Additional terms and conditions shall be announced at sale.

The real estate being sold is currently occupied. The purchaser shall be solely responsible for removing any existing tenant or person occupying the real property, as well as any personal property remaining on the real property after the sale. The Special Commissioner shall neither have a duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, nor shall the Special Commissioner have a duty to cause any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the real property to be removed.

Approval of the Circuit Court: This sale is subject to the approval and confirmation by the Circuit Court of Randolph County, West Virginia.

Terms of sale: Ten (10.00%) of purchase price due on day of sale by certified check, payable to the Special Commissioner and the balance in immediately available funds at closing, which shall be within thirty (30) days from the day of sale. The Special Commissioner reserves the right to accept or reject such other terms as to payment or delivery of payment as may be agreed to by the Special Commissioner and the bidder(s). If the successful bidder(s) fails to deliver the deposit and/or total purchase price within the prescribed time, the Special

Commissioner may proceed to resell the real estate and personal property, or the applicable portion thereof, or, at the discretion of the Special Commissioner convey the real estate and personal property to the next highest bidder if such bidder will honor said bid.

> JEFFERSON L. TRIPLETT, as Special Commissioner



Lady Mt. Lions Win at **Pendleton, Win at Home Over Tygarts Valley**

By Chris George TuckerCountySports.Com Pendleton County 25-9 to give Tucker County the 33-21 lead at the halftime break.

FRANKLIN - The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team traveled to Pendleton County on Monday February 13th for varsity only PVC game with the Lady Wildcats. The Lady Mt. Lions held off a Pendleton County comeback attempt to capture the road win 58-56.

The Lady Wildcats outscored Tucker County in the first quarter slightly to give Pendleton County a 12-8 lead after one quarter of play. The visiting Lady Mt. Lions then got their offense going in the second quarter as they outscored

In the third quarter the Lady Mt. Lions built their lead up to 19 points before Pendleton County started making a comeback. The Lady Wildcats won the third quarter 15-11 to make the score 44-36. Pendleton County continued to chip away at the Tucker County lead as they cut the lead down to 2 points with 14 seconds left in the game. The Lady Wildcats three point shot was blocked as time expired and Tucker

The Lady Mt. Lions were led in

County picked up the road win by

the score of 56-54.

Tucker County Boys' get Victory Over Pocahontas and Moorefield



Tucker County Senior Cheerleaders, Boys' Basketball players and Support Staff were recognized before the game on Feb. 18th(L-R): Levi Bennett, Darrah Pennington, Dom Mullenax, Riley Rohrbaugh, Aaron Quattro and Avery Smith. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON - The Mt. Lions hosted Pocahontas County

the first three quarters as the Mt. Lions won the fourth quarter 21-2 to put the final score at 93-16 Tucker County.

Aaron Quattro led Tucker

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The Lady Mt. Lions JV team captured the Petersburg JV Tournament Championship on Feb. 18th. The Tucker County Girls' Basketball JV team finished the season with an 18-1 record. Photo by Kelly Helmick.

scoring by Macy Helmick with 17 points and Kadie Colebank had 15 points, 16 rebounds for Tucker County in the win. Ericka added 7 points and 10 rebounds for the Mt. Lions in the win.

HAMBLETON - The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Tygarts Valley for a JV and Varsity contest on Tuesday February 14th. Tucker County outscored the Lady Bulldogs in every quarter to get the home win by the final score of 81-27.

The first quarter belonged to Tucker County as they led after one quarter 22-10. The Lady Mt. Lions continued to outscore the Lady Bulldogs in the second quarter 20-12 to put the Tucker County lead to 42-22 at the halftime break.

The Lady Mt. Lions would clamp down on defense in the third as they held Tygarts Valley to just 4 points and Tucker County scored 19 points to expand the Lady Mt. Lions lead to 63-26 after three quarters. The fourth quarter was more of the same as Tucker County held the Lady Bulldogs to just 1 point in the fourth. The homestanding Lady Mt. Lions scored 20 points in the fourth to make the final score 81-27 Tucker County.

The Lady Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Kadie Colebank with 22 points, 13 rebounds and 8 steals. Macy Helmick and Brylee Wetzel had 16 points each for Tucker County. Helmick also added 8 assists in the game. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team picked up the win also 81-57.

Tucker County(17-2) will return to action on



Tucker County's Jayden Moore dribbles the ball up the floor in a recent game. The Lady Mt. Lions won their game on Feb. 14th against Tygarts Valley 81-27. Photo by Becky Moore.

