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Tennant Appears in Court Following Grand Jury Indictment

By: Lydia Crawley
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Robert Tennant appeared before Judge Courier of the 21st Circuit Court of West Virginia at the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons. The appearance followed a Grand Jury Indictment for First Degree Murder. Tennant is accused of the shooting death of his brother, Edward, in April of 2023.

A motion by Defense Attorney Brent Easton to revisit bond was heard by the court. Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins was strongly opposed to Tennant being released on bond. According to Wilkins, were Tennant to be released, he would only have his residence to return to which is next door, and within walking distance, to the home of the victim and the victim's widow. "The State remains strongly opposed to that motion," Wilkins said.

Judge Courier denied the bond motion. "It can always be revisited if anything changes," Courier said.

At the Call Back, Tennant appeared in person and was transported from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail and Correction Facility. Judge Courier asked Tennant if he had any questions about the Grand Jury Indictment and Tennant said he did not. His attorney verified that Tennant had received a copy of the indictment. There was no reading of the indictment at the trial. Courier also informed Tennant that if convicted, Tennant could face a potential



File photo.

life sentence.

Attorney Easton made a request for a Competency and Criminal Responsibility evaluation for Tennant. The court approved the request.

Wilkins said that witnesses would be appearing at trial. Attorney Easton said he, "anticipates a decent amount of discovery" with the case.

Tennant's next appearance in court will be on December 8 pending the competency evaluation. Motions from the State anticipated to be included at the appearance include an Admissibility of statement and 911 statement.

No trial date has been set as of yet and there is no schedule for the competency evaluation. Should the evaluation not be completed in time for the next appearance, Judge Courier said the appearance would be rescheduled for a later date.

Tennant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



2786: EMS Director Amanda Simmons addresses the Tucker County Commission. The Commission allocated funding towards the purchase of two Lucas Assist Devices. The new equipment will assist in CPR efforts for local ambulance crews. The funds came from the ARPA grant fund for the county.

Commission Funds CPR Assist Devices for EMS

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Tucker County Commission allocated \$26,384.54 in ARPA fund money to purchase two Lucas Assist Devices for Tucker County EMS. The new equipment will help Tucker County ambulance crews with CPR efforts. EMS Director Amanda Simmons was in attendance when the purchase was approved by the Commission.

Simmons thanked the Commission for the devices. "I want to thank you for reaching out because this is something a lot of people would not even think about," Simmons said. "You know, being on the

ambulance people think, 'I've seen 911 shows. You do the compressions.' But what they don't realize is an extended period of time, which you all well know, we're real far away from a hospital, it tires very quickly that individual and you can only fit so many people into an ambulance, but I can fit a Lucas in any day and continue on."

According to Simmons, EMS crews relied on other agencies or individuals to assist with CPR efforts. "So, what we have had in the past, is manual," Simmons said. "We have had Fire Department come out or other agencies around, even CPR led indi-

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2780: 911 Center Director Mike Simmons addresses the Tucker County Commission at the Commission's regular meeting.

911 Center Avoids Shut Down, Emphasizes Training

By: Lydia Crawley
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911 Center Director Michael Simmons updated the Tucker County Commission on the necessary training that he is conducting with his staff. The trainings are regulatory mandated for all employees in order for the facility to be in compliance.

Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau said the trainings were necessary for the center to remain in operation. "So that is what I want to stress to the public," Rosenau said. "In order for us to keep our doors open at the 911 Center, the employees have to complete these trainings."

According to Simmons, there are five disciplines the staff at the Center are

requiring instruction in. "We have five disciplines at the Com Center that we are required to maintain that I am now certified to instruct," Simmons said.

Simmons said that his staff are all through the first of the trainings. "All of our staff are through the first one," Simmons said. "So, all of the staff are 100 percent through the first one."

Half of the staff have the second completed and the others will be complete next week, according to Simmons. "And we had 50 percent through the second of five," Simmons said. "The other 50 percent will get it probably next week."

The delay was due to needing instruction materials, Simmons said. "We had

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Stoop Faces Four Count Indictment By Grand Jury

By: Lydia Crawley
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Nathan Stoop was indicted on four counts by a Tucker County Grand Jury. Stoop appeared before Judge Courier of the 21st Circuit Court of West Virginia on October 16th at the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons. Stoop was represented by Attorney Timothy Prentice who appeared via telephone for the Call Back Hearing.

The Defense waived the reading of the Indictment at the hearing, but Stoop was informed by Judge Courier of the charges the Indictment included. The Grand Jury, according to Judge Courier, returned an indictment on four counts: two counts of Strangulation, one count of Unlawful Restraint, and one charge of Domestic Battery.

Judge Courier outlined the possible sentences each count entailed should Stoop be convicted. The Strangulation counts carry a 1-5 year sentence each and a possible fine of up to \$2,500. Unlawful Restraint comes with a one year possible sentence and up to \$1,000 fine. Domestic Battery may come with a 12 month sentence and up to \$5,000 fine.

According to Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins, witnesses will not appear in the case at trial. Judge



File photo.

Courier said the Grand Jury minutes would not be supplied based on the fact.

Wilkins said the misdemeanor charges were dismissed. Wilkins also requested a \$10,000 cash assurity and a no contact order, as well as a Criminal Disposition Report be completed on all charges.

Attorney Prentice spoke of the character of the Defendant. "I have known Nathan Stoop for decades professionally," Prentice said. "He's never been in trouble. Anyway, to my knowledge he has been a stand up person."

Prentice said Stoop had cooperated willingly with authorities. "He willingly gave up his address to be served and showed up today of his own accord without being served."

Prentice said his client was not a flight risk. "He's not a flight risk," Prentice

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Judy Resigns as Mayor of Parsons

By: Lydia Crawley
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After 16 years of service, Parsons' longest running Mayor has submitted her letter of recommendation to the Parsons City Council.

In a letter dated October 10 and addressed to the Acting Mayor and City Council, Judy wrote, "It has been my pleasure serving the City of Parsons for the past 16 years. First, as their City Recorder and now as Mayor. Together, we've built a safer and more vibrant community and created many recreational opportunities for our citizens as well as our visitors. We protected our city throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, provided our residents with positive leadership, and our downtown is finally coming back. We have truly transformed Parsons into the beautiful city it is today."

Judy cites health as her reason for resignation. "Due to a recent diagnosis, I have become aware that my illness will require

extended treatment and recovery," Judy wrote, "and I am unsure that my ability to perform the duties of my present position will return. Unfortunately, my health has to come first, and that means I need to tenure my resignation. I do not make this choice lightly, but after consultation with my doctor and family, I find I have to do so. Therefore, I must inform you that I will resign from the Office of Mayor of the City of Parsons, effective at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2023."

In her letter, Judy thanked the City. "However, there is no doubt that together, we delivered for the people of Parsons," Judy wrote. "I will always be grateful to all of my partners in City government: City Council (past and present), Jason Myers, Aggie Arnold, and especially, the City employees who work tirelessly because they believe in our community. I am also thankful to our partners at the State and Federal government levels. Parsons is truly at its best when we come together and my tenure as Mayor has certainly benefited

from that."

Judy thanked the citizens of Parsons for their support over the years. "Again, I would like to thank the citizens for believing in me and allowing me to serve as the longest serving Mayor in the history of Parsons," Judy wrote. "This is not goodbye, but more like see you later. Parsons will always hold a special place in my heart. If I can ever be of assistance to the City in anyway, please don't hesitate to contact me."

