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## State Hears Seniors Concerns

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

Representatives from the State of West Virginia toured the Senior Center in Parsons. During the trip, the representatives from Charleston heard concerns from local seniors regarding funding and administration of the centers. As well as many members of the Tucker County Senior community, four state representatives and Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau were in attendance. Senator Randy Smith attended via phone.

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Tucker County Commissioner and delegates from the State of West Virginia meet with seniors prior to hearing concerns by the community.

## Mountaineer Trail Network Updates Tucker County Commission

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Three representatives from the Mountaineer Trail Network Recreation Authority (MTNRA) presented an update to the Tucker County Commission at the Commission's regular meeting. Andrew Walker, Tom Plaugher, and Jonathan Martin represented the authority at the meeting.

"I'm a county resident," Plaugher said. "Two years ago, Commissioner Moore had asked me if I would serve on a board for a new entity called the Mountaineer Trail Network Authority that was a legislative committee or group that put together this economic development authority for trail network development and we're here today to just give you an update on what the Trail Network Authority is and what they're doing."

Recently hired Executive Director Andrew Walker introduced the County's two representatives. According to Walker, he was hired in October to lead the organization. "This is Jonathan Martin," Walker said. "So, he's the other - so there's two - core members from each county."

So, Tucker County is fortunate to have Tom and Jonathan as the two board members for the Mountaineer Trail Network." According to Walker, the board has 32 members, two from each of the authority's 16 counties.

Walker proceeded to explain to the Commission what the MTNRA is. "So, what the Mountaineer Trail Network is, as Tom mentioned, is a multi-county recreation authority. So, if you are familiar with the Hatfield-McCoy Trails, it's essentially the non-motorized version of that trail system."

"So the Legislation in 2019," Walker said of the history of the organization, "opened the opportunity for recreational trail authorities to exist and right after they did that, they created our organization. So, we are made up of 16 counties in North Central West Virginia. So essentially, Pocahontas County is our southernmost county up to Mon County over to Wood County and Parkersburg and then over to Grant County in the Eastern part of the state. So, Tucker County is one of the counties that is represented in our network."

Walker informed the Commission of the authority's funding. "We have been operating for the last year and a half out See COMMISSION page 9

## Michael Retires as Tucker County Assessor



J. Chris Michael will be retiring as Tucker County Assessor effective June 30. Michael has been with the County since his first position as County Appraiser in 1994. He has also served as a former County Commissioner.

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The Parsons Advocate

After nearly 29 years with Tucker County, J. Chris Michael has announced his retirement. Michael began his career as County Appraiser in 1994 and since then has served as a County Commissioner before becoming County Assessor

in 2017.

"I turn 75 in January," Michael said. "So, it's time. There are some things I'd like to do, places we'd like to go."

Michael summed up his career not only with Tucker County, but also the surrounding area. "I was Tucker County Appraiser, then I was Tucker County Commissioner," Michael said. "Then I went to work for the State as a Senior Appraiser for the State Tax Department. And then I went to

work, I took a job at Monongalia County as Assessor and we had to rebuild their offices, basically."

Michael spoke of his time in Monongalia County. "So, I took a commercial appraiser job for Mon County. I had to do all the Commercial property in Mon County. It took me three years to see it all. As I finished up there, I ran for office back here and got elected as Assessor."

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The County Commission bids farewell to retiring County Assessor J. Chris Michael at a luncheon in the Tucker County Courthouse's old courtroom. The luncheon was attended by representatives from across the county including, the County Commissioners, EMS, 911, the County Prosecutor, among others.

## County EMS Receive Updates

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County Ambulance Authority met in regular session Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Five Rivers Public Library. The board received various updates and addressed outreach and financial opportunities.

Board President Dennis Filler updated the board on the perception the entity has in the Tucker County community. "Anytime I am out in the community," Filler said, "I obviously get approached by a lot of folks and the community reception is very positive. So, kudos to EMS staff and squads because you are doing the right thing and presenting yourself in such a way that the community understands that you are there as their EMS. And there is less of an us-them thing."

Filler did tell the board of an interaction he had with a member of the public

in the Davis-Thomas area. "I did have an interaction up on the mountain last Friday," Filler said, "and there is still some of the old perceptions that, you know, we are hiding money, those kinds of nonsense or we're not providing a level of service. But its obviously some folks that are still talking in the small community groups and they are really not looking because I think we're doing everything we can to get the word out there about what is we're doing."

Filler said that the effort the group has placed into community outreach is working. "All the efforts that are happening with community outreach are paying off," Filler said. "The only thing I continue to ask the staff is, remember we're always in the community's eye and you guys should know what the norms are, follow those norms and keep it up because its working. We're getting good, positive feedback from throughout the community. There are still hot spots and will continue

to work those, but overall, it has dramatically improved from what it was six, eight months ago."

Interim Director Amanda Simmons presented an operations report to the board. "Let's go with this first, the crews have been phenomenal," Simmons said, "work-

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## Plumley Enters Plea Agreement

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The 21<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court of West Virginia held court at the Tucker County Courthouse with the Honorable James W. Courier, Jr. presiding.

In the matter of the State v. Jason Plumley was heard. Plumley was initially charged with possession of stolen goods, according to the court. Per a plea agreement, Plumley pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of receiving and transferring. Judge Courier questioned Plumley and informed him of his rights under the law and then went on to explain the trial process for Plumley.

The case stemmed from a wood chipper stolen from the City of Parsons. According to Tucker County Prosecutor Savannah Hull Wilkins, the chipper was issued to Plumley as part of his job which he was later terminated from. A representative from the city reached out several times to

no avail and the chipper was eventually reported stolen.

On July 12, 2021, the chipper was found in Plumley's parents' backyard. According to Wilkins, Plumley gave a statement that he had the chipper in his front yard for some time before it came up missing. Wilkins said that Plumley later located the chipper along Corridor H and after driving by it for some time, decided to take it home to do some work and then was going to leave it to be found later. The chipper has since been recovered.

Attorney Pat Nichols represented Plumley in the matter. Nichols said that Plumley had noticed the chipper along the road in Corridor H and was going to use it before he took it back. Nichols also asked that the court grant Plumley probation as he was a lifelong resident of Tucker County. "I don't believe Mr. Plumley will be any problem what-so-ever," Nichols said.

## Progress on Corridor H Bridge

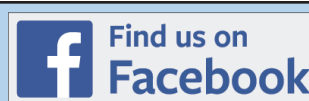


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Workers stringing steel on Corridor H Bridge along US219 South of Parsons near Moore.



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# News of Record

## Magistrate Court Log

### Tickets Paid:

- Mull, Peyton De Vault, Charlotte, NC – Charge One: Hunt from vehicle 20-2-5(a)(4) – Charge Two: Exit vehicle shoot firearm within 25 yards 20-1-7(31) – citation was issued 11/24/2022 with a telephone plea of guilty entered 12/6/2022. Charge One fine \$20 with \$175.25 costs and Count Two fine \$20 with \$175.25 costs.
- Mull, Peyton De Vault, Charlotte, NC – Charge One: Illegal possession of wildlife 20-2-4(a) – citation issued 11/24/2022 with a telephone plea of guilty entered 12/6/2022. Charge One fine \$20 with \$175.25 costs.
- Gray, Garrett Michael, Terra Alta, WV – Charge One: No Blaze Orange 20-1-7(31) – citation issued 11/27/2022 with a telephone plea of guilty entered 12/6/2022. Charge One fine \$20 with \$175.25 costs.
- Grey, Garrett Michael, Terra Alta, WV – Charge One: hunt from vehicle 20-2-5(a)(4) – Charge Two: Shoot within 500' dwelling 20-2-58(a)(3) – citation issued 11/27/2022 with a telephone plea of guilty entered 12/6/2022. Charge One fine \$20 with \$175.25 costs.
- Stemple, Jonathan Allen, Parsons, WV – Charge One: No PFO 20-1-7(31) – citation issued 5/29/2023 with telephone plea of no contest entered 6/2/2023. Count One fine \$20 with \$175.25 costs.
- Kvrosk, James Michael, Fairmont, WV – Charge One: Possession of marijuana 60A-4-401(C) – citation issued 5/26/2023 with a telephone plea of no contest entered 6/2/2023. Count One fine \$4.75 and \$175.25 costs.
- Bell, Jennifer L., Hamilton, VA – Charge One: speeding (33/25) 17c-6-1 – citation issued 5/27/2023 with a telephone plea of no contest entered 6/2/2023. Charge One fine \$4.75 with \$175.25 costs.
- Heckler, Gavin L., Montrose, WV – Charge One: no proof of insurance 170-2A-4 – citation issued 10/17/2022 with a telephone plea of no contest entered 6/5/2023. Charge One fine \$200.00 with \$175.25 costs.
- Heckler, Gavin L., Montrose, WV – Charge One: Driving susp. 17B-4-3a – citation issued 12/5/2022 with a telephone plea of no contest entered 6/5/2023. Charge One fine \$100.00 with \$175.25 costs.
- Kshetri, Nareshm St. Louis, MO – Charge One: Speeding (35/25) 17C-6-1 – citation issued 5/28/2023 with a telephone plea of guilty entered 6/5/2023. Count One fine \$4.75 with \$175.25 costs.
- Wood, Wendy Jean, Davis, WV – Charge One: Exp. Reg 17A-3-16 – Charge Two: No proof of Reg 17A-3-13 Dismissed – proof shown. Count one telephone plea of guilty entered 12/9/2022. Charge one fine \$4.75 with \$175.25 costs.
- Bock, Ryan J., Mannington, WV – Charge One: failure to maintain 17C-6-1 – citation issued 5/31/2023 with a telephone plea of guilty entered 6/6/2023. Charge One fine \$4.75 with \$175.25 costs.
- Parnell, Shaleia R., Hambleton, WV – Charge one: no seatbelt 17C-15-49 – citation issued 5/27/2023 with a telephone plea of guilty entered 6/8/2023. Charge one fine \$25.00 with no costs.
- Stillman, Lori B., Manassas, VA – Charge one: speeding (34/25) 17C-6-1. Citation issued 5/29/2023 with a telephone plea of no contest entered 6/5/2023. Charge one fine \$4.75 with \$175.25 costs.
- Petry-Muslin, Angela M., Hurricane, WV – Count One: Expired MVI – 2021 ITC-16-9 – Citation issued 5/14/2023 with a telephone plea of no contest 6/12/2023. Charge One fine \$4.75 with \$175.25 costs.

