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Commissioners Address Land Sales in Tucker County



The Tucker County Commission approved \$20,000 for surveying and wetlands mitigation of the county's Industrial Park.

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis addressed recent concerns he has received from the public concerning land transfers within the county. "I want to make a Commission Report," said. "No matter what, being a County Commissioner, we do not know everything that is being sold or bought in our county. Someone said, 'You being a county government you should have known

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Commissioners, **WVDOH Discuss Roads**

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

The West Virginia Department of Highways hosted an informational open house. As part of the open house, Tucker County Commissioners and members of the public were able to address their concerns and questions to representative of the DOH. Tucker County Commission, Presdent, Mike Rosenau addressed the DOH regarding a variety of issues including ground water flooding in Hendricks and large commercial vehicles on secondary roads within the county.

"There's been a lot of years trying to get the surface water out of Hendricks," Rosenau said. "We even discussed it when we were in Charleston...They still got water that is running down into, washing out the roadways in the heavy rain. When the state took it over, the way we understood it, we inherited this, we didn't know, but the town of Hendricks couldn't be here today because their mayor is working, but I wanted to make sure that you're still aware of that issue they have up there. It's on a hill so it comes down and funnels down to right here at the water plant...We've heard all types of things. I just know on my level, that it's really a concern for the residents that live there and the water office. The state has taken over those roads."

Deputy State Highway Engineer Joe Pack responded See WVDOH page 4A

Commission Hears Sheriff's Report; Tax Sale Date Set

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

Among the business heard, the Commissioners were given an update from Tucker County Sheriff Jacob "Jake" Kopec. The date for the Tucker County Tax Sale has also been set. "For the month of April we had one felony arrest," Kopec said. "We had one person arrested for felony charges, one misdemeanor, one person arrested for misdemeanor charges, one misdemeanor sedation. Hazardous moving violations, two. Other traffic violations ticked issued, 13. Hazardous moving violations warning issued, 51. Other traffic violations warnings issued, 66. We had seven motorist assists. We had one vehicle crash, which generated an accident report. Felony cases fielded resulting in a police report were, two. Misdemeanor cases fielded resulting in a police report would be four. Other contraband confiscated, zero. One domestic violence petition served. As far as job tasks completed, 364. Calls for service either for 911 or walk-in resulting in police action, 152 and a mileage report puts the total miles traveled by the department vehicles patrolling 7,898. That's the most we've ever traveled...So, that's where the gasoline goes."

Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau said that the mileage is also where the protection to the community comes from. "Well, that's where the protection goes, too," Rosenau said. "People sees a police vehicle, you know, to me it's really a deterrent. Possibly, if I was thinking of doing something shady, I would think twice just seeing a sheriff's vehicle go by. Thank you for that."

Kopec also said he likes to stay in touch with the local municipalities while on patrol. "And I went around yesterday and some of the municipal areas that have mayors, like Thomas and Davis, that have folks in the offices, I like to stop there and check with them to see if See COMMISSION page 2A

Living the Dream at Ol Barn Bakery

Lydia Crawley Parsons Advocate

Kassidy Nelson says she is living her dream after she opened the Ol Barn Bakery January 24 in Dry Fork. "Whenever I was in high school," Nelson said, "I actually painted this saying on my wall my senior year of high school and it said, 'Find what you like to do and you will never work a day in your life.' When you find something, you love to do and do it every

day, it's not work.(Baking) Barn Bakery in Dry Fork. has always been my stress reliever," Nelson said. "My great-grandma whenever I was little, she always used to make biscuits and I kind of got it from her. She'd always send me home with doing." peanut butter fudge and chocolate fudge and cookies and homemade chex High County I remember staying



Kassidy Nelson poses with several loaves of bread, hot out of the oven at the Ol

at her house for vacation Bible school and we made a bunch of snacks. Was maybe six at the time. It's a thing I've always enjoyed

Nelson, a former mortgage officer and Tucker School

Graduate calls baking her "stress reliever," though these days, she rarely has the time to be stressed. "It's one of those things that I go to when I'm stressed," Nelson said. "Now, I really don't have time to be stressed. You wouldn't imagine the relief you get from working bread dough. The tension that you have built up is gone kneading for so long. It's your big stress ball."

Nelson attributes her success to the support of her husband. "I had my what-ifs, but I'm one of those people who stress about stress before there's stress to stress about," Nelson said. "You know, what if this, what if that and I

laid out all my options and my husband is like, 'You know what, you haven't even began.' He's like, 'Just stop. Take it day by day, you're going to be fine."

Nelson opened to what she called a crazy couple of first weeks. The hectic opening schedule led her to temporarily go from a five-day schedule to only being open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. She has since returned to a weekday schedule. "So, I opened. My first two weeks were a little crazy," Nelson said. "It was a lot for me. I maybe got five hours of sleep in the five days I was open. I was

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Tucker Community Corrections to Launch Pilot Program

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By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

At a recent meeting of the Tucker County Commission, the county commissioners heard about a new pilot program from Dustin Luzier in the Community Corrections report. "To me, at very little cost to the county, we have what I say is the best Community Corrections program in West Virginia," Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau said. "We applaud you; the commission applauds you. You cut down on our jail costs, you cut down on everything, services, the sheriff's department for those repeat offenders. You provide training, counseling for them. To me, it's a win-win and the commission thanks you for that."

Luzier informed the Commission the Tucker County has been selected to implement a new

pilot program through the State. "That's actually going to go live June 1." Luzier said. "We are going to do a pilot program for their offenders in parole. So, we're going to be broadcasting our services to every parole office in the state of West Virginia to all 55 counties. There are 14 parole offices in the state that serve all 55 counties."

Luzier said that one of their new treatment models is central to the program. "One of the comments they have down there is one of our new treatment models we have is called, EMDR," Luzier said. "Basically, what this new treatment is, it replaces your old thoughts that have your triggers with new positive thoughts. So, it gets rid of your old thoughts that leads to a trigger that causes you to relapse and replaces them with new thoughts and more positive thoughts. That's the dumbed-down version of it."

Luzier informed the Commission that the state was impressed that Tucker County offered the new program and questioned him about how the county is able to. "They were just ecstatic that we offered that here because no one else in the state is currently doing that," Luzier said. "And they said, 'How does Tucker County do that?' Well, Tucker County has to take care of themselves. We always have and I think we always will. We're not fortunate to have a huge tax base or a huge facility for this, that, or the other. We always find a way to work together and make it work. That's a pilot program that Tucker County was chosen for to head up and do," Rosenau said. "To me, our little county with 6,000 some people in it, chosen over

all these, all of them. You know, I can't speak enough about Community Corrections."

Luzier said his office only houses a staff of eight, but are self-sufficient due to necessity. "In our little center we have eight staff members," Luzier said. "We have eight. There are other counties that have 28. We have very little staff, but we do everything we do. We have to. We can't just go down the street and get service. If we don't provide it ourselves, the offenders and clients just aren't going to get it. And I guess we do such a good job; they want us to try to do it state wide. So, we'll see where it goes. It's going to be a long three month pilot program, but one of them said yesterday that it will be a model for every state in the United States to use if it works out."

In other business, Kevin White, OEM Director, informed the commission that Tucker County set a new state record for snow in the month of May with the 20.3 inches of snow that fell from the recent snowstorm. According to White, Davis already held the record for the coldest area, but now holds the record for snow in May, as well. "Of course everyone knows that we had 20.3 inches of snow two weeks ago," White said. "And that is a state record. I believe Davis and Canaan Valley area already holds the coldest temperature in the state in this past year and the snow in May. We're on the map again for something."

The Tucker County Commission will next meet in regular, session on Wednesday, May 24th at 6pm at the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom.