Also outlined in Judy's letter, she listed the achievements Parsons has made. "In every corner of our city, not just downtown, we have new life, new jobs, and a renewed sense of community," Judy wrote. "We've delivered innovative solutions to rebuild our town through partnerships with state and not-for-profit organizations."

Judy also wrote of the need to focus on the positive. "I do not believe at moments like this that we should reflect and focus on the negative," Judy wrote. "Instead, we should remain grateful for all the Lord has

allowed us to accomplish and humbled by the opportunities He continues to present us. That is truly where I am today. Grateful for His blessings and humbled by His generosity. Ultimately, I will let history judge my tenure as Mayor and all that we have experienced. I have been truly blessed and rest assured in my faith for all our futures."

Council Member Kathy DiBacco made a motion at the regular City of Parsons Council meeting to accept the resignation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Melissa Jones. "I make a motion to accept her resignation and wish her well," Di Bacco said. "And that her health improves." The motion was unanimous.

Council Member Tim Auvil read the letter to the council at the meeting. "I felt that needed read," Auvil said. "I have respect for her long tenure and service and dedication. She deserved this kind of respect and acknowledgment." "She served this city well," Acting Mayor Bruce Kolsun said.



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viduals. Whenever we have a CPR in progress, since someone has had a cardiac related issue, we're in there working on the patient."

Tucker County EMS Training Officer Joe Strait said the key to CPR is continuous compressions. "One of the key things in CPR," Strait said, "is continuous compressions. With a Lucas you can have continuous compressions without somebody getting tired."

According to Simmons, fatigue during CPR compressions is common. "Whenever we are doing compressions, if there are only two people that are on the ambulance and you're clear out in Leadmine or wherever and you're waiting on the Fire truck to get there," Simmons said, "what occurs is, through the CPR process and you're doing the compressions, you're rotating, but occurs is the CPR and the compressions start to diminish because you as an individual get tired."

Simmons said that crews only had one Auto Pulse machine. "In the past we had one what we call an Auto Pulse," Simmons said. "And it was a band that went around the individual and it would do compressions for us, but its only on one of the trucks."

Simmons also said that if a call for CPR came in, crews hoped they had the unit with the Auto Pulse machine. "So if you got that call for CPR in progress or man down, you prayed you were on that truck that had that if it was way out," Simmons said. "Because if not, you were going to be hurting. I've done compressions for over an hour and a half before and it's not good compressions by the time you get done."

Simmons explained to the Commissioners that the Lucas machine provided perfect compressions. "We were asked the question a while back, 'Well, what is a Lucas,'" Simmons said. "It's the same type of device, only it's like a halo that goes over the individual and in the middle there is a little suction cup that comes down and actually goes right in the middle of their chest and it does active, perfect compressions every time. Perfect depth, everything."

According to Simmons, the accuracy of the Lucas devices comes from its ability to measure the depth it needs to compress. "It measures," Simmons said. "It knows immediately what depth it needs to go to and how far down."

With the addition of the Lucas units, crews will be able to focus more on other vital life saving measures during CPR calls, according to Simmons. "It does the compressions for us so we can work on airway," Simmons said. "Go ahead and start putting in medication. Start doing what we need to do and we can even actually load them in the ambulance and start heading towards those brighter lights or a medic or whatever else we need with this device."

Simmons said a representative from Stryker demonstrated the machine recently and her crews were impressed. "Chris Walker came in and he demonstrated to us the Lucas here a couple of weeks ago," Simmons said. "And the crew has just absolutely loved it."

According to Simmons, the new Lucas units will be far lighter than the old Auto Pulse. "It's so much lighter than the Auto Pulse," Simmons said. "And whenever you put it on your back, you have to be

a rather strong individual to be able to go and move it."

The new units will be easily moved by any of her crews, according to Simmons. "With the Lucas, it's in a backpack," Simmons said. "And it unfolds into what size you need it to be and you can put it on your back and it doesn't matter if you're a 125 pounds or if you're 225, you can lug it wherever you need to go."

Simmons also said that the new units will be beneficial during Search and Rescue extraction efforts. "So even on Search and Rescue, if we have someone back in the woods," Simmons said, "we can take it back in, strap it onto them and it actually has a plate behind them and the halo over them. It goes on them and their arms are connected and we can put them in a Stokes Basket and keep on going and the compressions will continue."

Simmons said new statistics have shown that accurate compressions are more important that rescue breaths if done properly. "And according to statistics, if you actually have an open airway, you can just do compressions and not give the breaths every 30," Simmons said. "So that, we can continue on, we can walk them out of the woods. We don't have to worry about, 'Ok, do we have to stop, give some breaths.' No. They have a more likelihood of making it out."

Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau said that the Canaan Fire Department now has a Lucas unit. "Someone brought up to me that they have Lucas, a Lucas machine, in Canaan Valley now," Rosenau said. "Their Fire Company decided to invest in one because they are so good."

According to Rosenau, the Canaan Valley unit caused him to contact Simmons about procuring a Lucas for the county at large. "So, I thought if they're so good, why can't we have them," Rosenau said. "It may save a life throughout the whole county. So, I contacted Mandy (Simmons)."

Rosenau said that while to state or federal agencies the amount of the purchases wouldn't seem like much, it was a lot to Tucker County. "We're doing the best we can in our little county to support our services for EMS," Rosenau said. "I hope on a national level, that you can see the effort that we are making. When we have to go look for \$26,000 on the budget for the country, it's not a lot. Not even a drop in a minute thimble. On the state level, its nothing. \$26,000. But when we start looking at \$26,000 out of our local budget, that takes a lot of work with us and we have to prioritize where it's going to go."

The saving of lives in Tucker County is a top priority, according to Rosenau. "Well saving a life in our county, is top priority for this Commission," Rosenau said.

Rosenau said he was impressed with the Lucas system's ability to be transported with the patient. "The thing I liked about Lucas, too," Rosenau said. "They can activate it on your chest and transport. It goes with that patient to the hospital. No matter if they're on Trooper 5. They go on the helicopter to Morgantown, that machine is so trusted throughout the industry, that can go with them right to Morgantown hospital."

Tucker County Commissioner Fred

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Davis said he was approached about the need for a CPR assist device when he first became a Commissioner. "One of the first things five years ago when I become a Commissioner," Davis said, "like the first month, someone asked me to try to come up with funding for one of them machines to do compressions because we're a rural area...We talked about it some so I'm very proud today for this here."

Simmons said the usual cost of a unit is \$17,000. "A Lucas normally costs \$17,000 on its own, by itself," Simmons said. "That's not any bells and whistles. That's \$17,000 by itself."

Simmons said she was able to get a better deal on the units. "I said, 'I don't know, Chris, if we can do it.' He said, 'Well, let me see what we can do.' And we happened to have an old monitor there that we don't use, its archaic and we have the Auto Pulse and he said, 'What if for however much, I can get you two?' And I said, 'Well, I'll try.'"

According to Simmons, she was able to receive a generous trade in for the old equipment. "We got 9,000 trade in," Simmons said. "For our two devices."

Rosenau said that was money saved to county. "That's \$9,000 that we didn't have to put out," Rosenau said.

