

The Parsons Advocate

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF TUCKER COUNTY SINCE 1896

Volume 128 No. 34

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

\$1.00 (tax incl.)

Tucker County Commission Receives State Recognition



Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau (left), Tucker County Commission Administrator Shelia DeVilder, Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis received an award from CCAWCV President Agnes Queen (right). The Tucker County Commission received the 2023 CCAWV (County Commission Association of West Virginia) County of the Year Honorable Mention Award. The award was in recognition of the Commission's hard work at the state level to address funding for EMS, Fire Departments and other government issues.

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

a conference," Tucker County Commission Mike Rosenau said to the Tucker County Ambulance Authority on August 16th. "We were acknowledged, the Commission was,

for the work that we have done with the Legislators in trying to attain funding, as Nora would say, a steady stream of funding for EMS and its a fight we will continue to do."

The Tucker County Commission received the 2023 CCAWV (County Commission Association of West Virginia) County of the Year Honorable Mention Award, according to Tucker County Commission Administrator Shelia DeVilder. The recognition came in response to the Commission's lobbying the State on behalf of EMS, Fire Departments and other government funding issues.

According to Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis, the CCAWV was not the only state entity to recognize Tucker County's efforts. "When I went to the West Virginia Fire Association in Canaan, it made me feel very proud that they spoke out about Tucker County Commission in their meeting," Davis said. "The hard work that we put into going down there, fighting for the EMS's and the Fire and everything we work for, for our county."

According to Davis the recognition came at a three day conference of the West Virginia Fire Association that was held in

Canaan Valley. "The week before, it was called West Virginia Fire Association," Davis said. "Where all the Fire Companies, Volunteer Fire Companies, were there. It was in Canaan Valley for a three day conference."

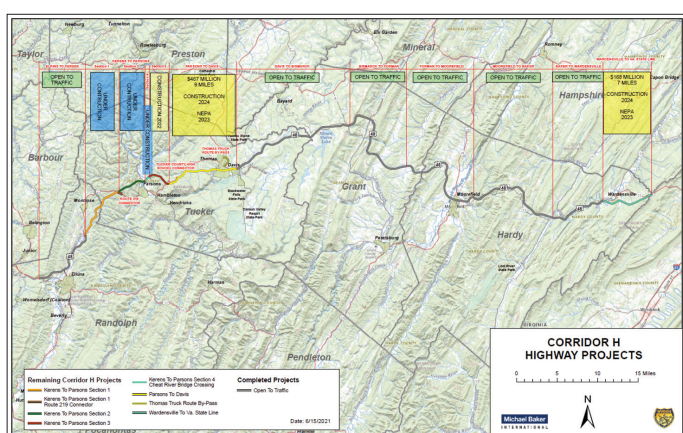
According to Davis, at the conference, the Tucker County Commission was mentioned. "They talked about how they were going to do things," Davis said, "and the guy brought up the Tucker County Commission. They were glad that (the Tucker County Commission) did all their hard work in Charleston fighting for the money that the Fire Departments all got and they were very happy with our Commission."

According to Davis, Tucker County was the only Commission recognized at the event. "They never mentioned any other Commission but us," Davis said. "They were very proud of Tucker County and they were the only one named out of all the counties. And they are a state-wide organization."

According to Tucker County Commission Administrator Shelia DeVilder, out of the 55 Counties in West Virginia, Tucker County has the second smallest population.

WVDOH to provide additional data for Parsons to Davis portion of Corridor H

CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) is providing additional data for an alternate northern route for a section of Corridor H to be built between Parsons and Davis, in order to expedite the design process.



WVDOH is preparing a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to submit to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that includes a Blackwater Avoidance Alternative route that runs north of the towns of Davis and Thomas. The route is in addition to the WVDOH's Revised Original Preferred Alternative (ROPA) which would connect just east of Parsons, crossing over Backbone Mountain, to connect with the existing portion of Corridor H at Davis.

Providing additional evaluation of alternate routes is not uncommon on large projects and can in many cases provide efficiency to the process.

When Gov. Jim Justice took office in 2017, he made completion of Corridor H a main priority of his administration. The four-lane highway, now about 90 percent complete, begins at Weston and travels across central West Virginia, to eventually link up with Interstate 81 in Strasburg, Virginia. The highway is expected to open some of West Virgin-

ia's most remote areas in Grant, Tucker, and Hardy counties to economic development, connect West Virginia's highlands with eastern ports, speed travel times through the mountains and provide a smooth, safe highway for travelers and local residents.

Jason Foster, P.E., Chief Engineer of Development, said the design includes a relocation of WV 32 to serve as a truck bypass route for the town of Thomas, includes a new interchange to serve Tucker County High School, and includes improvements to help the communities of Thomas and Davis.

"We've really listened to what the public asked us to do," Foster said. "We have continuously revised that alignment to make it better for the region."

A draft of a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement including the additional information on the alternate route is expected to be published for public comment in late 2023, with a final draft expected by late 2024.



Local colleges sign partnership agreement GC, PSC, ACM, and EWVCTC collaborate on workforce programming

Cumberland, MD – Four colleges – two in Maryland and two in West Virginia – signed a partnership agreement on Monday that paves the way for collaboration in a wide range of workforce training programs.

"This agreement provides a mechanism to increase accessibility and reduce student costs in high-demand programs throughout the region," said Dr. Chris Gilmer, campus president of Potomac State College of West Virginia University.

Allegany College of Maryland, Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College, and Garrett College are the other partner institutions. The agreement authorizes the colleges to create pathways for students from all partner institutions to enroll in degree and certification programs offered by other partners when the home college doesn't offer that specific program.

"All four presidents strongly support seamless pathways for residents in all of our communities to complete programs at any of our institutions in areas of critical workforce needs," said Dr. Tom Striplin, president of

Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College. "There is no reason for every partner college to offer every program when the same goal can be accomplished more economically through this partnership."

The presidents of the four partners plan to use paramedic studies as a pilot partnership program. Garrett College is the only one of the four institutions that offers paramedic studies.

"We want to use paramedic studies as a road map for future collaborations," said Dr. Richard Midcap, president of Garrett College, who indicated a program-specific agreement and procedures will be signed in the near future.

PSC, ACM and EWVCTC also plan to offer regional programming through this model.

"This model doesn't limit institutions from offering programming that can be supported exclusively by residents of a particular service region," noted Dr. Cynthia Bambara, president of Allegany College of Maryland. "It increases access to programs for which individual colleges may not have the critical student mass to offer."

Broadband Expanding in Tucker County, Internet Discount Program Available

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

A \$7.9 Million LEAD Program Grant has been awarded for expansion of broadband into Tucker County according to Steve Leyh, Executive Director of the Tucker County Development Authority.

Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau said, "We are proud to join forces with Prodigy to drive progress in our community. The funds from the Tucker County Commission demonstrates our unwavering commitment to improving digital access for our residents."

The Tucker County Commission also invested a matching contribution of \$50,000 towards the project, according to LEAD. "The LEAD Grant will be complemented by a matching contribution of \$50,000 from the Tucker County Commission, resulting in a total financial commitment of \$111,000," LEAD wrote.

The goal of the project, according to a LEAD press release, is to fund the extension of existing cable and broadband networks in the area. "The LEAD Program is designed to fund extensions of existing last-mile cable modem and fiber-to-the-premise broadband networks that can be constructed quickly," the release

said. According to LEAD, the project is slated to install approximately 141 miles of state-of-the-art fiber infrastructure in the area and bring broadband internet availability to 644 targeted addresses in Aurora in Preston County into northwestern Tucker County areas including the Limestone Mountain area, Leadmine, St. George, Parsons and Hambleton.

At the same time as the expansion is progressing in Tucker County, Leyh and Rosenau want to remind residents that they may still qualify for internet service discounts through the Affordable Connectivity Program. The program writes, "Eligible low-income households can receive a discount of up to \$30 per month towards internet service...Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers if the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 towards the purchase price."

Requirements, according to a FCC press release, are:

- Their household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, about \$60,000 a year for a family of four or \$29,000 a year for an individual
- Anyone in the household, including children or dependents, participating in certain government assis-

tance programs like SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, Federal Housing Assistance or others

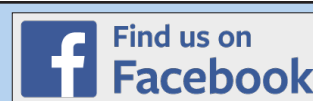
- Anyone in the household participates in the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program
- Anyone in the household received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Anyone in the household receives a Lifeline Benefit or
- Any household may also qualify for the ACP through a participating provider's existing low-income program

Digital Connections, operating as Prodigy, received an award of \$7,906,924 in grant funding from the LEAD Program for the expansion project. This amount, according to LEAD, is provided through the West Virginia Legislature's Broadband Development Fund.

According to a LEAD press release, "On July 26, at the inaugural West Virginia Broadband Summit, Governor Jim Justice announced the preliminary approval of nearly \$8 million dollars in Line Extension Advancement and Development (LEAD) grant funding for a project that will expand broadband infrastructure in both Preston and Tucker Counties."



VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.PARSONSADVOCATE.COM



News of Record

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

- Mary E. Thomas, Dry Fork District, Unit 143 Deerfield Village Condo to Clayton W. Rice and Jill C. Rice, \$340,000.
- George Morgan and Melody Morgan, Dry Fork District, Unit C-104 Herzwood Condos to White Dilley Investments LLC, \$290,000.
- Aspen 35 LLC, Dry Fork District, Lot 35 Aspen Village to William Kruse and Stephanie Kruse, \$464,000.
- Jack M. Close, Black Fork District 19.08 acres to Jonathan M. Smith and Kyla B. Fenstermacher, \$220,000.

DHHR Promotes Suicide Prevention Month

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Behavioral Health joins partners across the country to promote suicide prevention awareness during National Suicide Prevention Month.

"Pulling away from people and things, low energy, and feelings of hopelessness are just a few signs that you or your loved one may be at risk for suicide," said Dawn Cottingham-Frohna, Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health. "This month provides an opportunity to highlight behavioral health resources and encourage individuals to get help if they are having a suicidal crisis or are in significant emotional distress."

The Bureau for Behavioral Health

funds the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline in West Virginia, which offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress including thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org for crisis support. 988 also serves as the Veterans Crisis Line (press 1 option).