News of Record

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

• Kobi L. McGowan, of Davis, was charged with one count DUI 2nd Offense. According to the complaint on May 10 Sgt. V.J. Pyles of the Parsons Detachment of the WVSP was dispatched to a reckless driving complaint on US219 near Fairfax. The caller reported that a Honda CRV was allegedly driving on the wrong side of the road and provided the officer with the license number. While patrolling the Davis area a second call came in regarding the same vehicle. The vehicle had stopped in the middle of the intersection of WV32 and Cortland Rd. almost causing a collision. Bystanders were able to assist the driver, identified as Kobi L. McGowan, and her vehicle to the side of the roadway. The callers advised that the female appeared intoxicated.

Upon arrival the officer made contact and identified McGowan as the registered owner of the in question vehicle from the first call. The officer immediately detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the person of McGowan. She was barefoot and slurring her speech, she was visibly intoxicated, glassy eyed and not communicating in a clear manner. Upon exiting her vehicle she was observed to be very unsteady on her feet and used her vehicle to keep from falling. She refused all tests on scene. She allegedly admitted that she consumed alcohol in Oakland and had been there for a hair appointment. The defendant further stated that she didn't feel as if she was okay to drive. The defendant was once more offered roadside tests and refused the same. She was arrested for DUI and transported to Parsons Police Department for further testing. Upon arrival at PPD she again refused to take a secondary approved test. A 1st Offense DUI was located on the defendant's driving history with a conviction date of 5-28-2020.

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

- L. E. Herrick and Benjamin Herrick, Dry Fork District, 5.19 acres (new survey) to Gandy Run Cattle and Timber Company, \$51,900.
- Doris Evans, Dry Fork District, 22,613 square feet Laneville and 15,615 square feet Laneville to Christopher Greenwood, \$250,000.
- Joanna K. Keller, Fairfax District, Lot 29 to Dylan Johnson, \$2,500.
- Shannon David Flagg, Black Fork District, Lot 28 Cabin Mountain to Daniel Barkley, \$43,000.
- Western Pocahontas Properties LLC, Davis District, 1971.82 acres to The Nature Conservancy, \$4,139,780.16.

The following marriages have been filed in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

- · Austin Knight Sutton to Caitlin A. Tanksley on Friday, May 5, 2023.
- Robert Frederick Haslacker III to Elizabeth Nicole Williams on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

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Land Sales

who sold this land and this land around here.""

Davis said all three commissioners received calls over the weekend concerning land sales in the county. "People gave all three of us commissioners a call this weekend and told us that they bought land off of people...and then they sold some other land to organizations. They said, 'Why didn't you let us know? This has got to be stopped!' And I looked at the lady and I said, 'Why they probably ain't putting it out there is because of special interest

groups trying to stop everything that comes here and they are keeping it quiet, I think. I said that's just my opinion."

Davis said members of the public are upset because he and the commission aren't informing them of all upcoming land sales. "They were upset with me because I never told them about land that was being sold and what's going on in the county," Davis said. "We just don't know everything, if they don't tell us."

County Commissioner Mike Rosenau commented on the sale of

The Tucker County Commission met Wednesday, May 10th at the Tucker County **Courthouse Courtroom.**

private property within the county.

"If I want to sell a piece of my property, wherever it may be in Sugarland', I'm not going to come to the County Commission and say, 'Hey, guess what, I'm going to sell some of my farm in Sugarland," Rosenau said. "You know, that's government control. The thing we try to get away from mostly is government control. So, we can't regulate what private companies or people do with their own property. So that's the bottom line for me."

In other business, the Tucker

Commission approved County \$72,000 funding for the Tucker County Ambulance Authority, a bid to complete paving at the 911 Center and appropriated \$20,000 from ARP funds to the Tucker County Development Authority to complete surveys and mitigation of the flood plain and wetlands at the county industrial park.

The next regular session of the Tucker County Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th at 6pm at the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom.

Commission

there is anything that their towns need. I stopped in and talked to Thomas yesterday, last week I talked to Davis. They're doing fine. They had a couple of little concerns, but they wanted to thank us. They've seen a lot more police up there all the time, set up there with patrols."

Kopec also informed the Commission that the date for the Tucker County Tax Sale has been set. "We do have one thing to report," Kopec said. "We've received yesterday information on the tax sale. That will be June 27." Kopec also said this year there has been extensive changes to the WV code regarding the tax sale. "So that's going to be in June. So, if people haven't paid their taxes for the year prior. Their property will be sold on the courthouse steps and its different now. There's not going to be any 18-month grace period.

Once someone is able to obtain a deed for the property, they can immediately start applying for a deed for the property. The process usually takes a month to two months. That property is that person's."

Kopec also said that due to the change in the law regarding the time needed for a deed to transfer from the tax sale, the counties are seeing much higher bids on tax sale properties. Kopec attributed this to the more final nature of the sale the law has created. Kopec said that Boone County just had their sale and it was \$300,000 more than before the new law went into effect. "What's been reported is there's been a lot higher amount of money being bid because people can now own a property a lot sooner," Kopec said. "This could also be harmful to the public because, well I don't want to say harmful, but

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people sometimes hesitate to think they have that 18 month grace period to pay off their taxes and they could be caught off guard this year because they're not going to have that 18 month grace period...For the last year and a half, I've been doing my best to inform the public."

Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis commented on delinquent home owners in the Canaan Valley area. "Usually when they put in the paper who didn't pay their taxes, most of it is in Canaan Valley," Davis said. "And those people don't live around here and they don't know the law in West Virginia. How many of those homes will be lost because they don't have that grace period?"

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Snow Sports Museum Announces Spring Events

Sports Snow Museum of West Virginia (SSMWV) has scheduled two events this spring at their new location 6459 Appalachian Highway in Canaan Valley and a third event at Black Bear Woods

Wednesday, May the SSMWV will hold an Open House and bring back their popular symposium series they discontinued in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The topic for this symposium will be "Lost and Forgotten Ski Areas". Through early research, SSMWV President, Kim Williams discovered nearly thirty ski areas in West Virginia that opened and closed, were on the drawing, or continue to operate to this day.

The first Ski Area in WV was believed to be Driftland located on the extreme southeastern tip of Cabin Mountain in 1951, but SSMWV Executive Director, Andrew Snyder learned that Oglebay Park in the northern panhandle near Wheeling was the first to operate a ski slope in 1939. Information confirming this is forthcoming from a member of the Oglebay Foundation in Wheeling. The SSMWV Social Media Director, Hannah Snyder recently discovered that the Green Bank Observatory had a ski slope with a rope tow in the 1960s. President Kim Williams says everyone is invited to the symposium to, "help the SSMWV find information to create a

new permanent display at the Museum." The Open House will begin at 6:00 pm. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

The second spring event will be a collaborative effort on June 7th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm with the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce (TCCC), The Inn at Canaan, Almost Heaven Mini Golf Course, and the SSMWV. The TCCC is introducing a new 'After Hours Meet and Greet' with their members, so each member's business has an opportunity to showcase what they have to offer. The After Hours Meet and Greet will rotate throughout Tucker County each quarter so all businesses can learn how the TCCC can help them be more successful. This special event is open to the public and will feature free mini golf, a tour of the newly renovated Inn at Canaan, a tour of the SSMWV, and a BBQ dinner. The Almost Heaven Golf and the SSMWV will have prizes and a raffle giveaway.

