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Congratulations to the Class of 2023



Tucker County High School celebrated the 2023 graduation ceremony with four Salutatorians: Andrew Lewis Bonner, Paige Elizabeth Shaffer, Kadie Noel Colebank, and Erin Paige Chambers. Valedictorian was Avery Blake Smith. William Jacob Devilder, Carley Marie Dumire Camille Faith Smith, Hannah Laine Hardy, and Emma Grace Snyder rounded out the top 10.

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Woodland Development Updates School Board



Tucker County School Superintendent Alicia Lambert, right, awards Scott Lycliter, left, with the Personnel of the Year award during the Tucker County School Board meeting May 22nd.



Tucker County School Superintendent Alicia Lambert, right, presents teacher Sheryl Kines, left, with the Teacher of the Year award at the Tucker County School Board's regular meeting May 22nd.

By: Lydia Crawley
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Representatives from Woodlands Development updated the Tucker County School Board on the status of a proposed project for the company to renovate the existing Board of Education building into a combined use building consisting of approximately 15 housing units and nonprofit office space. The building in the plan will retain the current offices housed there, with the Board of Education retaining control of their office space, as well as the gymnasium and football field.

"We're a nonprofit community development company based out of Elkins," Woodlands representative Dave Clark said. "We work in Randolph, part of Tucker. We do a whole

variety of what are generally called community based real estate development. So, we build new buildings, buy old buildings and fix them up. We do a lot of downtown redevelopments for right now. We got the Tygart Hotel that we purchased and are redoing in Elkins right now. We've done several other buildings. We work a lot, particularly in the smaller towns especially in our area, just parks and trails and community centers, green space, vacant and dilapidated buildings. So, we do a lot of that, and then we have another arm that does small business lending and commercial real estate finance. So, we work with a lot of small businesses in the area, a lot of the banks, just to make sure they get the capital they need to get started."

According to Clark, Woodlands Development has been in talks with the Tucker County School Board about the project for five years. "We were approached five years ago about potentially taking on the school building here and what would that look like and what could be done to fix the building up and to make sure it had a kind of cash flow and most importantly be a community asset," Clark said. "How can we make sure this is going to be something that is going to contribute and continue to contribute to the community."

According to Clark, both the Tucker County School Board and both nonprofit organizations housed in the building had expressed a desire to remain in the current location.

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Commission Approves E911 Fee



Interim Director for Tucker County 911 Michael Simmons addresses the Commission regarding the increase in residential landline fees to fund the E911 Center. The new fee will increase from the current \$1.50 a month to \$2.25 a month for landline residential customers. The fee will also implement a new \$3 business class fee. The last time the fee was increased was in 2002.

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Michael Simmons, Interim Director of Tucker County E911, presented the third and final reading of the E911 Fee proposed amendment. "This will be our third, final reading of this," Simmons said. "It is at the request of the 911 Center for you gentlemen to consider the implementation."

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Parsons VFD Triathlete Completes 50th State



Over 40 triathletes competed in the 3rd Annual Parsons Volunteer Fire Department Triathlon on Saturday, May 20th at Mill Race Park.

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Terry Vanderwert completed triathlons in all 50 states at the third Annual Parsons Volunteer Fire Department Triathlon. Vanderwert was one of 40 participants in the triathlon.

"I did my first triathlon in 2011," Vanderwert said. "I had swum and biked and did a little bit of running prior, but never put them together until 2011." Vanderwert, who hails originally



Vanderwert's children had arranged for a banner to be placed at the Triathlon in Parsons to commemorate their father's achievement.

going." Vanderwert said he suspected his children were planning something for his 50th state. "I knew my kids had something going on, but the banner was really special and the plaque is really incredible."

sons fulfilled Vanderwert's goal by racing in West Virginia, the last state to complete all 50.

Vanderwert was presented with a plaque commemorating the event by Kevin White prior to the race.

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Kevin White, left, presents triathlete Terry Vanderwert of The Villages, FL with a plaque commemorating Vanderwert's completion of a triathlon in all 50 US States. The race in Parsons completed Vanderwert's 50th state of West Virginia.



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Commission

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tion of the increase of 75 cents per line for residential customers and an additional 75 cents and implement a new business class landline fee of \$3. This was established, last time it was increased was 2002 and originally it was for the upgrade and maintenance of the phone system. Back then, they had their enhanced telephone system, but they still had pen and paper, that's what they did their CADs and their notes with and they had the handheld radios that they talked to and since then, we've incurred a lot of upgrades which has a lot of maintenance."

According to Simmons, the center has had several upgrades since the fee was initially implemented in 2002. "There are other fees that have been bumped down to us. We purchased a new CAD system which is Computer Aided Dispatching and it has a state-of-the-art mapping system with it to where we can track people's calls almost instantaneous and its accurate within 30 feet so we know where to get help to. We had to update computers and monitors. We had servers, stacks of servers, that were out of date and instead of going to buy different servers, we installed a virtual server."

Simmons said the state has also increased financial obligations for the center. "We updated our connection to the state radio tower. With that, the state up until now has always incurred the costs for the maintenance of the siren system which is the state radio system and now, they are

no longer going to do that. So, they broke the maintenance cost up between all the 911 Centers. The cost fell to the 911 Centers and everyone pays the same whether you're metro 911, Boone County 911, Tucker 911. We all pay. Its right around \$48,000 a year now. So that had to go into our budget."

Simmons said the state's decision was based on the fact that it is the individual 911 centers that use the system. Simmons also reiterated the vital nature of the upgrades the center has undergone over the decades since the fee's inception. "These upgrades and maintenance to these new items are vital to the 911 Center being able to do their job as well as all the first responders in the county."

Commission president, Rosenau commented on the time frame that has past since implementation of the fee. "I want to make a point, too," Rosenau said. "This hasn't been increased since 2002. So, it's gone 21 years, you know, 22 years without an increase. There's not one thing that I know in our who existence that has gone that long without an increase. So, with the expenses being incurred that we have now. I think it's only fair."

Rosenau went on to say that Tucker County phone taxes are some of the lowest in the state of West Virginia. "We are third from the bottom, the lowest tax on the phones in the state of West Virginia. Ours right now are \$1.50 and several counties – I looked at the list – are over

\$4 and so I admire the Commissions in the past that have maintained their money that we didn't have to raise them. But it's just gotten to the point now where it has to be done in order to maintain our new systems."

Simmons credits the Commission's support being pivotal to the 911 Center being able to complete many of the upgrades it has needed. "Had it not been for some special help from the Commission, a lot of the stuff that we had to do this year wouldn't even been possible. With these, we have now become a state-of-the-art facility. We are pushing the ceiling of technology, what it has to offer and we had our IT company in this week and there were a couple of things that I asked him. He takes care of a lot of other 911 Centers in the state, the majority of them. I said, 'Out of curiosity, where does Tucker County rate compared to the majority of other 911 Centers?' He said, 'You're in the top two or three in the state across the board.'"

"Good, our citizens deserve it," Rosenau said.

The Commission approved the new E911 fee unanimously. With the new fee, the amount will go from the current \$1.50 to \$2.25 for residential landline customers, resulting in a 75 cent a month increase. The fee also establishes a new \$3 a month business class.

Simmons also updated the Commission on other business at the 911 Center dur-

ing the meeting as well. "We hired a part time employee," Simmons said. "She is coming up on her third week. She's doing really well. She's putting a lot of extra effort into it. There are people that take a job and just expect that I'll do whatever I absolutely have to. Then you get people that they take pride in their work and she's going home and studying, she's doing more than what's asked and it's paying off in her learning process. She's picking up really good."

At Rosenau's request, Simmons explained the need for training new hires well in advance of an actual vacancy. "We hire because the training process takes a minimum of 90 days for them to go through everything, we have for them to learn and then to get tested out. We have 30, 60 and 90 days written and practical tests that they have to pass before they can be released on their own to work with somebody. And with that being said, if we don't have somebody already employed part time that can move up to full time when we have an opening, even if we hire, we're short an employee up to 90 days. It's not something where you just go ahead and hire and have immediate help."

"Tell Miss Tuttle that the Commission appreciates her hard work and dedication," Rosenau said.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be Wednesday June 14th at 9am at the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom.

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tion. "Working with all the partners here, the Board, I should say the two nonprofits that are in the building have always voiced, expressed the idea that they want to stay in the building. So, how can we come up with something that makes this all work?"

Clark discussed the company's solution would be a plan to convert part of the building into apartments and separate off the portion of the building that would house the Board and the two nonprofits. "We have been working on a similar plan now for a couple of years, looking at converting a portion of the building into housing and then keeping a portion of the building office space for the nonprofits that are here – and the board – the board wants to stay in the building," Clark said. "That's always been. Straight from the beginning that has always been key."

Clark said the project had received an earmark from the Senate and the company is in the process of having the building registered as a historic building. "Emily has helped us get an earmark from Senator Manchin and Senator Capito and then Dustin convinced me, and he worked it through it, to get the building listed as a historic building so we could also get historic tax credits, which can also be an important key piece for a lot of these projects."

Clark also discussed the plan for the housing portion of the project. "So, then this last piece is the housing piece. As we've discussed before, you know in order to make it all work, some form of subsidy has to come into the picture. Unfortunately, we couldn't just borrow money from a bank and put the money in there and the rents we'd have to charge are just overpriced for everybody in the area. We just couldn't make that work. So

then we started talking about what form of subsidies we want to take and go after. There's all kind of funding out there for housing development. A lot of the funding pushes you to work with very low income, often times homeless folks because they're where the perceived need really is. There's funding that really moves you through the income spectrum and where we can fall in that spectrum that would meet the needs of the community, but still let us get the project done."