### Magistrate Log – Civil

- Dennis v. Lee – filed 3/29/2023 – dismissed by Magistrate Riley Barb – Text: Against April Lee. Plaintiff no longer wishes to pursue this case for reasons unknown.
- St. George Medical Clinic v. Lipscomb – filed 4/14/2023 – presided by Magistrate Riley Barb – Judgment for St. George Medical Clinic in the amount of \$333.48. Judgment against Melinda Lipscomb for an amount of \$333.48. Court Costs were \$75.00 with an interest rate of 7.00. Judgment text: Defendant has set up a payment plan with SGMC, 27.61 for six months.
- St. George Medical Clinic v. Kisamore – dismissed by Magistrate Riley Barb – Text: against Amanda Jo Kisamore. Patient has paid outstanding balance in full.
- St. George Medical Clinic v. Russell – dismissed by Magistrate Riley Barb – Text: Against Karen Sue Russell. Patient has paid outstanding balance in full.
- St. George Medical Clinic v. Simmons – dismissed by Magistrate Riley Barb – Text: Defendant has paid outstanding balance in full.
- St. George Medical Clinic v. Pratt – filed 4/4/2023 – presided by Magistrate Brian K. Wilfong – For St. George Medical Clinic for an amount of \$693.00. Against Lisa Pratt for an amount of \$693.00. Court costs were \$80.00 with an interest rate of 7.00. Text: Defendant admitting the matter set forth and confessing judgment.
- St. George Medical Clinic v. Woodson – presided by Magistrate Brian K. Wilfong – For St. George Medical Clinic for an amount of \$205.00. Against Jayne Woodson for an amount of \$205.00. Court costs were \$75.00 with an interest rate of 7.00. Text: Defendant admitting the matter set forth in the complaint and confessing judgment.
- United Hospital Center v. Simpson – presided by Magistrate Brian K. Wilfong – For United Hospital Center for an amount of \$627.34. Against Nancy Simpson for an amount of \$627.34. Court Costs were \$75.00 with an interest rate of 7.00. Text: Defendant admitting the matter set forth and confessing judgment.
- Citibank, N.A. v. Knotts – presided by Magistrate Riley Barb – For Citibank for an amount of \$2,823.29. Against Michelle A. Knotts for an amount of \$2,823.29. Court costs were \$90.00 with an interest rate of 7.00. No Text.
- Amie v. Tri star Engine and Transmission – dismissed by Magistrate Riley Barb. Text: against Tri star Engine and Transmission. Case has been settled between parties.

### Magistrate Log – Misdemeanor

- State v. Scott Andrew Dearborn - filed 3/24/2023 – Presided by Magistrate Riley Barb - Guilty plea entered 5/30/2023 to one charge of 61-02-09(c): Battery – making physical contact of insulting/provoking nature/causing physical harm to another. Disposition: proceeding deferred 5/30/2023.
- State v. Christopher Lee Cunningham – filed 4/8/2023 – Presided by Magistrate Brian K. Wilfong – Guilty plea entered 5/08/2023 to one charge of Driving while license revoked – DUI. Disposition: proceedings deferred 5/8/2023.
- State v. Peter Babala, Jr. - filed 4/15/2023 – Presided by Magistrate Riley Barb - Guilty plea entered via plea agreement 5/10/2023 to one charge of 61-02-28(a) Domestic Battery – unlawful physical contact of insult-

- ing/provoking nature (family/household member). Disposition: No contact with (victim).
- State v. Jordan D. Brown – filed 4/18/2023 – case dismissed per plea agreement 5/22/2023 by Magistrate Brian K. Wilfong.
- State v. Nicole Elizabeth Wilson – filed 10/11/2022 – Presided by Magistrate Riley Barb – charge 17B-04-03(a) driving while license suspended or revoked ; General – Plea of not guilty entered 4/24/2023. Disposition: Case dismissed 5/17/2023. Disposition Text: Case dismissed w/o prejudice, to allow for license reinstatement.
- State v. Corey Eileen Kinzy-Craft – filed 4/26/2023 – presided by Magistrate Riley Barb – charge 61-03-30(a) – unlawful injury to or destruction of property – guilty plea entered 5/18/2023.
- State v. Peter Babala, Jr. - filed 4/28/2023 – Presided by Magistrate Riley Barb – charge 48-27-903-(a)(2) – misdemeanor offense for violation of protective order condition of bail, probation, or parole. Offense text: violation of protective order – disposition: Dismissed by Mag-State-No Fee 5/10/2023. Disposition text: Pursuant to a plea agreement.
- Scott v. Scott Pacella – filed 4/18/2023 – Presided by Magistrate Brian K. Wilfong – charge 61-03-30(a) – unlawful injury to or destruction of property – guilty plea entered 5/12/2023. Disposition text: to have no direct or indirect verbal or physical contact with (victim).

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

- Timothy R. Borris and Patsy S. Borris, Clover District, 3.91 acres Tract 5 to Eric Scott Moody and Kelsey Elizabeth Moody, \$42,500.
- Brian L. Adkins, Hendricks Corporation, .527 acres more or less Rosendorf Addition to Sarah D. Shipley, \$128,000.
- Border Lee Crow, Jr., Dry Fork District, Lot 46 Woods End to Emily Le, \$60,000.
- Properties By Zen LLC, Davis Corporation, Lot 311 Tuscan Ridge to Alan A. Tomson, \$12,000.
- Ronda Baldwin, Clover District, 39 acres – minerals to Shiloh Quarry, \$3,500.
- Karen Keefer, Clover District, Mineral interest in 39 acres 6 chains 15 poles to Rose Holdings LLC, \$1,500.
- Barbara Cuthbert, Clover District, Mineral interest in 35 acres 2 chains 10 poles to Rose Holdings LLC, \$2,000.
- Elaine Clemmons, Clover District, Mineral interest in 35 acres 2 chains 10 poles tract to Rose Holdings LLC, \$2,000.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Unit E5 Week 15 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Allen McDaniels and Kathy McDaniels, \$750.

## We Get Letters

### Letter to Editor

I am writing this letter to let you and the people of Tucker Co know what I observed on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> of June and about the conversation that I had with an EMS employee on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup>.

My name is Harry Hardy and I live in Bretz just down from the DOH garage. On the evening of the 15th at about 5:50 pm I was sitting on my porch when I saw a vehicle that I recognized going through the gate at the DOH garage. This vehicle belongs to an EMS employee, and it just seemed out of place. So, I took a ride on my ATV up by the garage and saw the EMS employee putting fuel in his private vehicle. I normally see this EMS employee about every morning down at the restaurant.

The next morning when the EMS employee came

in, I asked him why he was putting fuel in his private vehicle at the DOT garage. First, he said it was none of my business, so I told him that I was going to make it my business because what he was doing was not right and most likely against the law. He said that he uses his vehicle for the EMS. So, I told him that he is supposed to be paid Millage on his check for any mileage that he uses his personal vehicle company business, not get gas from the tanks at DOH. He said that the milage rate was not enough to cover what he does. So, his supervisors said they wanted to do something for him and told him to get gas at the DOH.

I was going to go to the County Commissioner's about this, but I decided to write this letter and contact someone in Charleston about it. I personally do not have much faith in our County Commis-

sion and do not think they will do anything about it. I do not think this is a one-time thing, I have talked to some people that work at the garage that said they had seen that vehicle in there before but did not see it getting fuel. This fuel was billed to one of EMS vehicles, each one should have a key fob that turns

the pumps on, only that vehicle that is a signed to that key fob should get fuel. It is a shame what goes on in this county that people do not know about.

One last thing is if I have said anything that anyone does not like or has hurt their feeling. I do not care!

Harry Hardy

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**EMS**

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ing overtime, extra, going to events, doing transports for us. It doesn't matter how many transports they've done in a day. You got another one? We need to do it, lets go. To make money, they've been pushing through. My gosh, its been phenomenal."

Simmons also said that upgrades have been made. "We've been able to upgrade some of the supplies that we have," Simmons said, "operational wise in the trucks that can help. One of those is bags. We've tried multiple bags, we've had some issues with that. We got one coming this week to try out. Its a really nice set up...we are going to try two, one in each station just so we can get a feel for everything."

Simmons also informed the board of a new chair system that EMS could benefit from. "Stryker has been phenomenal," Simmons said. "They did

show us a stair chair today. That's one of the upgrades that we are looking at is a stair chair in some form or nature. That is something that we do feel is desperately needed if we did have an issue. Here this last month we were not able to get lift assistance. That is something that we are looking at in the near future on trying to achieve."

Simmons went on to explain to the board how the stair chair works. "What we do is if we have someone – we have one individual in particular who lives on a set of stairs that go straight up outside," Simmons said. "So what we do is, we take them out of the rig. Let's say they are coming down. Lets say that they get a 911 call. We place them on this chair – it kind of looks like a wheelchair – we strap them in and then the device has a set of tracks."

