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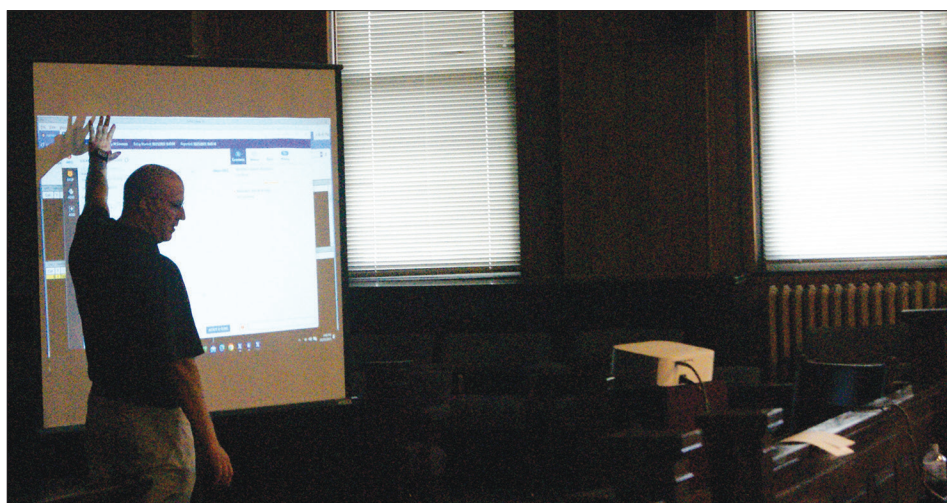
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911 Center Demonstrates New Technology to Public



911 Center Director Michael Simmons demonstrates the new Computer Aided Dispatch System at the Tucker County Courthouse.



Members of the public attend the 911 Center Demonstration at the Tucker County Courthouse.

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

911 Center Director Michael Simmons provided members of the public with a demonstration of some of the features of the new equipment the County Commission has funded for the center. The demonstration was held at the Old Courtroom of the Tucker County Courthouse immediately following the recent meeting of the Tucker County Commission. Several members of the public were in attendance for the event.

Simmons outlined the County's investment in the 911 Center over the past year. "Over the past year, the County Commission has invested a good sum of money to the Com Center because a lot of our equipment was either not what we needed or was outdated and that stuff just plays such a large role in the efficiency of getting responders where they need to go and us getting the best information, we can to them," Simmons said.

Simmons said that the Computer Aided Dispatching system at the Center was outdated and needed upgrading. "One of the main issues that we come across was we had an older CAD system," Simmons

said, "that had the ability to see street view pictures of everyone's house in Tucker County. As technology does, it changes."

Simmons said that the initial upgrade to the system lost the picture capability in the system. "So, when it comes time to update to another CAD system, there's pictures that go along with it," Simmons said. "So when these Commissioners got back into the office, they noticed because they were there before, they were asking, 'Where are the pictures at?' Well, they didn't come with this CAD system."

According to Simmons, the old vendor refused to include picture capability with the system. "So, we started talking with that vendor and it was something that they really weren't willing to do and it didn't really matter about the price," Simmons said. "We offered them money, they weren't able to do it, they weren't willing to do it. It was a pretty shut case."

Due to the vital role the photo capability played in the system, the Commission decided to change vendors, Simmons said. "But it played such a vital role in what we do up there that the Commission opted to change vendors," Simmons said. "We went with Motorola because the product

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Seven Islands Farm Chosen as a West Virginia Century Farm



Tom and Georgy Plaucher, of Seven Islands Farm, displaying the Century Farm sign they were just presented.

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District is pleased to recognize Seven Islands Farm as a West Virginia Century Farm. This designation is given to farms that have been owned and continuously farmed by direct descendants of the same family for 100 years or more.

The farm was established on May 25, 1847 when Aaron Loughry, Sr. was granted 30 acres on the west side of the Cheat River at Seven Islands in Randolph County, Virginia. Aaron and his family cleared the forested land and settled into a life of farming along the river.