Additional behavioral health resources include HELP4WV, which serves as a point of contact for all West Virginians who are seeking help for themselves or a loved one. Call, text, or chat: 1-844-HELP4WV or www.help4wv.com. The Children's Crisis and Referral Line, a separate source of support provided by HELP4WV, is

also available 24/7/365 to assist with community-based resources and support specific to children and youth. Call, text, or chat: 1-844-HELP4WV or www.help4wv.com/ccl.

In addition, DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health, Office of Children, Youth and Families administers programs to promote the behavioral health of children and youth in West Virginia communities through primary prevention and individualized services for mental health, substance use, and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For additional information, visit dhr.wv.gov/bbh. To view and apply for careers in the behavioral health field, visit dhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx.

Gas Prices Fall in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is five cents lower this week at \$3.667 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices:

Northern WV Average \$3.667.

Average price during the week of August 21, 2023 \$3.714.

Average price during the week of August 29, 2022 \$3.683.

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

\$3.693	Bridgeport
\$3.690	Clarksburg
\$3.581	Huntington
\$3.756	Martinsburg
\$3.762	Morgantown
\$3.561	Parkersburg
\$3.710	Weirton
\$3.583	Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

The national average for a gallon of gas dropped four cents since last week, despite growing gas demand. However, the price of oil has declined and is staying around \$80 per barrel, contributing to lower pump prices. As Labor Day approaches, gas demand and volatile

oil prices, particularly during an active hurricane season, could impact prices. Today's national average is eight cents more than a month ago but four cents lower than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand jumped from 8.85 to 8.91 million barrels per day last week. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks increased slightly from 216.2 to 217.6 million barrels. Although demand increased, growing stock levels contributed to pushing prices lower.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate decreased by 75 cents to settle at \$78.89. Oil prices have declined amid market concerns that an economic slowdown in China, the world's largest importer of crude oil, could push global oil demand down. The price of oil has declined despite the EIA reporting that total domestic commercial crude inventories decreased from 439.7 to 433.5 million barrels last week.

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

FAMILY RECAP

J. ANDERSON AND VIRGINIA CARR 55th REUNION

The J. Anderson and Virginia Carr 55th Reunion was held at the Hendricks Pavilion on July 2, 2023.

Special prizes were given to:

Oldest Carr man – Frank Carr, Oldest Carr woman – Joanne Carr, Youngest Carr boy – Easton Moats, Youngest Carr girl – Aurora Burns, Most recently married – Andrew and Melissa Burns, Longest married couple – Danny and Phyllis Carr, Person traveling the farthest – Bill and Patty Abels, Person to celebrate birthday closest to Christmas – Scott Carr, Child celebrating birthday closest to Christmas – Breeann Heater

Family Members Attending Were:

Linda Teagarden, Danny Carr, Phyllis Carr, Phil Carr, Zetta Fansler, Gregg Mayfield, Scott Carr, Sara Carr, Chrissy Eastep, William Eastep, Grace Eastep, Elizabeth Smith, Devin Smith, Landon Smith, Macayla Smith, Hoya Lynn Carr, Shirley Carr, Laney Burns, Stephanie Burns, Mark Burns, Tanner Burns, Samantha Blamble, Jonathan Blamble, Kenley Blamble, Everly Blamble, Chris Ketterman,

Annie Ketterman, Nancy Whittaker, Mark Whittaker, Katie Mullenax, Ashton Lyclyter Bob Lambert, Sandy Lambert, Cathy Bonner, Dave Bonner, Tammy Davis, Joe Faller, Joyce Faller, Sidney Gillis, Dave Gillis, June Gillis, Joe Heater, Shana Heater, Coleman Heater, Adriana Heater, Breeann Heater, P.J. Heater, Betty Heater, Jeff Carr, Ruthann Carr, Bill Abels, Pat Abels, Frank Carr, Sharlene Carr, Andy Carr, Katie Carr, Joanne Carr, Breanna Carr, Randy Carr, Tammy Carr, Shawn Uffman, Karen Uffman, Travis Moats, Chelsie Moats, Easton Moats, Emma Moats, Kensley Moats, Leonard Arnold, Brenda Arnold, William Moats, Sharon Moats, Scott Moats, Melissa Burns, Andrew Burns, Aurora Burns, Steve Carr and Trina Carr.

Visitors attending:

Grace Barker, Francis Foster, Carla Foster, Nancy Maksin, Yvonne Parsons, Jimmy Mason, Isabella Bennett, Isaac Bennett, Josh Rimmel, Megan Rimmel and Jack Rimmel.

Next year's reunion will be July 7, 2024.

NASA Awards Contracts for NOAA Sounder for Microwave-Based Applications Study

NASA, on behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), has awarded four contracts to conduct NOAA's Sounder for Microwave-Based Applications (SMBA) Phase-A study.

The firm-fixed-price contracts allow for a Phase A definition study and design development as part of SMBA formulation activities. The period of performance runs 12 months.

NOAA's Near-Earth Orbit Network (NEON) program is responsible for SMBA instruments, the next generation of low-Earth orbit (LEO) microwave sounders. Microwave sounders provide critical data on the physical properties of our atmosphere, such as temperature and moisture, which heavily influence weather patterns and enable the NOAA National Weather Service's numerical weather models to forecast weather three days in the future and beyond.

SMBA would fly on NOAA's NEON program series of LEO satellites with the first launch planned in



2030.

The contractors selected and contract amounts are:

Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp., Boulder, Colorado – \$5 million

Northrop Grumman Systems Corp., Falls Church, Virginia – \$4,995,327

Orbital Micro Systems Inc., Boulder, Colorado – \$4,996,530

Spire Global Subsidiary Inc., Vienna, Virginia – \$4,655,000

The government would execute SMBA Phases B-D on a separate con-

tract vehicle if the decision is made to proceed after Phase A.

NEON is a collaborative mission between NASA and NOAA. NOAA, as the mission lead, provides funding, technical requirements and post-launch operations. NASA will manage the development of the satellites and launch them for NOAA, which will operate them and deliver data to users worldwide. NOAA and NASA will work with commercial partners to design and build the NEON spacecraft and instruments.

The Parsons Advocate

FROM THE MOUNTAINS
TO THE VALLEYS
YOUR HOMETOWN
OR YOUR SECOND HOME

We bring you news from
Tucker County every week.

Fill out this coupon to subscribe
today or visit us online at
www.parsonsadvocate.com

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

— Circle One —

In-State	Out-of-State	Web Only
\$42/Year	\$47/Year	\$29/Year

Anywhere	Monthly
Print & Web	Print & Web
\$59/Year	\$5.75/Month
	<small>Autorenewal Credit/Debit only</small>

SEND CHECKS TO THE PARSONS ADVOCATE
P.O. BOX 345 PARSONS, WV 26287

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.PARSONSADVOCATE.COM

PARSONS ADVOCATE LETTERS TO EDITOR POLICY

The Parsons Advocate encourages letters to the editor. Letters can be mailed to P.O. Box 345, Parsons, WV 26287 (envelopes must show a return address), faxed to 304-478-1086, e-mailed to mikie@parsonsadvocate.com or dropped off at our office at 219 Central Ave.

Submissions must include a daytime telephone number, name and address. This is for verification purposes.

Letters can be submitted only once each 30 days and can not exceed 500 words.

Submitting a letter does not guarantee it will be published. All letters become prop-

erty of The Parsons Advocate. The Parsons Advocate reserves the right to edit and/or reject letters. Personal attacks, lies, and etc. will not be published.

The views expressed in letters are not necessarily the views of the Parsons Advocate.

Thank you notes and advertising are not considered as letters to the editor. When submitting letters do not use all caps, italics or bold. Use punctuation, upper and lower case letters and indent for paragraphs.

If you have any questions, please call us at 304-478-3533.

The Parsons Advocate

Editor and Publisher Michael Showell
Associate Publisher Mikie Dumire
Office Manager Teri Cayton
Production Layout Amanda Workman

The Parsons Advocate (422-420) is published weekly at 219 Central Ave Parsons, WV 26287. Phone 304-478-3533. Fax 304-478-1086.; email mikie@parsonsadvocate.com. Yearly subscription rates : \$41 annually in West Virginia; \$46 annually outside West Virginia. Periodical postage paid at Parsons, WV. 26287. Established Nov. 27, 1896. Member: West Virginia Press Association and National Newspaper Association. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Parsons Advocate, 219 Central Ave, Parsons, WV 26287. www.parsonsadvocate.com "Without, or with, offense to friends or foes, I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

Governor and First Lady Justice announce Tucker County added to Communities In Schools program

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice and First Lady Cathy Justice announced that schools in 15 additional counties across West Virginia are being added to the roster of participants in the state's Communities In Schools (CIS) program.

A total of 48 schools in Barbour, Boone, Cabell, Doddridge, Hancock, Jefferson, Marion, Mason, Mineral, Monongalia, Ohio, Pocahontas, Putnam, Roane, Tucker, Tyler, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wood counties will be the newest additions to the education initiative.

"Reaching thousands of more students with critical needs in West Virginia is so important," First Lady Justice said. "It is what we need to do to ensure that they are on the right path to a successful future. Getting them to high school graduation and a plan for success beyond, is the best thing that we can do for them. The earlier we start, the better."

