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## Tucker, Randolph Counties Host Active Shooter Training







Tucker County EMS, the Tucker County Homeland Security Emergency Management and the Tucker County Sheriff's Office along with the Randolph County Sheriff's Department held an Active Shooter Training at the Tucker County High School for the high school staff. Photos Courtesy of the Tucker County 911/Office of Emergency Management.

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

Staff of the Tucker County High School received Active Shooter Training courtesy of Tucker and Randolph Counties. According to Tucker County 911/Office of Emergency Management, the Tucker County Homeland

Security Emergency Management, Tucker County Sheriff's Department, Randolph County Sheriff's Department and the Tucker County Board of Education joined forces to present the training at Tucker County High School. Tucker County 911 and Tucker County EMS also attended.

"It was really well received," Tucker

County School Superintendent Alicia Lambert said at the meeting of the Tucker County Board of Education.

According to Lambert, two more Active Shooter Training sessions are scheduled to be held at Davis-Thomas Elementary Middle School and Tucker Valley Elementary

The unthinkable happened in Tucker

county last week. Road Rage resulting

in the death of a Tucker County man.

According to a press release by Tucker

County Prosecuting attorney Savahanna

On September 4, 2023, Sgt. V.J. Pyles

of the WVSP Parsons Detachment was

dispatched to a shooting complaint along

Appalachian Highway near the entrance

to the North Point community outside of

Davis, WV. Upon arriving at the scene,

Sgt. Pyles found that Joseph M. Nelson

had been shot and he succumbed to those

injuries. Witnesses on scene indicated it

was a road rage incident and described

the suspect's vehicle as a green Toyota

Tacoma with aftermarket front and rear

bumpers which had fled the scene toward

individual identified themself as a rela-

**Hull-Wilkins:** 

Harman, WV.

did it at the High School. Davis-Thomas has theirs in October and then Tucker Valley will have it in January."

Tucker County Emergency Management Director and Tucker County School Board Member Kevin White commented on the training at the meeting as well. "I thought it Middle School in the coming months. "We See ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING page 4

tive of Mr. Sanders and provided docu-

mentation of a phone GPS location device

showing that the last known location of

Mr. Sanders was near Canaan Valley at

2206 hours. The phone was then shut off.

The 911 call for this incident occurred at

2207 hours, which placed Mr. Sanders at

the location at the time of the shooting. A

warrant was issued for his arrest for the

murder of Mr. Nelson. Later that after-

noon, Mr. Sanders was located at a cabin

near Seneca Rocks, WV. Upon making

entry to the cabin, law enforcement dis-

covered that he was deceased as the result

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office

would like to thank Sgt. Pyles and the

WVSP Parsons Detachment for their

hard work and dedication to this inves-

tigation, as well as the Tucker County

of a self- inflicted gunshot wound.

## Helmick Retires from Solid Waste Authority

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

After almost 10 years as the Office Manager at the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority, Carol Helmick is retiring. The August 28th meeting of the board was her last meeting with the board as she is slated to retire the end of August. Prior to the meeting, Mark Holstine, Presiding Chair recognized Helmick's service. "This is Miss Carol's last official meeting," Holstine said. "She will be retiring at the end of the month."

According to Holstine, Helmick will remain on an as needed advisory capacity with the Solid Waste Authority. "She is not going to totally escape us," Holstine said. "We are going to keep her around a little bit. But she will officially retire."

Holstine thanked Helmick for her years of service. "I would like to say that I truly appreciate what you've done over the last three or four years, however long it's now been," Holstine said. "Trusting us with what was going on showed a lot of fortitude on your part. All these people coming in that you had no idea who they were, telling you how bad everything was, but you stuck here and helped us immensely to solve this issue."

Holstine credited Helmick with helping to turn the Solid Waste Authority around over the past couple of years. "A lot of credit goes to Miss Carol for the situation that this Authority now finds itself in," Holstine said. "She put her nose down and did everything she could do to help us do it. So, I really appreciate it."

Holstine referred to Helmick as a "blessing" to the Authority. "Thank you very much. You are a blessing to this place. We couldn't have done it without you," Hols-



Carol Helmick retires after almost 10 years with the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority. Helmick's service was recognized by the board. A small reception was held in conjunction with the board meeting in recognition of her years of service to the board.

tine said.

"Thank you, Mark," Helmick said. "That means a lot."

A small reception was held with the board serving sandwiches, assorted dips and spreads and a chocolate cake. "That's why we have the refreshments," Holstine said. "We have cake, we have food. Please

stay as long as you wish after the meeting."

The next meeting of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority will be held September 18th at 3 p.m. at the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Office located at 284 Landfill Road in Davis. Meetings on October 30th at 3 p.m. and December 11th at 3 p.m. are slated to follow. There will be not be a meeting held in November.

#### On September 5, 2023, an individual Sheriff's Office, the WVSP Pendleton County Detachment, the WVSP Special contacted Sgt. Pyles indicating that a Daniel Lee Sanders, age 40, of Tunnelton, Response Team members, and the Pendleton County Sheriff's Office for their WV drives a green Toyota Tacoma with aftermarket front and rear bumpers. The

**Solid Waste Authority** 

**Meets with DEP Inspectors** 

**Tucker Man Loses Life** 

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

During the meeting of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority, Presiding Chair Mark Holstine updated the board on the results of an inspection the facility had from the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection).

The next meeting of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority will be held September 18th at 3 p.m. at the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Office located at 284 Landfill Road in Davis. Meetings on October 30th at 3 p.m. and December 11th at 3 p.m. are slated to follow. There will be not be a meeting held in November. "So, we finally received a DEP Inspection in some time," Holstine said.

According to Holstine, the DEP brought several officials with them to the Landfill to complete the Inspection and assessment of the site. "They brought out the whole

team when they came," Holstine said. "Inspector, Supervisor Inspector, Assistant Director of Enforcement and our Permit Manager."

Holstine said the Landfill was ordered to shut down one of the Eco Misters by the DEP. "We were ordered to shut down Eco Mister in Pond Number Two," Holstine said. "They were unhappy with some overspray that we knew we probably needed to do something with."

The Landfill is expecting to receive a Notice of Violation according to Holstine. "I'm not going to make much more comment about it until we get the written N.O.V. (Notice of Violation)," Holstine said. "I'm assuming we are going to get a N.O.V. because they told us to shut it down. It normally means you're going to get (a N.O.V.)"

According to Holstine, the DEP made comments about some windblown debris See SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY page 4

## Free Search and Rescue Classes to be Offered in Tucker County

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

At the monthly meeting of the Tucker County Ambulance Authority, the board was informed of a plan to offer a series of 25 search and rescue classes in the county. Mike Canfield addressed the board.

"Some of you know me, some of you don't," Canfield said. "I'm Mike Canfield. I'm with Tucker County EMS, also with

the OEM office."

Canfield thanked the board before informing them of the purpose of his visit. "I was asked to go to Summersville, West Virginia to take a very important class," Canfield said. "I passed the course with flying colors."

Canfield distributed materials to the board outlining the proposed courses and said that he was looking for students. "I

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## Point of Order Creates Discord at Parsons Council Meeting

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

A motion by Parsons City Councilman Tim Turner created a disagreement over a point of order at the Parsons City Council meeting. Following an amendment during approval of the agenda in which he added three items, Turner attempted to make his motion during what was on the written agenda as a discussion item of "Discuss changes to committee assignments - Councilman Timothy Turner."

"I'd like to make a motion to add to the Benefit of the Citizens of Parsons, add Missy Jones to replace Dave Green-

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## WVDOH addresses concerns related to Corridor H alternate route

CHARLESTON, WV - Several years ago, the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) settled on a Revised Original Preferred Alignment (ROPA) for the Parsons to Davis section of Corridor H that provides direct access to Tucker County High school and runs between the towns of Thomas and Davis. Recently, the FHWA asked the WVDOH to also consider a route that runs north of the communities.

The decision to examine and provide additional data on an alternate northern alignment lies solely with the FHWA. The WVDOH is working in conjunction with the FHWA on this request and is committed to not only do the right thing, but to do it the right way.

Final planning on the ROPA has been

held up while the FHWA considers environmental studies done under the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The NEPA process for large projects such as this is extremely complex, and it's not unusual for that process to take some twists and turns, especially when the oversight and guidance is provided by a federal

Today, the Corridor H Highway Authority issued a letter opposing further study of a northern route for the Parsons to Davis section of Corridor H, fearing the change in process would delay completion of Corridor H, which is currently about 90 percent finished.

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### We Get Letters

Editor,

They're doing it again. Dinosaur mainstream media, working in perfect synchronized lockstep with world governments, are drumming up fear and hysteria over the new Pirola Covid variant. And of course, you know what that means. It means the return of lock downs, the return of mask mandates, the return of social distancing. It means the return of closing down your "non-essential" businesses, schools and churches. The return of more vaccine requirements. And most annoying of all, the return of fascist slogans and chants, crafted to sound cool and hip like, "mask

It's already starting again in hospitals and schools nationwide. And if you refuse? Expect the return of more threats of losing your job. And more threats of restricting your freedom to travel, to go to the grocery store, to go to the bank, to enter public buildings that your tax dollars pay for, and basically anything pertaining to your ability to function in your day to day lives.

This isn't about public safety, in my view. This is a massive power

grab and a concerted effort to tear down and destroy the relatively free and burgeoning world we once knew in preparation for the austere, carbon compliant, brave new world technocracy currently being rolled out before us. The globalist elites and their installed puppet kleptocrats call it "The Great Reset" and "Build Back Better". Whatever in God's name that even means. We've all heard them casually throw these phrases around the past two years in press conferences, ad nauseam, when Covid19 changed our lives forever. Or rather, the policies behind Covid19. All of them gushing over the wonderful opportunities the crisis presented for the planet.

But lets just say for argument's sake, I'm wrong. That the complete economic, political, and social breakdown of civilization isn't intentional. That the policy setters lording over us are big-hearted sweetie cakes who have only the best intentions for our safety, and are not creating some nightmare socialist wasteland, with a hightech A.I. overlay that's designed to efficiently micro-manage us all

into abject poverty and spiritual oblivion. Okay. Fine. Plausible

What is undeniable, however, is the consequences of these polices. The irreparable destruction of millions of businesses and livelihoods. The massive commercial real estate bubble that's set to pop. The surge in depression and suicides. The stratospheric rise in divorces and break-ups. The abysmal drop in overall learning and school performance in children. The horrific stunting of speech and social development in toddlers, who for years, masked faces were all they saw. The resulting food supply crisis and job loss in the third world, condemning hundreds of millions of people to starvation. That all has happened and is still happening.

But, notice how easy it was to demolish the freedoms and lifestyles we all took for granted. With zero kinetic military force. Instead of Redcoats marching on us 250 years ago, they used white lab coats to trample on our rights. We have to say no.

Christopher Phares Thomas, WV 26292

## **News of Record**

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

- Jack M. Close, Black Fork District, 19.08 acres to Jonathan M. Smith and Kyra B. Fenstermacher, \$220,000.
- John T. Mattern Et. Al., Dry Fork District, Unit 24 Trt 13 Deerfield Village Condo to Patrick B. Weaver, Et. Ux., \$400,000.
- Ronald W. Kimelaskas, Licking District, 122.91 acres to Elisa Carbone, \$290,000.
- Melissa Jones, Hambleton Corporation, Pt/O Lot 72 and all of 73 to Carl E. Henline, \$10,000.
- OJ Realty LLC, Dry Fork District, Lot 17 Black Bear Woods Resort to Alex Seleznyov Et., Ux., \$260,000.

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- 19 Book Club Discussion Group @ 11:00 a.m for September only.
- 19 Library Board Meeting @
- 20 Toddler Time @10:00 a.m. -Apples are Cool
- 27 Toddler Time @10:00 a.m.— Glasses are Cool
- \*Please contact the library to regis-

ter your child for Toddler Time.

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#### **Book Club Discussion Group:**

Meets the third Tuesday monthly at 1:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. Note time for September only-meet September 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Book for October: Simply Lies by David Baldacci

#### Movie Day @ the Library September 11th

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## Two U.S. Presidents Visit Parsons

By Belva Dilly

Tucker County Historical Society

The first President of the United States to visit Parsons was President Harrison back in the 1890's. He was not well received by the citizens of the town. The crowd was a rough bunch and it was feared that he could have been in danger of losing his life. It is said that he left almost as fast as he arrived. There is not much information on this visit.

The second President was President F.D. Roosevelt as he was traveling to the Forest Festival in Elkins, WV, on October 1, 1936. The citizens of Parsons did not know that he was going to stop in Parsons until about an hour before he arrived. Even though they had very little notice of this visit there was between three and four hundred people out to hear his speech. The speech lasted for about five

minutes. I have talked to several people that attended that speech and they spoke of the President with great respect. It is said that he mentioned how beautiful the scenery is here in Tucker County.

President Roosevelt's wife, Eleanor, also visited Parsons and gave a speech from the Courthouse Steps in front of the Courthouse. She was here in 1934 along with US Congressman Jennings Randolph. The crowd was close to a thousand people. The people came from all over the county to see her and listen to her talk about her homestead projects. The band from Thomas came to play for the occasion.

This information came from the Parsons High School Echo.