Clark said the firm has already committed to applying for funding for the project through one of the programs offered. "We've committed to applying for, through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. That would fund us for some of the apartment development. We are still borrowing money, still getting historic tax credits, still getting the earmark. This is all just pile on each other. But what that funding does is convert part of the building to apartments. It then allows us to work with people, the majority of whom are at what we'd say 60% of area median income and median income for a family of four in Tucker County, is gone up, up, up. It now at almost \$74,000. For a family of four, that's the median household income. So, you do the math, 60% of that is, I should have done the math, 45,000, 44,000...46,000 is the median income we'd be looking at to do that."

Tucker County School Superintendent Alicia Lambert said, "We're really looking at it as an opportunity for housing for new teachers moving into the area that can't otherwise find housing. We know we've lost some teachers in the past years that have accepted positions that are not from here and then came and couldn't find housing because everything is either HUD or family owned and they weren't able to find any apartments or

anything like that to rent in the area and we lost the teachers. So, we have looked at this as a way to maybe have some housing opportunities available for first year teachers starting out that can't afford a home yet, but made too much to qualify for HUD housing. It would give them a different option as well."

Clark said that the firm has considered the policy that local applicants would have preference with the units. "The other thing we can do, and really we'd leave it to the local working group to decide, is we can put a what's called a Local Preference on these apartments. Which means, if you already live in the county, you go to the top of the list. So, if you're already here you could go to the top of the list."

Clark and other representatives from Woodlands informed the Board that the total construction cost for the project were estimated at 4.2 million. "So, a little more than we had discussed earlier," Clark said. "Lots of asbestos in the building that needs to be addressed. That's about 250. We got an estimate there of about \$230,000. New roof, new masonry, not masonry, a lot of repointing around the top of the building that needs to be done. So, there's some big ticket items that need to happen to the building for sure."

In other business, the board recognized two students from Tucker Valley School as the Golden Horseshoe winners as well as Sheryl Kines as Teacher of the Year and Scott Lyclyter as Service Personnel of the Year.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Board of Education will be Monday, June 5th at 4:30pm at the Tucker Valley Board of Education Office, 100 Education Lane, Parsons.

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to the beginning of the Triathlon. White acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the event and provided the triathletes with pre-race instructions as well as presenting Vanderwert's commemoration.

According to White, the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department Triathlon plans to continue growing the event in the future. "It's still in its building process," White said. "We see it growing and next year we are going to expand it to include a 5K run, 2K walk because we've had that request from people that, 'hey, I don't kayak, I don't bike and I'd be interested in doing it if you had a run.' So, we're going to add that to it. It will probably boost our numbers a little bit, plus offer more to the area."

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OBITUARIES

Clarence Russell “Beanie” Bolinger, Jr.

Clarence Russell “Beanie” Bolinger, Jr., age 77 years, a resident of Hendricks, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday evening, May 23, 2023, at Cortland Acres at Thomas, WV surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Wednesday, January 2, 1946, at Parsons, WV, a son of the late Clarence Russell Bolinger, Sr. and Catherine Josephine Huffman Bolinger. On May 24, 1991, at Hendricks, WV, he was married to the former Donna M. Lowther, who survives. They had celebrated thirty-two years of marriage.

Also surviving are one son, Samuel J.R. Bolinger of Hendricks and through marriage, one daughter, Kasie Buckley of Fairmont; two sons, Joshua Buckley and wife Shana of SC, Jedediah Buckley and wife Mandy of Morgantown; two brothers, Lakin Lee Bolinger and wife Sloana and Richard Dick Bolinger and wife Willetta, all of Parsons; six sisters, Betty Jean Hebb of Ohio, Virginia Mae Carr and husband Lowell of Hendricks and Flodie Louise Lawrence of Hendricks, Ruby Jeanette McCrum and husband Mike of Parsons and Mary Frances Booth and husband Daniel of Mackeyville; two brothers-in-law, Carl Lee of MD, and Larry Pennington of Hendricks; five grandchildren, Shelby and Waylon Buckley, Gabriel, Caleb and Logan; and great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are two sisters, Sandra Kay Pennington and Grace Ann Lee; one brother-in-law, Phil Hebb.

He attended Parsons High School. He worked on the Stark Johnson Farm, the Dorman Woolen Mill, Varco Steel, while they built Hinchcliff Lumber Co. and later he worked for the Hinchcliff Lumber Co., until his retirement in 2000. He attended the Free Methodist Church of Hendricks and more recently Riverview Chapel Church at Porterwood. He was an avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting, fishing, and looking for mushrooms and digging ramps. He loved spending time with his buddies swapping stories, and especially loved spending time with his family.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Sunday, May 28, 2023, at 1 p.m. The Reverend James Snyder officiated and interment followed at the Fansler Cemetery at Hendricks, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV was in charge of the arrangements for Clarence Russell “Beanie” Bolinger, Jr. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.



Linda J. Shupp

Linda J. Shupp, 77, of Thomas, WV, passed away on May 21, 2023, at her home, surrounded by her family. Born on November 27, 1945, in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of the late Oriee Lee and Anna Alice (Wozniak) Smith.

Linda graduated from Kenwood High School. She worked for Cortland Acres as an activities aide where she volunteered a lot of her free time as well. She attended St. Paul's United Methodist Church with her husband. Linda had a passion for collecting frogs, enjoyed fishing, word games and puzzles, and loved spending time with her family and friends. She never met a stranger and was known to many as “mam” or “mammy”.

She is survived by her second husband, Howard Dale Ashby; two children, John H. Shupp III and fiancée Tracy Johnson of Elkins, and Kelly L. Fulton and husband Ed of Thomas; four grandchildren, J. Brandon Shupp and wife Kira, Kristen Shupp and boyfriend Justin, Alexis Baker and husband Dylan, and Kordell Fulton and girlfriend Ashlee Huffines; four great grandchildren, Autumn, Brinleigh, Braylee and Barrett; and two sisters, Kathy Kuser and Mary Bender.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, John H. Shupp Jr.; three brothers, Donald Smith, Oriee Lee Smith, Jr., and Richard Smith.

Linda's request for cremation will be honored. There are no services scheduled at this time.

The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Shupp family at this time.



Thomas Ray “Tom” Wratchford

Thomas Ray “Tom” Wratchford, age 75 years, a resident of Parsons, WV departed this life Wednesday evening, May 24, 2023, at the Davis Medical Center Emergency Department. He had been in declining health.

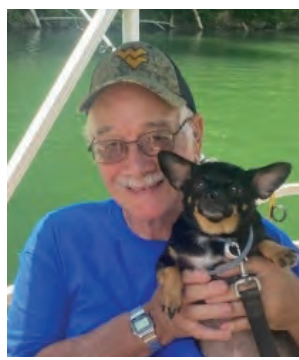
He was born Sunday, February 15, 1948, at Parsons, WV, a son of the late Delvin Elmer Wratchford and Gertrude Francis Wotring Wratchford. He was married to his wife of fifty-four years, the former Lois Virginia Carr, who survives, on December 21, 1968 at the Riverview Church.

Also surviving are one daughter, Teresa Wratchford of Parsons, one son, Thomas Wratchford, Jr. of Parsons; one brother, Delvin “Jim” Wratchford of Parsons; four grandchildren, Mariah Hinkle and husband Derek, Kayla Friend and partner Auston Cussins, Jeremiah and Joseph Wratchford; and one great granddaughter, Iris Cussins.

Preceding him in death is one daughter, Tammy Wratchford.

He graduated from Parsons High School with the class of 1966. He was a very hard worker to everyone who knew him. He joined the Army after high school and served in Vietnam & Germany. When he returned home, he worked at Wratchford's Garage in Parsons, which was owned by his father. He then worked as a coal miner for one decade, also with construction work in Virginia. He was employed in Canaan Valley mowing grass and working as a mechanic. He then retired from Huttonsville Prison after seventeen years. He loved doing mechanic work and fixing anything that need fixing. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, being out on the lake with family. He loved watching Nascar on Sundays and he also enjoyed watching sports, especially when his grandchildren were playing. He was a joker and always knew how to make everyone laugh and how to keep everything lighthearted. He loved his family more than anything and time well spent was always with them. He loved being a grandpa more than anything, which is why he stepped in as a major father figure for all his grandchildren, who will all miss him dearly.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 11 a.m. The Rev. Neil Parsons will officiate and interment will follow at Mt. State Memorial Gardens at Gilman, WV, where the WV. Army Honor Guard, the H.W. Daniels Post #29 American Legion, the Tygart Valley Post #3647 Veterans of Foreign War and the Tucker County Veterans Association will conduct full military honors. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Thomas Ray “Tom” Wratchford. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com



Linda M. Humphrey Scott

Linda M. Humphrey Scott, age 72 years, a former resident of Hambleton, WV and more recently a resident of Elkins, WV departed this life Tuesday evening, May 23, 2023, at the Davis Medical Center at Elkins, WV. She had been in declining health although death was unexpected.

She was born Monday, July 10, 1950, at Parsons, WV, a daughter of the late Ellis Parker Humphrey and Keitha Mae James Ankrom. On September 29, 1972, at Oakland, MD, she was married to Stephen Lee Scott, who survives. They had celebrated fifty years of marriage.

Also surviving are one son, Stephen M. “Mike” Scott and wife Allyson of Elkins; one daughter, Dr. Tricia Scott and husband Tom Murphy of Georgia; one brother Ellis “Duke” Humphrey and wife Abby of Alpena; three grandchildren, Lincoln Scott and Madison and Sam Murphy; several cousins and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are one granddaughter, Autumn Stephanie Scott; and her stepfather, Delbert “Red” Ankrom.

