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## Main Street Property Demolition to Begin

By: Lydia Crawley  
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The City of Parsons demolition project will be entering its final phases in the coming days. The City has received clearance from the state to move forward with the demolition of three buildings in the city limits. The first of the three are anticipated to begin demolition soon.

"I would anticipate by Friday, the company that is doing the demolition...anticipating putting up a barrier fence probably by Friday," City of Parsons Police Chief Kevin Keplinger said at the meeting of the Parsons City Council. "And they are going to start to do their work."

According to Keplinger the initial demolition phase will contain removal of asbestos and other hazardous materials. "Primarily, the initial work will be asbestos abatement," Keplinger said. "I'm not really concerned about that."

According to City Administrator Agnes Arnold, the city has received all the clearances needed to move forward with the project. "The demo is on track," Arnold said. "All the clearances have been done and sent from the state."

Arnold said that the Spruce Street demolition has encountered a delay. "The one on Spruce Street, will hold

up. Some new asbestos has to be done," Arnold said. "But the other two are on."

Arnold said that sewer and water at the sites have been marked in anticipation of the demolitions. "The sewer and water accessibilities have all been shut off and marked so there's nothing going to be dug up from those places. So those have been taken care of."

Arnold said she spoke with the company who was contracted for the demolition of the Main Street property in regards to the veteran's monument next door. "I did talk to Mr. Weese who is from Smokey Joe, the contractor up here," Arnold said. "He does have a good plan set to make sure [of the] safety of the monument. He said there may be a one percent chance something happens, but his goal is to make sure nothing happens. So, he's doing everything preventable that he can do."

Keplinger said that the demolition may impact traffic in the area the days the building does come down, but safety will be the determining factor. "I talked to the Department of Highways today," Keplinger said. "The Department of Highways supervisor, though, and on the day or days that they do the actual demolition, the days that the building comes down, we're going to move that out to



The building at 193 Main St., pictured, will soon have demolition barriers placed around it as initial demolition work begins. Smokey Joe Enterprises, LLC of Beverly was one of two companies contracted by the city to demolish three derelict buildings in Parsons. The Main St. building will be the first to begin coming down from the civic improvement initiative.

at least the fog line along Route 219 at Route 72. If we don't feel that that's sufficient, we've been given permission to even take the straight lane and just go to one lane for a day or so until we get that clear. We're going to kind of look at that and what's involved with that. Again, we want to be safe with that."

Arnold said the work should start being

evident within the next couple of weeks. "So hopefully within the next couple of weeks you should start seeing some changes," Arnold said.

The next meeting of the City of Parsons will be held on Tuesday, September 5th at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building at 341 Second Street in Parsons.

## First Day's Court in Parsons

By: Lydia Crawley  
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The Honorable Judge Robert E. Ryan held court in Parsons for the first time since his appointment. August 15th was a full docket of cases for the new judge at the Tucker County Courthouse. Of the cases overseen by Ryan, two resulted in revocations.

In the case of the State v. Anthony Scott, a motion was heard to revoke Scott's home confinement. The sentence had been given by now retired Judge Nelson. In attendance at the hearing were Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Wilkins and Randolph County Sheriff Officer J.D. Kyle. According to Wilkins, Officer Kyle was in charge of Scott's oversight while in house confinement. Attorney Brent Easton represented Scott who was also present.

According to Wilkins, the motion for revocation was based on the behavior of Scott since his confinement. Wilkins



The Honorable Judge Robert E. Ryan, pictured from his Invocation Ceremony, held court at the Tucker County Courthouse. Ryan was appointed to the 21st Circuit Court following the retirement of long-time Circuit Court Judge Nelson. August 15 was the first time Ryan had held court in Tucker County since his appointment.

said the defendant had moved several times without notifying authorities since his sentence and did not have a

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## Mook Enters Plea Deal

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Tammy Mook pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of Receiving and Transferring of Stolen Goods. The plea was the result of a plea agreement that would end the four-year-long case. Judge Courier of the 21st Circuit Court presided at the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons.

As part of the deal, Mook was ordered to pay restitution to three individuals in the amounts of \$320, \$450 and \$230 and could face up to a year in jail. Judge Courier made sure that Mook understood all her rights and the judicial process.

Wilkins said the facts of the case showed that the only evidence that tied Mook to the victim's homes as her possession of one chandelier from one of the homes. Wilkins also said that while a lot of property was found, it was in the possession of Mook's co-defendant in the case. Mook's Defense Attorney Brent Easton agreed with the facts of the case.

Wilkins asked the court that Mook be held on home confinement following conviction due to a new charge of Petty Larceny in Randolph County. According to Wilkins an arrest warrant had been issued for Mook out of Randolph County on the charge. The

charge stemmed from Mook's alleged theft of \$70 in merchandise from a store in Randolph County. Easton objected to the requirement. Easton said that due to his client's health problems, Mook was essentially already home bound.

Wilkins said that Mook was on video concealing items for the recent Randolph County charge. Wilkins said she wanted to "assure compliance with the law" by issuing the higher level of supervision. Wilkins also said that Mook hadn't checked in with community corrections for a long time, allegedly due to health issues.

Easton said that his client was not trying to avoid the warrant. According to Easton the warrant was 12 hours old and had only very recently come to the attention of both him and Mook.

Easton entered a written plea signed by Mook to the Judge during court. Judge Courier found Mook guilty on the misdemeanor charge. As a part of the plea agreement all felony charges were dismissed. Judge Courier requested that a pre-sentence report be completed to outline health issues and the new case in order to determine an appropriate action in the case.

Mook is scheduled for sentencing September 19th.



The City of Parsons approved the hiring of Attorney Tim Stranko, pictured. Stranko will assume duties as the new Attorney for the City of Parsons, effective September 1.

## City of Parsons Selects New City Attorney

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Beginning September 1, the City of Parsons will have a new City Attorney. The Parsons City Council voted unanimously following an executive session to retain Attorney Timothy P. Stranko of Morgantown to represent the city.

"We sought out like I said we were going to do," Acting Mayor Bruce Kolsun said, "to seek out attorney possibilities. Aggie and I agree on one that we selected. He has a really good resume."

According to his resume, Strenko is a general civil law practice attorney with an emphasis on public sector clients. According to Strenko, he was affiliated prior to a couple of law firms and served as General Counsel for the Morgantown Utility Board and was an Adjunct Faculty at the West Virginia University College of Business and Economics. Strenko also lists a commission in the U.S. Army on his resume as "U.S. Army Enlisted and Commissioned service (Lieutenant Colonel (Ret), U.S. Army.)"

Also, according to his resume, Strenko is a graduate of the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, the University of Pittsburgh School of Law with a J.D., an MBA from West Virginia University and a graduate of a number of United States Army College and courses.

Strenko's resume also lists a number of volunteer activities with the City of Morgantown Planning Commission, Campus Neighborhood Revitalization Corporation, Morgantown Land Reuse and Preservation Agency, United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties, among others.

Strenko, according to the motion made following an executive session of the council, will be hired with a \$2,000 a month retainer. "I make the motion that we hire Timothy Strenko as our City Attorney at the rate of \$2,000 per month," Parsons City Council Member Kathy E. DiBacco said. The motion was seconded by Council Member James "Sam" Humphrey.

Strenko said that the retainer covered everything, but litigation. "I just want to make it clear that that retainer covers everything," Strenko said. "The only exception would be litigation. Which is, as you know, a much more demanding level of work in my profession. But everything else including easements, water, sewer, everything is covered under that \$2,000. So, it gives you some budget certainty."

The motion was passed in a unanimous vote.

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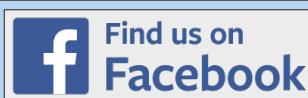
## US219, Corridor H Project Complete

US 219, (Seneca Trail) Corridor H project, Tucker County, is complete and will have no further road closures beginning Fri-

day, August 18, 2023. The next project will be on the opposite side of US 219, and it has been predicted no further road closures.



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# News of Record

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

- Brenda Wheeler Barger, Clover District, 35 acres, 2 chain and 10 poles to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$2,500.
- Hugh R. Kendall and Emily Kendall, Davis Corporation, Lot 28 Tuscan Ridge to Kevin Stutts and Holly Stutts, \$41,500.
- Ronald W. Clarke and Pamela Clarke, Dry Fork District, Lot 129 at Mountainside to Karen Wiedemann, \$665,000.
- Linda H. Oliver, (AKA Linda L. O'Berry), Davis Corporation, Lot 317 to Matthew M. Peterson, \$35,000.
- Cathy D. Robinson, Clover District, 5 acres to Andrea Moore, \$7,000.

## Court

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working phone. Wilkins also said the defendant tested positive for a number of substances including amphetamines, methamphetamine, and THC, among others. Wilkins also told the court the defendant was behind over \$800 in home confinement fees.

Easton said his client had fallen behind in the fees due to a lack of employment attributed to the defendant's need for proper identification. Easton also said that while his client had moved, he never left the Downtown Elkins area. "He never left a three or four block area of Downtown Elkins," Easton said. "It wasn't that he absconded. He just didn't live up to the terms."

Scott was sworn in and testified during the hearing in order to place his statement on the record. Easton asked him a series of questions to establish the defendant's understanding. Scott said that he understood and answered all of Easton's questions.