Lastly, The SSMWV will host its second Hall of Fame (HOF) induction ceremony on Sunday, June 18th at the Black Bear Woods Lodge from 3:30 to 7:00 pm with 6 new inductees honored during the evening. The 2022 HOF induction class includes—

Jennifer Rhule from Charleston, WV. Jennifer was a promising rising star in the world of figure skating in the late '70s and early '80's when her dreams were cut short due to an automobile accident that left her legally blind and unable to pursue her dream as a U S Olympian. Since her accident Jennifer wanted to find a competitive hobby so she learned to ski in the Blind Outdoor Leasure Development Program (BOLD) program at Canaan Valley and Snowshoe with her former skating partner Robbie Baker. She became National Champion in the GS and Super G at the Blind Athletes' National Ski Championships with her former partner Robbie Baker in 1989 at Vail, Colorado.

Bill Freyman began ski patrolling at Wisp Resort in MD in 1973 training novice patrollers in outdoor first aid and basic skills. Bill joined the patrol at Canaan Valley Resort in 1989. He earned many awards including OEC, S&T Instructor, Examiner, and Advisor. He was Patrol Director at Canaan Valley from 1994 to 2003. His highest honor was being named a race official at the 2002 Winter Olympics at Salt Lake.

Canaan Valley native, Canaan Pollock has many credentials on his resume' the most impressive being one of the coaches at the 2022 Winter Olympics for the USA. He was the first West Virginia male resident to receive a full athletic scholarship to Davis & Elkins College and graduated with a degree in Alpine Skiing. Canaan currently resides in IIanz, Switzerland with his wife Elke. Canaan has promised to be at the induction ceremony with many of his friends.

Tom Wagner will be inducted in Operation and Management category as the current Executive Director and Vice President of Winterplace Ski Resort and President of the West Virginia Ski Area Association. Tom was a Ski Patroller and Marketing Executive and created one of the best programs for middle school and high school students to learn to ski safely and affordably.

Bob Steptoe began skiing in the late '50s, became a ski advocate in the late '70s, and has had a tremendous impact on the West Virginia Skiing Responsibility Act. In the late 1980's Steptoe was an original member of the Association of Ski Defense Attorneys (ASDA) that defended ski areas and other recreational businesses throughout the world. Among ASDA lawyers, Bob Steptoe is widely regarded as a leader in ski defense.

Bobby and Annie Snyder began skiing in Canaan Valley in 1977. Annie is a native of France and started skiing in the Alps at age 14 while Bobby started skiing in Afghanistan in the 1960s. They both started instructing skiing at Canaan Valley Resort in 1977 then moved over to the new Mount Timberline Ski area in 1981. Annie, Bobby, John Lutz, and

Mike Messenger created the Local's Cup in 1992 to attract skiers to West Virginia in April.

For more information about these events or how to RSVP go to our website snowsportsmuseumwv. org or send an email to ssmwv@icloud.com.

A group of long-time snow sports enthusiasts created the Snow Sports Museum of West Virginia (SSMWV) in 2018. The SSMWV documents the history of events, places, and people. We strive to preserve the artifacts that accurately depict snow sports activities at every resort in the state. Visit our website at snowsportsmuseumwv.org to learn more, become a member, or donate. Visit us in person at 6459 Appalachian Highway, Davis, WV, 26260.

BITUARIES

Robert Francis Rollenhagen

Robert Francis Rollenhagen, passed away Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the age of 77. He was born in Washington D.C., on July 13, 1945, the son of Curtis and Elsie (Murphy) Rollenhagen. Robert proudly served his country for the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He first retired from Western Electric in 1982, and retired again from



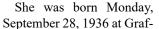
DFAS as the logistic manager in 2011. Robert was a longtime member of Mifflin Presbyterian Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and brother, William (Jean) Rollenhagen. Robert is survived by his loving wife, Judith Lyn (Murray) Rollenhagen; children: Marc (Rollenhagen) Rubin, Kathryn Hitzman, Benjamin (Chivon) Rollenhagen, and Tobin (Melissa) Rollenhagen; grandchildren: Oliver, Declan, Nirhak, Evolette, and Willarin; and the rest of the Smith-Murphy-Vickers-Rollenhagen clan.

A Memorial Service will be held on May 24, 2023 at 11a.m. at Mifflin Presbyterian Church, Gahanna, Ohio with a luncheon following in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in loving memory of Robert to Mifflin Presbyterian Church, 123 Grandville St., Gahanna, Ohio 43230. The family has entrusted arrangements to Mills Funeral Home, Peters & Murray Chapel, Grand Ledge. For online condolences please visit www. millsfuneral.com

Mabel Pauline Williams Hovatter

Mabel Pauline Williams Hovatter, age 86 years, a resident of the Hannahsville Community near St. George, WV, departed this life early Saturday morning, May 13, 2023 at Cortland Acres at Thomas, WV. She had been in declining health.





ton, WV, a daughter of the late Cecil Ray and Ada Pearl Swisher Williams. On September 23, 1978 at Elkins, WV she was married to Scott Hovatter, who preceded her in death September 17, 2008. Surviving are one sister, Thelma Williams Kochenderfer of Birmingham, AL; two nephews, Ricky and Donald; seven nieces, Tammy, Ruby, Judy, Teresa, Lisa, BJ and Cindy; multiple great and greatgreat nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are two brothers, Dorsey Ray Williams, Sr. and Robert Woodrow Williams; and one sister, Richmond "Richie" Bell Nestor' and one nephew, Dorsey Ray Williams, Jr.

She attended the One Room School at Bull Run, had worked for Heck's Department Store (for many years), the St. George Clinic, Parsons Family Dollar, many local restaurants, and as a Caregiver to many. She had a love for animals particularly cats and her favorite was Buffy, who comforted her after the loss of her husband. She was a member of the Parsons Nazarene Church, where she was a former children's Sunday School teacher and a willing worker.

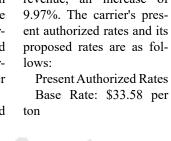
The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons from 5 PM to 7 PM, Tuesday. Final Rites will be conducted at the funeral home, Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 11 AM. The Reverend Steve Morrow will officiate and interment will follow at the Mountain State Memorial Gardens at Gilman, WV. In Lieu of flowers, the family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Parsons Nazarene Church Children's Ministry, 104 Cheat Valley Highway, Parsons, WV 26287 or Tucker County Animal Shelter, 586 Brooklyn Heights, Parsons, WV 26287. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Mabel Pauline Williams Hovatter. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

Tygarts Valley Transfer, Inc., filed an application with the **PSC of West Virginia**

Tygarts Valley Transfer, Inc., a solid waste transfer station, has on February 2023, filed an application with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia containing increased rates and charges for furnishing solid waste transfer station service.

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should file a written protest or notice of intervention prior to June 15, 2023, unless the commission, by order, specifies a different date. Failure to file a timely protest or notice of intervention may affect your rights to protest any rate increase and to participate in future proceedings in this case. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rule of- intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All protests and notices of intervention should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

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The family of Ruth H. Bonner would like to thank all those for their kind expressions of sympathy in the passing of our mom. Special thanks to the Schuykill Center for their excellent care, the Hamilton-Breiner Funeral Home and the Rev. Jonathan Hedrick for his eulogy. Also sending heartfelt thank you to he and his brother Jack for their beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace and the Flanagan Hill Community for the dinner afterward.

