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City of Parsons Distributes Nearly \$1M from Harman Fund

March 21 marked the annual meeting of the Parsons City Council to discuss and distribute the interest gained from the William Mahan Harman Memorial Fund. Acting Mayor Bruce Kolsun began the meeting with public comment from Belva Dilly. She inquired about the city's annual spring cleanup and if it was on again for this year. Contact is being made with the Solid Waste Authority to communicate getting that scheduled. Dilly then asked if the ordinance for keeping lawns mowed and tidy was going to be enforced this year because, "we've got some places that are looking really bad." It was stated the Code Enforcement Officer has been making rounds to address these issues and have been sending letters to those in violation. City Police Chief

Kevin Keplinger added that any concerns could be directed to him and he would inform the Code Enforcement Officer so he could look into the matter.

Moving into the bulk of the meeting, Councilman David Greenleaf had asked Councilwoman Melissa Jones to present the Harman Fund Application on behalf of the Parsons City Cemetery Committee. Jones stated they were requesting \$90,127 from the allocation. "The needed funds for the project we have is \$253,900, the funds from the general fund that we currently have is \$114,578, and left from the Harman Fund is \$40,095, leaving a total of \$90,127 needed." Jones explained this project is

for graves, payroll, administration, utilities, maintenance and repair of grounds, and equipment to name a few. The Committee is also needing to purchase land to expand the cemetery as well as phase one of the mapping project to determine which loved one is buried in each plot in the older burial sites. The projected operating budget from March 1, 2023 through the end of February in 2024 is \$253,900.

Councilman Timothy Auvil

moved into the request from the Parsons Parks and Recreation Commission. "Parks is requesting, with an estimated budget of \$491,356, plus estimated revenues and funds within the Wellness Center, Wellness 24, and the parks, once you reduce those two, our request would be \$308,000 even," Auvil began. He provided a breakdown of their budget that displayed the allocation for each area of the expenses with the Parks Commission, which

includes needed maintenance done to Wellness 24, payments towards the mower, upgrades and repair to park restrooms, parking lot renovations. Auvil explained there are some funds in their account for the parking lots, but due to the increase in materials and the rise in asphalt by 20%, additional funds are needed to complete these projects. "There's also \$4,000 in there for replacing the two swing sets by Pavilion 4 near the tennis court, and

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Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry receives grants



Volunteers from the Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry receive checks from the Tucker Community Foundation and the Tucker County Giving Circle.

DAVIS – The Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry has recently received grants from both the Tucker Community Foundation and the Tucker County Giving Circle. The Tucker Community Foundation which manages over 140 different endowed funds awarded the food pantry a grant of \$5,000 to help it purchase food for the needy of the area. The Tucker County Giving Circle, issues grants to projects that benefit women or children in Tucker County, awarded the food pantry \$1,500 to help it purchase food.

"The grant money is especially important to the Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry right now as it finds itself searching for a permanent location. The food pantry lost its home last year and has been moving from temporary location to temporary location every since," said Michael Moore, Chief Financial Officer for the Tucker Community Foundation.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Tucker Community Foundation or to the Tucker County Giving Circle, you can do so by sending a check made out to TCF with the cause you are donating to in the memo line and send it to Tucker Community Foundation, PO Box 491, Parsons, WV 26287. To learn more about establishing an endowment or supporting an existing one call 304-478-2930 or visit www.tuckerfoundation.net

Registration opens April 1 for the 16th Annual Run For It Race

It hosted by the Tucker Community Foundation.

This year's race will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 23 in the Town of Davis during the Leaf Peepers Festival. There will be a 2k (1.2 mile) walk-only course that is a loop and a 5k (3.1 mile) course that winds through town. The 5k is USATF sanctioned, and the course is for walkers and competitive runners.

"The purpose of Run For It is to raise awareness and support for non-profits, civic organizations, and other charities throughout the Tucker Community Foundation's eight-county service area," said Hannah Snyder, Development & Marketing Officer for the Tucker Community Foundation. "This event promotes healthy activity and encourages local philanthropy. Throughout the years Run For It has evolved into a solid challenge-grant program thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Foundation's staff, board of directors, and numerous volunteers."

The Run For It registration cost is \$12 with half of the entry fee supporting a charity of the participant's choice. Individuals and teams can register online at runsignup.com/Race/WV/Davis/RunForIt or visit tuckerfoundation.net/run to download an entry form, team registration, or event packet. "We are encouraging teams and racers to

register online this year using the new, all-encompassing registration site to help streamline registration," Snyder says.

Teams must register before August 31. Racers can pre-register up until September 20 or onsite Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23, and join a team.

Run For It raises money and support for the racer or walker's community cause of choice. Half of the entry fees, 100 percent of team sponsor donations, and 100 percent of race day awards are distributed to the cause represented.

"More than 100 cash awards are given to team charities that raise the most awareness and support along with demonstrating the best effort," Snyder said. "We encourage non-profit organizations to form teams and enlist sponsors for the team's cause. If a group needs help setting up a team, has questions about how to register, or how to leverage funds, please contact us—We're happy to

help."

The Tucker Community Foundation challenges participants to raise team support for the community cause of their choice during the six-month campaign and then run or walk for that cause on September 23rd in Davis, West Virginia. For more information on Run For It stop by our Parsons office or call 304-478-2930.

About the Tucker Community Foundation:

The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 140 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to nonprofits and charitable causes throughout the eight-county service area. 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 how to establish an endowed fund call (304) 478-2930 or visit www.tuckerfoundation.net.

TCHS 2023 Inducts Students into the National Honor Society



Tucker County High School recently inducted 18 students into the Blackwater Chapter of the National Honor Society. The 2022-2023 Inductees are: Tabitha Adams, Laney Burns, Erin Chambers, Avery Colebank, Hannah Cussins, Jacob DeVilder, Carley Dumire, Hannah Hardy, Macy Helmick, Addison Hicks, Katelyn Hicks, Kaylee Jennings, Mason Kisamore, Jacob Lower, Caitlyn McCrum, Jayden Moore, Braden Mullenax, Treye Wagner.

The 2022-2023 current members are: Jocelyn Burnside, Kadie Colebank, Darrah Pennington, Ariona Plumley, Paige Shaffer, Avery Smith, Camille Smith, Emma Snyder.



Membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) is based on a student's fulfillment of four requirements. Members of the sophomore, junior and senior class who meet all four requirements and complete an application will be admitted to the National Honor Society.

The four basic requirements for membership are scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Scholarship

Students are eligible to apply for NHS membership if they

demonstrate academic achievement by achieving a 3.65 or higher.

Grade point average will not be rounded to meet the minimum requirement.

Leadership

According to the National Honor Society standards, the student who exercises leadership:

- is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- demonstrates initiative in

promoting school activities

- exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- is able to delegate responsibilities
- exemplifies positive attitudes
- inspires positive behavior in others
- demonstrates academic initiative
- successfully holds school offices or positions of

responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently; and demonstrates reliability and dependability

- is a leader at work and in school or community activities
- is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted
- is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.

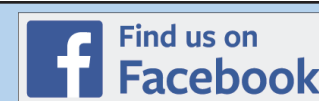
Service

The National Honor Society

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We Get Letters

Editor,

In response to Davis Mayor Tomson's LTE, I'll address what he conveniently left out. I admire Mayor Tomson; he's dedicated to his community. He's working to address the housing crisis being caused by second homeowners who drive Corridor H often. It is commendable. I appreciated his article about the short-term rentals debacle...right up until it became a re-election pitch. His current LTE feels like another pitch. I brought up valid concerns about Corridor H in 2019 and got reamed at a Davis Council meeting by the previous mayor; I know how sticky this issue is. I simply disagree with AI on some things.

The petition was started by a life-long resident nine months ago after DOH revealed plans that showed a dangerous intersection onto Route 32 plopped right on top of the Francis Grade (aka the future rail trail) with no sign of how to connect that trail. No official truck route around Thomas was presented at that time. Of course, people were concerned. Of

course, saying "just build it" was not sufficient. Of course, public pressure was/is needed and has led to needed changes. One can't simply change the petition. These are our towns, not someone in an office in Charleston. We have something special here and that is the main attraction. Not a Walmart. Not saving a few minutes to get from one place to the next. DOH's plans for the exit in Davis are a constantly moving target. When they finally added the truck route, it went onto 32...a quagmire! DOH changes its plans often. Revised Original Preferred Alternative? More like RRRRRRRROPA. Many of the petitioner's original concerns still stand.