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Internal Revenue Code. It meets monthly in Parsons with membership open to anyone for annual dues of \$10 mailed to PO Box 13, Hambleton, WV 26269.

[Editor's note: A search of the October 8, 1936 issue of The Parson's Advocate showed not a single mention of Roosevelt's visit the previous week. Staunchly Republican at that time, the paper instead ran a front page article about why coal miners should vote against Roosevelt in the upcoming election. It argued that Roosevelt's New Deal of economic relief for the country was putting a burden of more taxes on miners to fund the construction of electricgenerating dams such as those of the Tennessee Valley Authority. If miners voted for Roosevelt it would mean less reliance on coalfired electric generation which would bring a loss of jobs in the

coal mining industry.]

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## OBITUARIES

#### **Hugh Carson Bright**

Hugh Carson Bright, 75, a resident of Dry Fork, passed from this life Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at the Charleston Area Medical Center. He had been in declining health.

Hugh was born on Monday, February 16, 1948, a son of the late Glenn Ruford Bright and Edna Elizabeth Jones Bright. On August 31, 1974, at Harman, he married Bonnie Joyce Bennett Bright, who survives. They had celebrated forty-nine years of marriage.

Left to cherish Hugh's memory besides his wife, is a son, Ruford Adam Bright and wife, Theresa of West Union, a step-



grandson, Brandon Rieke, a brother, Dwight Bright and wife, Carolyn, of Hendricks

Preceding Hugh in death besides his parents were two infant brothers, Glenn Edward Bright and Terry Lynn Bright.

Hugh graduated from Parsons High School with the Class of 1966. He had worked for Kingsford Company, Parsons Footwear and Canaan Valley State Park. Hugh was a member of the National Rifle Association. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and his pet deer.

Visitation will be held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., the funeral hour. Rev. James Snyder will officiate, and interment will follow at Buena Cemetery in Canaan Valley. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Hugh Carson Bright. Send online condolences to the family at: www.hostetler funeralhome.com.

Joseph Michael "Joe" Nelson, 45, a resident of Dry Fork, passed from this life Monday, September 4,

Joe was born on Tuesday, September 20, 1977, in Elkins, a son of the late Roy Edgar Nelson and Judy Ann Kisamore Nelson, who survives. On June 25, 2022, at their farm in Dry Fork, he married Kassidy Denise Easter Nelson, who survives.

Also left to cherish Joe's memory is a son, Kaden Walker Nelson, two uncles, Elvin Kisamore and Nancy (Opie) Crinitti, and Guy Kisamore and wife, Canda, two aunts Juanita Posten, and husband, Kelly and Vada



Lawrence, a sister-in-law, Kallie Johnson, special cousins, Angie and Rich Kisner and Matt Evans, his secretary, Missy Scott, his dogs, Denver Peyton, Ginger Mae, and Ace, and many close friends.

Preceding Joe in death besides his father were his paternal grandparents, Edgar E. and Nela C. Nelson, his maternal grand-

parents, Elmer and Mable Kisamore.

Joe attended Tucker County High School. He owned and operated J & K Nelson Trucking. Joe enjoyed trucking, excavating, and farming.

A visitation will be held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Monday, September 11, 2023, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., the funeral hour. Interment will follow at Nelson Family Cemetery in Dry Fork. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Joseph Michael "Joe" Nelson. Send online condolences to the family at: www.hostetlerfuneral home.com.

## Wreath Workshop



Wreath workshop and its participants at Septemberfest at Blackwater Falls.

## Fenner Named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, NH-- Elizabeth Fenner of Parsons (26287) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Summer 2023 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with

a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www. snhu.edu.

## St. George Academy First Homecoming

The St. George Academy Preservation Society held the first homecoming for the School, Sunday, September 3, 2023. Past students, teachers and their families and community came together for a covered-dish luncheon, program, games, prizes and exploration of the school and the historic items and information it now holds.

Michael Shaffer, Vice President of the Academy Society, served as Master of Ceremonies and lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and announcements.

Matt Poling read a poem, 'It Couldn't Be Done" by Egar Guest and Ellen Shaffer read a second poem, "Moving the St. George Academy Building" by Londa Rigney. Bud Parsons spoke on repairs that had been made to the school and other repairs that need done as soon as possible. Donation boxes were placed throughout the school.

Michael Shaffer then offered prayer for the awesome covered-dish lunch and instructions were to eat at their leisure, renew old friendships with classmates and teachers, play games, explore the old school, and return at 2:30 for pictures and prize drawings.

It had been decided that there should be a queen for the Homecoming and a committee chose Alice Phillips as the queen for the First Annual St. George Academy Homecoming. Alice graduated from the school in 1950 and has many fond memories of her classmates and teachers. She also has been an active leader



Alice Phillips

and worker in the school's restoration since it was moved in 1985 to property donated by her mother, Freda Parsons. Paul Mauzy, President of the Academy Society, crowned Alice queen of the First Homecoming.

Prizes were given to the oldest student present who was Alice Phillips, youngest student present was Josh Poling and student or teacher who came the furthest was Jane Poling Wright from Virginia. Many other prizes were given out from the guest list and a good time was had by all.

Quartet of Becky Poling, Michael & Sandy Shaffer as well as Priscilla Flanagan closed with the song, "May Those Who Come Behind Us Find Us Faithful."

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## Mountaineer Garden Club



At the September 5th, 2023 meeting of the Mountaineer Garden Club, Speaker Kyle Ellison, a long time member of The American Chestnut Foundation, informed the members of the efforts to breed a disease resistant American Chestnut which was decimated from the forests beginning in 1930. TACF is a nonprofit American organization dedicated to breeding a blight-resistant American Chestnut tree and the reintroduction of this tree to the forests of the Eastern United States. The importance of the American Chestnut was stressed and the multifaceted efforts that are being made were discussed. Interested parties can find more information on the Foundation and how to obtain seedlings and nuts at https://tacf.org The garden club will hold a plant/bake sale on Sep 30th beginning at 9AM at the courthouse. The next meeting of the MGC will be on October 3rd at 6PM at Five Rivers Library in Parsons. New members are welcome to join

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#### Active Shooter Training

went really well, too," White said. "Not just the presentation, but I was quite surprised the way our staff received it, how they reacted

Lambert said that she has invited office staff, the school board and other school personnel to attend the training sessions. "I've told my staff here if they want to go out to one of those trainings, that they are welcome to," Lambert said.

Lambert said she has also invited St. George Medical Clinic to participate in the upcoming training at Tucker Valley. "I invited St. George Medical Clinic to participate in our January training with Tucker Valley as well," Lambert said, "since the schoolbased clinic is attached to Tucker Valley."

According to White, it was important for all the staff and those associated with the school to attend the training. "I think it would be well for all the staff to be there at least once," White said. "Just for the fact that they're going to get inundated with life things to deal with once or if something were to happen. They are going to need to know how to react...and if you don't train them, they're not going to know."

Lambert addressed the new verbiage used with Active Shooter Training and how it has affected how she and her staff view the issue.

"There's a lot of verbiage difference with things. Like, now we talk about putting the kids on the strong wall and that may change the setup of classrooms. Before we put them on the back wall...So just thinking about things in a new dynamic we hadn't thought of before. It also vastly changed our Code Yellow and Code Red." The change to the Codes reflected whether a shooter was in the area outside or inside of the building.

According to Lambert, new changes have already been implemented following the training. "It changes a lot about how we did things and that message. We've printed out new wall charts and made them throw away

all the old ones so that people don't get confused with what we're doing because they have contradictory information from the old ones last year. So, it's really a rebranding of

The High School event was not the only staff to have received Active Shooter Training, according to Lambert. "The bus drivers have also had an Active Shooter Training," Lambert said.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Board of Education will be held September 18th at 4:30 p.m. at the Tucker County Board of Education Office at 100 Education Lane in Parsons.

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#### Solid Waste Authority

at the site that were caught in the facility's wind pits. "So there were a lot of other comments made," Holstine said. "Nothing that we aren't used to, or whatever, about windblown and things like that. Now I will clarify," Holstine said, "that the windblown that they made comments about is caught in our wind pits."

"That's why it's there," Vice Chair Dennis Filler said.

Holstine said he is waiting to final determination and official notice from the DEP. "So, we will wait on the N.O.V. We will present it to you all so that we aren't going to be doing anything or they aren't going to be saying anything that you all aren't going to see. We will read it and make a decision on whether or not to protest or not."

According to Holstine most of the issues raised by the DEP have been already addressed by the Landfill. "Most of the comments made during the inspection, I believe have already been fixed, except for the windblown comment and we did shut down the eco mister in the pond until we could determine," Holstine said.

There is no cheap fix to the overspray issue, according to Holstine. "We are looking at ways to maybe prevent it leaving the extent of the pond, but if its not economically feasible that's a no-go. We are not going to bankrupt ourselves trying to put a fence up." Holstine said. "Jody said that there is a fence that you could put around the pond that will catch the overspray. That way it is not leaving the confines of the pond. But it is going to be very expensive. I can tell you that. So, we have to weigh the benefits."

Filler asked for clarification on the Eco Mister issue at the meeting. "The problem with the Eco Mister is we draw an N.O.V. because the overspray, it doesn't evaporate and its condensing on the ground?" Filler said.

Landfill Supervisor Jody Alderman clarified the issue. "It really evaporates,"

Alderman said. "But it leaves a residue. They don't like the residue."

"The way the Eco Mister works is, it pulls the Leachate in," Holstine said. "It blows it out in a mist. Most of the heavy contaminates fall out immediately into the pond and then the liquid is up in the air in the form of a mist and it evaporates as it travels. Well, the travel is going outside the sides of the pond and so you are getting residue on the outside of the fence. They don't like it. They shut it down."

According to Holstine the overspray did not cause any contamination at the site. "Now that doesn't mean anything is contaminated," Holstine said. "They just didn't like it and told us to shut it down. So, until we get it in writing, I don't know how to respond. Let's see what they say."

According to Holstine and Alderman, no other facility in the State of West Virginia operates Eco Mister technology. "There is a big landfill not too far away in Virginia that's running seven of them,"

Alderman said.

Filler said he thought there may be a lack of understanding of the technology at the state level. "So the state is the problem," Filler said. "There may be a lack of understanding on their part. I'm just trying to understand."

Holstine said he takes a novel approach to landfill management and implements technology before many others. "I'm novel," Holstine said. "It's not always appreciated. We're doing several things here that have never been done and that makes people nervous in the regulatory community. I get it."

The next meeting of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority will be held September 18th at 3 p.m. at the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Office located at 284 Landfill Road in Davis. Meetings on October 30th at 3 p.m. and December 11th at 3 p.m. are slated to follow. There will be not be a meeting held in November.

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have a couple of papers I would like to hand out," Canfield said. "I'm looking for students. It can be young, old, male, female. You don't have to be associated with no emergency services, fire, law or anything like that."

Search and Rescue

According to Canfield, age 16 and up are allowed to participate with parental approval. Canfield also said that anyone in the area is welcome to attend. Students are not required to be a Tucker County Resident. Canfield said there is no cost for the classes.

According to Canfield the courses are open to the public. "They are open to the public," Canfield said. "I need twenty students. Nineteen including myself because I am going to attend every one of these classes."

Canfield said if anyone was interested in the course to contact him as soon as possible. "If you guys would like to take some of these classes, get with me so I can start organizing and go out to the public to see if I can get other students to come on board so we can

get Jeff Cunningham up here to teach these classes." According to the WV Emergency Management Division website, Cunningham is the Training and SAR Officer.

Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau was present at the meeting and offered to have the information about the courses posted to the Commission's Facebook page. "If you would bring a list of the classes and whatever, as well as the contact information, we can put it on our Facebook page, too, the Commission, to help get the word out."

Interim Director Amanda Simmons commented that the courses are a welcome addition to the county and have been needed and requested for some time. "I will tell you this," Simmons said. "This is something that the Fire Department has been asking for, for several years. Alan Cosner who is Company 20's Chief, is elated to see these classes coming in."

According to Simmons, Cunningham

is excited to have these courses offered in Tucker County. "Jeff Cunningham was like, 'I am elated. I will come up and do every class that your training officer cannot.' So, Joe will take the classes that are on the list that he can do and we will go from there."

According to Canfield the following courses will be offered and are two-to-threeday courses:

- · Land Navigation using Map and Com-
- Orienteering
- GPS
- Lost Person Behavior
- SAR Incident Command/Management
- NIMS 100, 200, 700, 800 (Done Online)
- First Aid, CPR/AED, Stop the Bleeding • SAR Radio Communication, Ham Radio
- Clue Awareness, Tracking
- Search Strategies
- Knots
- Swift Water Awareness
- Scent Theory

- Blood-borne Pathogens
- Crime Scene Prevention
- Air Scent Canine
- Trailing Canine
- HRD Land • HRD Water
- · Drone Safety, Search Strategies with ATV Safety, Search Strategies with ATV
- Mountain Bike Safety, Search Strategies
- with Mountain Bike • Night Search Operations
- Flora/Fauna (Plant and Animal Aware-

• Safe Water (How to make water safe to For more information, contact Mike Can-

field at 304-642-1711.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Ambulance Authority will be held September 20th at 5 p.m. at the Five Rivers Public Library Meeting Room at 301 Walnut St. in Parsons.