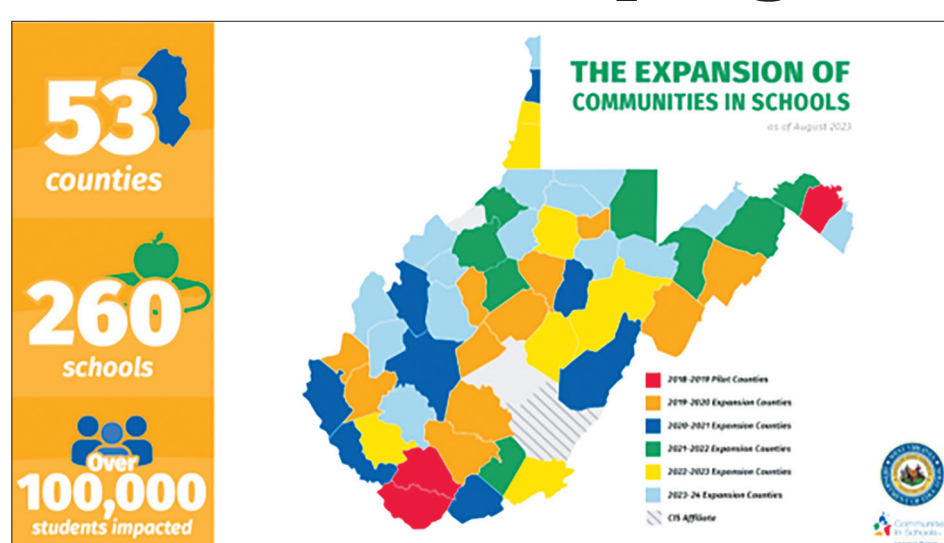
"I can tell you without any question whatsoever that this program is working," Gov. Justice said. "There are so many

heartbreaking stories, from kids living in bad situations to just being hungry. There is a lot of bad stuff out there, but this program is fixing those problems. Communities In Schools is getting children on a pathway to do some amazing stuff and reach their full potential. I am so proud to be part of this program. It is unbelievable."

CIS works to forge community partnerships and bring resources into schools to help remove barriers to student learning with a goal of keeping all students in school and ultimately graduating.

The Governor and First Lady started their CIS statewide initiative in three counties in 2018. Including today's newly announced additions, the program has now expanded to 53 counties, serving well over 100,000 students in 260 schools across the state.

"Communities In Schools has had a life-changing impact on thousands of students in our state," State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt said. "The relationships between site coordinators, schools, students, and families are at the



core of this success. These students need supports and structures that help them recover from setbacks and regain the confidence to believe they can do great things. Communities In Schools is essential to opening options and pathways for those needing hope and a vision for their future."

The new CIS counties/schools in Tucker County are as follows:

- Tucker County
- Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School
 - Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School
 - Tucker County High School

Morrissey Warns College Students Looking for a Job to Watch Out for Employment Scams

CHARLESTON — Thousands of students in the state recently have returned to college or are getting their first crack at higher education and many are set to look for employment to supplement their allowances. College is the first time many young adults are in charge of their own personal affairs, which makes them susceptible to scammers.

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is urging job seekers to exercise caution when looking for employment opportunities.

"The job hunt can be very exciting, but don't take just any job offer," Attorney

General Morrissey said. "Don't fall prey to those looking to rip you off. Research the employer, verify the intended recipient of personally identifiable information and never give money up front in hopes of landing a job."

Students looking for employment should also be wary of any unsolicited attempt to gain access to personal information and never divulge such information without verifying the authenticity of the recipient.

Consumers should be particularly cautious of work-at-home positions. Such opportunities may promise flexibility and

extra income but result in nothing more than lost time and money.

Additional tips include:

- Use extra caution when looking at job ads with generic titles such as administrative assistant or customer service representative.
- Check the business' legitimate website or call its verified phone number to make sure the job opening is authentic.
- Use caution when advertisements urge candidates to apply immediately and use phrases such as "Teleworking OK," "Immediate Start" and "No Experience Needed."

Do internet searches for the position. If the same job posting appears in several cities, it may be a scam.

Be very cautious of any job that asks for personal information or money. Scammers often use the guise of running a credit check, setting up a direct deposit or training costs.

Those who believe they may have been the victim of a fraudulent job posting or wish to report a suspicious listing can contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.

WV Highways to Consider Northern Route for Corridor H from Parsons to Davis

THOMAS, W.Va.—Concerned citizens say they are encouraged by news that the West Virginia Division of Highways will consider a northern route for Corridor H from Parsons to Davis—avoiding splitting the towns of Thomas and Davis and impacting the Blackwater Canyon area.

The Go North Corridor H Alliance was notified via email by the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration that an upcoming report will include study of "a Blackwater Avoidance Alternative," a term given to a northern route that has long been advocated by local citizens.

"We who live here know what a wonderful, unique place it is. The many visitors who love coming here and contribute to our local economy understand this

too," said Linda Reeves, owner of The Studio Gallery in Thomas. "We only get one chance at this, and it needs to be a win-win for all of us. We are glad that citizen voices are being heard."

A previous study issued for the Parsons to Davis section—the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement—was completed in 2007 but has yet to receive approval from the Federal Highway Administration and is now outdated. A reevaluation of this study is underway and will now include study of a northern route in addition to the West Virginia Division of Highway's preferred route, known as the Revised Original Preferred Alternative (ROPA).

"We all want protection for one of the state's most popular state parks, Blackwater Falls, as well as historic sites and a number of popular recreational trails that ROPA would heavily impact," said Matt Marcus, manager of Blackwater Bikes in Davis.

Understanding the full

impact of these two alternative alignments will offer the public more clarity on the project and update consideration of the region's developing economy and special quality of life.

"Members of the Go North Corridor H Alliance applaud the Federal Highway Administration and the West Virginia Division of Highways for studying a northern route and addressing questions raised by stakeholders during the public comment periods," said Olivia Miller, board member of the Stewards of the Potomac Highlands.

"A project of this magnitude will forever alter the landscape of Tucker County and our precious public lands, which provide the invaluable benefits of nature to us all," Miller continued. "Considering the extent of problems and mistakes made during construction of the Kerens to Parsons section of the Corridor, more research is needed to identify the route that will cause the least environmental harm during construction and afterward. I am optimistic that state highway officials will design a route aptly suited for this

special area of West Virginia."

The Federal Highway Administration and West Virginia Division of Highways are developing a Notice of Intent for the updated Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The Notice of Intent is expected to be published in the Federal Register later this year.

"We are excited about the opportunity for the Blackwater Avoidance Alternative to be considered, and we're confident that Governor Justice and the Department of Highways will see the wisdom of selecting this route," said Judy Rood, Director of Friends of Blackwater, Inc. "We look forward to continuing our dialog with the Governor's office and the Division of Highways."

Go North Corridor H is an alliance of environmental groups, business owners, and residents in Hardy, Tucker, Randolph, and nearby counties advocating for a route that best serves our communities and imparts the least harm on these environmentally sensitive and unique areas of West Virginia. Learn more at go-northcorridorh.org and www.saveblackwater.org

START YOUR WEEK AT WORSHIP

Stevens' Florist
120 Poplar St., Parsons, WV 26287
(304) 478-2161

If you do not have a church, we invite you to consider
St. John's United Methodist Church
River St., Parsons, WV 26287
(304) 478-2620

The following merchants urge you to attend your chosen house of worship this sabbath.

Parsons Advocate
Parsons, WV • 304-478-3533

Kingsford Manufacturing Co.
Parsons, WV • 304-478-2991

The Grant County Bank
Davis, WV • 304-259-5201

Mountain Valley Bank, NA
Parsons, WV • 304-478-2461
www.mountainvalleybank.com
Member FDIC

Jim's All Star Foods
Parsons, WV 304-478-3248

WV Paving Company
"Builders of Highways & Byways"
Parsons, WV • 304-478-2400

It's only gold. There is wonder by itself.

WVDEP's Youth Environmental Conference set for October

West Virginians, ages 13-18, can attend for free with a scholarship

CHARLESTON, WV – Scholarships are available for the 48th annual West Virginia Youth Environmental Conference, scheduled for October 6-8 at Cacapon Resort State Park in Morgan County.

Sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Youth Environmental Program, the conference is open to youth, ages 13-18 and their chaperones at no cost with a scholarship.

To register for the conference is 3 p.m., September 15.

Among the activities planned for this year's conference is a Saturday field trip with stops at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Cool Spring Nature Preserve and Ridge State Fish Hatchery. The weekend also will feature environmental programs and guest speakers.

For more scholarship information or to obtain a registration form, visit www.dep.wv.gov and type "Youth Environmental Conference" in the search bar. Or contact Annette Hoskins at 304-414-9759, email: Annette.L.Hoskins@wv.gov.

Where breathtaking meets thrill seeking.
Discover breathtaking beauty and unforgettable adventure in Summersville - both on the lake and at exciting local events.
WVtourism.com/Summersville

Summersville + WEST VIRGINIA
almost heaven

LET US KNOW "WHAT'S HAPPENING"
304-478-3533

W.Va. Guard Responds to Flood Emergency

By Edwin L Wriston

The West Virginia National Guard responded to calls for assistance in eastern Kanawha County last week following an excessive rainfall event that occurred, producing up to 9.1 inches of rain in some areas.

Assets activated from the WVNG included the All-Hazards Swift Water Rescue Team, UH-72 Lakota and UH-60M Blackhawk helicopters, which were immediately put into a standby status to prepare for emergency dispatch in coordination with the West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD).

The UH-72 Lakota helicopter and crew were in the air in less than an hour from notification to assist officials and responders, and the All-hazards Swift Water Rescue Team pre-deployed their equipment and personnel closer to the area of impact.

Three damage assessment teams with the All-Hazards Training Team have also been activated and will begin visit-

ing locations to assist local officials with FEMA-required assessments Tuesday.

“Our Guard motto is, ‘Always Ready, Always There,’ and this morning our personnel exemplified that motto,” stated Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Bill Crane. “We will continue to monitor the situation with our partner agencies, and additional manpower and units will be available to provide support to our first responder agencies as requested by the counties.”

The WVNG Joint Operations Center (JOC) is on full activation and will remain so until the declared State of Emergency is resolved.

West Virginia Governor Jim Justice declared a State of Emergency in five counties impacted by an excessive rainfall event that occurred during the early morning hours of August 28, 2023.

Significant flash flooding impacted Kanawha, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, and Roane counties, with damages to roads, bridges, and homes, resulting in a multi-agency response effort from local and state-level first responders.

Gov. Justice Approves DHHR Rate Increase for Child Placing Agencies and Socially Necessary Services Providers

With the approval of Gov. Jim Justice, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Social Services is increasing rates for Child Placing Agencies and Socially Necessary Services Providers.

Gov. Justice announced today that DHHR’s Bureau for Social Services will increase the administration rate for Child Placing Agencies by 10 percent. These additional funds will be used by Child Placing Agencies to recruit and certify traditional and therapeutic foster homes.

Gov. Justice also announced a 30 percent rate increase for Socially Necessary Services Providers, which provide child welfare involved families with prevention services and supports to assist in reunification including transportation, supervised visitation,

and parenting skills.