In 1853, Aaron Sr.'s son, Aaron Jr. married

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Tom Plaucher received the Century Farm Award from the Association of Conservation, Tucker County District Supervisor, James B. Nester Sr.



Blackwater PSD members address the concerns of the public. Several members of the public were on hand to hear details of the Waste Water Treatment Project.

Blackwater PSD, Region VII Discuss Accounting and Legal Services

By: Lydia Crawley
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Blackwater Public Service District members and Region VII Executive Director Shane Whitehair discussed the need to procure Legal and Accounting services for the new PSD at the meeting of the District Board.

Blackwater PSD Board Chairman Alan Tomson said the board needed to move forward with the procurement of services. "What we wanted to do at this meeting, we talked about at the last meeting, was really to move forward trying to fill out the team," Tomson said. "So that we can get the accountant and the legal services that we need."

Whitehair informed the board that his agency is moving forward on proposals and solicitations as well as a Residual Support Plan for the project. "As far as Legal and Accounting, We'll have to send a proposal out, RSP (Residual Support Plan) out and obviously we will make sure that all the solicitations are done."

Whitehair said Region VII is also looking ahead with the project so they can complete anything that might come up in the future. "Kind of looking ahead to make sure our bases are covered...and things like that," Whitehair said. "Because we really don't know what the funding looks like today, so you want to make sure that we don't have to do it again in the future."

According to Whitehair, his organization is working on a draft proposal cur-

rently but due to the newness of the PSD entity, there are some factors to address in the proposal. "So, we are actually drafting out the proposal now," Whitehair said. "This is a little different now because it is a new PSD and there are a lot of different, you know, quirks with it. So we want to make sure that we're covered before we send it out."

The draft proposal should be ready in a week or so, according to Whitehair. "We should have it ready in the next week or so," Whitehair said.

Tomson said he had attended a PSD training sponsored by the Public Service Commission. "I did attend the PSD training the PSC (Public Service Commission) holds," Tomson said. "And they went over a lot of things with Legal and Accounting. Very, very informative three days."

Tomson said he wished he had an opportunity to attend when he became Mayor of Davis. "I wish I had taken it when I became Mayor," Tomson said. "Because what they were talking about for the PSD is just as relevant for a municipality if you have sewer and water."

According to Tomson, he recommended the PSC extend the training to municipalities, as well. "So, I made that recommendation to the PSC that they really should broaden the audience," Tomson said. "If they can tolerate that."

The next meeting of the Blackwater Public Service District will be held Tuesday December 12th at 10 a.m. at the Davis Town Hall in Davis.

County Commission Supports Fraternal Order of Police Children's Christmas Party

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Tucker County Commission, in a motion made by Commission President Mike Rosenau, approved a financial support of \$1,500 to the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 104 in Elkins to assist with the organization's annual children's Christmas party and gifts for underprivileged children. Ron Kilgore represented the organization at the Commission's meeting.

Kilgore said his organization serves several counties throughout the area, including Tucker. "We provide services for Randolph, Barbour, Tucker, Pocahontas, Grant and Pendleton Counties," Kilgore said.

According to Kilgore, the annual event has grown over the years. "We're here today asking for a donation for our Christmas Party," Kilgore said. "Our Christmas Party really has evolved. This is the second year where we are going to have it at the Phil Gainer Center."

Kilgore said 150 area families were served last year by the program. "Last year was a pretty good success," Kilgore said. "We had roughly a 150 children and their families come."

The party includes several activities for the children as well as a gift valued at between \$90 and \$100, Kilgore said. "We have bounce houses, food and every child received a gift between 90 and 100 dollars," Kilgore said.