Thursday February 23rd at Keyser at 7pm for the Sectional Championship against the winner of the East Hardy / Union Sectional Semi-Final game. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball Update



Monday February 13th. on Tucker County got off to a quick start and never looked back as they cruised to a 93-16.

The first quarter was dominated by the Mt. Lions as they led 25-5 after one quarter. In the second quarter Tucker County continued to outscore the road team as they won the second quarter 28-2 to make the halftime score 53-7 Tucker County.

The third quarter would show more dominance from the Mt. Lions as they outpace the Warriors 19-7 in the third to extend the Tucker County lead to 72-14. The final quarter played out like

County in scoring with 17 points and Trevan Booner added 15 points for the Mt. Lions in the win. Ethan Rosenau had 12 points while Levi Bennett added 11 points and Garrett Wilfong chipped in 10 points, 11 rebounds for Tucker County. Ashton Lycliter collected a team high 13 rebounds and added 8 points for the Mt. Lions. The Tucker County JV team won the JV game 76-21.

HAMBLETON - The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team hosted Moorefield on Saturday February 18th. The Mt. Lions

See TC BOYS page 10

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday February 22nd

Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 5:45pm

Thursday February 23rd

Tucker County Girls' Basketball Sectional Championship vs TBA @ Keyser 7pm

Friday February 24th

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

Tuesday February 28th

Tucker County Boys' Basketball Sectional - TBA

Thursday March 2nd

Tucker County Girls' Basketball - Regional Championship vs TBA @ TBA 7pm

The Davis-Thomas Boys' team captured the Union Tournament Championship on Feb. 18th. The 8th Grade members of the Boys' team are as follows: Emmet Felton, Cayden Arnold, Dominick Delsignore, Gabe Oliver, Drew Simmons and Colin Fortney. Photo submitted by Dustin Luzier.

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

THOMAS - The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams hosted Kasson on Monday February 13th. In the Girls' game Davis-Thomas picked up the win 48-12. Peyton Cross and Hailey Crossland led the Lady Bears with 14 points each in the win. In the Boys' game the Bears won 63-27. Emmet Felton led Davis-Thomas with 19 points and Cayden Arnold had 15 points for the Bears in the victory.

THOMAS - The Bears Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams played at home on Tuesday Feb-See UPDATE page 10



The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' 8th grade members Top(L-R): Arabella Phares, Hannah Nestor, Bottom(L-R): Ajlia Long, Hailey Crossland, Bella Rivera. Photos by Amanda Kisamore.

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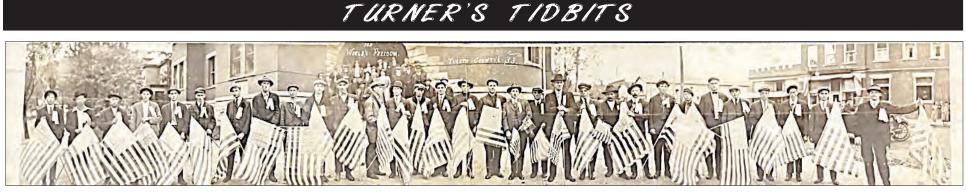
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This photo is being shared by the generosity of a reader. It is a group of men from World War I. Has anyone seen this photo and/or can anyone identify the people in the picture? It is a very neat picture and a county treasure for sure. Ideas, comments, suggestions, items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

Local Shriners Club creates new Endowed Fund



ELKINS - Tygart Valley Shrine Club and the Tucker Community Foundation are excited to announce the creation of a new Endowed Fund, the Tygart Valley Shrine Club Fund. Shriners Children's is one of the largest pediatric specialty health care systems in the world. Shriners Philanthropy was established in 1922 and continues to provide pediatric care for children around the world. The families of children receiving medical treatment at a Shriners Hospital never receive a bill for their medical care.

The Tygart Valley Shrine Club locally serves Randolph, Tucker and Barbour counties. Fundraising events are held throughout the year, with the main event being "The Onion Sale". During 2022, Tygart Valley Shrine Club Members sold 1500 bags of onions. Shriners are most widely known for their big red hats or "Fez" as they are called, their tiny cars that

TC Boys

picked up the win after the game was stopped in the second quarter.

they take through local parades and events, as well as the Osiris Klowns, where they dress up as clowns for local events and fundraisers. Tygart Valley Shrine Club currently has 50 active members. These members are instrumental in providing the Shriners Children's Transport to Shriners Hospitals in Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Transportation and travel expenses are provided by Tygart Valley Shrine Club.

Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 140 endowed funds. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation to our local Shriners Fund, send a check payable to the Tucker Community Foundation, PO Box 491, Parsons, WV 26287. List Shriners in the memo. To setup an endowed fund or to learn more about the Tucker Community Foundation, call 304-478-2930 or visit their website www. tuckerfoundation.net.

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of 32-12.

Tucker County was led in scoring by The first quarter was controlled by Levi Bennett with 11 points. The Mt. Lions JV team got the win over Moorefield by the score of 60-34. Tucker County(14-4) will return to action tonight Wednesday February 22nd at home against Tygarts Valley. The Mt. Lions will then finish their regular season with a home contest on Friday February 24th against Petersburg. JV action will start at 5:45pm for both games. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Guidelines for Responsibly Collecting Ramps on Monongahela National Forest

Elkins, W.Va.- Digging and eating ramps in the spring is a traditional activity throughout Appalachia, especially in Monongahela National Forest's gateway communities. While collecting ramps for personal use is permitted on the Forest within established limits, commercial harvesting of ramps in the Forest, including re-selling ramps collected for personal use, is prohibited. Personal use is defined as two gallons per person in possession at any one time, about the amount that fits in a typical plastic grocery bag. This equals about 180 whole plants, including roots and leaves. Individuals may not collect ramps on behalf of someone else.

We encourage people who are taking advantage of these early spring-like conditions and already collecting ramps in the Forest to follow these guidelines to ensure abundant ramps in the future:

- Collect ramps only in patches with more than 100 plants.
- If you find a patch that has already been harvested, move on to another area.
- When collecting ramps from a large clump, take only one-fifth of the plants.

Update

ruary 14th. The Girls' team played host to Keyser. The Lady Bears fell to Keyser by the score of 50-18. Peyton Cross led Davis-Thomas with 6 points and Izzy Kitzmiller added 5 points in the loss for the Lady Bears.

In the second game of the night the Bears hosted South Preston. Davis-Thomas got the win by the final score of 67-20. Emmet Felton led the Bears with 21 points and Cayden Arnold had 13 points in the win for Davis-Thomas.

MT. STORM - The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams traveled to the Union Tournament on Thursday February 16th. In the Girls' game the Lady Bears defeated Keyser 6th grade 31-12. Izzy Kitzmiller led Davis-Thomas with 14 points and Peyton Cross added 10

Leaving behind most of the plants will allow them to mature and go to seed, and the patch will recover faster.

- If digging bulbs, use a soil fork or a small hand trowel and a knife rather than a large shovel. Shovels disturb the root system of neighboring ramps and other plants much more than these smaller tools. To dig ramps, loosen the soil with the soil fork or hand trowel and use the knife to cut the ramp roots beneath the bulb.
- After you dig a ramp, cover the bare soil with leaves. This will reduce the likelihood of invasive species taking root.

By following these guidelines for harvesting ramps, we can ensure that our children and grandchildren can enjoy ramps for generations to come. Learn how to grow ramps on your property here: https://www. srs.fs.usda.gov/compass/2017/04/12/ grow-your-own-ramps-2/.

For more information about the ecology of ramps in Monongahela National Forest contact Education Specialist Amy Lovell at amy.lovell@usda.gov or (304) 413-6675.

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points in the win for the Lady Bears. In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas got the win over Aurora 38-20. The Bears were led in scoring by Cayden Arnold with 10 points.

MT. STORM - The Bears Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams returned to the Union Tournament on Saturday February 18th to play in the Championship games. In the Girls' game Davis-Thomas picked up the win over Union 32-20. Izzy Kitzmiller led the Lady Bears with 11 points and Bella Rivera added 8 points in the win for Davis-Thomas. In the Boys' Championship game the Bears got the win over Union 54-28. Cayden Arnold led the Bears with 16 points and Emmet Felton

Tucker County as they led the game after one quarter of play by the score of 23-10. The second quarter continued with the Mt. Lions controlling the period. Then after an incident with the Moorefield bench with approximately 5:33 left to play in the second quarter the officials stopped the game and declared the game over. The officials declared the game a forfeit by Moorefield to give Tucker County the win by the score



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added 12 points for Davis-Thomas in the win. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

This Week's Submitted Photos



Doug Rabeneck submitted this photo of the Black Fork River, taken along the Allegheny Highlands Trail. Email photos, where it was taken and who took it to mikie@*parsonsadvocat*e.com