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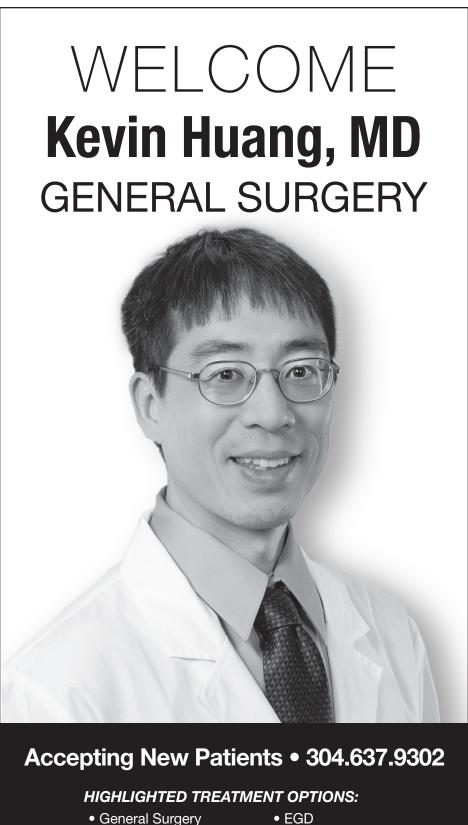


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#### **Keister Nestor Reunion**

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

#### **Retired School Employees Meeting**

Tucker County Association of Retired School Employees meeting is at noon on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at Grand Slam Grill. All retirees are invited to attend.

#### **Revival - Parsons Nazarene** Church

Sunday September 17th 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. 18th, 19th & 20th at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Democratic Executive Committee**

The Tucker County Democratic Executive Committee will hold the 3rd quarter meeting

Thursday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. via ZOOM. For more information call the Executive Committee 304-642-5659. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81136712314 ?pwd=ZVlRc3NxSGE0MlRCZ3VGbjA yZHBwUT09

Meeting ID: 811 3671 2314 Passcode: 17047

#### **Upcoming Events at Eastern**

Art Club - Bring your own drawing/art materials on Wednesday, September 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. trent.montgomery@easternwv.edu is the contact for it.

Board At College Club (Board Game Association) - September 28; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. An evening of playing an array of board games we provide or bring your own. There will be snacks provided at no cost. Contact dixie.heavener@easternwv.edu.



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. 13, 1844: Milton Humphreys was born in Greenbrier County. During the Civil War, he enlisted in the Confederate service as a sergeant. At the battle of Fayetteville, Humphreys fired his cannon at Union artillery from behind an intervening forest, setting a precedent for modern warfare by the use of indirect

Sept. 13, 1848: Attorney "J. R." Clifford was born in present Grant County. In 1887, Clifford became the first African-American admitted to practice law before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. He was one of the first lawyers in the nation to challenge segregated schools.

Sept. 13, 1862: Confederate and Union forces clashed in Charleston. Southern artillery gained the high ground on Fort Hill and smashed the federals who were lining the

west bank of the Elk River. Sept. 13, 1910: Musician Leon "Chu" Berry was born in Wheeling. He was one of the most highly regarded saxophonists of the Swing Era.

Sept. 14, 1898: Okey L. Patteson was born in Mingo County. Patteson, called the "Great Persuader," tackled difficult decisions as West Virginia's 23rd governor from 1949 to 1953.

Sept. 15, 1861: In the aftermath of the Battle of Carnifex Ferry, Union forces under the command of Gen. Jacob Cox occupied the area of Spy Rock. Spy Rock is a natural landmark located on U.S. 60,

## **Weather Totals**

August 29 - September 5

**Nursery Bottom Parsons** 

**Temperature** 

Max 87° F 46° F Min

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18 miles east of Hawks States. His books include Sept. 15, 1862: Confederate Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson forced the surrender of a large Union garrison inside the town of Harpers Ferry. The 12,500 prisoners taken by Jackson was the largest surrender of federal troops in the war.

Sept. 15, 1875: Henry Hatfield was born near Matewan, Mingo County. As a doctor in the coal camps, he helped secure funding to establish three miners hospitals for the southern part of the state. In 1912, he was elected the state's 14th governor.

Sept. 15, 1906: Song writer Jack Rollins was born in Keyser. Rollins wrote the lyrics to "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" and "Frosty the Snow Man," two of America's most popular songs.

Sept. 16, 1876: The town of Milton in Cabell County was incorporated and named in honor of Milton Rece, a large landowner at the time.

Sept. 16, 1926: Writer John Knowles was born in Fairmont. He attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, A Separate

Sept. 16, 1950: Scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. was born in Keyser. Gates is one of the leading Black intellectuals in the United Colored People: A Memoir, about growing up in Mineral County. He hosts the popular PBS program Finding Your Roots.

Sept. 17, 1848: Artist Lily Irene Jackson was born in Parkersburg. Jackson was best known as a painter of animal portraits and floral arrangements, and as an advocate for the

Sept. 18, 1947: Historian and journalist Minnie Kendall Lowther died. Born in Ritchie County, she was one of the first West Virginia women to become a newspaper editor.

Sept. 18, 1989: Playwright Maryat Lee died in Lewisburg. She established Eco Theater in Summers County as an indigenous mountain theater, using Summers County people as

Sept. 19, 1892: William "Bill" Blizzard was born in Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Blizzard became one of West Virginia's most influential and controversial labor leaders of the 20th century.

## Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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#### By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County is a place of peaks and valleys, twists and turns and a lot of rivers and waterways. That is why Corridor-H is the road with a thousand bridges. The count is also known for immense fog banks rolling in at night and early mornings. Momma Said, "Corridor-H should have the name changed to Road in the Clouds."

When it ever gets finished it will be a challenge for out of state drivers to navigate. At least it will be straighter than the roads we have now. I hope the engineers have thought to run electric along the road as they build it because we are definitely going to need some sodium lights burning so people can find the road.

I am sure the views are going to be jaw dropping beautiful when it ever gets done, that is after the fog burns off. Both ends of the road are done and they are working their way to the middle, I guess they left the hard part for last because the next Momma helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to m By Teri Cayton

phase is going up the mountain toward Thomas and Davis and that is going to be some engineering feats to pull off.

I may live long enough to see it complete but by that time I will be too old to drive and won't be able to see well enough to enjoy the view. Momma Said, "God willing and the creek don't rise, I will be able to drive it at least once." On another note, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to a loyal reader, Jeanette, for the beautiful sympathy card she sent on the loss of my beloved Ripley. It is good to see there are still people in this world that think of others in times of cri-

## **BBQ Beer Can Chicken**

#### **Ingredients**

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- ROASTER FOR THIS RECIPE
- Olive oil
- 1 TSP cumin
- 1 TSP paprika
- ½ TSP dried thyme
- ½ TSP dried sage
- ¾ TSP salt • 1/4 TSP black pepper
- 1 beer (lager or ale something
- 1 5lb chicken
- BROWN SUGAR BBQ SAUCE:
- 1/3 CUP dark brown sugar
- ½ CUP ketchup
- 1/4 CUP apple cider vinegar • 1 TBSP soy sauce
- 1 TBSP Dijon mustard
- 1 TBSP grated onion or 1 tsp
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- 3. Place the chicken on top of the vertical roaster, inserting the cavity of the chicken over the beer well.
- 4. Pre-heat the grill to roughly 400°F. Grill the chicken over indirect heat by turning off one of the burners of the grill or pushing coals to one side of the grill. Place the roaster on top of the indirect heat area. Close the lid and grill for 60 to 75 minutes. Be sure not to lift the lid for at least the first 30 minutes.
- 5. While the chicken is cooking make the BBQ Sauce. Combine the brown sugar, ketchup, apple cider vinegar, soy sauce, Dijon mustard, onion and paprika in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, lower the heat and simmer for about 15 minutes. Season with freshly ground black pepper.
- 6. After 1 hour of grilling, brush the chicken generously with the BBQ sauce and continue to grill for 5 to 15 minutes until the chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165°F on an instant read thermometer. Brush with more BBQ sauce.
- 7. Remove from the grill and carefully transfer the chicken to a cutting board. Let the chicken rest for 10 minutes before carving. Serve with any remaining BBQ sauce.

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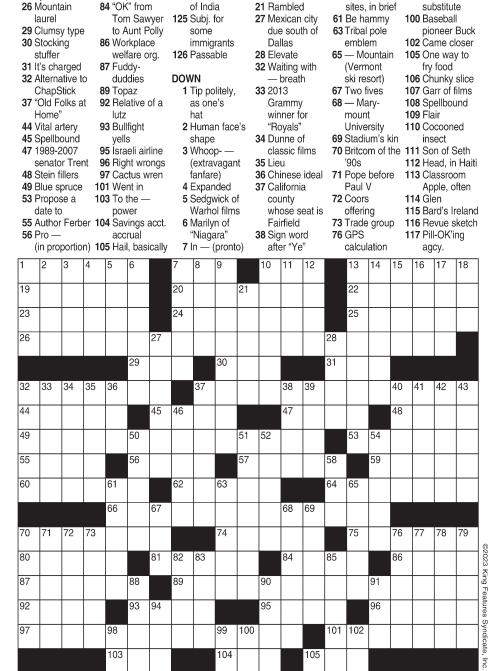
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Corridor H

The WVDOH does not believe the current evaluations will cause delays in getting the project under construction. Much of the data that the FHWA is requesting the DOH to provide has long been collected and analyzed.

The WVDOH will submit all the requirements to the FHWA and request that they expedite the Notice of Intent, which will lead to the final NEPA document. In the meantime, the WVDOH is actively and urgently continuing

### **U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree to Visit Tucker County During 2023 Tour**

"People's Tree" will spread holiday joy on journey from West Virginia to Washington, D.C.

Parsons, WV - Each year, a different national forest provides a tree to light up the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol building for the holiday season. The Monongahela National Forest, in partnership with nonprofit partner Choose Outdoors and presenting sponsor 84 Lumber, will bring the 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree from West Virginia to Washington, D.C., including a special appearance in at Davis Yard, 533 William Avenue, Davis.

The 63-foot-tall Norway Spruce will be harvested on the Matonongahela National Forest in early November The journey will include a series of outdoor community celebrations before being delivered to the U.S. Capitol on Nov. 17, where it will be decorated with handmade ornaments specially created by West Virginians.

Festivities during the tree's visit to Davis on Monday, Nov. 13, 4-6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The tree's journey is possible with the generous support of presenting sponsor 84 Lumber along with Kenworth Truck Company, Werner Enterprises, Hale Truck and Trailer, Spireon, WCHS ABC 8/FOX 11, Verizon Frontline, Society of American Foresters, All Crane & Equipment Rental, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Truckload Carriers Association, AHF Products, Bruce®, Armstrong Flooring<sup>TM</sup> and Robbins® flooring brands, Great West Casualty Company, Warwood Tool, LexisNexis VitalChek Network, Inc. and more.

The top priority is the safety of tour staff, event attendees, and the tree; local public health guidelines will be followed. We ask the public to be aware of the large truck's substantial blind spots, wide turns, and longer stopping distances on our roads as they welcome the tree to their communities.v

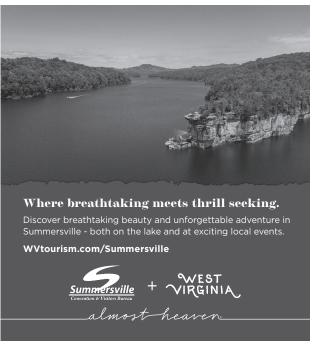
For news, events, and tour information, visit uscapitolchristmastree.com, @uscapitolchristmastree on Facebook and Instagram, and @MonongahelaNF on Facebook.



with preliminary design activities.

This process will test the ROPA alignment, and confirm the value of solid, deliberate, good engineering.

The WVDOH believes the ROPA alignment for Corridor H is the best route with the least negative impact on local communities, and also believes further study of the more northern alignment will reaffirm the ROPA alignment as the better choice.







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With work continuing in all 55 counties across the state, the West Virginia Division of Highways and the West Virginia Department of Transportation remind the public of the importance of keeping everyone safe in work zones by keeping "Heads up; phones down!"

#### LEGAL

I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:

Deceased

Eva Marie Rudy

Alain L. Kieny

2nd publication 9/13/23

Personal Representative(s) 1st publication 9/6/23

First United Bank and Trust PO Box 557 2nd publication 9/13/23 Oakland, MD 21550 Mary C. Kibler 1st publication 9/6/23 198 Sunnyside Ln.

Parsons, WV 26287

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

#### 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

On September 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. the Town of Davis will hold public hearings. The public hearing is on a proposed zoning ordinance for the Town of Davis.

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

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

Copies of the proposed zoning ordinance may be examined at the

Written objections to the proposed ordinance may be made and will be heard at the public hearings and must be filed with the Town Clerk. Encourage such use while maintaining the Town's character.

#### LEGAL

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF THOMAS BAD BUILDINGS DEMOLITION PROJECT TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Sealed bids for the BAD Buildings Demolition Project will be rethe City of Thomas 307 Spruce Street County, West Virginia until 1:00 P.M., L.P.T., on Wednesday, October 4, 2023; at which time, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of the work to be bid upon is described as follows:

Demolition of the structures located at 344 Spruce Street, 207 Brown Street, 253 Buxton Street, 36 South Euclid Street, 262 South Euclid Street, and 363 Chestnut Alley, Thomas, Tucker County, West Virginia. Work shall include asbestos abatement, demolition, grading sites for positive drainage, and seeding and mulching the disturbed area. Contractor is responsible for all traffic control, all necessary federal, state, and local permitting, removal of debris to a licensed landfill, coordinating for the disconnection of all utilities, and any other miscellaneous work necessary for the demolition of said structures.