Simmons also explained

the existing system that EMS has for their current stair chair. "Unfortunately, unless you have a partner that's got enough build to them or you yourself are able to," Simmons said, "unless you have two individuals that can actually do said stair chair, its very difficult to get said patient up and down because there is no electronics to it right now. In fact the one that I brought with me to the library the other day, didn't even have a set of tracks on it, that's how old it is. It has four tires."

Simmons described the upgrades the new equipment had. "With Stryker right now, with the new mechanisms," Simmons said, "we can put a 350 pound individual on and a little woman can take them up and down the stairs by themselves without the assistance of fire or another individual. The new ones have electronics on them.



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They have a little battery pack. And its amazing, you push a button and it pulls them up the stairs and it glides them down. It has traction to it."

Simmons told the board that the stair chair would be a vital piece of safety equipment for patients and staff. "So that is something that we are looking at not just for the safety of the patients, but worker comp claims will go way down because of the back inju-

ries," Simmons said. "We are looking at 18 to 19 grand for one stair chair, but can I tell you its worth two workers comp claims or pulling the person out completely with one fall."

Simmons also informed the board that EMS received notification that the authority qualified for reimbursement from the Employee Retention Credit. This credit is awarded through a federal Covid relief program. Simmons said that all forms have been signed and they

will be receiving money, but it remains a matter of when. A total of \$270,000 from a six increments is expected to be received over several months with the first check in four to 10 months. The program covers payroll expenses from March of 2020 to December of 2021.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Ambulance Authority will be July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Five Rivers Public Library Meeting Room, 301 Walnut St. in Parsons.

**OBITUARIES**

**Eva Marie Rudy**

Eva Marie Rudy, 86, of Thomas, WV, passed away peacefully on June 18, 2023, at Cortland Acres. Born on August 22, 1936, in Lancaster, PA, she was the daughter of the late Robert F. and Carrie E. (Brubaker) Stetter.

Eva was a graduate of Manheim Township High School in 1954. She felt a calling from the Lord to attend the Moody Bible Institute from 1954 to 1955; becoming homesick, she returned home and attended the Millersville State College, where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 1959. She met her husband to be, J. Paul Rudy, in 1958 and was married to him in 1959. She was a teacher in St. Louis, MO, and at Mountaineer High School in Davis. She and her husband owned several businesses in both WV and PA. Eva was an avid golfer, seamstress, and traveler. She loved music, teaching others how to play piano and playing the organ at the First Presbyterian Church of Thomas for several years. She was a member of the Lions Club, active member of several church organizations, and a volunteer at Cortland Acres. Above all, her greatest love was for her Lord and her family.

She is survived by her two children, Pamela Kosanic and husband Joseph of Davis, and Eric Rudy and wife Marylyn of Thomas; two granddaughters, Megan Kosanic of Pittsburgh, PA, and Melanie Miller and husband Mark of Justin, TX; a great granddaughter, Adaline Miller; and several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, J. Paul Rudy, on October 10, 2018 and two brothers, Robert and Don.

In accordance with Eva's wishes, she was cremated. Friends will be received on Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Community Bible Church in Davis. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. with Pastor John Callaway officiating. Interment will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Community Bible Church P.O. Box 14 Davis, WV 26260.

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



**John Jeffery Rhoades, Sr.**

John Jeffery Rhoades, Sr., age 62 years, a resident of Hambleton, WV, departed this life early Saturday morning, June 24, 2023, at Mon Health Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family. He had been in declining health although death was unexpected.

He was born Saturday, May 6, 1961, at Akron, OH, a son of the late Roy Isaac "PeeWee" Rhoades and Emma Lois Hulsey Rhoades. He was previously married to Stephanie Jones, who survives at Rosendorf.

Surviving are one son, John Jeffery Rhoades, Jr. of Rosendorf; three brothers, Leslie Cameron "Cam" Rhoades and wife Pamela of Lequire, OK, Cleveland Clarence "Cleve" Rhoades and Delton Don "Jipe" Rhoades, both of Hambleton; two sisters, Patricia Leabeth "Sis" Bohon and husband James of Elkins and DeAnna Eloise "DeeDee" Summerfield and husband David of Hambleton; special Uncle and Aunt, Jack and Beverly Rhoades of TX, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding him in death is one brother, Roy Barto "Barry" Rhoades,

He attended the schools of Tucker County and Parsons High School and received his GED from Continental Academy in Oklahoma in 2002. He was a former employee of Parsons Footwear, Kingsford Charcoal Co. and for the Quail Ridge Construction Co., working on power houses. He enjoyed mowing grass, and he would mow lawns for several people. John also enjoyed watching WVU sports and Tucker County Football and listening to music. John loved his family very much.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, from 4 to 6 p.m. On Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. a Celebration of Life will be conducted by the Reverend James Snyder. Cremation will follow. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV is in charge of the arrangements for John Jeffery Rhoades, Sr. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.



**Michael**

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Michael said he doesn't have any major plans for retirement. "No big plans, no," Michael said. "I got some personal issues I got to take care of and need to take care of myself and take care of me, get me back in some sort of shape...and the wife and I, there are a few things we'd like to do and finally might have some time to do it while we can. Ain't nothing really specific."

Michael is a native of Tucker County, "Born and raised in Parsons," Michael said. "Graduated from Parsons High School in 1976 and I graduated from Davis and Elkins College in 1987. Took some time off for work before I went to school. I have a BS Degree in Accounting and Finance."

Michael said he has kept up to date with professional development opportunities throughout the years. "I have had numerous classes and seminars on a number of things to do with our office, on the county side, the state side. I've had IAAO Classes, that the International Assessing Association Officers. I've just done this for a long time."

Michael said the most challenging time of his career were the three years he spent as commercial appraiser in Monongalia County. "Probably the most challenging time was the three years that I was the commercial appraiser for Mon County," Michael said. "The new assessor inherited a county that needed things straightened out and what-not. I was working on projects up to and over 80 million dol-

lars. So, I was dealing with CPAs, developers, lawyers, just people like that. And that was somewhat stressful. So, when you wind down from that and come back to here, that's a big change. It was a lot more relaxing than actually the three years I spent in Mon County."

Michael said he always tried to maintain a good working relationship with the residents of Tucker County. "One thing I always strive for was to be consistent," Michael said. "Treating like properties in like manners. We know we work for the public and we try to work with the public. We try to keep a good relationship with everybody and we think that's important. The guys go out into the field every day or every year and we drive every road every year. We go door to door on one third of the county every year."

Michael said his favorite past time is golfing. "I golf," Michael said. "I golf a lot. I got some fishing trips planned. I'll be going over to hunting camp. Doing some of that." Michael said he enjoys hunting mainly deer, but does hunt squirrel and turkey occasionally as well. "Predominately deer," Michael said. "But I'll squirrel hunt a little and look for turkeys, but I'm not too much into the killing so much anymore. But I do like to get one good deer a year or two. That pretty well lasts the wife, Betty, and I." Michael said he has been married to his wife for 31 years. "31. It will be 31 in August," Michael said.

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## Seniors

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Service Denise Worthy, Region III Agency on Aging Director Ashley Anderson, Director of Title III Services Julie Craig and Lynn Phillips from Governor Justice's Office were in attendance.

Rosenau began the meeting by acknowledging the tensions and controversies that had necessitated the meeting. "We have some guests at the Senior Center today," Rosenau said. "They've come from Charleston. There's been some controversy back and forth. We don't want this to get anything out of line. We're going to treat each other with respect and we are going to just voice our concerns. What we would like to do is start a little conversation to maybe work some things out before it ever escalates into something worse."

Rosenau addressed a misconception in the community that the County Commission has any control over the Senior Center and its board. "The County Commission has no governing powers over the citizens at the board of directors table," Rosenau said. "But a lot of people in our county think the County Commission can solve everything. So, we get the issues brought to us. I want to bring a couple issues to the board today to see if it can help the relationship maybe throughout the whole county."

Rosenau outlined some of the concerns he has been hearing as a Commissioner. "A couple of the concerns I have are," Rosenau said. "One of them was, board of directors' meetings. The meetings not being so the public knows that you're having a meeting. I'm not criticizing, just trying to bring things to make it better."

Rosenau and the delegation discussed the Sunshine Laws of West Virginia as they pertained to open meetings. "Anytime there are federal or state monies involved, it's called the Sunshine Law," Rosenau said. "Some of the guidelines for federal funding is that the public has input to the meetings. [Well you can't have input to the meetings unless you know when the meeting is. What the Sunshine Law mandates is for us to post our meetings three days in advance – three working days, not counting weekends. So, I think, to make a better understanding from the two centers and for all the seniors involved is that the seniors thought they had a say in what was going on. So, at the beginning of each meeting, there's a two-minute comment period. So, if I have a concern...I can come to the board. So, all I would ask of the board is that they make their meetings more public...It's not them against us or us against them. I hate that stuff when it comes to the county. I hate the division. I've worked against that the whole time. We are one Tucker County. We are all Tucker Counties....I'm not lecturing. I'm just asking that the board make their meetings more accessible so if someone has a concern, they can bring it to the board because you're the governing agency of the whole senior center."

Anderson added to Rosenau's comments, "So that doesn't mean, however, that it's a free-for-all, either," Anderson said. "A meeting that is open to the public, is not a public meeting, and those are two very different things. So, it means that you are welcome to come and attend and there are policies and procedures that are how we are going to handle those comments. It doesn't mean that we are all going to show up to the meeting and everyone is just going to talk and we are going to be there for four hours. Of course, we are going to have a policy that controls that. What is important for the board to remember is that by making it more open, it doesn't mean that it's a free-for-all, that it is controlled, that it is a meeting that is

open to the public. Meaning, that you are welcome to come and join us and give your input, but it is not your meeting to control it."