The majority of businesses in Davis want a Northern Route. AI formed a committee long ago that has significantly delayed releasing any report, yet Davis Council just voted on March 22 to support the ROPA. It seems their committee was a sham all along as they've put the trailer before the truck.

Irony? How about DOH designing an alternative that went straight through the eventual Thomas City

Park, which they knew about. DOH is in this ridiculous position of refuting their own alternative routes to appear to have made a good faith effort. If you've seen their head honcho, Jimmy Wriston, on the news, it's clear he doesn't care about the myriad concerns that have been raised. His constant mockery is embarrassing. Another elephant in the room is the proposed mega-development between Davis and Thomas. Follow the money, folks. Always follow the money.

AI's final point actually misses the off ramp. The original point was about through traffic; AI made it about our area being a destination. We all know it's a destination, but some travelers are passing by, too. Their noise and lights will affect the Dark Skies initiative and the experience of Blackwater Falls, WV's most visited State Park. While other areas decide to put highways through historic areas and family-friendly trails, that does not mean we all think it's a good idea.

**Cory Chase
Davis, WV**

Tariff Form No. 8 (Rule 23) Public Notice of Change in Rates with Proposed Effective Dates

NOTICE is hereby given that Mountaineer Gas Company, a public utility, has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing a requested increase in rates and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzell, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective Friday April 5, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$19,740,000 annually in additional revenues, or an overall average increase in revenues of approximately 6.08%. The \$19,740,000 consists of an increase in base rates of \$37,649,000 and a decrease in the Company's Investment Replacement and Expansion Program ("IREP") of \$17,909,000. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

(\$)	INCREASE	(%)
Residential	\$ 7.08	% 7.85
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Large Commercial	\$ 747.47	% 0.70
Industrial	\$ 293.54	% 0.40
Resale	\$ 100.00	% 1.70
Other	\$ -	% -

This increase incorporates the rate impact of the cumulative investment under the IREP that was placed into

service as of December 31, 2022. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Resale customers of Mountaineer Gas Company include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi and Southern Public Service Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a part in the case should file on or before June 5, 2023 a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. I, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protest should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protest and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and the addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the Company's tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office of the

Company:
501 56th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

News of Record

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

- North Lake LLC, Dry Fork District, Lot 25 North Lake Section 5 to Stephen M. Lukasuk and Christie A. Piedmont, \$95,000.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, Unit B2 Week 39 to Frank Carpenter and Mandy Cardosi, \$500.
- Jacquelyn Irwin Custer, Dry Fork District, Unit 1244, Building 2, Beech Lodge Beaver Resort Condos to Cynthia Phillips, \$92,000.
- Carl Delsignore Family Trust, Dry Fork District, Minerals to Brenda L. Shank, Rose M. Bosley, Jason Delsignore, Carly M. Delsignore, Tony Delsignore, Aleta F. Glotfelty, Anthony M. Delsignore and Carmen P. Delsignore, Jr.
- Linda S. Fansler, Hendricks Corporation, Lots 13 and 14 Rosendorf and Lots 39 and 40 Rosendorf to Zachary R. Putlovic, Marc A. Putlovic and Naylah E. Putlovic, \$0.
- James C. Linkinogger and Heather Linkinogger, Davis Corporation, Lot 90 to Fox Aly LLC, \$190,000.
- Andrew R. Allphin, Davis District, Unit 7 Pendletonheim Condo to C-Shell Ventures LLC, \$100,000.
- G. Russell Rollyson, Appointee, Davis Corporation, Lot 5 Phase 1 .98 acres Tuscan Ridge to Purnell enterprises LLC, \$4,990.22.
- Michael J. Miller and Gisela A. Miller, St. George District, 2.34 acres to Michael C. Miller and Harold A. Miller, Jr., \$0.
- David M. Hedrick, Black Fork District, 84.07 acres to David M. Hedrick and Sidney C. Simmons, \$0.
- Allegheny Forestlands LLC, Black Fork District, Tract 1 – 5 to West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways.

The following wedding has been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

- Alex James Cooke to Ashley Morgan Newman, March 18, 2023.

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also \$5,000 in addition to \$5,000 already in there, for the splash park acid room upgrades and installation," he added.

The Five Rivers Public Library Board, represented by Dennis Filler, presented their request to the Council next. "So, our request is for \$137,500, the biggest chunk in there is for our personal services costs, we employ four individuals, three being full time, one being part time," he began. The biggest improvement goal for the library is replacing the carpeting, and completing the digitizing of the old Advocates to preserve the Tucker County history as it was reported, along with provide additional programming for the community of all ages.

The final application made for request of funds was for the Benefit of the Citizens of Parsons Committee, which Kolsun presented to the council. He went through the line items and listed the amounts needed for each project or department. This includes the Water Department, Streets Department for paving and street signs,

pond restoration project in Pulp Mill Bottom, annual PVFD equipment fund appropriation, Parsons Police Department, Tucker County Youth Basketball, and Fairs and Festivals to name a few. This brought the grand total for the request to \$456,200.

Each council member went through the requests and proposed their allocations to each line item to equal the total distribution amount of \$969,789.86. After Auvil, Councilwoman Kathy DiBacco, Greenlief, Councilman James "Sam" Humphrey, and Jones, shared their allocation proposals, ending with Councilman Timothy Turner. Prior to beginning, he wished to make a statement. "I have a copy of Louise Harman's contesting of the will that her husband had made, and on Section D, 'any remaining income is to be used for the benefit of the citizens of Parsons,' and I believe that we're leaning very heavily on the benefit of the citizens to pay payments, and I don't believe that's the way I read it in the will," Turner said. He then went

through his proposed allocations to be taken into consideration.

Averages were taken to distribute the funds as follows: Parsons City Cemetery committee, \$89,000 of the requested \$90,127, Parsons Parks and Recreation Commission, \$301,000 of the requested \$308,000, Five Rivers Public Library Board, \$119,000 of the requested \$137,522, and the Benefit of the Citizens of Parsons Committee, \$460,789.86, which is an

additional \$4,589.86 from their requested \$456,200. DiBacco made a motion to approve the allocation as presented with a second from Jones, and all were in favor.

Minutes from the March 7 meeting were approved as well as the invoice list presented by City Administrator, Agnes Arnold. A quote from Zetts Fish Hatchery to stock the pond with a variety of fish in the amount of \$1,775 was passed unanimously. Act-

ing Treasurer Jason Myers brought forth the levy estimate for the upcoming fiscal year for the Council to become aware of, carrying a unanimous in favor vote.

The Personnel Committee met and have decided to post the position for a Sanitation Equipment Operator, which Arnold will be posting soon. CDL's with a tanker endorsement will be preferred for this position. Council went into an executive session to discuss the recommenda-

tion for the city treasurer position. Upon returning to public session, DiBacco motioned to hire Quinnlan Buckley as the full-time city treasurer with a salary of \$42,000, with a second from Humphrey. Turner, DiBacco, Jones, and Humphrey voted in favor with Auvil and Greenlief opposing. Motion carried.

The Parsons City Council will meet again on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6 p.m.

\$9.7 million in Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Program grants across WV

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced the award of 38 Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Program grant projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2022, worth \$9,734,552 in total, for projects in 22 counties.

"We've learned that investing in our cities, towns, and beautiful parks is one of the best ways to attract tourists and improve the daily lives of our residents," Gov. Justice said. "This program provides millions of dollars to make some of the best places in

West Virginia more accessible, which will also enhance visitation throughout the state. The positive economic ripple effects will be off the charts, and I couldn't be prouder to approve these well-deserved initiatives."

The West Virginia Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Program are administered by the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) and funded by the Federal Highway Administration. These grants help towns and cities build and improve sidewalks, light-

ing, walking paths, rail trails and more.