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to Rosenau's concerns. "There's always money available for whatever is our big priority and the best use of that money," Pack said. "Our Annual Plan money, the way we look at it, that's for the routine maintenance of the roadways, which is patching, cleaning of ditch lines, mowing the shoulders and stabilizing gravel roads and then during snow and ice season. That is what we consider annual planning and core maintenance, routine maintenance, whatever you might want to call it. That's our everyday bread and butter, that's how we

pay our bills." Pack continued explaining the other funds that the state utilizes for more severe repairs. "We have a whole 'nother program wof what we call internally by three different things," Pack said. "Nonfederal Aid, which is state funded projects. We also call it our ABC and the reason we call it ABC is because every program starts with one of those letters. Like if it's paving its A-13, if its walls and slip repairs, its B, if its C, its bridges. It's just some internal acronyms. We all know how we do that so we sound smart to y'all. The thing is when District 8 gets 5.4 million or 4.9, I can't remember, about 5 million dollars, ok, and that money that is distributed is based on the road mileage in each district. It is proportionate. Everything we do in the state, we try to do proportionally. And then after its divided proportionally like that, what we end up doing is Tommy and Adam and Laura have to sit down and say ok, what are our top priorities. If they decide that they are going to spend \$5 million on upgrading the drainage in Hendricks, that's fine. But when they call me and say, 'Joe, were out of money. We cannot put a pipe in anywhere else in the district.' I will say, well I don't have a money problem, I have a manager problem because you all should think about this. About how you could stage it or maybe do it a different way. So, when somebody in the past may have said well, we just don't have the money. There was once upon a time at the Division of Highways that the first floor of building 5 in Charleston told District 8, you will do this amount of tar and chip work in your district. Well, that's ludicrous because then we're setting rules for all 10 districts and all 10 districts have different challenges and situations. So, what we do now is we say, 'Here's your \$5 million, your portion of state funded projects. You do what you think is the most effective use of that money.' So, in the past someone may have said there is no money for it because there was someone who really wasn't in touch with what's going on out here making those types of decisions, but we've taken that away. And as I tell everybody, the good and the bad of that is Tommy, Adam, Laura, our county supervisors, they get to do it. They get to use that money as they see fit, but they can't blame Charleston anymore... So,

sometimes weigh it."

Pack also discussed the finances of the Department of Highways further.

"There is never going to come a day under Secretary Wriston in the way that he does things that he says there's no money avail-

Tommy and Adam, they

will assess the situation, if they haven't already,

they will come up with a

proper fix, a cost estimate,

and then they may have to

able," Pack said. "Now, there is an end of the money. Lynn here may say, that's a great idea, but I don't think you need to spend \$5 million just in Hendricks, Joe There's a lot of needs in Pocahontas County and in Tucker County. We do try to balance it...They'll follow up with you. They can have these conversations and tell you why. If they tell you there's no money, I just told everyone here, we have money to do things, we just don't have money to do an endless amount of all of our challenges every day."

Rosenau replied to Pack's explanation by saying that communication is key on these issues. "Here would be a good thing," Rosenau said. "If we had somebody come and say, 'You know, you're on the list. We have several other areas that need done. Maybe we can get them this year and get this next year.' That would be at least, we would see a light at the end of the tunnel." Rosenau mentioned the influx of additional federal money for infrastructure in the district. "I know with the additional federal funds coming in now. And a lot of that is geared towards infrastructure," Rosenau said. "Surface water is one of those things that fall under infrastructure, from what we've investigated."

Pack explained that the federal money comes with many stipulations on usage. "One thing that comes with federal money is they never show up and say here's \$630 million, call us when you're out of money," Pack said. "No, they tell us. When they added \$109.5 million per year to our program, they said specifically two things to us. Number 1, it has to be for bridges and number 2, it cannot be for new bridges. has to be for replacement, maintenance, and rehab of existing bridges. So, the federal government, just like all of us, I mean, I always tell my two grown sons if they come asking me for money, I get to ask what it's for...but the truth is all of that money that we talked about, they go into pockets. There's \$45 million that was listed up there for electric vehicles. Well, that is specifically to build charging stations. We can't use that anywhere else and if we don't use it, we just don't get the money. Same thing with the bridge program. That extra 109 million, if we don't spend that on bridges, we can't use it for paving, we can't use it for drainage or anything else. That money comes

with a ball and chain that we have to then execute."

The execution of the federal plan, Pack explained, is a matter of the state spending the money and then being reimbursed by the federal government later. "Of course everything we do with the federal government is reimbursing," Pack said. "They don't send us money. We spend the money up front out of our state funding and then when we've checked every box and done everything proper, they reimburse us the money."

Rosenau also brought up the ongoing issue of large commercial vehicles on Tucker County secondary roads. "Let me ask you this one, too," Rosenau said. "When we were in Charleston, we discussed the trucks on our secondary roads. "We discussed at that time about possibly working on their GPSes on the state level to get the roads in Tucker County that has the trucks getting stuck all the time removed from that. Has there been any progress on that?"

Pack expressed that the state and the county were on the same page in regards to the need for the large trucks to be off secondary roads, but also explained the problems and difficulties in dealing with the various GPS provider companies. "Oh, absolutely. We reach out to all these mapping companies consistently through our IT Department," Pack said. "And we give them information and we tell them, you can go to our site, wv.transportation.gov, you can go in there and look and it will have our road system on there with the proper names and proper route numbers on them. And Google and these other companies don't give any changes or any feedback to us. We reach out."

Pack discussed nature of GPS in our modern society and our dependence on it. "Part of this is, as someone who travels all around the state and I use my phone," Pack said. "I plug it in, it pops right up a little screen, I type in where I'm going. There was somewhere yesterday they showed a picture of someone who drove into a pond because the phone said make a right and they said, well, I'm making a right. I hope I don't ever end up falling into that. I've also ended up driving on places that when I get there, Tommy will say, 'well, Joe, don't do that next time. Get off at this next exit and come down' because I will complain

about how I got here. Part of the issue we run into is people, they become, and I'm one of them, my old boss used to tell me, 'Turn that phone off when you're driving, Joe. Just drive. You'll learn more about where you're going and how to get back home.' But I tell him that I'm usually going to be 30 seconds late to every meeting I go to, that's going to make me 30 minutes late cause I'm guessing how to get there."

issues with many drivers adds to the problem. "But the truth of the matter is a lot of these operators, especially for these trucks, they're not even native US Citizens. So, our road signs we put up, the message boards we put up, they can't read it. They stop and they say, I've literally have them stop and say, 'What am I

Pack said that language

supposed to do?' And I say, the sign says exit next right and he can't read English. That's a part of the problem. I don't know what software they're using; I don't know what their phones are. We do reach out to these companies; however, we can't control it and all of our roads are public roads and there's only a few instances where we actually prohibit certain type of vehicles from using our roads and its usually just because the bridges can't hold their weight...We cannot prohibit any vehicles from using our roads. We can only recommend."

Rosenau brought up the state and county's efforts to place new and updated signage to the area. "I appreciate your help, we really do in Tucker County, we appreciate everything you're doing for us," Rosenau

"They're working on at the state level, some new signage. We had signs put up, but you have to go through the whole process to get a sign put up. Hopefully with the new signs that they're working on now at the state level, maybe that'll deter some of them. Like a big old truck with an X through a truck or whatever that they won't have to read English." Rosenau said that many trucks get into dangerous situations on secondary roads in the county. "We have the kids riding those backroads on the busses," Rosenau said. "We're just trying to deter an accident that may involve some serious injuries or death."

Pack admitted that when Corridor H is completed, it will help the issue, but never fully eliminate it.

"It will help, but it won't make it go away," Pack said.

Locals Makes a Dream Come True



Seven-year-old Ryleigh Blue, who is in first grade at Tucker Valley, recently had a dream come true. Blue's mother, Shirley Blue said, "She loves to watch Smokey every day on the way to and from school to see if he has changed since the last time. A few weeks ago, she was very excited to learn that Smokey goes above high as we saw extreme and Burning Ban."

Knowing that she was interested Blue sent an email to the West Virginia Forestry Service to find out who changes the sign to see if she would be able to help change it sometime. Blue said, "They funneled me down to the local office where I spoke with John Reese who directed me to Kevin White. My husband reached out to Kevin, and they agreed to let her change the sign and set up a time to meet at the sign by the bridge just before Jim Propst's and right past Mill Race Park.