“These providers are critical partners in our efforts to support the well-being of West Virginia’s children and families,” said Jeffrey Pack, Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Social Services. “We are pleased to provide this enhanced rate in recognition of their important work.”

The Bureau for Social Services anticipates these rate increases will be effective October 1, 2023. Additional rate increases are being studied and will be proposed for State Fiscal Year 2025.

Those interested in foster care opportunities can contact Mission WV at 866-CALL-MWV. To view and apply for DHHR career opportunities, visit dhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx.

Secretary of State Mac Warner Reports 1,387 New WV Business Registrations for July of 2023

Charleston, W. Va. – The WV Secretary of State’s Office registered 1,387 new businesses statewide during the month of July according to Secretary of State Mac Warner.

Gilmer County led the state in the percentage of new business growth through July with a total of eight new business registrations, a 2.45% increase. The Secretary of State’s Business & Licensing Division reported that Tucker, Lincoln, Logan and Webster Counties also experienced notable growth during the month.

A total of 16 new business entities were registered in Tucker County in July of 2023. Lincoln County successfully registered 10 businesses. Logan County reported 25 registrations for the month and Webster County registered six new busi-

nesses with the Secretary of State’s Office.

Counties that lead the state in total businesses registered in July were Kanawha, Monongalia, Berkeley, Cabell and Raleigh. Kanawha County successfully registered 157 businesses while Monongalia County reported 125 new registrations. Berkeley County had 131 businesses register. Cabell County registered 67 new businesses while Raleigh County totaled 61 new registrations for the month.

Statewide, West Virginia registered 13,717 new businesses in the previous 12-month period, from August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023. Tyler County led all 55 counties with a 20.68% growth rate during the one-year timespan. To review county-by-county growth, visit our Business Statistics Database.

Fairmont State University Receives WVHEPC Campus Mental Health Grant

For the third consecutive year, Fairmont State University has been awarded grant funding through the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission’s Campus Mental Health Grant program.

This year, the \$4,000 in funding will be used to design and implement the Incentivized Holistic Wellness Assessment, a joint initiative of Fairmont State’s Offices of Student Health, Accessibility, Social Work, and Nursing. The purpose of this comprehensive examination is to identify students’ barriers to success at Fairmont State and connect them to the appropriate resources.

In addition to physical health, the exam will assess students’ financial concerns, housing accommodations, diet and nutrition, food security, significant stressors, and other needs. To increase involvement, each student who participates in the assessment will receive 10 “Falcon Dollars” that can be used for dining and other services on campus.

“Assessing the students holistically will allow us to proactively uncover barriers to the students’ success and replace those barriers with support and resources to help them excel,” said Chelsea Collins, APRN, FNP-C, Director of Student Health at Fairmont State.

Collins, the project lead for the assessment, was also project lead for Fairmont State’s past Campus Mental Health Grants in 2022 and 2023. This award coincides with the construction of a new, larger Student Health Center in the Falcon Center, which will include additional facilities specific to the promotion of mental wellness.

Caitlin Jiven, LGSW, shared how the Incentivized Holistic Wellness Assessment could impact her work in her new role as Fairmont State’s first University Social Worker. Jiven joined the Fairmont State community in June of 2023.

“The Holistic Wellness Assessment will help us see and uncover what some of our students are dealing with in their personal lives outside of the classroom setting,” Jiven stated. “This initiative allows us to be proactive and help our students before they fall into a hole that is difficult to climb out of.”

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission awards Campus Mental Health Grants for projects to improve student mental health on college campuses using evidence-based programming. Previously, Fairmont State received the grant to promote mental health and wellness through enhanced services and support groups as well as planned campus activities.

These included the Campus Wellness Fair with a mental health focus, the Stomp Out the Stigma event to reduce mental health stigma, and the Bandana Project for mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

“Being awarded the Campus Mental Health Grant for three consecutive years by WVHEPC has been incredible for our office,” said Collins. “The funding from WVHEPC allows us to create programs that focus on students’ emotional well-being and promote healthy ways to cope with stress. Every cent of the money awarded will directly impact the mental wellness of our students.”

WOMEN’S HEALTH

Davis Medical Center in Davis
Located in Shop-n-Save, Davis, WV



WHAT WE TREAT

- Gynecology
- Midwifery
- Preventative Care
- Menopause Management
- Urogynecology (incontinence)
- Contraception
- Well Woman Exams

Focus on Health & Well-being



Brittany Breeden, CNM
Midwifery



Morgan McKinney, CNM
Midwifery



Hannah Sulver, CNM
Midwifery



Women’s
HealthCare

304.637.3948
QUICK APPOINTMENT TIMES

WELCOME

Dr. Lauren DeMarco

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH / PSYCHIATRY



Accepting New Patients

304.637.3179



Davis
MedicalCenter

What's? Happening

Keister Nestor Reunion

The annual Keister Nestor Reunion will be on Sunday, Sept. 3 at 12:30 p.m. at the Don and Kaye Nestor Pavilion on Clover Run.

Friends of Cortland Acres

There will be a meeting of the Friends of Cortland Acres Sept. 11 in the Gathering Room at Cortland Acres at 1p.m. For more information, call Marie Grafton, Activities Director, at 304-463-4181 Ext 218.

FULL BOARD MEETING

The Region VI Workforce Development Full Board will meet Thursday, Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Pleasant Valley. For more information about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530.

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

Knotts Reunion

The family of the late Albert and Minnie Knotts will begin the reunion at noon on Sunday, Sept. 10 at Denver Knotts Pavilion. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the day. All are welcome.

Morrisey's Mobile Office Sets September Stops for North Central West Virginia

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with north central West Virginia residents in September to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure."

Pam Krushansky, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events on Sept. 7: 11 a.m. to noon – Senior Center, 217 Senior Lane, Parsons



The West Virginia Encyclopedia
www.wvencyclopedia.org

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.

Sept. 6, 1875: Members of the notorious James Gang allegedly robbed the Bank of Huntington and got away on horseback. The robbery spawned a host of legends, including stories about outlaw Frank James – brother of Jesse James – hiding out in Wayne County.

Sept. 7, 1808: Peter Godwin Van Winkle was born in New York City. In 1863, Van Winkle was elected as one of the first two U.S. senators from the new state of West Virginia.

Sept. 7, 1848: Christopher Harrison Payne was born in Monroe County. In 1896, Payne became the state's first Black legislator when he was elected to the House of Delegates from Fayette County.

Sept. 7, 1937: Photographer Amout "Sonny" Hyde Jr. was born in Bluefield. His images of nature and people appeared in magazines, books and calendars throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Sept. 8, 1862: Confederate raiders led by Gen. Albert G. Jenkins, a Cabell County native, rode into Barboursville. They skirmished with the enemy and then rode into Wayne, Logan and Raleigh counties.

Sept. 8, 1947: Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston) moved to its current location on the south side of the Kanawha River.

Sept. 9, 1839: Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield was born in Mingo County. He was the patriarch of the Hatfield family and their leader during the Hatfield-McCoy feud.

Sept. 10, 1782: Frontier heroine Betty Zane is credited with saving Fort Henry in Wheeling during an attack by British and Indians during the Revolutionary War. According to one account, Zane sprinted across a field to retrieve gunpowder from the Zane family cabin.

Sept. 10, 1861: The Battle of Carnifex Ferry took place on the Gauley River. Union Gen. William Rosecrans sent in brigades one at a time as they arrived at the battlefield, allowing the outnumbered Confederates to repulse the piecemeal attacks. During the night, the Confederates retreated before they could be defeated in the morning.

Sept. 10, 1996: Movie and



Sept. 6, 1980: The new Mountaineer Field opened in Morgantown with a 41-27 win over Cincinnati. It was the first game for new coach Don Nehlen, who would become the most successful coach in West Virginia University history.

television actress Joanne Dru died in Los Angeles. Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan, West Virginia. Her movie career included more than 40 films.

Sept. 11, 1913: Ritter Park in Huntington opened. During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration contributed to constructing the roads and stonework around the park.

Sept. 12, 1861: The Battle of Cheat Mountain was fought near the Randolph-Pocahontas County line. Gen. Robert E. Lee came into western Virginia to give support to Gen. William W. Loring, commander of the Army of Northwestern Virginia, but the battle ended in a defeat for the Confederacy.

Sept. 12, 1872: The Great Bend Tunnel was completed. The tunnel, also known as Big Bend Tunnel, is the place where John Henry defeated the steam drill, becoming one of the world's great folk heroes.

Sept. 12, 1952: A group of local youths were startled from a game of football by a fireball streaking across the sky. The fireball fell to earth just beyond a hillside at Flatwoods. This sighting led to the legend of the Braxton County, or Flatwoods, Monster.


Sept. 12, 1974: Kanawha County schools were closed for four days because of an escalation in violence during the Kanawha County Textbook Controversy. Throughout October and November, sporadic violence continued as protesters demanded the resignation of pro-textbook board members and the superintendent of schools.

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

As a whole our society is becoming so complacent. We don't drive, we call an Uber, we don't shop, we text the store and they bring it to your car, we don't cook, we just call Door-dash, we don't call and talk to each other, we have to text everything. I don't think half the people alive today has ever sat down and written a letter to someone. Momma Said, "When you become disconnected from everyone and everything you are truly alone in the world."

I can change my own flat tire, I can cook a meal for a crowd, I can hunt my own food and process it as well. My mother raised four kids that were not afraid to get dirty and she taught all of us to be self-sufficient. She told us that if we could not take care of ourselves we could never take care of anyone else.

My Grandmother raised mom by herself in a time when that was very frowned upon. She was a proud woman who raised a proud



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

and stubborn daughter, who raised four kids to know right from wrong. We can take care of ourselves and in turn we can take care of others. Momma Said, "One good turn deserves another." In other words do unto others as you would have done to you."

I cannot pass by someone who needs help and if I can I will help. It is such a disconnected world today that it is hard for people who were not raised as I was to see that karma does go round. They will walk by in a situation or stand there videoing everything on their phone. That makes me so mad that I would like to shove that phone up somewhere so they could video their insides and see how selfish they are not to help.