Tucker County is among the projects with total funding (including sponsor funding). The City of Parsons will receive \$263,500 for Design and Construction for the Poplar Street Sidewalk Improvements.

For additional information about Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Program and grant application process, please visit transportation.wv.gov or dohgrants.wv.gov.

Warner seeking public input to name AI chatbot designed to aid entrepreneurs and business owners

Charleston, W.Va – On Monday, WV Secretary of State Mac Warner announced that the office is asking the general public to participate in selecting the name for the new artificial intelligence-powered virtual assistant that will make it even easier to open a new business in West Virginia.

Warner said that his Business & Licensing staff has been working for more than a year to develop the virtual assistant. This virtual assistant is an easily accessible and advanced customer service tool that helps answer questions about forming or starting a new company in West Virginia. The WVSOS staff works in close collaboration with IBM's Watson team on product design, programming, and launch.

Though initially limited in scope to LLC formation, Warner said that his office is already planning to expand the capabilities of the virtual assistant to include all of the functions available in the Secretary of State's Office. The virtual assistant is designed to provide current, accurate, and relevant information to assist entrepreneurs, business owners, and customers of the WVSOS Business & Licensing Division at whatever time is convenient for the user.

"The virtual assistant will become an integral part of our office's efforts to enhance and expand our customer service capabilities," Warner said. "But we first need to name our virtual assistant. That's where we are asking for the public's help."

Secretary Warner said the public can cast their vote from a list of five proposed chatbot names through his office's website on the Business & Licensing Division's landing page at this link: <https://sos.wv.gov/Pages/VirtualAssistantName.aspx>

"We hope everyone will take just a minute to go online and vote for their favorite name. Share the link with your colleagues, coworkers and friends." Warner said. "The virtual assistant is just one more way for our office to provide excellent customer service. We remain available to help in person at any of our offices, and are happy to help anyone who calls us at 304-558-8000."

Voting started on Monday and will run until 5 p.m. on March 31.

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OBITUARIES

Dirk Leon Pritt

Dirk Leon Pritt, 60, a resident and local handyman of Philippi, WV passed away on Monday, March 20, 2023, peacefully in Valley Grove, WV.

Dirk was born on Wednesday, August 15, 1962, in Elkins. He was preceded in death by his parents James R. Pritt and Dorcas M. Currence Pritt, a brother Jimmy Dale Pritt, a brother-in-law Dave Dominquez, a sister-in-law Carol Pritt, and a beloved wife Jacquelyn Lynn "Jackie" Irons Pritt, and they often remarked that these were the best years of their lives.

Left to cherish Dirk's memory is a daughter Ashley of Martinsburg, siblings, Danny (Laura) Pritt, Randy (Mary Lou) Pritt, Rickie (Brenda) Pritt, Robbie (Kim Tredy), Connie (Pritt) Dominquez, Timmy Pritt, Nancy (Alan McAdoo) Pritt, a stepdaughter Skyler Lamb, along with many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews that he adored. He is also survived by two special sisters in law, Tracey Elza (Bill), and Connie Cope, all of Kerens, who had cared for Dirk until he returned to the care of his family.

Dirk attended the schools of Ohio County including Wheeling Park High School. He had worked various jobs including asbestos removal with his brothers for several years and settled in Philippi where he worked as a handyman. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed Jackie out on their pontoon boat. He also enjoyed working on cars of family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Visitations was held on Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hostetler Funeral Home, 225 Walnut Street, Parsons, WV 26287. Dirk's request for Cremation was honored. The family request that memorial contributions in Dirk's memory be made to the Valley Grove Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 136, Valley Grove, WV 26060. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Dirk Leon Pritt. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



NHS

standards require that a student:

- volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition
- participates in some activity outside of school: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, youth groups affiliated with religious institutions, volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged
- mentors persons in the community or students at other schools
- shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students

The MVCS chapter of the NHS requires members to participate in a variety of MVCS activities but also to serve the greater community outside of the school.

Character

Each eligible student will be evaluated by the faculty and administra-

tion according to the National Honor Society standards for good character, which state the student of character:

- takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
- upholds principles of morality and ethics
- cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; observes instructions and rules
- exhibits concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
- manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment

Character will automatically be questioned by events leading to suspension from school, consistent

lateness, cheating, or other offenses brought forth by a member of the faculty or administration. If someone deems a student's character not sufficient, that opinion will be discussed with the student's current teachers, counselor, or dean, and the relevant information will be forwarded to the Faculty Council for consideration.

Application & Leadership

Eligible students are responsible for completing an application and documenting their service/activity hours.

The Faculty Council will evaluate the requirements of scholarship, leadership, service, and character for each eligible candidate. Final selection of the National Honor Society is the responsibility of the Faculty Council.

All National Honor Society members are expected to maintain membership requirements of the National Honor Society, including GPA, and to take part in National Honor Society service projects. The Faculty Council may dismiss any member failing to fulfill these obligations. Dismissal will result in the removal of the NHS designation from school records and, depending on the severity of the infraction, possible notification of colleges to which a student applied.

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National Agriculture Day: Fifty Years Later, Farmers Are Growing a Climate for Tomorrow



By John Perdue, FSA State Executive Director; Jon Bordon, NRCS State Conservationist; and Alexander Sereno, RMA Regional Office Director

Fifty years after the creation of National Agriculture Day, America's farmers, ranchers, and private forestland owners find themselves on the front lines of climate change. They are uniquely positioned to deliver solutions by implementing climate-smart production practices that conserve natural resources, build healthier soils, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and sequester carbon.

National Agriculture Day is a day to recognize the producers who are the best stewards of our land. America's producers are not only providing food, forage, and fiber for today - they are also investing in climate solutions that will ensure a prosperous agricultural future for generations to come. They are growing a climate for tomorrow, for our state, our nation, and our world.

Here in West Virginia, there are 38,123 agricultural producers operating 23,622 farms on 3,662,178 acres of productive land. The average size of an agricultural operation in West Virginia is 155 acres. Our major ag products are poultry, cattle, grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas. The total market value is \$754,279. These producers are important to West Virginia's economy and our environment.

USDA is growing a climate for success for all people involved in farming, ranching and private forest land management. We are working to create an equitable and climate-smart food and agriculture economy built to support both rural and urban communities and empower West Virginia producers -who feed the world; improve

the health, nutrition, and quality of life of all Americans; and yield healthy lands, forests, and clean water. From crop insurance to farm loans, and from conservation to disaster assistance, USDA programs are helping producers conserve natural resources and keep families farming for future generations.

At the national level, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) represents the single largest investment in climate and clean energy solutions in American history. This is a historic, once-in-a-generation investment and opportunity for this country and for the rural, suburban, and urban agricultural communities that USDA serves.

USDA is committed to implementing the Inflation Reduction Act quickly and effectively to give farmers, ranchers, and private forestland owners the tools and resources they need to keep their operations productive and on climate change's front lines.

But USDA can only succeed in its mission to help American agriculture thrive—and can only live up to President Lincoln's description of it as the "People's Department"—if it ensures that the Americans who need its services-most receive them. Equity is not an add-on or extra; it is central to the Department's mission.

Equity is a component in all we do at USDA. We ensure that the programs we support and the investments we make are available to everyone and we take special steps to ensure that underserved and small and medium-sized producers can participate in our programs and prosper as a result of our work.

USDA is working across its agencies to support urban producers in their efforts to not only grow fresh, healthy produce, but also help create jobs, beautify their neigh-

borhoods, and increase access to fresh, healthy food in areas where grocery stores are scarce.

On National Agriculture Day and every day, USDA is committed to ensuring our programs and investments reach all producers, including underserved producers who haven't always had the opportunity to benefit from the many resources USDA has to offer. We are committed to ensur-

ing producers have the tools and resources they need to be part of the climate solution.

John Perdue is the State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency; Jon Bordon is the State Conservationist for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service; Alexander Sereno is the RMA Regional Office Director, serving West Virginia. Learn more about USDA programs at farmers.gov.



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.