The court found that he had violated the conditions of his home confinement and sentenced Scott to 60

days in jail. Following his jail sentence, Scott was further sentenced to pay the back fees and find employment within 60 days of release to his mother's home in Elkins. He was further ordered to check in with Day Reporting in Randolph County.

Judge Ryan also told Scott that any further violation of his sentence would result in incarceration. "Do you understand that Judge Nelson's ruling to place you on home confinement was a measure of grace?" Judge Ryan said.

According to the proceedings, Scott began home confinement in January. Scott was initially charged with Harassment, according to the Circuit Court Office.

Judge Ryan also heard the case of the State V. Eric Pennington on a Probation Revocation motion. Judge Ryan ordered a drug test on site at the courthouse for Pennington. According to Wilkins, Pennington tested positive and was ordered held in custody until he could test negative before proceeding with the case.

# Eastern Hires Wind Energy Technology Alumnus, Isaiah B. Smith as Instructor for the Program

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Isaiah B. Smith has been hired as the new Wind Energy/Advanced Technology Faculty at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern). He is a local to the area, having lived in Fisher, WV, his whole life, and is recently engaged. Smith is an alumnus of Eastern and has obtained two degrees from the college. He earned an associate in arts in May 2020 and an associate in applied science in Wind Energy Technology in May 2022.

Before joining Eastern as a faculty member, Smith worked at Pilgrim's and JBS Foods in multiple roles,

such as warehouse laborer, maintenance, and scale technician. He observed faults and efficiencies and would troubleshoot mechanical and electrical issues to maintain their systems at peak performance.

His most recent experience has been working with Clearway Energy Group as a Wind Tech I Intern, where he performs annual maintenance and troubleshoots on the Siemens 108 2.3 Turbine platform at Pinnacle. Smith has also gained hands-on experience at Black Rock on the SG145 5.0 turbine platforms.

Outside of work, Smith is interested in cars and music. "My biggest passion in life is cars," said

Smith, "wrenching on them, discussing them, driving them, anything that pertains to the automotive realm really. My second largest interest is music, and it doesn't matter from when; everything from Little Richard to Metallica and a decent bit of everything in-between."

Looking forward to what is to come with his new role at Eastern, Smith says, "Due to my previous time spent as a student and as a college ambassador, I can say that my favorite things about Eastern are the staff and the more personal one-on-one feeling when compared to other colleges."

# No Movement at the Pump in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is stable this week at \$3.590 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices: Northern WV Average \$3.590  
 Average price during the week of August 7, 2023 \$3.593  
 Average price during the week of August 15, 2022 \$3.885

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

\$3.614	Bridgeport
\$3.594	Clarksburg
\$3.494	Huntington
\$3.657	Martinsburg

\$3.633	Morgantown
\$3.569	Parkersburg
\$3.555	Weirton
\$3.601	Wheeling

### Trend Analysis:

The national average for a gallon of gas is up three cents over the past week and is now at \$3.85. This latest price increase comes after an uptick in gas demand and crude oil prices staying above \$80 per barrel. Today's national average is 29 cents more than a month ago but 10 cents less than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand jumped from 8.84 to 9.30 million barrels per day last week. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks decreased from 219.1 to

216.4 million barrels. Higher demand, amid tighter supply, has helped to keep pump prices elevated.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased by \$1.48 to settle at \$84.40. The price of oil has not been this high since mid-April 2023. Prices have increased amid market optimism that oil demand will be more robust than expected during this half of 2023 and into 2024. Additionally, the EIA reported that total domestic commercial crude inventories increased from 439.8 to 445.6 million barrels.

Motorists can find cur-

rent gas prices nationwide, statewide, and countywide at [gasprices.aaa.com](http://gasprices.aaa.com).

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# PSC Transportation Officers focus on brake safety

CHARLESTON, WV – Ever wonder how safe those big semis are when they whiz by you on the road? So does the Public Service Commission of West Virginia as thousands of big trucks cross state thoroughfares daily.

Checking against bad brakes on big trucks and buses will be aim of the crack highways enforcement team of PSC during Brake Safety Week, which runs Aug. 20-26.

Special emphasis this year is aimed at inspections along Interstate 81 in Berkeley County, but teams of the PSC's Transportation commercial vehicle enforcement section also will be at work on I-64 at Winfield in Putnam County and on I-77 at Mineral Wells in Wood County.

"We will be performing level-one inspections on commercial motor vehicles during Brake

Safety Week," said Sgt. A.W. Ryan of the enforcement section. This is an extensive inspection process utilizing Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's 37-step inspection guidance, beginning with the driver's credentials and hours of service for compliance. Then the real work begins. "We crawl under the truck to inspect the vehicle for mechanical defects of any kind, putting an emphasis on the brakes to make sure they are in proper working order," Ryan said.

The inspections can take up to an hour to complete, said the Hinton native, who soon will mark his 20th anniversary with the PSC.

The West Virginia program is part of a national effort of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, based in Washington, D.C. Emphasis is on brake lining/pad violations. Trucks with faulty

equipment are sidelined until those defects are corrected.

The goal is to reduce the number of highway crashes and to educate drivers, mechanics, owner-operators and others on the importance of proper brake inspection, maintenance and operation.

"I have been out with these dedicated inspectors," PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane said. "I've donned the smock and gone under the vehicles. The work they do is essential to highway safety in West Virginia."

Last year, state inspectors examined 342 vehicles during this same week period and placed 22 out of service for brake-related violations. Nationally, 38,117 inspections were conducted last year and 13.3 percent of those examined were placed out of service for brake-related violations.

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# OBITUARIES

## Janice Marie Harr

Janice Marie Harr, 79, of Davis, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family on August 12, 2023. Born on September 16, 1943, in Buckhannon, she was the daughter of the late Fred Ware, Ruby (Lewis) Harr, and Joseph Harr.

Janice had a fulfilling career that spanned various fields. After graduating from Buckhannon Upshur High School, she began working as a waitress at Baxas Restaurant in Buckhannon. Her warm personality and exceptional service made her a favorite among the customers. Later on, Janice pursued a career as a Type Setter at Moore Business Forms. Her meticulous attention to detail and dedication to her work were admired by all who knew her. Janice's final occupation was with WBRB radio station.

She cherished spending time with her family and friends. Janice had a love for family events and holidays, especially Christmas. Her fun-loving spirit will be remembered by all who knew her. Doll collecting and bluegrass music held a special place in her heart. She enjoyed supporting WVU sports and cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers. Going to the beach



brought her great joy. Janice had an immense love for animals and doted on her two cats (Stormy and Taz) and grand dog (Pete). She was Chaplain in the Thomas Fairfax Lodge for the Order of the Eastern Star and later a member of Petersburg Chapter #146.

Janice is survived by her son Randall Harr and companion Cynthia Harman of Canaan Valley and her daughter Beverly Kennedy Kleeberg of Greensboro, North Carolina. She was a loving grandmother to Melissa Harr, Justin Brewer, Mark Keeney and his wife Leah, Jennifer Keeney and her wife Candace, Daniel Keeney and his wife Jennifer, Jacob Kleeberg and his companion Tatiana. Janice had the pleasure of being a great-grandmother to Maddy, Mason, Ella Jane, Jay, and Avett.

Janice leaves behind two siblings who meant

the world to her: Pauline "Beanie" Walter and her husband Bill of Wooster, Ohio, and Fred "Buck" Ware and his wife Mary of Buckhannon. Their close bond brought immeasurable happiness to Janice's life.

She will be fondly remembered by several nieces and nephews who she adored.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Withrow Harr

Janice Marie Harr will forever be remembered for her warm smile, contagious laughter, and unwavering love for her family. Her fun-loving nature created a light in the lives of all who knew her. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

May she rest in peace knowing that she touched the hearts of so many during her time with us.

A graveside service will be held on August 26, 2023, at 10 a.m., in the Cortland Cemetery (Mt. Hebron Cemetery). A celebration of life will follow at 2 p.m. in the Thomas Senior Center.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Tucker County Animal Shelter.

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

## Sharon Ellen Teter Simmons

Sharon Ellen Teter Simmons, age 82 years, a native of Tucker County, WV, and resident of Alexandria, VA, departed this life Tuesday, August 16, 2023. She passed peacefully, however death was unexpected.

She was born Wednesday, August 21, 1940, at Parsons, WV, a daughter of the late Zelta Marie James and Lester Neal Bender. On May 29, 1966, at Oakland, MD, she was married to Herbert Fay Simmons, who



preceded her in death March 10, 2009.

Surviving is one son, Robert Allen Simmons and wife Julie and grand-

son, Landry, all of Virginia; niece and nephews, Penny Smith and husband Chad, Neal Streets and wife Cindy, and Allen Streets and wife Beth, all of West Virginia; Alicia Litts and Laura Baker, who she thought of as grandchildren.

Preceding her in death by one daughter, Sharollett Evonne Heckler; one sister, Sharollett Ulala Bender Streets; and an infant granddaughter, Gemma Rose.

She attended the schools of Parsons, WV, and was owner and operator of a successful day care business, before retiring in 2000.

Private Graveside service will be conducted at the Collett Cemetery at Hambleton, WV. Pastor Christopher Adam Snyder will officiate and interment will follow. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Sharon Ellen Teter Simmons. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

# Celebrate Miniature Golf Day at Almost Heaven Miniature Golf

Davis, WV. – Almost Heaven Miniature Golf is proud to celebrate Miniature Golf Day on Thursday, September 21, 2023. This special day marks the celebration of one of the world's oldest sports and will offer discounted rates of \$8 for adults, \$3 for children ages 12 years old and younger, and children under 5 years old play for free.