Twenty-three Tucker County families were served last year, according to Kilgore, as well as the organization's continued support of Tucker County in general. "Out of Tucker County,



Ron Kilgore from the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 104 in Elkins addresses the Tucker County Commission. Kilgore and his organization requested donations for their annual Children's Christmas Party. The Commission unanimously approved a donation of \$1,500 to support Tucker County children served by the program.

there were 23 kids, plus their families," Kilgore said. "In Tucker County specific, we donated 800 to the Rec League here. They sent us a letter from the Tucker County Community Foundation, which will come out of our general fund, not our Christmas fund. They are asking, they need to raise \$5,000, we're giving Tucker County another thousand."

Kilgore said his organization hopes to serve more children this year. "So, I wanted you to know that we put that money back into this county," Kilgore said. "We're hoping to expand past the 150 children this year."

Kilgore outlined how the children are selected. "We do put thought into it,"

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911 Center

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that they offer puts everyone on the team, participating on the same call.”

Simmons said that earlier systems kept the call strictly within the Center. “Before the information would come into the Com Center and that’s where it stayed,” Simmons said. “We could give it verbally, but that’s as far as it went.”

According to Simmons, outside agencies needed to radio or call in any notations for the call before, but with the new system, each has equal access. “If an officer was on a call and he needed to add some comments to the report, he had to call us or radio us and we would have to enter it in for him,” Simmons said. “Now everybody has this CAD system with all the agencies.”

Law Enforcement was used as an example that the agency can enter notations and information on the calls in real time or even initiate a call in the system. “So, like with Law Enforcement, he doesn’t even have to be notified of a call,” Simmons said. “He’s driving down the road, sees a crime taking place, he can create his own call, he can assign himself to it, he can put his own notes in there.”

Simmons said that when another agency initiates a call in the system, his Center has instant access to it. “And when he does that, it shows up in our system as if we created it,” Simmons said.

Simmons said that other agencies also have the capability to see and respond to a call immediately even if the 911 Center has not been able to assign the case yet. “And it works the other way, as well,” Simmons said. “We create a call, but haven’t assigned anybody. Somebody in the public needs something and we create the incident, before we assign anybody, if it’s a law nature, it will show up for Law Enforcement and he can take the call. He can assign himself to it, he can enter notes.”

According to Simmons, the new system also benefits the EMS efforts and can allow the responders to update cases while they are actively engaged on scene. “Same with EMS,” Simmons said. “There’s been some cases where they’ve had walk-ins. If we dispatch them to a call and they say, ‘We are leaving the station and are in route.’ If it’s a hectic scene and they don’t have time due to the nature to call in and let us know they’re there, what they’re going to do, they have the ability to do that. They can change their status to on scene, they can make notes of what they’re doing, any pertinent information. The same way with Fire Department.”

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said that all law enforcement agencies have laptops in their vehicles to communicate with the 911 Center. “So, Michael, what you’re saying is each law enforcement officer now has a laptop in their vehicle that will communicate and talk to the 911 Center and in that CAD it will show up,” Rosenau said.

Simmons said each vehicle has a VPN connection that is connected directly to the 911 Center servers. “Yes, sir,” Simmons said. “We put in a VPN connection in each vehicle that connects directly to our server at the 911 Center. No matter where they’re at, as long as they have wifi, which they all have wifi in their vehicles now, they can log in just like they are a dispatcher at the Com Center and participate in everything.”

Simmons also stated that law enforcement can also run

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Kilgore said. “First, we contact the school. The school councilor provides us with the persons that they know in the community that need the assistance for Christmas. So, we do that throughout all the counties.”

Kilgore said his organization works with the child’s family to select gifts especially for each child. “And then we contact each individual family,” Kilgore said. “What does your child want between 90 and 100 dollars? What are they interested in? And then we coordinate and purchase that.”

According to Kilgore, the party will have a longer time frame than they did last year. “Last year it was a four-hour block,” Kilgore said. “So, we have to split the counties. Half the counties come in a two-hour and the other counties come in the other two. We have increased that to a six-hour time limit,” Kilgore said. “So they will be there, half the counties will be there for three hours and the other half for the other three hours.”