Kevin White and Tom Klus came with the fire truck and a ladder. They helped her climb up and change it from Moderate to Low. She could not stop smiling the entire time and laughed with them. They were super nice and thanked her for coming out to help them. When we left, she said it was the coolest thing she had ever done, and she couldn't stop smiling for a long time.

I wanted to share her story because it is one of the sweet things, we are able to do living in an amazing small town. I have lived in Parsons for most of my life. I moved from Parsons when I got married, and we relocated back here five years ago because we wanted to be close to family and raise our kids here."





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County in a southerly direction crossing CR 2 Thornhill Ln, CR 42 A St, CR 1/2 Wilmoth Run, CR 3 Springstone Rd, Gilman Rd, CR 7 Triplet Run Rd, CR 1 Leading Creek Rd, US Rt 219, CR 11 Laurel Mountain Rd, Hedrick

Hollow, CR 14 Gum Rd, US Rt 250, SR 33, SR 92, the Tygart Valley River,

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

May 17, 1854: A violent windstorm swept up the Ohio River and severely damaged the Wheeling Suspension Bridge.

May 17, 1862: The Battle of Pigeon Roost took place in Princeton during the Civil War. Union soldiers were noisily approaching Princeton from the southeast, unaware that the Confederates were lying in ambush. The attack left an estimated 18 federal troops killed and 38 wounded.

May 18, 2012: Ice Mountain in Hampshire County was named a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior at a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the program.

May 19, 1920: Ten people were killed in a shootout sometimes referred to as the Matewan Massacre. Baldwin-Felts detectives came to Matewan to evict striking miners and their families, but Police Chief Sid Hatfield tried to stop the evictions as being unauthorized by law.

May 20, 1949: Nick Joe Rahall II was

born in Beckley. When Rahall first entered Congress in 1977, he was its youngest

May 21, 1853: William M. O. Dawson was born in Bloomington, Maryland, just across the Potomac River from what is now the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. In 1905, he became the 12th governor of West Virginia.

May 22, 1947: Supreme Court Justice Margaret "Peggy" Workman was born in Charleston. In the election of November 1988, she became the first woman on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and the first woman to be elected to statewide office in West Virginia.

May 23, 1862: In what became known as the Battle of Lewisburg, Union troops repelled a Confederate advance, killing 38 and wounding 66, while losing only 13

May 23, 1941: Rod Thorn was born in Princeton. Declared by the legislature a state "natural resource," Thorn attended West Virginia University, where he was an All-American guard. Thorn had a distinguished NBA career as a player and executive, which included drafting Michael Jor-

Flowers are blooming, trees are budding out and the snot is running fast. Yes my friends it is allergy season and I am in misery. It is that time of year when hundreds of thousands of people are afflicted with watery, itching eyes and throat congestion. The doctor prescribed some meds but I don't feel much better yet.

Momma Said, "Just let Nature take its course." I guess that is why so many people used to die just from getting a cold. I have a pretty strong constitution but I had to bow down to this soul sucking snot monster that has invaded my head. I don't know where it all comes from but I wish it would just go away.

I can't get enough to drink, I am hungry but don't know what I want and I Мотта I dedicate this column By Teri Cayton

can't sleep in fear of being choked to death by all this congestion. The coughing has me so sore I think I might hack up a lung and not even notice. I have so much work to do but I can't do much before I am so out of breath I have to sit and rest.

AAAAARRRRRGGG!!!!! I WANT MY MOMMY.

Apple Dumplings

Ingredients:

- 2 Granny Smith apples
- 1 lemon
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 8 canned buttermilk biscuits 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
- Peel, core and slice the apples vertically into 8 slices each. Squeeze the lemon into a bowl of water and add the apple slices to keep from turning brown.
- In a medium saucepan, mix 1

cup water, 3/4 cup of the sugar, the butter and vanilla. Bring the sugar mixture to a boil over medium heat.

Separate each biscuit into 2 layers. Wrap a biscuit layer around a slice of apple, stretching the biscuit slightly to overlap, and seal on the bottom. Place the wrapped slices, sealed-side down, in a 9by 12- by 2-inch casserole dish. Pour the hot sugar mixture over the apple slices. Mix the remaining 1/4 cup sugar with the cinnamon and sprinkle the mixture over the tops of the wrapped apples. Bake until golden brown, 35 minutes.

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Nelson said she does not have a set menu, but does reserve certain days for regular offerings as well as her usual fare. Mondays she makes Pepperoni Rolls, Wednesdays she bakes pastries, and Fridays

she reserves for donuts. Nelson said she is in the planning stages of offering take and bake offerings, but as of now there is no definitive timeline as to when. "I'm definitely going to do it," Nelson said. "I don't know when I'm going to do it. I have big dreams; it just takes some time and money. I'll work my way up there. I always want to do more. I've always been that person that is a go-getter. I always see that there is more to do, even though it adds more to my plate, I still want to do it."

Nelson said she does all the baking by herself. "I like it when people come in and they are like, 'You do all this yourself?' and I'm like, 'Yeah,'" Nelson said. "They are like, 'You don't have any help?' and I'm like, 'No.' I don't have a set menu. Everyone asks about a menu, but for me, I don't like having a menu because I like changing things. I like doing new things, I don't like having the same thing. I get bored. Now daily items, I typically have breads, cinnamon rolls, cookies and brownies, I do have my specialty days which are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.'

Nelson says even though she was born in Charleston and moved to Tucker County in middle school, Tucker County is home. "You couldn't get me to go back to Charleston. I have the farm of my dreams and the business of my dreams," Nelson said.

The Bakery is open weekdays. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays she is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.. She accepts special orders. The Ol Barn Bakery is located at 1934 Appalachian Highway, Dry



A display of cinnamon and pecan rolls available at OI **Barn Bakery**



OI Barn Bakery offers a variety of bakery goods and ice cream.

The bakery counter at OI Barn Bakery in Dry Fork

TURNER'S TIDBITS



s is the Knights of Pythias Hall at Gormania, WV. On the first floor is a business E. M. & Co. Below a window is an advertisement for Old Dutch Cleanser. A sign by the door reads Laundry. Notice that the streets are not paved and there is a boardwalk. The tall pole in the center of the photo is an electric pole. At least four insulators are on the top of the pole and there are at least two wires connected to the pole. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner at (304) 478-3389.





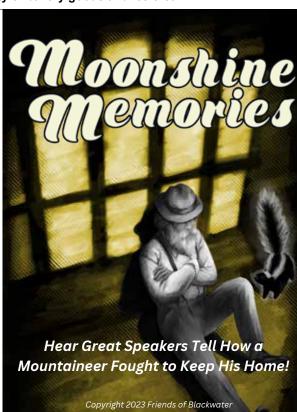
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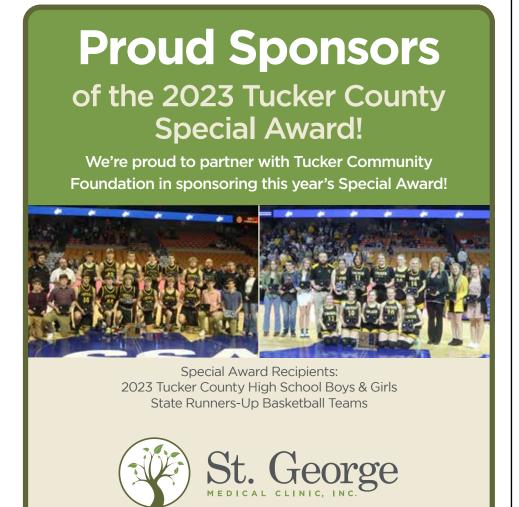
Current and prospective members are invited to attend. The meeting will include a review of fundraising efforts for the new library in Thomas and the election of officers. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, May 18th 5:30 PM