Miniature golf can be traced back to the 19th century when it was originally created in Victorian Scotland. At this time, it was considered unladylike for women to raise a golf club above their shoulder level; therefore, miniature golf became an option for these women who still wanted to enjoy the game. Nowadays, miniature golf is enjoyed by people of all ages around the world.

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you're a beginner or an experienced golfer looking for something new and exciting, our courses are sure to delight you! Come see for yourself why miniature golf is still a favorite pastime around the world."

Through the rest of the mini golf season, Almost Heaven Mini Golf will also be offering a local discount daily for Tucker County and Randolph County residents. All you have to do is show proof of residency upon arrival to receive the locals discount.

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# The West Virginia Folklife Program Presents First of Three Folklife Apprenticeship Showcases

Elkins, W.Va.—The West Virginia Folklife Program, a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council, will present three showcases featuring its seven participating pairs of the 2022-2023 Folklife Apprenticeship Program.

The first event takes place on Saturday, September 9, at 3 p.m., at the Phil Gainer Community Center in Elkins. This showcase celebrates fiber arts with Enrica McMillon (Randolph County) and her apprentice Barbara Weaner (Tucker County), soul food cooking with Xavier Oglesby and his apprentice and niece Brooklynn Oglesby (Raleigh County), and mushroom foraging with Sharon Briggs and her apprentice Anthony Murray (Hampshire County).

The event is free and open to the public. It starts at 3 p.m. with a demonstration hour. During that time, the public can meet the program participants, including Xavier and Brooklynn Oglesby, who will be preparing potato salad in the kitchen.

At 4 p.m., the formal presentation starts, with West Virginia State Folklorist Jennie Williams leading a conversation with the pairs about their traditional art forms, apprenticeship experiences, and connections to their communities. A reception will follow, featuring soul food prepared by the Oglesby family.

The next event will be Saturday, September 30, 4 p.m., at the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center at Fairmont State University. It will feature West Virginia old-time fiddle music with Gerry Milnes (Randolph County) and apprentice Annick Odom (Monongalia County), clawhammer banjo with Joe Herrmann and apprentice Dakota Karper (Hampshire County), and fiddle repair with Chris Haddox and apprentice Mary Linscheid (Monongalia County). The final event, held Sunday, November 5, 3 p.m., at the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center in Clarksburg, celebrates Appalachian storytelling with Bil Lepp and his apprentice James

Froemel.

To RSVP for these free public events, please go to [wvfolklife.org](http://wvfolklife.org) and see "Save the Dates for the WV Folklife Apprenticeship Showcases."

The West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program offers a stipend to West Virginia traditional artists or tradition bearers working with qualified apprentices on a year-long in-depth apprenticeship in their cultural expression or traditional art form. These apprenticeships encourage experts in their respective art forms to share their techniques and artistry, as well as the histories and traditions of these folklife practices. This marks the third year of the biennial Folklife Apprenticeship Program.

The West Virginia Folklife Program is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council and is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Folk & Traditional Arts Program. West Virginia Folklife is dedicated to the documentation, preservation, presentation, and support of West Virginia's vibrant cultural heritage and living traditions.

For more information on the event and West Virginia Folklife Program, visit [wvfolklife.org](http://wvfolklife.org) or <http://wvhumanities.org/programs/west-virginia-folklife-program/>, or contact Jennie Williams at [williams@wvhumanities.org](mailto:williams@wvhumanities.org) or (304)346-8500.

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## West Virginians For Affordable Health Care Mark the One Year Anniversary of the Historic Inflation Reduction Act

(CHARLESTON, WV) – On August 16, 2022, President Joe Biden signed the historic Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) into law, lowering costs and improving health care for hundreds of thousands of West Virginians.

“The Inflation Reduction Act includes the most significant expansion of affordable health care in more than two decades,” said Ellen Allen, Executive Director of West Virginians for Affordable Health Care. “Lowering costs will be a life saver for seniors and families who have been forced to choose between affording their prescription drugs or going to the doctor and making ends meet.”

The IRA lowers premium costs for 13 million Americans who purchase coverage on the Affordable Care Act marketplaces, including over 23,000 in West Virginia. It also gives Medicare the power to negotiate drug prices, limits the cost of insulin to \$35 a month, and caps senior out-of-pocket prescription drug costs. Thanks to this law, Medicare finally has the power to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices that alone

will benefit over 300-thousand West Virginians.

“The Inflation Reduction Act is a game-changer, lowering health care costs for seniors and families across West Virginia and all Americans to make health care a right, not a privilege,” said Allen. “The policies included in the IRA will save Americans thousands of dollars a year — the greatest health care achievement since the passage of the Affordable Care Act.”

West Virginians for Affordable Health Care brings a consumer voice to public policy so that every West Virginian has quality, affordable health care and the opportunity to lead an informed, healthy and productive life. It achieves its mission by working with partners to identify and advocate for positive public policy change, developing and coordinating innovative public education programs, protecting and preserving programs that serve its mission, and assisting individual consumers in navigating the healthcare system.

## Rep. Carol Miller Joins U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on a Targeted Enforcement Action Operation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Yesterday, Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV) joined the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on a targeted enforcement action operation ride-along in Cabell County. Congresswoman Miller accompanied officers in an observational capacity as law enforcement officers conducted the operation.

“The fight for the United States is not overseas or at the border, but it’s right here in our communities. When Speaker McCarthy appointed me to serve on the task force to combat Mexican drug cartels, it was important to see firsthand what was happening at the front lines. Witnessing ICE and law enforcement lay their lives on the line to protect Americans every day was a humbling experience I won’t soon forget. I will continue fighting to stop the flow of drugs and human trafficking that comes across the southern border every single day,” said Congresswoman Miller.

Since her first term in Congress, Congresswoman Miller has been fighting to secure

the border to prevent drugs and crime from affecting communities in the United States. She currently serves on Speaker Kevin McCarthy’s (R-CA) Congressional task force targeted on combating Mexican drug cartels.

Congresswoman Miller joined the Field Office Director Camilla Wamsley for a pre-operational briefing and rode along with law enforcement where the operation took place.

### Background:

Last year, Congresswoman Carol Miller visited the U.S. - Mexico border and experienced the southern border crisis. This ride along has been the second time the Congresswoman saw first-hand the devastating impact President Biden’s open border is having on Americans.

Congresswoman Carol Miller also joined the Conservative Political Action Coalition (CPAC) for an anti-human trafficking summit. She continues to fight for the victims of human trafficking due to an open southern border.

## BFS Companies Adds \$10,000 to YCF’s Campaign

Morgantown, WV – Your Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia, Inc. (YCF) announces a new endowment fund as part of YCF’s \$1 Million Match Campaign. The BFS Addiction Prevention Fund was created with a \$10,000 donation.

The BFS Addiction Prevention Fund will provide support to programs geared to lessen and alter the destructive impact of alcohol and drug addiction on children and their families through education and professional support at the grassroots level. Eligible charitable organizations will reside within YCF’s service area, which includes Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, and Taylor Counties.

BFS Companies began in 1974 as an agriculture business with the first store, Southern States, located in Bruceton, WV. Today, the business is spread across several states with four Southern States stores, 21 petroleum bulk plants, more than 75 BFS Foods convenience stores and 11 liquor stores. BFS employs more than 2,000 people and is headquartered in Morgantown, WV.

“Recognizing the devastating impact of addiction, BFS is committed to supporting prevention initiatives in the communities where we live and work,” said Marshall Bishop, owner of BFS Companies. “We are pleased to partner with YCF in supporting grassroots organizations working to alleviate the addiction epidemic.”

As part of YCF’s \$1 Million Match Campaign, BFS Companies’ donation will be matched 100% to the YCF Addiction Prevention Initiative Fund by an anonymous donor.

“On behalf of YCF, we want to thank Mr. Bishop and BFS Companies for supporting their community,” said Patty Showers Ryan, YCF President. “The annual earnings from this Fund will provide grant dollars to local groups in our region doing the important day-to-day work to fight addiction.”

To date, YCF has received \$925,000 towards the \$1 Million goal. For more information, please call YCF at (304) 296-3433, or visit: <http://www.ycfwv.org>

### About BFS Companies

BFS Companies began in 1974 as an agriculture business (Bruceton Farm

Service) when Marshall Bishop purchased the Southern States store in Bruceton Mills, WV. That side of the business has had steady development over the years with four Southern States stores and 21 petroleum bulk plants in WV, MD, PA and OH.

In the early 1980’s, the very first BFS Foods convenience store was opened in Mt Lake Park, MD. Since then, BFS has been a growing convenience store chain with more than 75 locations and 11 liquor stores in their four-state operating area. This growth has been through acquisitions and new builds.

BFS is firmly committed to offering goods and services that meet the needs in the many communities they serve. With more than 2,000 employees living and working in those communities, BFS is constantly abreast of the changing needs of their customers. This is why BFS also operates 95+ branded fast foods inside or beside the BFS Foods convenience store locations. Those brands include Burger King, Little Caesars Pizza, Subway, Dairy Queen, IHOP, Huddle House and Tim Hortons Café & Bake Shop.

For nearly 50 years, the BFS mission has been to provide Better, Faster Service to their customers and career growth opportunities to their employees who wish to advance. BFS Companies remains a private, family owned and operated corporation headquartered in Morgantown, WV.