Peach Dumplings

Ingredients

- 4 ripe fresh peaches peeled
- ½ CUP brown sugar
- 1 TEASPOON cinnamon
- 1 TABLESPOON cornstarch
- 1 sheet puff pastry
- 1 egg beaten

Instructions

blanching and shocking them as follows. Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil and making an ice bath in a large bowl. Then, score the peaches with an "X" on the bottom. Submerge the peaches in the water for 30 to 60 seconds and then plunge them into the ice bath for a minute. Gently peel the skin from the peaches with a paring knife. Cut them in half and remove the peach pits.

2. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
3. Combine the brown sugar, cinnamon, and cornstarch in a large bowl. Add the peach halves to the bowl and gently toss the peaches to coat them with sugar mixture.

4. Roll the puff pastry into a 10-inch square, and then cut it into four 5-inch squares. Brush some egg wash around the edges of each puff pastry square.

5. Place a peach half in the center of the pastry square, cut side up. Spoon some of the juice or spice mixture from the bowl into the center of the peach. Place another peach half on top and fold the puff pastry up around the peach by bringing each corner to the center one at a time. You will stretch the pastry as you do this. Slightly press and pinch the corners and edges of the dough shut. Transfer to a 9-inch x 13-inch baking sheet.

6. Generously brush each dumpling with the egg wash on all sides.

7. Bake for 30 minutes until the puff pastry is golden brown. Let cool for 10 minutes.

Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream

Super Crossword SCALE MODELS

ACROSS

- 1 Bucolic
9 Break away formally
15 Lazes about
20 Out of prison conditionally
21 Brand of infant formula
22 "— vincit amor" ("Love conquers all")
23 Try to get the job done
24 "The Grass Is Singing" novelist
26 Falco of "Oz"
27 Bonding stuff
29 Peevish
30 O or Elle, e.g.
31 Original host of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire"
35 In a calm way
37 Bellhop's employer
38 Ultimate
40 Actress Hagen
41 They suffer for what they believe in
45 First lady who wrote "American Grown"
52 Self-confident declaration
53 Zilch
54 Ugly plants
55 Stuff oozing down a trunk
56 She sang "I'll Be Missing You" with Puff Daddy
60 Skewed view
61 Unicycle part
62 Trout feature
63 "— go brag!"
64 Makes taboo
65 Sister chain of Marshalls
67 Art collector who founded a Manhattan museum
72 Daisy parts
74 Nets or Nats
75 Daily opinion page
76 The Monkees' "— Believer"
79 Since
80 Like lingerie
81 She played Kerry Weaver on "ER"
84 Hertz offering
85 Actress Keanan of "Step by Step"
87 Transmitted
88 This plus that
89 George C. Scott's "Taps" co-star
92 Certain stream of particles
95 N, S, E or W
96 — de mer
97 Utility bill info
99 Waifish supermodel
104 Creator and star of FX's "Atlanta"
110 Wall St. hedger
111 Remove a collar from, e.g.
113 Musk of SpaceX
114 Co. transfer
115 Luminaries like the eight featured in this puzzle? (hint: look at their first few letters)
118 Took off on
121 Pacific island nation
122 Dubbed
123 Greatness
124 Some female singers
125 Refuges
126 Goes along with humbly
4 George who played Sulu
5 Singer Rita
6 Get decayed
7 Touches down
8 Leave alone
9 Second half of a single
10 "— Beso"
11 City about 50 miles west of Athens
12 Arab leader
13 Casino chips, e.g.
14 J.R. Ewing's mother
15 California city near San Jose
16 Meditation syllables
17 Japanese cartoon art
18 Ultimate
19 Drooping
25 Invested (with)
28 Funny Tracey
32 Timid
33 "— favor"
34 Old Andean
36 Eatery bill
39 Chopping with an ax
41 Peeve
42 Brazilian berry
43 Cloudburst
44 Blasting aid
46 Passports, e.g.
47 Rent
48 The, in Paris
49 Area south of the Black Sea
50 Karl with a manifesto
51 Zenith
53 Manipulation of matter on a tiny scale
57 Satan's home
58 God of love
59 Liveliness
60 Satchel, e.g.
61 "Eww, no more!," in texts
64 Lazy type
65 Ellington's "Take — Train"
66 Yoda is one
68 Klutz type
69 Medication for acid reflux
70 Part of LGBT
71 "Fresh Air" ainer
72 Postwar deal
73 Morales of the screen
77 Prefix with analysis
78 Pallid
80 Put in words
81 Feline sign
82 Occurring every year
83 Clippers' org.
85 Provocation
86 Ruler's seat
87 WWII battle city in France
90 Pindar poem
91 Frog-to-be
92 Sullied reputation
93 Yolks place
94 Business card no.
97 Slanted
99 Iota-lambda link
100 "That's — shame"
101 Fastening rod with a crosspiece
102 Lazy type
103 Bulgarian capital
105 Essentials
106 Arrangement
107 Leaf features
108 Vote in
109 Roping event
112 Being seen via the small screen
116 Kung — shrimp
117 Wallet bill
119 Discharge from service, informally
120 Wallet bill

DOWN

- 1 Strength
2 Battery pole
3 Small shoot

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9				8				2	
		7	3					8	6
	8			2		1			
		1			3			5	
	6			4					3
4			8				7		
		2		3					1
	1				5			3	
5			2		4	6			

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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

© 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Weather Totals

August 22 - August 29

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 85° F
Min 50° F

Precipitation

Week 1.09"
August 3.87"
2023 32.77"

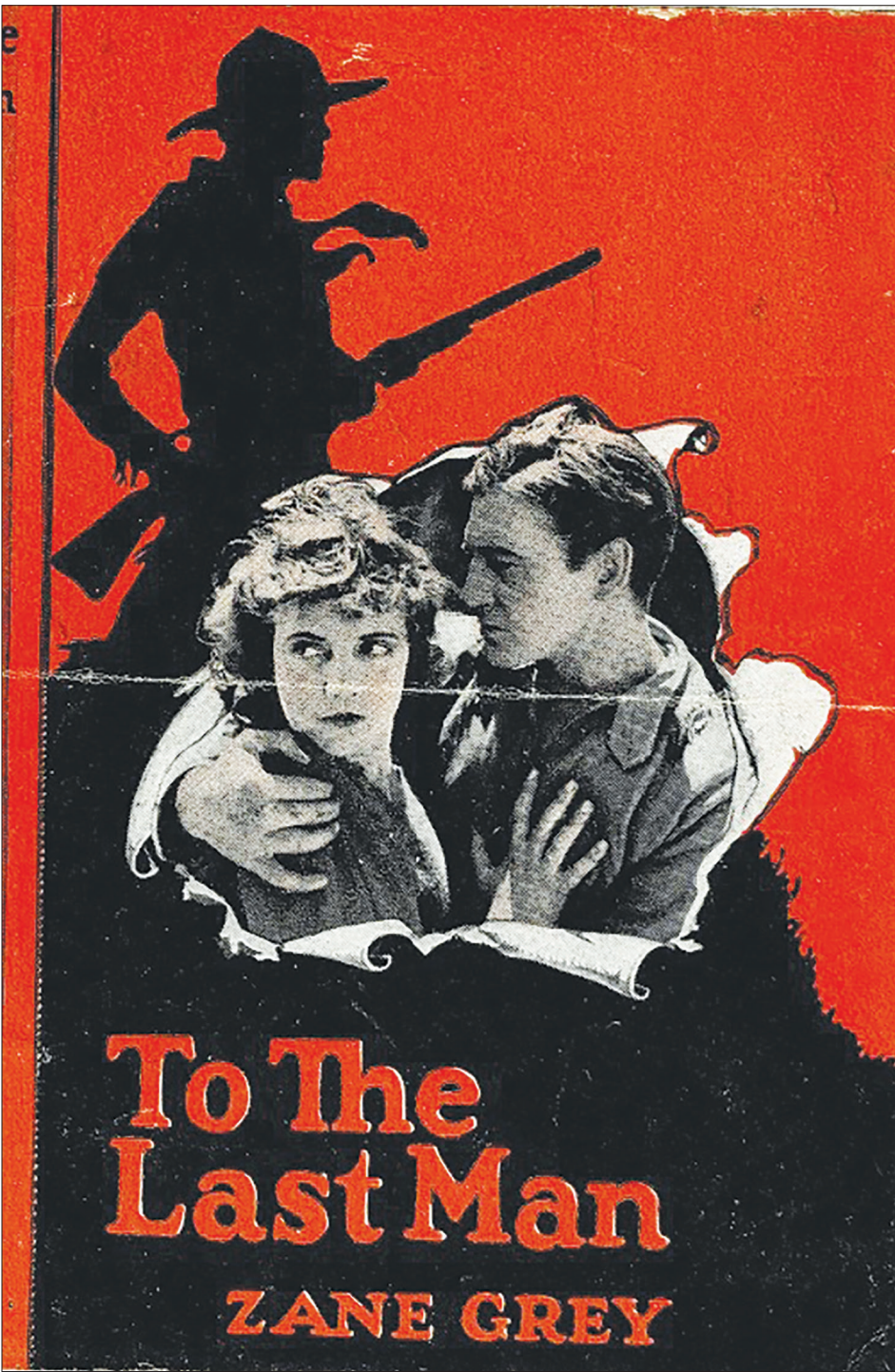
Snowfall

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

U.S. Forest Service

Puzzle answers page 7

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a bulletin from the Victoria Theatre of Parsons. The movie was based on the book To The Last Man written by Zane Gray. The movie was produced under the personal direction of the author in Tonto Basin, the exact location of the book. Stamped on the back of the bulletin is: Victoria Theatre Tonight Admission 10 and 25 cents. Ideas, suggestions, comments, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

Blackwater Chapter DAR



At their August meeting, the members of Blackwater Chapter DAR collected 94 children's books to donate to the Tucker County Family Resource Center. The books were donated in the name of WVDAR State Regent Jane Larke's Early Childhood Literacy Project.

Special Legislative Session Concludes

The first 2023 special session adjourned sine die on Aug. 9. According to the press release from Delegate Elias Coop-Gonzalez, R-Randolph, Governor Jim Justice provided 32 minutes notice to the legislature. However, most members were already present at the capitol for the scheduled August interim meetings.