Strait said that he plans to continue offering Community CPR classes because CPR trained individuals will always be needed. "One thing I've been doing over the past year or so is trying to do community CPR classes," Strait said. "We will get the Lucas and have that capability, but still, if you have somebody way out on Cheat Valley Highway that we have to go to, if that family member know how to do it, they can at least get something going until we get on scene."

According to Strait, the CPR classes will resume in the Spring. "In the past, the Commission has supported those classes and we will start them back up in the spring," Strait said.

Simmons thanked the Commission, community and other agencies for their continued support. "I so do appreciate all the support," Simmons said. "You have no clue. It's been amazing. So, I've been here almost a year now, I'm ten months in and I said the support from the community, from the other agencies, from the County Commission has just been overwhelming. I do appreciate everything you all have done."

Davis said that training and equipment are key to saving lives in rural areas like Tucker County. "Being a rural area and not having a hospital five minutes away," Davis said, "the best equipment, the best training we have, it saves people's lives."

Rosenau thanked the federal government for the ARPA funding that made the purchase of not only the CPR devices possible, but many other projects. "I want to thank, on the federal level, our ARP funding that came from the Federal Government," Rosenau said. "That we have been allowed to help our community in several ways from water to sewage to whatever. To a \$72,000 cot that we got. So now we have a little, tiny bit left and we'll scrape together enough that we could put \$26,384.54 towards something else that will help the community."

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held October 25th at 4 p.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom.

News of Record

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

- Gail Marie Gil, Thomas Corporation, Lot 62 to Mallory Ulizio and Michael Ulizio, \$196,000.
- Peter C. Johnson, Davis Corporation, 0.06 acres to WV Cvechko Investments LLC, \$15,000.
- Nancy A. Miller, Trustee; Hadley Family Trust, Dry Fork District, Lot 48 Cabin Mountain and 48 acres Mountain Side to Rick Jenkins, \$180,000.
- Roger Pennington, Fairfax District Lot 38 Benbush to Gary Roger Kelly and Lottie Kelly, \$12,000.
- Stanley Todd Crocker and Suzanne M. Johnson, 0.193 acres more or less Lot 7 The Pines to Golden Anchor properties LLC, \$360,000.
- North Lake LLC, Dry Fork District, Lot 27 North Lave V to Ferris Butler and Laura Butler, \$92,000.

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

- Ryan Everett Newman to Rachel Anne Neeld on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023.

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911 Center

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to wait on manuals to come in," Simmons said.

Training materials cannot be shared, according to Simmons. "So, you know, the student manuals you can't share between employees," Simmons said. "Because there's a code on the inside you have to send to the state and it goes to each employee. We didn't have all the books so we could only do half the employees in the first class."

Rosenau asked Simmons how many employees were fully trained when Simmons became Acting Director. "So let me just recap," Rosenau said. "The training at the 911 Center was lapse when you took over as Acting Director. How many dispatchers did we have that were fully trained that could continue to keep our doors open?"

Simmons said there were no employees with the required training. "Zero," Simmons said.

Rosenau recapped that Simmons had been the one to contact the State about the training issues. "So, you contacted the state and working with them to get

these in order," Rosenau said. "That's the only reason we keep our 911 Center open. Because you took the initiative to contact them, instead of them catching it and contacting us."

Simmons said the State was lenient due to the fact that they were approached by Simmons rather than discovering the issue at the State level. "They were very specific about that because we came to them to address the problem, they gave us leniency and a time frame to achieve those goals," Simmons said.

The time frame to address the issues will be reevaluated at the end of the year by the State, according to Simmons. "It will be reevaluated at the end of the year," Simmons said.

Simmons said that if the State had discovered the fact on their own, the Center would have likely been shut down. "If we had not come to them, they would have caught it," Simmons said. "They probably, they would have shut us."

Rosenau thanked Simmons for keeping the Center open. "Our calls would have been going through another county's,"

Rosenau said. "So, I want to thank you for that on behalf of the Commission."

Rosenau commented on Simmons taking the training to instruct his staff. "Another thing I want to address while we're on that same thing," Rosenau said. "Is I like to recap so people know what's going on. We would have had to of, if you hadn't taken the imitative, to take the training to be an instructor, we would have had to paid for each one of those classes. At a cost of?"

According to Simmons, if the training could not have been completed in house, the cost to the County would have been \$15,000 per employee at \$3,000 a class. "\$3,000 per employee, per class," Simmons said. "So that's 15 grand per employee, per discipline."

According to Rosenau, Simmons is certified through the State of West Virginia as an instructor for the necessary classes. "So, you took the initiative to take the classes to be an instructor to give our employees the proper training they need to pass their tests and you're certified through the State of West Virginia now to give those classes,"

Rosenau said.

Rosenau thanked Simmons for the cost savings to the County. "So, on behalf of the Commission," Rosenau said, 'for saving us thousands of dollars at the 911 Center, we want to thank you.'

According to Simmons, the staff also have a required 24 hours a year of continuing education. "It's pretty extensive," Simmons said. "On top of the classes, they have to log 24 hours of continuing education a year," Simmons said.

The purpose of the continuing education is to stay current within the field. "It just keep people current," Simmons said.

Rosenau suggested coordinating with the Office of Emergency Management on the upcoming Active Shooter Trainings at the County Schools to help complete some of the required continuing education credits.

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Stoop Indictment

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said. "He is no danger to the public. He is certainly no danger to anyone."

According to Prentice, his client is no danger to the victim, either. "He is no danger to the alleged victim," Prentice said.

Prentice mad a bail request of the

court. "I would request 90% PR with 10% going to the Court so that he could get his money back. Any terms set by the court, he's willing to do that."

According to Wilkins, the case was witnessed by a third party neighbor with no real connection to the household.

Wilkins said the witness saw bruising across the victim's body and heard the victim call for help. The alleged ingestion of mushrooms was also a factor in the incident and requested Community Corrections supervision due to the drug use.

Judge Courier ordered a \$10,000 bond with \$1,000 posted in cash and the rest Pretrial Release. Judge Courier further ordered no contact for the victim and victim's family, as well as a Community Corrections evaluation. Stoop posted bond at Court.

DHHR to Distribute Overdose Equipment to West Virginia EMS Agencies

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Gov. Jim Justice today announced the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) will provide equipment to EMS agencies across the state to support overdose response.

Through \$1.5 million in federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Overdose Data to Action program, OEMS has purchased syringes, atomizers, gloves, sharps containers, face shields, and other equipment to support West Virginia EMS agencies.

"First responders are working on a daily basis to save lives impacted by

the substance use disorder epidemic," said Jody Ratliff, OEMS Director. "We believe this overdose equipment will make a difference and are happy to support the incredible efforts of EMS agencies statewide."

Supplies will be distributed to agencies in November.

For more information about OEMS, visit wvoems.org. To view and apply for careers in the public health field, visit dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx. West Virginians seeking information on EMS careers in West Virginia are encouraged to visit emswv.com to learn about Gov. Jim Justice's EMS WV: Answer the Call initiative.



2023 First Lady Student Ornament Competition

CHARLESTON, WV — First Lady Cathy Justice is inviting all West Virginia students to participate in the nineteenth annual First Lady Student Ornament Competition.