She was a graduate and Valedictorian of Parsons High School with the class of 1968. She was a college graduate and later worked at the former Memorial General Hospital in Elkins, WV, and retired from the Tucker County Health Dept. as an Administrator. She loved her cats and her family very much.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Neil Parsons officiated and interment followed at the Bethel Cemetery at Holly Meadows, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Linda M. Humphrey Scott. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com



Theodore ‘Ted’ Meredith Wolfe, Sr.

Theodore “Ted” Meredith Wolfe, Sr., of Clarksburg, passed away Thursday morning, May 18, 2023, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born June 6, 1925, on Pifer Mountain, in Tucker County, a farm boy with no wants beyond enjoying his days outside and books beside a schoolhouse fire.

Quickly he grew into a young man, graduating from Parsons High School in 1943. Encouraged by his father to seek adventure and purpose, he enlisted in the US Army Air Force/US Air Force a few weeks after graduation. Assigned to the 509 B-29 Bomb Group, he narrowly avoided death in a B-29 crash while on maneuvers, with fuel and flames, leaving few survivors. He also participated in the Operation: Crossroads, atomic bomb testing. His military service ended in 1949, after a 7-month hospital recovery.

Ted returned home and met the love of his life, Mary Nestor Wolfe. Mary became the strong core to Ted's moral compass, leading each other on life's sweet adventures with ice cream, water slides and a new life in Washington DC. With the anticipation of the birth of their first child, they left DC and returned to Tucker County to raise a family. After the birth of their second child, they moved to Clarksburg, where Ted was employed at the VA Medical Center and two more children would make their family complete.

Through this journey, Ted found the purpose of life – family and faith. He and Mary spent time traveling, family dinners and card games, taking visits to his homestead, gardening and with his family, and filling the back pews of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

He leaves behind his wife of nearly 69 years, Mary Nestor Wolfe. Four children, Theodore Jr., John (Pam), Kevin (Connie) and Barbara (Mark) Lively; five grandchildren, Jessica, Aaron (Haleigh), Adam (Krysta), Emma (Doug) and Rachael (Michael); 12 great-grandchildren, Cody, LaLee, Kalyn, Alder, Brenlee, Gunnar, Felix, Kyah, Wake, Maylee, Wren and Walker.

He was predeceased by his parents Karl and Grace Wolfe, sisters Juanita Nestor, Dorcas Saunders, Jill Brown and a brother Robert LaLee.

He leaves behind a legacy, a passion for education, a love of great stories, a healthy appetite, a green thumb, a knack for games and puzzles, love of a good western, the inability to pass up a good bargain and so many memories he created for his children and grandchildren.

Condolences to the Wolfe Family can be left at burnsidefuneralhome.com

Friends were received at Burnside Funeral Home, 607 S. Virginia Avenue, Bridgeport, on Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., where services were held at 3:30 p.m. with Reverend Linda Muhly presiding. The commitment service was held at noon on Monday, May 22, 2023, at Parsons City Cemetery, Parsons, WV.



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TOWN OF HENDRICKS MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2023

Early Voting - Saturday, June 3rd and
Saturday, June 10th from 9 am to 5 pm

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY JUNE 13TH
FROM 6:30 AM TO 7:30 PM

The election will take place at the
Hendricks Town Hall at
9 Fourth Street, Hendricks, WV

2023 Baccalaureate ceremony



The Tucker County community came out to celebrate the many accomplishments of the Tucker County High School Class of 2023. The evening began with a Baccalaureate ceremony sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. President of the Tucker County School Board Chopper Evans was the guest speaker at the event. The awards ceremony commenced following a small reception in the gymnasium where refreshments were served. Representatives from many organizations and colleges were on hand to recognize the graduates. The graduating class also received their graduation cords during the ceremony. Several of the cord recipients are graduating with professional certifications from the hard work they put in from a variety of different programs such as: Health Science Education; Automotive Technology; Collision Repair Technology; Pro-Start Restaurant Management; Information Management; Agribusiness; Power and Structural; and Carpentry.



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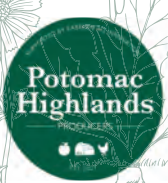
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What's? Happening

FULL BOARD MEETING

The Region VI workforce Development Full Board will meet Thursday, June 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Pleasant Valley. For more information about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530.

Region VI is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for the individuals with disabilities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance, please call WV Relay 7-1-1.

2023 Summer Reading Program

2023 Summer Reading Program "All Together Now" at Five Rivers Public Library, Wednesdays at 10 a.m., June 7, 14, 21. On June 28 we will have a pizza party for those who have attended the program! Activities may include crafts, games, a story, and snacks! The Program is open to preschool through 5th grade (Younger and older siblings welcome) prize basket, reading time, and more fun!



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 31, 1841: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Kain was born near Martinsburg. As bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling, he worked to meet the needs of the newly arrived immigrants who came to labor in West Virginia's mines and factories.

June 1, 1880: An 86-round bare-knuckle prize fight for championship of the world was held in the Brooke County town of Colliers, between defending champion Joe Goss and challenger Paddy Ryan. Boxing was illegal in every state, and matches were often held in railroad villages to avoid big-city police.

June 1, 1935: Musician Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, the eighth of 11 children. She was a pioneering old-time and bluegrass musician, known for preserving the traditional vocal styles of West Virginia.

June 1, 1858: The Artists' Excursion left Baltimore on its way to Wheeling. A Baltimore & Ohio executive planned the rail trip to promote tourism. About 50 passengers were on board, including artist and writer David Hunter Strother, who described the experience in an article for *Harpers* magazine.

June 2, 1951: Cornelius Charlton died of the wounds he received in battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

June 3, 1856: Harriet B. Jones was born

in Pennsylvania. After attending Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice in Wheeling, becoming the first woman licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia.

June 3, 1861: The first land battle of the Civil War between organized troops took place in Philippi. About 3,000 federal troops drove about 800 Confederates from the town.

June 3, 1861: A company of Confederate soldiers known as the Logan Wildcats was created at the Logan Courthouse. The company, consisting of about 85 men, first saw action at the Battle of Scary Creek.

June 3, 1936: The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivities, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.

June 4, 1975: Clark Kessinger died in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

June 5, 1859: A great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The fields were replanted with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.

June 6, 1919: Historian Otis Rice was born in Hugheston, Kanawha County. Rice was named West Virginia's first Historian Laureate in 2003.

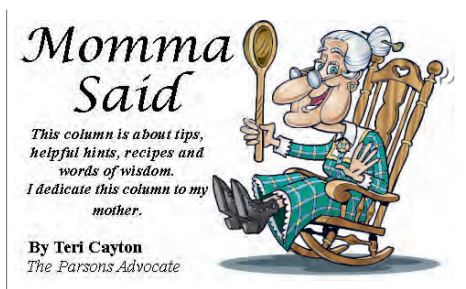
June 6, 1989: During the Pittston strike, about 60 miners embarked on a four-day march from Logan County to Charleston, retracing the path of the 1921 Armed March on Logan.

I was very disheartened today when I heard my favorite female singer of all time had passed away. I have listened to Tina Turner's music since I was a teenager. I lived through all the grief that Ike Turner put her through and still she persevered. She was a very resilient person and I admire her strength through all the tribulations of her life. **Momma Said**, "What doesn't kill ya makes ya stronger!"

I have noticed that this is going to be the year of millions of dollars going to waste. The politicians are coming out of the woodwork to run for office and the money will start to fly. With all the people and organizations that need money I don't know why all this money is wasted on advertisements and whatever else it is used for only God knows.

We need a person to run for president that has some military background and some sense of what is going on in the world. I think our present president is much too old to hold down this important office. The stress alone is enough to make a young man bow down. I am not being insensitive to senior citizens but sometimes enough is enough.

I don't think we need businessmen or laymen that know nothing about the important situations that you can get



involved in as president of an entire country. Running a country is very different from running a company. We need qualified people in our leadership that know the ins and outs of what it takes to run a country. And quite frankly I don't think we have had that in a very long time.

I love my country but we are becoming the laughing stock of the entire world. We are no longer considered a super power and in my opinion if we were, Putin would not still be doing what he is doing to Ukraine. We got rid of Kaddafi, Ben Laden and Saddam Hussein so what is the difference with Putin? He has committed heinous war crimes against humanity so why are we standing back and letting this continue? **Momma Said**, "Someone needs to grow a pair and get rid of this monster."

Cheesy Pigs in a Blanket

INGREDIENTS

- 2 sheets puff pastry
- 1 CUP grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 egg beaten
- 14- OUNCES mini cocktail wieners or smoked sausages
- Sesame seeds
- Poppy seeds
- Honey mustard or ketchup for serving

INSTRUCTIONS

Brush one sheet of puff pastry with a little water. Scatter the Cheddar cheese evenly over the pastry sheet and then place the second sheet of puff pastry on top. Roll the two pastry sheets out together to a 12 x 12-inch square. Cut the pastry into 36 2-inch squares.

To assemble the cheesy pigs in a blanket, brush one corner of each of the dough squares with egg wash. Place

a cocktail wiener in the center of each square diagonally. Fold the corner opposite the egg wash over the wiener and then fold the egg wash corner over and press it firmly against the other corner of pastry to seal well. Be sure to give it a good pinch so the dough stays shut while cooking. Brush each assembled pig in a blanket with egg wash and sprinkle some sesame and poppy seeds on top.

