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Armed Robbery at Parsons BFS

According to a press relapse from the Parsons Detachment of the WEST Virginia State Police, In the early morning hours of June 20, 2023 the BFS in Parsons was robbed at gunpoint. The clerk was not physically harmed during the robbery.

An undisclosed amount of money was taken. The suspect, described as a black male, between 5-8 and 5-9, wearing black gloves, black hoodie, gray sweat-pants, black shoes, and an orange face covering, fled on foot after the robbery.

Anyone with any information should contact WVSP Parsons Detachment at 304-478-3101.

City Sees Targeted Vandalism

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Parsons City Council, Parsons Chief of Police Kevin Keplinger updated the council on a series of targeted vandalism in the Long and Sherman area of the city. "Recently," Keplinger said, "we've got a rash of car vandalisms happening around the Long and Sherman St. area."

Keplinger informed the

council that the attacks are happening during daylight hours. "It is the middle of the day that these seem to happen," Keplinger said. "Nine, 10, 11 o'clock during the day and we are seeing cars getting keyed."

Keplinger said there has been a total of three attacks so far. One of the vehicles mentioned had damage done to it on two separate instances, according to Keplinger. "We've had three different cars – one car has been keyed twice and then two other cars have been keyed."

According to Keplinger, his department is doing surveillance in regards to enforcement of this issue. "We are doing surveillance. We're doing some foot surveillance there and few other things trying to look. We haven't, knock on wood, gotten anything in the last couple of days. So, we are going off of that."

Keplinger said the vandalism appeared to be targeted attacks. "It appears to be targeted," Keplinger said. "It seems to be that



there is one specific target."

Keplinger asked that anyone with information about the incidents contact his department. "But if anyone sees anything, please reach out to us and let us know," Keplinger said. "It's just like always, it will be anonymous. So it gives us something to go on, gives us some leads. So, we would

greatly appreciate it."

The Parsons Police Department can be reached at their office at 341 Second St Parsons, phone at 304-478-3060 or the department's Facebook page www.facebook.com/parsonspd/. All respondents can remain anonymous. There has not been a reward issued for these incidents.

School Board Address Employment

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Tucker County Board of Education met for the first time since the end of the school year on in regular session. Superintendent Alicia Lambert presented the board with several matters pertaining to employment at the meeting.

The first employment related matter pertained to the need for substitute personnel in the county. "We're trying to hire a couple now," Lambert said. "We need some people for summer school – cooks, custodians – because a lot of a lot of hirings that we've done, we now have a lot of people left on the sub list. So, if we try to hire throughout the summer that's because we need them for summer school, too. But we'll try to do a big batch hire right before school starts and then we'll put up a posting and we usually leave it up until the end of December and then we'll do another batch then. But if we need them in the meantime, we will hire throughout, but we will just leave the posting up for a long time to get as many as we can through December and then we will do another one once the new year rolls over."

The board accepted the resignation of Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School Principal Kelly Thompson effective July 1st at the meeting. The board also addressed the hiring of a new principal to replace Thompson. "They are interviewing today and tomorrow," Lambert said. "And then if we need to have a second round of interviews, we will...next week. But right now, they are doing two interviews today and two others tomorrow. So, if they are happy with their choice, we will just move forward with that and be good to go."

In other employment matters, the board approved the hiring of several positions at the meeting. The board approved the hiring of an Intervention Specialist for Davis-



The Tucker County Board of Education welcomed a new Executive Secretary at their meeting. Malinda Hunt, pictured, will be replacing former Executive Secretary to the Board Julie Burnside.

Thomas Elementary Middle School, an Elementary Teacher for Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School, a Special Education Teacher for Tucker County High School pending certification, a Substitute Teacher for Tucker County Schools, a Custodian II for TVEMS, a Cook II for DTEMS, a Special Needs/Supervisory/Transportation Aide for TVEMS and two Substitute cook and custodian for Tucker County Schools. A Substitute Cook for summer school and summer school special education teacher were also hired at the meeting.

Malinda Hunt hire as Executive Secretary for the Tucker County Board of Education was approved by the board at the meeting as well. Hunt replaces Julie Burnside who accepted another position with the county.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Board of Education will be Monday, July 17 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tucker County Board of Education Office, 100 Education Lane, Parsons.

Solid Waste Authority Sets Budget for 2024



The Tucker County Solid Waste Authority welcomed a new office administrator at their meeting. New Office Administrator Abby Simmons, left, is joined by exiting board member Diane Hinkle, right. Hinkle is leaving the board after four and a half years of service. No replacement has been named as of yet.

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Tucker County Solid Waste Commission met in regular session to discuss the next fiscal year's budget, welcome a new staff member and bid farewell to an exiting board member.

Board Accountant Mark Joseph pre-

sented a proposed budget for the 2024 Fiscal Year to the board. "The focus on the accounting report this meeting will be the presentation of the budget for the next fiscal year," Joseph said. "What I'd like to spend our time on here is, look at the budget. So, as we move forward again, July first is the new fiscal year. So, we will

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Mountaineer Days!



Canaan Valley Volunteer Firefighter Diane Beall and her grandson waves to the crowd during the Mountaineer Days parade. See more photos on page 10.

Tucker County EMS Receives New Cot

By: Lydia Crawley
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Tucker County EMS received the delivery of a new Stryker cot system funded through a grant the County Commission had from Covid, according to Tucker County EMS Interim Director Amanda Simmons.

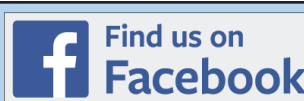
"We've got some things to have to work out with," Simmons said. "You know operational where the individuals will have to learn how to use them a little bit more, but it has been fabulous and has helped immensely."

According to Simmons, the existing cot system used by the County EMS was 17 years old and in need of updating. The funds for the \$67,000 Stryker power load system was given by the Tucker County

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Solid Waste Authority Reaches Agreement with DEP

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Presiding Chair Mark Holstine updated the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority on the progress with a recent air permit issue from the Department of Environmental Protection at the regular meeting of the Solid Waste Authority. “I also believe at the last meeting I said we also have to do an air quality permit,” Holstine said. “So,

I responded to the draft consent order that was requesting that we have items turned in as far as the Title V Air Quality Application and an emissions inventory statement. It’s actually a certified emissions statement – CES – within 30 days, both of them. And then wanted us to go back and do an emissions statement for 2016 all the way to 2021.” Holstine outlined his response to the order. “So in my response,” Holstine said,

“I requested that they give us 120 days to submit the Title V application and do the certified emissions statement and to drop the requirement of the historic certified emissions statements.” According to Holstine an agreement was reached with the DEP on the issue. “We came to an agreement on dropping the certified emissions statement,” Holstine said. “We came to an agreement to give me 120 days to respond and submit a Title V

Air Quality Permit. And however, they want the certified emissions statement from 2022 submitted by August first.” Holstine told the group he was working with a consultant on the issue. “So, I got with the consultant,” Holstine said, “to make sure we weren’t going to blow up the price or was in his realm to be able to complete by August first. He assured me that it’s within the quote and he’ll get it done.”

Holstine said the authority is on track to complete the DEP’s request. “So we are on track,” Holstine said. Holstine told the board that the consultant has already begun gathering facts. “He has submitted a questionnaire to Jody to fill out some known facts that we have as far as types of equipment and all that,” Holstine said. “And Jody’s already been working on that so we’re in motion.”

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have to prepare a budget and be ready to report on that on a regular basis.”

Joseph reported to the board on some expected changes to the upcoming fiscal year’s budget. The first change was in the expected tonnage brought into the facility by landfill customers. “What I wanted to do first is just give you an idea the key assumptions that are different from the previous year,” Joseph said. “Our total tonnage that we have a budget for this year is 82,691. That’s going to be about, roughly about, 10,000 more than we came in with last year, this coming year. From the best we can tell...We’re anticipating and additional, roughly 10,000 from what we’ve expect to finish out the year.”

Payroll changes in the upcoming fiscal year were also outlined by Joseph to the board. “The next big item here is payroll,” Joseph said. “Payroll is budgeted on increases to all full-time hourly landfill. Those, most of them have already been implemented. They will carry that forward. We had some overtime assumptions, which was eight and a half hours per pay for landfill and 10 hours per pay for all the leachate and Region VIII drivers. And then with the payroll, all payroll tax and benefits are also going to correspond with payroll increases. We have pretty big expenditures. We have...the PEIA expense. That is going to be up about 24 percent from the prior year.”

Board Member Dennis Filler commented on the increase. “That is a state mandated requirement,” Filler said. “But it affected all different things across the county. Its in different categories: the teachers are one, we’re in a different category, the Ambulance Authority is another category, so that’s how that works.”

Joseph said the board could expect a reduction in the costs associated with the hauling of leachate from the facility. “We will benefit a reduction at the expense of the leachate hauling. We are anticipating that the number of

gallons will decrease by 1.8 million gallons. We expect that to be solvent somewhere between 60 to 70,000 dollars annual savings.”

Joseph also outlined the capital budget for the board. “And we have capital budget, which is, we’ll present that to you here, made up of a portable fence and Jody’s mission to add more money into the escrow for the construction of the new cell.”

Joseph also outlined how the increase in tonnage to the facility was going to impact the upcoming budget. “With the additional tonnage that we mentioned earlier, we could see our total revenues going from 3.8 million to 4.4 million in total revenue,” Joseph said. “That’s bringing tonnage up from 71,797 up to 82,691. That of course would increase the solid waste assessment fees, which is based on a tonnage amount. In terms of gross profit, that would be almost 500,000 dollars more going from 3.2 million here to 3.7 million in our budget year.”

Joseph informed the board that expenses have remained consistent in the upcoming budget. “For the most part, the expenses are staying pretty consistent,” Joseph said. “I think I mentioned to you earlier about the leachate expense going down. In terms of total expenditures for the landfill, we’ll be looking at this year 1,730,000 and that is going to drop down into 1,667,000.”

Filler noted an increase in maintenance and repairs in the 2024 budget. “Maintenance and repairs are going up 40,000 dollars,” Filler said.

Presiding Chair Mark Holstine said, “It’s always my advice to Jody to blow that number high cause I’d rather budget more than we need, then have to keep coming into the board and saying, ‘Hey, we just blew the budget by 60 grand.’” Holstine said the increase also stemmed from an agreement with Region VIII where the Authority would be splitting the cost of replacing a tarp system.

Jody Alderman said his crews were also trying

to keep older equipment in good working order. “We’ve still been trying to do some of the old equipment, too. So that we have good, reliable back-ups to go along with the new stuff.”

Alderman also said that an agreement with Region VIII has given the board stability in fuel costs. “We’re able to tell more now about exactly how much we are going to have because anything over that two or three dollars a gallon, Region VIII is picking up,” Alderman said.

“So, you have a stable price,” Filler said.

“In our agreement, yeah,” Holstine said. “So now the unpredictability on fuel prices is on their end, not ours...They agreed to it. We signed an addendum to the MOU to include the fuel surcharge.”

Joseph said, “If everything goes smooth. We don’t have any big changes and there aren’t any big changes in working capital, we should be cash positive to the tune of about 260,000 between now and the end of the next fiscal year,” Joseph said.

The Tucker County Solid Waste Authority approved the budget for the 2024 Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023.

Holstine commented on the latest Leachate report to the board, “The last thing I’ll note on the leachate report,” Holstine said. “Just draw your attention to the 316,066 gallons removed from the site is the lowest amount of leachate we’ve trucked since 2011 and 12.” Holstine attributed this to the effectiveness of the Eco Mister system and care of the site. “The Eco Misters and taking care of the site.”

Board Member and Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis said, “For all the rain we’ve been having, that’s awesome.”

Board Member Dennis Filler said, “The rain has been just recent, though. During this time period, we didn’t have a lot of rain so the Eco Misters would actually work more effectively.”

During the meeting, the board hosted a luncheon

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for existing board member Diane Hinkle. Hinkle was stepping down from the board after four and a half years of service. “I want to thank Diane for joining us for the last... four years,” Holstine said. “She didn’t know me from Adam when I asked her to join the board. I met with her and had a long conversation. She kind of knew what the deal was here which was a wreck, a mess. She wasn’t really sure she even wanted to be anywhere near it. Somehow, I convinced her to agree to join the board and brought her on. She’s been a valuable board member to us. Helped us through some pretty sticky times. She’s been very understanding when it got real sticky with what we were trying to do when me and Ray was digging up heaven up there and people were not happy. But it was a necessary evil. And I really appreciate it and thank you very much.”

“I really appreciated the offer to come back on the board,” Hinkle said. “After the first stint, which was a completely different story, so it was refreshing to come back to a board who is actually progressive and above board. And so, it’s been my pleasure and my honor really, to serve. I appreciate it.”

During the meeting, Holstine also introduced the board to the new office administrator. “I’d like to introduce everybody to Abby Simmons,” Holstine said. “She will be moving into Carol’s role over the next month or two. She will be our new office administrator and Carol will be retiring.” As part of her new duties, Simmons presented an update of the activities to the board for the first time and administered the roll call for the board. Simmons will be replacing retiring Office Administrator and board secretary/treasurer Carol Helmick over the next few weeks.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Solid Waste Commission will be held on Monday, July 24th at 3pm at the TCSWA office, 284 Landfill Road, Davis.

News of Record

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

- Jeri L. Young, Clover District, Mineral interest 39 acres 6 chains 15 poles more or less to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$2,000.
- Rhonda R. McGuire, Clover District, 35 acres 2 chains and 10 poles more or less to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$1,300.
- Amy Snedeker, Dry Fork district, Unit E4 Week 50 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Donnie Daugherty Et Ux, \$500.
- Paul Martin Et Ux, St. George District, .80 acres more or less to Mark Burns Et Ux, \$12,000.
- Pennsylvania State University, Clover District, 39 acres 6 chain and 15 poles to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$2,500.

The following marriage has been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk’s office:

- Daniel Lee Hadley to Sally Ann Price on Friday, June 30, 2023.

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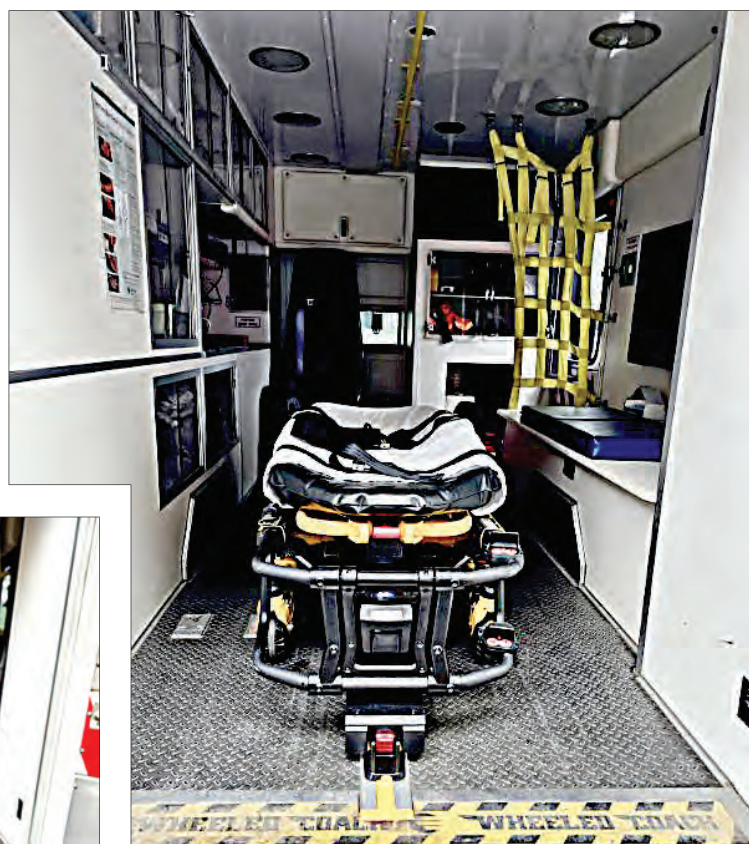
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Tucker County EMS has upgraded the cot system on their ambulances. The funding for the \$67,000 power load system came from a grant received by the Tucker County Commission from Covid relief, according to Tucker County EMS Interim Director Amanda Simmons. This system replaced a 17-year-old system used by EMS.

Commission from funds received in a Covid grant. Simmons said, "The number one Workers Comp injury with EMS is back injury. The cot systems are anywhere from 150 to 200 lbs on their own without

a patient. The current cot systems that we have are 17 years of age and needed to be updated."

of 67,000 for the power load system on the following Commission meeting," Simmons said.

Through the grant, the Ambulance Authority received the cot system at no cost, according to Simmons. "After seeing the need of a cot system, the County Commission and TCAA Board had a work session at which time the County Commission the following meeting approved the funding

Simmons thanked the Commission for their support. "I appreciate again the County Commission taking the funds out for that through the grant to provide that for us," Simmons said. "It was greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to seeing what else we can go forward and improve in the future."



TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a charcoal photo of a young lady who possible attended the St. George Academy. The photo is in the archives at the school and there is a request to try to identify her. If you know who she is or could possibly be, please help. I will do a feature on the only subscription school in the county soon. Comments, suggestions, ideas or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

OBITUARIES

Wilson R. Jones

Wilson R. Jones (known by many as Butch or Dick Jones or "The Saw Man") 83, passed away peacefully with family by his side on Sunday, July 2, 2023, at Mountain Memories Assisted Living & Retirement Center in Elkins, WV.



Born September 22, 1939 in Washington, D.C., Dick grew up in Cheverly, Maryland and graduated from Bladensburg High School in 1957. Dick loved working with his hands and had a passion for working on small engines. He began his career as a small engine mechanic and spent decades selling chainsaws and power equipment throughout Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, prior to relocating to Purgitsville, WV in 1985.

Dick's hobbies and interests included hunting and fishing, cruising in anything that went fast, but above all he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and driving them around "The Farm" when they were little. Dick married his childhood sweetheart Diane Franklin in 1962 and they enjoyed 48 years together prior to Diane's passing. Together Dick and Diane founded Mill Creek Saw Shop in 1985 and successfully operated it in Burlington, WV with their son Rod for over 33 years.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife Diane Jones, sister, Patricia Dutton and mother, Maybelle Utt.

Dick is survived by his two sons, Rod and Randall (Carolyn) Jones Sr., six grandchildren; Scott Jones, Colin (Jennifer) Jones, Bailey Jones, Valerie Jones, Randall Jones Jr. and Brystal Jones.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 12 p.m. at McKee Funeral Home Chapel, Augusta, WV with Pastor Denzil Davis officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior.

All arrangements are being handled by McKee Funeral Home, Augusta, WV.

Betty Lee Snyder Bonner

Betty Lee Snyder Bonner, age 88 years, a resident Parsons, WV and for the past nine months a resident of Cortland Acres, departed this life Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at Davis Medical Center at Elkins, WV. She had been in declining health.



She was born Thursday, December 13, 1934, at Wolf Run, Hambleton, WV, a daughter of the late Henry Carl and Jennie Rae Judy Snyder. On July 17, 1955, at Oakland, MD, she was married to Paul Cleon Bonner, who preceded her in death November 10, 2005.

Surviving are one daughter, Cathy Ann Lee and husband Todd of Hambleton; two brothers, Bill Snyder of Hambleton and Kelly Snyder of Parsons; one sister, Sharon Nestor and husband Walt of Parsons; two grandchildren, Sheree Nicole Quattro and husband Brian of Thomas, and Taylor O'Bryen Lee of Valley Bend; great grandson, Jaxson Quattro of Thomas.

Preceding her in death are one son, Danny Cleon Bonner; three brothers, Kenneth Snyder Hoye Snyder and Gerald Snyder; and seven sisters, Patty Jo McDaniel, Tacie Dewalt and Opal Griffith, Lena Snyder Pennington, Shirley Allison, Gaye Day and Muriel Simmons.

She was a nurse's aide at the former Parsons Hospital, worked at the former Woolen Mill, she was a waitress and she also worked at the Heritage House. Betty dearly loved her family and grandchildren.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Sunday, July 9, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Sunday at 1 p.m. The Reverend David Shaffer and The Reverend James Snyder officiated. Cremation followed, with interment to follow at the Bethel Cemetery at Holly Meadows. With her great love of animals, any contribution may be made to the Tucker County Animal Shelter, 586 Brooklyn Heights Road, Parsons, WV 26287.

The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Betty Lee Snyder Bonner. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohr-barbfuneralhome.com

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St. George Medical Clinic Announces Donation to Establish Endowment for Medical Education



Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation (Eastern Foundation) and the St. George Medical Clinic (SGMC) have partnered to create a permanent endowment to provide medical education scholarships. The St. George Medical Clinic Scholarship Fund will award one scholarship to a student attending Eastern in a medical field. The scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to

the student in the form of a tuition waiver from Eastern Foundation, books, and other related educational costs like scrubs, fees, and lab costs incurred from enrollment. Steve Taylor, the Foundation's President, said, "This is an inspiring donation to help students in the College's medical programs; this one donation will also yield an annual scholarship from now on. So, this one donation helps current students and future



students at the College." "This scholarship also removes other financial barriers, like lab costs and required equipment like lab coats and scrubs. Some students can get tuition covered, but these other costs can prevent some-

one from becoming a student as well," said Robert Burns, Director of Non[1] Profits at Eastern. SGMC is a Federal Qualified Health Clinic located in St. George, Tucker County, with additional clinics and services in Parsons and

Canaan Valley. The clinic has provided a donation of \$20,000 to establish an endowment that should produce an annual scholarship of \$1,000 for a student attending any medical education program at the college. This is Eastern Found-

ation's first permanent endowment, and they have partnered with the Tucker Community Foundation to help manage the funds. Their assistance will allow the funds to grow with other monies and minimize investment risks.

Morrissey Urges EPA to Reconsider Proposed Stricter Tailpipe Emissions Standards Rules

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is calling the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed new rule on car tailpipes as "unlawful and misguided," and is urging the agency to reconsider.

The draconian proposal aims to boost certain electric vehicle sales from 8.4% of total vehicle sales today to 67% by 2032.

"This proposed rule is legally flawed and unrealistic, to say the least," Attorney General Morrissey said. "This would have devastating effects in the daily lives of consumers—many of whom are already suffering from the burdens of historically high inflation."

"This is an attack on rural America and rural Americans who are working really hard to make ends meet who are going to get bludgeoned by this rule."

The Attorney General is co-leading with Kentucky a coalition of 25 states in a comment letter to the EPA, telling the agency Congress did not give the EPA the power to attempt a top-to-bottom restructuring of the automobile industry.

The proposed rule—Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles—announced April 12, drastically accelerates the nation's transition to zero-emission vehicles, mandating the Biden administration's aggressive climate agenda.

"We will always look after the financial wellbeing of consumers, many of whom are dealing with this challenging economy," Attorney General Morrissey said. "And this comes in a time when the Biden administration is plotting on destroying whatever is left with our energy produc-

tion through regulations that would effectively shut down coal- and gas-fired power plants—the backbone of the nation's power generation."

"All of this comes at a time of record inflation, historic gasoline prices, and high utility bills. Since President Biden took office, food prices are up over 18%, and energy prices are up over 37%," the coalition wrote.

Home prices have also surged since Biden took office to more than 27%. Many consumers in West Virginia and the nation will be unable to afford EVs even if they want them—the average EV sold for \$61,448 at the end of 2022.

The coalition is urging the EPA to instead adopt "feasible standards that maintain our nation's air quality without risking consumer safety, economic stability and national security," describing the proposal as "unlawful, unwise and unsustainable."

"We have settled this issue in last year's U.S. Supreme Court decision in West Virginia v. EPA, which specifically ruled the EPA must regulate within the express boundaries of the statute that Congress passed—the agency can't regulate similar matters without explicit Congressional authorization," Attorney General Morrissey said.

Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming joined West Virginia and Kentucky in the letter.

Read a copy of the letter: <https://bit.ly/46zbNMj>.

841 New WV Business Registrations for June of 2023

Charleston, W. Va. – The WV Secretary of State's Office registered 841 new businesses statewide during the month of June according to Secretary of State Mac Warner.

Wirt County led the state in the percentage of new business growth through June with a total of four new business registrations, a 2.06% increase. The Secretary of State's Business & Licensing Division reported that Jefferson, Wayne, Logan and Calhoun Counties also experienced notable growth during the month.

A total of 62 new business entities were registered in Jefferson County in June of 2023. Wayne County successfully registered 15 businesses. Logan County reported 16 registrations for the month and Calhoun County registered three new businesses with the Secretary of State's Office.

Counties that lead the state in total businesses registered for June were Kanawha, Berkeley, Monongalia, Jefferson and Cabell. Kanawha County successfully registered 87 businesses while Berkeley

County reported 72 new registrations. Monongalia County had 65 businesses register. Jefferson County registered 62 new businesses while Cabell County totaled 45 new registrations for the month.

Statewide, West Virginia registered 13,229 new businesses in the previous 12-month period, from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. Jefferson County led all 55 counties with a 19.34% growth rate during the one-year timespan. To review county-by-county growth, visit our Business Statistics Database.

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What's? Happening

Retired School Employees Meeting

Tucker County Association of Retired School Employees meeting is at noon on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at B & J Family Diner. Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins will present how seniors can protect themselves from scams and identity theft. All retirees are invited to attend.

Old Fashion Cabin Raising

Patriots 4 Inc. will have a cabin raising to support combat wounded service

members on July 21 and 22 and July 28 and 29. Come to 861 Heroes Circle to volunteer your time. Bring your favorite covered dish. Contact Kay Young, Board of Directors, 703 929 4523 or email patriots4heroes@gmail.com

Waybright/Teter

The reunion of the late Don & Irabelle (Teter) Waybright family will be Sunday July 23 at the Flanagan Hill Community Building in Red Creek. Lunch will begin at approximately 12:30. Bring a covered dish and drink to share. Paper products and tableware will be provided.

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July 13, 1861: The Battle of Corricks Ford took place in Tucker County. Confederate Gen. Robert S. Garnett was killed. He was the first Confederate general killed in the Civil War.

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.

July 12, 2003: The Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences in downtown Charleston opened to the public. It combines a modern performing arts center with a visual arts museum and an interactive science center.

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July 14, 1861: Union troops under Gen. Jacob Cox drove Confederate militia and cavalry out of town during the Battle of Barboursville. Union forces remained in control of Barboursville for the remainder of the war.

July 15, 1886: Congressman Cleveland Monroe “Cleve” Bailey was born on a farm in Pleasants County. He represented West Virginia’s third congressional district for eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1945–47 and 1949–63.

July 15, 1988: Interstate 64 was completed when the final section between Sam Black Church and the West Virginia Turnpike was opened to traffic.

July 16, 1869: Philanthropist Michael Late Benedum was born in Bridgeport. He made a fortune in the oil and gas business but is best remembered for establishing the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

July 17, 1861: The Battle of Scary Creek took place in Putnam County. It was one of the earliest battles of the war and one of the first Confederate victories.

July 17, 1914: Singer

Eleanor Steber was born in Wheeling. She made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in 1940.

July 17, 1922: The Cliftonville Mine Battle took place east of Wellsburg, Brooke County. The gun battle between striking miners and sheriff’s forces left at least nine people dead.

July 18, 1776: Methodist first bishop Francis Asbury first set foot in present West Virginia outside of Berkeley Springs. He worked extensively in what is now the Eastern Panhandle, preaching and lecturing almost every day, before continuing farther into western Virginia.

July 18, 1893: Spencer State Hospital opened. With its connected brick buildings, a quarter-mile in length, the hospital was sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. It remained in operation until June 1989.

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable and safe 4th of July. Mine was spent as usual, home with my scared fur babies. I did get some trazodone from the vet to keep them calm. It did help but you have to give it to them about one hour before the fireworks and booms start. I am glad I asked about it because I have two that are so nervous they almost make themselves sick and all Gracie wants to do is bark.

If my neighbors would just put off their fireworks on the 4th it wouldn’t be so bad but they start about a week before and are still going a week after the holiday. It gets pretty expensive getting that much medicine for three dogs and I hate to give it to them for so long. *Momma Said*, “It is hell if I do and hell if I don’t.”

It will soon be over and so will half of July as this year is going along at light speed. I don’t know where the time

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

has gone, between being stuck inside because of all the rain and the smoke from Canada, I totally missed the whole month of June. I don’t think I got one productive thing done the whole time.

Maybe the weather will cooperate and I can get some of my outside work done. I want to pressure wash and build new shutters for the front of my home and get some painting done. It has been a few years since I have done that and it is starting to show the neglect. I don’t like it so that will be one thing that has to get done.

Hawaiian Chicken and Pineapple Bites

Ingredients

- ½ CUP pineapple juice
- 2 TABLESPOONS olive oil
- ¼ CUP soy sauce
- ¼ apple cider vinegar
- ½ CUP ketchup
- ½ CUP brown sugar
- 1 CLOVE garlic minced
- 1- INCH fresh ginger grated
- ¼ TEASPOON freshly ground black pepper
- 1½ POUNDS chicken breast cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 red onion cut into 1-inch pieces
- ½ pineapple cut into 1-inch cubes
- ½ red bell pepper cut into 1-inch pieces
- ½ green bell pepper cut into 1-inch pieces
- 24 6-inch wooden skewers

Instructions

1. Make the marinade by combining the pineapple juice, olive oil, soy sauce, cider vinegar, ketchup, brown sugar, garlic, ginger and black pepper in a bowl. Add the

chicken cubes and onions and marinate for at least 4 hours to overnight.

2. Soak the skewers in water for about 30 minutes.
3. Build the skewers by threading each with a piece of red onion, red pepper, pineapple, marinated chicken cube and green pepper.
4. Pour the marinade into a small saucepan and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer for 7 to 10 minutes until it thickens to a glaze. Set the glaze aside to use as a basting sauce.
5. Pre-heat an indoor or outdoor grill to medium high heat (about 350°F on an electric grill). Place the skewers on the pre-heated grill and grill for 10 to 15 minutes until the vegetables are soft and the chicken is cooked through. During the grilling process, turn the skewers a few times and brush on the basting sauce.
6. Remove the skewers from the grill and baste one last time with the remaining sauce. Serve immediately.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Weather Totals

June 27 - July 5

Nursery Bottom
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Temperature

Max 86° F
Min 53° F

Precipitation

Week 1.72"
June 4.55"
2023 25.50"

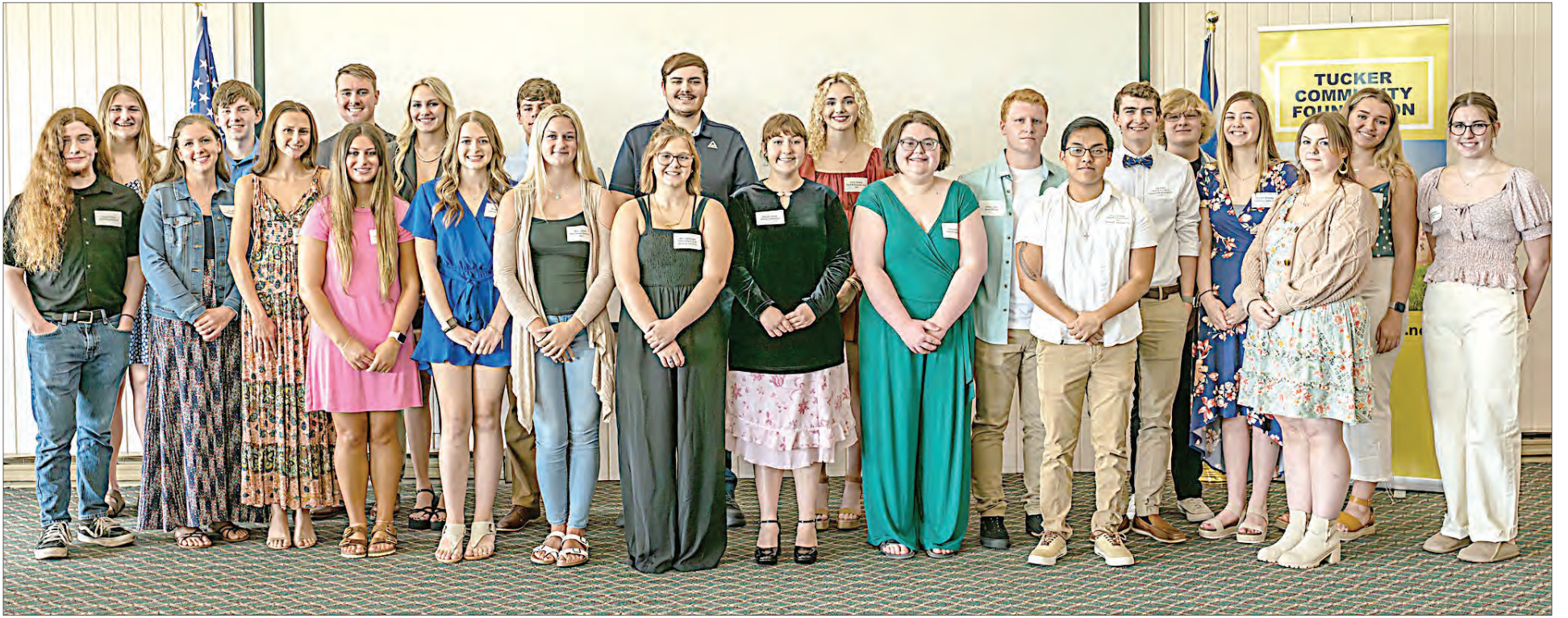
Snowfall

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

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Tucker Community Foundation honors scholarship recipients



2023 Tucker Community Foundation Scholarship Recipients

PARSONS – The Tucker Community Foundation awarded \$89,000 in scholarships from over 50 different scholarship funds for high school and college students in Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties, WV and Garrett County, MD. Scholarship awards ranged from \$350 to \$8,000 with most in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range.

The Foundation hosted a reception for all the scholarship recipients and their families, TCF Board of Directors, and Scholarship Fund Advisors in the Canaan Valley Resort Main Lodge on June 24, 2023. “We brought this event back last year after a few years of not having it and it was such a success that the Foundation plans on hosting the event every year, though the location might change,” said Michael Moore, CFO of the Foundation. “The idea behind the event was for the students and their families to be able to meet the TCF Board of Directors, which decides who gets the scholarships, and the Scholarship Fund Advisors that actually had the vision to create the funds and give the money that pays for the scholarships. The event was such a success that next year’s event is already being planned.”

This year’s event started with some social time, so everyone could mingle and get to know each other, drinks and appetizers were provided. First, the stu-



2023 TCHS Graduates Front Row from Left to Right Jocelyn Burnside, Mary Spencer, Riley Rohrbaugh, Ivanna Wilt, Eliseo Wotring, Jeremy Liller Back Row from Left to Right Clay Poling, Kadie Colebank, Nevaeh Nichols, Jacob Moore, William DeVilder.

dents got to play a game where they had a chance to win money. “We got feedback from last year’s recipients on ways to improve the event, so this year the Foundation also did drawings for 6 very nice prizes throughout the day. All of the students received a gift bag from the Foundation and their scholarship check, there was a photographer present to take pictures of the students, families and the Fund advisors,” said Moore.

This year the Foundation

gave 29 scholarships to current and previous Tucker County High School Graduates, they included Elizabeth Liptrap-Fansler, Mary Spencer, Paige Shaffer, Kadie Colebank, Wesley Strawderman, Erin Cassidy, Emma Snyder, Jeremy Liller, Riley Rohrbaugh, Clay Poling, Camille Smith, Erin Chambers, Kristen Hicks, Mason Kisamore, Jacob Moore, Eliseo Wotring, Karley Kyle, Catie Kirk, Treye Wagner, Olivia Sigley, William DeVilder, Ivanna

Wilt, Carley Dumire, Hannah Hardy, Jocelyn Burnside, Avery Smith, Nevaeh Nichols, Karlee Smith and Cameron Mullenax.

“Some of the Tucker Community Foundation’s scholarships are designated for graduates of a particular high school or for a particular college while others are based on activities or intended college majors” Moore said. “Just because you do not qualify for one scholarship does not mean you would not qualify for another. We review all of

the scholarship applicants and determine the student’s eligibility for each different scholarship.”

High school seniors, college students, students attending technical schools and other non-traditional students (e.g., adults returning to school) are encouraged to apply for a Tucker Community Foundation scholarship regardless of their field of study. TCF will be accepting scholarship applications again in January and February of 2024.

The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 140 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to nonprofits and charitable causes throughout the eight-county service area. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Foundation is to create opportunities for the communities we serve. For more information about scholarships contact the Tucker Community Foundation at 304-478-2930 or visit www.tuckerfoundation.net.

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Gov. Justice, WVDNR report 19% increase in number of stocked trout in 2023



Favorable weather and improved infrastructure is helping the WVDNR produce more trout at hatcheries around the state.

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced that the agency has stocked nearly 130,000 more trout in 2023 compared to the previous year.

Between January and May 2023, the WVDNR stocked 802,481 trout in lakes and streams around the state, which is a 19% increase over the 673,148 trout that were stocked during the same period in 2022.

“Our hatchery program plays a crucial role in creating an exceptional fishing experience for anglers across West Virginia,” Gov. Justice said. “This significant increase can be attributed to investments in our hatchery infrastructure and the dedicated work of our staff who make all this possible. My administration has focused on our Trout Stocking program, and directed investments toward it because it pays dividends. Not only do our residents enjoy our lakes and streams, but so do a lot of tourists from all over the world who come here to enjoy our waters.”

One of the most significant investments was the expansion of the Bowden Hatchery from 40 fish rearing units to 60, which allows the



WVDNR to produce an additional 100,000 pounds of trout. Other improvements have been made to the Edray, Reed's Creek and Tate Lohr hatcheries to shore up fish production, as well.

In addition to hatchery facility improvements, the increase in trout production can be attributed to warmer weather during the winter months, which created ideal conditions for trout to thrive.

“As we look ahead to fall trout stocking, we are optimistic that we will be able to achieve record-breaking stocking numbers this year,” WVDNR Director Brett McMillion said. “With more fish in the water, I want to encourage anglers all across West Virginia and beyond to get out

there and enjoy a trout fishing trip this year.”

It is important to note that the long-term growth of the trout population is dependent on various factors, including habitat, weather patterns and other environmental elements. The WVDNR remains dedicated to preserving and enhancing West Virginia's natural resources to ensure sustainable fishing opportunities for generations to come.

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license, trout stamp and valid form of identification while fishing for trout. To purchase a license and stamp or to learn more about trout stocking and fishing regulations in West Virginia, visit wvdnr.gov/fishing.

DHHR Announces Emergency Energy Assistance Program for Low Income Residents

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) announced applications for the Emergency Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will be accepted beginning Monday, June 26, 2023, through June 30, 2023, or until funds are exhausted. The federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home energy bills.

Residents whose primary energy source is either gas or electricity must provide their shut-off notice when applying for Emergency LIEAP. Those using other primary energy sources or bulk fuel may qualify for assistance if their energy fuel is at a low level during the application period.

Households that received direct payment of regular LIEAP benefits must verify that the payment was used for home energy by submitting a current receipt with the Emergency LIEAP application. Failure to submit verification of payment may result in a denial of the application.

Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on income, household size and whether the household is responsible for paying its home energy bill. The income limit for fiscal year 2023 is 60% of the state median income. In these situations where an energy emergency exists, applicants must be seen by a DHHR worker.

To qualify, households must meet all program guidelines and be in an emergency that will disrupt the primary home energy source if not met.

The maximum allowable gross income levels for Emergency LIEAP FY 2023 are listed below:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY ALLOWABLE INCOME
1 Person	\$2,049
2 Person	\$2,680
3 Person	\$3,310
4 Person	\$3,941
5 Person	\$4,571
6 Person	\$5,201
7 Person	\$5,829
8 Person	\$6,419
9 Person	\$7,009
10 Person	\$7,599

*For each additional person, add \$590. Households whose income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible; however, some types of income may be excluded for LIEAP. Social Security and Veterans income will be excluded for the current LIEAP application period.

To apply, residents must go to their local DHHR office. A list of local offices may be found at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Documents/DHHR.BCF.LocalOffices.pdf>.

Capito Announces \$357,000 for WV Dept. of Agriculture

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, and member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$357,000 for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture to prevent pesticide contamination and protect water quality across the state.

“Ensuring West Virginia has the resources it needs to maintain and protect its natural environment is critical for the future of our state,” Ranking Member Capito said. “I’m proud to announce this funding today, which will strengthen the West Virginia Department of Agriculture’s ability to address key environmental priorities such as managing pesticide programs, maintaining water quality for residents, and protecting endangered species.”

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REUNION

Chet Roy and Myrtle Davis Reunion
Family, friends and neighbors are invited beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 29 in the first pavilion at Mill Race Park.

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Luzier picks up first win



Nolan Luzier from Davis, picking up his first feature win



Brothers Jake and Nelson Herron along with Jalee Green racing for first place at elk ins Speedway, Although a tight race they came up short. Nolan Luzier picking up his first ever feature win.

Improvements underway at Camp Kidd



New siding is going up on the boy's dorm at Camp Kidd.

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- 4) High school and/or College Transcripts

Some programs have limited enrollment and require additional requirements for admission. Please visit the website at www.easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000 for further information.

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HOPE GAS, INC.

Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On May 31, 2023, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope) filed its Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program (PREP) Filing with revised PREP Rates, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-1k, which authorizes the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) to approve cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade, and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

In its PREP Filing, Hope projects PREP capital investment for calendar year 2024 of \$66.5 million as part of its General Program (core distribution system) and Gathering Program (gathering facilities) under multi-year plans. The PREP Filing also contains a true-up for actual versus projected 2022 calendar year PREP capital investment activity for both the General Program and the Gathering Program. The PREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, regulator stations and other plant equipment. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Hope service territories throughout the State. These projects are identified in the PREP Filing, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Hope proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through an increment within the fixed or volumetric, base rate component of its rates depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered, to be effective on November 1, 2023. Hope projects that if the program and rate increments are approved as requested, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed on November 1, 2023, as follows:

HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	\$6.45	5.84%
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)	\$18.45	4.69%
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS)	\$164.47	11.91%
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LCS)	\$345.08	1.94%
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LCS)	\$330.28	3.89%
Large Commercial-Industrial - Distribution Sales (Rate Class LCI-D)	\$1,413.77	4.64 %
Large Commercial-Industrial - Distribution Transport (Rate Class LCI-D)	\$1,353.15	5.88%
Large Commercial-Industrial - Direct Service Transport (Rate Class LCI-DS)	\$247.01	11.63%
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	\$890.02	2.35%
Gathering (Rate Class PGAS)	\$745.81	2.00%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing on the PREP Filing, if necessary, that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on September 1, 2023, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If the Commission receives no opposition to the PREP Filing within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived, and the Commission may issue a final Order within 150 days of the PREP Filing filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within twenty (20) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission Order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/online_comments/default.cfm by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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"NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING"

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on July 27, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the **Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan** for the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund Program (DWTRF). A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2024 Comprehensive Project Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2024 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested by calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

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On July 27, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Davis Town Hall will be two public hearings.

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

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

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

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

Written objections to the proposed ordinance may be made and will be heard at the public hearings and must be filed with the Town Clerk.

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Rising country music artist Austin Snell entertained the large Mountaineer Days crowd Saturday evening before the fireworks.



Residents and visitors enjoyed sampling the food and admiring the craft vendors that lined the railroad grade in Thomas.



The Luzier family enjoyed riding a float with their mini-wedges during the parade.



The Thomas Volunteer Fire Department put on a magnificent hour-long fireworks display.



A large crowd gathered to listen to Austin Snell, the headliner for Mountaineer Days.



USDA Forest Service allowed attendees to make ornaments for the 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree selected from the Monongahela National Forest.



Tucker County's largest cakewalk, sponsored by the Mountaineer Humane Society, allowed festival attendees the chance to win and take home a cake or two.



The old tractors in the Mountaineer Days parade are always a crowd favorite.

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| Inn at Canaan | City of Parsons |
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| Sirianni's Café | Scarlett Grey |
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| Bloom | Piccolo Paula's |
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| The Ice Cream Shop | The Purple Fiddle |
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