Besides gifts and refreshments, the party includes characters such as Santa and the Grinch and activities for the children, as well. “We have Santa Claus, the Grinch, they have a couple of bounce houses, refreshments, they get their gifts,” Kilgore said. “It’s a pretty good time.”

According to Kilgore, the organization spent close to \$20,000 on last year’s party. “We spent last year on gifts itself; we spent a little over \$18,000,” Kilgore said. “The whole Christmas was about \$19, 500 with the venue, with the addition of the wrapping and all of that.”

Kilgore said the organization hopes to raise more money to spend on the party this year. “We’re hoping to expand on all of that,” Kilgore said. “We do have, last year two counties, of all of our county commissions, donated to us. Randolph, they provided \$2,500 last year. Pendleton gave a thousand. We’re still waiting for Randolph County this year. Pendleton County gave us another thousand.”

Kilgore said he is attempting to meet with other county commissions to solicit donations, as well. “I’m hoping to get time slots to come and speak at the other counties, too,” Kilgore said. “To let people know that it really is money coming in and going back out directly into your communities.”

Documentation was supplied to the commission,

routine checks from their own vehicles in the case of emergencies where the Center may not be readily available to run a license check. “And Law Enforcement also has the ability now that they can run license plates and driver’s license at traffic stops,” Simmons said. “In the event of, say there’s a heart attack, a cardiac arrest call comes in and we’re giving CPR instructions over the phone until EMS can arrive. If they pull somebody over, they can hear that we are occupied. They can do it themselves. We prefer them not to, it’s still our job, but they do have that ability in case of emergency.”

Simmons said that Motorola custom built their map based on Assessor data and flyover. “This was a completely new, custom-made map by Motorola,” Simmons said. “This was based on our 2018 flyover that the assessor’s office did do.”

Besides data on residences and towns, the new map also has all the trails in the area plotted as well, according to Simmons. “It was an aerial view of the town with all of the topography and stuff,” Simmons said. “Address points, center lines, they have the trails mapped, which comes in handy up in the Dolly Sods area. We have all those trails mapped.”

Simmons said the trails will include GPS mile markers on the map come the first of the year. “And at the first of the year, they are going to be GPS mile markers,” Simmons said. “So, if a person calls in... we will be able to see that they are three tenths of a mile from this entrance point.”

Simmons said when he started at the Center, horseback riders were utilized to search the trails. “I remember back when I first started, they would have people up there on horseback looking for lost hikers, missing people,” Simmons said.

Simmons said the system includes pictures of properties that are updated on a regular basis. “In those hyperlinks we have all the assessors street views of pictures... Those are updated every year when they take new pictures,” Simmons said. “There are new addresses, those are updated quarterly.”

According to Simmons, the new system also has the capability to add warning labels for addresses that will show up for all agencies that can include information on safety, medical or special instructions such as hidden keys or door codes for entry. The system also has the capability to operate other 911 Centers with the same software in case of emergency or disaster in another county, according to Simmons.

Simmons also said the Center has a fully automated switch over system for communications. In case of an outage on the main connection, the system will automatically switch over to the backup system with no interruption in service. “The dispatchers don’t even know it’s happened,” Simmons said.

At the demonstration, Commissioner Rosenau and Simmons discussed hosting a future event at the basement of the 911 Center to fully showcase the system due to a lag that was occurring at the Courthouse due to Simmon’s computer operating on a hotspot internet connection and a backdoor into the system. No date has been set for a future demonstration.

according to Kilgore. “I’ve provided documentations and just photos,” Kilgore said. “Our letter and so forth.”

Kilgore said the party will be held in December before Christmas. “Our Christmas party, it will be in December,” Kilgore said. “It will be before Christmas.”

Kilgore also informed the Commission that the money raised will be divided between the counties served, but they are still in need of donations. “We try to split that money up between the counties,” Kilgore said. “Right now, I’m transparent, we have about \$9,500. So, we’re on an upswing. We still have a way to go to get to where we were last year, but hopefully we will get there.”