Forty-four bills were introduced, and 35 passed. Most significant were the aid bills to West Virginia jails/prisons and volunteer fire departments.

Senate Bill 1005 will provide 21.1 million dollars for correctional officers' pay increases. SB 1003 and SB 1004 will give bonuses to correctional facility workers, including nonuniformed employees.

SB 1021 and 1022 will create three funding streams for volunteer fire departments. Six million dollars will

be available to county volunteer fire departments at large, and two three-million dollar streams administered by the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security will be divided to county commissions and counties based on population.

Many other bills were considered, including infrastructure, economic development, Department of Health and Human Resources, higher education, and more.

"We did some important things for fire departments and jails/prisons—providing some relief—albeit temporary, Elias Coop-Gonzalez said. "Other than that, we considered the Governor's broad wish list—much of which I voted against. Some bills were plainly bad and others just not properly vetted. In my opinion, a lot of taxpayer money was wasted."

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!



Neil Pascal Rahman born February 20, 2023 is the son of Tushar and Dr. Amanda Harper Rahman of Morgantown, WV. Grayson Wayne Harper born November 19, 2022 is the son of Travis and Allison Titchnell Harper of Nestorville, WV. Jackson Mateo Harper born April 25, 2023 is the son of Harold and Andrea Jimenez Harper and brother of Kennedy of Belington, WV. The proud grandparents are Kim and Mike McPherson, Harold Harper, Sr, Reshma Khatun, Mizanur Rahman, Estela and Edmundo Jimenez, James and Tina Tichnell, Janet and Gary Nestor, Carol Hebb, Leota Parsons, Jerry and Janet Tichnell, Gary and Sandra Rodeheaver, Junior Harper, and Sokhima Begum.

Rahman, MD Graduates from WVU

Amanda Faye Rahman, MD, graduated from the WVU School of Medicine on August 11, 2023. Rahman was a part of the Mountaineer Accelerated Track to Enter Residency (MATTER), and will begin her specialty training in Family Medicine at WVU Hospitals in Morgantown, WV.

She is the former Amanda Harper. She graduated from TCHS class of 2016.

Amanda is married to Tushar Rahman and they have a son, Neil. They reside in Morgantown, WV.

She is the daughter of Kimberly McPherson and Harold and Janet Nestor, Carol Hebb, Junior Harper, Sr. Her grandparents are Gary Harper and Leota Parsons.



Amanda Faye Rahman, MD.

All DMV Offices Offering Appointments

West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles customers may now make appointments, including same-day appointments, at any of the 26 regional offices across the state.

"We are happy to be offering appointments in all offices again," said Everett Frazier, DMV commissioner. "For a while, only the offices in some of West Virginia's largest population centers were offering appointments with walk-ins, while the smaller area offices were walk-in only. Now, all 26 offices will offer both. The best part about this new scheduling program, though, is the possibility of a same-day appointment for our customers."

Appointments may be made for transactions such as driver's license knowledge testing - including Class E, F, and CDL - applying for a new driver's license or identification card, changes to a driver's license or ID card, driver's license transfers from out-of-state, and vehicle work

including titles and license plates. Additionally, customers who take advantage of the REAL ID HeadStart program through DMV's online services portal may also use the appointment scheduler to make an appointment once their documents have been approved.

Customers may visit the appointment scheduler at <https://telegov.wv.gov/wvdmv>.

According to Frazier, "Walk-ins are still welcome at every office, but having an appointment will give customers more opportunity to receive fast and efficient service and not have to wait in line as long. This is just another example of how we continue to look for new ways of providing good customer service."

For more information, including regional office and kiosk locations, the online services portal, and appointment information, please visit the DMV website at dmv.wv.gov.

TUCKER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
304-478-6232 304-704-4405



Sponsored by Mountain Valley Bank

Fill the Grill Donation/Giveaway!!!
Bring a Donation to support children of Tucker County & Harman Schools with Back To School Supplies and get your name put in a drawing to
Win a Grill, Grill Cover & Grilling Utensils!!!

Thank you for your Support!
The Inn at Canaan
6526 Appalachian Highway
Davis, WV 26260

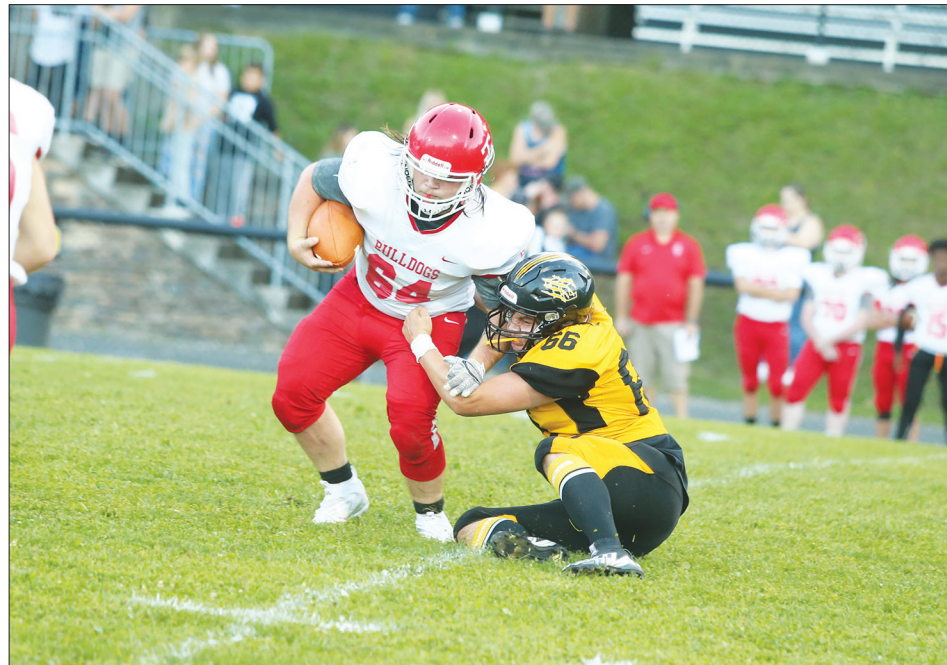
LET US KNOW "WHAT'S HAPPENING"
304-478-3533

SPORTS

TUCKER COUNTY DOMINATES TYGARTS VALLEY AT HOME 70-0



Tucker County's Ethan Rosenau waits for the snap against Tygarts Valley on September 1st. The Mt. Lions got the win by the score of 70-0. Photo by Brittany Channell.



Mt. Lions player Gavin Nestor makes a tackle on the Tygarts Valley player on September 1st. Tucker County won the contest at home 70-0. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The Mt. Lions Football team hosted Tygarts Valley on Friday September 1st. Tucker County jumped out to a quick start and never looked back as they won their home opener over the Bulldogs by the score of 70-0.

Tucker County got the scoring started early with a blocked punt that was returned 4 yards for a touchdown by Reid Kisamore. The 2 point conversion was good on a pass to Jared Reall to make the score 8-0 Tucker County with 10:00 left in the first quarter. The Mt. Lions would then score on a 37 yard touchdown pass from Ethan Rosenau to Maddox Anderson with 8:25 left in the first quarter. The PAT was good on a pass to Blaike Adams to put the score to 16-0

Tucker County. The Bulldogs could not maintain a drive and the Mt. Lions scored again on a 4 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Garret Wilfong with 5:40 left in the first. Wilfong would also catch a pass on the PAT try to give Tucker County the 24-0 lead. The Mt. Lions then added one more score in the first quarter as Reall raced 28 yards for a touchdown. The PAT failed to make the score 30-0 with 2:31 left in the first quarter.

In the second quarter Tygarts Valley continued to struggle as Tucker County scored with a Rosenau to Adams bubble screen for a 28 yard touchdown. The PAT kick failed to give the Mt. Lions a 36-0 lead with 11:37 left in the second quarter. Tucker County would add two more scores in the second as Rosenau rushed in for a 2 yard touchdown and Rosenau con-

nected with Anderson on a 25 yard touchdown pass to make the halftime score 50-0 Tucker County.

The Mt. Lions would not play their starters on offense in the second half. Luke Barb took over as quarterback and went to work as he scored on a 25 yard touchdown run with 10:58 left in the third. The 2 point conversion was good on a Barb pass to Evan Witt to make the score 58-0 Tucker County. Barb would score again late in the third quarter on a 15 yard touchdown run. The PAT was no good to put the score at 64-0 Mt. Lions with 3:10 left in the third.

Tucker County added one more score in the fourth quarter on a 20 yard interception return for a touchdown by Mickey Mitchell. The PAT was no good as the Mt. Lions led 70-0 with 7:29 left in the fourth

quarter. The Bulldogs could not get on the scoreboard for the rest of the contest as Tucker County got the win by the final score of 70-0.

Ethan Rosenau was 7 of 8 passing for 125 yards passing for Tucker County and Maddox Anderson had 2 receptions for 62 yards receiving. Jared Reall had 7 carries for 78 yards rushing and Luke Barb ended the night with 6 carries for 69 yards rushing for the Mt. Lions on the ground. Blaike Adams chipped in with 2 receptions for 48 yards receiving for Tucker County and Jarred Reall led the defense with 5 tackles.

Tucker County(2-0) will travel to East Hardy this Friday September 8th for a PVC Conference game. Kickoff is set for 7pm. For more info and links to the broadcasts go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County Cross Country runners(L-R): Katie Hicks(4th), Cameron Judy(15th) and Addi Moats(15th) earned medals at the Buckhannon-Upshur Invitational on September 2nd. Photo by Sarah Hicks.

MT. LIONS CROSS COUNTRY RUNS AT BUCKAHNNON-UPSHUR

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

BUCKHANNON – The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country team traveled to Buckhannon-Upshur High School on Saturday September 2nd for the Buckhannon Invitational.

In the Girls' race 63 runners competed in the event. Katie Hicks was the top finisher for the Lady Mt. Lions with a 4th place finish and a time of 21:44.33. Addi Moats(23:17.60) finished 15th, Addie Hicks(27:04.87) placed 35th, Brianna Gooden(27:33.09) was 38th, Adriana Tuttle(39:21.38) was 62nd and Lilly

Boyles(39:41.54) finished in 63rd place.