Rosenau explained that while the county owns the building and maintains it, it is leased to the senior center. "County Commission owns the building and leases it to the Senior Center for like a dollar per year or whatever. With that being said, we maintain the maintenance of the building. So, if your lights go out or whatever, something fails, the County Commission comes in, fixes it free. We keep the building in workable condition for the seniors."

Some of the concerns addressed by the group included concerns that the board was staffed entirely with people from the Davis and Thomas areas. "So that is something that definitely can be addressed in your by-laws," Anderson said. "There is a procedure for changing by-laws. So, most of my counties, everyone is unique obviously. Most of my counties are set up where they have a representative from each satellite site. So, Preston County, for example, has eight satellite sites. Their board is set up where they have a representative from each of the eight satellite sites."

There was also discussion about how board members are appointed and how many members the board can have. The delegates and Rosenau informed the group that the board was self-appointing and the rules governing the appointment were in the by-laws. It was revealed that there were still seats available for appointment, should the group wish. Anderson did offer the full support of herself and her office to help the board and the group in general resolve any issues.

"I think that especially as you are new to this process and keeping yourself very connected to Ashley and Mike the Director here and bringing some structure to what's going on and giving those opportunities for open exchange of information," Worthy said, "I think could calm the waters down and any fears or anxieties or just plain frustration or anger that may come from just people not knowing. So I think the more information we can get out there, the more open we can be with one another about the operations, that can do nothing but good."

Worthy also addressed the correspondences that had been received at the state level. "I know that there has been some communications that have come to the Governor's office," Worthy said, "to Ashley's office, to our office about just various concerns that really I think you really just put them all into the same bag together, they stem from just maybe that communication/information exchange structure just maybe not being as strong as it could be."

The board did address the concerns raised at the meeting. Board Member Melissa Brown from Davis addressed the group at the meeting about her experience with the board. "My name is Melissa Brown. I live in Davis," Brown said. "The first time I came as a member of the board to the Senior Center was to a luncheon and I sat over here...So, the first time I came to the senior center as a member of the board, I had just come on, I had just agreed to serve, was to a meeting here. And what I was most impressed by was the feeling of comradery and friendship and the good food. I have served for a little less than a year. I have not participated in very much of the Senior Center things because I had been a Girl Scout Leader for over 20 years because nobody else was doing that. So, I ended up doing it for over 20 years, although my Girl Scout had not been a Girl Scout for a while because they age out and

then I became everyone else's Girl Scout leader, including down here in Parsons and still help down here in Parsons, but I'm retired from that now, too. So, I was volunteering elsewhere. You know, you can't do everything, everywhere. Also volunteered, still volunteer, for the animal shelter...and volunteer a lot for my own church. First things first...I came on because our Senior Center was in crisis. I didn't know why or how or what. I was just asked to help. I've been a management professional with State Parks in the State of West Virginia up until I retired. I quit working at 70. I'm 71. I'm new to the board. Who else is new to the board?"

A show of hands by the board indicated that all, but one member was new to the entity. "I'll tell you what," Brown said, "have you been on a board of directors? And I have met this young lady here at one meeting and she came and said I'm here to help and I believed her. I worked for the government. I felt myself as a steward of governmental money and resources and that's what I did because the Bible tells me so in Genesis. To be steward over God's creation. Ok, we understand each other. So that's where I work from. I don't know how many boards I've served on, but I've served on a lot of boards. We are serving because we were asked to serve. And I want to tell you what...I was told – was given wise advice from a lawyer who said, 'Don't make any changes when you first get there. You're first year there, don't make any changes because you don't know what needs to be done. So, we have to learn first...We have to listen and learn. So, the handbook had to go out. Perfect suggestion, review it before it goes out again...It's a great suggestion. I've written it down...So, if you are willing to give us grace, we are here to serve. I do not feel attacked by the people that have come here today to help. I know where your hearts are. You're West Virginians...So that's all I'm saying about that and that's all I have to say about these two people, who are probably regretting they came on the board last month."

Worthy opened the meeting by addressing that this was the group's first trip to Tucker County and that she enjoyed hearing what makes each center across the state different. "Every senior center is so different," Worthy said. "Everyone in each county. The seniors that come there, the services that are provided. They are just so different. So, I'm always interested in hearing what makes your senior center unique. What makes it special."

Rosenau said he appreciated all the services the senior center provides to the community. "I want to say, I appreciate all of the services that we have here and it feeds a lot of people and I'm thankful for that," Rosenau said. "I'm thankful for the

program we have that takes people to the doctor."

Other programs the attendees mentioned were the choir that meets each Thursday and the quilting center. Attendees also informed the delegation that many of the items in the center were purchased by the Quilting Ladies Program including ice makers, roasters, microwave, air conditioner, tables and chairs and curtains, among others. Several attendees mentioned the need for fellowship and seeing friends as a main reason for their patronage, as well as the caring and dedicated staff of the center.

Rosenau elaborated on the dedication of the staff. "I live here," Rosenau said. "I've lived here my whole life. So, on a Sunday, I'll see a worker that I know works at the Senior Center, at Shop and Save because their client has run out of milk. They're not getting paid for that. They're running over there just to do it on their own. That's the type people we have working here. Caring, loving people. It's not just someone who, it's their job. If it was just their job, they money they make, they wouldn't be doing it. It's the caring hearts that they have, that's Tucker County."

During the meeting, it was revealed that there was some confusion over the administration of grant money, especially in terms of how the funds could be used and spent on. Both Rosenau and the state delegation addressed the issue by explaining to the group that grant funds come with a long list of stipulations that address the usage and spending of those funds. The delegation also said that in order to keep receiving grant funds and avoid penalties, those guidelines must be adhered to. Anderson said, "When you accept Title III funding, it comes with rules. It's great that the state and federal governments are so kind to give us money, but we got to play by their rules and sometimes we don't like that. So, there's a long list of rules that we have to play by. And so, some of the concerns that I've heard, I understand. It's just how it is. I'm not federal government. I'm not the person in charge of any of that and I'm not the person in charge of the state funding at that level. Sometimes, I can say, 'I hear you. It's a pain in the rear end, I get it,' but we have to play by those rules. If we want this money to participate in this program then we have to. I always say it's not our money, it's the state and federal governments' money. We're just stewards of that money and we're making sure that its being used properly. And if you don't then, there's way more scarier people than us and you have to deal with that. So just keep in mind that when we are using money from the government, it comes with quite a long list of rules that we have to play by. So not everything is the decision of somebody just being unkind."

## Applications available for limited permit area antlerless deer hunts

**Lottery hunts available in 12 limited permit areas in West Virginia. Hunters have until Aug. 11 to submit an application.**

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — Applications to hunt in 12 limited permit areas during the 2023 antlerless deer season are now available, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced today. Applications for the lottery hunt are available at WVhunt.com. Hunters have until Aug. 11 to submit their application.

Limited permit areas provide antlerless deer hunting opportunities in counties or areas of the state where wildlife biologists have determined that issuing a limited number of antlerless deer permits will help the WVDNR meet its deer management objectives. The following wildlife management areas, state forests and counties are open for this drawing:

- Camp Creek State Forest
- Greenbrier State Forest
- Hillcrest WMA
- National Forest Land (Pocahontas County)
- National Forest Land (Randolph County)
- Boone County
- Clay County (South Portion)

- Greenbrier County (North Portion)
- Kanawha County (North Portion)
- Nicholas County
- Raleigh County (East Portion)
- Webster County

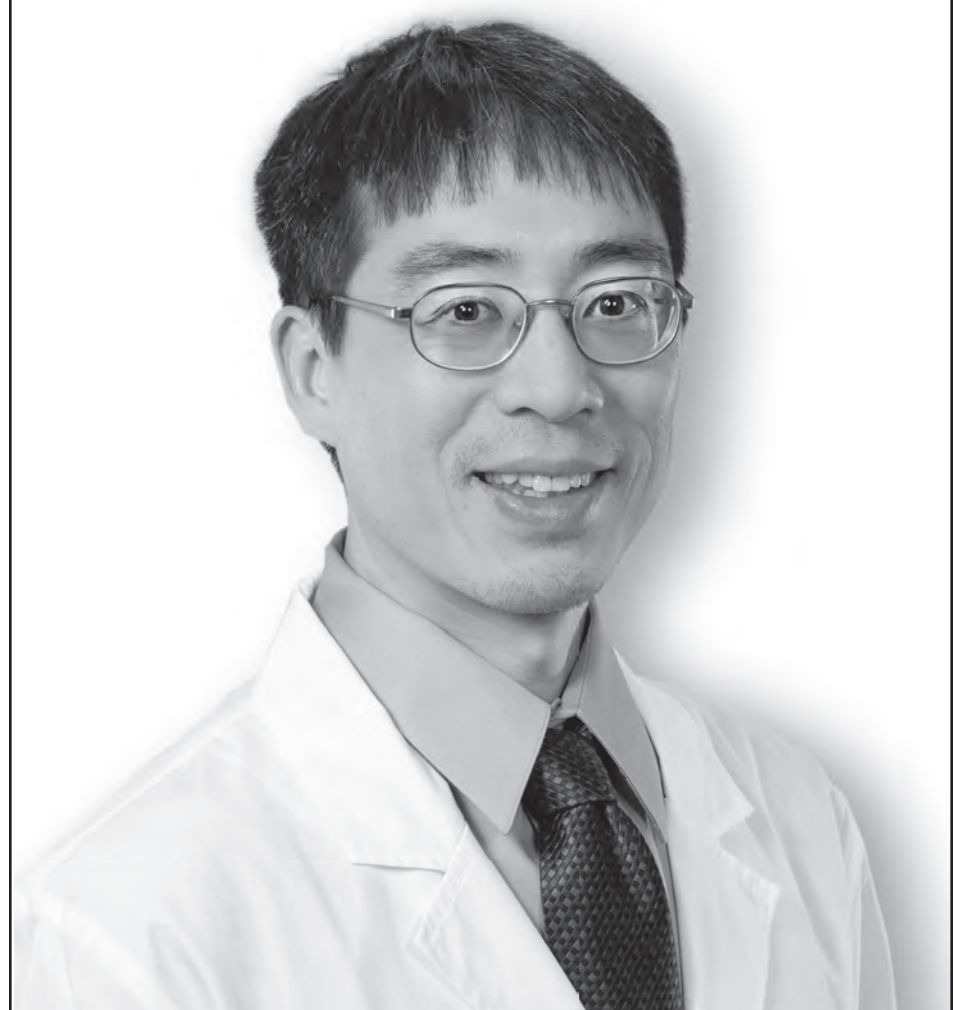
After Aug. 20, all applicants will be able to see whether they received a permit by logging into their DNR account. Applicants who are selected will be notified by mail by the first week of October.