According to Kilgore it takes \$100 to served one child. “You could pretty much say a \$100 a child,” Kilgore said. “So, if it’s a \$1,000, that’s 10 children. We will bring more, but that’s about what you’re sponsoring. It’s a \$100 a child. So, I hope you consider.”

The Christmas donations have a separate account, according to Kilgore. “The Christmas donation itself is a separate account only for the Christmas,” Kilgore said. “So, it does not go into our general fund. It can’t be spent on anything other than (that). If a check comes in and it says Christmas donation, it goes into its own account. It is specifically spent on the Christmas party and we welcome it.”

Rosenau asked Kilgore if any donation made for the Christmas fund would be used for any other purpose. Kilgore said it would not. “So, if we give a donation, if the donation is for the Christmas fund, it goes directly to the Christmas fund,” Rosenau said. “It doesn’t do administration; it doesn’t do cleaning or anything? It goes directly to the kids.”

Kilgore affirmed that all donations designated for the Christmas party are only for the Christmas party. “Yes, sir, that is correct. It is a separate account.”

Rosenau made a motion to donate \$1,500 to the Christmas Party. “I want to make a motion that we donate, because it goes directly to the kids. \$1,500,” Rosenau said. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held November 15th at 9 a.m. at the Old Courtroom of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons.

News of Record

The following criminal complaint has been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

- **Juan Carlos Berrios**, of Parsons, has been charged with one count of Domestic Assault and one count of Destruction of Property. According to the complaint, on Saturday, Oct. 21 Trooper E.W. Clark responded to an active domestic. Prior to his arrival he was informed that the defendant, Juan Carlos Berrios, had fled the residence. Clark was also informed that the defendant had an active warrant from the state of California with full extradition. Upon arrival Clark searched for the defendant outside the residence. Unable to locate him, Clark enter the residence and spoke to the victim, identified as Dani Ana Merys. She told Clark that she and the defendant were in an argument and he became irate, allegedly threatening to stab her while reaching into his pocket. She stated she knows the defendant carries pocket knives and she was in fear for her safety. Upon searching the area, Clark discovered the victim’s vehicle, described as a 2021 Honda Pilot, displaying California registration had two flat tires on the passenger side of the vehicle. Clark discovered that each damaged tire had a two inch cut in the sidewall. The victim was informed.

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

- Judy C. Rembold, Black Fork District, 65 ½ acres to H&A Holdings LLC, \$70,000.
- Richard B. Hedrick and Deborah L. Hedrick, Clover District, 17.8 acres to Robert F. Jackson, \$44,000.
- William Q. Doherty and Theresa J. Doherty, Lot 123 Mountainside Section Timberline to Matthew Pelligrino and Melissa Pelligrino, \$89,500.
- Earl J. Bohon and Patricia J. Bohon, St. George District, 88 acres surface and 1/5 minerals to John D. Shahan, \$260,000.
- Donna E. Graham, James R. Lawrence and Randall K. Lawrence, Dry Fork District, 1.21 acres more or less to Anthony C. Barnes and Karen C. Jacobson, \$5,000.
- Carole J. Pennington, Black Fork District, Lot 50 and 3,843 square feet to Slayter Liller, \$120,000.
- Brent Easton/Court Appointed Commissioner, Ichigo Knotts, Lanayah Knotts; Estate of Justin R. Knotts, St. George District, 1/3 acre and 0.42 acres Horseshoe Run to Lee A. Kelley, \$150,000.