The contract will have a construction time limit of ninety (90) calendar days with liquidated damages of one-thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars per day. Asbestos abatement must be performed in accordance with West Virginia Division of Health Legislative Rules Title 64 Series 63, OSHA Asbestos Construction Standard 29 CRF 1926.1101, and the EPA Asbestos NESHAP guidelines 40 CFR 61, Subpart M. A Notice of Abatement, Demolition, or Renovation form must be submitted to the proper agencies, and a 10-day notice given prior to the commence-

ment of abatement on this project. Bidding documents may be obtained or examined at the Thomas City Hall, City of Thomas, 307 Spruce Street, Thomas, West Virginia 26292. A bidder may not withdraw their bid for a period of thirty (30) days

after the date set for the opening of bids. Bidders must hold a current West Virginia Contractor's License on the date of Bid Opening.

A pre-bid conference will be held at Thomas City Hall located at 307 Spruce Street, Thomas, Tucker County, West Virginia on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., L.P.T. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. The City of Thomas reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities. Jody Flanagan, Mayor

City of Thomas

#### LEGAL

#### WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF ABANDONED MINE LANDS AND RECLAMATION

Public meetings will be conducted to describe proposed AML Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Projects. The intent of these AMLER Projects is to alleviation of health, safety and environmental problems created by coal mines abandoned prior to August 3, 1977, while providing an opportunity for economic and community development end use. Information regarding these projects, including required NEPA documentation, can be obtained from the WVDEP at 304-926-0499. The following projects listed with county locations will be explained

**Project Name** County Davis Center Headquarters Facility Tucker Range 1 Training Facility Stonewood I-79 Development McDowell Harrison Tap Room Coworking Synergy Center & Apartments Tucker Cinderella Adventure Resort Mingo Mountwood Park Trail Center and Campground Development

These projects will be vetted by the Federal Office of Surface Mining for funding consideration. Public meetings to explain the projects will be conducted as follows: Tuesday, October 31, 2023, Charleston - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation,

601 57th St. SE, Charleston, WV 25304, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Contact Ryan Jackson or Shon Cyfers,

Thursday, November 2, 2023, Bridgeport - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 101 Cambridge Place, Bridgeport, WV 26330, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Contact Ryan Jackson or Shon Cyfers, 304-926-0499.

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## **Tucker County Cross Country Runs Well at Lincoln**

By Dave Helmick

TuckerCountySports.Com

SHINNSTON – The Mt. Lions Girls' and Boys' Cross Country team traveled to Lincoln High School on Saturday September 9th for the Junior Nuzum Memorial

In the Girls' race Katie Hicks was the top finisher for the Lady Mt. Lions with a 2nd place finish and a time of 21:10.38. Addi Moats(24:06.54) finished 6th, Addie Hicks(25:59.98) placed 9th, Brianna Gooden(26:49.34) was 12th, Adrianna Tuttle(36:56.39) was 23rd and Lilly Boyles(39:02.61) finished in 24th place. The Lady Mt. Lions team finished in 2nd place.

The Tucker County Boys' team would run the Lincoln course next. The top runner for the Mt. Lions was Cameron Judy with a time of 19:47.90 and a 9th place finish. The remaining Tucker County runners finished as follows: 10th-Alex Boyles(19:57.47), 15th-Nate Ricottilli(20:40,45), 16th-Lynk Suesli(21:16.77), 26th-Allan Boyles(23:26.41), 27th-Ryan Scott(23:35.74) and 36th-Ivan Lothes(25:53.96). The Tucker County Boys' team finished in 3rd place overall.



Tucker County's Brianna Gooden runs at the Cross Country Meet at Lincoln on Sept. 9th. Photo by Sarah

The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams will return to action next Saturday September



Nate Ricottilli of Tucker County competes at a Cross Country Meet at Lincoln on Sept. 9th. Photo by Sarah

16th at Elkins for the Forest Festival Invitational. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## Mt. Lion Football Gets the Big Win at East Hardy 28-7



Mt. Lions player Owen Knotts makes a tackle against East Hardy on September 8th. Tucker County won the contest on the road 28-7. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick

TuckerCountySports.Com

BAKER – The Tucker County Football team traveled to East Hardy on Friday September 8th. The Mt. Lions raced to a 22-0 lead and then got the win by the final score of 28-7.

Tucker County won the toss and deferred the option to give East Hardy the ball to start the game.

The Cougars would drive the ball down to the Mt. Lions 16 yard line, but Reid Kisamore intercepted an East Hardy pass on the goal line to give the ball to Tucker County. The Mt. Lions then put together a drive and scored on a pass play from Ethan Rosenau to Maddox Anderson from 10 yards out. The 2 point conversion was good on a pass to Blaike Adams to give Tucker County an 8-0 lead. The next possession for East Hardy would result in a punt and the Mt. Lions would block the punt. Tucker County would capitalize on the turnover as Rosenau connected with Adams for a 12 yard touchdown pass. The PAT was good on a run by Jared Reall to put the Mt. Lions lead to 16-0 after one quarter of play.

The Cougars would then drive the ball down inside the Tucker County 20 yard line, but the Mt. Lions held on a fourth down play to give the ball back to Tucker County. The Mt. Lions offense again drove the ball down the field as they scored on a 4 yard touchdown run by Reall with 3:50 left in the second quarter. The 2 point conversion was no good to make the score 22-0 Tucker. The Mt. Lions then recovered the kick on the kickoff to give Tucker County the ball right back. The drive for the Mt. Lions stalled and Tucker County was forced to punt the ball away. The ensuing East Hardy drive ended after another interception by the Mt. Lions Racer Channell at the end of the second quarter to make the halftime

score 22-0 Mt. Lions.

Tucker County got the ball to start the third quarter, but the Cougars forced a punt to give East Hardy the ball back with 9:53 left in the third. The homestanding Cougars would drive the ball down the field and East Hardy scored on an 8 yard touchdown run. The PAT kick was good to make the score 22-7 with 8:05 left in the third quarter. The game was stopped late in the third quarter because of a lightning delay. After a 1 hour delay East Hardy started to drive the ball, but Maddox Anderson intercepted the Cougars pass to give the ball back to the Mt. Lions as the third quarter ended to keep the score at 22-7 Tucker County after three quar-

In the early part of the fourth quarter the Mt. Lions were stopped again and forced to punt. East Hardy was then stopped on their drive after a failed fourth down play. Tucker County would then put together a long scoring drive that was extended on a key fourth down pass play. Rosenau then called his own number as he scored on a 6 yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter to put the Mt. Lions up 28-7 after the failed PAT. East Hardy was unable to score the rest of the game to give Tucker County the big road win by the final score of 28-7.

Jared Reall led Tucker County with 103 yards rushing on 24 carries and Ethan Rosenau had 132 yards on 13 of 23 passing. Blaike Adams added 6 receptions for 58 yards receiving for the Mt. Lions and Garrett Wilfong had 4 catches for 42 yards receiving. Maddox Anderson collected 3 receptions for 38 yards and Jared Reall led the defense with 6 tackles.

Tucker County(3-0) will travel to Gilmer County on Friday September 15th. Kickoff is scheduled for 7pm at Glennville State University. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County's Jared Reall carries the ball at East Hardy on September 8th. The Mt. Lions got the win by the score of 28-7. Photo by Brittany Channell.

## **Tucker Volleyball Drops Matches** to Petersburg and Elkins

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON - The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Elkins for a JV and Varsity match on Wednesday September 6th. In the JV match the visiting Lady Tigers won the match in straight sets 25-8 and 25-11.

In the varsity match Tucker County fell behind early in Set 1 and they were unable to recover as they fell in Set 1 by the score of 25-12. In Set 2 both teams battled early as the set was tied 3-3 and 4-4. Elkins then scored 11 straight points to lead the Lady Mt. Lions 15-4. The Lady Tigers then outscored Tucker County 10-3 to win Set 2 with a score of 25-7 to go up 2-0 in the match. Tucker County got off to a good start in Set 3 as they 8-4 early in the set. Elkins then rallied back to tie the score at 11-11. The Lady Mt. Lions then were outscored 14-5 the rest of the set as Elkins won the final set 25-16. This would give the Lady Tigers the Match win 3-0.

PETERSBURG - The Tucker County Volleyball team traveled to Petersburg on Thursday September 7th. In the JV match the homestanding Lady Vikings won the match in straight sets 25-17 and 25-11.

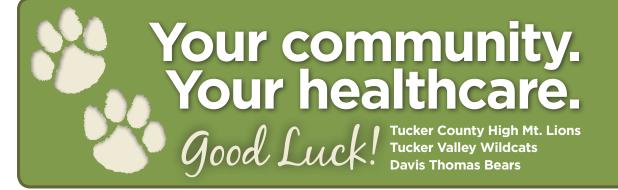
In the varsity match the Lady Mt. Lions got off to a good start in Set 1 as they led early 5-1. The homestanding Lady Vikings fought back to tie the score at 9-9. Both teams battled back and forth as the score was tied at 9-9, 10-10, 13-13, 14-14. Tucker



Tucker County's Rachel Felton competes in a match against Elkins at home on September 6th. The Lady Tigers won the match 3-0. Photo by Dave Helmick.

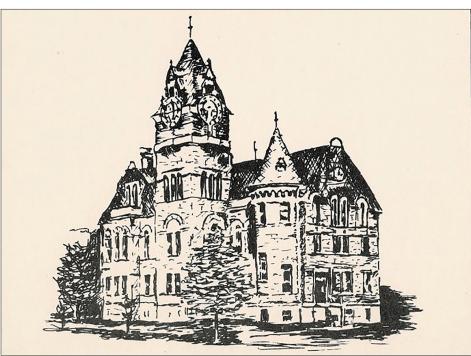
County then pulled away slightly 17-15. The Lady Mt. Lions then closed out Set 1 with an 8-0 run to win the set 25-15. Petersburg would fight back in Set 2 as they led early 6-2. The Lady Mt. Lions responded to tie the score at 15-15. The Lady Vikings then outpointed Tucker County 10-3 the rest of the set to win Set 2 by the score of 25-18. In Set 3 the visiting Lady Mt. Lions never trailed as they led 5-2, 12-6, 18-10, 20-13, before pulling away for the Set 3 win 25-17. Petersburg would respond again in Set 4 as they never trailed in the set as they took the set win 25-14. The final set was highly competitive as there was 7 ties in the set. The Lady Vikings pulled away for a slight lead at 10-6, but Tucker County fought back to tie the score at 11-11 ,12-12. Petersburg then got 3 straight points to take the Set 5 win 15-12. This gave the Lady Vikings the win 3-2 in a great match.

Tucker County(0-4) will host Pendleton County on Thursday September 14th at 6pm. The Lady Mt. Lions will then travel to Petersburg for the PVC Tournament on Saturday September 16th at 10am. Tucker County will then host North Marion on Monday September 18th at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.





#### TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a sketch of the Tucker County Courthouse drawn by William Phelps of Thomas. The sketch was put on printed note cards. The card reads: Tucker County Courthouse, 1900, Historic National Register, Declared a Tucker County Historic Landmark on July 4, 1984. Work began on the courthouse in 1898 and was completed and occupied in June 1900. The contract to build was let to Ploantus Shrake at the cost of \$35,000.00. It was decided that a bell would not be installed in the building but a clock instead. A clock face was installed but there was no money left to have a working clock. In 1921 the bootleggers and moonshiners paid for the clock and the innerworkings. The National Prohibition Amendment went into effect in 1920 and the fines paid the full cost of \$2,421.00. The clock was installed and started running at 4:00 p.m. on February1, 1922. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

## Wildcats Drop Game at Home to Charles Town 50-0

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS - The Tucker Valley Middle School Football team hosted Charles Town Middle from the Eastern Panhandle on Saturday September 9th.

The Wildcats were competitive early as Charles Town scored one touchdown in the first quarter. The score at the end of

the first was 8-0 Charles Town. Tucker Valley was unable to sustain their defense and the visiting Panthers then pulled away. Charles Town would get the win by the final score of 50-0 over Tucker Valley.

Tucker Valley(0-2) will return to action on Thursday September 14th at Tygarts Valley. Kickoff is scheduled for 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.

#### **AREA SCHEDULE:**

Wednesday September 13th

Tucker Valley Volleyball vs Davis-

Davis-Thomas Volleyball @ Tucker Valley 6pm

#### Thursday September 14th

Tucker County Volleyball vs Pendleon County @ Home 6pm

Tucker County Golf @ Canaan Valley Tucker Valley Football @ Tygarts Valley 6pm

Tucker Valley Volleyball @ South Preston 6pm

#### Friday September 15th

Tucker County Football @ Gilmer County 7pm

Saturday September 16th

Tucker County Volleyball @ PVC Tournament, Petersburg 10am Tucker County Cross Country @

Elkins(Forrest Fest. Invit.) 9am

**Monday September 18th** 

Tucker County Volleyball vs North Marion @ Home 6pm

Tucker Valley Volleyball Tri @ Union w/Moorefield 5pm

Davis-Thomas Volleyball Tri @ East Preston w/Bruceton 5pm

#### **Tuesday September 19th**

Tucker County Volleyball vs East Hardy @ Home 5pm

Tucker County Cross Country @ South Harrison 4:30pm

GolfTucker County Petersburg(Valley View) 4pm

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#### **Council Meeting**

lief and myself to replace Bruce Kol-

Acting Mayor Bruce Kolsun called a point of order on the motion due to the listing on the agenda as a discussion item. "It's under discuss," Kolsun said. "You can't make a motion. Under the

Turner said he had attempted to adjust the agenda item previously in the meeting. During approval of the agenda early in the meeting, Turner had stated he wanted to add some items. "And I said that I was going to make a motion and you said, and Tim Auvil said, its

Kolsun reiterated that the item was a discussion only agenda item. "It's on the agenda as discuss. We're just going

Council Member Melissa Jones explained why she thought the motion was made. "And the reason I think it is to remove you is because the Mayor can't have a say, correct?" Jones said. "From Benefit of Citizens? She has no say in the Benefit of Citizens. Because

Council Member Tim Auvil explained the role of the committee and its position on votes. "There's no vote, technically, to approve the list," Auvil said.

Turner said little during the meeting and said he would put his motions on the agenda for the next City Council meeting. "I will put my motions on the next meeting," Turner said.

Kolsun continued the discussion of the issue by asking about the changes proposed by Turner. "Can we discuss that," Kolsun said. "Why are you making those changes? What's the purpose

"We'll put that on the next meeting as a motion," Turner said.

"Can we discuss it?" Kolsun said. "It is on the agenda as a discussion."

Auvil said he did not understand the issue with the committees. "I'm a council member, maybe I could make up a list for everybody that needs to be on the committees," Auvil said. "I mean I don't understand."

"You could make it up but it would have to be approved," Turner said.

Auvil said he questioned whether a council member should have the authority to assign committees. "But I don't understand how a council member can have the authority to say who can be on what committee and who is going to get kicked off what committee?" Auvil

Kolsun said that responsibility has "It's just a recommendation to present always fallen with the Mayor. "That is to council. Council approves the list the Mayor's responsibility. Always has been," Kolsun said.

Turner clarified his proposed motion for the next meeting. "So, we will put on the agenda for next time a motion that council will compose the names of people for committees and then we will have a motion to change some people on committees," Turner said.

Council Member Kathy DiBacco questioned how long it takes for someone to be assigned to a committee. "I know I keep getting told that I'm new here," DiBacco said. "That's why you don't get on committees, but how long do you have to be here before you can get on committees?"

"You can get on committees," Kolsun

"I mean committees that do something," DiBacco said. "That's what I'm saying."

"You can make them do something," Kolsun said. "I was on a committee that didn't do anything as a rule, but then, we just did things. But that's another story. I understand. We can make committees do things. It's the three people on the committee that makes the committee do things or not do things. But that's all I'm going to say about that."

Kolsun said he had spoken to other council members about the timing of the assignments to committee in the past. "But as a rule, I have spoken to other council members about this, we don't change committees midstream," Kolsun said. "We do it when after an election because if I'm off and Tim's off and everyone else is on, then the new person that comes in next July may never get on a committee. That's why you do it on the days after an election."

Kolsun said he would compromise on the issue and proposed a system that involved both the Mayor and the Council working together to compose lists

of committee members. will make a proposal," Kolsun said. I'm still the Mayor until next, Acting Mayor, and I am pickcoming mittees, I want input. I'm going to go on a limb and say I'll take input from anybody. So if you have a list of three people that want to be whatever com-

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list of three people and you have a list of three people and Missy has a list and Tim has a list and we all have a lists of three people, then we'll sit down and say, ok well, Tim's really good on the Streets so we'll keep him on there because he knows that and somebody else may be good on something else."

Kolsun and Auvil said they knew that there was never a situation where everyone would be satisfied with the assignments. "I see value in what you do, too, but is that a problem if I were to agree to do that?" Kolsun said. "Rather than have a Councilperson say I want you on this committee and they want on the committee and we voted. Then nobody gets on the committee they want, maybe."

"Somebody's feelings are going to get hurt," Auvil said.

"If we do it collectively," Kolsun said, "and say, you give me your list, let's get it done."

Council Member James "Sam" Humphrey, Jr. asked if a consensus system was how the committee selection process has always been completed. "Is that how you've always done it, though?" Humphrey said.

"No," Kolsun said. "No, the Mayor just picked them. I'm going out on a limb even to give that other stipulation and I'm ok with that. I feel real uncomfortable saying that one person picks a committee. I don't think that's fair... where's the authority?"

Kolsun said that if committee members wished to step down and someone else wanted to take their place, arrangements could be made. "If say you say you want to be on the cemetery committee and somebody else doesn't, we could work that out," Kolsun said. "Ok, Dave doesn't want to be on the Cemetery Committee anymore because Sam wants to be on it. We'll put Sam on it, put Dave on something else. We could do it that way, too. But just to take people off because any councilperson says you're off...It's not coming on fair to anybody. We need to really, really think about this."

Auvil asked Turner for clarification on his previous motion during the approval of the agenda. "So did you make a motion, Tim, to change the wording, not just discuss?" Auvil said.

"I'll submit my motions before the next meeting," Turner said. "For the agenda."

"I'm not going to address it," Turner

"We're still discussing, sir," Kolsun

"You're still discussing," Turner said. "I'm not. I will make my motions for

next meeting." The next meeting of the City of Parsons City Council will be held on Tues-

day, September 19th at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building at 341 Second

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#### **NOTICE**

To our 2023 Christmas **Club Members** 

The last day we will be accepting payments on the 2023 clubs will be Monday, October 2, 2023

At 3:00 pm

2024 Clubs may be opened any time on or fter Monday, October 16, 2023 and checks wi be disbursed the week of October 4th, 2024.

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## Yards of the Month - September





The Mountaineer Garden Club selected two residential yards of the month for September. There are so many beautiful yards to choose from that the selection can be very difficult. The first yard chosen belongs to Kim Arbaugh Bonner on Jameson Avenue and wins kudos for her beautiful colorful yard full of vincas, pansies, roses and hostas. Marlayne Nestor's home on Center Street has been carefully curated with a beautiful Bloodgood Japanese maple and a double weeping Cherry tree. Waxed begonias in hanging baskets along with barberry and multifaceted shrubs dispersed throughout.

## Successful Juried Art Show Held at Eastern College and Juried By Robert Singleton

Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern) is currently holding a juried art show in the Charles D. Terrell art gallery at their main campus. This show was juried by Robert Singleton, who is considered a master artist by the Tamarack Foundation for the Arts with over sixty-five years of working experience as an artist. Artists were able to submit up to two of their artworks and it was open to all mediums of art. Artworks created using oil, watercolor, and acrylic paint, graphite pencils, ink pens, photography, digital media, and ceramic are on display. In total, fifty submissions were received, ranging as far as Wheeling and Huntington. The submissions didn't have to be from just West Virginia artists either; some came from Maryland and Virginia residents. Eastern had multiple awards that artists could win as well, with there being a first, second, third, honorable mention, and student award prize tiers.

Curating the show was Trent Montgomery, who manages the design and oversees the marketing efforts of the college. "This was an idea I've had since I started at Eastern. It took many months of thinking about the logistics of it and doing outreach to the art councils in the Potomac Highlands region. They were all very helpful and willing to answer any questions I had," said Montgomery, "President Striplin was also supportive of it from the beginning and suggested that we try to get Robert Singleton to jury the show. Mr. Singleton has known Jaennae Snyder, Eastern HR representative, and Monica Wilson, interim v.p. of academic and student services practically their whole lives, so Jaennae was able to get me his number, I called him, and he was kind enough to agree to be a part of this."

Singleton came to the Eastern campus in person to make his award picks on the Friday before the reception. Before the judging started, he walked through the gallery a few times to take in the art and get a feel for everything. Then, with Montgomery entail, they walked back and forth through the hall where Singleton would tell him to mark a star next to certain artworks. As the stars accumulated for certain artworks, the higher they rose in ranking until finally the pieces with four stars made up the winners. From those, Singleton made his selections for who would win in each prize ranking. "The quality is really outstanding," said Singleton, "It's nice seeing how well done



Jill Baldinger



**Liuqing Ruth Yang** 



(I-r) Front row- Jill Baldinger, first place winner; Liuqing Ruth Yang, second palce winner; Sadie Chidester; Middle Row - Susan Feller, honorable mention; Kristen Colebank; Lillith White; Trent Montgomery, Curator and honorable mention; Back Row - Dianna Harvey; Trenton Johnson, honorable mention; Steven Wilson; Steven Hanson.

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## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 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

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was a lot of back and forth."

The reception for the show was held on the evening of Tuesday, September 5 where the artists could socialize over light refreshments, and the winners of the prizes received their awards. President of Eastern, Dr. Tom Striplin, announced the winners at the reception. Jill Baldinger of Keyser, WV won \$250 for first place with her gouache painting, Running Lines. Liuqing Ruth Yang of Fairmont, WV won \$175 for second place with her oil painting, Freedom. Thanhtay Maung of Moorefield, WV won third place with his oil painting, A Barber Shop in Moorefield. Originally, there was supposed to be one honorable mention, but Singleton asked Montgomery if it could be expanded from the number of good works that were submitted. Four artists received an honorable mention, three with a \$50 prize. Gabe DeWitt of Morgantown, WV for his drawing/illustration, Work Notes; Susan Feller, of Augusta, WV, for her textile artwork, Miss Mountaintop Removal; Trenton Johnson of Petersburg, WV, for his oil painting, Put on a Happy Face; Trent Montgomery, of Rawlings, MD with his digital illustration, The Protected Lands, excluded himself from the money since he also served as curator. Hannah Barclay of Hampshire County won \$50 and a \$50 Eastern gift card for the student prize with her painting, Grace.

The exhibition will run until September 26 and can be seen from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. without an appointment, Monday through

the pieces are from all over West Virginia. It Friday. Eastern plans to hold more art events was a tough call to choose the prizes. There for the community going forward. "I'm an artist, I'm passionate about it, and it's exciting what can be done for the arts here on campus," said Montgomery, "I think this has already opened a lot of doors for what we can do, and I'm excited to see where it goes." Montgomery has put together the Eastern Art Club, which is open to everyone who would like to attend. This will start on Wednesday, September 13 at the main campus in Moorefield; more info can be found at www.easternwv.edu/events/.

This exhibition was sponsored by The Eastern Arts Society, a branch of the Eastern Foundation which is led by Robert Burns, director of non-profits. The prize amounts were provided through Eastern Foundation which funds events like these through the generous support from donations given by members of the community. To donate in support of the arts and local affordable higher education, email Robert Burns at robert.burns@easternwv.edu. The Eastern Arts Society celebrates, promotes, and fosters creativity through its publication (Eagle's Nest), sponsored events, and activities coordinated by the Arts Society, like the Art Club and the annual Juried Art Show. All students are welcome and encouraged to join the Arts Society. For inquiries about the Arts Society, email trent. montgomery@easternwv.edu. The refreshments and food were purchased by Monica Wilson, interim v. p. of academic and student services through the Equity for Diversity Grant by WVCTCS/WVHEPC that Eastern was awarded.





## 023 LEAF PEEPER FESTIVAL



## **Colors Ablaze!**

As the late autumn evening sun sets lazily beyond the horizon, the trees' blaze of color trumpet another successful season of life and living among the mountains of West Virginia. Housing some of the most beautiful fall foliage in the world, West Virginia fills with miles and miles of colorful splendor from late September to

Want to find the best spots to see the colors this fall? The West Virginia Division of Forestry has partnered once again with the West Virginia Tourism Office, scouting out the perfect places to be for you to make memories that last forever.

-wvtourism.com

## West Virginia's fall foliage map released

The West Virginia Department of Tourism released its annual fall foliage projection map Wednesday.

The map, prepared in partnership with the West Virginia Division of Forestry, estimates when fall color is expected to begin appearing across the state in an effort to help travelers plan their fall getaways.

Recent rainfall could lead to the most stunning fall the state has experienced in decades, state officials said in a news release.