<https://www.bfscompanies.com>

### About YCF

YCF is a tax-exempt public charity created by and for the people of North Central West Virginia to manage multi-generational endowments. YCF enables local people with philanthropic interests to support the issues, easily and effectively, they care about.

YCF accepts donations in the following ways: checks, tribute gifts in honor or memory of a loved one, PayPal, matching gifts, stocks or securities, IRA gifts, wills, and bequests.

The establishment of an endowment fund with YCF requires a minimum donation of \$10,000, which donors may achieve over three years. The principal is invested, and the earnings provide grant dollars – forever. For more information please call (304) 296-3433 or visit YCF’s website, [www.ycfwv.org](http://www.ycfwv.org)

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# What's? Happening

## Knotts Reunion

The 85<sup>th</sup> annual Knotts Reunion will be held at the Sugarlands Church of the Brethren pavilion on Sunday, Aug. 27. Sunday school will be in the church at 10 a.m. and lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. All family and friends are welcome.

## American Kestrels

The America Kestrel is one of North America's smallest and most colorful raptors, but it is also a fierce hunter. Dr. Ed Michael will tell us about this incredible bird on Friday, August 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. The program is open to all and is free of charge.

## BINGO

WV Caring Hospice Care will host Bingo at Tucker County on Thursday Evening in the Pavilion. 6-8 p.m., donation of .25 card, play as many as you like and support a wonderful organization. You win half of each game when you bingo. Proceeds assist WV Caring patients and families.

## Harper Reunion

Relatives of the late Anzina and Daniel B. and Frank and Effie Harper will hold the 57<sup>th</sup> annual Harper Family Reunion on Sunday, Aug. 27 at Mill Race Park in Parsons from 1 – 5 p.m. Bring a covered dish and join us.

## Rummage and Hot Dog Sale

Saturday, Aug 26. Davis U.M. Church. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thomas Ave & 4th St, Davis.

## St. George Academy Homecoming

Did you, your children or grandchildren attend St. George Academy School or maybe you taught there? Join us, your old school mates, their families and maybe some teachers at the school for an old fashion homecoming social. The school is on the National Register of Historic Places and now operates as a museum for preserving old artifacts, antiques, and local historical items. There is much to see and remember. Sunday, September 3, 2023, 10 p.m. Bring a covered dish. Prizes for the oldest and youngest past student attending and the one who came the farthest.

## By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

I had a very "exciting" beginning to this week. I had to rescue Katy Kat from a baby opossum, which took a trip in a bucket to the forest where it belongs. She does not like to come inside when the weather is pretty, so I have been setting her food outside the door while I get ready for work each morning. Well, I did that Monday morning and as I was getting it to put back in the house, I opened the door and saw a naked tail run behind a flower pot.

My first thought was it was a big rat, YUCK. I poked around until I could see it and found out it was a baby opossum. I got a bucket and shoved him into it with a stick and then put a pot on top to hold him in. We took a short trip to a local wooded area and he was set free. Momma Said, "Live and let live." I had no reason to kill the little thing so it will hopefully live a full and productive life in a place where it will not come into contact with anyone.

The American opossum is a very intimidating looking creature. They have 50

## 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



razor sharp teeth and their little hands or feet or whatever they are called have like 7 or 8 toes, for whatever reason I don't know, they have a prehensile tail that can grasp branches and they are the only marsupial (pouched mammal) in North America or Canada.

They are more closely related to a kangaroo than a rat despite their appearance because of their pouch. The gestation of the young is only 11 to 13 days and then they move to the pouch and continue to grow. When they get big enough they will come out and ride on momma's back. Momma Said, "This mother really can't get her children off her back."

## Asian Cucumber Salad

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 English cucumbers (the long skinny ones) sliced 3/8-inch thick
  - 1 CUP julienned carrots
  - 1/2 CUP roasted salted peanuts chopped
  - 2 TABLESPOONS chopped fresh mint or cilantro
- DRESSING:
- 3 TABLESPOONS seasoned rice wine vinegar
  - 1 1/2 TEASPOONS soy sauce
  - 1 1/2 TEASPOONS sugar
  - 1/2 CLOVE garlic minced (about 1/2 teaspoon)
  - 1 TABLESPOON pickled ginger julienned
  - PINCH or two crushed red pepper flakes
  - 4-1/2 TEASPOONS vegetable oil

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Start by salting the cucumber. Toss the cucumber slices in salt and let them sit in a colander over a bowl for 20 to 30 minutes. Rinse the slices with fresh water and let them drain again before drying well on clean kitchen towel. Pre-salting will help keep them crispy in the salad.
2. Make the dressing by whisking the rice wine vinegar, soy sauce, sugar, garlic and pickled ginger together in a large bowl to dissolve the sugar. Whisk in the vegetable oil.
3. Add the cucumbers and carrots to the bowl and toss to coat the vegetables with the dressing. Stir in the peanuts and cilantro. Chill for at least 30 minutes before serving.
4. Serve cool as a terrific side dish or salad starter.

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Aug. 25, 1921: Miners began to arrive at Blair Mountain near the border of Logan and Boone counties. Sheriff Don Chafin, a hated symbol of anti-unionism in southern West Virginia, met them with a combined force of deputies, mine guards, civilian volunteers, and others.

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.

Aug. 23, 1970: The Mormon Church established its first "stake," or congregation, in West Virginia. The stake was organized in Charleston with a membership of nearly 4,000 people.

Aug. 24, 1918: Louis Bennett Jr. died of injuries sustained when his plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire. Bennett, with 12 combat kills, was West Virginia's only World War I fighter ace.

August 25, 1903: Soprano Susanne Fisher was born in Sutton. Fisher was the first West Virginian to sing at the Metropolitan Opera.

Aug. 25, 2000: The Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope was dedicated. It is the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope.

Aug. 26, 1863: Union and Confederate forces collided in what became known as the Battle of White Sulphur Springs. The next morning, with ammunition nearly depleted, Union General William Averell retreated to his base

without accomplishing any of his objectives.

Aug. 26, 1918: Mathematician Katherine Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs. For 33 years, Johnson worked for NASA, making calculations for manned space flights, including the Apollo 11 moon landing. In 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

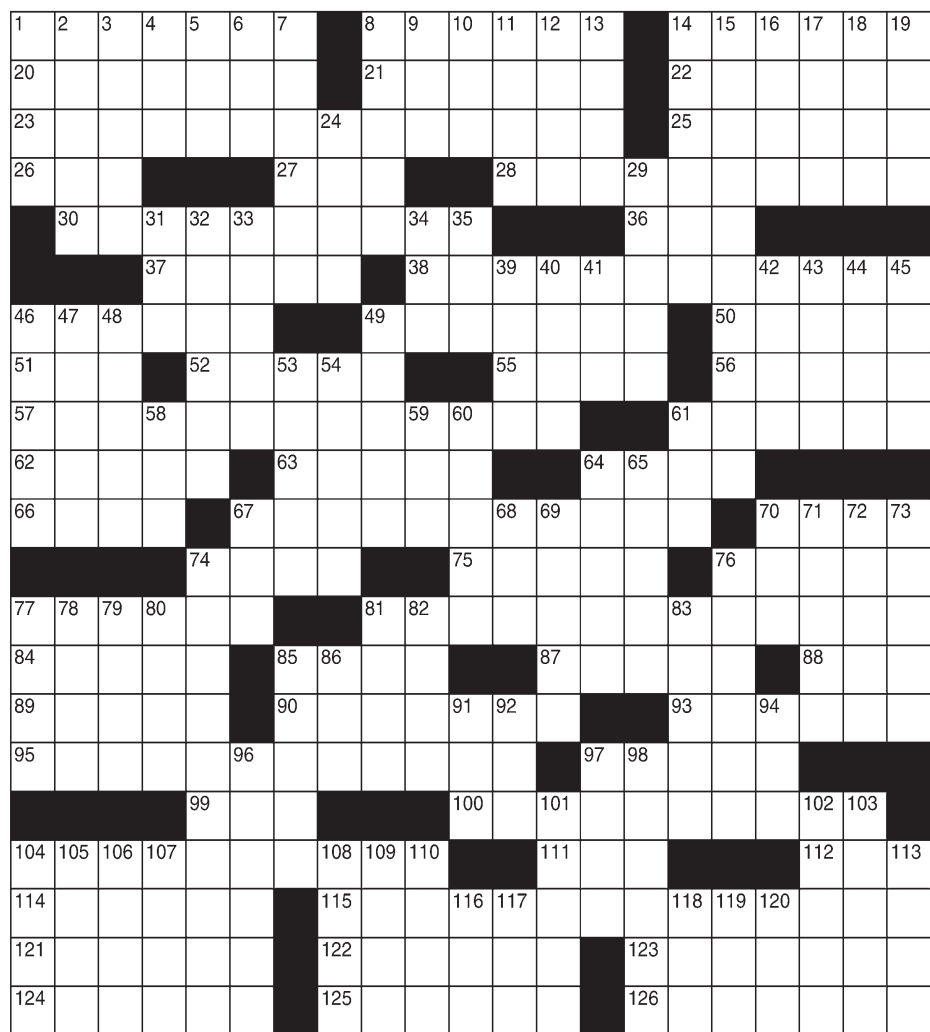
Aug. 27, 1902: Mary McClain was born Mary Smith in Huntington. McClain was a blues legend who performed at Carnegie Hall, the White House, the Apollo Theatre, and the Cotton Club.

Aug. 28, 1900: Harrison H. Ferrell Jr. was born in Chicago. Known as "the Dean" to generations of students, he was professor of German, 1928–66, at West Virginia State College (now University) and served as dean and in other capacities from 1930 until 1970.

Aug. 29, 1952: A groundbreaking ceremony was held in Mercer County to mark the beginning of construction of the West Virginia Turnpike. Initially, most of the turnpike was just two lanes because officials believed revenues would be too low to finance four lanes.

## Super Crossword "YOU'RE A BEAST!"

- ACROSS**
- 1 Quick heartbeat sound
  - 8 Jordanian's language
  - 14 Do over again
  - 20 Exercise caution
  - 21 Baseballer Minnie
  - 22 Come about over time
  - 23 Oscar-nominated actress for "Georgia"
  - 25 The X's of XOXO
  - 26 Even, in golf
  - 27 Was in a pew
  - 28 "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host
  - 30 "Morning Has Broken" singer
  - 36 Egggy holiday drink
  - 37 Building floor
  - 38 Noted Dodge City sheriff
  - 46 Watch via Hulu, e.g.
  - 49 "A Christmas Carol" miser
  - 50 Too trusting
  - 51 "Got ya!"
  - 52 Jestful sort
  - 55 Opening in a schedule
  - 56 Cove, e.g.
  - 57 2013-14 co-host of "The View"
  - 61 Foldable beds
  - 62 100-eyed mythical giant
  - 63 Boat's load
  - 64 NFL Hall of Famer Carter
  - 66 Well-honed
  - 67 "The Situation Room" host
  - 70 Middle East's — Strip
  - 74 Diving venue
  - 75 Made a typo, e.g.
  - 76 Got along
  - 77 "GLOW" star
  - 81 Longtime panelist on "To Tell the Truth"
  - 84 Funny stuff
  - 85 Hooplas
  - 87 "Hey, I was thinking..."
  - 88 Crude liquid
  - 89 Partner of alas
  - 90 Nine-sided figure
  - 93 Sharp pang
  - 95 Defensive tackle whose #86 was retired by the Chiefs
  - 97 Best athletes
  - 99 Gray color
  - 100 1958-82 Crimson Tide football coach
  - 104 Champion of 15 golf majors
  - 111 Corp. kahuna
  - 112 Parseghian of Notre Dame
  - 114 Like a day in June, in a Lowell poem
  - 115 People ... or an alternate title for this puzzle
  - 121 Flavorings for absinthes
  - 122 Tell, as a tale
  - 123 Outstanding
  - 124 Liquefy anew
  - 125 Old truisms
  - 126 No-goodnik
  - 12 Goller Aoki
  - 13 Barber's tool
  - 14 Tie again, as a necktie
  - 15 Supersmart supervillain
  - 16 Emulate a supermodel
  - 17 Snow queen in "Frozen"
  - 18 With, to Fifi
  - 19 "Concetta" pianist John
  - 24 SEAL's group
  - 29 Map of Hawaii, often
  - 31 Lao- —
  - 32 Actor Keach and singer
  - 33 Greeting on a May greeting card
  - 34 "Chicago Med" ailer
  - 35 Fraternal patriotic org.
  - 39 Reggae singer Peter
  - 40 "Holy —!"
  - 41 In the past
  - 42 Throw a fit
  - 43 Fodder tower
  - 44 Cooking appliance since 1998
  - 45 Clears, as profit
  - 46 Pat of "Wheel of Fortune"
  - 47 At that place
  - 48 Cooking appliance
  - 49 Neck warmer
  - 53 Singer Marilyn
  - 54 Bluff-busting poker words
  - 58 Priestess, e.g.
  - 59 Abbr. for three primary colors
  - 60 Words on a flat rental sign
  - 61 Yule tree
  - 64 Prague native
  - 65 — a beet
  - 67 Prevalled
  - 68 NYC subway inits.
  - 69 Test in a fitting room
  - 70 Moo goo — pan
  - 71 Fire felony
  - 72 1983 Woody Allen movie
  - 73 "Hello" singer
  - 74 Political patronage, informally
  - 76 Migrating birds' regular route
  - 77 "Moby-Dick" helmsman
  - 78 Real doozie
  - 79 Apple option since 1998
  - 80 Ankle coverer
  - 81 Coffee from Hawaii
  - 82 "This — emergency!"
  - 83 Star-giving critic, e.g.
  - 85 — chili (pepper type)
  - 86 Cry of Homer Simpson
  - 91 Chin-wag
  - 92 Nearly zero
  - 94 "— Little Teapot"
  - 96 A "Baby Bell" phone co.
  - 97 Environs
  - 98 Choice loin steaks
  - 101 Tiptops
  - 102 Dubbed
  - 103 The "T" of LGBT, in brief
  - 104 Old overlord
  - 105 "XOXO" pan
  - 106 Ghastly
  - 107 Loosen up
  - 108 Other, in Oaxaca
  - 109 Batted without playing the field, for short
  - 110 "CSI: NY" actress Ward
  - 113 Choral voice
  - 116 Ugly witch
  - 117 Pickup's kin
  - 118 "I love," to Luisa
  - 119 "I Hate Valentine's Day" actress
  - 120 Quaint hotel



Puzzle answers page 7

## Weather Totals

August 8 - August 15

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

### Temperature

Max 85° F  
Min 54° F

### Precipitation

Week 1.64"  
August 2.66"  
2023 31.56"

### Snowfall

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

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# SPORTS

## TUCKER FOOTBALL TRAVELS TO POCAHONTAS FOR SEASON OPENER

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Mt. Lions Football team will open their season this Friday on the road at Pocahontas County. Kickoff is set for 7pm in Dunmore.

Tucker County will return a great deal of experience from last year's team that made the playoffs and finished the season with a 9-2 record. Tucker County opened the 2022 season winning their first nine games, but they fell to South Harrison in game ten to finish the regular season 9-1. The Mt. Lions then hosted East Hardy in a first-round playoff game, but they fell to the Cougars to end their season at 9-2.

Head Coach AJ Rapp is back for his 19th year as the Tucker County Football Head Coach. Rapp has 27 kids out for this year's team and there is buzz in the air about the amount of experience he has returning. The overall makeup of this team by class consists of 9 seniors, 5 juniors, 6 sophomores and 7 freshmen.

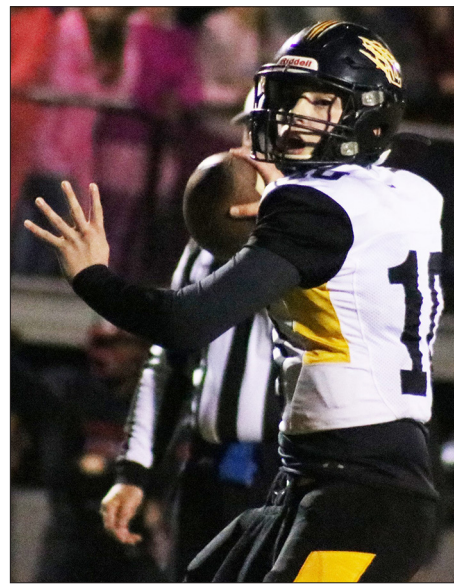
The Mt. Lions will return most of their skill positions. When asked about his returning players Coach Rapp said, "We have most of our guys back from last year, we only lost a handful of seniors from last year's team." Rapp also talked about the leadership that this group got last year as juniors, "Some of these seniors were in leadership roles as juniors last year and that will help us this year for sure." Senior All-State selections Maddox Anderson and Ethan Rosenau will lead the Mt. Lions offense. Rosenau returns at quarterback and Anderson returns at the receiver position. Also returning for Tucker County is All-State Honorable Mention selections senior Blaike Adams at receiver and junior running back Jared Reall. The offense will also feature senior Racer Channel and junior Garrett Wilfong at the receiver positions. The offensive line will consist of senior Gavin Mullenax(RG), senior Owen Knotts(RT), junior Marky Phillips(LG), junior Gavin Nestor(C) and sophomore

Josh Crossland(LT). Others that will see action this season for the Mt. Lions on offense will be sophomore Reid Kisamore, freshman Luke Barb, freshman Cade Rapp, senior Hunter Ware, junior Quante Mitchell, senior Joe Wratchford and senior Aeden Kirk to name a few.

The run game for the Mt. Lions will need to improve and Coach Rapp is confident that this group will be better running the ball on offense. "We need to get the run game going this season, I have been surprised how well our run game has been in the first two scrimmages."

On defense Tucker County also has some work to do compared to last season as the Mt. Lions struggled to stop the run game at times a season ago. When asked about this Rapp expressed hope that this year the team would hold up against the run. "Our defense has been doing better against the run so far in the preseason scrimmages." The defense will be led up front by Gavin Mullenax and Owen Knotts at the defensive end positions. At the defensive tackle positions will be Gavin Nestor and Josh Crossland, while the corners will be Racer Channell and Blaike Adams. We will see the following players playing the linebacker positions, Jared Reall, Marky Phillips, Ethan Rosenau, Reid Kisamore and Luke Barb. The safety positions will feature Maddox Anderson and Garrett Wilfong. Other players that will make an impact on defense will be Hunter Ware, Joe Wratchford, Cade Rapp and Quanta Mitchell to name a few.

An improvement on defense against the run will go far against several physical teams Tucker County has on their schedule. The schedule for the Mt. Lions will have a few changes from last season as Tucker County will be traveling to Reedsville Eastern, OH and then hosting "AAA" Hampshire. When asked about the schedule Rapp said, "Hampshire is a triple A team that is athletic and will be a challenge for us and we also picked up a team from Ohio to fill our schedule, because we had



Tucker County Quarterback Ethan Rosenau(10) attempts a pass in a game last season. Photo by Brittany Channell.



Mt. Lions Receiver Maddox Anderson(88) runs after a catch last season. Photo by Brittany Channell.

trouble getting a 10th game." The Mt. Lions will continue to play their normal PVC Conference matchups as Rapp stated, "Our conference is a tough out and some of those games are on the road this season which will make it tougher." The first game of the season will be a road contest at rival Pocahontas County on Friday August 25th. The Mt. Lions will then host Tygarts Valley on September 1st and Tucker County will then travel to PVC foe East Hardy on September 8th. The week 3 game will be at Gilmer County on September 15th. The Mt. Lions will then travel to Reedsville Eastern, OH on September 22nd. Tucker County will host PVC opponent Pendleton County on September 29th and then go on the road to PVC rival Moorefield on October 6th. A home contest against Southern, MD awaits Tucker County on October 13th and then the Mt. Lions will have an open date on week 9. The last 2 weeks of the season will be home games as Tucker County will entertain Petersburg on October 27th and Hampshire will come to Parsons on November 3rd for the last

game of the regular season. All games are scheduled for kickoff at 7pm.

Tucker County Head Coach AJ Rapp was asked about the key to success for this year's team and Rapp said, "We need to get focused on this year, what we did last year doesn't matter, no one respects you from last year, it's all about this year now."

All Tucker County Football home games will be Broadcasted Live on YouTube thanks to the support from the St. George Medical Clinic. For more info and links to the broadcasts go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

**AREA SCHEDULE:**

**Wednesday August 23rd**  
Tucker County Volleyball vs Petersburg @ Home 6pm  
Tucker County Golf @ Canaan Valley 4pm  
**Friday August 25th**  
Tucker County Football @ Pocahontas County 7pm

## TUCKER COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY OPENS SEASON AT ST. MARYS

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

ST. MARYS – The Mt. Lions Girls' and Boys' Cross Country team opened the season on Saturday August 19th as they competed at the Autumn Classic at St. Marys High School.

In the Girls' race 172 runners competed in the event. Katie Hicks was the top finisher for the Lady Mt. Lions with a 16th place finish and a time of 20:29.69. Addi Moats(22:24.90) finished 54th, Addie Hicks(24:36.20) placed 98th, Brianna Gooden(26:45.83) was 126th, Lilly Boyles(35:24.70) and Adrianna Tuttle(35:31.91) finished in 170th place.

The Tucker County Boys' team would run the St. Marys course next as the Boys' race featured an amazing 214 runners overall. The top runner for the Mt. Lions was Alex Boyles with a 75th place finish with a time of 19:01.11. Cameron Judy placed

82nd with a time of 19:12.77. The remaining Tucker County runners finished as follows: 103rd-Nate Ricottilli(19:44.48), 107th-Allan Boyles(19:56.94), 138th-Lynk Suesli(21:12.81) and 164th-Ryan Scott(22:17.29).

The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams will return to action on Saturday September 2nd at Buckhannon-Upshur. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



IMG\_9797 – Tucker County's Katie Hicks finished 16th place and received a Medal at the Autumn Classic at St. Marys on August 19th. Photo by Sarah Hicks.

TUCKER COUNTY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
8/25/2023	7PM	AWAY	POCAHONTAS COUNTY
9/1/2023	7PM	HOME	TYGARTS VALLEY
9/8/2023	7PM	AWAY	EAST HARDY
9/15/2023	7PM	AWAY	GILMER COUNTY
9/22/2023	7PM	AWAY	REEDSVILLE EASTERN, OH
9/29/2023	7PM	HOME	PENDLETON COUNTY
10/6/2023	7PM	AWAY	MOOREFIELD
10/13/2023	7PM	HOME	SOUTHERN GARRETT, MD
10/20/2023			OPEN
10/27/2023	7PM	HOME	PETERSBURG
11/3/2023	7PM	HOME	HAMPSHIRE

TUCKER COUNTY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE			
8/23/2023	6PM	HOME	PETERSBURG
8/31/2023	6PM	AWAY	TRI @ EAST HARDY WITH UNION
9/6/2023	6PM	HOME	ELKINS
9/7/2023	6PM	AWAY	PETERSBURG
9/12/2023	6PM	HOME	TRI - MOOREFIELD & PRESTON
9/14/2023	6PM	HOME	PENDLETON COUNTY
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This is a photo from St. George Academy. This photo was taken when school was taught in the summer of 1889 by Dr. D. E. Phillips, first person on the left. He was a brother to George Phillips. The spelling of last name seems different, but I listed it as it was on the photo. An interesting story about the building. The school was moved from its original location to the current location some time before the flood. It is believed that it would have been destroyed if it had not been moved. When it was moved, it was also raised which saved it from the destructive flood waters. The building is on the National Register. I was told that it was rejected several times because the school did not sit on the original site. When it was explained that if it had not been moved it would have been destroyed. With this information, it was placed on the register. There is renewed interest in the preservation of the school. As a matter of fact, there will be the First Homecoming of the St. George Academy on Sunday, September 3rd at 1:00. A covered dish dinner will be held at that time. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

## Hot Weather Can Endanger Those Living with Alzheimer's

*Caregivers should plan ahead to keep loved ones safe and healthy*

CHARLESTON, WV – AUGUST 17, 2023 – As temperatures rise, extreme heat impacts everyone – but it can be especially dangerous for people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. Alzheimer's causes a number of changes that may affect the brain and body, including changes in sensitivity to temperatures.

Today, there are more than 6 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease. Taking measures to plan ahead for weather changes, like extreme heat, can prevent injuries and help a person with dementia feel more relaxed and less overwhelmed.

Teresa Morris, Program Director for the Alzheimer's Association West Virginia Chapter, offers important tips for families during the hot summer months:

- Make a plan. Family and friends should make plans to regularly check in on a person living with Alzheimer's disease during extreme heat. Spend time in cooler spaces whenever possible, stay inside when possible, and dress in loose, light clothing.

- Pay attention at night. Keep people living with Alzheimer's cool by using fans and air conditioning. At night, low temperatures can still exceed 75 degrees with little fluctuation in humidity, making for difficult and exacerbating sleeping conditions, heightened anxiety and increased agitation. Sleep interruptions may increase wandering behaviors.

- Prepare for behavioral challenges. Heat can increase agitation and confusion. It's common for a person living with dementia to wander or become lost or confused about their location at any stage of the disease. Six in 10 people living with dementia will wander at least once; many do so repeatedly.

- Stay hydrated. Water intake is essential to maintaining good hydration and health during warm weather. Dehydration may be difficult to notice in a person living with Alzheimer's, and signs like increased fatigue, dry

mouth and headache may not be well communicated by the person with the disease.

- Watch the weather. High temperatures aren't the only cause for concern. Humidity and air pollution can cause breathing difficulties and increased confusion. Anyone with Alzheimer's or dementia should be monitored regularly and given immediate medical attention if symptoms like dehydration, heat exhaustion or heat stroke occur.

There are 39,000 West Virginia residents aged 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease, according to the Alzheimer's Association 2023 "Facts and Figures." That number is expected to increase to 44,000 by 2025.

Those concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association West Virginia Chapter at 304.343.2717 to schedule a care consultation and be connected to local resources. To reach the 24/7 Helpline, call 800.272.3900.

## Social Security Administration Expedites Decisions for People with Severe Disabilities

*Agency Adds to its Compassionate Allowances List*

Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, today announced 12 new Compassionate Allowances conditions: 1p36 Deletion Syndrome, Anaplastic Ependymoma, Calciphylaxis, Cholangiocarcinoma, FOXG1 Syndrome, Leber Congenital Amaurosis, Metastatic Endometrial Adenocarcinoma, Paraneoplastic Cerebellar Degeneration, Pineoblastoma – Childhood, Primary Omental Cancer, Sarcomatoid Carcinoma of the Lung – Stages II-IV, and Trisomy 9.

The Compassionate Allowances program quickly identifies claims where the applicant's medical condition or disease clearly meets Social Security's statu-

tory standard for disability. Due to the severe nature of many of these conditions, these claims are often allowed based on medical confirmation of the diagnosis alone. To date, nearly 900,000 people with severe disabilities have been approved through this accelerated, policy-compliant disability process, which now includes a total of 278 conditions.

"The Social Security Administration remains committed to reducing barriers and ensuring people who are eligible for benefits receive them," said Acting Commissioner Kijakazi. "Our Compassionate Allowances program allows us to reinforce that commitment by expediting the disability application process for people with the most severe disabilities."

When a person applies for disability benefits, Social Security must obtain medical records in order to make an accurate determination. The agency incorporates

leading technology to identify potential Compassionate Allowances cases and make quick decisions. Social Security's Health IT brings the speed and efficiency of electronic medical records to the disability determination process. With electronic records transmission, Social Security can quickly obtain a claimant's medical information, review it, and make a faster determination.

For more information about the program, including a list of all Compassionate Allowances conditions, please visit [www.ssa.gov/compassionateallowances](http://www.ssa.gov/compassionateallowances).

To learn more about Social Security's Health IT program, please visit [www.ssa.gov/hit](http://www.ssa.gov/hit).

People may apply online for disability benefits by visiting [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

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# WVDNR reminds bear hunters about early firearms seasons

## Early bear firearms seasons are set to open Sept. 2-10 and Oct. 7-13 in select counties

BECKLEY, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced today that two early firearms seasons for black bear are set to open in September and October and reminded hunters to get ready by purchasing their license and stamps online at WVhunt.com.

The first early season will be open Sept. 2-10 in Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties. The second will be open Oct. 7-13 in Boone, Fayette, Kanawha, Nicholas and Raleigh counties. Hunters may hunt with or without dogs during both seasons.

“Counties that will be open for early bear hunting are above their management objective, and additional bears need to be harvested for these areas to achieve their goal,” said Colin Carpenter, black bear project leader for the WVDNR. “The benefit of early seasons is that all bears are available to be harvested because den entrance is still two or more months away.

Hunters who participate in the first season should look for bears near stands of black cherry that have fruit or in areas with abundant autumn olive. The second season occurs at the peak of acorn drop, so bears will be feeding heavily in these red oak stands, where mast appears to be more abundant in most areas than in 2022.

“Bears change their feeding patterns throughout the fall as food

sources are consumed, so hunters should focus on finding fresh signs of bear activity as close to the respective season as possible,” Carpenter said.

Hunters who harvest a bear are required to submit a premolar tooth from each bear. Hunters who harvest a female black bear are encouraged to save and submit the complete reproductive tract to the WVDNR for a \$20 gift card. The WVDNR uses data obtained from tooth samples and reproductive tracts to monitor the black bear population.

Hunters can get a bear tooth envelope at their local WVDNR district office or at the Elkins Operation Center. Hunters who have saved bear reproductive tracts or entrails should keep them cool or freeze them and contact their nearest WVDNR district office to arrange a pick-up.

Resident hunters also are reminded to purchase a bear damage stamp along with their hunting license. Nonresident hunters are required to purchase a bear hunting license and bear damage stamp. Licenses and stamps are available online at WVhunt.com and at license retailers around the state.

For more information about bear hunting, check pages 35-40 in the 2023-2024 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary available at license agents across the state and at WVdnr.gov/hunting/hunting-regulations.



### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY (Hambleton United Methodist Church)

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 23, 2023 QUITCLAIM, GRANT and CONVEY to the Trustees of Hambleton Community Church all of their right, title and interest in and to that certain lot or parcel of real estate situate, lying and being in Hambleton Corp. District, Tucker County, West Virginia, described as follows:

##### PARCEL ONE

**BEGINNING** at the corner of the land of Harry H. Sayre on Fifth Street thence by and with his line in a westerly direction on hundred and fifty feet (150) to an alley thence by and with said alley in a northerly direction one hundred (100) feet to a stake on the public road thence in an easterly direction one hundred and fifty (150) feet to a stone in a line with Fifth Street thence by and with said Street one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning and is now known as Lots 113 and 114 of the Town of Hambleton.

And being the same property conveyed to Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hambleton from Michael Webb by Deed dated April 4, 1902 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia in Deed Book 21, at Page 15, reference to which is hereby made.

##### PARCEL TWO

**BEGINNING** at Michael Webbs corner thence with the line of Fifth Street about N. 53 1/2 632 feet to a stake by the County road thence with said road N. 63 1/2 W. 77 feet to a stake in Michael Webbs line thence with said line S. 38 1/2 E. 96 feet to the place of beginning containing four square rods more or less.

And Being the same property conveyed to Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hambleton from P. B. and Charlotte Goff by Deed dated April 5, 1902 and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 21, at Page 14, reference to which is hereby made.

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Said Hambleton 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 9th day of August, 2023.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0434-G-PC

HOPE GAS, INC. and SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Joint petition for consent and approval for Hope Gas, Inc. to acquire Southern Public Service Company

#### NOTICE OF FILING

On May 19, 2023, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope) and Southern Public Service Company (Southern) (jointly, petitioners) filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) a joint petition (Joint Petition) for Commission consent and approval of an acquisition transaction pursuant to which Hope would acquire all of the capital stock in Southern and merge Southern into Hope. Southern currently provides natural gas sales to approximately 6,400 customers in six counties in West Virginia.

In the Joint Petition, Southern and Hope assert that the acquisition transaction will have no adverse effect on Southern's or Hope's customers, other public utilities, or the public in general. Following the transaction, the former utility assets of Southern will be owned and operated by Hope, subject to the Commission's continuing jurisdiction and regulation. From and after the closing of the acquisition, the former customers of Southern will become customers of Hope.

Upon the closing of the Transaction, Southern's customers will continue to pay Southern's existing base rates and purchased gas adjustment (PGA) rate as it changes from time to time, and a Legacy Surcharge rate increment, which surcharge equates to Hope's pipeline replacement and expansion (PREP) rate increment, as it changes from time to time. Consequently, at close, based on the current base, PGA and surcharge rates proposed, the average monthly bill impact for Southern's customers as a result of the Transaction will be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	Percentage Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$ 5.88	9.74 %
Commercial	\$ 17.39	7.20 %
Transportation	\$ 224.77	2.73 %

Hope proposes that the Southern customers will eventually pay the Hope base rates plus PGA rates and Legacy Surcharge as those rates change from time to time. If the Southern customers were immediately charged the Hope base rates, the current Hope PGA rate, and the current Legacy Surcharge rate, the average monthly bill impact for Southern's customers as a result of the transaction would be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$ 25.92	42.97 %
Commercial	\$ 56.20	23.28 %
Transportation	(\$ 1,701.96)**	(20.68 %)

\*\*Does not reflect the cost of retinage. Hope will retain between 5.5% and 8.0% of a transportation customer's self-supply gas delivered to Hope.

The Joint Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and is available online at the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to intervene or protest should file a written request to intervene or protest no later than thirty (30) days following the date of this notice, unless such period is otherwise modified by Commission Order. Failure to timely intervene or protest can affect your right to participate in or protest aspects of this proceeding. All requests to intervene or protest should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene or protest and comply with the rules set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All requests to intervene and protests should state the reason for the request to intervene or protest and comply with the rules set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All requests to intervene and protests should contain the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

In the absence of substantial protest received within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this notice, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the Joint Petition based on the Commission's review of the evidence submitted with the Joint Petition.

HOPE GAS, INC.  
SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

### LEGAL

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water & Waste Management  
Office of Waste Management  
601 57th street, SE  
Charleston, WV 25304  
(304) 926-0495

#### APPLICATION FOR WEST VIRGINIA SOLID WASTE FACILITY CLOSURE PERMIT RENEWAL

Permit Notice No.: SW-10-23 Paper: The Parsons Advocate  
219 Central Avenue  
Parsons, WV 26287

Public Notice Dates: August 23, 2023  
August 30, 2023

The following has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for a Solid Waste Landfill Permit Renewal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit:

Applicant: Tucker County Solid Waste Authority  
P.O. Box 445  
Davis, WV 26260

Application No.: SWF-8295/WV0109126

Location: 0.3 Miles Northwest of the Intersection of Route 32 and Route 93, between Thomas and Davis, Tucker County, West Virginia  
Class B Landfill

The applicant may receive a maximum of 9,999 tons monthly of the following types of waste: solid waste as defined in W.Va. Code Chapter 22, Article 15, Section 2(27) and as listed in 33CSR1 Section 2.114. Wastewater treatment plant solids, nonhazardous industrial process solid wastes, and non-hazardous sludge will only be accepted after approval by the Division of Water & Waste Management. Tires may be used in the landfill in accordance with W.Va. Code and 33 CSRS.

The waste will originate from the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. The facility is located along an unnamed tributary of Pendleton Run. The center of the site is 39°08'32"N Latitude, and 79°28'20"W Longitude. The storm water discharge points are 39°08'36" N Latitude and 79°28'22" W Longitude; 39°08'36" N Latitude and 79°28'34" W Longitude; and Latitude 39°08'44.64" N and Longitude 79°21'38.61" W.

All leachate will be collected and trucked to the City of Fairmont's, the City of Thomas', the City of Weston's, the City of Elkin's, the City of Petersburg's, the City of Clarksburg's, and the Upper Potomac River Commission of Westernport, Maryland Wastewater Treatment Plants.

On the basis of review of the application, the Solid Waste Management Act, Chapter 22, Article 15, Sections 5(b) and 5(c); and the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Rule 33CSR1, the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Interested persons may submit written comments during the thirty-day (30-day) public comment period, which begins on August 23, 2023 and ends on September 21, 2023 to the following address:

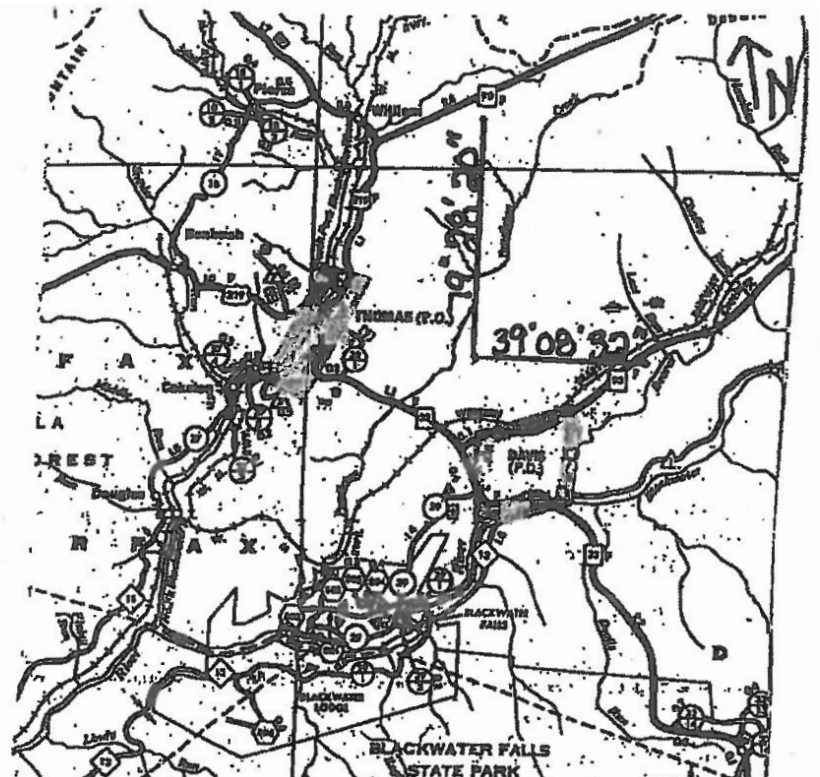
West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water & Waste Management  
Office of Waste Management  
601 57th street, SE  
Charleston, WV 25304

Attention: Kenneth Wandling, Solid Waste Management

Comments received within this time period will be considered prior to any State action on the subject application. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues addressed.

The draft permit will be on file for public review during the comment period at the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office located at DMV Building, Route 50, Food Lion Plaza, Romney, WV 26757, (304) 822-7266 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To receive a copy of the permit application or draft permit, please contact Kenneth Wandling at the Division of Water and Waste Management, Office of Waste Management, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV, 25304, (304) 926-0499, extension 43854, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A public hearing may be held if the state identifies a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the permit application. To obtain further information concerning the subject application or to request a public hearing, you may contact the Division of Water and Waste Management during the public comment period at the above address.



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# New Volume of Eagle's Nest Magazine Supports Art, Writing, and a Good Cause

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – The Eastern Arts Society at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College published the eighth volume of Eagle's Nest magazine digitally on May 16, 2023, and then released it physically on June 13, 2023. Eagle's Nest is an art and literary magazine that spotlights the talent of the Potomac Highlands and the surrounding regions. This magazine is funded through the Eastern Foundation, where the generous support of donors makes it possible to print physical versions of the magazine at the Grant County Press in Petersburg, WV.

Print copies of Eagle's Nest magazine can be picked up at Eastern's campus in Moorefield at no cost. "This is really a great way to showcase the talent of the community, that is free to them," said Trent Montgomery, art society advisor, and Eagle's Nest editor, "and along with the publication of the magazine, I also do weekly social media posts to spotlight their work." Since its digital publication, every Friday evening is a new Eagle's Nest spotlight on social media to promote the artist and writers.

Montgomery, who serves as the new arts society advisor and editor of Eagle's Nest, coordinates the college's marketing efforts and is behind Eastern's new branding and design. "I'm very lucky to have come to Eastern at the time I did. Former society advisor and editor, Joe McGee, did a great job publishing the magazine, but as I arrived, he was leaving. I felt it was a good fit for me to take over the publication and the society since my background is in art and the degree I obtained in college was a bachelor of fine arts; focusing on illustration and graphic design." said

Montgomery.

This volume of Eagle's Nest is also dedicated to Joe McGee, accomplished children's book author and former English faculty at Eastern, in support of his battle with esophageal cancer. McGee was the former arts society advisor and editor of Eagle's Nest. Towards the front of the magazine is a page dedicated to his battle with the URL to donate to his cause. For those who wish to support him, his GoFundMe page can be found at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/joe-mcgee-and-jess-rinker>.

Past volumes of the magazine can be found on the Eastern Arts Society webpage. The eighth volume saw over twenty submissions from community members ranging from local high school students to Eastern students and staff, and artists with years of experience. "It's great we get to showcase a variety of beginners and experienced artists and writers. Everyone who submitted to Eagle's Nest can use this on their resume as having their work published. "It's important for us to be able to provide another avenue for students, who are more likely to be beginners, so they can have as many things to put on their resume and in their portfolio as possible," said Montgomery, "Plus there aren't many places that do this or have these opportunities, so it's really great that we can provide this at Eastern." The next volume of Eagle's Nest is already being thought about with plans to promote it more widely than with this volume. "I plan to do a lot more promoting to other counties in the Potomac Highlands and surrounding areas for the next edition. Since this was my first go at being the editor, I wanted a trial run per se. Though after seeing the number of



submissions I received, I'm confident that the next edition will be even bigger and it will have a broader variety of art and writing." said Montgomery. JPGs, PNGs, and Word Docs are what can be submitted for the magazine, but the subjects can range through many art mediums, short stories, flash fiction, poetry, and more.

Eastern has plans to hold more art events for the community with a juried art show and art club starting soon. On September 5th through 26th, Eastern is holding and hosting a juried art show at the Charles D. Terrell Art Gallery, located inside the main campus in Moorefield. Jurying the show will be master artist, Robert Singleton of Baker, WV, who has over 65 years

of experience. This show is open to all mediums with many prizes, artists can submit up to two artworks, and sell their work. The deadline to submit is August 24, 2023. Registration to participate is free and the form can be found at <https://easternwv.edu/current-students/student-organizations-activities/arts-society/>. Art Club, formerly Sketch Club at the college, will be open to the community and held on the second Wednesday of every month for the Fall semester, starting September 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is free, but make sure to bring drawing supplies and a sketchbook with you. For more information on either event, email [trent.montgomery@easternwv.edu](mailto:trent.montgomery@easternwv.edu).

## Capito Leads Bipartisan, Bicameral Delegation to Indo-Pacific Region

Members received briefings on Hawaii wildfires, U.S. and Indo-Pacific security and energy matters, discussed empowerment of women and girls with Women's World Cup leaders

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Yesterday, a congressional delegation (CODEL), led by U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), returned to the United States

after traveling to Pearl Harbor, Australia, and New Zealand. In addition to Senator Capito, the delegation included Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.)

and Representatives Chrissy Houlahan (D-Pa.-06), Kathy Castor (D-Fla.-14), and Nicole Malliotakis (R-N.Y.-11).

During the trip, the delegation engaged with senior leaders throughout the Indo-Pacific to discuss a variety of topics, including domestic and international security matters and energy issues throughout the region. The members also engaged with senior leaders at the Women's World Cup to discuss the empowerment of women and girls. Additionally, the delegation visited the U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where they met with Commander Admiral Samuel J. Paparo Jr., and General Charles Flynn, who is coordinating defense support to civil authorities for the wildfire response in Hawaii.

"Through this series of visits, we had the opportunity to meet with senior leaders in the Indo-Pacific on matters that impact our nation and our allies, and to learn more about our country's response to the devastating wildfires in Hawaii. I'm thankful to grow our relationship with leaders in the Pacific, as well as in both Australia and New Zealand regarding the importance of bilateral ties and partnerships between our nations. Additionally, it was encouraging to engage with leaders of the Women's World Cup and discuss ways that we can capitalize on momentum to grow women and girls empowerment efforts. I look forward to applying the information gained during this trip through my work in the U.S. Senate," Senator Capito said.

"Our bipartisan all-female congressional delegation to the Indo-Pacific region sent a strong message as we examined the security and economic issues that affect our nation and that region. Our visit also underscored the value in encouraging and highlighting women in athletics in the same way we support men's athletics, a goal that

can help inspire more young women to reach their athletic potential and dreams," Senator Hyde-Smith said.

"This CODEL has been eye opening for me, but it also served as a stark reminder of the important effect that women and girls can have on our national and global security," Rep. Houlahan said. "I was proud to see that the progress we are making here at home in the U.S. on gender equity is running parallel to progress being made by our Indo-Pacific partners. I want to thank Senator Capito for bringing this bipartisan, bicameral coalition together. We know that when everyone is included, we build a stronger and safer world."


"Our bipartisan delegation to the Indo-Pacific region demonstrates that America is strengthening bilateral relationships across the region. Senator Capito led our delegation in engaging with military, business and diplomatic leaders regarding new opportunities to bolster our national and economic security. I am grateful to the many men and women we met who are serving across the region, particularly those who are coordinating response to the devastating wildfires in Hawaii. I look forward to working to strengthen our partnerships in the region while supporting the empowerment of women and girls globally," Rep. Castor said.

"In a short period of time, we were able to learn ways Congress can support our service members and military leadership in the Indo-Pacific, expand free trade with our allies to diversify supply chains and reduce reliability on Communist China, and empower women around the globe. It is evident that Australia and New Zealand are two strategic and key allies and the mission of the Five Eyes and AUKUS intelligence and military partnerships is more critical today than ever," Rep. Malliotakis said.

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**How will the children's clothing be purchased?**

The Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN coordinator has made arrangements with a local store and assigns volunteer shoppers to take the children and their parents shopping. Shoppers will be people like you, anyone in the community willing to help by donating a little of their time to this worthwhile cause.

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