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Tucker County Track Athletes Qualify for State Meet

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

WEST UNION - The Mt. Lions Track Teams traveled to Doddridge County on Thursday May 11th for the Region 2 Championship Meet. The TCHS Girls' finished in 9th place and the TCHS Boys' teams finished in 11th place overall. The Tucker County Track team had 9 athletes qualify for the WV State Track Meet next week in Charleston, WV. Tucker County results from Regional Championship

Girls Results - 100m: 6th-Mayah Gross(14.15). 6th-Katie 400m: Hicks(1:06.13). 800m: 6th-Gabby Gross(2:59.90). 3200m: 7th-Erin Chambers(13:03.30). 300m Hurdles: 6th-Hannah Cussins(55.83). 4x100m Relay: 7th-L.Callaway, H.Hardy, M.Callaway, M.Gross(1:01.76). 4x200m Relay: 6th-M.Gross, A.Moats, M.Callaway, L.Callaway(2:01.89). <u>4x400m</u> Relay: 3rd-E.Chambers, H.Hardy, M.Callaway, A.Moats(4:46.14). 4x800m Relay: 2nd-K.Hicks, E.Chambers, H.Hardy, A.Moats(11:10.42). Shuttle Hurdles: 5th-M.Gross, H.Cussins, M.Callaway, L.Callaway(1:16.58). Shot Put: 12th-Kristen Ritchey(24'02"). Discus Throw: 12th-Kristen Ritchey(61'07"). Final Team

Scores: 1)Doddridge County(238.50), 2)Trinity(61), 3)Tygarts Valley(57.50), 5)Clay-Battelle(52), 4)Petersburg(56), 6)South Harrison(41.50), field(41), 8)East Hardy(39), 9)Tucker County(37), 10)Paw Paw(23), 11)Pendleton County(20), 12)Union(17.50).

Boys Results – 400m: 3rd-Nate Ricottilli(52.58), 10th-Ryan Scott(1:02.75), 17th-Braxton George(1:12.73). <u>800m:</u> 13th-Alex Boyles(2:25.24). <u>1600m:</u> 10th-Cameron Judy(5:35.79), Lynk Suesli(5:47.11). <u>3200m:</u> Cameron Judy(11:00.63), 8th-Lynk Suesli(11:52.28). 300m Hurdles: 9th-Allan Boyles(47.96), 13th-Alex Boyles(53.78). 8th-D.Mullenax, 4x100m Relay: G.Mullenax, N.Ricottilli, H.Smith(50.07). 4x200m Relay: 8th-D.Mullenax, R.Scott, G.Mullenax, N.Ricottilli(1:48.28). 4x400m 8th-N.Ricottilli, Relay: Ax.Boyles, R.Scott, Aln.Boyles(4:13.23). 4x800m Relay: 7th-Ax.Boyles, C.Judy, L.Suesli, Aln.Boyles(10:11.09). Shuttle Hurdles: D.Mullenax, H.Smith, R.Scott, Aln.Boyles(1:13.11). Long Jump: 14th-Braxton George(14'10"). Shot Put: 13th-Hayden Smith(36'08"), 18th-Gavin Mullenax(32'11"), 24th-Hunter Ware(28'09"). Discus Throw: 6th-Dom Mullenax(116'03), 7th-Gavin Mullenax(114'05"), 10th-Hayden



Tucker County Track Seniors(L-R): Dom Mullenax, Lilly Callaway, Hannah Hardy, Erin Chambers and Hayden Smith. Photo by Robin Hardy.

Smith(108'05"). Final Team Results: 1) Doddridge County(230), 2)Trinity(77), 2)Moorefield(77). 4)East Hardy(58), 5) Clay-Battelle(49), 6)Paw Paw 7)Tygarts Valley(34), 8)South Harrison(30), 9)Pendleton County(26), 9)Petersburg(26), 11) Tucker County, 12)Notre Dame(18).

The following Tucker County Track team members will compete in the WV State Track Meet on Friday and Saturday

May 19th and 20th in Charleston: Girls' Shuttle Hurdles(Mayah Gross, Hannah Cussins, Moira Callaway, Lilly Callaway). Girls' 4x400m(Erin Chambers, Hannah Hardy, Moira Callaway, Addi Moats). Girls 4x800m(Erin Chambers, Hannah Hardy, Katie Hicks, Addi Moats). Boys' 400m(Nate Ricottilli). For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Lady Mt. Lions Softball Fall Short in Sectional Championship

By Dave Helmick

TuckerCountySports.Com

CAMP KIDD - The Tucker County Softball team continued Sectional play in an Elimination game at home against East Hardy on Monday May 8th. The Lady Mt. Lions got the scoring started in the bottom of the 1st inning

with 3 runs to give Tucker County the early 3-0 lead. The home team would add 1 run in the 2nd inning and 1 run in the 4th inning to put the score to 5-0 Lady Mt. Lions after 4 innings. Tucker County then added 3 runs in the bottom of the 5th inning to end the game by Mercy Rule by the score

The Lady Mt. Lions had 10 hits in the game. Katie Hicks led Tucker County at the plate with 2 hits, including a triple. Addie Hicks, Kate Simmons had 2 hits each in the contest. Autumn Russell(double), Rachel Felton, Raven Matthews and Corrinia Lipscomb added 1 hit each for Tucker County in the win.

Paige Shaffer went the distance on the mound for the Lady Mt. Lions as she pitched a 1 hitter and had 6 strikeouts with the victory.

MOOREFIELD - The Lady Mt. Lions traveled to Moorefield on Wednesday May 10th for another Sectional Elimination game. The Lady Yellowjackets got off to a good start as they scored 1 run in the 2nd inning, 1 run in the 3rd inning and 1 run in the 4th inning to lead the game 3-0 through 4 innings. Tucker County then responded with 5 runs in the 5th inning, highlighted by a Corrinia Lipscomb homerun, to take a 5-3 lead after 5 innings. The Lady Mt. Lions then added 2 runs in the 6th inning to push the Tucker County lead to 7-3 after 6 innings. Moorefield then rallied in the bottom of the 7th inning as they scored 4 runs in the inning to tie the game at 7-7 to force extra innings. Both teams failed to score in the



Tucker County's Corrinia Lipscomb batting against East Hardy on May 8th. The Lady Mt. Lions won the contest 8-0. Photo by Dave Helmick.

8th inning to keep the score at 7-7. The Lady Mt. Lions then got a solo homerun to centerfield by Raven Matthews to make the score 8-7 Tucker County.

Moorefield was unable to answer in the bottom of the 9th and the Lady Mt. Lions got the win to advance 8-7. Tucker County col-

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Tucker Baseball Fall in Sectional Games, Season Ends



Tucker County's Mason Kisamore delivers a pitch at a recent. Photo by Dave Helmick.

By Dave Helmick

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FRANKLIN - The Mt. Lions Baseball team opened Sectionals on the road against Pendleton County on Monday May The homestanding Wildcats got onto the scoreboard first with 2 runs in the 2nd inning to take a 2-0 lead after 2 innings. Pendleton County would then add 1 run in the 3rd inning to push their lead to 3-0 after 3 innings.

Tucker County could not get their offense going and the Wildcats added 1 run in the 5th inning to make the score 4-0 Pendleton County. The game would end with the score the same as the Mt. Lions fell in the

contest by the score of 4-0. Tucker County had 4 hits in the game. Xander Lambert led the Mt. Lions at the plate with 2 hits, while Justin Robeson and Ethan Rosenau added 1 hit each in the Tucker County loss. Mason Kisamore went the distance on the mound for the Mt. Lions. Kisamore pitched a great game as he allowed just 4 hits while striking out 5 batters.