The Tucker County Boys' team would run the Buckhannon-Upshur course next as the Boys' race featured 96 runners overall. The top runner for the Mt. Lions was Cameron Judy with a time of 19:03.79 and a 15th place finish. The remaining Tucker County runners finished as follows: 23rd-Alex Boyles(20:16.35), 32nd-Allan Boyles(21:07.09) and 57th-Ryan Scott(23:21.89).

The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams will return to action next Saturday September 9th at Lincoln. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

LADY MT. LIONS VOLLEYBALL FALLS AT EAST HARDY 3-0

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

BAKER – The Tucker County Volleyball team traveled to East Hardy on Thursday August 31st. In the JV match the visiting Lady Cougars got the match win in straight sets 25-6 and 25-6.

In the varsity match the Lady Mt. Lions fell behind early 3-1. The homestanding Lady Cougars continued to dominate the set as they led 11-1 and then 19-1. East Hardy then led 22-4 before taking Set with the score of 25-5. In Set 2 Tucker County fell behind 7-3 early. The Lady Mt. Lions then cut the Lady Cougars lead to 13-9. East Hardy then went on a 7-1 run to put the home team up 20-10. The Lady Cougars then won Set 2 by the score of 25-13 to go up in the match 2-0. Tucker County was unable to force an extra set as East Hardy dominated Set 3. The Lady Cougars jumped out to an 8-1 lead and then they extended the lead to 15-2. The Lady Mt. Lions could not mount a comeback as East Hardy pulled away for the Set 3 win 25-7. This would give the Lady Cougars the match win 3-0.

Tucker County(0-2) will host Elkins



Tucker County's Ava Shaffer connects with the volleyball at East Hardy on August 31st. The Lady Cougars won the match 3-0. Photo by Dave Helmick.

tonight, Wednesday September 6th. The Lady Mt. Lions will then travel to Petersburg on Thursday September 7th. Both matches will start at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

TUCKER VALLEY FALLS AT BRAXTON COUNTY IN OPENER 52-0

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

FLATWOODS – The Tucker Valley Middle School Football team opened the season with a road game at Braxton County Middle on Thursday August 31st.

The Wildcats started the game with a promising drive to start the game, but a failed fourth down play ended the drive for Tucker Valley. Braxton County then

scored on a long run play on their next possession. The Wildcats then fumbled the ball back to Braxton County that allowed the home team to score two plays later. Tucker Valley could not recover as they fell in the contest by the score of 52-0. Ty Ricottilli led the Wildcats with 42 yards rushing in the loss.

Tucker Valley(0-1) will return to action on Saturday September 9th at 12pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:	Saturday September 9th
Wednesday September 6th	Tucker County Cross Country @ Lincoln 9am
Tucker County Volleyball vs Elkins @ Home 6pm	Tucker Valley Football vs Charles Town @ Home 12pm
Davis-Thomas Volleyball Tri @ South Preston 5pm	Monday September 11th
Thursday September 7th	Tucker Valley Volleyball @ Philippi 6pm
Tucker County Volleyball @ Petersburg 6pm	Davis-Thomas Volleyball vs Union & Kasson @ Home 5pm
Tucker County Golf @ Holly Meadows	Tuesday September 12th
Tucker Valley Volleyball vs Union @ Home 6pm	Tucker County Volleyball vs Moorefield & Preston @ Home 5pm
Friday September 8th	Tucker County Cross Country @ Broadford(Oakland, MD) 4:30pm
Tucker County Football @ East Hardy 7pm	

Your community. Your healthcare.

Good Luck!

Tucker County High Mt. Lions
Tucker Valley Wildcats
Davis Thomas Bears

St. George
MEDICAL CLINIC, INC.
stgeorgeclinic.org

WVDNR announces important migratory game bird season dates

New regulations include an increase in the mallard duck daily bag limit.

FARMINGTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced that new hunting regulations for migratory game birds will go into effect on Sept. 1 in accordance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s annual guidelines.

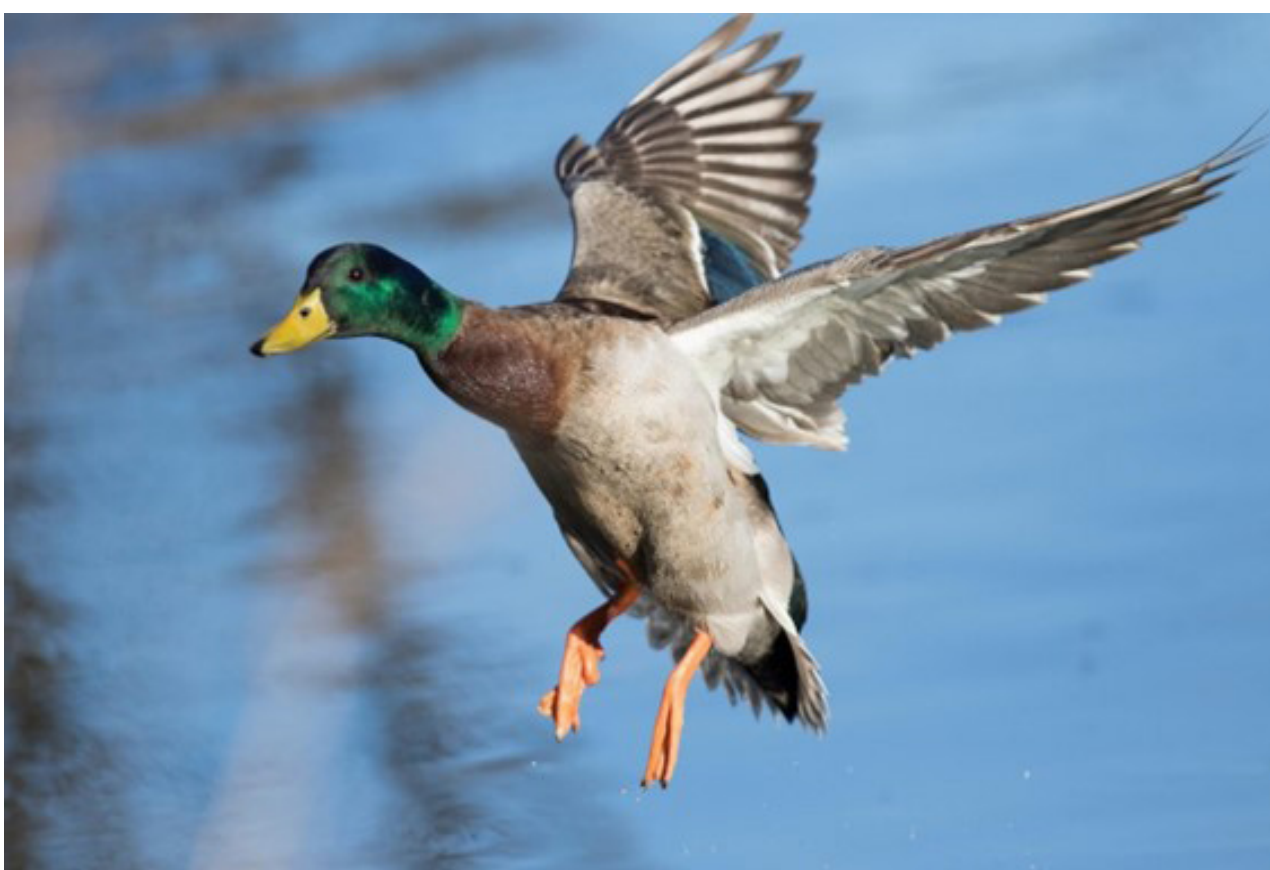
Most notably, the new regulations include an increase in the mallard duck daily bag limit. Hunters may now harvest four mallards a day, with no more than two hens. For more information about this change, see the Atlantic Flyway Council’s article on mallard harvest management, which has been made available to download at WVDnr.gov/waterfowl-hunting.

The 2023-2024 migratory game bird seasons are scheduled as follows:

- Mourning dove: Sept. 1 to Oct. 8, Oct. 30 to Nov. 12, Dec. 18 to Jan. 24
- Sora and Virginia rail: Sept. 1 to Nov. 9
- Wilson’s snipe: Sept. 1 to Dec. 16
- Early Canada goose: Sept. 1-10
- Canada goose, white-fronted geese, snow and blue goose: Oct. 1-21, Nov. 6-12, Dec. 11 to Jan. 31
- Duck, coots and merganser: Oct. 1-14, Nov. 6-12, Dec. 24 to Jan. 31
- Scaup: Oct. 1-14, Nov. 6-12, Dec. 24 to Jan. 11, Jan. 12-31
- Gallinules: Oct. 1-14, Dec. 7 to Jan. 31
- Woodcock: Oct. 14 to Nov. 18, Nov. 27 to Dec. 5
- Brant: Jan. 2-31

Hunters are also encouraged to take note of the two youth waterfowl season dates, scheduled for Sept. 16 and Nov. 4.

Federal regulations require all licensed migratory bird hunters, including lifetime license holders and senior citizens, to register with the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program and carry proof of registration while hunt-



ing. HIP cards are free and available at all hunting license agents and online at WVhunt.com.

Waterfowl hunters 16 years and older must also possess a federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, also known as a Duck Stamp, which must be signed by the hunter across the stamp’s face. Duck Stamps can be purchased from your local post office, by calling

800-782-6724 or by going to USPS.com/shop.

Hunters are reminded to report harvested banded birds online at reportband.gov. For more information about West Virginia’s migratory game bird seasons, hunters should consult the 2023-24 West Virginia Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations summary, available at [WVDNR district offices](http://WVDNR.district.offices) and at WVDnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Anti-Vaping Campaign Launched in Schools

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources’ Bureau for Public Health and West Virginia Department of Education are partnering to launch an anti-vaping campaign in West Virginia schools. Gov. Jim Justice announced the West Virginia’s Clear Future: Don’t Let Vaping Cloud It initiative, which will offer the evidence-based, peer-led CATCH My Breath vaping prevention curriculum to every county in the state over the next three years.