March 29, 1834: Henry Mason Mathews, the fifth governor of West Virginia, was born at Frankford, Greenbrier County. There were strikes and riots during much of his administration, including the national railroad strike of 1877, which began at Martinsburg.

March 29, 1858: Clay County was created from parts of Nicholas and Braxton counties and named for Henry Clay, the U.S. senator from Kentucky.

March 30, 1837: The Virginia legislature granted a charter to establish a private academy at West Liberty, in Ohio County. The

first class of 65 students met in the home of the Rev. Nathan Shotwell in 1838. The school is now known as West Liberty State University.

March 30, 1926: Actor, singer and game show host Peter Marshall was born Ralph Pierre LaCock in Clarksburg. His career includes Broadway, television and more than 5,000 episodes as host of *The Hollywood Squares*.

March 31, 1919: Governor John Jacob Cornwell signed legislation that created the West Virginia State Police. He appointed Jackson Arnold, grandnephew of Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and former executive officer of the 1st West Virginia Infantry, as first superintendent.

April 1, 1884: Nurse Florence Aby Blanchfield was born in Shepherdstown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, oversaw expansion of the corps from 1,000 to 57,000 during World War II, and became the first woman to hold a permanent commission in the regular army.

April 1, 1934: A sales tax went into effect in West Virginia for the first time. The two-percent tax helped

fill the revenue void caused by the drop in property values during the Great Depression.

April 2, 1900: Marlinton, the county seat of Pocahontas County, was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the location of the first white settlement in the Greenbrier Valley.

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and "long hunter" Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.

April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks was the first African-American in the United States to serve as a state librarian when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert B. White.

April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck-driver themes.

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Siranni's Pizza #2 has closed in Canaan Valley and has been moved to the bank building for convenience of sale. Nice clean fixtures & appliances.

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What's Happening

Easter Program

The Hendricks Free Methodist Church will have their annual Easter Program at the Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5. Refreshments will follow.

Taste of Tucker Farmers Market

The Taste of Tucker Farmers Market is gearing up for a new season. If you are interested in being a vendor, please reach out to the Tucker County Extension office at - 304-478-2949.

Hotdog, Yard and Bake Sale

The Hendricks Free Methodist Church will be having a hotdog, yard and bake sale from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 1 at the Parsons Senior Center.

Biblical Citizenship Class

Learn the truth of how and why the Founding Father set up our Constitution. Free of charge, nine Monday nights, beginning Monday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parsons Church of God. Ages 12 years old and up. No Child care will be provided.

Parsons High School Alumni Association Meeting

The Parsons High School Alumni Association will host the annual Alumni

Banquet on Saturday May 27, 2023. Letters have been mailed and if you have not received one in the next few days, it is because of an incorrect address and you can mail it to the PHS Alumni Assoc., PO Box 51, Parsons WV 26287.

It's Woodcock Time

Come to the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge (CVNWR) Visitor Center, Saturday, April 1 at 7PM to learn about and hopefully hear the American Woodcock. This free indoor and outdoor public program is sponsored by the CVNWR, the Friends of the 500th and the Canaan Valley Master Naturalists. Dress for the weather.

Historic Landmark Commission Meeting

There will be a Tucker County Historic Landmark Commission meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 5 p.m. in the Parsons Railway Depot. The Public is invited.

Revival

Revival at the Parsons Nazarene Church Starting Friday Evening March 31- Sunday April 2. Friday and Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday Morning 11:00 a.m., Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m. Pastor David Dorn. Bring your teenager and youth David has a message for them. Everyone welcome.

Momma Said
This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.
 By Teri Cayton
 The Parsons Advocate

the woods I can almost see her walking with us.

I wish she was still with us and could see her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she would be so proud of each and every one of them. It is hard to believe if she were still here she would be celebrating her 90th birthday in July. I am sure she would still be trying to do everything she always did. I can still see her mowing grass with her hair up in those pink curlers and her bandana wrapped around her head.

How to Tie Dye Easter Eggs



If you are looking for a unique and fun way to dye Easter eggs with materials you already have at home, then this easy method is perfect for you!

Here are the 5 simple steps for how to tie dye Easter eggs. This egg dyeing technique that doesn't use vinegar might just become your favorite way to color hard boiled eggs.

Supplies

- White hard-boiled eggs, dry and cooled completely
- Food coloring
- Coffee filters
- Twist ties
- Water spray bottle

Place each egg in a coffee filter.



Twist tie them closed. Or, you could use rubber bands.



Place drops of food coloring directly on the coffee filters. Be sure to leave some white spaces as well. Put as many or as few drops on as you would like.



You can use all one color or different colors. Wear gloves if you don't want your fingers getting stained.



Gently spray each dot with the water bottle. The food coloring will spread and mix with the other colors. If there is too much water, gently squeeze the water with light pressure out of the coffee filters. You can do this by grasping the egg in your hand and applying gentle pressure without enough strength to crack the egg shells.

West Virginia School of Traditional Skills Takes Root

Marsha and Kendall Waybright of Laurel River Club Bed & Breakfast, in Jenningson, will be partnering with several entities, such as the WV Forest Farming Initiative, Mountain Medicine Trail, Yew Mountain Center, WV DNR Wild Yards Program, WVU Extension, Eastern College, 4-H groups, and more to host West Virginia School of Traditional Skills Takes Root.

The first program, Grape Pruning, kicked off on March 6. Upcoming programs will get participants into the garden and involve seed starting and planting. There is a high tunnel to be tilled and planted as well as the garden, a Mountain Medicine Trail to work on, a botanical garden, an herb garden, some thornless blackberries to be planted, the Golden Winged Warbler Project, and lots more.

Workshops are open to guests of the

B&B and the public. All ages are welcome and many of the programs are free, while some require a fee. Registration is required for programs in which materials are provided.

Jodi Richmond, WVU Extension Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources. Comprised of a 17-session online training program, participants receive 15 hours of instruction in a variety of topics such as botany, plant propagation, soil science and nutritional management, vegetable gardening, tree fruits, landscape design, woody ornamentals, and West Virginia native plants. After completing 40 hours of initial volunteer work, participants then earn the WVU Extension Master Gardener certification.

For more information on upcoming classes, please visit www.lrcbnb.com or call (304) 402-7095.

Super Crossword

THEATER FOOD

ACROSS	50 Andrew Carnegie's corp.	97 Muscles worked by doing squats	135 New York college near Hyde Park	47 Dr.'s field (aorta offshoot)	88 Puck-pushers' org.
1 Sponsored part of a magazine	54 1970 Godfrey Cambridge comedy	99 Give a message to	DOWN	49 — artery	92 Addressee of a New Testament Epistle
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15 "Elizabeth" star Blanchett	62 Cellular stuff	105 1988 coming-of-age film co-starring Julia Roberts	3 Early baby director Lee	53 "Lucky" pilot	98 Declaration upon delivery of an item
19 Ripped into	63 Pipe mouth	110 1947 romantic comedy co-starring Claudette Colbert	4 "Life of Pi"	55 Eclectic fusion	100 Occupy, as a hotel
20 Buccaneer's topper	64 Fly apart	113 1099 fig.	5 Attire	56 "Grand" liqueur brand	101 Electric resistance
22 Major Norse god	65 Jazz singer Jones	114 "Va-va-—" film based on a Stephen King story	6 List abbr.	57 Alias lead-in	102 Acid — (cause of heartburn)
23 1940 drama based on a Steinbeck novel	67 Health resort	115 Dual radio designation	7 Divisor, e.g.	58 Novel	104 Part of the plan
25 Tri- tripled	69 Unprocessed	116 Siouan tribe member	8 Trash-talk	59 Gloom-filled	106 "By the power vested — ..."
26 Possible reply to "Are you?"	70 1984 horror film	117 Gymnastics floor covering	9 Fall	60 Opposite of vertical: Abbr.	107 Ones planning city partitions
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45 Hoped-for altar reply	81 Alan who played Pierce	128 Expert at increasing profits	20 Bed size	71 "Be quiet!"	71 Invasive PC programs
46 Live wire	82 Vietnam War battle	129 Schoolbook	21 Cougar	72 "Lamb's cry"	72 Squirrel nosh
48 Airborne toy	83 Former miler Sebastian	130 Not fooled by	22 Part of BBC	73 Lamb's cry	73 Divulge
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by Linda Thistle

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- ♦♦ Challenging
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Weather Totals

Mar. 14- Mar. 21

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature
 Max 59° F
 Min 11° F

Precipitation
 Week 0.46"
 March 1.67"
 2023 8.95"

Snowfall
 New Snow 0.5"
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63rd WV Governor's Cup Ski Race has a Record-Breaking Number of Participants!