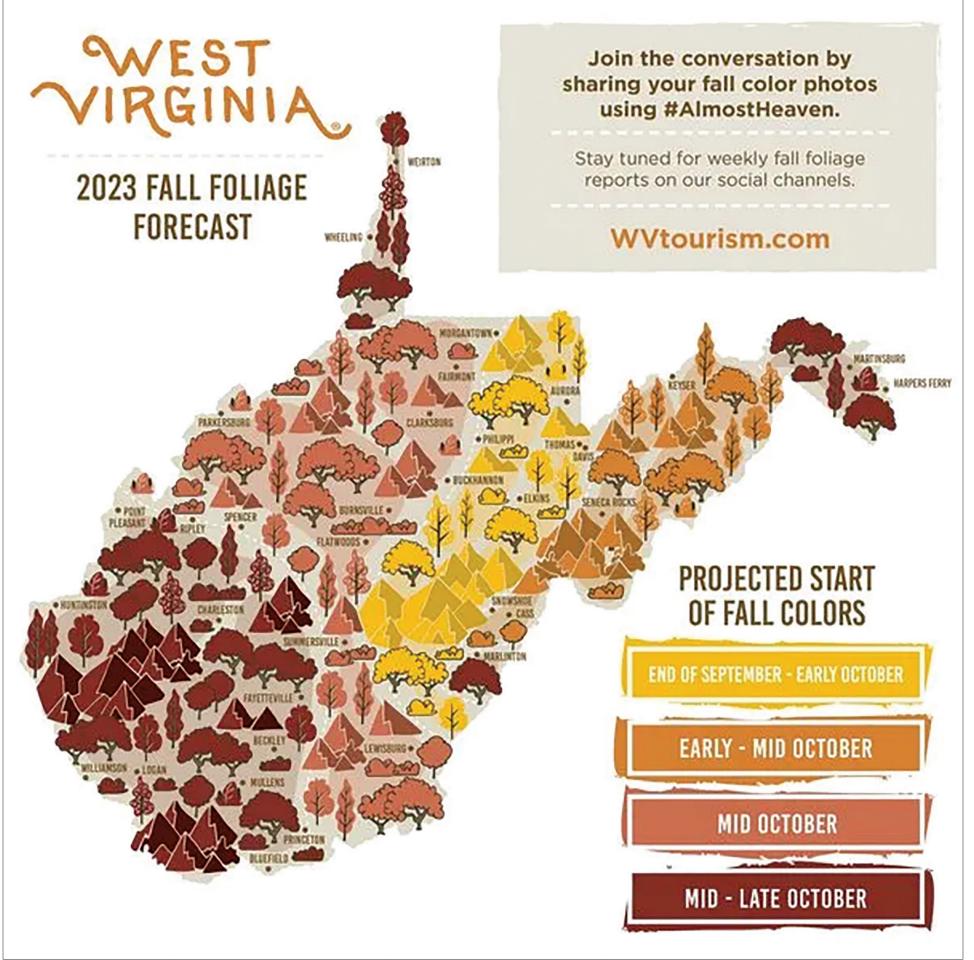
Beginning mid-September, the Department of Tourism will start releasing weekly fall foliage updates, which will include real-time color reports, as well as plans for road trips with suggested stops and hikes that will guide travelers through prime leaf-viewing opportunities.

"We still have several good weeks left in summer, but it's never too early to start planning an autumn trip to experience West Virginia's stunning fall foliage," said West Virginia Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby in the release. "I can't wait for our rolling hills to come alive with vibrant hues of red, orange and yellow. There's no better place to experience the fall than right here in Almost Heaven."

In addition to the fall foliage map, the Department of Tourism will also offer a live leaf tracker at WVtourism.com/fall that will be updated in realtime as the season begins to shift to give travelers an inside look at fall color around the

Experts believe West Virginia could be well-positioned for a memorable fall.

"We are blessed with the wide variety of tree species that change different colors at different times which allows for an extended leaf watching season," said Deputy State Forester Anthony Evans.





## Canaan Valley Resort Hosts September Hike Series

Davis, W.Va. (September 2023) -Offering the opportunity to witness the progressively changing fall foliage and breathtaking scenery in the highest mountain valley in the Eastern U.S., Canaan Valley Resort has developed a variety of guided hikes and activities throughout September for guests to experience.

"Our September guided hike series offers a variety of Saturday hikes throughout the month that will take guests' breath away," said Matt Baker, general manager at Canaan Valley Resort. "The crisp mountain air and cooler temperatures make this the perfect time to escape to Canaan Valley."

Baker said the resort will host the Douglas Falls/Blackwater Canyon Guided Hike from 9am-4pm on Saturday, September 9. Passing by abandoned coke ovens, Douglas Falls, the junction of the North Fork of the Blackwater River and the main river, and views of Lindy Point, this 10-mile walk traverses' history as well as breathtaking scenery. The cost to participate is \$15 per adult and \$10 per child (6-12).

On Saturday, September 16, the resort will host the Brew-Hike Thru-Hike from 10am-3pm. This 7.5-mile hike features a variety of landscapes and ecosystems as guests will travel through seven of Canaan Valley Resort State Park's most prominent trails. Once the hike is completed, guests will be treated to a taco bar and local craft beer. The cost to participate is \$35 per hiker.

For those that have ever wondered what it might be like to walk on the moon, the resort will host the Moon Rocks Hike from 9am-3:30pm on Saturday, September 23. The trail, located beside the Blackwater River near Davis, includes

massive formations of "moon rock" sandstone bedrock some 480 million years old. The hike is approximately 4-miles long. Shuttle bus service will be provided from the Main Lodge. The return trip to the resort features scheduled stops at local breweries to enjoy craft beers. All participants must be age 21 or older. The cost to participate is \$15 per hiker (beverages not included).

For additional information or to register, contact Canaan Valley Resort at 1-800-622-4121 or visit the website at www.CanaanResort.com.

## Plan a Fall Foliage Tour of West Virginia State Parks

## Take a leaf peeping tour and see West Virginia's beautiful mountain scenery decked out in fall color.

Can you feel it in the air? That subtle shift, when mornings are a little cooler and autumn's paintbrush kisses those first few leaves. Sept. 22 marks the first day of fall and the beginning of leaf peeping season. What better way to celebrate the season by spending some quality time in nature?

Our parks and forests offer some of the Mountain State's best locations for seeing autumn's finery. Don't miss out! Plan a day trip or autumn getaway and book your stay at one of our lodges or cabins today.

Here are some great places to start your autumn adventure. This list is based on estimated peak color zones in West Virginia. (Note that peak color can vary slightly year to year. Contact the park you plan to visit for more information.)

Late September to Early October

With stunning views of the Allegheny Mountains, majestic waterfalls and aweinspiring overlooks, it's no wonder Blackwater Falls State Park is one of the most photographed places in West Virginia. Add a background of beautiful autumn hues, and this park might just take your breath

For a unique leaf peeping experience, ride the antique steam engine at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park. This 4.5 hour ride takes you up to the overlook at Bald Knob, the third-highest point in West Virginia. From there, you can enjoy a spectacular display of fall color from 4,700 feet above sea level.

The Cranny Crow overlook at Lost River State Park, with its commanding view of five counties, is a favorite spot for fall color. As one of the state's most remote and beautiful parks, it's also a great place to get away from it all and enjoy a weekend of hiking or horseback riding.

Mid-October

With commanding views of the Cheat River Canyon and 50 miles of hiking and biking trails, Coopers Rock State Forest is an outdoor lover's dream. It's also a great place for leaf peeping! The forest campground remains open in the fall, so you can enjoy a cool autumn night roasting marshmallows around a campfire.

Valley Falls State Park is only a short drive from Coopers Rock and a great place to see fall foliage. This day-use park is a favorite spot among picnickers and hikers. The rushing waters of the picturesque Tygart Valley River look even more beautiful framed in fall colors.

The cool tunnel formed by the trees on either side of the North Bend Rail-Trail make for a beautiful bike ride in the fall. Plan to stay at North Bend State Park, which offers access to the rail trail as well as guided outdoor activities through its Quest program.

leaf peeping

Late October

Mention fall in West Virginia and the New River Gorge is one of the first places that comes to mind. Capture some breathtaking views of the gorge from Hawks Nest State Park during an aerial tram ride from the lodge. Just a few miles away at Babcock State Park, the classic view of the working grist mill against a background of

fall color is on every photographer's shot

Fall is also a good time to head to the Gauley River National Recreation Area, where Gauley Season is in full swing. From the overlooks at Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park you can watch rafters navigate the gnarly Class V rapids below.

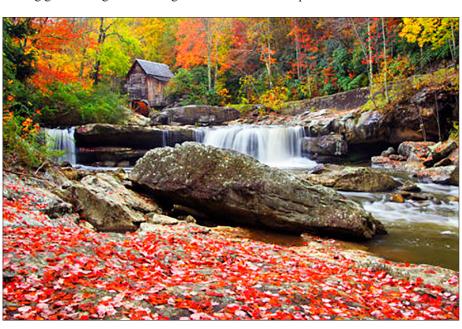
Pipestem Resort State Park offers stunning views of the Bluestone River Gorge, where you can take in the scenery from an aerial tram ride. Or, ramp up your leaf peeping excursion with a leisurely bike ride along the 10-mile Bluestone Turnpike. This old road follows the river and connects Pipestem to Bluestone State Park.

Enjoy Fall Activities at West Virginia State Parks

To round out your leaf peeping trip, visit www.wvstateparks.com and see what fall activities parks have to offer. Fall is a special time to enjoy state parks and make memories with your friends and families. Which park will you visit?

-wvstateparks.com





## West Virginia Allergy Season: Peak, Timing, and Symptoms

Written by Jennifer Gaeng

Updated: January 27, 2023

The Appalachian Mountains' natural beauty and the huge Shenandoah River are two of West Virginia's most prominent tourist draws. Nonetheless, for people with allergies, it might be a difficult place to call home. Pollen counts tend to soar during allergy season because of the number of plants, the favorable climate, and the high levels of humidity.

You can avoid the misery of allergy season if you live in West Virginia. Read on to find out about West Virginia's allergy season, including peak timing and treatment options.

As far as allergy seasons go, West Virginia doesn't have a super long one. Compared to other states, it's very average. Often, early March marks the beginning of allergy season, which continues until the first severe winter frost, which typically occurs in late October or early November.

**Peak Timing** 

West Virginians suffering from tree allergies will have their worst symptoms in the spring. Symptoms of a tree allergy typically begin in early March and last until late May. There are other allergens to be aware of, and each of them peaks at certain times throughout the year. Keep reading to learn more about which plants cause allergies in West Virginia and when to watch out for them.

Which Plants Cause Allergies In West Vir-

Pollen from trees, grasses, and weeds are the most common causes of seasonal allergies in West Virginia. Below, we'll discuss how allergies to plants may change with the

West Virginians suffering from tree allergies will have their worst symptoms in the spring. Ash, birch, cedar, hickory, oak, privet, walnut, and willow are the most common culprits. Symptoms of a tree allergy typically begin in early March and last until late May.

In West Virginia, grass allergies are particularly bad in the summer. Bent, Bermuda, brome, fescue, orchard, Ryegrass, sweet vernal, and timothy grasses are the most common culprits among grass allergy sufferers. Commonly, this season will begin in May and run until the latter half of July.

West Virginians often experience a severe reaction to weeds in the fall. While ragweed

pollen is the most common allergen, other common culprits include amaranth, orache, and wormwood. This time period begins in August and continues until the first significant freeze, which typically occurs in either October or November.

Winter

It's true that West Virginians get a vacation from outdoor allergies in the winter, but it's important to keep in mind that allergens like dust mites, mold, and pet dander all pose a threat year-round.

Common Allergy Symptoms

If you live in West Virginia, you can have any of these allergy symptoms:

Asthma that is worse than usual

Congestion Coughing

Headaches

Hives

Inflammation of the lar-

Irritated eyes

Sinus drainage

Sneezing

It's important to remember that everyone's reaction is different, but allergies typically trigger at least one of these symp-

Limiting Exposure

During allergy season, there are a few things you can do to reduce your exposure to pollen. This includes:

Keep windows shut when pollen is high.

Keep your dogs and cats clean.

Know the current pollen count. Maintain a tidy dwelling.

Manage the yard by mowing the lawn,

pruning the trees, and pulling weeds. Showering often is encouraged.

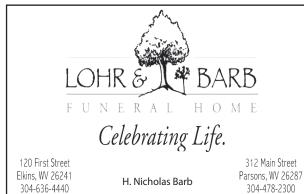
Wash your clothes frequently.

Wear protective gear, such as a face mask, goggles, and a cap.

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Autumn is a gorgeous season where the leaves change to a golden color and the weather cools down a bit. The changing colors of the leaves, the crispness in the fall air, it truly is a peaceful time.

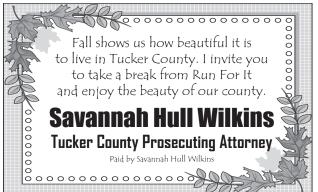












## **Tucker County Run For It Teams Call for Participants**

Tucker County teams are vying for more than \$86,000 in Run For It awards, along with teams from around the region. Run For It is a 2k walk/5k race hosted by Tucker Community Foundation. The race will be held on the streets of Davis on Saturday, September 23 at 11 am during the popular Leaf Peepers Festival. Race proceeds support nonprofit organizations, educational programs, civic groups, community projects, and charities.

Seventy-Seven teams overall will be competing to benefit causes in Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker Counties in West Virginia and Garrett County in Maryland. Tucker County residents can support their favorite teams by entering the race as a participant for that team and making team sponsor donations to as many as they wish. Over the years Tucker County teams have brought home over \$1,182,000 in awards and team sponsor donations.

The 29 Tucker County teams in participation this year are—Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative, Friends of Blackwater, Tucker County Young Life, Mountaintop Readers, Davis Volunteer Fire Department, Andy's Run, Appalachian Expeditions, Cruisin' Critters - Mountaineer Humane Society, Heart of the Highlands, Canaan Valley State Park Foundation, ArtSpring, PRO On Trac, Blackwater Falls State Park Foundation, WV Highlands Artisans Group STArt, Snow Sport Museum of WV, Timberline Ski Patrol, Tucker Runners, Tucker County Giving Circle, St. George Medical Clinic, Canaan Valley Ski Patrol, Canaan Valley VFD Auxiliary Power, Friends of the Tucker County Animal Shelter, Davis Riverfront Ramblers, TCHS Golf, Wildcats Volleyball, Fresh Canvas, Cottrill's Opera House, St. George Academy Preservation Society, and TCHS Travel Club.