A limited number of Class N stamps for resident hunters and Class NN stamps for nonresident hunters will be available. Successful applicants may hunt antlerless deer on private and public land this year on the following dates: Oct. 26–29, Nov. 20–Dec. 3, Dec. 7–10 and Dec. 28–31, 2023.

Hunters who want to enter as a group must know the other hunters' DNR ID numbers to enter the lottery. Hunters also may call their local WVDNR district office for help with the application process.

To purchase a hunting license and stamps, visit WVhunt.com. For more information about antlerless deer season dates, bag limits and split county maps, hunters should consult the 2023-24 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

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# What's? Happening

## Purple Majesties to meet

The Elkins Purple Majesties will meet Monday, July 10 at The Railyard Restaurant, 200 Depot St., Elkins, WV. at 11:30 a.m. The menu will be "Picnic Foods," cost \$20. Let Connie Collins (304-478-4710) know by noon on Thursday, July 6, to make or confirm your reservation. If no answer, please leave a message. As always, guests and new members are welcome to join us!

## Heart and Hand Thrift Stores

The Heart and Hand Thrift Stores in Philippi and Belington, WV will be hosting summer specials! Be on the lookout for a Christmas in July sale, 50% off

store wide sale, Back to School sale in August, and Bag Days in September. The warehouse is also open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the warehouse you can find anything from large household items to electronics and everything in-between.

## Tucker County Sunday School Convention

The annual Tucker County Sunday School Convention will be held on Sunday July 9th. It will be held at the St. George Park in St. George, WV.

Sunday School will start at 10:30am with a covered dish lunch around noon followed by an afternoon program. Everyone is welcome to come and worship with us.

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Charleston WV - The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: *The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**June 28, 1936:** Athlete Chuck Howley was born in Wheeling. Howley played linebacker for 12 seasons for the Dallas Cowboys. He was an All-Pro six times and named to six Pro Bowls.

**June 28, 2010:** Robert C. Byrd died at the age of 92. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958, and he served until his death.

**June 29, 1845:** George W. Atkinson was born in Charleston. In 1896, Atkinson was elected governor in an upset victory over Cornelius C. Watts of Charleston, ending 26 years of Democratic rule.

**June 29, 1952:** Writer Breece D'J Pancake was born in South Charleston and grew up in Milton, Cabell County. Many of Pancake's stories are set in Milton, fictionalized as "Rock Camp."

**June 29, 2012:** A violent storm called a derecho raced across West Virginia, leaving downed trees and damaged homes in its wake. About 688,000 homes and businesses lost power for a week during a widespread heat wave.

**June 30, 1929:** The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert at Oglebay Park.

**June 30, 1944:** Harpers Ferry National Historical Park was authorized as a national monument, the first in West Virginia.

**July 1, 1861:** Francis



**June 30, 1914:** Statewide prohibition of alcohol sales became law years before it was enacted for the whole nation.

Pierpont, governor of the Reorganized Government of Virginia, called the legislature into session. The general assembly re-established governmental functions, provided for the raising of military units, and elected new U.S. senators and representatives.

**July 1, 1937:** Watoga State Park was opened to the public. The Pocahontas County park is the largest of the state parks and among the oldest.

**July 1, 1971:** Southern West Virginia Community College was formed by joining the Marshall University branch campuses at Logan and Williamson. In 1995, the name changed to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

**July 2, 1829:** Potter and businessman Alexander Polk Donaghho was born. He began a pottery operation in Parkersburg, creating hand-thrown, salt-glazed crocks, jars and other pottery that are avidly collected today.

**July 3, 1863:** At Gettysburg, Union troops in the 1st West Virginia Cav-

alry took part in a fruitless charge against Confederate infantrymen during the waning moments of that historic battle.

**July 4, 1882:** The steamboats *Scioto* and *John Lomas* collided on the Ohio River as they were returning from holiday excursions. The *Scioto* sank almost instantly, and 70 people drowned.

**July 4, 1918:** Poet Muriel Miller Dressler was born in Kanawha County. Her poem "Appalachia," published in 1970, was her signature piece.

**July 4, 1928:** West Virginia dedicated Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park. Droop Mountain was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.

**July 4, 1938:** Musician Bill Withers Jr. was born into a miner's family of 13 children in Slab Fork, Raleigh County. In 1971, he released his first album, *Just As I Am*, including his first Grammy-winning song, "Ain't No Sunshine." In 2015 he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Stopped in Walmart on my way to work this morning and I have been mad ever since. I just needed two things and I got those, on my way from the back of the store I spotted some nectarines in the produce aisle.

I like them better than peaches and they seem to last longer before spoilage sets in. I was going to pick out a few and started looking for the produce bags to put them in. All the dispensers were empty and an associate was filling the bins, I asked him if there were any bags and his response was, "We're out" that was it no sorry nor did he make any attempt to find something for me to put the produce in.

Well let me tell you, Mom jumped out of me like a cobra out of a basket. I caught myself before I laid into him and walked away without my produce. I was so mad by the time I got to the checkout that I am sure steam was coming out of my ears. Of course at that time of day no

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

managers in sight so I told the checkout guy what had happened and asked him to tell the managers when they came in.

He was a very polite, nice man and said he would. Not having any bags in the produce aisle is like serving iced tea without the ice. The least they could have done was go to the checkouts and get some bags from there to put the loose produce in. **Momma Said**, "It is called improvising PEOPLE!!" I feel sorry for future generations that will grow up not having the incentive to make do with what you have. IMPROVISE, ADAPT, OVERCOME.

## Orange Fluff Salad Recipe

### Ingredients

- 1 3 oz. box orange jello mix
- 1 cup boiling water
- ½ cup cold water
- 1 3.4 oz. box instant vanilla pudding
- 8 oz. cool whip
- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 2 15 oz. cans mandarin oranges, drained very well
- 1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained very well

### Instructions

1. In a large mixing bowl combine the orange jello mix and boiling water, whisk until dissolved. Pour in the cold water, whisk to combine. Place

the bowl in the refrigerator for 15 minutes.

2. Remove the bowl from the fridge and whisk in the instant vanilla pudding, scraping down the sides to incorporate everything. Return the bowl to the refrigerator for 15 minutes.
3. Remove the bowl from the fridge and fold in the cool whip.
4. Add in the mini marshmallows, well drained mandarin oranges, and well drained crushed pineapple. Fold gently to combine.
5. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours before serving. This allows the mixture to thicken and for the marshmallows to soften.

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## Super Crossword

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

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by Linda Thistle

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## Weather Totals

June 13 - June 20

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### Temperature

Max 83° F  
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### Precipitation

Week 1.79"  
June 2.63"  
2023 22.36"

### Snowfall

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

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Rule 19A application to change sewer rates and charges.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INCREASE RATES**

On March 1, 2023, the Canaan Valley Public Service District filed an application with the Public Service Commission to increase the rates and charges for providing sewer service in Tucker County. Canaan Valley Public Service District provides resale customers sewer service.

Staff of the Commission reviewed the application by Canaan Valley Public Service District and recommends an increase of \$147,798 annually, or 32.01% over the Utility's rates as they existed prior to filing this application and \$97,547, or 19.06% over the interim rates previously granted by the Commission. Staff recommended sewer rates appear below.

**STAFF RECOMMENDED RATES**

Effective for service rendered on and after the date the Order becomes final  
**APPLICABILITY**  
Applicable within the entire territory served.

**AVAILABILITY**  
Available for general domestic, commercial, industrial and sale for resale sewer service.

**MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE\***

\$86.00 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>An EDU is equivalent to 280 gallons per day.

**DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY\***

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full within thirty (30) days of the date of the bill, 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 charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant. A tap fee of \$300.00 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 applying for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system.

**\*\$8.97% CASH WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE INCREMENT**

8.97% of total billings at the indicated rates is required to be recorded as a credit to "Miscellaneous Operating Reserves", with related collections to be charged to "Other Special Funds" and deposited into a distinct WCWR Bank Account.

Anyone desiring to review the Staff recommendation 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 days of the date of publication of this notice. All protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, West Virginia Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 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 the 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.

CANAAN VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

**LEGAL**

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated January 5, 2018, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Document No. 149017, in Book No. 285, at Page 507, David E Gidley, Sr. did convey unto Gary Furbee, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by American Neighborhood Mortgage Acceptance Company, LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons, West Virginia, on July 27, 2023 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 10 - Parsons District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

PART OF LOTS NO. 97 AND 98 LYING BETWEEN MAIN AND CHESTNUT STREETS IN THE CITY OF PARSONS, TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE LINE OF LOT NO. 97, 105 FEET FROM THE CORNER OF SAID LOT AT THE CORNER OF MAIN AND THIRD STREETS, AND EXTENDING BACK ALONG THE LINE OF SAID LOT NO. 97 AND MAIN STREET 85 FEET TO THE CORNER OF LOT NO. 99 AND LOTS 97 AND 98 TO CHESTNUT STREET; THENCE ALONG THE LINE OF SAID LOT NO. 98 AND CHESTNUT STREET, A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET; THENCE CROSSING SAID LOTS NO. 98 AND 97 SO AS TO INTERSECT AT THE BEGINNING POINT ON MAIN STREET.  
SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, RESERVATIONS, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AGREEMENTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.  
BEING THE SAME PREMISES AS CONVEYED IN DEED FROM O'DONAVOAH D. DIXON, II RECORDED 01/24/2014 IN DOCUMENT NUMBER 140354, BOOK 213, PAGE 693 IN SAID COUNTY AND STATE.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 303 MAIN ST., PARSONS, WV 26287  
PARCEL: 4-00980000

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 303 Main St., Parsons, WV 26287.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$5000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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(304) 292-2918  
Toll free: (888) 534-3132  
Reference File No. 84420

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**TIMBERLINE-CV PSD**

**WV3304711**

**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 or suggestions, please attend any regularly scheduled water board meeting held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the CVVFD Fire Hall or call ROBERT METZGER at 304-866-3433.

Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL 4 (GW)	Ground Water
WELL 5 (GWUDI)	Ground Water under the influence of 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. Immuno-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. EPA/CDC 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.

**Testing Results for: TIMBERLINE -CV PSD**

Microbiological	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	9/20/2022	0.0802	0.0478 - 0.0802	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
MERCURY	9/20/2022	0.18	0 - 0.18	ppb	100	100	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from cropland
NITRATE	4/26/2022	0.4	0.38 - 0.4	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NITRITE	4/26/2022	0.4	0.38 - 0.4	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest RAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAs)	LOT #153	2022	4	4 - 4	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	LOT #153	2022	10	10 - 10	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	2022	0.0196	0.0047 - 0.0197	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2022	0.37	0.13 - 0.46	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>.

TIMBERLINE-CV PSD 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 T4SU Office. If you have any questions about our inventory, please contact Wesley Knotts at 304-676-0317.

Chlorine / Chloramines	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
Maximum Disinfection Level 2022 - 2022	1.4000	MG/L	1.2	MG/L

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
TURBIDITY	TREATMENT PLANT - WELL 5 (GWUDI)	0.084	NTU	DEC 2022

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	4/23/2020	0.458	0.458	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	2/8/2022	237	102 - 237	MG/L	10000
CALCIUM	5/3/2022	64100	41900 - 64100	UG/L	
CALCIUM	12/13/2022	64500	35900 - 64500	UG/L	
CHLORINE	12/13/2022	1.56	1.14 - 1.56	MG/L	4
CONDUCTIVITY@ 25 C UMHOS/CM	2/8/2022	375	222 - 375	UMHO/CM	
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)	5/7/2018	186	170 - 186	MG/L	
PH	12/13/2022	7.8	7.1 - 7.8	SU	8.5
SILICA	12/13/2022	8040	7970 - 8040	UG/L	
SODIUM	12/3/2020	1.52	1.52	MG/L	1000
TEMPERATURE (CENTIGRADE)	7/26/2022	12.2	12 - 12.2	C	

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

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
1/1/2022 - 6/30/2022	TEMPERATURE (CENTIGRADE)	WATER QUALITY PARAMETER M/R (LCR)
1/1/2022 - 6/30/2022	PH	WATER QUALITY PARAMETER M/R (LCR)
1/1/2022 - 6/30/2022	PH	WATER QUALITY PARAMETER M/R (LCR)
1/1/2022 - 3/30/2022	PH	WATER QUALITY PARAMETER M/R (LCR)
7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022	PH	WATER QUALITY PARAMETER M/R (LCR)
7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022	ALKALINITY, TOTAL	WATER QUALITY PARAMETER M/R (LCR)
7/1/2022 - 12/31/2022	TEMPERATURE (CENTIGRADE)	WATER QUALITY PARAMETER M/R (LCR)

There are no additional required health effects notices.  
To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above.

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**Invitation to Bid; Indian Run Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Construction Project: Permanent Bridge Installation in Tucker County, West Virginia.**

Sealed bids from WV licensed and insured contractors will be received by Friends of the Cheat at 1343 N Preston Hwy, Kingwood, WV 26537, until 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 27th. The work will consist of upgrading an existing double culvert driveway crossing at a private residence on Indian Run with a 16' wide by 30' long ADM Welding permanent bridge crossing. Bidding Documents may be acquired by contacting Madison Ball with Friends of the Cheat at 304-329-3621 x7 or madison@cheat.org. A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting will be held at the project site at 39.140225, -79.795873 on Clover Run Road (CR 21), 2.2 miles Northwest from the intersection of Clover Run Road and Valley Fork Road (CR 23) at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 13th. Questions will be received by Friends of the Cheat in writing (email is acceptable) until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20th.

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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 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 25307, 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 22nd day of June, 2023.

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

## LEGAL

### LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, is requesting statement of qualifications from engineering firms to provide design and construction related services for the Poplar Street Sidewalk Improvements Project. The proposed project will consist of replacement of existing sidewalks on Poplar Street, Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia. The services to be provided are project design, preparation of all necessary permit applications, preparation of construction plans, specifications, and bidding documents, assistance during bidding, construction administration services, and construction inspection services.

The funding source for this project is coming from the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation Enhancement Program administered by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways.

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with WV Code Chapter 5G and 24 CFR Part 85.34. All firms interested in being considered for this selection must submit at least eight (8) copies of a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, related prior experience, and professional references.

The goal of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality service. Accordingly, technical expertise and related past experience will be weighed heavily. The candidates judged most qualified based on a review of the statements of qualifications will be interviewed. The firm determined to be the most qualified based on an evaluation of the interviews will be asked to prepare fee proposals for engineering services as project scopes are finalized.

Please submit all requested information to: Mrs. Agnes A. Arnold, City Administrator, City of Parsons, 341 Second Street, Parsons, WV 26287.

Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 P.M. (EDT), Friday, July 21, 2023. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all submissions. All work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by State and Federal agencies relative hereto. The selected candidate will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement, and the Access to Records provisions. The City shall ensure, to the fullest extent possible, that positive efforts are made to utilize small businesses, including those in rural areas, minority-owned firms, and women-owned business enterprises. The City will afford full opportunity to women and minority owned business enterprises to submit a show of interest and response to this request and will not discriminate against any interested individual or firm on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in award of the contract.

The City of Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, a Municipal Corporation,  
Bruce A. Kolsun, Acting Mayor

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### ADVERTISEMENT MR-34-BR

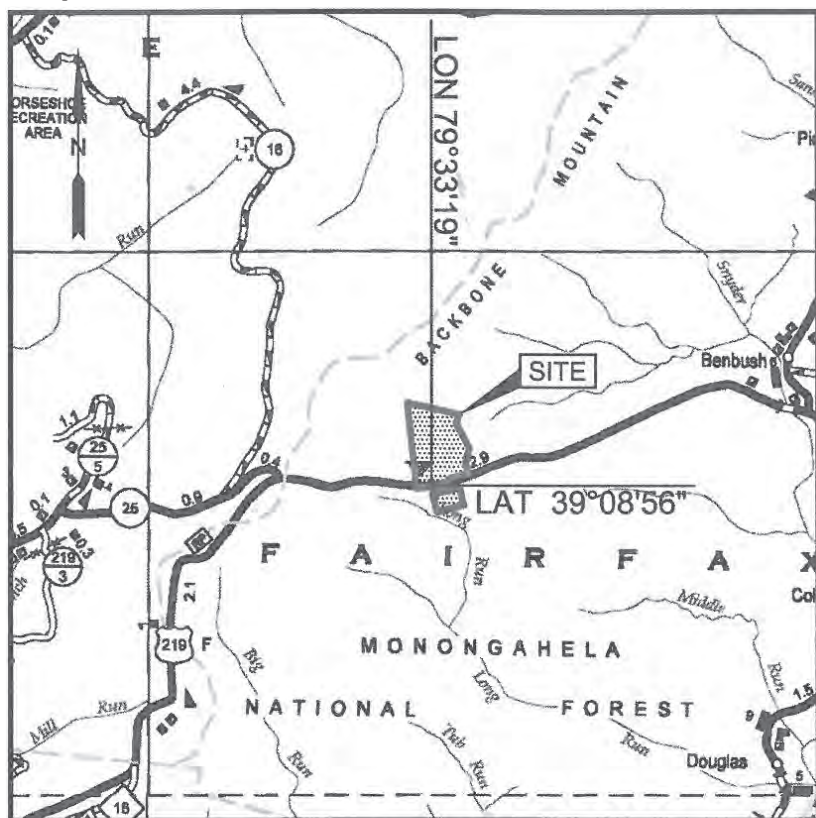
Notice is hereby given that FAIRFAX MATERIALS, INC., PO BOX 850, 6110 Frost Place, Suite 150, LAUREL, MD 20725 has submitted an application for reissuance of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV0092398 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150 in order to maintain, monitor and operate a surface quarry in the Homewood seam of sandstone seam/mineral bed. The operation will discharge treated storm water into an unnamed tributary of/and Long Run of the North Fork of the Black Water River of the Black Water River of Black Fork River of Cheat River of Cheat River and is located 3.0 miles West of Thomas, in Fairfax District of Tucker County, Longitude 79° 33' 19" and Latitude 39° 08' 56" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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

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

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by July 28, 2023, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219 Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV0092398



**LOCATION MAP**  
FAIRFAX DISTRICT, TUCKER COUNTY  
LOCATED ON LEAD MINE 7.5' USGS QUADRANGLE  
SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE  
ARTICLE 4 PERMIT: Q002574  
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## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE** - Three burial plots in The Parsons City Cemetery \$500 each. If interested call 304-822-8889.