Recognized as the longest running race throughout the south east, the 63rd West Virginia Governor's Cup Ski Race was presented by the Alpine Festival and hosted by Timberline Mountain on March 11th-12, 2023. This year's race was record-breaking in its number of skiers with 222 participants. According to local ski history, this number surpasses the original record of 168 participants in 1980.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall winners were able to win exciting prizes such as skis, poles, and goggles in addition to medal awards, provided by this year's sponsors. Governor's Cup winners were Keith Poole and Georgiana Newell. In the tradition of this event, each winner received a handmade glass blown trophy by Glass by Scott. Their names will be added to the famed WV Gov Cup trophy with winners dating back to 1960.

Considered the most prestigious award of the event, The Barton Award is given to an individual who has been influential in the ski industry. This award was created in honor of Bob and Anita Barton who established the two major ski areas: Weiss Knob (1955), located where the meadows are in the area currently known as Canaan Valley Resort, and Weiss 2 (1959), the current location of White Grass Ski Touring Area.

According to Jessica Waldo, Board Member of Alpine Festival, the winner of The Barton Award is always a surprise and an individual can be chosen from any ski area in WV. This honorable award highlights someone influential in the ski industry. Mikey Valach received this year's award.

Also a new tradition of this race was recognition from the State of West Virginia. This year Andera Dearborn and Bobby Judy were honored by WV Governor Jim



Overall Winners

Justice for 20 years of service as a volunteer for the Alpine Festival Governor's Cup Race.

Overall winners are:

Overall Women: (1st place, Georgiana Newell; 2nd place, Ava Howard; 3rd place, Elise Carson).

Overall Men: (1st place, Keith Poole; 2nd place, Xander Brouillette 3rd place, Peter Mardosa).

Overall Tele Youth: Nate Powell

Overall Tele Women (1st place, Kate Preston; 2nd place, Sara Litzau; 3rd place, Vicki Fenwick Judy).

Overall Tele Men Adult: (1st place, Steve Kaufmann; 2nd place, Cory Chase; 3rd place, Jeff Lovelace).

For a full listing of times go here:

Giant Slalom Snowboard: (<https://www.live-timing.com/race2.php?r=251022>)

Giant Slalom Telemark: (<https://www.live-timing.com/race2.php?r=251024>)

Giant Slalom Alpine (<https://www.live-timing.com/race2.php?r=251023>)

Slalom-Alpine (<https://www.live-timing.com/race2.php?r=251209>)

Timberline Mountain hosted the event, sponsors provided the awards, Hannah Snyder Media photographed the event.

To see additional photos and for more information about this year's race go to the Gov Cup Ski Race website. <https://www.skisignup.com/Race/Photos/WV/Davis/GovernorsCupSkiRace>.



Photo of AD and BJ



Mikey Valach with Mike Messenger

Next year's WV Gov Cup Ski Race, which will be hosted again at Timberline Mountain during the second weekend of March 2024.

For more information about local ski history, visit the WVSnowSportMuseum at their new location in Canaan Valley next to the BFS.

\$18.8 Million for Eight West Virginia Highway Projects

Washington, DC –U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$18,880,000 for eight West Virginia highway projects. The awards are made possible by Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests secured by Senator Manchin and are funded through the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

“West Virginia’s infrastructure plays a critical role in our state’s economy, which is why improving, modernizing, and expanding our roads, bridges and highways continues to be one of my top priorities,” said Senator Manchin. “I proudly secured this funding to support eight critical highway projects across our great state, which will boost local tourism, spur economic development and promote safe and secure travel for all West Virginians. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources, including CDS funding, to improve our roads and bridges as we address the infrastructure needs of the Mountain State.”

Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS), also known as earmarks, allow state and local governments, non-profits, and other public entities to apply for targeted funding for projects to bolster their

communities and directly support West Virginians. These local communities and organizations are now beginning to receive funding for projects that Senator Manchin fought for in last year’s funding bill. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Manchin works to ensure taxpayer dollars are allocated to priorities that benefit all West Virginians, boost economic growth and support the needs of communities across the Mountain State while remaining fiscally responsible.

Individual awards listed below:

- \$5,000,000 – Corridor H: To complete Corridor H.
- \$5,000,000 – King Coal Highway: Funds the King Coal Highway Gilbert Creek Connector to connect the community of Gilbert, which has battled transportation connectivity and reliability issues for decades.
- \$2,000,000 – I-79 Exit 155: Repairs and rehabilitates I-79 Exit 155, which serves as the primary vehicular connection from Interstate-79 and Morgantown, Star City, Granville and West Virginia University.
- \$1,750,000 – Huntington Welcome Center I-64 Exit 8: Constructs the

new Appalachian Heartland Welcome Center at the interchange of Interstate-64 and WV State Route-152 at Exit 8 in Huntington.

- \$1,500,000 – Coalfields Expressway: Funds the construction of pavement for approximately 1/4 mile of the Coalfields Expressway.
- \$1,500,000 – Weirton WV-2, Weirton Frontier Crossing: Constructs a new roadway from West Virginia State Route 2 to access Weirton’s Frontier Crossing project, a newly developed brownfield area at the former Weirton Steel site.
- \$1,400,000 – Charles Town Augustine Trail & Connectivity Project: Completes construction on the 1.9-mile Augustine Trail pedestrian and bicycle trail

facility on Old Route 340 (also known as Augustine Avenue) and upgrades approximately 8,000 linear feet of sidewalks in the downtown area for better connectivity and access in Charles Town.

- \$730,000 – Second Interchange at I-70 Phase I: Funds the design and feasibility study for Phase I of a new, second interchange at Interstate-70 in Ohio County.

This funding is now available to the West Virginia Department of Transportation, which will then determine when the project is ready to move forward and seek project authorization from the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA).

BINGO

at Parsons Volunteer Fire Department

SATURDAY, APR. 1

First 30 Players in the door a chance at \$50 Cash

Progressive Ladder Jackpot \$2592

Progressive Co. 10 Jackpot \$500

Tip games will be available when the doors open at 6:00

*Tip Board on a Winchester 22 Long Rifle Camo. Only 100 pulls sold. You must purchase a bingo packet to purchase pulls on the rifle. *Tip Board on a \$500 Michael Kors Purse.

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DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

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Thursday, March 30, 2023 11:30 am

Bill Noe Flight School

West Virginia International Yeager Airport 100 Airport Road #175 Charleston, WV 25311

More Info and Registration: EducationAlliance.org

SPORTS

Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Basketball Players make All-State

Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

The WV Sports Writers Association announced the Class 'A' Girls' and Boys' Basketball All-State Selections on Tuesday March 21st.

Tucker County's Senior Kadie Colebank was selected to the Girls' Basketball All-State First Team and Sophomore Trevan Bonner was selected to the Boys' Basketball All-State First Team. Kadie Colebank averaged a team best 17 ppg and 13 rpg during the season. Trevan Bonner led the Mt. Lions in scoring with 14 ppg this season. Colebank and Bonner helped lead their teams to State Runner-up finishes as both teams fell in the Championship games.

Junior, Macy Helmick was selected to the All-State Second Team and Junior, Ashton Lycliter was also selected to the All-State Second Team. Helmick averaged 12 ppg while dishing out over 6 assists per game for the Lady Mt. Lions. Lycliter averaged 9 ppg and over 10 rpg for Tucker County.

Brylee Wetzel and Ericka Zirk were selected to the Girls' Basketball All-State Honorable Mention List. Wetzel averaged 9 ppg and Zirk chipped in with 8 ppg on the season for the 21-3 Lady Mt. Lions. Ethan Rosenau also was recognized as he made the Boys' Basketball All-State Honorable Mention List. Rosenau came off the bench this season to average 11 ppg for the 21-5 Mt. Lions. Congrats to all the Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Basketball Athletes on this recognition.