Brush the air fryer basket lightly with a little vegetable oil or line your air fryer basket with a little parchment paper. In two or three batches (depending on the size of your air fryer), load the basket with the pigs in a blanket leaving about an inch between each one. Air-fry at 380°F for 8 to 12 minutes until golden brown turning them over for the last two minutes of cooking.

Serve hot with your favorite dipping sauce

Super Crossword

ACROSS	DOWN	FRONT PAWS
1 Publisher	48 Take on moguls	5 Compass
5 Pile up	51 Week's seven	6 Color variations
10 Hit with an open hand	55 Grouchy type	7 Did superbly on
14 Mafia heads	57 Zingy flavor	8 Corn core
19 Defrost	58 Hockey great	9 Ell preceder
20 Fireside drink	59 Japanese city	10 Attaches, as a seat belt
21 Lead-in to byte	61 Australian territory in the Indian Ocean	11 Dog tether
22 O. Henry literary device	66 Greek deity of wisdom	12 Chichi
23 Yore	68 "Kate & —" (old sitcom)	13 Sporty 1990s Toyotas
25 Finks	69 Uncultured	14 U.S. snoop gp.
26 City in France	70 Ivy League school in Providence	15 Nabs
27 Trickled out	75 Backless sofa	16 Hoi — (the masses)
28 Graduation cap dangle	76 Lavs, to Brits	17 Like single-person bands
30 Ticked Muppet	77 Prefix with drama	18 B-board overseers
31 Entrees with pastry crusts	78 Scots' refusals	24 Kimono-clad hostess
33 Wood-cleaning product	80 Bird-built home	28 "Baywatch" actress
36 Forest array	81 Kin of -ette	29 Of formal public worship
37 Rich wall tapestry	82 Left-leaning	31 School org.
38 Cholesterol-lowering drugs	86 "Tomb raider" Croft	32 Space sphere
39 Predecessor of Andrew Johnson	88 Sister, say	33 Med. scan
44 Naval vessel inits.	89 2016 Best Director winner for "La La Land"	34 Big tea holders
45 — Sea (Asian lake)	95 Zoo collection	35 Use a surgical beam on
46 Gravy-train job	99 Letters after alphas	37 God of Islam
	100 Localities	40 Circle section
		41 "I Need to Know" singer — Anthony
		42 "Open this door!"
		43 March Madness gp.
		47 Little — (tykes)
		48 Dient
		49 Oklahoma neighbor
		50 Use the tab key, perhaps
		51 Not too hard to carry out
		52 Houston baseballers
		53 Loutish types
		54 Distorts
		55 Display of great daring
		58 Killed, as a dragon
		60 Shaker Lee (kids' song)
		62 Ending for project
		63 35mm camera type
		64 Seventh scale notes
		65 Lawn turf
		67 Quarterbacks' called changes
		71 — Hill, San Francisco
		72 Like cold tea
		73 Powder room
		74 "Awright!"
		79 Mexican Mrs.
		82 Fact falsifier
		83 Aura
		84 Manorial lord
		85 Meyers of late night
		87 Funnel-shaped flower
		88 One leaving a smear
		90 — "King" Cole
		91 Built
		92 Suede, e.g.
		93 — Vegas
		94 Ending for Siam
		95 On fire
		96 Capital of Niger
		97 Set on fire
		98 "You are right about that"
		102 — "Jacques" (kids' song)
		103 Misstep
		104 Christopher who played Superman
		105 Chaperone in "The Hunger Games"
		108 Historical plaintiff
		109 — Scott
		110 Surgery ctrs.
		112 Bouquet-bringing gp.
		113 Tram cargo
		114 Period
		115 Rip off

REWARD

The Parsons Parks and Recreation Commission is offering a \$500 reward for information which leads to the identification and conviction of individual(s) involved in the destruction of property near the Pulp Mill Bottom Pond. This incident occurred in the evening hours of Monday, April 17, 2023, when a vehicle made several trips through a recently seeded area that is not open for vehicle traffic.

Any information can be given to the Parsons Police Department at (304) 478-3060 or by contacting them on their Facebook page.

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Weather Totals

May 9 - May 16

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature
Max 84° F
Min 39° F

Precipitation
Week 0.80"
April 5.88"
2023 18.96"

Snowfall
New Snow 0"
Snow on ground 0"
Winter Total 11.5"

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by Linda Thistle

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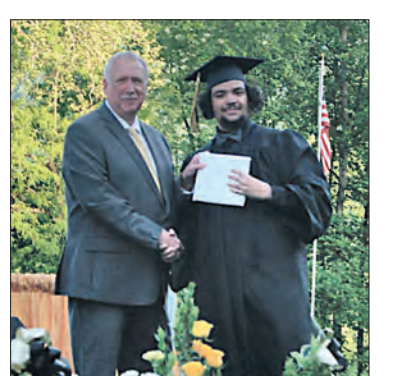
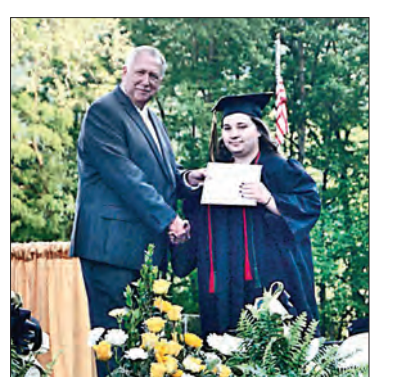
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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Congratulations to the Class of 2023



SPORTS

Tucker County' Senior Athlete awards



Tucker County Athletic Director AJ Rapp presented the Senior Athlete Awards on May 26th. Averi Smith and Mason Kisamore were awarded Senior Female and Male Academic Athlete Kadie Colebank and Mason Kisamore were awarded Senior Female and Male Athlete of the Year. Pictured (L-R): Averi Smith, Kadie Colebank, Mason Kisamore. Photo by Lacey Evans.

WVDNR stocks 73 waters

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced on Monday that the following waters were stocked during the week of May 16-20:

- Anthony Creek
- Big Clear Creek
- Big Sandy Creek
- Blackwater River
- Buffalo Creek (Brooke)
- Bullsken Run
- Burnsville Tailwaters
- Cacapon Park Lakes
- Camp Creek
- Castleman Run Lake
- Clear Fork of Guyandotte River
- Clear Fork of Tug
- Clover Run
- Coopers Rock Lake
- Cranberry River
- Dry Fork (Tucker)
- East Fork Greenbrier River
- East River
- Elk River (Randolph, Webster)
- Evitts Run
- French Creek Pond
- Gandy Creek
- Glade Creek of Mann
- Glade Creek of New River
- Gladly Fork
- Hills Creek
- Horseshoe Run
- Jimmy Lewis Lake
- Knapps Creek
- Laurel Creek of Cherry River
- Laurel Fork (Randolph)
- Laurel Fork of Holly River
- Left Fork Buckhannon River (Rail Stocking)
- Left Fork Holly River
- Little Clear Creek
- Little River East Fork Greenbrier River
- Little River West Fork Greenbrier River
- Lost River
- Mash Fork
- Mash Fork of Camp Creek (Children and Class Q)
- Meadow Creek of New River
- Middle Creek (Berkeley)
- Middle Wheeling Lake
- Mill Creek (Berkeley)
- New Creek
- New Creek Dam No. 14
- North Fork Patterson Creek
- North Fork South Branch
- Opequon Creek
- Paint Creek
- Panther Creek
- Pinnacle Creek
- Pipestem Lake
- Pond Fork
- R.D. Bailey Tailwaters
- Rocky Marsh Run
- Shavers Fork (Bemis)
- Shavers Fork (Lower Section)
- Shavers Fork (Upper Section)
- South Branch (Franklin)
- South Branch (Smoke Hole)
- Spruce Knob Lake
- Stonewall Jackson Tailwaters
- Summit Lake
- Sutton Tailwaters
- Trout Run
- Tygart Lake Tailwaters
- Tygart River Headwaters
- Upper Guyandotte River
- Waites Run
- Watoga Lake
- West Fork Greenbrier River
- Williams River

Trout stocking updates are also available by calling the trout stocking hotline at 304-558-3399. They are also posted online at WVDnr.gov/fish-stocking. For a complete list of stocking locations and frequency of stockings, anglers should consult pages 14 and 15 of the 2023 West Virginia Fishing Regulations Summary, available to download at WVDnr.gov/fishing-regulations.

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license, trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing for trout. Licenses and stamps can be purchased at 175 retail locations across the state or online at WVfish.com.

To learn more about fishing opportunities and trout stockings in West Virginia, visit WVDnr.gov/fishing.

Tucker County's Dom Mullenax signs letter of intent



Tucker County's Dom Mullenax signs his letter of intent to continue his Football career at Bethany College. Family and coaches joined in the signing ceremony on May 24th. Photo by Lacey Evans.

Gas Prices Continue to Dip in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is three cents lower this week at \$3.341 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices:
Northern WV Average \$3.341
Average price during the week of May 15, 2023 \$3.375

Average price during the week of May 23, 2022 \$4.484

The following is a list of the average prices in several West Virginia locations:

\$3.356	Bridgeport
\$3.317	Clarksburg
\$3.352	Huntington
\$3.425	Martinsburg

\$3.316
\$3.272
\$3.371
\$3.320

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Wheeling

has reduced pressure on pump prices. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 1.4 million barrels to 218.3 million barrels.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased by \$1.97 to settle at \$72.83. Oil prices rose amid growing market optimism that global energy demand is rebounding, particularly since China is recovering faster than originally expected following the lifting of its COVID restrictions. Additionally, the EIA reported that total domestic commercial crude inventories increased by 5 million barrels to 467.6 million barrels last week.