All kindergarten through 12th grade students who are public, private, or home-schooled are encouraged to "Deck the Halls with Doggy Paws" by creating a "dog" themed Christmas ornament to honor West Virginia's canine companions. When creating their ornament, classes are asked to focus on West Vir-

ginia's Friends With Paws school therapy dogs or Babydog Justice. The ornaments will be on display at the Culture Center in Charleston during the holiday season.

Design and submission information for the 2023 First Lady Student Ornament Competition can be found [HERE](#).

Ornaments will be classified in four divisions according to grade: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Each ornament will be individually judged and four winning classes will be selected, one from each division. In January 2024, the winning ornaments

will be donated to the West Virginia State Museum for a permanent collection.

The ornaments and the Christmas tree will be unveiled in conjunction with Joyful Night, the annual holiday celebration at the State Capitol held in early December. The four winning classes will receive a gift card to help purchase supplies for their class.

Ornaments must be received by Friday, November 17, to be eligible for judging.

Students may mail their entries to:

Elizabeth Yeager
Department of Arts, Culture and History

The Culture Center
1900 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25305

With their submission, students MUST include their contact information (phone, email, mailing address, teacher name, school and class).

For questions please contact Elizabeth Yeager by email at elizabeth.a.yeager@wv.gov.

WVDNR reminds hunters about October antlerless deer firearms season
Early antlerless deer firearms season provides benefits for hunters and deer population

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources today announced that the first split of the antlerless deer firearms season will be open on public and private land in all or portions of the state's 51 counties open to deer firearms hunting

Oct. 26-29. Hunters who want to take advantage of this early deer firearms hunting opportunity are encouraged to purchase their license and deer stamps online at WVhunt.com before the season starts.

"In addition to giving hunters more opportunities to harvest deer, the early antlerless season is designed to control the state's deer population and promote healthier, heavier and more productive deer herds," said Brett McMillion, director of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

An early antlerless deer firearms season provides several advantages for hunters, such as favorable weather conditions for tree-stand hunting and the ability to meet the harvest requirement some counties

have for taking a second antlered buck in November. Counties that require hunters to harvest an antlerless deer before taking a second antlered buck include Berkeley, Greenbrier (south portion), Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral (east portion), Monroe, Morgan and Wood.

Early antlerless deer harvests also help the WVDNR manage the state's deer population. For every antlerless deer harvested in the October season, there will be more food for remaining deer during the winter months, which benefits not only the state's deer herd but other wildlife dependent on the woodland habitat.

"As much as everyone dreams of a big buck, harvesting antlerless deer is integral to a healthy population and can be just as rewarding," said James Bailey, Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Commerce, which oversees the WVDNR.

Hunters are also reminded to check their game online at WVhunt.com by calling 1-844-WVCHECK or by visiting

an authorized license

agent. By recording their harvests, hunters play an integral part in helping the WVDNR track deer herd trends, monitor doe harvest impacts and manage the deer population of West Virginia.

Hunters who can't make it out for the first segment have a chance to participate in three additional segments, scheduled to take place Nov. 20 to Dec. 3, Dec. 7-10 and Dec. 28-31. The antlerless deer firearms season is closed in Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties and portions of Kanawha, Fayette, Raleigh and Wayne counties.

All antlerless deer must be taken on a Class N or NN stamp or with a Class DT license. Landowners hunting on their own property do not have to purchase a Class N or NN stamp. Only one antlerless deer may be taken on each stamp. For more information about the antlerless deer firearms season, consult a copy of the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available at license retailers around the state and online at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

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Town of Hendricks

Trick or Treat

Saturday, Oct. 28th

6 - 8 p.m.

Leave porch light on if you wish to participate

Town of Davis Awarded Work Zone Sign Package to Improve Highway and Worker Safety

Davis, W.Va.— The Town of Davis applied for and was awarded a Work Zone Sign Package valued at \$3050 by the West Virginia Local Technical Assistance Program (WV LTAP). Davis was one of ten municipalities awarded this package, which will be used to improve work zone safety during road maintenance, utility operations, and incident management.

The Town of Davis was selected because of its demonstrated need of work zone traffic control devices and commitment to work zone safety. The Work Zone Sign Package Program is one of the many services offered by the WV LTAP to improve roadway safety across the state.

Each package includes twelve portable work zone signs, six sign stands, four barricades, four drums with reflective tape, 16 cones, two reflective “Stop/Slow” paddles, four Class III full-coverage safety vests, and two whistles with lanyards. In addition to the package, each municipality receives a free, work zone safety training course taught by the WV LTAP.

“The WV LTAP staff recognize how important these work zone sign packages are to West Virginia communities. Both the

equipment and the training that goes along with the packages helps enhance safety for both motorists and workers and facilitate traffic flow in these communities,” says WV LTAP Program Coordinator Andrew Morgan.

The goal of this program is to help West Virginia municipalities make their work zones safer for motorists and roadway workers. Including this year’s group of recipients, the WV LTAP has awarded 106 work zone sign packages to state municipalities since the program began in 1996.

The WV LTAP is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the West Virginia Department of Transportation and is housed at West Virginia University. The WV LTAP serves the state by providing training, demonstrations, personalized technical assistance, resource materials, and other services to individuals and agencies responsible for managing and maintaining West Virginia’s roadways.

To obtain additional information on the Center’s services, contact Kim Carr at (304) 293-9924, or to speak directly with the Town’s representative, contact Joni Felton at (304) 259-5302.

We Get Letters

Editor,

Far from light pollution, West Virginia’s state parks and forests offer some of the best stargazing spots on the east coast. If you look at a light pollution map of the US, West Virginia is dark!

In 2021, Watoga State Park, Calvin Price State Forest and Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park became West Virginia’s first international Dark Sky Parks. The designation was awarded by the International Dark Sky Association (IDA), a non-profit organization working hard to restore the nighttime environment and protect communities from the harmful effects of light pollution.

The Dark Sky designation helps to raise awareness of our parks and dark skies as resources for residents and visitors from around the world.

Who doesn’t like a starry night? Generations of artists, writers and musicians have all been inspired by the night sky. Night skies are just very cool. As a little girl I learned about the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper and spent lots of time searching the sky for these patterns on summer nights. That love of the mystery and beauty of the night never left me. I feel blessed to live in a place where we can still see the stars.

There is a global movement to reduce light pollution, and I’m glad that West

Virginia is playing its part in preserving the night sky:

- In their recently completed Comprehensive Plan, the Town of Davis included under Quality of Life: “Qualify and preserve Davis as a recognized Dark Sky Community.”

- Watoga State Park, Blackwater Falls State Park, Lost River State Park and Seneca State Forest are all currently listed by WV Tourism as top stargazing spots.

- International Dark Sky Week held in Charleston in April of this year kicked off WV Department of Tourism’s partnership with the International Dark-Sky Association.

- Coopers Rock State Forest announced a plan to build five stargazing A-frame cabins.

- Travel and Leisure dubbed West Virginia “one of the most under-the radar stargazing destinations” last year.

Light pollution affects human health, wildlife behavior and the environment. It blocks our view of the universe. Responsible lighting practices, passing dark sky friendly legislation, are just a couple of ways we can solve light pollution.

Let’s be inspired and feel empowered to protect our beautiful dark sky here in Tucker County ... and keep our connection with the cosmos.

Nancy Luscombe, Davis Resident

TREASURER MOORE STATEMENT CLARIFYING USAGE OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore, who serves as chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, today clarified that state law permits students to use Hope Scholarship funds for certain services provided by public charter schools but emphasized that students enrolled full-time in those schools are not eligible to participate in the Hope Scholarship program.