Tucker County Softball Team Falls at Gilmer in Opener 12-4



Lady Mt. Lions player Rachel Felton gets ready for a pitch against Gilmer County on March 24th. Tucker County fell in the contest 12-4. Photo by Sarah Hicks.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

GELNVILLE - The Lady Mt. Lions Softball started the season with a road contest at Gilmer County on Friday March 24th.

Tucker County fell in the game by the final score of 12-4. Corrinia Lipscomb led the Lady Mt. Lions at the plate with 2 hits, including a double. Rachel Felton, Addie Hicks, Paige Shaffer and Raven Matthews added 1 hit each for Tucker County in the loss.

Tucker County will return to action on Thursday March 30th at East Hardy at 6pm. The Lady Mt. Lions will then host Petersburg on Saturday April 1st at 1pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.

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MT. Lions Baseball Drop Games at East Hardy, Moorefield



Tucker County's Reid Kismore waits on a pitch against East Hardy on March 22nd. The Mt. Lions fell in the game 11-6. Photo by Amanda Kismore.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

BAKER - The Tucker County Baseball team traveled to East Hardy on Wednesday March 22nd for their first game of the season. The Mt. Lions fell behind early and their comeback attempt fell short as they fell in the contest 11-6. The Cougars scored 2 runs in the 1st inning off of 2 home runs and then East Hardy added 1 run in the 3rd and 7 runs in the 4th to lead 10-0 after 4 innings. Tucker County fought back with 6 runs in the 5th inning, but the Mt. Lions got no closer as East Hardy held on for the 11-6 win. Mason Kismore led Tucker County at the plate with 3 hits including a double, while Ethan Rosenau, Blake Helmick, Sam Marks, Xander Lam-

bert and Reid Kismore added 1 hit each in the loss for the Mt. Lions. Justin Robeson started on the mound for Tucker County and pitched 2 innings. Ethan Rosenau, Nate Ricottilli, Mason Kismore and Reece Poling all entered the game in relief for the Mt. Lions.

MOOREFIELD - The Mt. Lions traveled to Moorefield on Thursday March 23rd. Tucker County led the game after 3 innings, but Moorefield rallied back to win the game 5-3. The Yellow-jackets scored 1 run in the 1st inning, but Tucker County battled back to score 3 runs in the 3rd. Moorefield added 1 run in the bottom of the 3rd to make the score 3-2 Tucker County after 3 innings. Moorefield then scored 1

See BASEBALL page 4B

Tucker Valley Track Team Opens Season at Bridgeport Meet

By Elizabeth Smith

BRIDGEPORT - The Tucker Valley Middle School Track team opened Track season at Bridgeport on Saturday March 25th at the Connect Bridgeport Invitational.

Boys Results:

100m: 5th-Luke Barb(12.65). **200m:** 3rd-Luke Barb(25.28). **400m:** 1st-Luke Barb(25.28), 5th-Oliver Archuleta(1:00.28), 25th-Logan Kopec(1:10.72). **800m:** 26th-William Gilligan(2:55.67), 30th-Landon Wilfong(3:02.39). **1600m:** 14th-Landon Wilfong(6:16.73), 15th-William Gilligan(6:17.89). **3200m:** 17th-William Gilligan(13:11.67). **100m Hurdles:** 6th-Liam Davis(18.44). **200m Hurdles:** 14th-Trenton Jones(32.82), 17th-Logan Kopec(34.07). **4x400m Relay:** 6th-Jones, Davis, Tompkins, Archuleta(4:31.18). **Shuttle Hurdles:** 4th-

Davis, Kopec, Jones, Tompkins(47.29). **High Jump:** 1st-Luke Barb(5'06"). **Long Jump:** 23rd-Liam Davis(12'11"), 38th-Trenton Jones(10'05.5"). **Shot Put:** 22nd-Jonathan Tuttle(25'10"), 29th-Elliot Thompkins(23'06.5"). **Discus:** 30th-Jonathan Tuttle(52'10"), 31st-Elliot Tompkins(51'05"), 37th-Hunter Grafton(38'00")

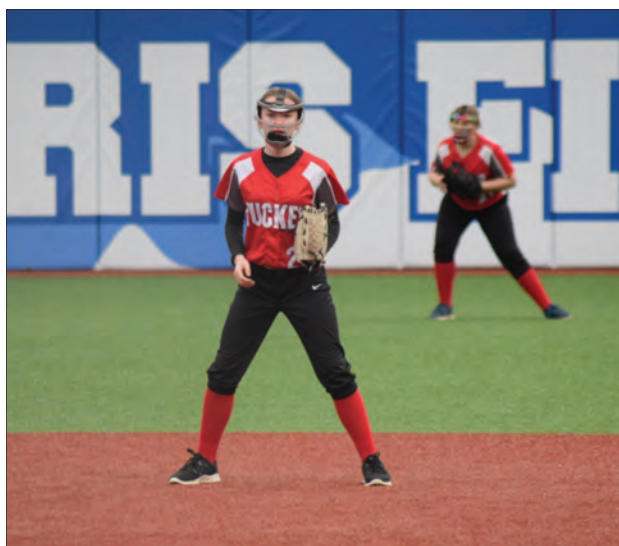
Girls Results:

100m: 4th-Lela Wright(14.60). **1600m:** 19th-Rachel Cummings(7:31.82), 25th-Hile(7:48.12). **200m Hurdles:** 6th-Lela Wright(35.83), 21st-Madelynn Helmick(40.72), 26th-Peyton Hicks(41.01). **Shuttle Hurdles:** 4th-Wright, Hile, Helmick, Hicks(48.85). **High Jump:** 6th-Lela Wright(4'2"). **Shot Put:** 36th-Shilah Jones(17'01"), 37th-Mary Phillips(16'02.5"). **Discus:** 31st-Shilah Jones(34'11"), 32nd-Mary Phillips(29'08").



Tucker Valley's Luke Barb gets off to a good start at the Bridgeport Meet on March 25th. Barb placed first in the 400m and the High Jump events. Photo by Sarah Hicks.

Tucker Valley Softball Drops Game at Gilmer County 20-7



Tucker Valley's Shelby Hicks waits to field the ball against Gilmer County on March 24th. Photo by Sarah Hicks.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

GLENVILLE - The Lady Wildcats traveled to Gilmer County on Friday March 24th. Tucker Valley fell to Gilmer County in the contest 20-7.

Peyton Hicks led the Lady Wildcats on the mound with 12 strike outs.

Hicks also led behind the plate with a triple for Tucker Valley. Lilly Boyles also had a single for the Lady Wildcats in the loss.

Tucker Valley will return to action tonight March 29th at home against West Preston at 6pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday March 29th

- Tucker County Baseball vs Pendleton County @ Home 5pm
- Tucker Valley Softball vs West Preston @ Home 6pm

Thursday March 30th

- Tucker County Softball @ East Hardy 6pm
- Tucker County Baseball vs Trinity(DH) @ Home 4pm
- Davis-Thomas Track @ Preston 4pm

Friday March 31st

- Tucker Valley Softball vs Barbour County @ Home 4pm

Saturday April 1st

- Tucker County Softball vs Petersburg @ Home 1pm
- Tucker County Baseball @ Park Catholic(DH) 1pm
- Tucker Valley Baseball vs Taylor County @ Home 2pm

Monday April 3rd

- Tucker County Softball @ Tygarts Valley(DH) 5:30pm
- Tucker County Baseball @ Petersburg 6pm

Tuesday April 4th

- Tucker County Track @ Keyser 4pm
- Tucker Valley Softball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 6pm