MOOREFIELD Tucker County would then travel to Moorefield on Thursday May 11th for a Sectional Elimination game at the Yellowjackets. The Mt. Lions scored in the top of the 1st inning to lead 1-0, but Moorefield answered back with 2 runs in the bottom of the 1st inning to give the Yellowjackets a 2-1 lead after 1 inning. Moorefield would then add 1 run in the 2nd inning to make the score 3-1. Tucker County then plated 1 run in the top of the 3rd inning, but Moorefield answered again in the bottom of the 3rd with 1 run to put the score to 4-2 after 3 innings. The Yellowjackets bats then came alive in the bottom of the 4th inning as Moorefield scored 6 runs in the inning to push the Moorefield lead to 10-2. The Mt. Lions then got their offense going in the 5th inning as they had 5 runs cross the plate to make the score 10-7 Moorefield after 5 innings.

Tucker County then added

1 run in the top of the 6th

inning to trim the lead to

Tucker Valley Track Ends Season at Harry Green Invitational

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

BRIDGEPORT - The Tucker Valley Middle School Track teams traveled to Bridgeport on Saturday May 13th for the Annual Harry Green Statewide Invitational. Tucker Valley Results:

Girls Results:

800m: 41st-Rachel Cummings(3:10.64). 1600m: 30th-Rachel Cummings(6:53.78). 200m Hurdles: 8th-Lela Wright(33.29), 35th-Peyton Hicks(39.80). Shuttle Hurdles: 14th-M.Helmick, P.Hicks, R.Hile, L.Wright(47.49). High Jump: 6th-Lela

Wright(4'06"), 19th-Peyton Hicks(4'02"). Shot Put: 34th-Mary Phillips(22'05"), 44th-Shilah Jones(18'07"). Discus: 23rd-Mary Phillips(57'10"), 35th-Shilah Jones(43'00").

Boys Results:

100m: 5th-Luke Barb(12.50). 200m: 3rd-Luke Barb(25.29). 400m:

6th-Luke 11th-Oliver Archuleta(58.80). 800m: 31st-William Gilligan(2:59.04), 34th-Hunter ton(3:23.66). 1600m: 24th-Landon Wilfong(5:50.48), 35th-Zane Carr(7:31.61). 3200m: 19th-William Gilligan(12:57.08). 200m Hurdles: 21st-Logan Kopec(32.69), 26th-Aaron Tompkins(34.05). 4x400m Relay: 14th-O.Archuleta, A.Tompkins, L.Wilfong(4:30.78). High Jump: 4th-Luke Barb(5'04"). Shot Put: 41st-Elliot Tompkins(21'06"), 42nd-Hunter Grafton(13'08"). Discus: 37th-Elliot Tompkins(64'01"), 46th-Zane Carr(46'02).

AREA SCHEDULE:

Friday May 19th

WV State Track Meet @ Charleston, Laidley Field at 2pm

Saturday May 20th

WV State Track Meet @ Charleston, Laidley Field at 9am





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The Yellowjackets then responded in the bottom of the 6th inning as they scored 4 runs to extend their lead to 14-8. Tucker County was not able to score in the top of the 7th inning and the game ended with the final score

Softball

of 14-8 Moorefield.

Ethan Rosenau got the start on the mound for the Mt. Lions and allowed Justin Robeson entered the game in relief for Tucker County and allowed 4 hits. The Mt. Lions had 13 hits in the

Mason Kisamore(1 double) and Xander Lambert led Tucker County at the plate with 3 hits each. Maddox Anderson, Reid Kisamore and Justin Robeson had 2 hits each for the Mt. Lions, while Ethan Rosenau chipped in

with 1 hit in the loss. The loss ended the season for Tucker County. Congrats to Senior's Mason Kisamore and Dom Mullenax on their TCHS career. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

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lected 11 hits in the contest and were led at the plate by Raven Matthews and Corrinia Lipscomb with 1 homerun each. Matthews had 2 hits total in the game. Katie Hicks(double), Ava Shaffer(double) and Addie Hicks also added 2 hits each in the victory. Kate Simmons and Paige Shaffer chipped in with 1 hit each in the contest. Paige Shaffer went all 9 innings to collect the win on the mound for the Lady Mt.

PETERSBURG - Tucker County traveled to Petersburg for a Sectional Championship against Petersburg, where the Lady Mt. Lions would need 2 wins against the Lady Vikings to claim the Sectional Championship. Tucker County started the game with the bats hot as they scored 3 runs in the top of the 1st inning. The Lady Vikings answered with 3 runs in the bottom of the 1st inning to tie the game at 3-3 after 1 inning. Petersburg would surge ahead in the 2nd inning as they scored 5 runs to make the score 8-3 Lady Vikings after 2 innings. The homestanding Lady Vikings would then score 3 runs in the 3rd inning to push the Petersburg lead to 11-3 after 3 innings. Tucker County could not respond and the game ended in 5 innings with the final score

of 11-3. The win gave Petersburg the Sectional Championship and ended the Lady Mt. Lions season.

Corrinia Lipscomb took the loss for Tucker County on the mound and Ava Shaffer entered the game in relief. The Lady Mt. Lions had 3 hits in the game. Ava Shaffer, Corrinia Lipscomb and Autumn Russell had 1 hit each for Tucker County in the loss. Congrats to TCHS Senior's Autumn Russell, Paige Shaffer, Corrinia Lipscomb and Kate Simmons on their careers at Tucker County High School. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE The WV Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) and

WV Division of Natural Resources have proposed a settlement of Ad-

ministrative Consent Order No. 10121 which resolves violation(s) of

the WV Water Pollution Control Act which occurred in Tucker County, WV. In accordance with the proposed Consent Order, WV Division

of Natural Resources has agreed to comply with the Act. Final settle-

ment is subject to comments received during the thirty (30) day period

following this publication. Further information about this Administrative Consent Order is available by contacting the Chief Inspector,

WVDEP/Environmental Enforcement, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304, (304) 926-0470 or by accessing WV Department of

Environmental Protection's website athttp://www.dep.wv.gov/pio/

PUBLIC HEARINGS

On May 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Town of Davis, the Town Council will hold public hearings.

The public hearing is on a proposed zoning ordinance for the Town

The purpose of zoning is to help maintain the character and charm of the Town of Davis. We are already feeling the effects of growth in our area. Note that everything existing in town may continue; all uses are grandfathered. Instead, our community plan clarifies preferred land uses while defining the land uses for future development. One goal of zoning is to minimize the adverse effects of businesses in traditionally residential neighborhoods by limiting the types of business allowed in residential areas.

The goal is to prevent uncontrolled growth. Zoning defines the best use of the limited developable land available in the town. Having managed growth will maintain the town's character while allowing for and encouraging a balance between protecting residential neighborhoods and locating quality businesses in the Town of Davis. Zoning encourages business development patterns along U.S. Highway 48 (Corridor H) and Route 32. It determines how to allocate the available Industrial Park land, allowing new businesses and workforce housing. The zoning ordinance also encourages the development of green space for outdoor gathering and recreational purposes.

Copies of the proposed zoning ordinance may be examined at the Davis Town Hall.

Written objections to the proposed ordinance may be made and will be heard at the public hearings and must be filed with the Town Clerk. Encourage such use while maintaining the Town's character.

NRCS Announces \$75 Million to Assist Producers Transitioning to Organic as Part of USDA's Organic Transition Initiative

Morgantown, W.Va. May 11, 2023 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced details around its \$75 million investment in conservation assistance for transitioning producers to organic production. As part of the multi-agency Organic Transition Initiative (OTI), USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will dedicate financial and technical assistance to a new organic management standard and partner with new organic technical experts to increase staff capacity and expertise.

"Producers transitioning to organic can count on NRCS for assistance through the process," said NRCS Chief Terry Cosby. "By strengthening technical proficiency and providing technical and financial assistance through new tools and practices, we can better support producers through the challenges of organic transition."

NRCS will help producers adopt the new organic management standard, which allows flexibility for producers to get the assistance and education

they need such as attending workshops or requesting help from experts or mentors. It supports conservation practices required for organic certification and may provide foregone income reimbursement for dips in production during

the transition period. Higher payment rates and other options are available for underserved producers including socially disadvantaged, beginning, veteran, and limited resource farmers and ranchers.

How to Apply

producers Eligible include farmers, forest landowners, and other producers beginning or in the process of transitioning to organic certification. Producers can apply at their local USDA Service Center. The deadline for applications to be considered for funding is June 2, 2023.

For more information, visit farmers.gov/organic.

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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

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the estates of the following deceased persons:

Hambleton, WV 26269

within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

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Notice is hereby given that STANLEY INDUSTRIES, INC., 587 WILLOW WAY, FLEMINGTON, WV 26347 has submitted an application for **reissuance** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1023683 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150 in order to Maintain, Monitor and Operate a Surface Quarry in the Greenbrier Limestone seam and the Injun Sandstone seam/mineral bed. The operation will discharge treated storm water into Brushy Fork of Teter Creek of Tygart Valley River and is located 5.0 miles East of Moatsville, WV, in Valley Furnace District of Barbour County, Longitude 79° 49' 16" and Latitude 39° 11' 37" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

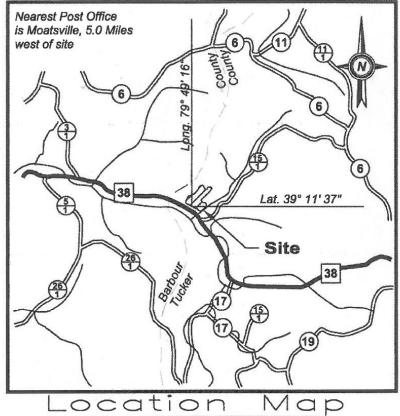
The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, a full Tier 2 antidegradation review has been conducted.

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by June 17, 2023, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219

Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV1023683



Permitte: Stanley Industries, LLC Being Transferred to Shiloh Quarry LLC Teter Creek of the Tygart Valley River Permit No: Q-2004-95 of the Monongahela River Clover District, Tucker County

Scale: 1"

Recieving Stream: Brushy Fork of

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CASE NO. 23-0312-S-30B

TIMBERLINE FOUR SEASONS UTILITIES, INC.

Rule 30B application to pass through increase in sewage treatment cost from Canaan Valley Public Service District to Timberline's customers; and request for expedited treatment.

NOTICE OF FILING

NOTICE is hereby given that Timberline Four Seasons Utilities, Inc. (Timberline), a public utility, filed a request to increase its sewer treatment rates and charges with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia because of an increase in the cost of sewer treatment charged by the Canaan Valley Public Service District (District) as approved by a pending Administrative Law Judge Order issued on March 15, 2023 and final on April 4, 2023 in Case No. 23-0268-PSD-19A. That increase raised the rate paid by Timberline from \$65.00 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) to \$72.04 per EDU.

Commission Staff reviewed the Timberline application and recommended that the Commission approve Staff Recommended Rates effective on an interim basis for all service rendered on and after May 11, 2023, subject to refund. By Order issued May 11, 2023, the Commission approved the Staff Recommended Rates on an interim basis that increased rates effective immediately by \$7.04 per EDU.

Under the Staff Recommended Rates, effective May 11, 2023, the increase in the average monthly bill over current bills for Timberline customers to recover the rate increase from the District will be: \$ Increase % increase

\$7.04 3.98% The 30B procedure is designed to provide for a change in rates and charges in order to produce addi-

tional revenue sufficient, but no more than sufficient, to offset the increased cost for purchased wholesale sewerage treatment. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of the cost offset and the method by which it is calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty (20) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

TIMBERLINE FOUR SEASONS UTILITIES, INC.

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Notice is hereby given that SHILOH QUARRY LLC, 190 MIDSTREAM WAY, JANE LEW, WV 26378 has submitted an application for Permit No. Q200495 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600, in order to add 16.81 acres of surface area for temporary spoil storage.

The operation is discharging into Brushy Fork of Teter Creek of Tygart Valley River of Monongahela River and is located near MOATSVILLE in CLOVE/COVE District of Tucker/Barbour Counties, Longitude 79°49'16" and Latitude 39°11'37" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by Name and Address

190 Midstream Way, Jane Lew, WV 26378 Shiloh Quarry, LLC 190 Midstrear *and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

Name and Address

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

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

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

Name and Address

190 Midstream Way, Jane Lew, WV 26378 70 Columbia Blvd., Clarksburg, WV 26301 Shiloh Quarry, LLC Rose Holdings, LLC Virginia Martin, Irrevocable Trust 1122 Colorado St., Suite 2104, Austin, TX 78701 9754 Mountaineer Highway, Parsons, WV 26287 9711 Mountaineer Highway, Parsons, WV 26287 131 Highland Drive, Weston, WV 26452 Dwayne W. Cale Garry R. and Donna S. Moore WVDOH District 7 - Barbour County Roads WVDOH District 8 - Tucker US Route 219 North, Elkins, WV 26241 County Roads Allegheny Wood Products, Inc. P.O. Box 867, Petersburg, WV 26847

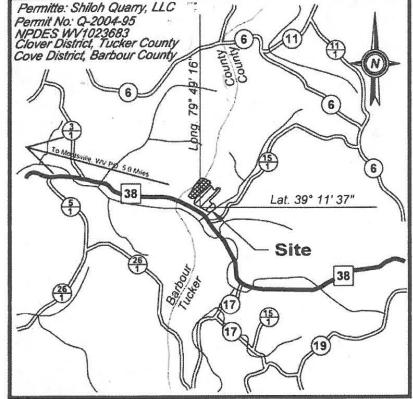
Comments on the application shall be in writing and shall identify the applicant and application number and be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above. Comments received by 6/17/23, or thirty (30) days from the date of initial publication, will be considered. A copy of the application will be available until 6/17/23 or thirty (30) days from date of publication in

the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

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

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



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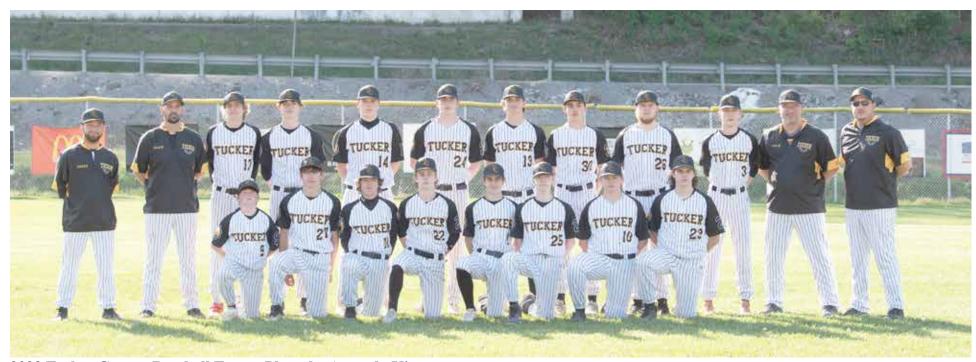
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