“Public schools – including public charter schools – are not permitted to ‘double-dip’ and receive both public funding and Hope funds for educational services,” Treasurer Moore said.

“Following recent news coverage about public charter schools and their funding issues, our Office has become aware of some confusion around the permitted use of Hope Scholarship funds for public charter school services,” Treasurer Moore said. “With regard to Hope Scholarship funds, I want to be clear that the Hope Scholarship Board approaches public charter schools and the services they provide the same as regular public schools operated by county boards of education.”

Under the Hope Scholarship Act and state law, public schools are allowed to charge Hope Scholarship students who are not enrolled full-time in their schools for certain classes or services these public schools might provide, and Hope Scholarship recipients are able to pay for these services using their award funds. This allows the public schools to be made whole, since

they do not receive state funds for those students.

Recently, our Office reassured the Public Charter School Board that the Hope Scholarship Act allows Hope students to use their funds to pay for similar services at public charter schools as well, so long as the schools enroll as an education service provider within the Hope program.

While public schools – including public charter schools – can charge for certain services, Treasurer Moore emphasized the student cannot use Hope funds to enroll in those schools on a full-time basis.

“Children enrolled full-time in a public charter school are ineligible for Hope Scholarship funds,” Treasurer Moore said. “Only students enrolled primarily in a nonpublic education environment could use funds at a public school or public charter school for certain additional classes or services they may wish to obtain. This restriction is what prevents public charter schools from ‘double-dipping,’ or receiving both public funding and Hope funds for these services.”

West Virginia public schools – including public charter schools – are funded through the Public School Support Plan (PSSP) outlined in state code and based primarily on school enrollment. The law makes clear Hope Scholarship students enrolled part-time in public school programs are not included in the enrollment count used in the state aid funding calculations, meaning public schools do not

receive state aid funding for Hope students. The public schools may then charge the Hope Scholarship students for these part-time services, and they are eligible to pay for them using their own funds.

County boards of education are treated as educational service providers under the Hope Scholarship program by virtue of the Hope Scholarship legislative rules and are supposed to charge Hope Scholarship students tuition for part-time educational services provided to them. The West Virginia Department of Education has created a special enrollment code in the West Virginia Education Information System (WVEIS) that public schools are supposed to use for Hope Scholarship students purchasing services from the public school system so that those students are not included in the net enrollment count used for state aid funding under the PSSP.

Based on the Hope Scholarship Act, legislative rules and state code related to Public School Support Plan funding, Hope Scholarship Board counsel have clarified the following as it relates to public charter schools:

A child enrolled full time in a public school, including a public charter school, is not eligible to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program at the same time.

The public charter schools will not receive state aid funding under the Public School Support Plan for a student who is a Hope Scholarship student. However, Hope Scholarship students have the abil-

ity to purchase part-time educational services from public schools, including public charter schools. Since the public schools don’t receive state aid funding for the student, the Hope Scholarship students must pay tuition to receive these part-time services if they choose to purchase them from the public school system.

The Hope Scholarship Act specifically allows Hope Scholarship students to take piecemeal classes from public schools, including public charter schools, for a fee. The fee makes the public school whole since the school does not receive state aid funding for Hope Scholarship students that are enrolled part-time in public school.

The public school or public charter school will never be doubly compensated for providing these services, since Hope Scholarship students are not permitted to be full-time public school students and are not factored into the public school’s funding allocation.

A public charter school may sign up as an educational service provider in the Hope Scholarship program so that Hope Scholarship students may purchase the educational services from the public charter school. This treats the public charter school the same as any other public school in West Virginia that is operated by a county board of education.

More information about the Hope Scholarship Program is available at www.hopescholarshipwv.com.

Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Tucker County Community Educational Outreach Service ladies met with the Tucker County Senior Citizens at the Parsons center on October 3, 2023. Tim Turner, Senior Citizens Executive Director, welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kenny Knotts gave the opening prayer.

Mike Rosenau, Tucker County Commissioner, read the West Virginia Proclamation designating October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The proclamation was provided by Marcy Evick, Deputy Program Assistant from the Extension Office. Linda Bonner from the senior center provided a

wreath as part of the decorations in honor of survivors and Sharon Daniels provided pink decorated cupcakes for all who attended. CESO’s attending were Eleanor Nestor, Sylvia Rosenau, Sharon Daniels, Jean Morrison, Glenda Lipscomb, and Marcy Evick.

For information concerning the CESO’s, please call the Extension Office at 304-478-2949. For information concerning services of the Senior Center, please call 304-478-2423. The Parsons Senior Center is hosting a Halloween Party starting at 10:30 a.m. on October 26, 2023, costumes are encouraged and seniors are welcome to join the fun and stay for a “Spooky Cooks Choice” lunch.



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TRICK OR TREAT

The Town of Hambleton will hold Trick or Treat on **Saturday, Oct. 28** during the hours of 6 – 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to hand out treats please turn on your porch light.

What's? Happening

Benefit Breakfast

Maple Springs Family Life Center in Eglon will have a benefit breakfast from 7 – 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. There will be sausage, eggs, gravy, biscuits, pancakes and home fries. All proceeds benefit postage to send shoe boxes through Samaritans Purse Shoebox Ministry. Event sponsored by the Maple Springs Men's Fellowship.

Trunk R Treat

Trunk R Treat at St. John's United Methodist Church Parking Lot on Saturday, October 28 from 6 – 8 p.m. Come for the fun & smores! All participants are

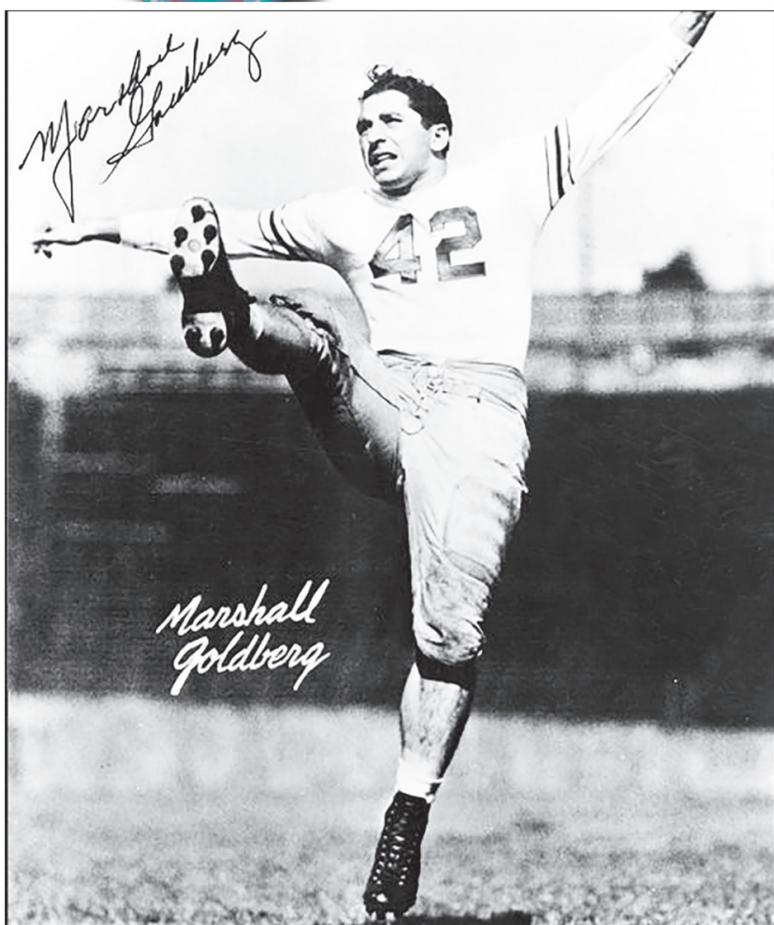
welcome!

Buckwheat Cake Breakfast

The Hendricks Free Methodist Church will have a buckwheat cake and sausage breakfast from 8 – 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28 for \$10 all you can eat. Eat-in or carry out with delivery available in area. For info call 304-940-9561.

Church Bizarre

The Hambleton Community Church will be having a bizarre on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be hot-dogs, fried bread and other baked goods. Something for everyone.



Oct. 25, 1918: Athlete Marshall "Biggie" Goldberg was born in Elkins. He led the Chicago Cardinals to the NFL championship in 1947 and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1958.

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.

Oct. 25, 1951: Writer Denise Giardina was born in Bluefield and raised in neighboring McDowell County. She is best known as a novelist and also has a long history of community activism, including a run for governor.

Oct. 26, 1801: Jefferson County was established from a portion of Berkeley County by the Virginia General Assembly and named for Thomas Jefferson.

Oct. 26, 1934: Athlete Rodney Clark "Hot Rod" Hundley was born in Charleston. Hundley earned first team All-American recognition his senior year at West Virginia University. He averaged 24.5 points per game and scored 2,180 points over his college career, ranking second in WVU history.

Oct. 27, 1879: Howard B. Lee was born in Wirt County. He was elected state attorney general in 1924, and served for eight challenging years. His term saw the impeachment of a state auditor, the lawlessness of Prohibition, and labor troubles in the coalfields.

Oct. 28, 1972: Brad Paisley was born in Glen Dale. Paisley has received the Entertainer of the Year award from the Country Music Association and 14 Academy of Country Music Awards.

Oct. 29, 1861: Confederate commander Robert E. Lee ended his ill-fated western Virginia campaign. His three months in the region were marked by rain, mud, inexperienced officers, diseases among the troops, and rampant criticism of his leadership.

Oct. 29-30, 2012: Following Hurricane Sandy, heavy wet snow fell across West Virginia. With accumulations approaching 40 inches, it surpassed all previously known October snowstorms.

Oct. 30, 1825: Randolph McCoy was born in Logan County. In 1878, McCoy's accusation against a cousin of Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield for stealing a hog set off a deadly series of events in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

Oct. 31, 1877: Herman Guy Kump was born in Capon Springs, Hampshire County. He was the 19th governor of West Virginia, serving from 1933 to 1937.

Oct. 31, 1940: Gale Catlett, West Virginia University basketball player and coach, was born in Hedgesville. Catlett coached WVU to 13 20-win seasons before he retired in 2002.

Oct. 31, 1946: Labor leader Cecil Edward Roberts Jr. was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. A sixth-generation coal miner and a fiery orator, Roberts has served as president of the United Mine Workers of America since 1995.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

Freya Bleu is growing quickly and she is into everything. I've had to take her to the vet because the person I got her from emailed and said one of her littermates had coccidia. Coccidia are a single cell parasite that infects the intestinal tract of animals causing diarrhea, vomiting, fever, muscle pain and can affect the nervous system. It is not something to mess around with.

She has been a little lethargic since I got her and of course the diarrhea but I got meds from the vet and hopefully she will get over it. It takes a couple weeks so I will keep you posted. She has made up with Gracie and Katy Kat but Amber/aka Mud Puppy not so much yet. I think it is just a little too much excitement for the old girl. Momma Said, The young should respect their elders or get taught a lesson the hard way." A little nip on the snout never hurt anyone.

We have a spectacular fall around here this year, the colors are beautiful. We haven't had much color the last few years but we had a good hard frost awhile back and that did the trick. That is the first time we have had a frost this early in the year for more than five or six years. Global warming is affecting everything.

I don't know if the early frost is any indication of what our winter will be like this year but last year we didn't have

Momma Said

This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate



enough snow to worry about even shoveling a path. I don't think I had my boots on all winter. Tennis shoe weather in West Virginia is not what winter used to be like that is for sure.



CARAMEL RICE KRISPIE TREATS

Ingredients

- ½ cup salted butter
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 10 ounces Werther's soft caramels
- 10 ounces mini marshmallows
- 8 cups rice krispie cereal

Instructions

1. Unwrap each caramel and put in a large pot over low heat. Add salt, butter and sweetened condensed milk.

2. Allow mixture to sit and heat over low heat until fully melted. Stirring occasionally until well combined.

3. Once fully melted add the marshmallows and continue to stir the mixture till they are fully melted and mixed in.

4. In a large bowl add the cereal. Then pour the caramel-marshmallow mixture over the cereal. Using a lightly greased spatula mix the cereal and gooey mixture together till well combined.

5. Spread the cereal treat into a lightly greased 9x13 dish. Allow to cool and firm up. Cut into bars and enjoy.

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| 26 Whirling, old-style | 62 Mammal with secretions used in perfumery | 112 Former NPR host Flatow | 10 Masc. opposite | 57 River of forgetfulness | 57 River of forgetfulness | 98 See |
| 27 Vase variety | 66 Vessel spar | 113 Slangy sleuth | 11 Plaster painting | 58 Subpar grade | 58 Subpar grade | 99 51-Across |
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| 40 Actress Anderson | 78 Boxes of toy building blocks | 126 A Chinese capital | 18 Utopias | 70 Honk | 70 Honk | 111 Thees and — |
| 41 Haul to court | 81 They patrol on horseback | 127 Loosen, as a boot | 19 Jukebox selections | 71 Casual shirt | 71 Casual shirt | 117 Em, to Dorothy |
| | 85 Historic NYC club, with "the" | 128 Irremediable | 24 Supreme Court's Samuel | 72 Fun activities, for short | 72 Fun activities, for short | 119 Hurdle for some college srs. |
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Weather Totals

October 10 - October 17

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature
Max 73° F
Min 31° F

Precipitation
Week 1.06"
October 1.53"
2023 40.12"

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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This Week's Submitted Photos

This week's photo was taken in Thomas by Beverly Ellison.

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SPORTS

TUCKER COUNTY RUNS BY SMITHBURG, MD AT HOME 40-6



Tucker County's Maddox Anderson scores on a touchdown reception against Smithburg, MD on Oct. 20th. The Mt. Lions won the game 40-6. Photo by Brittany Channell.



The 2023 Tucker County Homecoming Court(L-R): Drew Simmons, Shyla Jones, Ryan Scott, Kennide Helmick, Justin Robeson, Carley Vandevender, Ashton Lycliter, Jayden Moore, Gabe Bennett, Jacie Pennington, Parker Ledden and Joanna Leary. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The Mt. Lions Football team hosted Smithburg, MD for a homecoming game on Friday October 20th. Tucker County broke a 6-6 tied with 34 unanswered points to get the win over Smithburg 40-6.

Tucker County scored first on a wild pass play as the Ethan Rosenau 12 yard pass was deflected into the air by the defense and Racer Channell would catch the pass off the deflection for the touchdown. The 2 point conversion failed to make the score 6-0 Mt. Lions with 8:11 left in the first quarter. The Smithburg offense could not move the ball and Tucker County got the ball back. Then the visiting Leopards collected an interception and ran the ball back 35 yards for a touchdown. The PAT failed to tie the score at 6-6 with 11:40 left in the second. On the ensuing kickoff Tucker County's Blaike Adams took the kick and raced 70 yards for the touchdown with 11:37 left in the second. The PAT was good on an Adams run to put the score to 14-6 Mt. Lions. Tucker County would add another score with 33 seconds left in the second quarter as Jared Reall found the endzone on a 4 yard run. The PAT was good on a pass from Rosenau to Garrett Wilfong to make the halftime score 22-6

Tucker County.

In the third quarter the Mt. Lions would add to their lead as Adams collects a 22 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau with 7:44 left in the third. The 2 point conversion was good on an Adams run to increase the Tucker County lead to 30-6. The Mt. Lions defense would then get a score on a safety as the Smithburg punter had the snap go over his head out of the back of the endzone with 25 seconds left in the third. The Tucker County offense would then score one more time in the fourth quarter as Rosenau connected with Maddox Anderson on a 21 yard touchdown pass. The PAT was good on pass to Adams to push the Mt. Lions lead to 40-6 with 10:29 left in the game. Both teams failed to score the rest of the contest as Tucker County got the win by the final score of 40-6.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County on 10 of 15 passing for 120 yards and Jared Reall finished with 19 carries for 69 yards rushing. Blaike Adams added 3 receptions for 43 yards receiving and Maddox Anderson chipped in with 3 receptions for 29 yards receiving for the Mt. Lions. Jared Reall led the Tucker County defense with 6 tackles, while Owen Knotts and Marky Phillips added 5 tackles each in the win.

Tucker County(8-0) will host Petersburg next Friday October 27th at home. Kickoff is set for 7pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



The 2023 Tucker County Homecoming Queen Jayden Moore and escort Ashton Lycliter. Photo by Brittany Channell.

TUCKER VALLEY GETS THE WIN AT HOME OVER POCAHONTAS 54-6



The Tucker Valley 8th grade Football players and Cheerleaders were recognized before the game on Oct. 19th. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The Wildcats Middle School Football team hosted Pocahontas County for their last game of the season on Thursday October 19th.

Tucker Valley scored first on a 78 yard touchdown by Brayden Bennett and the 2 point conversion was good on pass from Branson Hyre to Quinton Teter. The Wildcats would then add another score on a 56 yard touchdown pass from Hyre to Bennett. The PAT was good by Jon Tuttle to make the score 16-0. Tucker Valley would then strike again on a 9 yard touchdown run by Tuttle and the PAT was good by Isiah Leary. The Wildcats would then add to the lead on a 27 yard touchdown pass from Hyre to Jordan Freeman. Then the home team would score once again before the halftime break on a 6 yard touchdown pass from Hyre to Evan Hexom. The halftime score was 36-0 Tucker Valley.

Pocahontas County then got on the scoreboard to start the third quarter to make the score 33-6. The Wildcats then answered back with a 16 yard touchdown run by Bennett. Tucker Valley would then add a 9 yard touchdown run by Isiah Lipscomb and a 4 yard touchdown run by Jackson Freeman to give the Wildcats the win by the final score of 54-6.

Branson Hyre led Tucker Valley with 7 of 13 passing for 141 yards. Brayden Bennett had 94 yards rushing and 61 yards receiving for the Wildcats in the win.

Tucker Valley(2-5) recognized their 8th grade players and cheerleaders before the contest. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

MT. LIONS CROSS COUNTRY PERFORM WELL AT REGIONAL MEET

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

WEST UNION – The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country team traveled to Doddridge County to compete in the Region 2 Championship on Thursday October 19th.

In the Boys' race the Tucker County Boys' team finished in third place overall to qualify for the State Meet. Cameron Judy was the top finisher for the Mt. Lions with a 6th place finish and a time of 18:40.68. The remaining runners for the Mt. Lions are

as follows: 12th-Alex Boyles(19:11.62), 18th-Lynk Suesli(19:39.06), 25th-Allan Boyles(20:34.63), 26th-Nate Ricottilli(20:44.70), 30th-Ryan Scott(21:46.79) and 36th-Ivan Lothes(24:42.25).

In the Girls' race Katie Hicks was the top runner for the Tucker County as she finished in 3rd place and a time of 20:50.60. The Lady Mt. Lions runner Addie Moats finished in 9th place with a time of 22:23.97. Katie Hicks and Addi Moats qualified for the State Meet with these finishes. The remaining Lady Mt. Lions runners placed as follows: 15th-Addie Hicks(24:44.30),

17th-Brianna Gooden(25:23.41), 31st-Adrianna Tuttle(34:57.85) and 32nd-Lilly Boyles(35:48.53). The Lady Mt. Lions missed qualifying for the State Meet as a team by just 5 points.

The Tucker County Cross Country

members that qualified will run at the State Meet on Saturday October 28th at Cabell Midland High School. The Class "A" Girls' race will start at 9am and the Boys' race will be at 9:45am. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:
Friday October 27th
Tucker County Football vs Petersburg @ Home 7pm
Saturday October 28th

Tucker County Cross Country – State Meet @ Cabell Midland
Monday October 30th
Tucker County Volleyball – Sectional - TBA



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TUCKER VOLLEYBALL DEFEAT TYGARTS VALLEY AND UNION

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions Volleyball team hosted Tygarts Valley on Tuesday October 17th. In the JV match the Tucker County JV got the win 2-0 with scores of 25-6 and 25-12.

In the varsity match Tygarts Valley took an early 4-2 lead in Set 1. The Lady Mt. Lions fought back to tie the score at 4-4. The Lady Bulldogs then built a 10-6 lead, but Tucker County again surged back to take a 15-12 lead. The Lady Mt. Lions would maintain the lead the rest of the set as they won Set 1 by the score of 25-22. In Set 2 Tygarts Valley got off to a 5-1 lead. Tucker County would then tie the score at 5-5 and 8-8. The Lady Mt. Lions then pulled out to a 14-8 lead. The Lady Bulldogs could not stop the Tucker County momentum as the homestanding Lady Mt. Lions won Set 2 by the score of 25-15. Tucker County exploded out to a 13-1 lead to start Set 3. Tygarts Valley could not recover as the Lady Mt. Lions won Set 3 by the score of 25-6. This would give Tucker County the Match win 3-0. The Lady Mt. Lions team recognized their only senior on Senior Night before the match, Rachel Felton.

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Volleyball team hosted a Tri-Match on Thursday October 19th with Trinity and Union. In the first match Tucker County faced off against Trinity. In the first set of the best of 3 set match Trinity raced out to a 13-1 lead. The Lady Mt. Lions fought back to cut the Trinity lead to 16-9. The visiting

Lady Warriors then pulled away as they led 21-10 late in the set. Trinity then got the Set 1 win 25-16. In Set 2 Trinity once again got off to a quick start as they led 5-1 early, but Tucker County responded to tie the score at 5-5. Trinity then took a 17-10 lead midway through the set. Tucker County could not complete the comeback as Trinity got the Set 2 win 25-13. This would give Trinity the 2-0 Match win.

Trinity would then face off against Union for the second match of the night. The Lady Warriors would get the Match win over Union in straight sets 25-19 and 25-18 to win the match over Union 2-0.

In the last match of the night Tucker County would play Union. The visiting Lady Tigers got off to a quick start in Set 1 as they led the Lady Mt. Lions 7-2. Tucker County battled back to tie the score at 13-13. The rest of Set 1 was back and forth as there were 3 more ties at 14-14, 15-15, 18-18. The Lady Mt. Lions then pulled away for the Set 1 win 25-19. In Set 2 Union led early 7-4, but Tucker County responded to tie the score at 7-7. Then the Lady Mt. Lions took the lead and started to pull away as they led 20-11. Union was unable to stop the Tucker County momentum as the Lady Mt. Lions would take Set 2 by the score of 25-13. This would give the homestanding Lady Mt. Lions the 2-0 match win over Union.

Tucker County(6-16) will start Sectional play next week. The Sectional opponent and date has yet to be determined. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County's Senior Rachel Felton with her coach Crystal Kirk as Felton was recognized on Senior Night before their match against Tygarts Valley on Oct. 17th. The Lady Mt. Lions won the match 2-0. Photo by Dave Helmick.

Monongalia County vegetable farm wins WV Conservation Farm of the Year



SUTTON, W.Va. -- A farm outside Morgantown specializing in certified naturally grown vegetables won the West Virginia Conservation Farm of the Year award Tuesday during an awards luncheon in Sutton.

Mountain Harvest Farm on Goshen Road near Morgantown, which is owned by Chico Ramirez and Mary Oldham, won the award during the West Virginia Conservation Partnership Conference luncheon.

Mountain Harvest Farm was competing against the Finley Farm, owned by Cody and Jessica Finley, of Apple Grove in

Mason County. Both farms have demonstrated a commitment to conservation practices that protect soil, land, water and related resources.

Each year, one West Virginia farm receives the Conservation Farm of the Year honor after winning at the county, district and area levels. Judges visited both farms in late August and graded the farmers on their use of best manage-

ment practices, impact on ecological systems and community-based activities.

Mountain Harvest Farm represents the Monongahela Conservation District of Monongalia, Marion and Preston counties. The Finley Farm represents the Western Conservation District of Mason, Putnam and Jackson counties.

The Finleys raise cattle and goats on their farm in Apple Grove. Their children show animals in 4H and they've implemented agricultural best management practices that include lime, frost seeding, pasture division and exclusion fence,

watering systems, and rotational grazing to improve their operation.

Ramirez and Oldham of Mountain Harvest Farm earned a \$1,000 award for the win.

The couple also will receive 200 hours, or three months, use of a John Deere tractor from Middletown Tractor Sales in Fairmont, with an option to later purchase the tractor at a discounted rate. Brandon Thomas of Middletown Tractor Sales (MTS) also said each participant in the Conservation Farm of the Year program would be able to receive a 10 percent discount on MTS equipment.

Some of the conservation best management practices at Mountain Harvest Farm are crop rotation, cover crops, contour farming, no-till farming, buffer strips, pollinator planting, nutrient management practices and more.

Ramirez and Oldham grow tomatoes, carrots, greens, herbs, corn, peppers, eggplant, broccoli, cut flowers and other produce on the farm. In addition to growing produce in open fields on the farm, they utilize two high tunnels and four low tunnels to extend their growing season.

Mountain Harvest Farm follows organic growing standards and is currently Certified Naturally Grown (CNG), which is a grassroots alternative to USDA Certified Organic that Oldham said is more appro-

priate for small-scale local growers who have relationships with local customers.

Ramirez and Oldham also take part in a subscription vegetable farm share program often called a "CSA" or "Community Supported Agriculture."

The couple supports their family through their operation, and they also employ three workers on work visas and two part-time employees to manage CSA deliveries.

They also provide produce to the Morgantown area through local farmers markets, Oldham said.

They've hosted tours of the farm for a variety of groups, including WVU students and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field staff, and annual tours for their customers. They also host students as young as preschool age at the farm. In 2019, they hosted the Nuffield International Farmers Scholars as part of their global tour to expand the recipients' knowledge of agricultural best management practices.

This past spring, they also hosted an "Earth Day at the Farm" event with a conservation walk and pollinator planting.

The mission of the West Virginia Conservation Agency is to provide for and promote the protection and conservation of West Virginia's soil, land, water and related resources for the health, safety and general welfare of the state's citizens.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0735-E-ENEC
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and
THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

Petition and General Investigation to determine reasonable rates and charges on and after January 1, 2024.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On August 31, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (collectively, Companies) requested that the Commission initiate its annual review of Expanded Net Energy Costs (ENEC), including a review of actual costs and recoveries for the review period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and to establish new rates to go into effect on January 1, 2024. The Companies request that the Commission approve rates that will result in a projected total annual revenue of \$167,465,330. This requested increase is less than the calculated increase of \$243,032,313 which includes a deferred ENEC under-recovery balance of \$267,004,039 as of June 30, 2023, and a projected \$19,913,811 over-recovery for the 2024 forecasted effective rate period. The Companies derived the requested \$167.47 million by taking the actual under-recovery balance of \$267,465,330 and subtracting \$91,898,347, the amount deferred from the last ENEC filing, Case No. 22-0793-E-ENEC and dividing the balance by half. In other words, the Companies propose to recover the \$91.9 million deferred from the last ENEC case and half of the present under-recovery. The Companies request a four percent carrying charge for the remaining \$75,566,983.

The proposed ENEC rates represent a 9.9% increase in total rates with an impact to the average residential customer using 1,000 kWhs per month being an increase in monthly bills from \$120.20 to \$129.39 or 7.8%.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on Thursday November 30, 2023. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene not later than November 9, 2023. All petitions to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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1st publication 10/18/23	62 Foxglove Ln
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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

LEGAL

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN RE: Civil Action No. 23-D-30

The Marriage of:
Caitlin R. Hebb and Jeremy D. Cussins

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT. To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Jeremy D. Cussins, is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Jeremy D. Cussins serve upon Caitlin Hebb, Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 211 First Street, Suite 403, Parson, WV 26287, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before November 12, 2023. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

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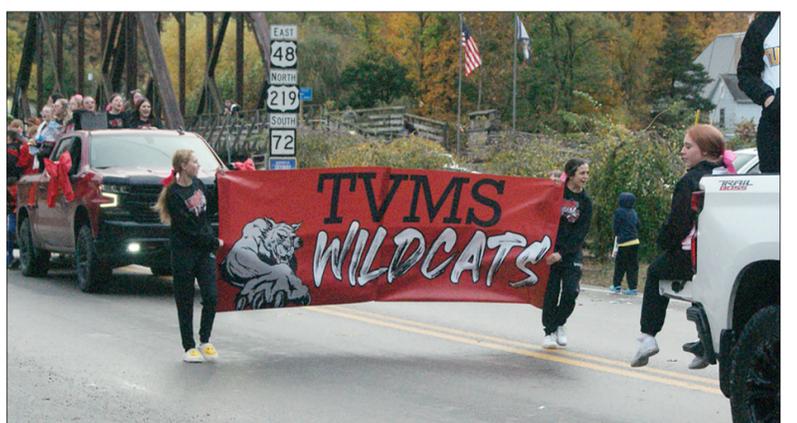
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