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I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:
 Deceased Personal Representative(s)
 Garry R. Moore Melvin Moore
 1st publication 3/29/23 288 Digman Rd.
 2nd publication 4/5/23 Philippi, WV 26416
 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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**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 MUNICIPALITY OF PARSONS, WEST VIRGINIA
 In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 200,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense	151,076
Prior Year Taxes	5,000
Supplemental Taxes	6,000
Tax Loss Restoration	200
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	2,500
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	5,000
Excise Tax on Utilities	50,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	12,000
Animal Control Tax	500
Hotel Occupancy Tax	7,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	2,000
Parking Violations	100
Licenses	4,500
Building Permit Fees	1,000
Miscellaneous Permits	240
Franchise Fees	6,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	14,000
Parks & Recreation	12,010
Rents, Royalties and Concessions	105,000
Charges for Services	38,104
Contributions from Other Entities	90,000
Transfers from Rainy Day Fund	50,000
Gaming Income	9,000
Municipal Specific	12,000
Interest Earned on Investments	400
Reimbursements	74,622
Refunds	2,000
Sale of Fixed Assets	1,000
Filing Fees	300
Accident Reports	200
Video Lottery (LVL)	700
Miscellaneous Revenues	100
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 862,552
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 100
Coal Severance Tax	5,000
Interest Earned on Investment	4
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 5,104


ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	
Mayor's Office	\$ 2,584
City Council	7,751
Recorder's Office	2,138
Treasurer's Office	26,616
Police Judge's Office	4,785
City Attorney	4,800
Main Street Program	3,500
Other Grants	2,000
Custodial	6,583
Regional Development Authority	2,616
Elections	5,500
City Hall	113,237
Public Grounds	5,000
Contingencies	16,500
Police Department	189,525
Dog Warden / Humane Society	500
Streets and Highways	220,420
Street Lights	26,000
Signs and Signals	15,000
Snow Removal	19,183
Street Construction	7,000
Parks & Recreation	2,510
Visitors Bureau	3,500
Fair Associations / Festivals	15,000
Community Center	30,107
Youth Program	1,000
Beautification Programs	6,000
Capital Projects - General Government	45,622
Capital Projects - Public Safety	11,000
Capital Projects - Street and Transportation	38,000
Capital Projects - Culture and Recreation	28,575
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 862,552

MUNICIPALITY OF PARSONS, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Current Expense Levy

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

Certificate of Valuation			
Assessed Value	Levy	Taxes	
for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied	
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.11	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 18,877,650	24.22	\$ 45,722
Personal Property	354,846		859
Total Class II	\$ 19,232,496		\$ 46,581
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 12,044,440	48.44	\$ 58,343
Personal Property	10,030,553		48,588
Public Utility	3,238,006		15,685
Total Class IV	\$ 25,312,999		\$ 122,616
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 44,545,495		\$ 169,197
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	7.50%		12,690
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%		3,130
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 153,377
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	1.50%		2,301
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 151,076

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 COUNTY OF TUCKER
 MUNICIPALITY OF PARSONS
 I, Bruce A. Kolsun, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 17th day of March 2023.

 (Signature)
 Recorder
 (Official Title of Recording Officer)

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**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 MUNICIPALITY OF HENDRICKS, WEST VIRGINIA
 In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 500
Unassigned Fund Balance	69,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense	37,846
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	745
Excise Tax on Utilities	11,000
Building Permit Fees	20
Miscellaneous Permits	20
Franchise Fees	200
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	13,000
Municipal Service Fees	24,000
Gaming Income	12,000
Video Lottery (LVL)	200
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 168,531
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 745
Coal Severance Tax	745
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 1,490

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

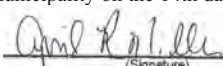
Mayor's Office	\$ 4,800	\$ -	-
City Council	3,000	-	-
Recorder's Office	4,800	-	-
City Attorney	300	-	-
Custodial	500	-	-
Regional Development Authority	325	-	-
Elections	1,500	-	-
City Hall	39,206	-	-
Internal Audit	5,000	-	-
Contingencies	600	-	-
Streets and Highways	5,000	-	-
Snow Removal	2,000	-	-
Garbage Department	28,000	-	-
Landfill / Incinerator Department	-	1,490	-
Parks & Recreation	4,000	-	-
Beautification Programs	500	-	-
Capital Projects - General Government	69,000	-	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 168,531	\$ 1,490	

MUNICIPALITY OF HENDRICKS, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Current Expense Levy

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

Certificate of Valuation			
Assessed Value	Levy	Taxes	
for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied	
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.26	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 3,844,570	24.52	\$ 9,427
Personal Property	8,202		20
Total Class II	\$ 3,852,772		\$ 9,447
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 2,358,370	49.04	\$ 11,565
Personal Property	3,746,606		18,373
Public Utility	384,482		1,885
Total Class IV	\$ 6,489,458		\$ 31,823
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 10,342,230		\$ 41,270
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	2,064
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	784
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 38,422
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		1.50%	576
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 37,846

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 COUNTY OF TUCKER
 MUNICIPALITY OF HENDRICKS
 I, April R. Miller, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 14th day of March, 2023.

 (Signature)
 Recorder
 (Official Title of Recording Officer)

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**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 MUNICIPALITY OF DAVIS, WEST VIRGINIA
 In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 245,513
Property Taxes - Current Expense	249,887
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	4,000
Excise Tax on Utilities	78,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	24,000
Animal Control Tax	230
Hotel Occupancy Tax	302,000
Licenses	8,000
Building Permit Fees	4,000
Franchise Fees	4,700
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	40,000
Rents, Royalties and Concessions	200
Refuse Collection	76,000
Gaming Income	11,000
Reimbursements	1,000
Refunds	1,000
Video Lottery (LVL)	400
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 1,051,430
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 9,283
Coal Severance Tax	3,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 12,283

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES


Mayor's Office	600	-	-
Recorder's Office	600	-	-
Regional Development Authority	690	-	-
City Hall	150,000	12,283	-
Streets and Highways	100,000	-	-
Street Lights	17,000	-	-
Central Garage	140,000	-	-
Garbage Department	179,948	-	-
Parks & Recreation	156,500	-	-
Visitors Bureau	151,000	-	-
Community Center	35,000	-	-
Arts & Humanities	80,052	-	-
Beautification Programs	30,000	-	-
Cemeteries	10,000	-	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,051,430	\$ 12,283	

MUNICIPALITY OF DAVIS, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Current Expense Levy

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

Certificate of Valuation			
Assessed Value	Levy	Taxes	
for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied	
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	11.97	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 18,526,200	23.94	\$ 44,352
Personal Property	137,700		330
Total Class II	\$ 18,663,900		\$ 44,682
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 18,291,220	47.88	\$ 87,578
Personal Property	6,613,198		31,664
Public Utility	22,675,534		108,570
Total Class IV	\$ 47,579,952		\$ 227,812
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 66,243,852		\$ 272,494
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	13,625
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	5,177
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 253,692
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		1.50%	3,805
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 249,887

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 COUNTY OF TUCKER
 MUNICIPALITY OF DAVIS
 I, Jennie Helmick, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 22nd day of March, 2023.

 (Signature)
 Recorder
 (Official Title of Recording Officer)

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF PARSONS BAD BUILDINGS DEMOLITION PROJECT - PHASE ONE TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Sealed bids for the BAD Buildings Demolition Project - Phase One will be received by the City of Parsons, 341 Second Street, Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, until 2:00 P.M., L.P.T., on Wednesday, April 19, 2023; at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work to be bid upon is as described as follows:

Demolition of the structures located at 193 Main Street, 170 Spruce Street, and 110 Pennsylvania Avenue, Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia. Work shall include asbestos testing, asbestos abatement, demolition, grading sites for positive drainage, and seeding and mulching the disturbed areas. Contractor is responsible for all traffic control, all necessary federal, state, and local permitting, removal of debris to a licensed landfill, coordinating for the disconnection of all utilities, and any other miscellaneous necessary for the demolition of said structures.

The contract will have a construction time limit of ninety (90) calendar days with liquidated damages of one-thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars per day. Asbestos abatement must be performed in accordance with West Virginia Division of Health Legislative Rules Title 64 Series 63, OSHA Asbestos Construction Standard 29 CFR 1926.1101 and the EPA Asbestos NESHAP guidelines 40 CFR 61, Subpart M. A Notice of Abatement, Demolition or Renovation form must be submitted to the proper agencies, and a 10-day notice given prior to the commencement of abatement on this project.

Bidding documents may be obtained and/or examined at the City Code Enforcement Officer's Office, City of Parsons, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287.

A bidder may not withdraw their bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Bidders must hold a current West Virginia Contractor's License on the date of bid opening.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building located at 341 Second Street, Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., L.P.T. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. The City of Parsons reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

Bruce A. Kolsun, Acting Mayor
City of Parsons

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Tucker County Commission will be accepting nominations for three (3) board members to sit on the new Blackwater Public Service District (PSD). As required in WV State Code, PSD Board members must be full-time residents who live within the new PSD boundary, which is currently the entire territory of the boundaries of the Fairfax and Davis tax districts on file with the County Assessor of Tucker County, West Virginia, and the entire of the boundaries of the Blackwater Falls State Park. A map of the PSD boundary is attached. "Full-time resident" is defined as someone who can currently vote in the aforementioned territory boundaries.

Additional desirable skills necessary for board membership:

- One or more members from each of the municipalities who will be directly impacted by the rates imposed
- Background in finance
- Business experience
- Engineering expertise
- Construction experience
- Legal expertise
- Time available to commit to the project*

Emphasis added* for this desirable skill - while resources will be available to assist the new PSD. Starting a new PSD and helping to move the proposed wastewater project forward will take a substantial amount of time and energy.

Due to expected time restraints imposed by both the PSC and available funding opportunities, the County Commission would like to appoint members at the next Commission meeting. **Nominations for PSD board members need to be submitted to the County Commission by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.** These nominations should include a brief summary of qualifications as outlined above.

Nominations can be mailed, emailed, faxed, or dropped off at the County Commission office:

Shelia DeVilder
Tucker County Commission, 211 First Street, Suite 307, Parsons, WV 26287
sdevilder@tuckercountycommission.com
(304) 478-2446 f.

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until May 09, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
005	2021000740	S399-STR/IP-23.02	NHPP-2023(244)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS INTERSTATE STRIPING STATEWIDE COUNTY: TUCKER, TYLER, UPSHUR, WAYNE, WEBSTER

DBE GOAL: 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 09, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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DBE GOAL: 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.

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Interested individuals may pick up an application at the Parsons Business Office, located in the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (EDT), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Applications will be accepted until a qualified pool of candidates is established, or the position is filled, but preference will be given to complete applications received by 4:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, April 7, 2023. Those who do not apply by this date may or may not be considered.

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Mineral County Technical Center juniors and seniors with Loretta Mick, principal of MCTC, Jim Spurling, Project Lead the Way engineering instructor, and Gary Trail, special populations, Dr. Megan Webb, Eastern dean of advancement and continuing education, Chandler Sagal, director of Western Maryland Works, Jennifer Light, program director of engineering, welding, and construction management, and Jaren Bohn, advanced manufacturing program manager. Not pictured are Trent Montgomery, Eastern head of marketing, Melissa Shockey, Eastern director of workforce education, and Dr. Tom Striplin, president of Eastern. (L-R; Dr. Megan Webb, students in front, Jim Spurling back left, unknown instructor back middle, back right Gary Trail, Front right Loretta Mick, Dr. Jennifer Light, David Smarik, and Jaren Bohn).

Eastern, ACM tour Mineral County Technical Center Juniors and Seniors at Western Maryland Works

LaVALE, Md. - Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern) and Allegany College of Maryland (ACM) toured Mineral County Technical Center (MCTC) juniors and seniors around ACM's state-of-the-art Western Maryland Works Training Center and Makerspace on Thursday, March 9; Loretta Mick, principal of MCTC, Jim Spurling, Project Lead the Way engineering instructor, and Gary Trail, special populations, chaperoned the student's attendance. The tour consisted of students visiting each training area housed at the facility, including; welding, 3D printing, digital fabrication, woodworking, industrial maintenance, advanced manufacturing, and more. Eastern and ACM formed a partnership in August 2022, for Industrial Maintenance training. This allows Eastern students to complete their courses by using the facilities and equipment at Western Maryland Works. «We are excited to be able to offer student opportunities through Eastern to attend the Allegany Works Makerspace program,» said Dr. Tom Striplin, president of Eastern. «This is a unique collaboration that provides a pathway to trade-based careers coupled with financial aid to help launch students into the workforce.»

Electrical Control Systems I & II, Process Control Systems, Maintenance Welding, and Maintenance Piping. «We are excited to share the opportunities available at Western Maryland Works to students after high school for both credit and non-credit programs,» said Dr. Jennifer Light, program director of engineering, welding, and construction management, «Western Maryland Works continues to partner with Eastern WV Community and Technical College so that local high school students can explore our programs, providing opportunities to earn several industry-recognized credentials.»

Dr. Jennifer Light, program director of engineering, welding, and construction management, and Jaren Bohn, advanced manufacturing program manager, presented the Industrial Maintenance training area to the students.

West Virginia residents who register for any of these industrial maintenance trainings through Eastern may be eligible for financial support through the Higher Education Adult Part-Time Student (HEAPS) Workforce Development program. Eligible HEAPS students may receive up to \$2,000 in funding to use for tuition, required testing, and required supplies. West Virginia residents interested in the industrial training program at Western Maryland Works can learn more at <https://easternwv.edu/workforce-education>, call 304-434-8000, or email WorkforceED@easternwv.edu.

The core industrial maintenance programs available to Eastern students are: Maintenance Operations, Basic Mechanical, Basic Hydraulic Systems, Basic Pneumatic Systems, Electrical Systems I & II,

LMC executive team grows with Vineyard

ELKINS, W. VA (March 17, 2023) - LMC, an Elkins-based marketing agency, has announced the growth of its leadership team with the hire of Amber Vineyard as Operations Director and Senior Account Manager. In her role, Vineyard will partner with senior leadership to guide the agency's rapid growth, manage day-to-day operations, and provide exemplary service to clients.

LMC's Founder and Strategy Director, Lori Chenoweth, is eager to harness Vineyard's experience to strengthen the agency's internal processes and provide senior-level support to numerous clients.

«LMC has great potential, and we've only grazed the surface of our capabilities,» said Chenoweth. «Amber brings tremendous experience, ambition, and enthusiasm to the team and is vital to our future success.»

Vineyard has more than a decade of experience in marketing, public relations, and communications. Most recently, she served as Chief Operations Officer and North Central Lead Director at Orion Strategies, overseeing strategic communications campaigns for clients and managing millions of dollars in



television advertising, digital media, billboards, direct mail, and other marketing methods.

Vineyard is an alumna of Leadership West Virginia's 2018 cohort and currently serves as a board member for Woodlands Development and Lending.

«I'm excited to join Lori and the experienced team at LMC,» Vineyard said. «In this new role, I hope to bring LMC's vision into the next chapter. I'm ready to jump in and work with clients and implement strategies that propel the agency forward.»

About LMC

LMC is a boutique full-

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service advertising, marketing, and public relations agency in Elkins, West Virginia. LMC offers expert services in strategic planning, print design, web design, social media management, copywriting, outreach strategy, photography, and videography,

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For more information, contact LMC at 304-614-2363 or visit our website at agencylmc.com.

Baseball

run in the 4th, 5th and 6th innings to get the home win by the score of 5-3. Mason Kisamore started the game on the mound for Tucker County. Kisamore went 5 and 1/3 innings while striking out 11 batters. Justin Robeson entered the game in relief for the Mt. Lions. Tucker County collected 5 hits on the night as Mason Kisamore, Justin Robeson, Ethan Rosenau, Sam Marks and Reid Kisamore has 1 hit each. Robeson and Reid Kisamore had 1 triple each for their hits.

Tucker County will return to action tonight March 29th as they host Pendleton County at 5pm. The Mt. Lions will then host Trinity on Thursday March 30th for a double header starting at 4pm. Tucker County will round out the week with a road trip to Parkersburg Catholic on Saturday April 1st starting at 1pm. For more

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thank you!

Ed Evans & Gracie

Thank you for cleaning up the debris and furniture dumped at Centennial Park and for cleaning up and constructing a safe walkway at Close Mountain Spring.

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