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

Trend Analysis:

As next week's busy Memorial Day travel weekend approaches, gas prices are relatively stable, increasing a penny over the past week to \$3.54 for a gallon of regular unleaded. A decline in demand and the low cost of oil are the main factors. Today's national average is 13 cents less than a month ago and \$1.05 less than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand declined from 9.30 to 8.91 million barrels per day last week. The drop

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Canaan Valley Resort Announces Summer/Fall Guided Hike Series

Davis, W.Va. (Summer/Fall 2023) – Canaan Valley Resort will host more than ten expert- and naturalist-led hikes of the region's most ecologically unique and scenic areas throughout the summer and fall.

"Given our location in the highest valley in the eastern United States, the incredible scenery, distinctive flora and fauna, and cooler mountain temperatures, Canaan Valley is a mecca for outdoor explorers," said Matt Baker, Canaan Valley Resort General Manager. "Whether a novice hiker or experienced adventurer, these hikes were designed to appeal to those of all ages and abilities."

Baker said the hikes cover terrain within Canaan Valley State Park and different portions of Tucker County. The schedule include:

Blackbird Knob Hike, June 3 and August 19 – The acclaimed Blackbird Knob trail offers a challenging six-mile hike that rewards hikers with high mountain meadows and spectacular views. The hike includes rough terrain and water crossings and is not recommended for young children. Pre-registration requested.

Moon Rocks Hike, June 24 and September 23– The Moon Rock Trail, located beside the Blackwater River near Davis, WV, features massive formations of "moon rock" sandstone bedrock some 480 million years old as well as wetland areas that give way to areas of hardwoods. Following the 4-mile hike, participants will enjoy scheduled stops at local breweries.

Mid-Summer Walk Between the Parks, July 8 and August 5 – The Walk Between the Parks hike is an eight-mile, moderately strenuous hike between Canaan Valley Resort and

Blackwater Falls State Parks featuring amazing views of the valley.

Geology Rocks Hike, July 20-21 – Presented by the WV Geological Survey, the Geology Rocks seminar (July 20) and hike (July 21) explores geology, topography and more with a hike along Blackwater River Trail. The July 20 evening program in the lodge explores the mysteries of rock and its uses throughout history.

Edible Plants Hike, July 22 and August 5 – This free, two-hour hike through trails, fields and forests of Canaan Valley State Park will introduce participants to techniques for finding wild plants that are safe to eat. Hikers will also learn how to use trees and plants to build fires, create shelter and for other survival purposes.

Douglas Falls/Blackwater Canyon Guided Hike, September 9. Passing by abandoned coke ovens, Douglas Falls, the junction of the North Fork of the Blackwater River and the main river, and views of Lindy Point, this 10-mile walk traverses' history as well as breathtaking scenery.

Wild Walks Weekend, Oct 7 – The guided hike series concludes with the Wild Walks Weekend, a fall favorite featuring an eight-mile walk between Canaan Valley and Blackwater Falls State Parks. Other activities include the "Walk-a-Mile" contest and alternative (shorter, interpretive) walks.

Pre-registration is requested for all hikes and can be made by calling (304) 866-2215.

For additional information or lodging, contact Canaan Valley Resort at 1-800-622-4121 or visit the website at www.CanaanResort.com.

Ohio West Virginia YLA Provides Summer Food Service Program

The **Camp Horseshoe** announces its sponsorship of the federally funded Summer Food Service Program. The camp will be held at Camp Horseshoe 3309 Horseshoe Run Rd on July 2 – July 29.

Meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge. (To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential camp or an enrolled program, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced price meals in the National School Lunch Program. The income guidelines for reduced price meals by family size are listed below.) Children who are part of households that receive SNAP and/or TANF assistance are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

Eligibility is based on the following income guidelines:

GUIDELINES TO DETERMINE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY 2023 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Annual Family Income Before Deductions

Household Size	Federal Income Chart For School Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	
	Yearly	Monthly
1	\$26,973	\$2,248
2	36,482	3,041
3	45,991	3,833
4	55,500	4,625
5	65,009	5,418
6	74,518	6,210
7	84,027	7,003
8	93,536	7,795
Each additional person:	9,509	793

For more information about Camp Horseshoe's Summer Food Program, please call Leslie at 304-478-2481.

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NOTICE TO MON POWER CUSTOMERS WITH RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACROSS THEIR PROPERTY

Mon Power has contracted for Vegetation Maintenance of its electric transmission line rights-of way located in Tucker County. The work is necessary to ensure safe and reliable electric service. Prior to any work being performed, several attempts were made to personally contact each property owner affected. The following property owners were not able to be contacted:

Tucker County

Richard and Caspelma Haron: Transmission Line 160, Cortland Rd, Davis, WV Parcel No. 47-05-0310-0011-0004

Hollis and Joyce Knight: Transmission Line 160, Cortland Rd, Davis, WV Parcel No. 47-03-0290-0038-0004

Andrew and Isabelle Hasty: Transmission Line 160, Cortland Rd, Davis, WV Parcel No. 47-03-0290-0037-0004

Amanda Pyon: Transmission Line 160, Canaan Overlook Rd, Davis, WV Parcel No. 47-03-0290-0005-0010

Work on these properties will be performed approximately two weeks from the date of this publication.

For additional information, contact: Robert Barbor, Transmission Forestry Specialist, FirstEnergy Corp., 4431 US Hwy Rt. 33E, Weston, WV 26452 1-304-694-4892

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under authority of that certain Deed of Trust dated June 16, 2017, from Frances A. Collett to Marc B. Lazenby, Trustee, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 282, at page 510, securing a promissory note in the principal amount of \$72,114.73, payable to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., and default having been made under the promissory note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust and sale requested by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at the front door of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons, West Virginia, on June 20, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., subject to all reservations, exceptions, easements and other matters which appear of record, and subject to all unpaid taxes, if any, the following real estate, together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the City of Thomas, Tucker County, West Virginia, described as follows, to wit:

The surface only of Lot No. 673 in the City of Thomas, Tucker County, West Virginia.
Together with a certain 2017 Clayton Mobile Home, Identification No. CLM101558TN.

Being the same property conveyed from Pamela J. Putlovic to John H. Collett, Sr. and Frances A. Collett, husband and wife, by Deed dated May 6, 1994, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 145, at page 121. John H. Collett, Sr. died on June 19, 2016, and his undivided 1/2 interest in the property thereby passed to Frances A. Collett pursuant to the right of survivorship in the aforesaid Deed.

Terms of sale: Certified funds or cash on date of sale.
Given under my hand this 19th day of May, 2023.

/s/ Marc B. Lazenby
Trustee

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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)
Vonda W. Phillips	Katherine M. Phillips
1st publication 5/17/23	David L. Phillips
2nd publication 5/24/23	84 Angler's Way
	Parsons, WV 26287
Anthony S. DiBacco	Rita Johnson
1st publication 5/17/23	37 Retriever Rd.
2nd publication 5/24/23	Parsons, WV 26287
Christine C. Lester	Jerry Viars
1st publication 5/17/23	PO Box 816
2nd publication 5/24/23	Davis, WV 26260
Olive Marie Poling	Roger Shumaker
1st publication 5/17/23	2046 Eby Rd.
2nd publication 5/24/23	Thornton, WV 26440
Janet L. Summerfield	Glenn C. Summerfield
1st publication 5/17/23	PO Box 172
2nd publication 5/24/23	Hambleton, WV 26269

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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**TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, TUCKER COUNTY, to wit:
In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12 as amended, the Tucker County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the 2020 fiscal year, and doth 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:

	General Current Expense Fund	Special Revenue Expense Fund	Federal Stimulus & Stabilization Fund	Capital Projects Fund
Estimated revenues:				
Local Sources:				
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 4,696,825	\$	\$	\$
Other local sources	35,000			
State Sources:				
State aid to schools	5,484,348	183,154		
Other	2,753,966			8,000
Federal Sources:		1,312,728	924,240	
Total estimated revenues	12,970,139	1,495,882	924,240	8,000
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	176,026	205,326		
Beginning balance	1,000			
Total estimated revenues & other financing sources	\$ 13,147,165	\$ 1,701,208	\$ 924,240	\$ 8,000
Estimated expenditures:				
Instruction	\$ 7,799,077	\$ 675,660	\$ 569,113	\$
Supporting services:				
Students	701,728	10,823		
Instructional Staff	6,000	33,222	148,140	
Central administration	547,840			
School administration	678,639			
Central services	386,663	1,802		
Operation & maintenance of facilities	1,474,966	4,822	29,801	8,000
Student transportation	1,216,251			
Food services		943,375	38,664	
Capital Outlay				
Total estimated expenditures	12,811,164	1,669,704	785,718	8,000
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	336,001	31,504	138,522	
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 13,147,165	\$ 1,701,208	\$ 924,240	\$ 8,000

I, Alicia Lambert, Secretary of the Tucker County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the board of education on the 22nd day of May, 2024.

Alicia R. Lambert

DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

Citizens Named Best Small Bank in WV by Newsweek

Citizens Bank of West Virginia was recently named to Newsweek's America's Best Banks 2023 list as the Best Small Bank in West Virginia. This distinction is the result of Newsweek's assessment of 4,800 financial institutions, measuring 30 different factors ranging from the overall health of the bank, customer service performance and features, digital and branch presence, account and loan options, interest rate offerings and fees. "We are incred-

ibly honored by this recognition which reinforces Citizens is a financially sound community bank and recognizes the hard work and dedication of our employees," said President & CEO Nathaniel S. Bonnell. "It also reaffirms our investment and commitment in delivering innovative banking technologies so that both our consumer and business customers stay securely connected to manage their finances anytime, anywhere on any device." Citizens Bank was also recently named the 2023 Small Business Administration (SBA) WV Community Lender of the Year and The Inter-Mountain's 2023 People's Choice Best Bank.