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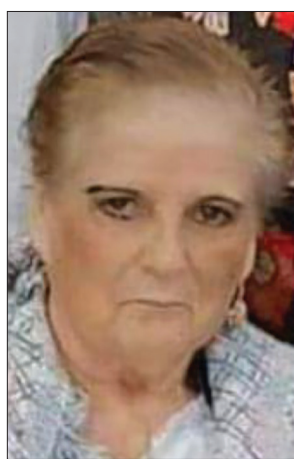
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Marcella Jean Gilbert Seaman

Marcella Jean Gilbert Seaman, 71, a resident of Hambleton, passed from this life on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family and under the care of Mountain Hospice. She had been in declining health.

Marcella was born on Monday, December 31, 1951, in Kansas City, KS, a daughter of the late James Lawrence Gilbert and Margaret Frances Olsen Gilbert.

Left to cherish Marcella's memory is a daughter, Monica Kisamore and husband, Gregory of Hambleton with whom she had made her home, and a son, Sean Seaman of Minerva, OH., three grandchildren, Britaney Kisamore and Cody Ball, Jeanna Boyles and husband, Donald, and Tony Parsons and wife, Clarissa, five great-grandchildren, Donald Wade



Boyles, Logan Boyles, Graysen Ball, Rose Ball, and Chloe Walker-Parsons, three brothers, Floyd Gilbert of Ft. Worth, TX, David Gilbert and wife, Alice of San Diego, CA and Irving Gilbert of Claremore, OK., a special sister-in-law, Nikki Marshall of Avondale, AZ., several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Marcella in death besides her parents was a brother, Donald James Gilbert, two sis-

ters, Marnette Austin and Mariada Gilbert.

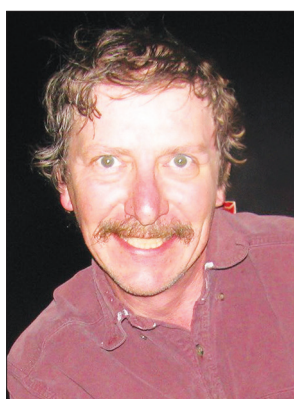
Marcella graduated Chula Vista High School in 1969. She was a CNA at multiple hospitals and nursing homes in California and had worked as a cook at several restaurants in Tucker County. Marcella enjoyed shopping, Sudoku puzzles, loved reading her Bible and listening to gospel music. She was a Christian by faith.

A visitation was held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 5 until 7 p.m., the funeral hour. Rev. James Gilbert officiated. Marcella's request for cremation was then honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Marcella Jean Gilbert Seaman. Condolences may be made to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

William B. Good

William B. Good, died unexpectedly from a medical condition on October 27, 2023. He was born August 22, 1955, in Johnstown, PA, to Clyde and Emma Good, who preceded him in death. After graduating from Conemaugh Township High School in Davidsville, PA, he attended the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown where he majored in ecology. He was married to wife Michele (Weaver) in June 1978. In 1979, he graduated from Logan College of Chiropractic. William moved to Elkins in 1980 with his family in order to open a chiropractic office.

William was an outdoor enthusiast. He loved hunting, fishing, and sailing. He also enjoyed horseback riding and competed in competitive trail riding in the 1980's and 90's with his Morgan horse, Criterion Prince. He began in caving the early 2000's and it became one of his passions. He was nominated and named a Fellow of the National Speleological



Society in 2018 for his contributions to cave exploration and conservancy in West Virginia. He was also an avid athlete, finishing top ten in the WV State Atlatl Championship several times in the 1990's.

After closing his chiropractic office in 2022, he "retired" to Back Achers Farm where he passionately gardened. He continued to actively cave. At the moment of his death, he had just completed a day of exploring with fellow caver, Paul Hetzer. William was a member of the NSS, WVCC, Monongahela Grotto, G.R.O.S.S. Grotto, and a former member and past president of Mountain State Grotto.

He is survived by his wife of forty-five years, Michele, daughter, Celeste Woolum and son-in-law, Brandon, daughter Nicole Riggs and son-in-law, David, and son, Michael. He is also survived by brother, Richard and sister-in-law, Janet and sister, Carol Byer and brother-in-law, Thomas, as well as several aunts and an uncle, many cousins, nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews, and his Australian Shepherd, Cinco.