To learn more about each of these teams, sign up to participate, or donate to your favorite cause(s) please visit our registration site, runsignup.com/Race/WV/Davis/RunForIt. You can register online until 9:30 am on race day. Team sponsor donations postmarked or made online by September 18th help teams leverage additional support. Racers can also register onsite on Friday, September 22nd from 5-7 pm or Saturday, September 23rd from 8-9:30 am.

The Run For It program started in 2007 to provide additional money for the region; since its inception, \$2.74 million has been distributed for a wide array of causes benefitting a growing number of communities. The race starts and finishes at the Davis Fire Hall on W.V. 32. Residents, visitors, and outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and abilities and well-behaved leashed dogs can enjoy early fall leaf peeping, food, music, and festivities as they walk, stroll, run, or roll in a wheel-chair or stroller for a good cause. For more information, call the Foundation office at 304-478-2930.

### About the Tucker Community Foundation:

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

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Photo Caption – The Tucker Community Foundation's Run For It promotes healthy activity and encourages local philanthropy. Join a Tucker County team for all the fun on September 23rd in Davis, West Virginia. Check out our website, www.tuckerfoundation.net, for more information.

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## 2023 Leaf Peeper's Festival Schedule of Events



#### **Thursday-Sept 21**

#### 8:00 pm

Live Music- Purple Fiddle, in Thomas. Kommuna Lux- Ukraine's Kommuna Lux perform their own style called "Odessa Gangsta Folk:" thrilling klezmer music and common gangster folk songs from their hometown, all with a dose of rocket fuel. \$20 tickets. For information call 304-463-4040 www.purplefiddle.com

#### Friday-Sept 22

#### 9:00am - 5:00pm

Fall Foliage Horseback Rides- Mountain Trail Ride Horseback Riding & More, in Canaan Valley.

Enjoy the area's beautiful fall foliage from horseback. To receive a 10% discount identify yourself as a "Leaf Peeper". Reservations required. Call 304-866-4652 to reserve your ride. For more information go to mountaintrail-rides.com

#### 9:00am - 7:00pm

Blackwater Bistro & Business Center Vendors- in Davis. Vendors will be set up at the Business Center selling handmade crafts, yard sale items, baked goods and fundraising.

#### 10:00 am.

Cherry Lane Hike- Join the naturalist at Sled Run Fire Circle at Blackwater Falls State Park to enter a cathedral-like hardwood forest and earn West Virginia State Park Wonderfall hiking patch. This jaunt is about 11/2 miles. Boots and hiking/walking sticks are recommended.

#### 10:00am- 4:00pm

Litter Critters Activity and Craft at Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge - Visitor Center

Stop by the Refuge Visitor Center to discover why leaves change colors in the fall through an interactive activity and make a craft featuring wildlife that live in the leaf litter (while supplies last)! For more information, call (304) 866-3858 or email william\_yarley@fws.gov

#### 11am – Sunset

Scenic Chairlift Rides – Canaan Valley Resort, in Canaan Valley. Get a breathtaking bird's eye view of the valley and Allegheny Mountains from our chairlift. The picturesque landscape becomes even more so in the fall as the leaves change and surround you in a sea of color. It's the best seat in the house! Chairlift Fee: Adult \$10; Jr or Sr: \$8

#### 1:00 pm.

Prehistoric Amber/Copal Craft- Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. The amber/copal comes in its natural state (dull and "crusted") and we provide the simple tools to remove the crusty shell and polish the piece into a smooth, lightweight golden gem. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Limited to first come basis. Craft fee: \$3.00

#### 3:00 pm

Pepperoni Rolls & Flames— Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. Join the seasonal naturalist, to have fun with hot sparks, perhaps some Trivia, singing and storytelling. About 1.5 hours.

#### 5:00pm-7:00pm

Tucker Community Foundation's Run For It Early-bird Registration, Front Bay of DVFD, Davis

Early check-in or registration for the region's largest community fundraiser, a 2k/5k race. Race is on Saturday morning. 304-478-2930 www.tuckerfoundation.net/run xx

#### 5pm - 7pm

Leaf Peepers Festival stage – Davis, WV

Nat Frederick. Nat has a passion for music rooted in family sing-alongs, CMT music videos, and an old Yamaha 12-String. He writes simple, authentic, and emotional country songs and performs his solo acoustic show all over the Allegheny Mountains and the East Coast.

#### 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Farmers Artisan Market – 533 Williams Ave, Davis. Come for fresh vegetables, flowers, pottery, felted works, soap, and botanicals.

#### 7:00 pm

Fireman's Parade

Enjoy the Leaf Peeper's Parade! If you would like to participate, the line-up is at 6pm, next to the Dollar General. Parade route will start at 2nd Street and end at Henry Ave. on William Ave. (Rte 32) in downtown Davis.

Trophies will be awarded and given out at the DVFD Fire Hall directly after the parade.

#### Saturday-Sept 23

#### 7:00am - 12:00pm

IOOF Breakfast- IOOF Building, Davis

All you can eat until; Hot cakes, eggs sausage, biscuits & sausage gravy, coffee and orange juice. Adults: \$10, Children 12yrs & under: \$5, under 2yrs old eat free

#### 8:00am

Tucker Community Foundation's Run For It Registration-Front Bay of DVFD, Davis

Opens at 8am; and closes promptly at 9:30 am 304-478-2930 www.tucker-foundation.net/run

#### 9:00am - 1:00pm

Moon Rocks Guided Hike - Canaan Valley Resort Main Lodge, in Canaan Valley.

Join us for a 4-mile hike on the Moon Rocks Trail located at the "Yellow Creek Natural Area, an 860-acre public preserve owned and managed by the West Virginia Land Trust" in Davis, WV. This trail includes massive formations of "moon rock" sandstone bedrock some 480 million years old, as well as wetland areas that give way to areas of hardwood. Please wear waterproof hiking boots or shoes, the trail may be wet, muddy with rocks and roots. Shuttle bus will provide transportation to and from. \$15 per person. For more information call Dave at 304-866-2215, vanced@canaanresort.com

#### 9:00 am. - 5:00 pm.

WV Appalachian Craft Show - Davis Fire Hall in Davis. Crafters & Artists display their specialties. Items include: painted wood, candles, soap, ceramics, fabric crafts, primitive crafts, baked goods and hot food from the kitchen by Community Bible Church. Call 304-259-5315.xx

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Drones Over Davis- National Youth Science Academy, Davis. Experience autumn in the mountains from the air. Join FAA certified remote pilots at the National Youth

Science Center, at the top of the ski lift at Canaan Valley Resort, and other locations throughout the area for flight demonstrations, stick and rudder flight training, obstacle course challenges, photo ops, and more. For more information call Ryan Sincavage at 303-434-9194, or visit www.nysacademy.org/drone-week

#### 9:00am-7:00pm

Blackwater Bistro & Business Center Vendors- in Davis. Vendors will be set up at the Business Center selling handmade crafts, yard sale items, baked goods and fundraising.

#### 10:00am -- 4:00pm

Litter Critters Activity and Craft @ Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge - Visitor Center

Stop by the Refuge Visitor Center to discover why leaves change colors in the fall through an interactive activity and make a craft featuring wildlife that live in the leaf litter (while supplies last)! For more information, call (304) 866-3858 or email william\_yarley@fws.gov

#### 10:00am - 5:00pm

Leaf Peepers Festival Stage, - Davis SugarFoot Stompers 10am-12:30pm, Ebay 2:30pm-4:30pm, Family Foundation 5pm-7pm

Sponsored by the Alpine Festival, TC Parks and Recreation and the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce

1pm Tucker Community Foundation presents Run For It Awards!!

#### 10:00am - 5:00pm

Oktoberfest Craft and Food Vendors

#### – Davis

Crafters & Food vendors will set up in downtown Davis on the Blacktop. Wide variety of vendors will be set up selling their wares and providing information. Food vendors include kettle corn, Rotary Chicken, shaved ice and much more. Call 304-259-5315 for additional information. Sponsored by the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce

#### 10:00am – Dark

Inflatable Amusement Rides- Davis. Sponsored by Young Life, Inflatable rides will be set up behind the Davis Firehall in the fenced in grassy area.

#### 10:30am --7:00pm

Make Your Own Witch Bottle- Sister Witches Crafting Company, Davis. All materials provided; herbs, stones, bottle, wax melt for sealing. While Supplies Last.

#### 10:30 am

Pickle Ball– Join the staff at Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park, to try and play the fastest-growing sport in the US. About 1 hour.

#### 11:00 pm

Rainbow Art- Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. Use shaving cream and watercolor to create a tie dye pattern on watercolor paper for your wall. Craft fee: \$1.00

#### 11:00am

Tucker Community Foundation's annual Run For It 2k /5k Tour of Davis – is a 2k (1.2M) walk and USATF-certified 5K (3.1M) race around the scenic mountain town of Davis. Awards will be 1pm on the Leaf Peeper's Stage. www.tuckerfoundation.net/run

#### 11:00am – Sunset

Scenic Chairlift Rides – Canaan Valley Resort, Canaan Valley. Get a breathtaking bird's eye view of the valley and Allegheny Mountains from our chairlift. The picturesque landscape becomes even more so in the fall as the leaves change and surround you in a sea of color. It's the best seat in the house! Chairlift Fee: Adult \$10; Jr or Sr: \$8

#### 12:30 pm

Paracord Fun— Join the staff in Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park, to braid a survival bracelet or perhaps create a critter. Recommended for children ages 9 and up. Craft fee: \$1.00-\$4.00 First Come Basis.

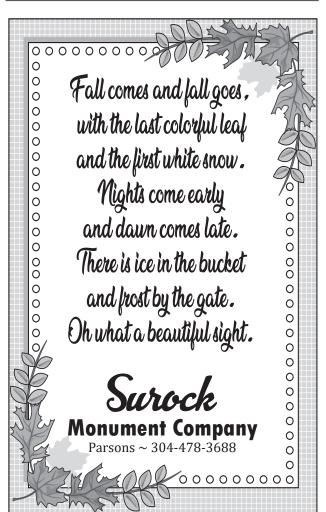
#### 1:30 pm

Leaf Suncatcher Craft— Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. Use crayon shavings, wax paper and heat to create a beautiful suncatcher for your window. Includes a short video about trees. Free.

#### 2:00 pm

Invigorating Autumn Hike– Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. Walk along Balsam Fir Trail with short interpretive stops along the way. About 90 minutes. 2 miles.

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## 2023 Leaf Peeper's Festival **Schedule of Events**



#### 2:45 pm

Snakes Alive! Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. Learn about our native snakes- how and why they are protected in the state and more. You may even meet one of our ambassador snakes. Fun for all ages. About 1 hour.

#### 4:00 pm

Trees & Plaster of Paris Leaf Craft-Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. Create a plaster of Paris leaf imprint on burlap while learning a little information about trees. Craft fee: \$2.00.

#### 4:00pm --7:00pm

Fall Photography Workshop- at Canaan Valley Resort - Did you know Canaan Valley is one of the most photographed places in West Virginia? This workshop will take you through the basics of digital photography, and give you new tips and tricks for capturing a variety of Autumn scenery with your camera. Cameras and equipment will not be provided, please bring your own digital SLR or mirrorless camera. Free. Meet at the Recreation Center followed by a photo hike. Be sure to wear boots for the hike. For more information call Dave at 304-866-2215, vanced@ canaanresort.com

#### 7:00pm-9:00pm

Michael Christopher Band– Michael's guitar-heavy, rock-edged sound intertwines with invocative lyrical virtuosity and positions him with elite company in the country music scene, ultimately offering a sound that is relevant to fans of all ages, styles, and generations. Join the staff in Blackwater Falls Lodge Harr Conference Center. Free. Call 304-259-5511 for updated information.

Live Music- Purple Fiddle, in Thomas. The Commonheart- "Bringing a potent and purposeful dose of grittily

redemptive rock n' soul. "A brilliant ray of light in dark times, one intended to uplift the soul and inspire acts of kindness." – Popmatters.

\$25 tickets. For information call 304-463-4040 www.purplefiddle.com

#### 9:00-11:00pm

Live Music- Davis Eagles, in Davis. Soda Pop Gypsies - Admission is \$5 per person. Must be 21 or older to enter.

#### Sunday-Sept 24

#### 7:00 am-11:00 am

Leaf Peeper Breakfast Special- The Breakfast Nook, Canaan Valley

Buy one breakfast and get one half off with your Leaf Peeper brochure. Call 304-642-9070 or www.facebook.com/ breakfastnook

#### 9:00am - 5:00pm

Fall Foliage Horseback Rides- Mountain Trail Ride Horseback Riding & More, Canaan Valley.

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25th Annual Fall Colors Golf Tournament, Canaan Valley Resort, Canaan

Format includes Best Ball scramble w/ two divisions, open & handicap. Lots of great prizes including cash prizes for open division!! For registration, rules & information call Canaan Valley Resort Golf Course at 304-866-4121.

#### 10:00am - 3:00pm

Car Show, Parking lot across from Davis Fire Hall, Davis. Sponsored by Elkins Auto.

Trophies awarded in various categories! 1st 50 pre-registered cars receive a dash plaque & are eligible for a door prize! 50/50, Door Prizes and much more! \$10 registration fee. Call 304-259-5315 or email jessica@canaanvalley.org for additional information. Registration begins at 8am.

#### 10:00 am. - 5:00pm.

WV Appalachian Craft Show - Davis Fire Hall in Davis. Crafters & Artists display their specialties. Items include: painted wood, candles, soap, ceramics, fabric crafts, primitive crafts and baked goods. Call 304-259-5315.

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Cake Walk- Davis Fire Hall, Davis. The Cake Walk is in support of TCHS Cheerleaders & Rhett for Little Mr. Mt. Lion. Rain or Shine.

Duck Race- Beaver Creek Bridge (behind Dollar General), Davis

800 ducks released into Beaver Creek (Located behind the Dollar General). First, Second, Third & Last Duck to cross the finish line wins \$\$. Duck Tickets are \$2.00 each or book of 5 for \$8.00 & can be purchased at Information Center or at Craft Show at the DVFD. Tickets must be purchased before 11am on Sunday. All proceeds help fund the Leaf Peepers Festival!

#### 1:00 pm

Live Music- Purple Fiddle, in Thomas. Shawn Taylor- "A smoky tenor that exudes confidence and authority... & a smooth command of the difficult [country blues] finger-picking style ...weaves his own tunes flawlessly together with folk-revival classics" -New Haven Advocate. FREE Concert. For information call 304-463-4040 www.purplefiddle.com

#### 10:00 a.m

Trail Thinking Saunter- Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. Stroll along nearby trails while listening to some tidbits about the local flora and fauna. About 1.5 miles,

Suncatcher Leaf Craft- Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. create a fall suncatcher to hang in your window at home. Craft fee: \$1.00.

#### 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. History of the Rings and Leaf Pounding Craft. Learn the history of the rings of a Hemlock stump and pound a leaf imprint into cloth. About 1 hour. FREE

#### 2:00 pm

Family Movie and Scarecrow Craft-Harold Walters Nature Center, Blackwater Falls State Park. Use construction paper and imagination to create a scarecrow while watching a Halloween themed movie. About 90 minutes. Rated

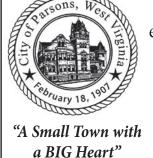
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## Hike Table Rock



Parsons, WV - Are you looking for a hike with a great view in West Virginia? Checkout Table Rock in the Canaan Backcountry, you will not be disappointed.

This hidden gem is located near Lindy Point and Blackwater Falls State Park. Unlike Lindy Point, which is very popular, hikers are usually able to enjoy the views from Table Rock all by themselves.

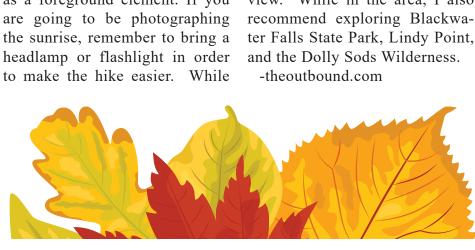
The Table Rock trail head is located off of Canaan Loop Rd. I highly recommend driving to the trailhead from Highway 32. It is possible to reach the trailhead from Blackwater State Park and is only four miles down the road from the Lindy Point Trailhead, but those four miles are very rough. A lifted 4x4 wheel drive vehicle with a short wheel base is required driving this section of the Canaan Loop Road. The road from Highway 32 is a lot tamer. Its a normal gravel/ dirt road with small potholes and some shallow ruts, but any vehicle will be able to drive this section of Canaan Loop Road. While

driving down the road, stay right at all of the road forks to stay on the Canaan Loop Road. The Table Rock Trailhead is about 9.5 miles down the road and is located on the lefthand side and is marked with a wooden sign. There is a nice turn off to park in so your vehicle will not be on the side of the road.

Once at the trailhead, follow the Table Rock Trail Southeast for 1.2 miles. Even though the trail is not very popular, it is very well marked and easy to follow. Unlike the drive, the trail is very easy, and hikers will gain under 200 feet in elevation over the 1.2 miles. Most of the hike has a very gradual incline resembling a false flat. After a great hike though the Canaan Backcountry, hikers will be rewarded with an outstanding 200 degree view.

Table Rock offers a breathtaking panorama view of the Allegheny Mountains. This 200 degree, unobstructed vista allows hikers views from the north, to east and south, and even south southwest making it ideal for sunrise images. A nice deep valley zigzags to the northeast away from Table Rock, which can be used as a natural leading line for pictures, but at the same time offering some layers to show depth while being able to photograph the sun rising over the Allegheny Mountains. That same valley continues directly below Table Rock zigzagging to the southwest and intersecting with another valley heading southeast. This south view will allow hikers the ability to capture side light at sunrise, which is great for seeing all of the texture in the mountains ranges, and during the fall, it helps showcase all of the beautiful fall colors. Table Rock offers a very large quartzite outcropping, which can easily be used as a foreground element. If you on the Table Rock be mindful of snakes bathing in the sun. The first time I was there, I saw a copperhead. I left it alone, and it left me alone, so just watch your step.

This is an out and back hike, so after taking pictures, enjoying the view, and being out in nature, follow the same trail back down to your vehicle. If interested in camping overnight, back down the trail about 500 yards from Table Rock is a clear, flat area big enough for two tents. There is no water source, so backpackers would have to bring in everything they would need. Also, if you are like me and have young kids, I would highly recommend bringing them. This hike is a great hike for kids; it's short and not steep with the reward of an outstanding view. While in the area, I also



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## Science of Fall Colors

For years, scientists have worked to understand the changes that occur in trees and shrubs during autumn. Although we don't know all the details, we do know enough to explain the basics to help you enjoy nature's multicolored display. Three factors influence autumn leaf color:

- leaf pigments
- length of night
- weather

The timing of color changes and the onset of falling leaves is primarily regulated by the calendar as nights become longer. None of the other environmental influences – such as temperature, rainfall, food supply – are as unvarying as the steadily increasing length of night during autumn. As days grow shorter, and nights grow longer and cooler, biochemical processes in the leaf begin to paint the landscape with Nature's autumn palette.

#### **Leaf Pigments**

A color palette needs pigments, and there are three types that are involved in autumn color:

- Carotenoids: Produces yellow, orange, and brown colors in such things as corn, carrots, and daffodils, as well as rutabagas, buttercups, and bananas.
- Anthocyanin: Gives color to such familiar things as cranberries, red apples, concord grapes, blueberries, cherries, strawberries, and plums. They are water soluble and appear in the watery liquid of leaf cells.
- Chlorophyll: Gives leaves a basic green color. It is necessary for photosynthesis, the chemical reaction that enables plants to use sunlight to manufacture sugars for food.

Trees in the temperate zones store these sugars for the winter dormant period.

Both chlorophyll and carotenoids are present in the chloroplasts of leaf cells throughout the growing season. Most anthocyanins are produced in the autumn, in response to bright light and excess plant sugars within leaf cells.

During the growing season, chlorophyll is continually being produced and broken down and leaves appear green. As night length increases in the autumn, chlorophyll production slows down and then stops and eventually all the chlorophyll is destroyed. The carotenoids and anthocyanin that are present in the leaf are then unmasked and show their colors.

Brilliant Fall leaves on the Superior National Forest. (Forest Service

Brilliant Fall leaves on the Supe-

rior National Forest. (Forest Service photo)

Certain colors are characteristic of particular species:

- Oaks: red, brown, or russet
- Hickories: golden bronze
- Aspen and yellow-poplar: golden yellow
- Dogwood: purplish red
- Beech: light tan
- Sourwood and black tupelo: crimson

The color of maples leaves differ species by species:

- Red maple: brilliant scarlet
- Sugar maple: orange-red
- Black maple: glowing yellowStriped maple: almost colorless
- Some leaves of some species, such as the elms simply shrivel up and fall, exhibiting little color other than drab

brown.

The timing of the color change also varies by species. For example, sourwood in southern forests can become vividly colorful in late summer while all other species are still vigorously

green. Oaks put on their colors long

after other species have already shed their leaves.

These differences in timing among species seem to be genetically inherited, for a particular species at the same latitude will show the same coloration in the cool temperatures of high mountain elevations at about the same time as it does in warmer lowlands.

#### Length of Night

In early autumn, in response to the shortening days and declining intensity of sunlight, leaves begin the processes leading up to their fall. The veins that carry fluids into and out of the leaf gradually close off as a layer of cells forms at the base of each leaf. These clogged veins trap sugars in the leaf and promote production of anthocyanin. Once this separation layer is complete and the connecting tissues are sealed off, the leaf is ready to fall.

## How does weather affect autumn color?

The amount and brilliance of the colors that develop in any particular autumn season are related to weather conditions that occur before and during the time the chlorophyll in the leaves is dwindling. Temperature and moisture are the main influences.

A succession of warm, sunny days and cool, crisp but not freezing nights seems to bring about the most spectacular color displays. During these days, lots of sugars are produced in the leaf but the cool nights and the gradual closing of veins going into the leaf prevent these sugars from moving out. These conditions – lots of sugar and light – spur production of the brilliant anthocyanin pigments, which tint reds, purples, and crimson. Because carotenoids are always present in leaves, the yellow and gold colors remain fairly constant from year to year.

The amount of moisture in the soil also affects autumn colors. Like the weather, soil moisture varies greatly from year to year. The countless combinations of these two highly variable factors assure that no two autumns can be exactly alike. A late spring, or a severe summer drought, can delay the onset of fall color by a few weeks. A warm period during fall will also lower the intensity of autumn colors. A warm wet spring, favorable summer weather, and warm sunny fall days with cool nights should produce the most brilliant autumn colors.

What does all this do for the tree?
Fall showing at the Norway Beach
Recreation area on the Chippewa
National Forest. (Forest Service
photo)

Fall showing at the Norway Beach Recreation area on the Chippewa National Forest. (Forest Service photo)

Winter is a certainty that all vegetation in the temperate zones must face each year. Perennial plants, including trees, must have some sort of protection to survive freezing temperatures and other harsh wintertime influences. Stems, twigs, and buds are equipped to survive extreme cold so that they can reawaken when spring heralds the start of another growing season. Tender leaf tissues, however, would freeze in winter, so plants must either toughen up and protect their leaves or dispose of them.

Evergreens: pines, spruces, cedars, firs, and so on are able to survive winter because they have toughened up. Their needle-like or scale-like foliage is covered with a heavy wax coating and the fluid inside their cells contains substances that resist freezing. Thus the foliage of evergreens can safely withstand all but the severest winter conditions, such as those in the Arctic. Evergreen needles survive for some years but eventually fall because of old age.

Broad-leaved trees: These are trees that do not have needles or scale-like leaves. They are tender and vulnerable to damage, are typically broad and thin and are not protected by any thick coverings. The fluid in the cells of these leaves is usually a thin, watery sap that freezes readily, which

makes them vulnerable in the winter when temperatures fall below freezing. Tissues unable to overwinter must be sealed off and shed to ensure the plant's continued survival.

## What happens to all those fallen leaves?

Needles and leaves that fall are not wasted. They decompose and restock the soil with nutrients and make up part of the spongy humus layer of the forest floor that absorbs and holds rainfall. Fallen leaves also become food for numerous soil organisms vital to the forest ecosystem.

It is quite easy to see the benefit to the tree of its annual leaf fall, but the advantage to the entire forest is more subtle. It could well be that the forest could no more survive without its annual replenishment from leaves than the individual tree could survive without shedding these leaves. The many beautiful interrelationships in the forest community leave us with myriad fascinating puzzles still to solve.

### Where can I see autumn color in the United States?

You can find autumn color in parks and woodlands, in the cities, countryside, and mountains - anywhere you find deciduous broadleaved trees, the ones that drop their leaves in the autumn. New England is rightly famous for the spectacular autumn colors painted on the trees of its mountains and countryside, but the Adirondack, Appalachian, Smoky, and Rocky Mountains are also clad with colorful displays. In the East, we can see the reds, oranges, golds, and bronzes of the mixed deciduous woodlands; in the West, we see the bright yellows of aspen stands and larches contrasting with the dark greens of the evergreen conifers.

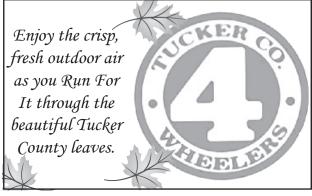
Many of the Forest Service's 100 plus National Scenic Byways were planned with autumn color in mind. Almost every one of them offers a beautiful, colorful drive sometime in the autumn.

## When is the best time to see autumn color?

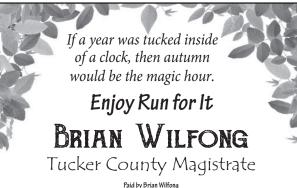
Unfortunately, autumn color is not very predictable, especially in the long term. Half the fun is trying to outguess nature! But it generally starts in late September in New England and moves southward, reaching the Smoky Mountains by early November. It also appears about this time in the high-elevation mountains of the West. Remember that cooler high elevations will color up before the valleys.

-US Forestry Service







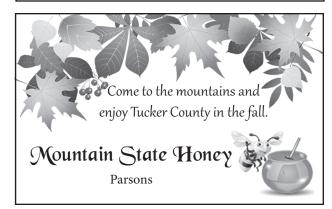




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