Citizens Bank of West Virginia achieved record financial earnings in 2022 and is five-star rated as one of the strongest banks in the nation for strength and financial stability from Bauer Financial Inc.

About Citizens Bank of West Virginia
Citizens Financial Corp. (OTC: CIWV) is the parent company of Citizens Bank of West Virginia, Inc. with assets of \$592 million and headquartered in Elkins, WV. From six office locations in North Central and northern West Virginia, the bank provides integrated financial services including retail and commercial banking, wealth management, and mortgage services. Citizens Bank is ranked #19 as one of the Best Banks to Work for in the Country by American Banker. For more information on Citizens Financial Corp. or Citizens Bank of West Virginia, Inc., visit us online at www.citizenswv.com.

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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)
Janet M. Cross	Billie J. Pennington
1st publication 5/31/23	PO Box 114
2nd publication 6/7/23	Hambleton, WV 26269
Barbara A. Johnson	James E. Johnson
1st publication 5/31/23	378 Location Rd.
2nd publication 6/7/23	Parsons, WV 26287

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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**AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE
Notice of Application**

Notice is given that The Kingsford Manufacturing Company has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a Class II Administrative Update for a replacement fabric filter, a replacement char and coal truck dumping station, and modifications to an existing solvent treated briquet production operation located on Route 219, two miles South of Parsons, WV, in Tucker County, West Virginia. The latitude and longitude coordinates are: 39.079883 and -79.691224.

The applicant estimates there will be no increased potential to discharge Regulated Air Pollutants.

Startup of operation is planned to begin on or about the 1st day of September, 2023. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice. Written comments will also be received via email at DEP@AirQualityPermitting@WV.gov.

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

Dated this the 24th day of May 2023.

By: Kingsford Manufacturing Company
Robert Boggs
Plant Manager
P.O. Box 464
Parsons, WV 26287

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"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the **Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan** for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2024 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

Contact

Kathryn Emery
WV Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water & Waste Management
Clean Water State Revolving Fund
601 57th street, SE
Charleston, WV 25304
(304) 926-0499 Ext. 43830
Kathryn.D.Emery@wv.gov
Google Meeting information
https://meet.google.com/tkd-hsoo-arb
Dial in number: 1-910-302-3018
PIN: 104 878 179#

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Tariff Form No. 8-A

(Tariff Rule 8.1.a. et seq.)

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON
APPLICATION WITHOUT PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES**

NOTICE is hereby given that Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC d/b/a Mountaineer Transfer Station, a public utility, has on May 17, 2023, filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, and charges for furnishing waste disposal services to customers at the Mountaineer Transfer Station in Westover, West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$1,892,594.71 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 31.38%. The purpose of Mountaineer Transfer Station's rate case filing is to increase rates and charges for increased operation and maintenance costs relating to Mountaineer Transfer Station's compliant and continued operations. The proposed increased rates and charges will not become effective until approved by the Commission. Mountaineer Transfer Station's current and proposed rates, on a per ton basis, are as follows:

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	\$\$\$ Increase	Percent Increase
C & D	25.75	44.75	19.00	73.79%
Landfill and Assessment	36.50	36.50	.00	
Total Gate Rate - C & D	62.25	81.25	19.00	30.52%
MSW	25.75	44.75	19.00	73.79%
Landfill and Assessment	36.50	36.50	.00	
Total Gate Rate - MSW	62.25	81.25	19.00	30.52%
Recycling	35.00	54.00	19.00	54.29%
Recycling processing charge	16.35	16.35	.00	
Total Gate Rate - Recycling	51.35	70.35	19.00	37.00%
Minimum Charge	2.90	10.90	8.00	275.86%
Landfill and Assessment	4.10	4.10	.00	
Total Gate Rate-Minimum Chg.	7.00	15.00	8.00	114.29%
Bag Rate	0.62	2.12	1.50	241.94%
Landfill and Assessment	0.88	0.88	.00	
Total Gate Rate - Bag Rate	1.50	3.00	1.50	100.00%

Both the present and proposed rates referenced above, excluding recycling, minimum charge and bag rate, are exclusive of any legislatively mandated or authorized per-ton assessment fees and any other per-ton assessment fees due to any governmental entity.

Mountaineer Transfer Station has no resale customers.

The increases shown are based on the 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 Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within thirty days, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. 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 on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P. O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Executive Secretary at the address above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of Mountaineer Transfer Station to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the office of Mountaineer Transfer Station located at: 201 12th St., Fairmont, WV 26554.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of TUCKER have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of **Delinquent and Nonentered Lands** of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Big Courtroom on the 27th of June, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME	NAME 2	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT	AMOUNT DUE
2022-C-000005	2021	754	LONG GERRI		.22 AC	BLACK FORK	\$156.61
2022-C-000007	2021	1107	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC		LOT 2 PORTERWOOD	BLACK FORK	\$288.88
2022-C-000008	2021	1672	BEDFORD JAMES A & JUANITA M		100.18 AC	CLOVER	\$999.46
2022-C-000012	2021	2050	POLING HARRY A	%LARRY POLING	PARCEL PIFER MT	CLOVER	\$162.80
2022-C-000013	2021	2054	POLING LARRY A ET AL		MIN INT IN	CLOVER	\$180.77
2022-C-000014	2021	2294	WILLIAMS VIVA		M. 40 ACRES	CLOVER	\$168.08
2022-C-000015	2021	3056	DUNLOP CAMERON VARLEY		LOT 19	DAVIS CORP	\$4,159.77
2022-C-000016	2021	3521	REDELMAN GREGORY L		LT 357	DAVIS CORP	\$2,142.63
2022-C-000017	2021	3567	SCB PROPERTIES LLC		LOT #330 PHASE 2 .95 AC	DAVIS CORP	\$417.69
2022-C-000018	2021	4513	CROSSED PAWS LLC		UNIT H8	DRY FORK	\$2,174.72
2022-C-000019	2021	4681	DUNLOP CAMERON VARLEY		UNIT/LOT 19 .092 SQ FT	DRY FORK	\$2,553.36
2022-C-000020	2021	5154	HERZ HERZ & REICHLER INC		COMMON AREA .168 AC	DRY FORK	\$259.12
2022-C-000023	2021	6064	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC	ROCK WILSON	TRACT 1 HUMMINGBIRD LAND	DRY FORK	\$522.31
2022-C-000024	2021	6065	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC	ROCK WILSON	TRACT 2 CORTLAND VILLAGE RD	DRY FORK	\$641.91
2022-C-000025	2021	6066	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC	ROCK WILSON	TRACT 3	DRY FORK	\$660.47
2022-C-000026	2021	6067	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC	ROCK WILSON	TRACT 4 ALPINE VIEW LANE	DRY FORK	\$325.72
2022-C-000027	2021	6068	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC	ROCK WILSON	TRACT 5 THISTLE LANE	DRY FORK	\$519.30
2022-C-000031	2021	7320	JOHNSON DAVID & ELLEN		LT 11	FAIRFAX	\$817.01
2022-C-000032	2021	7321	JOHNSON DAVID & ELLEN		LT 10A 94X150X80X150	FAIRFAX	\$182.01
2022-C-000033	2021	7583	CROSS DENVER & MELISSA JONES		PT LOT 72 & ALL LOT 73	HAMBLETON CORP	\$825.73
2022-C-000037	2021	8435	MURPHY NADA		1/7 M 188 ACRES	LICKING	\$162.79
2022-C-000039	2021	9090	GOSS LEO H JR		PT LOT 7	PARSONS CORP	\$753.59
2022-C-000041	2021	9872	ADAMS BENJAMIN DEAN		35' X 35' OR .028 AC	ST. GEORGE	\$164.37
2022-C-000042	2021	9906	ANSTINE FLODA ELLEN		1.04 AC	ST. GEORGE	\$325.55
2022-C-000044	2021	10619	MEGA ENERGY ETAL		OIL & GAS MINERAL INTERESTS	ST. GEORGE	\$564.12
2022-C-000046	2021	10891	SAGA PETROLEUM LLC		55% OF 1/2 M - 128 - 67 - 10	ST. GEORGE	\$170.55
2022-C-000047	2021	11006	STANSBERRY ELMA		1/5 MIN IN 98 ACRES	ST. GEORGE	\$161.55
2022-C-000051	2021	11574	MELLER RICHARD S	UNDERHILL KAREN C	N PT LOT 81	THOMAS CORP	\$216.07
2022-C-000052	2021	11652	REZA JOSEF		PARCEL	THOMAS CORP	\$1,460.81

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Payments must be received prior to the close of business the day prior to the land sale.

Given under my hands this 22nd of May, 2023.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent
and Nonentered lands of TUCKER County

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CITY OF PARSONS, WEST VIRGINIA
WV3304707
Consumer Confidence Report- 2023
Covering Calendar Year- 2022

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affects drinking water quality or if you have any questions, comments of suggestions, please attend any regularly scheduled meetings held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building or call Mr. John "Red" Lipscomb at (304) 478-2311.

Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
INTAKE-SHAVERS FORK	Surface Water

Buyer Name	Seller Name
There are no additional purchases to display.	