William's request for cremation was honored. A gathering of family and friends was held at the Randolph Funeral Home Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 1 until 4 p.m. The family suggests memorial contributions be made in William's memory to the West Virginia Cave Conservancy (wvcc.net). The Randolph Funeral Home and Cremation Services has been entrusted with the arrangements for William B. Good. Send online condolences to the family at www.therandolphfuneralhome.com.

Ira S. Miller



Ira S. Miller, 106, of Dryfork, WV passed away on October 29, 2023, surrounded by family. Ira, fondly known as Grandpa Miller, was born on January 27, 1917, in Yoder, KS. First and foremost, Ira loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He allowed the Lord to use him by serving others. He was a man of faith and a prayer warrior who has left behind an amazing legacy. How can we condense 106 years into a few paragraphs?

Ira was one of twelve children who came from humble beginnings. Ira only had an 8th grade education because of his need to work on the family farm, where his great work ethic was developed. His skillsets included farming, carpentry, trucking, and masonry, but he was best known for being a beloved bus driver. During World War II he helped in the construction of Skyline Drive in Virginia and was later an orderly at Greystone Hospital in New Jersey, where he met and cared for Norman Rockwell.

Ira's hobbies included card games, weaving baskets, diamond art, and packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry dear to his heart. Since turning 100, Ira has packed 1,986 OCC shoeboxes, additionally, he went snowmobiling, ziplining, and road in a hot air balloon. He loved spending time with family,

especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sunday afternoon sugar popcorn was a sweet tradition that he began with his children and continued with his grandchildren. Of his most beloved traits were his humor and quick wit. When someone would ask him how he feels, he would respond "with my fingers" and when questioned to what his longevity is attributed, he would answer "just keep breathing" or how did you sleep last night, he would respond "with my eyes closed." When asked how old he was, he would say "old enough to vote."

In December of 1956, Ira and his wife, Mary Olive, along with their three oldest children, Philip, Mary Lou, and Jonathan, and moved from Delaware to Dryfork, WV to help with a church plant. They only had \$75 in their pockets. Ira was preceded in death by his eleven siblings; his first wife, Ellen (Swartzenbruber); second wife, Mary Olive (Yoder); sons, Philip and Jonathan; as well as

sons-in-law, Eric Osborne and Danny Edmands.

He is survived by his children, Mary Lou Edmands of Hagerstown, MD, Debbie (David) Welch of Oakland, MD, David (Susan) Miller of Dryfork, WV, Keren (Rodney Palmer) Miller of Accident, MD, and Naomi (Sheldon) Martin of Lancaster, PA; daughters-in-law, Rose Miller of LaGrange, IN, and Michele Miller of Sarasota, FL; seventeen grandchildren; and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Friends were received on Friday, November 3, 2023, from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. at the Dryfork Assembly of God Church in Dryfork, WV. A funeral service was held on Saturday November 4, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the church with Pastor John Moyers and Pastor John Callaway officiating. Interment was privately held in the Red Creek Bethel Cemetery. Friends were welcome to join the family immediately following the service at the Canaan Valley Fire Hall, where a continued celebration of Ira's life was held with food and fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christian Aid Ministries, Operation Christmas Child (Samaritans Purse), or you can pack a shoebox in Ira's memory.

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

Leota Annis Plum Knotts Parsons



Leota Annis Plum Knotts Parsons, age 96 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life Thursday morning, November 2, 2023, at the Tygart Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center at Belington, WV. For the past several years, she has resided at Talbott Assistant Living, and Good Samaritan of Belington, WV.

She was born Tuesday, January 18, 1927, at Parsons, WV, a daughter of the late Albert Plum and Maude Claire Bohon Plum. Her Grandmother was Mandy Poling. Leota grew up in Holly Meadows. Her home was a two-story house that stood where Lipscomb's Storage units were before all the excavating was done. Later, she lived on top of the hill behind there, which had been cut off, making room for the new Corridor H. She walked to school, crossing the Moss bridge, to a one room schoolhouse standing on the right.