“Vaping is a huge problem all over the country, and now we’re setting out to actively educate our students about the extreme dangers associated with e-cigarettes,” Justice said. “Vaping is very harmful for all users, but especially kids, making it a massive issue for our schools. Our goal is to educate our students early and prevent them from falling into this dangerous vaping trap. This proactive approach will move the needle and I’m very proud to see it come to fruition.”

“The use of e-cigarettes is a significant issue facing West Virginia youth, with approximately half of all high school students reporting using e-cigarettes in 2021,” said Dr. Matthew Christiansen, state health officer and commissioner for DHHR’s Bureau for Public Health. “This curriculum has been shown to effectively increase knowl-

edge of the dangers of e-cigarettes and reduce nicotine vaping and overall tobacco use among students.”

The primary focus in year one is West Virginia middle schools, as data indicates the optimal time to prevent e-cigarette experimentation is by the age of 14 when most e-cigarette initiation occurs.

“E-cigarette use in West Virginia schools can have profound impacts on the future of young people,” said Michele L. Blatt, state superintendent of schools. “Together with our partners, including school teachers and counselors, we aim to decrease vaping among our students, and empower them to make informed decisions so they can lead healthier lives.”

Teachers and counselors who agree to serve as facilitators of the CATCH My Breath program will receive a free two-day, six-hour, online professional learning course to prepare them to effectively present the CATCH My Breath curriculum. These individuals will then act as facilitators to deliver four 40-minute sessions to students over a four-week period.

DHHR’s Division of Tobacco Prevention is working in collaboration with the American Lung Association and Partners in Health Network to identify and contact schools.

Other partners include the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

To learn more about CATCH My Breath, visit <https://catch.org/program/vaping-prevention/>.

LEGAL

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following decedent’s estate:
David Burr Currance
Kay Flanagan, Administratrix

A Waiver of Final Settlement for the above captioned estate has been presented before me by the Fiduciary of said estate for approval, which report is retained in my office at 14 S. Randolph Ave., Elkins, West Virginia.

I have approved the Report as presented and will file it with the Honorable County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, on or after September 15, 2023.

Any person having any interest in said estate may appear before the Honorable County Commission to protect their interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interest.

Given under my hand 1st day of September, 2023.

/s/ John J. Wallace, IV
John J. Wallace, IV
Fiduciary Commissioner
Tucker County, West Virginia

LEGAL

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Division of Highways

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until December 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
002	2020000028	X342-H-40.21 10	NHPP-0484(337)	CONST NEW/RELOC 4 LANE ROAD US 219 - WV 72 I/C US 219 - WV 72 I/C COUNTY: TUCKER

DBE GOAL: 8% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors’ license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

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

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

LEGAL

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0312-S-30B

TIMBERLINE FOUR SEASONS UTILITIES, INC.

Rule 30B application to pass through increase in sewage treatment cost from Canaan Valley Public Service District to Timberline’s customers; and request for expedited treatment.

NOTICE OF FILING

NOTICE is hereby given that Timberline Four Seasons Utilities, Inc. (Timberline), a public utility, filed a request to increase its sewage treatment rates and charges with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia because of an increase in the cost of purchased sewage treatment charged by the Canaan Valley Public Service District (District).

Commission Staff reviewed the Timberline application and recommended that the Commission approve Staff Recommended Rates effective on an interim basis for all service rendered on and after August 29, 2023, subject to refund. By Order issued August 29, 2023, the Commission approved the Staff Recommended Rates on an interim basis that increased rates effective immediately by \$13.65 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU).

Under the Staff Recommended Rates, effective August 29, 2023, the increase in the average monthly bill over current bills for Timberline customers to recover the rate increase from the District will be:

	\$ Increase	% Increase
Residential	\$ 13.65	15.82%
Commercial	\$ 116.57	17.53%

The 30B procedure is designed to provide for a change in rates and charges in order to produce additional revenue sufficient, but no more than sufficient, to offset the increased cost for purchased wholesale sewerage treatment. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of the cost offset and the method by which it is calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty (20) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission’s rules on intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

TIMBERLINE FOUR SEASONS UTILITIES, INC.

THANK YOU FOR READING
THE PARSONS ADVOCATE

LEGAL

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345
TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT MODIFICATION

Public Notice No.: SM-83-2023 Public Notice Date: August 30, 2023 and September 6, 2023
Paper: The Parsons Advocate

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit Modification for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WVR112141 MOD-2
Applicant: GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC.
11000 BROKEN LAND PARKWAY
SUITE 500
COLUMBIA, MD 21044

Location: DAVIS, TUCKER COUNTY
Latitude: 39:09:34 Longitude: 79:37:08

Receiving Stream: Long Rn./North Fk. Blackwater Rv./Blackwater River/Black Fk./Cheat Rv./Monongahela Rv.

Activity: 11.20 acres will be added to the project which will total 49.30 acres of earth disturbance for access roadways, laydown areas and drill pads to continue to conduct exploratory core borings. This project will be broken up into 2 Phases with an expected length of 8 months. The original permit activity was approved on 5/12/2023 will start in early September and the activity involved with this modification will start once this modification approval is received.

Business conducted: Discharge of treated Stormwater into an UNT of Roaring Rn., Slp Hill/Mill Rn., Bg Rn., Tub Rn., N.Fk. of B. W. Rv., Pndlt. Ck., Beaver Ck., discharging to B.W. Rv., discharging to Blck. Fk. to Cheat Rv.

Implementation: N/A

On the basis of review of the application, the “Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a)) and the “West Virginia Legislative Rules,” the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit modification and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Sharon Mullins, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins August 30, 2023 and ends September 29, 2023.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit modification application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit Modification(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit modification and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost. Individuals requiring Telecommunication Device (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0493. Calls must be made 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VISIT US ONLINE AT
WWW.PARSONSADVOCATE.COM

Tucker County Fair 2023



St. George Medical Clinic Director Paul Wamsley, Jr. and wife, Teresa, enjoy the evening at the Tucker County Fair with entertainers Rocky and Nina Hebb. St. George Medical Clinic sponsored the entertainment on the stage for the Tucker County Fair 2023. The clinic also sponsored several tents throughout the fairgrounds during the evening. Fun activities were enjoyed by fairgoers of all ages.



Pauletta Ramsey, Logan White, and Becky Poling from Physical Therapy at St. George Medical Clinic, register two young people up to win a Mountain Bike during the Tucker County Fair 2023.



Even the goat came to visit the St. George Medical Clinic tents with his young exhibitor during the Tucker County Fair 2023.

Ginseng harvest season open through Nov. 30



CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The ginseng 2023 harvest season is now open and will continue through Wednesday, November 30. The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) announced.

Observing the legal season and regulations helps preserve Appalachia's threatened and endangered wild ginseng.

Harvesting pulls up the ginseng root, ending the plant's ability to replace itself with new generations. To help the herb's seeds grow, the hunter must, by law, plant them at the site where the root was taken.

Before the plant can be legally harvested, ginseng must be at least five years old and its seed-bearing berries bright red. The slow-growing plant needs to mature for at least five years to reproduce. The plant's age can be determined by looking at the base of the plant stem, where bud scars occur. A five-year-old ginseng root will have at least four scars.

No ginseng may be taken from West Virginia state forests, state parks or other state-owned land and harvesters must have written permission to dig on private property.

Ginseng harvesters must have a current forest service permit to dig and collect from national forest lands. Hunters should contact the national forest office in their area regarding ginseng permits and regulations.

Currently, national forests based in West Virginia still allow ginseng hunters who have purchased current permits to dig on designated national forest lands.

This year, other national forests have found their ginseng populations too depleted to allow sustainable harvesting. The U.S. Forest Service announced that in 2021, no ginseng permits will be issued for North Carolina's Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests and the Cherokee National Forest. The herb's decline is attributed to poaching, overharvesting, and harvesting without planting seeds to produce a new crop.

Harvesters have until March 31, 2024, to sell their ginseng to a registered West Virginia ginseng dealer or to have roots weight-receipted at one of the West Virginia Division of Forestry weigh stations.

Regulations prohibit possession of ginseng roots from April 1 through Aug. 31 without a weight receipt from the Division of Forestry. A weight receipt is a record of the ginseng harvested during the current year and the individual who wants to hold it over to the next season.

The law requires all harvesters to provide a government-issued photo identification to sell ginseng to a registered dealer. Fines range from \$500 up to \$1,000 for a first offense and \$1,000 up to \$2,000 for multiple offenses.

Details on ginseng are available on the Division of Forestry website, <https://wvfor-estry.com/ginseng-program/>.

The site includes how to identify mature ginseng plants, rules for harvesting and resources such as lists of West Virginia ginseng dealers and weigh stations.

YOU CAN HELP... WARM THE CHILDREN

Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need



No administrative fees. EVERY CENT received is used to buy winter clothing!

How can I help?

Simply complete the coupon below and send it with your donation to the address on the coupon. Thanks for your generosity. **All donations are tax deductible.**

In Tucker County, local children will go cold this winter without your help.

Just what is The Parsons Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN FUND?

The Parsons Advocate's **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND** is neighbors helping neighbors in Tucker County. The Parsons Advocate is asking readers to donate to the fund and the proceeds will be used to buy new warm winter clothing for local children. There are no administrative fees. All the money donated is used to buy new clothing.

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.

CLIP & MAIL

Enclosed is my donation to the WARM THE CHILDREN FUND. Make checks payable to WARM THE CHILDREN FUND.

Please check if you do not want your name published on the donor list.

Name: _____

Address: _____

MAIL TO: WARM THE CHILDREN FUND

c/o The Parsons Advocate

P.O. Box 345, Parsons, WV 26287

or drop off at the Advocate's office at 219 Central Ave., Parsons, WV



Glotfelty Tire Center

Your Tire Superstore!

Just 30 minutes from Parsons on the Beverly 5-Lane.

- Tires
- Forklifts
- Loaders
- Road Service
- Tubes
- Agriculture
- Shocks/struts
- Repairing
- Retail
- Excavators
- WV Inspections
- Retreading
- Wholesale
- Mining
- Brakes
- Great Prices

■ Two Computer Alignment Machines & ASE/N.I.A.T. Certified Mechanics

We proudly carry



Call 304-635-0001

1080 Beverly Pike, S. Elkins

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

7 a.m. to Noon Saturday