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPNCDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800- 426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming. **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 1461 and is required to test a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2022 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1 - December 31, 2022. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter(ug/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results

CITY OF PARSONS

Microbiological Source	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022				

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	12/12/2022	0.0173	0.0173	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CARBON, TOTAL	2/22/2022	4.1	0-4.1	ppm	100	0	Naturally present in the environment
CHROMIUM	12/12/2022	0.98	0.98	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	12/12/2022	0.61	0.61	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NITRATE	3/8/2022	0.09	0.09	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks and sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NIRITE	3/8/2022	0.09	0.09	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks and sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection By-products	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest LRAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Adkins Home Center	2022	23	22.62-22.62	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	Adkins Home Center	2022	29	29.01-29.01	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2020-2022	0.168	0.0244-0.168	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2020-2022	1.5	0-1.9	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The City of Parsons is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. The most up to date inventory is located at 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, if you have any questions about our inventory, please contact our business office at (304) 478-2311.

Chlorine/Chloramines	Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
2022-2022	2.6000		MG/L	2.1	MG/L

Total Organic Carbon	Lowest Month for Removal	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
CARBON, TOTAL		12/12/2022	1.1	0-1.1	MG/L	0	Naturally present in the environment

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
No detected results were found in the Calendar Year of 2022.				

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	02/13/2019	0.026	0.026	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants - Non Health Based Contaminants - No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	8/24/2021	34.8	12.8-34.8	MG/L	10000
SODIUM	12/10/2021	12.1	12.1	MG/L	1000
SULFATE	12/10/2021	3.8	3.8	MG/L	250

During the 2022 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
N/A		

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No violations occurred in the Calendar Year of 2022				

Additional Required Health Effects Violation Notices:

Total organic carbon (TOC) has no health effects. However, TOC provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts (DBPs). These byproducts include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Drinking water containing these byproducts in excess of the MCL may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous system effects, and may lead to an increase risk of getting cancer. There are no additional required health effects notices.

This CCR WILL NOT be mailed to customers unless requested. To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at (304) 478-2311.

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TOWN OF DAVIS, WEST VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ABSTRACT OF BOND ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given to any person interested that on May 24, 2023 the Town Council of the Town of Davis, West Virginia (the "Town") adopted an ordinance which, among other things:

1. Authorized the design and other pre-construction costs of certain extensions, additions, betterments and improvements to the sewage portion of the existing combined public waterworks and sewerage system of the Town of Davis and the financing of the cost thereof, not otherwise provided, through the issuance by the Town of Davis to (1) reduce inflow and infiltration and overflows, (2) constructing new storm bioswales, (3) upgrading existing pump stations, (4) installing new WWTP influent flow meter, (5) providing emergency connection for a generator, and rehabilitating existing lines, of not more than \$200,000 in original aggregate principal amount of Combined Waterworks And Sewerage System Design Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 A (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund); (the "Bonds").

2. Directed that the Bonds be issued in such principal amounts, bear interest at such rate or rates, not exceeding the then legal maximum rate, mature on such dates and in such amounts and redeemable, in whole or in part, as prescribed in a supplemental resolution.

3. Directed the continuation of a revenue fund and the disposition of the System revenues; provided for the payment of operating expenses of the System and debt service on the Bonds; directed the creation of a sinking fund and a reserve account for the Bonds and creation of the renewal and replacement fund; and directed the creation of a bond trust fund and the disbursement of Bond proceeds.

4. Provided that the Bonds shall not be or constitute a corporate indebtedness of the Town within the meaning of any statutory or constitutional limitations, but shall be payable solely from the Gross Revenues of the System; pledged the Gross Revenues of the System to payment of the Bonds and established the rights of the registered owners of the Bonds to such Gross Revenues; provided certain conditions for the issuance of additional bonds.

5. Provided for insurance coverage on the Project and the System, enforcement of collection of fees, rates or other charges for the System and other covenants in favor of the registered owners; established the events of default and the remedies of the registered owners; and provided for the modification or amendment of the Ordinance upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Ordinance.

The Town contemplates the issuance of the Bonds described in, and under the conditions set forth in the Ordinance abstracted above. Any person interested may appear before the Council of the Town of Davis at a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Davis Town Hall, 505 Williamson Ave. Davis, West Virginia, and present protests and be heard as to whether the above-described Ordinance shall be put into effect.

A certified copy of the Ordinance as adopted by the Council of Town on May 24, 2023, is on file with the Recorder for review by interested persons at the Town Hall during regular office hours.

/s/ Jennie Lynn Helmick
Recorder of the Town of Davis,
West Virginia

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The **Tucker County Commission**, hereinafter referred to as the **Owner**, invites qualified contractors to submit sealed bids for **Renovation to the Tucker County Court House Clock Tower**. Sealed bids will be received in the Old Courtroom of the Tucker County Courthouse located at 215 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287 until **10:00 a.m.** local time, **July 12, 2023** at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read. Bid opening will be at **10:00 a.m.** or at such time immediately following the conclusion of the regularly scheduled meeting of Tucker County Commission at the Tucker County Courthouse - Old Courtroom. Bids that are being mailed in must arrive prior to the Bid Date and Time and are to be sent to the following Address:

Shelia DeVilder, Administrator
Tucker County Commission
211 First Street, Suite 307
Parsons, West Virginia 26287
(304) 478-2866 x1207
(304) 478-2446 (fax)

Bids that are being delivered by hand at Bid Time are to be delivered by 10:00 a.m. on July 12, 2023 at the Old Courtroom.

Prequalification of Bidders is required for this project and the required submittal information and submittal form are bound in the Project Manual portion of the Bidding Documents.

Owner will receive sealed Submittal of Qualifications until the time and date at the location given below. Owner will consider submittals prepared in compliance with this section, and delivered as follows:

1. Date: **June 28, 2023**.
2. Time: 12:00 noon local time.
3. Location: Offices of ZMM, Inc. Architects and Engineers, 222 Lee Street West, Charleston, West Virginia 25302.
4. Deadline for Bidders' questions is **June 28, 2023** at 12:00 noon. Submit questions by email only to nhs@zmm.com.

Submittals of Qualifications will thereafter be evaluated by ZMM, Inc. and those bidders who are admitted as prequalified bidders will thereafter be notified. Prospective Bidders' qualification information shall be considered privileged and confidential.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **11:00 a.m.** local time, on **June 14, 2023** in the Tucker County Court-house Old Courtroom located at 215 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287. Attendance at pre-bid conference is mandatory for prime bidders only.

Bidding Documents can be obtained by one of the following methods:

1. Prime Contract Bidders only may contact ZMM, Inc. Architects and Engineers **Attn: Receptionist; reception@zmm.com** and request information to access the firm's online ShareFile site for the **Renovation to the Tucker County Court House Clock Tower** project. Once access is gained, Bidders can download Bidding Documents in the form of PDF files at no charge. Requests for access to documents must be made by email, and those requests received through mail, telephone, fax transmission, or other online communications will not receive a response.
2. Hard Copies may be obtained from Charleston Blueprint (304-343-1063) by General Contractors, Subcontractors, material suppliers and dealers by paying the actual cost of printing, binding and mailing; however such cost is not refundable.

Bidding documents may be examined at Viewing Depositories listed in the Bidding Documents.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the Owner, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, the right to waive minor informalities and procedures in bidding, and the right to withhold final award of contract for 60 days after opening bids. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall execute and deliver to the Owner within 10 days after the award, and before signing the contract, a Performance Bond and Payment Bond utilizing the bond forms bound in the Project Manual each in a penal sum equal to at least the contract sum and the cost of such bonds shall be included in the bid.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES CASE NO. 22-0899-WS-19A TIMBERLINE FOUR SEASONS UTILITIES, INC.

On October 5, 2022, the Receiver for Timberline Four Seasons Utilities, Inc. filed an application with the Public Service Commission to increase the rates and charges for both water and sewer service for Timberline. Timberline serves both water and sewer customers in Tucker County.

The Staff of the Public Service Commission has reviewed the application and recommended an increase in Timberline's water rates and a decrease in Timberline's sewer rates as described below.

WATER RATES

Staff of the Commission recommended an increase in Timberline's water rates of \$201,710 annually or 69.89% over Timberline's rates as they existed before this proceeding was initiated. The rates would be \$151,459 or 44.69% over the interim rates previously approved by the Commission in this case. Staff recommended a new minimum reconnect fee for seasonal water users. Staff-recommended water rates appear below.

APPLICABILITY

Applicable for entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY

Available for general residential, commercial, condo, townhouses, industrial and resale service.

METERED RATES

First	4,000 gallons used per month	\$19.82 per 1,000 gallons
Next	6,000 gallons used per month	\$15.26 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	10,000 gallons used per month	\$11.41 per 1,000 gallons

MINIMUM CHARGES

No bill will be rendered for less than the following, according to the size of the meter installed:		
5/8	inch meter	\$79.28 per month
3/4	inch meter	\$118.92 per month
1	inch meter	\$198.20 per month
1-1/2	inch meter	\$396.40 per month
2	inch meter	\$634.24 per month
3	inch meter	\$1,268.48 per month
4	inch meter	\$1,982.00 per month
6	inch meter	\$3,964.00 per month

BILLING (NEW)

Whenever the supply of water is disconnected at a customer's request, and a request for reinstatement of water service to the same premises is made by the customer of record or any adult member of that customer's household in the following twelve months, the customer shall pay a fee equal to the minimum charge per applicable meter size for each billing month, or portion thereof, for the period of time that service was disconnected plus a \$20.00 reconnection fee to restore service.

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above schedule is net. On all current accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

TAP FEE

The following charge is to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant. A tap fee of \$100.00 will be charged to customers applying for service before construction is completed adjacent to the customer's premises in connection with a certificate proceeding before the Commission. This pre-construction tap fee will be invalid after the completion of construction adjacent to an applicant's premises that is associated with a certificate proceeding. A tap fee of \$300.00 will be charged to customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system.

RECONNECTION CHARGE \$20.00

To be charged whenever the supply of water is turned off for violation of rules, non-payment of bills, or fraudulent use of water.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$2.26 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above 200% of the customer's historical usage.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the utility, not to exceed \$25.00, will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by his or her bank due to insufficient funds.

SEWER RATES

Staff of the Commission recommended a decrease in Timberline's sewer rates of \$60,576 or 12.90% less than Timberline's current sewer rates. The Staff-recommended sewer rates appear below.

APPLICABILITY

Applicable within the entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY

Available for residential, commercial, and industrial service.

RATES (customers with metered water supply)

First	4,000 gallons used per month	\$3.54 per 1,000 gallons
Next	6,000 gallons used per month	\$2.99 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	10,000 gallons used per month	\$2.31 per 1,000 gallons

EDU CHARGE

Each customer shall be billed \$72.14 per month per EDU.

MINIMUM CHARGE

No sewer bill will be rendered for less than \$14.16 per month, plus \$72.14 per EDU per month.

BILLING

Whenever the supply of water is disconnected at a customer's request, and a request for reinstatement of water service to the same premises is made by the customer of record or any adult member of that customer's household in the proceeding twelve months, the customer shall pay a fee equal to the minimum charge per each billing month, or portion thereof, for the period of time that service was disconnected.

LEAK ADJUSTMENT

\$0.17 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above 200% of the customer's historical usage.

Anyone desiring to review the Staff recommendation report may do so on the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to protest the changed rates and charges must do so, in writing, within ten (10) days of the date of publication of this notice. All protests may be filed on line through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered to the Public Service Commission. To help the Commission determine the justification for additional review and investigation, protests must be specific as to reasons that the changed rates and charges should be modified.

The Commission may adopt rates and charges which are the same as, greater than or less than the Staff-recommended rates and charges.

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

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

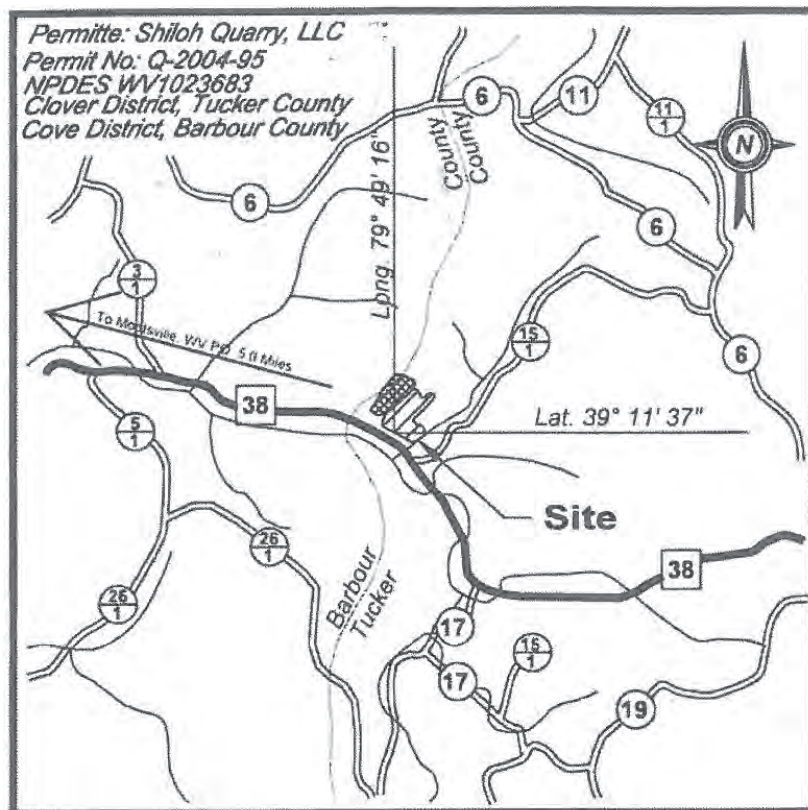
Comments on the application shall be in writing and shall identify the applicant and application number and be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above. Comments received by 6/17/23, or thirty (30) days from the date of initial publication, will be considered. A copy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

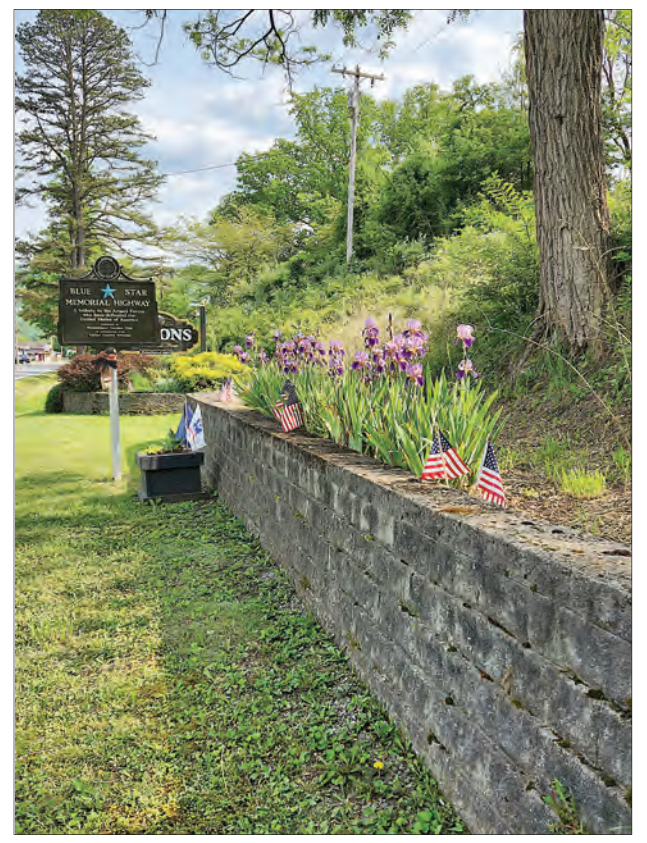
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*These items are to be completed only for modifications that change the boundaries of the current permit. DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219

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





Mountaineer Garden Club and Master Gardeners joined forces to plant 40 boxes of flowers around the City of Parsons, recently. Also, the Rt. 72 Blue Star Memorial and welcome sign area were decorated with American flags among the beautiful Irises planted last fall. New members are welcome to join the Mountaineer Garden Club which meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Five Rivers Library. Contact Faith Moore at 303.476.2095 for more information.

Dining with Diabetes

Dining with Diabetes is a fun and interactive diabetes self-management educational program open to all, and of particular interest to individuals with prediabetes, Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes and members of their support system. An exclusive program offered only by Cooperative Extensions across the United States, Dining with Diabetes helps participants to build food skills through cooking while learning self-management strategies to better manage, prevent or delay complications surrounding diabetes.

Focused on disease management and prevention, Dining with Diabetes covers topics such as healthy

eating, being active, monitoring, taking medications and reducing risks. Classes include research-based education, cooking demonstrations and healthy recipe tasting.

Dining with Diabetes, educator, Jillian Royce, is a member of the WVU Medicine team outlined the resources available and covered the topics involved with managing diabetes. The Tucker County Health Department partnered with Extension and provided A1c testing, blood pressure checks, easy exercise routines, and weekly door prizes. If you are interested in learning more about Extension programs reach out to the office.



Holistically You “It’s All About Me: Battling Compassion Fatigue” Presentation Held At Eastern

Moorefield W.Va. – Dreama Kelly, Life Skills Coach and owner of the Your Life Coaching WV, LLC in Petersburg, WV, did a presentation at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern) on the topic of battling compassion fatigue, otherwise known as vicarious trauma and burnout. Kelly gave examples from her life, detailing ways she could have taken on the trauma of others from horrific stories she was told by patients while working as a nurse’s aide at seventeen, however, somehow, she didn’t, but talked about how there is no guarantee that someone else wouldn’t have. “Be careful and cautious of how much of someone else’s reality you take in, you accept,” said Kelly, “because you never know when it’s going to take you along with it.”

Burnout was another topic she presented, and how this feeling would start to manifest as having thoughts about not wanting to do something. Kelly talked about how if

you ask yourself what the reason is that you don’t want to go to work or school, you can find the cause of burnout. Once you find the cause of the burnout, she went on to say, is when you can start making goals for yourself to stop burnout from happening in the future. Kelly gave tips on interpersonal effectiveness skills, and how being fair to others and yourself, don’t apologize to others unless it’s warranted, sticking to your values, and being truthful with others can help you gain a sense of self-respect. Being gentle with others, staying interested by listening, validating the experiences others have, and being easygoing are all ways to maintain healthy interpersonal relationships.

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Farm-To-Table BBQ Feast

Date: Wednesday, June 28

Event Time: 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Dinner @ 6 p.m.

**Location: Misty Mountain Event Barn
450 Misty Mountain Rd, Fisher, WV 26818**

Included with your Ticket Price of \$70

- Expansive Menu With Locally Sourced Food
- Fiestaware Collectible Item
- Live Bluegrass Music
- Gift Packaged Gourmet Mary Lou’s Apple & Maple Popcorn

Chances To Win

- Door Prize Valued @ \$100
- Over 35+ Silent & Live Auction Items Up for Bid

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