She was twice married. First on September 25, 1942, at Red House, Md. to Denver Aubury Knotts of Horseshoe Run, who preceded her in death on October 17, 1989. They celebrated forty-seven years of marriage. Second on November 29, 1991, she married Cyrus "June" Parsons, who preceded her in death on June 26, 2005.

They were together for fourteen years before his death.

Left to cherish Leota's memories are two sons, Danny Hayward Knotts and wife Roberta of Holly Meadows, Ricky Anthony Knotts and wife Cindy of Horseshoe Run; six daughters, Linda Paulette Falls and husband Lee and Gloria Faye "Cookie" Frame and husband Marshall, all of Horseshoe Run Road, Janet Susan Nestor and husband Gary of Holly Meadows, Cheryl Annis Maxwell of Parsons, and twins, Wanda Marlene Bohon of St. George and Ronda Darlene Cavalier of Leadmine; stepson, Donald Sybolt; daughters-in-law, Debbie Knotts and Linda Knotts; numerous grandchildren; several great and great-great grandchildren, that she loved very much, and several nieces and nephews.

She is the last surviving member of her immediate family having been preceded in the by two sons, Denver "Mack" Knotts and Edward Lynn Knotts; one daughter, Carol Poster; five brothers, Otto, Claude, Arthur, Lester and Johnny Plum; and five sisters, Dessie Miner, Goldie Loughry, Decota Shahan, Marie Ludwick and Elsie Shupp.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church at Parsons. Leota truly loved her flowers and gardens, working hard canning and raising their large family on the farm. Later, she worked at White Gables Nursing home in Parsons and Black Water Falls Kitchen, Davis, WV.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m.. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 11 a.m. The Reverend Julie M. Davis officiated and interment followed at the Bonfield Cemetery at Horseshoe Run Road, St. George, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Leota Annis Plum Knotts Parsons. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Edward Joseph Brobst, Jr.,



Edward Joseph Brobst, Jr., 74, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life November 2, 2023, at Davis Medical Center.

Eddie was born Saturday, February 12, 1949, in Paterson, NJ, a son of the late Edward Joseph Brobst Sr. and Claire Elizabeth Audenaert. He was married to Ann Gainer Brobst who survives.

Also left to cherish Eddie's memory are two children, Edward James Brobst and wife, Becka, of Parsons and Nicole Brobst Hope of Birchwood, TN, two brothers, Paul Brobst of Gilbert, AZ and David Brobst of Elkins, a sister Sharon Lipscomb of Parsons, and several grand-

children, nieces, and nephews.

Preceding Eddie in death besides his parents was a son, Robert Frederick "Bone" Townsend.

Eddie had worked as a dietary aide in nursing homes, he worked in various restaurants across the

country including some five-star establishments. He was a collector of many things such as trainsets, crosses, glasses from some of his restaurant employments, and several other things. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A visitation will be held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 12 until 1 p.m. Eddie's request for cremation will then be honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Edward Joseph Brobst Jr. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

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Five Rivers Public Library Newsletter

Fall/Winter Hours

Monday... 8:30 a – 6:30 p

Tuesday... Friday 8:30 a – 5:00 p

Saturday ... 9:00 a - Noon

*Check the Library web page, Facebook or call the library for updates.

November Happenings

- 1 - Toddler Time @10:00 a.m.
- 8 - Toddler Time @ 10:00 a.m.
- 10 & 11 - Closed Veterans Day
- 13 - Movie Day – 1:30 a & 5:30 p
- 15 - Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
- 15 - Toddler Time @10:00 a.m.
- 21 – Book Club @ 1:30
- 23-25 –Closed Thanksgiving
- 29 - Toddler Time @10:00 a.m.

Book & Other Donors: Debbie Gutschall; Sherry Burns; