

Office of Emergency Management Meets with Forest Service

By: Lydia Crawley
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Office of Emergency Management Director Kevin White updated the Tucker County Commission on the department's latest developments which included a recent meeting with the USDA Forest Service.

White said his department met with the USDA Forest Service recently, as well. "We did have a quad county meeting with the USDA Forest Service. We have those about two times a year. We had this one at Canaan Valley two weeks ago, I think it was. They kind of get us all together and give us updates on what is going on in the forest. Since we are 70% forest owned, it's important to Tucker County. They give us updates on Dolly Sods, on Otter Creek, on Douglas Falls area, things like that."

White said he appreciated the job



Emergency Management Director Kevin White, left, catches up with Tucker County Sheriff Jacob "Jake" Kopec prior to the Tucker County Commission session.

the Forest Service has been doing in recent years. "I will tip my hat to the Forest Service. Over the last seven, eight years, they have really upped their game with providing us information and letting us know what's going on and working with us. Even providing fire crews now."

White told the Commission what the Fire Departments relationship used to be with the Forest Service.

"Used to, really the fire departments, they signed the agreement that they would fight fires on their property," White said. "You would never see them. It would just be you out there. Now they actually have Fire Crews, they have Engine Crews here, everything. They keep engines either at Elkins or Petersburg and they keep people manning them. They've

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Commissioners Meet with HOA Representatives

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Tucker County Commission held a work session with representatives from Home Owners Voice, a 501c4 West Virginia nonprofit. Chair Kathy Knight met with the Commission to discuss HOA compliance and reform.

"The work session is to talk to Kathy Knight about the Homeowners Association throughout the State of West Virginia," Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau said.

Knight described the different categories of HOAs that are found throughout the state to the Commissioners. "This is where we are to date," Knight said. "We have different kinds of HOAs. We have the conforming HOA which is, think Timberline. Then you have rogue, think Winwood. Then you have zombie and a good example of a zombie would be Cedar Place in the valley. They're small, they have a road, their documents may or may not be filed. It depends on who you ask. They don't do annual reports as a general rule. They probably never had an audit in their life. They got eight, kind of duplexes, townhouse duplexes. And

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Board Updated on County CTE Program

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Tucker County High School CTE Director Billy Shahan updated the Tucker County School Board on the progress of the Career and Technical Education Program at the Board's regular meeting.

"Last year's CTE, we've had 100 percent participation rate," Shahan said. "Which means, when they participate, all they have to do is take one CTE class of any to be a participant."

Shahan informed the board of the various levels of participation the students at Tucker County High School enrolled in the CTE program. "Concentrators, which they had to take two classes," Shahan said. "We are at 70 percent with 158 students. Completers, which is four classes, plus the...test they have to take, which was 19 percent with a total of 44 students."

Shahan said the Board that he intends to standardize test all students who have taken four CTE classes at the beginning of the school year. "At the beginning of this year, I am going to (test) everybody that has got four classes so that they can go ahead and be a completer," Shahan said. "Because if we don't do it that way, if we don't go ahead and (test), what will happen if their parents decide to up and move from county to county, we will lose that funding as a completer."

Shahan explained to the Board the details of the testing the CTE program conducts. "It's a National test that they take in their field," Shahan said. "Each one has a different score in order to get Governor's Workforce."

Shahan said the High School is hoping to have some students achieve the Governor's Workforce this coming school year. "That's one of the things we are going to push for this year is to



Billy Shahan updates the Tucker County Board of Education on the progress of the county's CTE Program.

try to get some of the students to get the Governor's Workforce," Shahan said. "Which consists of, they have to have a 3.0 GPA in the field that they are in, they have to

score so high on the... test, they have to have a 95 percent attendance rate their senior year... plus then they have to have two drug tests at least 30 days apart.

They can't have a drug test this week and one next week. They have to be at least 30 days apart." Shahan said he was also

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Metzner, Moore Join Ambulance Authority Board



Susan Metzner, left, and Dr. Elaine Moore, right, joined the Tucker County Ambulance Authority as Board Members. The Tucker County Commission approved their appointment on July 12th.

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The Tucker County Ambulance Authority met in regular session. The Board welcomed two new members at the meeting. Dr. Elaine Moore and Susan Metzner joined the board following their appointment approval by the Tucker County Commission. The

new members were welcomed by Board President Dennis Filler.

Filler asked the new members to introduce themselves and what brought them to the board. "I'm here because you asked me," Moore said. "Otherwise, I would still be home chopping wood."

Moore did elaborate on the more serious aspect of her appointment.

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County Board of Education Hears Report on Virtual Education Courses

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The Tucker County Board of Education met in open session with Tucker County High School Principal Alex Cork updating the Board on the Virtual Education Courses offered in the county.

"The biggest thing I would stress to you guys," Cork said, "is with the Ingenuity Program, the ability for us to run in-house our credit recovery program, without relying on somebody in

Charleston's schedule, makes a world of difference for our kids."

Cork informed the board that the program has allowed for credit recovery in all subjects. "We used a credit recovery in every core subject which meant Math, Science, English and Social Studies. Every one of those subjects we were able to have a credit recovery within the year. We didn't have to wait for the Department of Ed's West Virginia Learning Program to open up. They didn't have to

wait for summer to work on that recovery. We were able to do it live during the school year which is a good thing."

The program, according to Cork, has allowed students to recover credits and has led to students being able to graduate at the end of summer school without repeating a school year. "Several Seniors would not have likely been able to graduate without that because we would have had to wait for that schedule and so there are gradu-

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The Tucker County School Board met in open session recently. The Board updates on the county's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program and a report on the Virtual Courses offered by the county.



News of Record

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

- Robert Steven Traven, Clover District, Mineral rights 35 acres, 2 chains and 10 poles more or less to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$1,300.
- Calvin Eugene Traven, Clover district, mineral interest 35 acres, 2 chains and 10 poles to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$1,300.
- City of Parsons, Lot #193 Section C 18 feet in width 20 feet to Parsons Corporation, \$1,600.
- Shoker Ashby LLC, Dry Fork District, Lot 27 Mountainside to Hill West LLC, \$1,200.
- Robert T. Metz, .17 acres to Amanda G. Brown, \$2,000.
- Elressa J. Baumgartner, Davis District, 45x remainder of Lot 165 to Ronald G. Tate, II, \$30,000.
- Mark Waitkus Ut Ex, Fairfax District, Lot 10 and 10A Coketon to Floyd James Wilfong, \$40,150.
- Donatta Smith and American Land Company Inc., Clover District, Mineral interest 35 acres, 2 chains and 10 poles to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$1,600.
- Roberta Jean Sparks, Clover District, Mineral interest 35 acres, 2 chains and 10 poles to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$1,600.

High Speed Chase

A Press Release from Randolph County Sheriff Robert R. Elbon Jr. states that on Thursday, July 20, Randolph County 911 was notified of a pursuit that originated in Tucker County. A silver Mitsubishi was driving at high rates of speed on Parsons Road and about to enter Randolph County. The WVSP, Elkins PD, Tucker County Sheriff's office, Sgt. Cogar and Deputy Pingley were involved in the pursuit. The vehicle entered Randolph County and drove at speeds around 90 mph in the Montrose area. The vehicle passed other vehicles on no passing lanes and created a risk of serious injury or death for others on the roadway.

Pingley was able to get into position at the Kerens intersection where he observed the vehicles passing other drivers that were waiting at the stop sign. The vehicle turned onto Corridor-H from the Kerens intersection where a spike strip was attempted. The vehicle navigated around the spike strips and continued on Corridor-H. Law Enforcement continued pursuing the vehicle where speeds climbed to 125 mph. The vehicle swerved on both lanes. Additional law enforcement entered the pursuit from the Elkins exit on Corridor-H when the driver suddenly slowed down and came to a complete stop. The driver was quickly taken into custody.

A further investigation found that the driver was a 14 year old out of Virginia that was wanted by Law Enforcement. The vehicle the juvenile was driving was reported stolen out of Virginia. The juvenile was later taken to a juvenile detention facility. A juvenile petition for possession of a stolen vehicle and fleeing with reckless indifference will be brought forward at a later date.



THANK YOU

The family of Betty Bonner would like to thank everyone for the memories, condolences. Cards and food we have received.

A special thanks to Anita, Nick and the staff of Lohr & Barb Funeral Home for their caring and professional services; the dedicated staff at CANH that provided a loving home for mom and all of the residents during such a critical time in their lives; the exceptional and collaborative efforts of the physicians and staff provided at DMC; the stunning arrangements from Stevens' Florist and Sharon, Kelly, Bill and Tim for helping to keep mom at home as long as possible.

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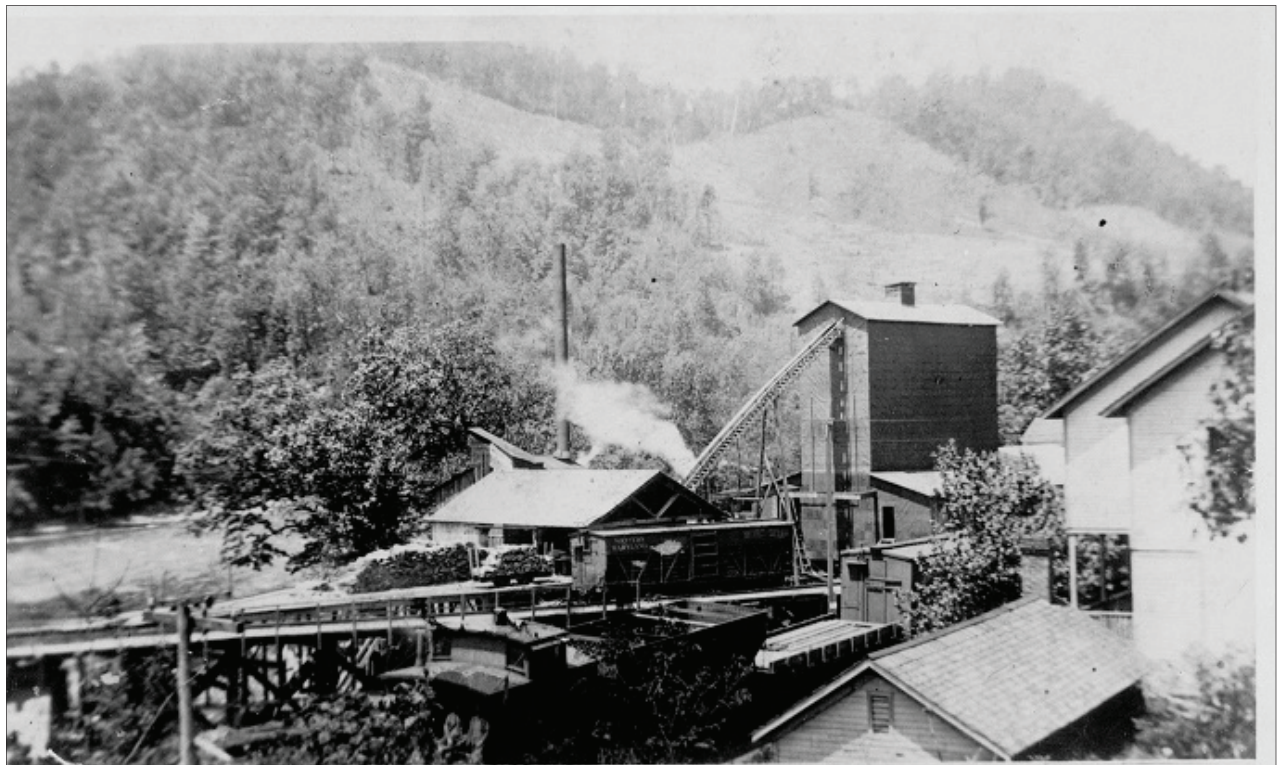
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TURNER'S TIDBITS



KEYSTONE CO'S KINDLING-WOOD FACTORY, HAMBLETON, W. VA Mar. 1910

This is a photo of the Keystone Company's Kindling-Wood Factory of Hambleton taken March 1910. Homer Fansler had this to say about the factory: The company built a kindling wood plant at the Hambleton end of the bridge over Black Fork River in 1901. They cut and baled the waste wood from the Otter Creek Sawmill and shipped it to the coal burning cities for fire starting purposes. The plant was destroyed by fire on May 25, 1913, and was not rebuilt because it was evident that the sawmill would soon close. Ideas, suggestions, comments, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

U.S. Navy Showcasing SEAL Virtual Reality Experience at Boy Scouts National Jamboree

During this week's Boy Scouts of America (BSA) National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve in Glen Jean, WV, the U.S. Navy will showcase the Nimitz, a mobile, state-of-the-art virtual reality experience that simulates an actual high-speed Navy SEAL mission. Video preview of the Nimitz.

Inside the Nimitz, which is housed in a massive, unfolding 18-wheeler, participants go through a video briefing before strapping on an Oculus Rift headset and a piece of wear-

able technology called a SubPac (traditionally used by Club DJs) that percusses in real time to the sounds of the mission. Visitors navigate the mission using a cutting-edge steering wheel and throttle system that replicate the actual sensation of piloting a high-speed, Navy Special Warfare Combatant Craft. Once finished, participants move to the debriefing station, where they receive feedback and a performance grade.

In addition to showcasing the Nimitz VR experience, current

Navy officers – many of whom are former Boy Scouts – will be on site to distribute Honor, Courage, Commitment (Navy core values) pins and patches to Scouts who visit the Nimitz. Navy officers also will host a "Hunt for the USS Boy Scout" scavenger hunt, whereby Scouts will have the chance to search for miniature replicas of the USS Boy Scout, which was an actual wooden Navy patrol ship that mysteriously disappeared in 1920.



DAVIS CEMETERY COMMITTEE LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

The Davis Cemetery Committee was created in September 2022 to help improve and maintain the appearance of the final resting places of our loved ones. We have a group of local interested persons/volunteers who have worked diligently over the past many months.

These have been the results thus far:

- Identification of shifted and/or toppled gravestones;
- Research of owners of Cemetery Lots and possible contact information;
- Acquisition of firm which will reset and/or stabilize specific gravestones;
- Removal of all faded and/or out-of-season decorations or flower arrangements;
- Removal of all debris
- Trimming and/or removal of shrubbery and other plants obscuring or dislodging the gravestone;
- Identification of all Military Veterans and their specific Cemetery location;
- Placement of United States Flags on all Veteran gravesites
- Monthly Cemetery Committee meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Davis Town Hall, Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m. Time/day may vary due to elections, holidays, or weather conditions. We will be addressing the standing water issue in the Newer Cemetery with draining ditches.

The Davis Cemetery Committee will contact current owners of gravestones/gravesites to request signatures for permission/refusal to reset the stones, waivers concerning possible damage, and for monetary assistance.

The Davis Cemetery Committee appreciates any and all donations. If you wish to donate to this endeavor, please send your donation to:

**Town of Davis
 PO Box 207
 Davis, West Virginia 26260**

On Memo, please indicate Cemetery donation. This is most important.

If you have questions, please call Tina at Town of Davis (304-259-5302) or Jeannette Tekavec Ware, Council Chairperson (304-259-4200; you may leave a message with your name and call-back number.)

We thank you for your attention to this matter and appreciate your interest.

Davis Cemetery Committee

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Fairview Homecoming

The 47th annual Fairview Cemetery Organization Homecoming picnic was held on June 25, 2023, at the Good Tidings Church pavilion on Location Road.

President Scott Hebb led a short business meeting following the picnic.

Reverend Harold Smith opened with prayer.

Zach Hebb read the names of loved ones who passed away since last year's homecoming and followed with a prayer. They included A. Dawn Thorne, Rev. Pat Cassidy, Barbara Quattro, Marijane Martin, Delores Ann Pifer, Ralph Knotts, Janet Bohon, Darrell Heckler, Denzil Kellar, Pamela Eye, Truman and Vonda Phillips, Barbara Ann Johnson, Randy Hartman and Carroll "Doc" Roy. Our lives have been blessed by knowing these dear people and we will always remember and cherish their memories.

Prizes were given to the oldest man attending, Jerry White of Limestone Road, who was 88 years old on March 30. The oldest woman present was 88 year old Lorena Hebb of Location Road. Lorena's birthday is Jan. 31, 1935. The youngest boy present at the homecoming picnic was Jack Bridger Hebb born on March 10, 2022. Jack is the son of Toby and Amber Hebb of Limestone Road.



Charlotte Lorene Nedrow, born on June 27, 2022, was the youngest girl at the homecoming. "Charlee" is the daughter of Nick and Taylor Nedrow of Hog Back Road. Zach and Jennifer Hebb and their family traveled about 440 miles from Penrose, N.C. to attend the homecoming.

Their children are Aletheia, Hezekiah, Trinity, Eden, Lazarus, Daily Grace, Zion, Jubilee and Ezekiel.

Prizes for the homecoming included a beautiful handcrafted basket made and donated by Ralph and Narel Hebb, crocheted wash cloths, homemade soaps, WVU table runner and WV refrigerator magnets purchased from Tucker Gifts Shop in Parsons, homemade soaps made and donated by Beth Streets, a hand crocheted lamb and a penguin stuffed animal made by Pam Sexton of Parsons and "Bread of Heaven" Fairview Cemetery cookbooks.

Among those attending the picnic or sending donations for mowing both cemeteries include John and Joann Golden, Scott Ritter, Jon and Allison Hunsberger, Rob and Robin Hebb, Zach and Jennifer Hebb and family, Tyler and Abby Hebb, Logan, Lydia and Cassidy Burns, Rocky and Jaci Clark, Jayla Clark, Jonathon, Samantha, Kenley and Everly Blamble, Angela and Adam Nestor, Julia Nine, Nick and Delores Nine, Corinda and John Shi-

ley, Luther and Reva Nine, Della L. Akins, Lorena Hebb, Melissa Jones, Delmas Hardy, Kevin and Becky Arbogast, Vicki and Colton Stonebraker, Betty Knicley, Ralph, Narel and Travis Hebb, Heather, Dalton, Landon and Trenton Wiles, Connie K. Jones, Beth Streets, Jerry White, John Canan, Gary and Wendy Nedrow, Nick, Taylor and Charlotte Nedrow, Kaylee A. Nedrow, Scott and Cindee Campbell, Scott, Marcy, Alissa, Brooklee and Case Hebb, Steve and Bonnie Knotts, Greg and Crystal Sigley, Justin Hunsberger, Kate and Sophia, Paul "Butch" and Kenanette Burns, Dawn Canan, Earl and Pat Bohon, Michelle Joseph, for Root and Sell families, Larry Streets, Delores Pifer family, Shirley Cassidy, Jess Brown, Jim Johnson, Linda Bates, Lou Sponaule, Ruth Carr, Wanda Booth.

Next year's meeting will be Sunday, June 30, 2024.

Mowing donations may be mailed to Mountain Valley Bank, N.A., Parsons, WV 26287.

OBITUARIES

Jerry Brant Flanagan

Jerry Brant Flanagan, 77, of Thomas, passed away on July 15, 2023, at Garrett Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his family. Born on March 15, 1946, in Elkins, he was the son of the late Rudolph Ruleman and Mary Virginia (Hinkle) Flanagan.



Jerry was a 1964 graduate of Mountaineer High School. He attended Fairmont State College and was drafted in the Army in 1966. He served during the Vietnam War, both in Vietnam and Germany. He was an instructor at West Point. He married the love of his life, Anita (DiBacco) Flanagan, on August 16, 1969. Jerry taught at the Tucker County Vocation Center, he was a police officer for both Thomas and Davis, and a Tucker County Sheriff's Deputy. He was a skilled welder and heavy equipment mechanic. After retirement, he owned and operated Flanco, LLC. He served as a Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus and was a member of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #22, the FOE #936, the International Union of Operating Engineers #132, and the Mt. Top Hunting Club.

He enjoyed football, baseball, hunting,

fishing, and having coffee with his friends and family. He never hesitated to give his advice or opinion to his sons and grandsons. Jerry will be greatly missed by family and friends.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Michael Brant Flanagan and wife Melony of Hambleton, and Rudolph Joseph "Jody"

Flanagan of Thomas; two grandchildren, Caleb Brant Flanagan and Collin Michael Flanagan; three brothers, Gary L. Flanagan and wife Connie of Springborow, OH, Brian K. Flanagan and wife Kim of Oakland, and Leslie H. Flanagan and wife Kathy of Charlotte, NC; two sisters in law, Cheryl Flanagan of Rome TX, Renee DiBacco of Thomas; a brother in law Joseph DiBacco of Thomas; along with a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Rudolph Warren Flanagan, James Hillary Flanagan, and mother and father-in-law, Edith and Guido J. DiBacco.

In accordance with Jerry's wishes, he was cremated. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 11 AM in St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church with Fr. John V. DiBacco and Fr. Martin Smay as co-celebrants. Interment will follow in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, where military honors will be accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Mt. Calvary Cemetery Fund, Knights of Columbus #2010 or St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic church.

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

The West Virginia Office of Broadband releases State Digital Equity Plan, Statewide Broadband Survey for public comment and response

CHARLESTON, W.VA — The West Virginia Office of Broadband released the first draft of the State Digital Equity Plan, which is available for public comment.

The public comment period is open and will close Monday, August 21. The West Virginia Digital Equity Plan can be viewed online at broadband.wv.gov and at internetforallwv.wv.gov. Feedback can be provided through a brief public comment form.

For residents who want to view the plan and provide feedback but do not have internet access, paper copies of the Digital Equity Plan and public comment form can be provided at the State's 11 Regional Planning and Development Councils' central offices upon request.

The West Virginia Office of Broadband encourages State residents to view the plan and provide their thoughts before the public comment period ends in August.

West Virginia's broadband expansion initiative is well underway. Governor Jim Justice has already approved funding for broadband expansion projects throughout West Virginia, utilizing funds provided by

the American Rescue Plan Act. Upon completion, these projects will connect thousands of West Virginians that did not previously have access to high speed internet.

"We are squarely focused on connecting the unconnected and getting out to the most rural areas that need this funding the most," Kelly Workman, Director of the Office of Broadband, said.

This draft plan comes following the recent announcement of \$1.2 billion in funding through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. The State Digital Equity Plan is a required component of the BEAD planning process.

The BEAD Program will fund broadband infrastructure projects to expand access to high-speed internet, while the Digital Equity Program will ensure internet service is affordable and that all West Virginians have access to internet devices, digital literacy resources, and technical support.

West Virginia residents can contribute to the BEAD and Digital Equity initiatives by providing feedback on the State Digital Equity Plan and by filling out the Statewide

Broadband Survey found at broadband.wv.gov/survey/.

The Statewide Broadband Survey will be open for responses until July 30. The Office of Broadband encourages residents to fill out the survey at home on a mobile internet device, such as a smartphone. Paper versions of the survey have also been mailed to heavily unserved and underserved areas of the State.

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they have no real issues and their annual meeting consists of an annual BBQ. They handle their road as a cooperative, basically. They don't call it that, but having bought and sold properties in there as a real estate agent, that's how they function and it works great for them."

Knight outlined to the Commission what her organization's position was in regards to recent legislation at the state level. "What happened last year, is a current resolution 25, happened last year in the legislative session," Knight said. "Basically, what you need to know and why this set off a firestorm in addition to House Bill 3558 was because of what I call the 'opt out.' The opt out led to this because the state was going to get a whole bunch of roads back. And there's some problems in relation to HOAs and the counties and the state and that problem is basically property taxes. You cannot get a straight answer in this state whether HOAs are required to pay property tax or not pay property tax because it depends on which county you're talking about. But you're losing billions probably in the state and nobody really knows for sure because they don't monitor it. They have no accountability. It's like to question of how many HOAs are there in the state. Nobody knows. Including the Secretary."

"So, what you're explaining to me is all of this is a state issue," Rosenau said. "And I don't mind being your practice forum in your presentation, but these are state issues."

Knight proposed that County governments would be divided into Regions. "Where you guys come in is going to be under the Regional Master Association," Knight said. "And because, you explained it well the last time we met, because it should be a region set up similar to the Department of Transportation. So, you got your region and we are going to put all the counties under the region. There are probably counties that don't have a rogue or a zombie...Then you have local and we'll refer to local as county."

Knight proposed that control be handled by the Region and county level. "Somehow, somehow we need to take it from the Region to the State," Knight said. "But we don't necessarily want State to become a department. It should not be run fully at the State level. The Master Association really should be set at the Region and the reason you want it at the Region is they interface with local ie county because you guys know what is going on in your county."

Rosenau expressed concern over enforcement and the law-making jurisdiction surrounding the issue. "But the State sets the rules," Rosenau said, "for the region to abide by. That's the way I look at it. And because with me, we do not in our county have any land ordinances that say, 'Fred what can you do with your land or what can you do with your land.' We don't have any. Everything is the State... So with us, the only thing that I see with the Regional for us to enforce, I don't like

that. Unless there's a law that says we have to abide by this, whatever the case may be. So to me, the State sets the rules and I don't mind being a part of the Region, but it won't be for us to enforce unless the State has it already in black and white."

"Do you see any scenario where a local prosecuting attorney should have some input for enforcement?" Knight said.

Rosenau said that there was a certain amount of personal accountability with the issue of HOAs. "Well, this is the way I kind of look at this," Rosenau said. "I've been looking at this for a long time. Ever since you brought it to my attention. When you bought your property, you knew what was there. So, yes, you signed into the Homeowners Association. So, that is back to the landowner. Anything from that point on, its whatever it is. Some of them down here, they have it right in their deeds. This is what you shall do."

Knight said there was a need for reform in order to protect homeowners. "Everybody knows the need to do something," Knight said. "I went to the Attorney General's Office last year and I said, 'Please, please, assign a staff attorney' because we're on their referral list. They get a problem and I had somebody call last night. There's no place to even send people to. This person's going to lose their house. Its nonsense."

Knight said the issue surrounding the homeowner's plight started small. "It started with a fine about 18, 20 years ago," Knight said. "But they didn't do it according to their governing documents and they

have the 18 percent interest. They read it as 18 percent interest occurred daily like the IRS does and then they added court costs and then they added legal fees and now they're to the point that the house is probably going to be taken over and owned by the HOA and then sold."

"That stuff I don't agree with either," Rosenau said.

Knight also told the Commission about questionable fiscal practices engaged in by some HOAs. "It's insane and then you got the idiots who get on the board and they decide that you don't have a right to have your actual own bank account for the HOA," Knight said. "Even though it says it in your documents. So, they've been putting it in their account for safe keeping. And the problem with that, is there's no accountability. Surprise, surprise. And they've never been required to have an audit because the State never required them to have an audit."

"That is why Mike would never own a house that has control by HOA because he just gave the speech, 'Nobody is going to tell me what to do with my property'," Rosenau said. "I bought that damned thing and I'm going to keep it the way I want it. So, to me, that's one reason this Commission has to confirm, in just the speech that you just gave, is exactly that reason."

According to Knight, the state estimates that between 70 to 80 percent of home ownership is impacted by an HOA. "That's why the State should do something about it," Rosenau said.

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focused on getting the National Technical Honor Society started at the High School. "This year also, I am going to working towards getting the National Technical Honor Society started up there," Shahan said. "We actually have a chapter in our county of the Technical Honor Society. J.R. Helmick has started it, but we have never had any members to it. So, nobody has ever went through with it. This year I am going to try to get that started and get it up and running."

Shahan said that the County Schools set the parameters for the society. "Basically, we set the parameters and we just have to stay consistent," Shahan said. "When we set them first semester, they have to stay that same way into the first and second semester. And then next year, if we want to add something or change something we can."

Shahan was questioned by Tucker County School Board Member Kevin White about the statistics of the CTE program in reference to where the students rank among other areas and demographics. "Not to put you on the spot here," White said, "but is there a - like from our principals and schools in the other regular classrooms, we get a percentage of not necessarily completers, but where they rank with in our state or the nation as far as goes their proficiency and things like that. I understand we're talking CTEs so there's not necessarily a weekly score or average of exams, things like that. I guess what I'm asking is where is our programs at as far as it goes...what's auto mechanics doing, what's auto body doing, what's building construction doing, what's AG doing? And I know we could probably

get that information better from the teachers cause they're the ones providing it. It would give us and the public a better stance as what we're actually achieving in our CTE program."

"I can actually, I do believe I can pull the average kids, like all the kids that took the (test) for each field, pull the averages of it. They're compared with their National and state and county," Shahan said.

White went on to clarify his question. "I think maybe I misworded my question," White said. "I guess what I'm saying is, Building Construction building barns or houses or bus stops. Is Auto Mechanics doing brake jobs or are they turning out cars? That's kind of what I'm interested in."

Shahan said, "Just off the top of my head, in Ag they had the food to table last year with the chickens."

White said he understood if Shahan didn't have the exact information and suggested that perhaps it would be something that could be presented to the Board in the future. "And if you don't have the information today because I don't think we relayed it to you properly, maybe that's something in the future that we could get so that we could know that Building Construction built four bus stops for us last year. Ag provided meals or lunches or lunch items for school for the entire year or Auto Mechanics, they did two engine jobs and five brake jobs in the course of the year. Just things like that is what I'm looking for."

Tucker County School Board Member Cathy Hebb suggested that the information is something that would be beneficial to be presented at the beginning of the school year. White also explained that he

wasn't trying to pick on the CTE program but he was often asked about the program and had little information to relay. "And I'm not picking on CTE, it's just that we get so much from our teachers and from our principals, when I go out in public it's easy to say, 'Hey, our scores are up here.' But when I go out in public with CTE, I can't necessarily say I think they did this. I don't know. I'm sure we're doing good things."

Tucker County Superintendent Alicia Lambert said that the only projects they know about are the ones that are posted on Facebook. "The only ones we can really talk about are what's posted on Facebook because they share," Lambert said. "I know there's more than that, but we know about the CNA program because its posted and shared. We know Paul sells things at the greenhouse because he posts in and shares it and the community members go up and buy it."

"I do know that Auto Tech last year they replaced a car transmission, they do brakes, they change tires," Shahan said.

"And I don't even know if the community knows that they can still go up and get their oil changed or brake pads put on their

car for a donation," Lambert said. "I don't know if they know the service is available."

"We want to be able to put out a positive information for the public and say, 'Look what our people are doing. Look what CTE Program and principal are doing. Like we do with our everyday classroom stuff.'"

According to Shahan, the Auto Department also provides car inspections, as well as general mechanics and auto body services. Services are available on a donation basis. "I think if we get the word out, it could drum up some business," Lambert said. "And business equals donations because they can't make a lot of money, but people can donate to their program for it and they're not out of money for it. They get grants to fund to do it and as long as people donate back, at least they cover the money they put back into it. It just keeps their program running. We need that to keep our programs moving."

The next meeting of the Tucker County Board of Education will be held Monday, August 7th at 4:30 p.m. at the Tucker County Board of Education Office located at 100 Education Lane, Parsons.

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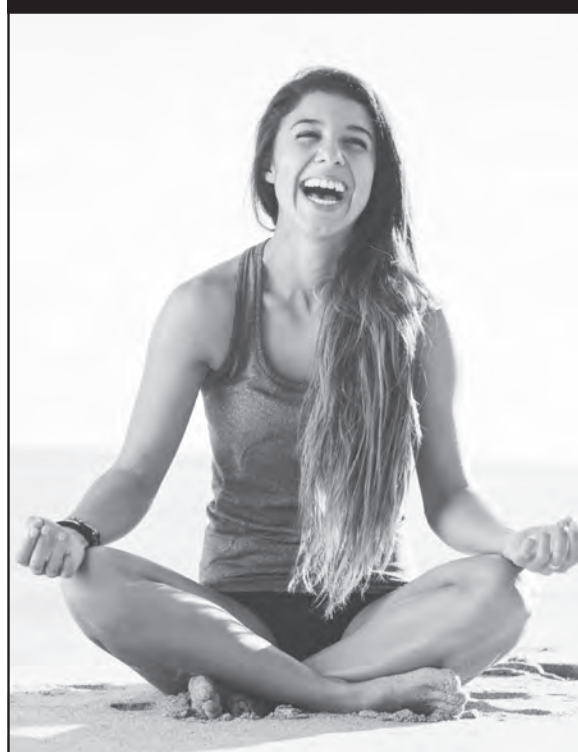
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Farmers Market

Taste of Tucker Farmers Market will be at Mill Race Park on Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. We are sorry but we cannot accept Farmers Market Vouchers.

Carr Reunion

The Gladys and Olie Carr family will have their reunion in Canaan Valley Deerfield on July 29. Meet at noon. Bring a side dish and drinks.

Helmick Reunion

The 97th annual Helmick reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 6 at the Sugarlands Church of the Brethren. Sunday school will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by a basket lunch at 12:30 p.m. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Pifer - Lipscomb Family Reunion

The Pifer - Lipscomb reunion will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 30 at Arnold Park in Leadmine. Please bring a covered dish and join us.

Strawderman Reunion

The Strawderman Family Reunion will be held at Mill Race Park on July 29. Picnic lunch at 1 p.m.

Evans Family Reunion

The descendants of Daniel L. and Edna Shaffer Evans will hold their 42nd annual family reunion Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023 at Arnold Park in Leadmine. A covered dish lunch will be served at 1 p.m. The Phares Evans family is in charge.



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July 30, 1973: The Frederick Hotel in downtown Huntington closed to transient trade. After it was built in 1905, it was touted as the most elegant hotel between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

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 26, 1942: Camp Washington-Carver was dedicated and opened to the public. The camp, located at Clifftop, Fayette County, was the first statewide 4-H camp for African-Americans in the country. The camp's Great Chestnut Lodge is West Virginia's largest log structure.

July 27, 1896: Clark Kessinger was born near Charleston. He was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

July 27, 1909: Coach "Dyke" Raese was born in Davis. He directed West Virginia University to its first major sports national championship, winning the 1942 National Invitation Tournament in basketball.

July 28, 1915: Frankie Yankovic was born in Davis, Tucker County. Yankovic did more to popularize polka music than any other performer.

July 29, 1873: Malcolm Malachi "Mack" Day was born. As sheriff of McDow-

ell County, he claimed that God had called him to enforce Prohibition, even arresting an uncle and his own son.

July 29-31, 1915: Camp Good Luck, believed to be the world's first 4-H club encampment, was held at Elkwater in southern Randolph County.

July 29, 1918: Novelist Mary Lee Settle was born in Charleston. Her literary reputation rests on the "Beulah Quintet," a sequence of five historical novels spanning four centuries.



July 31, 1932: Actor Theodore Crawford "Ted" Cassidy was born in Pittsburgh but was raised in

Philippi. He was best known for his role as Lurch on "The Addams Family."



Aug. 1, 1921: Baldwin-Felts detectives shot and killed Sid Hatfield and Ed Chambers as they approached the McDowell County Courthouse in Welch. As Matewan's police chief, Hatfield had assisted the United Mine Workers campaign to organize Tug Fork miners.

Aug. 1, 1940: Justice Franklin Cleckley was born in Huntington. In 1994, he became the first Black justice to serve on the West Virginia Supreme Court. The Supreme Court once referred to Cleckley's handbooks on evidence and criminal procedure as "the bible for West Virginia's judges and attorneys."

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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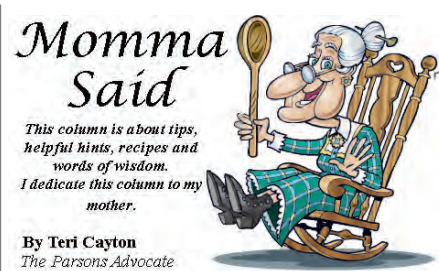
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I am so tired of this political stuff I could gag. Everyone and their brother are throwing their hats in the ring for president. West Virginia is going to have someone run for the first time in history I think. He was a decent governor, a somewhat okay senator and I guess he is as good as anyone else running for president. **Momma Said**, "If you are not going to do something essential for the country just stop wasting our time and everyone else's money."

These "candidates" are raising enough money that will probably be filtered off in some secret bank account that we could feed the world for years. I mean really how much does it cost to print up banners and placards? Selling some t-shirts and hats is just another way to waste American money.

I don't see why they can't just state their intentions and go about business as usual. If people are going to the poles to vote they probably have already made



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

up their minds. All these rallies and parties have the candidates saying what they intend to do but most of the time it never comes to fruition. Once they are in office all the stuff they promised to do just flies out the window.

Nobody can predict what is going to be done once in office, it is one thing to preach about what you are going to do but it is something totally different once you are sitting behind that desk in the oval office. **Momma Said**, "These candidates need to practice what they preach and do what they say they are going to do."

Cool Cucumber Slaw

INGREDIENTS

- ¼ red onion thinly sliced
- 1 English cucumber
- 1 CUP shredded red cabbage
- 1 TEASPOON olive oil
- ¼ CUP Greek Yogurt or sour cream
- Juice of ½ lemon
- ½ TEASPOON sugar
- 1 TABLESPOON chopped fresh dill
- ½ TEASPOON salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the red onion in small bowl

and cover with cold water. Let it sit for about 5 minutes to make the onion less pungent, and then drain and dry the onion with paper towel.

2. Cut the cucumber into matchsticks by making thin diagonal slices across the cucumber and then cut each slice into sticks.
3. Combine the cucumber, shredded cabbage, red onion, olive oil, Greek yogurt, lemon juice, sugar, fresh dill and salt in a bowl. Stir well and then season with freshly ground black pepper. Chill until ready to use.

Super Crossword

SHE'S OUT

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Crux	1 Cabinet wood
9 Denver gridders	2 Ear-relevant
16 Butte relative	3 Twisted wit
20 "Later!"	4 Nape's place
21 1990s Oldsmobile	5 "— found it!"
22 "Downhill" star Novello	6 Female rabbit
23 Going just the way one begged for it to go? [Curry]	7 Marine duck
25 Medieval peon	8 R&B singer India.—
26 Scrawny	9 Valise, e.g.
27 Former Common Market abbr.	10 Rival of LG
28 35mm camera abbr.	11 "Ex's & —" (Elle King hit)
29 Uruguay's — del Este	12 Light bites
30 Tarzan actor Ron	13 Bottom level
31 Palme — (prize at Cannes)	14 Exceed, as a proper limit
33 "You could hear — drop"	15 Bummed out
37 Property appraiser	16 Treats badly
39 Rabbit action	17 Nevertheless
40 Reputation as a great pilot? [Salonga]	18 In a sense
42 "You're on!"	19 Kennel noise
46 Be a snitch	24 Raleigh loc.
47 Fleeceable females	29 Certain toy dog, for short
	31 Knucklehead
	32 Sign of total acceptance
	34 Longtime New Yorker cartoonist
	35 March day to "beware"
	36 Packers' org.
	38 Tools with teeth
	39 Go no further
	40 League
	41 Pueblo pot
	42 Uncertain
	43 Narrative
	44 Like desks with sloping covers
	45 Intrinsically
	49 1930s-40s pitcher
	51 The "I" of ILO: Abbr.
	52 Question asked while covering someone's eyes
	53 Hotel cousin
	54 "King" Cole
	57 Singing group for lads
	58 Verbalized
	59 Get riper
	61 Arctic floater
	63 French "here"
	65 Crooner Neil
	66 Unwillingness to yield
	68 Cackling bird
	69 Singer Amos
	70 — Field (Mets' home)
	71 Upr arrival
	72 Pal, in Paris
	76 Je ne — quoi
	77 "To be," to Augustus
	80 Cuzco native
	82 "Behold," to Augustus
	83 "— never fly!"
	85 Tribal bunch
	86 Holiday-Earp gunfight site
	87 Docile
	88 Lee of Marvel
	89 Some ancient warships
	90 Pen fillers
	92 Dot in la mer
	94 Dated music display case
	95 Band gofer
	96 Joining, as oxen
	97 Fell in line
	98 Light bite
	102 Mark-leaving swordsman
	103 "— know it!"
	104 Set foot in
	105 Taj —
	108 "Look — now!"
	110 Diana of "The Avengers"
	111 China's — Xiaoping
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	114 Sweetums
	115 Suffix with exist or differ
	116 Philosopher Lao —
	117 Half of twenty
	118 Wide shoe width

Weather Totals

July 11 - July 18

Nursery Bottom
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Temperature

Max 89° F
Min 53° F

Precipitation

Week 0.96"
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WV IJDC announces funding for CVPSD

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council announced funding for two sewer and one water projects at its meeting on July 5. Among those approved are Canaan Valley Public Service District. The council approved a \$500,000 grant to the Canaan Valley PSD in Tucker County to extend sewer service to Winwood Resort, Deerfield Village, and Canaan Village. This

grant, along with funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) provide \$3.4 million for the project.

The council noted as of June 30 (end of fiscal year) it has approximately \$83.5 million of binding commitments for approximately 72 projects estimated to cost \$284.7 million that are projected to go to construction in the following 12 months.

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ates of our school system because that program is in place there.”

Cork said the program has expanded with summer school this year and attributed the expansion in part to the county’s partnership with WVU and the strict prerequisites for some dual credit courses. “And that even goes further of what they’ve done with it this summer. 24 students are taking an Ingenuity Course right now. Four students have finished four additional credits. Most of those are doing some initial credits,” Cork said. “By opening up with WVU and that partnership, they have some pretty strict prerequisites to take those classes. And so those kids can take those classes, both those classes we are offering through WVU, they needed to be ahead in math. So, they’re doing that this college credit.”

Cork also informed the Board that the program is aiding greatly in keeping students from falling behind when paired with the school’s early warning for risk of drop-out. “Particularly proud of one young lady who is on track to complete three (credit recovery). Not so proud of the three she needed credit recovery in, but at least she’s not getting behind. We have an early warning system that we monitor that would have flagged her as a drop-out risk. We’re going to be able to avoid that.”

Cork attributed the program to the graduation of two students this year who would not have been able to graduate without the opportunity the program provided. “We had two students, we only had two students, that did not meet graduation criteria at the time of graduation. I’m proud to say that both of those are now graduates,” Cork said. “So after summer school’s over July 28th, we will be issuing those students diplomas. In that case, it is really working.”

According to Cork, the program offers students the opportunity to take courses the county could not otherwise offer. “There’s a lot of different things in there we can’t offer them. Some of which allow students to dip their foot into some CTE things that we can’t offer. For example, you see some Fire Rescue, some Police Service things

there. Also, some Education things set to lay the foundation there.”

Cork said he especially likes the career exploration aspect of the program. “One of the things I do like about it is that the state is really pushing kids to explore different careers.” Cork said. “Most of the Career and Technical ones have an Ingenuity Course that covers different careers. Like there is a course called Careers in Transportation and Distribution. That’s the career cluster that...Auto Body and Auto Tech classes fall under, and the idea behind having those is, those kids who maybe think, maybe the only thing they know about mechanics is they can run a mom-and-pop shop. But the idea is that they can get more and know there’s different things, there’s career options.”

Cork said that the courses offered in the program are intense. “One thing about Ingenuity Courses done right, they are intense. They are not just you log on there and push some buttons.”

According to Cork, the school assembled a booklet of all the courses the program offers, as well as breaks them down into CTE program electives and is distributed to students. “We actually wrote a book last year and put it out for students. Basically, we took every Ingenuity Course that we had and we give it to our kids during scheduling. And it says to them, if you are in Chef’s program, here are the electives we recommend that your take while you are here and we categorize those Ingenuity Courses and give them out during the scheduling process.”

Cork said the program has allowed the school to offer many more courses than they were ever able to before. “There’s a bunch of them and quite frankly, we can’t offer without it. Its been a really neat tool...The Dual Credit Recovery, it pays for itself in the graduates. That has made a difference.”

The next meeting of the Tucker County Board of Education will be held Monday, August 7 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tucker County Board of Education Office located at 100 Education Lane, Parsons.

Manchin Raises the Alarm on Debt Crisis, Excessive Government Spending

Washington, DC— Yesterday, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, expressed his serious concerns about our country’s debt crisis and its harmful effects on our economic and national security during an Appropriations Committee markup.

“Let me remind all of you that for 21 straight years, the United States government has spent more money than it took in. There’s not one person sitting in this room that can operate that way, not one business in America can operate with a deficit for 21 years, spending more than they take in. But yet we do it with no recourse whatsoever,” Manchin said in part. “For the first 220

years of our country’s existence, we accumulated about \$10 trillion worth, and now we are at \$32.5 trillion right now. We’ve done more damage in the last 20 years than in the first 220 years. And we’re not batting an eye at it or slowing it down.”

“We shouldn’t be paid, if we’re causing additional cost to the people of our country, and putting our future generations in more debt that they can’t carry. I hope that we would come to an understanding here today that we have got to be responsible for our own financial house that we were sent here to do for all the constituents that we have around this great country of ours,” Senator Manchin continued.

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stepped their game up a lot in recent years.”

White commended the local ranger for his efforts. “They got a guy running the program now, John Morgan, he’s our ranger here,” White said. “He’s done a really good job. He’s doing a great job. His communication with local Emergency Services has really been appreciated. He keeps us up to date on everything.”

“The thing I really want to say, Kevin, “County Commissioner Mike Rosenu said, “he’s reaching out, but so is our local people. As you put it, it’s a good team.”

White said representatives from several county departments attended the meeting. “We have participants from all fire departments, EMS, 911, Emergency Management. We all met with him along with other counties. We usually bring a representative from every one of our programs. Law Enforcement included.” According to White other counties that attended only

brought one representative for the whole county.

White also informed the Commission of his department’s contribution during the Mountaineer Days Festival over the July 4th weekend. “Probably some of the more important stuff we did,” White said, “is we provided a lot of information for the Mountaineer Days Festival, whether it was weather forecasts up to the minute. We got from the West Virginia Fusion Center we got security reports for all law enforcement and sent that to them. If there was any possibility of an incident that could happen and they’ll provide those for any large gathering – something like a fair, festival, things like that. They’ll go back in and go run the numbers and they’ll find, use analytics to find out if there is a possibility of something happening at your event. So we provided those to all law enforcement.”

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Mooney, Capito, Miller Lead Amicus Brief On Restarting Mountain Valley Pipeline Construction

WASHINGTON, D.C. – West Virginia Republicans Congressman Alex X. Mooney, Senator Shelley Moore Capito, and Congresswoman Carol Miller joined Chief Deputy Whip Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA) and 5 of their colleagues in filing an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the Mountain Valley Pipeline's completion.

On July 11, 2023, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit again halted construction of the 303-mile pipeline, which is nearly 95% complete, despite Congress and

the President's explicit approval of the project through the passage of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission green-lighted the construction on July 9, 2023.

If completed, this pipeline will help reduce energy costs for hardworking Americans in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. It will also stimulate the economies of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia with thousands of construction jobs, millions in royalties to landowners (including

\$150 million per year for Pennsylvania), and direct investments into rural communities.

"Liberal activist lawsuits and bureaucratic red tape have long held up the Mountain Valley Pipeline, despite the project already clearing several agency permitting hurdles. Congress was clear when it said that judicial review of the Mountain Valley Pipeline was over," said Congressman Mooney. "This pipeline is as much about West Virginia jobs as it is about American energy independence. The Supreme Court should recognize that Con-

gress already resolved this matter."

"By filing this amicus brief, my colleagues and I are speaking directly to the Supreme Court, urging them to uphold the clear intent of the language we included in the bipartisan Fiscal Responsibility Act, which was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden," said Senator Capito. "Unfortunately, activist judges on the Fourth Circuit and radical environmental groups will stop at nothing to delay the Mountain Valley Pipeline, and it's necessary to once again fight for the completion of this critical, job-creating energy project."

"Because of the bipartisan Fiscal Responsibility Act, the Mountain Valley

Pipeline will be completed. The Fourth Circuit no longer has any jurisdiction over the Mountain Valley Pipeline and Republicans are fighting back," said Congresswoman Miller. "While it is unfortunate that this amicus brief and case are necessary, I look forward to the Supreme Court coming to a swift decision confirming Congress' intent to increase domestic energy production, particularly in West Virginia. I continue to encourage the parties involved with construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline to ignore the fourth circuit and complete production as scheduled."

"The Fourth Circuit judges are not supreme rulers and lawful orders issued by the legislative and exec-

utive branches must be followed," said Congressman Reschenthaler. "Congress was well within its power to restart the Mountain Valley Pipeline construction and usher in a new era of energy independence for the region. Instead of halting the pipeline, I urge the Supreme Court to plug up the ludicrous activism seeping out of the lower court so American families can enjoy lower energy costs, substantial land royalties, and most importantly – law and order in America."

Joining Mooney, Capito, Miller, and Reschenthaler in this effort are Representatives Jeff Duncan (R-SC), Bill Johnson (R-OH), John Joyce (R-PA), Mike Kelly (R-PA), and Dan Meuser (R-PA).

Board

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"We all have a duty to serve in our community," Moore said.

Filler explained why he asked Moore to join the board. "I asked because we like to have a balance between business skills, medical skills, organizational skills so that we can have the best possible board for what is probably on the most critical services needs we have in the county," Filler said.

Filler said that the board was losing a lot of the medical members. "That's personally why I asked you because we were losing a lot of our medical competencies from the board. And I knew you had that skills set. So, I'm glad you've come on board."

Moore is a retired Family Practice M.D. Also joining the board at the meeting was Susan Metzner. "I'm a retired paramedic," Metzner said. "I was a paramedic since 1994. I retired with 20 years in Randolph County."

Metzner said she has lived in Tucker County most of her life. "I moved here

when I was 16 so we know that's been a while."

Metzner said she is a supporter of EMS. "I am very much am a believer in EMS," Metzner said, "and I very much – on one side I understand the crews and the trials that they go through and the things that are difficult...and I also know the procedures side and all of that."

Metzner said she is thankful for the opportunity. "I am thankful that I was asked to do this again," Metzner said. "I hope I can be of help."

"I definitely think you will be," Filler said.

Both Moore and Metzner have terms that run until June 30, 2026, according to the Tucker County Commission appointment.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Ambulance Authority will be held August 16 at 5 p.m. at the Five Rivers Library in Parsons.

Gas Prices Increase in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is seven cents higher this week at \$3.358 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

- This week's average prices: Northern WV Average **\$3.358**
- Average price during the week of July 10, 2023 **\$3.289**
- Average price during the week of July 18, 2022 **\$4.508**

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

- \$3.395** Bridgeport
- \$3.364** Clarksburg
- \$3.339** Huntington
- \$3.397** Martinsburg
- \$3.381** Morgantown
- \$3.352** Parkersburg
- \$3.318** Weirton
- \$3.318** Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

Despite a notable cratering in gas demand in the days since the July Fourth holiday, pump prices crept higher over the past week in most of the country. Today's national average of \$3.565 is two cents more than a week ago, one

cent less than a month ago and 97 cents lower than a year ago.

The main culprit is a higher price for oil, which moved from the upper \$60s per barrel recently to the mid-\$70s. Oil prices have increased partly due to rising market optimism that fewer interest rate hikes may be on the horizon. At the close of last Wednesday's formal trading session, WTI increased by 92 cents to settle at \$75.75.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand decreased significantly from 9.6 to 8.76 million b/d last week. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks stayed flat at 219.5 million barrels. Although lower gas demand typically pushes pump prices lower, rising oil prices have lifted them. If oil prices continue to rise, pump prices will likely follow suit.

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

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Job Title: Deputy Program Coordinator
Closing Date: August 4, 2023
Supervisor: Tucker County Program Coordinator (CPC)

SUMMARY

This position which is headquartered in Parsons, WV, provides administrative secretarial support in the WVU Tucker County Extension Office for the extension agent assigned to the 4-H Youth Development (4HYD), Families and Health (F&H), and Agricultural and Natural Resources Development (ANRD) Programs of the WVU Extension Service and provides technology support following established departmental policies, procedures, and methods.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- In conjunction with county extension agent and staff, support 4-H and youth, families and health, and agriculture and natural resource programs, and provide administrative, and technological support for the Tucker County WVU Extension Office.
- Serves as first contact with the public either by telephone or office visits. This position represents and upholds the principles of WVU Extension Service. Maintains and coordinates the calendars of all office personnel. Knowledge of co-workers' commitments and gathers additional information to work with co-workers' calendar.
- Reviews, opens, and stamps incoming mail, directs email, faxes and phone calls for the staff, prioritizing those requiring immediate attention, preparing responses, delegating as appropriate.
- Prepares correspondence, letters, class handouts, meeting notes, evaluations, reports, and surveys from draft copy to final form utilizing Microsoft Word in a Windows environment.
- Prepare bulk mailings by typing, collating, labeling and preparing for post office. Collect and deposit outgoing mail for the office area in an appropriate location. Collect, open, date stamp, sort and distribute incoming mail to staff within the office area.
- Responds to direct telephone inquiries from statewide constituents as first position for office telephone coverage and direct callers to appropriate personnel.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience:

- Experience working in an office setting which has face to face contact with the public as well as clerical duties required, or an equivalent combination of education/experience is acceptable.
- 1-2 years' experience working with the general public and youth.
- Within the first 6 months of employment must complete the WVU Extension vetting process.

ABILITIES:

- Ability to complete assigned duties with minimal supervision.
- Ability to operate standard office equipment (fax, copier, scanner, postage meter, computer).
- Ability to operate computer utilizing various software packages and programs such as Windows, Microsoft Office (Access, Excel, Word, Publisher, PowerPoint), Email, etc.
- Ability to update software on computers.
- Ability to manage numerous projects simultaneously, reprioritizing them as necessary to meet deadlines.
- Ability to be assertive and proactive while being a self-starter.
- Ability to learn policy and procedures of WVU, WVU Extension, and the Extension Programs.
- Ability to maintain WVU attendance and punctuality standards.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to work independently, in a structured environment, exercising judgment, tact and diplomacy in all interactions.
- Ability to operate effectively in a fast-paced, high volume environment that requires accurate information.
- Ability to work as a team member with supervisor and other staff members.
- Ability to communicate clearly and work effectively with persons from various cultures and backgrounds.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships and deal tactfully with both internal and external constituents.

This position requires a great deal of multi-tasking between several WVUES programs and county events, such as: CEOS, 4-H, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Farm Bureau, Tucker County Fair, Energy Express, Master Gardener, etc.

BENEFITS

This is not a WVU paid position. Salary will be provided through the Tucker County Commission. This position is for 16 hours per week. A 90-day performance review will be conducted by the county commission.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please email cover letter, resume and references to the sdevilder@tuckercountycommission.com or mail to Tucker County Commission, 211 First Street, Suite 307, Parsons, WV 26287. Application deadline is August 4, 2023 @ 12:00 PM

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Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Joyce Hovatter	Sherry A. Hovatter
1st publication 7/19/23	219 Jameson Ave.
2nd publication 7/26/23	Parsons, WV 26287

Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before the Tucker County Commission at 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV 26287.

That no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the following decedent has been filed with the Tucker County Commission and is of record in the Tucker County Clerk's Office.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must be filed with the County Commission within 60 days after the first publication date or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

1st Publication Date:	July 26, 2023
Decedent:	Frederico J. Henry
Filed By:	Lisa G. Mahan
	2013 Healing Water SW
	Supply, NC 28462

Relationship:	wife
	Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 19, 2023
	Sherry Simmons
	Tucker County Clerk

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY (Union Chapel United Methodist Church, Wood County)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will, on or after August 2, 2023 QUITCLAIM, GRANT and CONVEY to the Trustees of Union Chapel Church all of their right, title and interest in and to that certain lot or parcel of real estate situate, lying and being in Clover District, Tucker County, West Virginia, described as follows:

PARCEL ONE

BEGINNING at a point border line thence northeasterly direction 10 rods to a stake, thence westerly & rods to a stake, thence south 10 rods back to the border line, then with said line to the beginning 8 rods containing one half of one acre.

And being the same property conveyed from R.E. Phillips to Trustees of the M. E. Church by Deed dated February 7th, 1899 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia in Deed Book 18, at Page 30, reference to which is hereby made.

PARCEL TWO

A piece or parcel of real estate containing 0.08 acres;

Being a part of the same property conveyed unto Benjamin Portaro, Clara M. Portaro and Joseph G. Portaro, parents and son, by Deed of J. Pat Nichols, Trustee, bearing date of July 20, 1999 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Tucker County, West Virginia in Deed Book No: 162 and at Page No: 397.

And being the same property conveyed to Trustees of the Union Chapel Church from Benjamin Portaro etux, by Deed dated March 26th, 2001 and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 168, at Page 86, reference to which is hereby made.

Said Union Chapel United Methodist Church was declared closed effective on July 1, 2023 by a majority of the District Superintendents of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Dated the 18th day of May, 2023.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Blackwater Public Service District, Tucker County, WV, is requesting Expressions of Interest from qualified engineering consulting firms to help construct a regional wastewater collection and treatment system. The engineering services required for implementation may include, but will not be limited to, the following: preliminary engineering report; 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.

Sources of funding for these projects may include but are not limited to, the WV Community Development Block Grant Program, WV Department of Environmental Protection Abandoned Mine Lands Economic Revitalization, US Economic Development Administration, WV Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC), WV Department of Environmental Protection State Revolving Fund (SRF), and WV Economic Enhancement Grant funds.

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with WV Code Chapter 5G and 2 CFR 200. All firms interested in being considered for this selection must submit an expression of interest detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management/staffing capabilities, related prior experience, and professional references. The competitive process aims to objectively select the firm that will provide the highest quality service. Accordingly, technical expertise and related 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 a fee proposal for engineering services as the project scopes are finalized. The selected firm will be required to register and keep an active registration during the life of the project with the U.S. federal government's System for Award Management (sam.gov).

Each interested firm shall submit four Expression of Interest documents to the following: Blackwater PSD, PO Box 85, Davis WV 26260, and one electronic copy to jmarshall@regionvii.com. Submissions will be accepted until Friday, August 11, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

The Blackwater PSD 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 may 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 Blackwater PSD shall ensure, to the fullest extent possible, that positive efforts are made to utilize small businesses, including those in rural areas, minority-owned firms, women-owned business enterprises, and disadvantaged businesses. The Blackwater PSD will not discriminate against any interested individual or firm on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in an award of the contract.

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Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
James M. Morvay	Katherine K. Morvay
1st publication 7/26/23	1260 Sand Run Rd.
2nd publication 8/2/23	Davis, WV 26260
Carl E. Lipscomb	Glenda A. Lipscomb
1st publication 7/26/23	106 5th Street
2nd publication 8/2/23	Parsons, WV 26287

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

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‘Go D.O.’ program gives West Virginia Wesleyan students path to early acceptance at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

LEWISBURG, W.Va. – Abigail Patterson, of Charleston, W.Va., was in her sophomore year of high school when she discovered her passion for medicine. Today, Patterson is a student at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, W.Va., and a participant in the “Go D.O.” Early Scholars Program, which allows Wesleyan students to be accepted to medical school at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) before they begin undergraduate studies.

It was during a summer reading assignment for an advanced placement biology course that Patterson — who originally thought she might have a future as a teacher — realized she wanted to become a physician.

“We read a book called *The Emperor of All Maladies* [by Siddhartha Mukherjee]. It’s about the history of cancer treatments, and it was fascinating to see how we’ve evolved our thinking about treatments,” Patterson said. “For example, I learned that not all cancer treatments have an end goal of removing cancer; sometimes the goal is to stop the spread and allow people to live while still having tumors in their body. The idea that you can help people and constantly be thinking and learning was exciting.”

Students who plan to attend Wesleyan as a biology or biochemistry major in hopes of later entering medical school at WVSOM can apply to the Go

D.O. program during their senior year of high school. Participants who go on to successfully complete program requirements during their time at Wesleyan don’t have to take the MCAT exam that is typically mandatory for acceptance to medical school.

After learning of the Go D.O. program and researching WVSOM, Patterson decided that osteopathic medicine — which views each patient as a unit of body, mind and spirit — was a good fit for her medical interests.

“I knew I wanted to be a doctor, and having guaranteed acceptance seemed like an ideal opportunity. When I looked into WVSOM and learned what a D.O. is, I found I liked the school’s approach and the principles of osteopathic medicine. I like that it focuses on whole-person health and that one part of the body can influence the health of another part. It’s an exciting way to think about medicine.”

As a private/public education partnership, the Go D.O. program, which launched in 2021, was one of the first of its kind in West Virginia. WVSOM and West Virginia Wesleyan share a dedication to science, service and holistic education, said Ronnie Collins, WVSOM’s director of admissions.

“This is a unique program, as we’re taking graduating high school seniors who will be attending Wesleyan, which has a track record of producing suc-

cessful students at WVSOM, and putting them on an early path to become an osteopathic physician,” Collins said. “The partnership is a win for all, as it allows students to enter WVSOM without the stress of taking the MCAT and helps WVSOM meet its mission.”

Because Patterson has a special interest in research, she spent several weeks on WVSOM’s campus in Lewisburg this summer, assisting Shinichi Asano, Ph.D., an associate professor in WVSOM’s Department of Biomedical Sciences, with his investigation into how sex hormones might influence the presentation of asthma. Patterson has been performing immunoblotting, a procedure used to detect proteins in tissue samples, as well as conducting data analysis and assem-

bling an abstract that she will present at the WV-INBRE (IDEA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence) Summer Research Symposium on July 25 in Huntington, W.Va.

She said her experience at WVSOM has been educational and that her co-workers on the research project have treated her as a professional.

“I was concerned coming in that I might be thought of as an undergrad who doesn’t really know what’s going on, but everyone has held me to a higher standard. They’ve treated me as an equal instead of just some college student who is in the way,” Patterson said.

Asano praised Patterson for her dedication and said she exemplifies why medical school pipeline programs are needed in order to

identify young people in West Virginia who have what it takes to someday enter the physician workforce.

“Abigail is an outstanding undergraduate who has learned many laboratory techniques quickly. She has a scientific mind, and she’s very organized and careful,” Asano said. “It’s valuable to have initiatives like the Go D.O. program so that we can find talented West Virginia students like Abigail early on. As medical school faculty, it’s important to show these students what medical school is like and let them know what we can offer them.”

Requirements for acceptance to the Go D.O. program include a high school GPA of 3.75, a minimum composite ACT score of 30 and a minimum composite SAT score of 1,390.

Attorney General Morrisey Announces Next Step for W.Va. First Foundation

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced the West Virginia First Foundation executive director position has been posted by DRi Waterstone Human Capital, an Arlington, Va.-based executive search firm.

“We expect to be in a position that the appropriate candidate will meet with the board by mid-September,” Attorney General Morrisey said.

All six regions in the state have met and have elected their representative on the board of directors. The executive director will run the day-to-day operations of the foundation.

The Foundation will have a major role in addressing the state’s opioid crisis. It will receive 72.5% of the net proceeds of each settlement or judgment. These funds will support evidence-based treatment programs, education and prevention strategies, law enforcement efforts, and recovery programs to deter illicit drug use in West Virginia.

“Too many West Virginia families have been shattered by opioid use disorders,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “We will continue to fight so that future generations will have the tools they need to prevent these senseless deaths.”

Hunting Season Changes Explained in New 2023-24 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — With updated hunting regulations in effect, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is reminding hunters to review several important changes to hunting seasons for white-tailed deer, wild turkey and black bear before their respective seasons open this fall.

These changes are included in the new 2023-24 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, which is now available online at WVDNR.gov/hunting-regulations. Hunters who wish to obtain a printed copy of the summary, should contact their local hunting and fishing license agent or WVDNR district office. Copies will also be available at the WVDNR’s Elkins Operation Center and South Charleston headquarters in July.

Major changes hunters should take note of include the following:

- Season dates and open counties for the antlerless deer season have changed, see pages 15-20.
- Season dates and open counties for the black bear season have changed, see pages 38-39.
- Season dates and open counties for the fall wild turkey season have

changed, see page 42.

- All deer harvested on Nov. 20-21 in Barbour, Jackson, Mason and Upshur counties are required to be brought to a designated Biological Game Examination Station for carcass examination. See page 14 for designated sampling station locations.

- The Special Youth, Class Q and Class XS Bear Season will be a split season with the first segment open Sept. 16-17. This segment is open in all or parts of 26 counties open to bear hunting with or without dogs. You may hunt with or without dogs during this segment. For more information, see page 36.

- It is now legal to use an encapsulated propellant charge that loads from the breech when the projectile is loaded from the muzzle in a single-shot muzzleloading pistol or single-shot muzzleloading rifle that has a bore diameter of .38 caliber or larger during the muzzleloader deer season. These encapsulated charges may not be used with muzzleloading firearms during the Mountaineer Heritage Season.

- Non-resident lifetime hunting, trapping and fishing licenses are now available for purchase, see page 47.

To purchase a hunting license and stamps, visit WVhunt.com.



Tucker County Athletes Earn All-PVC Conference

The PVC Conference announced their All-Conference teams for High School Baseball and Softball. Tucker County Senior Mason Kisamore earned All-PVC

Conference Honors in Baseball. Lady Mt. Lion Seniors Paige Shaffer and Kate Simmons were also Honored for All-Conference PVC in Softball.

WV Angler Catches State Record Longnose Gar

Record-Breaking Fish Measured In At 53.62 Inches.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — An 11-year record for the longest longnose gar caught in West Virginia has been broken, Gov. Jim Justice and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced today.

The record-breaking fish, which measured in at 53.62 inches, was caught by Rich Chapman of Ashton, W.Va. on July 3 in the Ohio River in Mason County. WVDNR District 5 fishery biologist Jeff Hansbarger verified the record catch.

Chapman used a live bluegill for bait. Chapman’s fish exceeded the previous longnose gar length record of 52.25 inches, which was set by Mark Foster in 2012 on the Ohio River. However, it did not break the longstanding weight record of 19.08 pounds, which was set by Michael Casey 30 years ago on the Kanawha River.

Anglers who believe they have caught a potential record-breaking fish should report his or her catch to the WVDNR for verification. Fish that do not qualify as a state record, may still qualify for a trophy citation.

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