## YARD SALE

**3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE** - 9 a.m. - ? June 30 - July 4; at 3893 Cheat Valley Highway, Dori Barb residence. Electric heaters, canning jars, chest of drawers, nightstand, clothing, miscellaneous, Christmas items and brown baskets. Baby chicks \$3 each. 304-478-3089.

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# The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra Hits the Road with Annual July 4 Tour

(Wheeling, WV) The **Wheeling Symphony Orchestra (WSO)** and the **City of Wheeling** proudly announce the return of the *Celebrate America!* July 4 tour, ending with the WSO's annual Fourth of July celebration at **Heritage Port**. The Wheeling performance will take place on Tuesday, July 4, at 7:30 pm at the Heritage Port Amphitheatre. Fireworks will follow at dusk.

The WSO will begin their four-day tour on July 1 with a performance in Weirton, WV. After that, the WSO will make stops in Canaan Valley and Clarksburg on July 2 and 3, respectively, before concluding the tour back home in Wheeling on July 4. Each performance is free to the public.

This year, the WSO will be joined by guest artist Erica Gabriel, an award-winning soprano. Gabriel will perform several Broadway classics from well-known musicals like *Carousel*, *Hamilton*, and *My Fair*

*Lady*. In addition, the program will feature several numbers from blockbuster films, alongside beloved patriotic tunes such as "America, the Beautiful," the "Armed Forces Salute," and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The *Celebrate America!* tour will also honor West Virginia through its programming. Among the numbers dedicated to the Mountain State is a new composition titled "The Heroism of Miss Betty Zane," written by Leanna Primiani about one of Wheeling's most iconic historical figures. The WSO will also perform "Canaan Valley Suite," composed by West Virginia native and voice of West Virginia Public Radio Matt Jackfert.

"I'm so excited to perform not one, but two newly commissioned works about the great state of West Virginia," says WSO Music Director John Devlin. "It is such a privilege to take the WSO on the road and

I look forward to once again sharing music with communities across the state."

## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

**July 1, 2023**  
Weirton Event Center -- Weirton, WV  
8:00 pm

**July 2, 2023**  
Canaan Valley Resort – Davis, WV  
3:00 pm

**July 3, 2023**  
Clarksburg Amphitheatre – Clarksburg, WV  
7:30 pm

**July 4, 2023**  
Heritage Port – Wheeling, WV  
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# Kite Building/Flying, Wheeling Symphony Featured During Canaan Valley Resort's Windfest Weekend June 30-July 2

Davis, W.Va. (June/July 2023) – Canaan Valley Resort's Windfest Weekend, taking place over the Independence Weekend holiday, June 30-July 2, in the highest mountain valley in the Eastern U.S., will feature kite flying/building demonstrations, live music – including an outdoor performance by the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra – hiking and stargazing opportunities, and much more.

"With the ability to build and fly your own kite, as well as watch experts loft their own massive creations, children and families love Windfest Weekend," said Matt Baker, general manager at Canaan Valley Resort. "Add in our special slope-side, outdoor performance by the acclaimed Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, options for exploring our local woods and waters, relaxing by the pool, or taking in activities in the nearby towns of Davis and



Kites of all shapes and sizes, like this extra-large Octopus kite, will be flown during Windfest Weekend at Canaan Valley Resort

Thomas, guests have all they'll want for a special Independence Weekend getaway."

Baker said the weekend kicks off Friday evening (June 30th) with the Mountainside Music Series. The Cooley Gang will perform outdoors at the ski area and guests can also enjoy sunset chairlift rides into the night. A stargazing party with an introduction to telescopes will be offered at the main lodge beginning at 9pm.

Kite building workshops, hosted by the New Era Kite Club, will be offered on both Saturday and Sunday. Children and adults will learn how to design, build, and fly their own kite. The Club will also demonstrate kites, including the massive 150-foot Turbine and a 115-foot cobra.

On Sunday, guests can participate in a guided nature hike along the Blackwater River

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The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra will perform on the Bear Paw Plaza at the ski area later that day, at 3pm. Conductor John Gennaro Devlin is one of the nation's youngest music directors to lead a professional symphony orchestra and he is a sought-after guest conductor with major orchestras across the nation.

Throughout the weekend guests have access to the resort's outdoor pool, miles of hiking and biking trails, and the 18-hole championship golf course, among other amenities offered at the property.

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## Commission

of an Appalachian Regional Commission Power Grant,” Walker said. “So, we have 1.2 million dollars and some other funds we’ve been working with.”

The commission was also updated on the activities the authority has been funding. Walker said, “And we have four main tasks or activities that we are working through. The fourth being much of the Mountaineer Trail Network and that is going to happen at the end of the summer in 2024. So, about a year from now, a little more than a year from now. So then broadly, so to kind of go through some of the stuff that we’ve been working on – So, we’re technically an economic development authority so

we work to better economic development for the communities we serve through non-motorized recreation. So, trails, waterways. So, Tucker County is great for that. Obviously, you’ve got where we’re sitting right now you’ve got the Cheat River Water Trail, essentially starts in Hendricks and flows through here. So, we’re doing a lot of work on the Cheat River Watershed. We’re also working with a number of different nonprofit organizations and DNR on top of the hill and the Camp 70 trail system, specifically right now.”

“Made a lot of good headway,” Walker said. Walker also explained the activities that the authority is currently focused on

towards helping their communities. “Activity two is infrastructure improvements and development. So, we’re working with five main hubs right now to sign out all those areas, make it easier for the user, lower area of entry for the people who live in the communities that we serve. And then we are also working through branding and logoing now. Not only for ourselves as an organization, but to help out all the communities. So, we’ve hired a national branding firm called Destination by Design, they’re out of Boone, North Carolina. They will actually be here next week for an onsite review to be going through the entire area. We’ll be spending an entire day in

Tucker County and out of that we’ll have a larger branding website, all that kind of stuff to help improve all these communities.”

Plaugher explained to the Commissioners a little more about his role on the board and how its efforts are impacting Tucker County. “Commissioner Moore asked me to serve on the board as a county landowner,” Plaugher said. “My property joins the Cheat River Water Trail and I also worked in the timber industry. So, as someone with a stake with public landowners here. Working with this group is something that’s going to be beneficial to the residents of Tucker County. Everything I can see from the Trail Network Authority, is very positive. It’s going to promote and enhance the resources that are already here, which should lead to more business, more opportunity for residents here in the county and it’s all been pretty good, I think. I think it’s a really good group and they’ve done some really good things.”

Martin, a Davis resident, also described to the Commission his role with the authority. “I’m from Davis,” Martin said. “I’ve been working with the Heart of Highlands to connect the six land management areas up there a lot and have been on their board for the last three or four years. I’ve worked with the...bike

association and do the bike races and stuff. So, I got appointed through the Heart of Highlands to kind of step in with this just to help from a regional’s perspective and kind of get some bigger volume on this and the state’s kind of pushing this organization. It seemed like there’s a lot of little organizations up on the mountain.”

Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau asked the authority if their future plans included more accessibility to the waterways. “Let me ask you this,” Rosenau said. “Will there be in your process additional, say, boat launches into the river, any type accessible fishing?”

“Those are all things that the Trail Network Authority is looking at and trying to work with private land owners on and some of the things that the authority brings that benefits those land owners that want to work with them on something like that is liability protection and things like that. To make it more appealing for a landowner to want to offer that public access,” Walker said.

Walker outlined the current plan for improving access to the river. “So, the river is a good example. Right now, the last three or four weeks, we’ve been working specifically on Cheat River Water Trail and Parsons and St. George and Hendricks and all those areas. One of the things that, to kind of answer your question a little more specifically on is, we kind of looked at all these different put ins and pick up sites and... the river’s awesome. It’s hard for people in the community to be able to know what’s available, to know how far stretches are, know where the put ins are or the pickups are. So, what we’re doing – we have a considerable amount of funding within our budget we’re working with right now – and when I mentioned the infrastructure improvements, we’re looking at right now putting in new kiosk sign with an updated map, with updated distances and all that kind of information, floor rates and all those things, at every single one of the existing put ins and take outs that are on the river right now.”

Walker also said that his agency is working with other state agencies. “And

working with DOH. The nice thing about being a state agency is it makes it easier for us to break down those walls and talk with other state agencies. So we’re working with DOH, we’re working with DNR, the U.S. Forest Service to get better access to those things.”

Rosenau suggested the Authority and the Commission work together on a project that Commissioner Fred Davis has started. “Well, Andrew, there is one thing that Commissioner Davis has been working on,” Rosenau said, “is additional stocking of the Cheat River with small mouth bass. So, maybe that’s something that we, they could work together with your organization, would enhance our river and people coming and utilizing.”

Walker agreed that the plan would help the river. “Yeah, I’m a long-time fisherman,” Walker said. “The small mouth in the Cheat River watershed are awesome. So yeah, anything we can do to improve that resource. That would be great.”

Davis said, “I went to Elkins and talked to them about getting it stocked. So, I’d work with you through that.”

Rosenau said, “He would have the contacts at the state level to absolutely, in Charleston.”

Walker said the authority was working to coordinate local groups who are working on similar project in order to work together. “As a commission, in Tucker County specifically, you have so many organizations and people that would love your assistance,” Walker said. “Where we are trying to help out a lot is to be collaborative. So we’re coming in and not trying to reinvent the wheel, we’re trying to get groups like Friends of the Blackwater or Heart of the Highlands, you know they are working on projects that are very similar, to get them in the same room so that we’re all working towards similar goals...We’re trying to coordinate all those groups into one group and one working agreement system so that the projects we’re working on have a lot more validity, a lot more weight and we can do a lot more with those.”

## Tucker County CVB and Blackwater Ministerial Association, Inc. Included in West Virginia Priorities in 2024 Agriculture, Rural Development, and FDA Funding Bill

Washington, DC –U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured a number of West Virginia priorities in the Appropriations subcommittee markup of the Fiscal Year 2024 Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) funding bill. The Senate Appropriations Committee continues to work through the rest of the funding bills, which will be voted on by the full Senate later this year.

“I am proud we were able to come together in a bipartisan manner for the first time in several years and advance a funding

bill that helps rural communities throughout the country and West Virginia to continue to grow and prosper,” said **Senator Manchin**. “This funding bill strengthens our fight against the ongoing drug epidemic, supports a systematic approach to rural broadband deployment, and funds critical nutrition programs. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I am committed to bringing back regular order, doing our job, and passing funding bills on time to deliver these crucial resources to our rural communities.” Among other entities receiving funding are:

Tucker County	Tucker County New Visitors Center	Davis	Tucker	\$1,260,000	Constructs and manages a new, fully accessible, and modern visitors center situated at the gateway to downtown Davis, WV.
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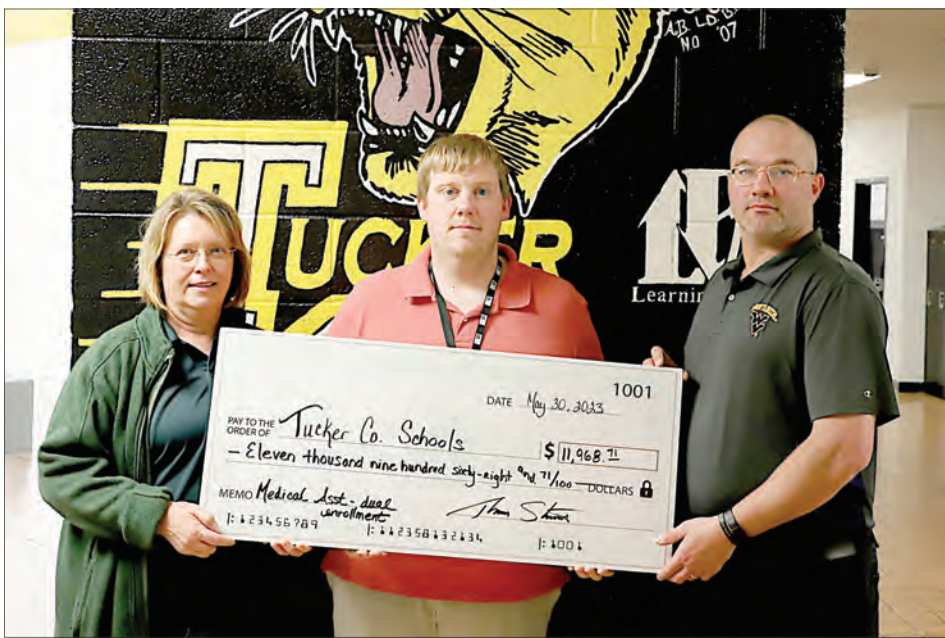
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## Checks Presented to Tucker County High Schools and Hampshire for Dual Enrollment Program

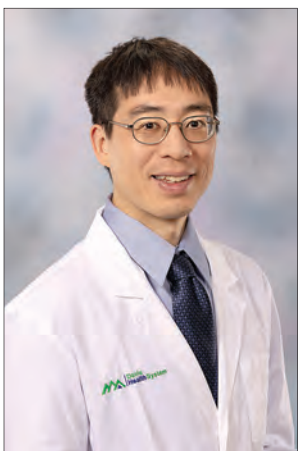


(L-R; Melissa Shockey, Director of Workforce Education, Alex Cork, Principal of Tucker County HS, and Bill Shahan, Assistant Principal and CTE Director)

**MOOREFIELD, W.Va.** – Melissa Shockey, Director of Workforce Education at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern) presented second checks of \$23,937.42 to Kristie Long, Health Occupations Teacher at Hampshire HS, and Alex Cork, Principal of Tucker County HS, for both school's EKG and Phlebotomy dual enrollment programs. High school students have enrolled in their respective high school's dual-enrollment program with Eastern to advance progress toward a career pathway in healthcare. The EKG and Phlebotomy dual-enrollment allows student completers to increase their likelihood of acceptance into Eastern's Nursing Program. Eastern has partnered with and previously presented checks of \$13,170 to South Branch Career and Technical Center, Hampshire High School, and Tucker County High School for their C.N.A. dual-enrollment initiative. These checks were presented to strengthen the partnership and further the growth of the dual enrollment program. "I am very excited Eastern was able to offer high school student completers affordable healthcare trainings while advancing their skillset and advancement into professional healthcare careers," said Dr. Megan Webb, Dean of Advancement and Continuing Education, "I am very rewarded by seeing these students achieve success and furthermore, support high school healthcare programs strengthen their dual enrollment

opportunities for their students at Eastern." Eastern received the Perkins Reserve Grant, which supports the projects of community and technical colleges that provide students with either dual-enrollment programs, work-based learning for skills needed in workforce areas, or industry-recognized credentials. "This grant has afforded a wonderful opportunity to offer dual-enrollment for a much-needed area in health care. The partnership between these high schools and Eastern exemplifies the importance of higher education with positive impacts on student outcomes and a bridge to post-secondary learning," said Melissa Shockey, Workforce Program Director, "I appreciate everyone's support of this program and the encouragement they have provided to students to continue their health education journey." In response to the growing need for healthcare professionals with multiple skills, these programs are designed to give students a comprehensive suite of administrative and clinical skills. After completing the program, an aspiring healthcare professional would possess the skills required to perform multiple tasks in a complex and dynamic healthcare environment. In addition to acquiring multiple healthcare professional skills, students who complete this program would be eligible to sit for multiple National Healthcare Association certification exams.

## General surgeon Dr. Kevin Huang, MD joins Davis Medical Center



**ELKINS, WV** – Davis Medical Center is pleased to welcome Dr. Kevin Huang, MD, general surgeon.

Dr. Huang is certified by the American Board of Surgery, and is experienced in all aspects of general surgical care.

Dr. Huang received his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine, after completing his Pre-Med undergraduate program at Pennsylvania State University. He has worked in surgical care programs at Virtua Surgi-

cal Group in Marlton, NJ, Tennova General Surgery in Newport, TN, Atlantic Shore Surgical Associates in Brick, NJ, and provided locum coverage across the United States.

Dr. Huang is happy to return to the East Coast where he said he is happy to practice in a small community.

"We are so pleased to have successfully recruited Dr. Huang," said Davis Health System Chief Medical Officer Catherine Chua, DO. "General surgeons

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## Voter Registration Reminder Postcard Encourages Voters to Update Address or Cancel if Necessary

**Charleston, W.Va.** – Official election mail in the form of a postcard will soon be sent to 15,860 West Virginia voters who may have moved without updating or canceling their voter registration. These potential movers did not notify the U.S. Postal Service of any changes of address but appear to have moved based on other available data.

When voters update their address at other agencies or move to a different state, that information does not automatically update or cancel a voter's old, abandoned registration. Nor do those changes always make it back to the Secretary of State or County Clerks. To identify those folks who may have slipped through the cracks, additional resources are used to identify voters who may have moved.

This program compares publicly available voter registration records with data from Experian's "True Trace", which includes records from all 50 states, to find potentially abandoned registrations. Voters identified through the program will receive a reminder postcard at their current voter registration address with instructions for

how to update or cancel their registration record if necessary. If a voter receives a postcard at their current address, then no action is required. If a voter does not respond, no action will be taken on their voter registration status. This postcard is merely a reminder, participation is voluntary, and it will have no effect on voters' ability to participate in upcoming elections.

Prompting voters to keep their registration current between election cycles is a proactive measure to maintain clean voter rolls. Voters that receive a reminder and have moved to another address or state can update or cancel their abandoned voter registration by filling out the postcard and mailing it back to their county clerk using the return address printed on the card. Existing registrations can also be updated at any time by visiting GoVoteWV.com or the QR code included.

For more information regarding voter registration, voters are encouraged to contact their county clerk using the directory posted at GoVoteWV.com.

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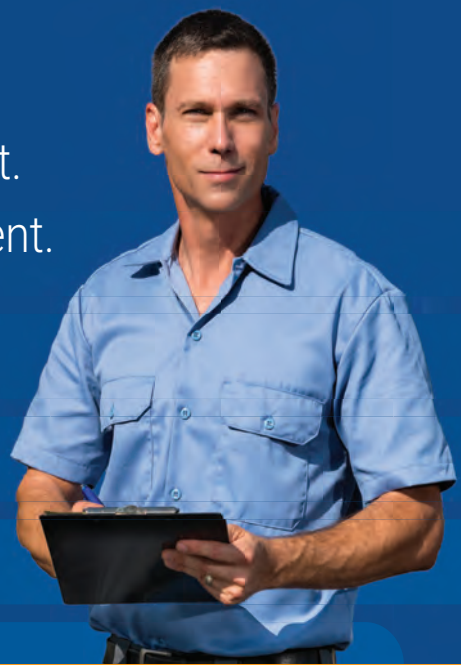


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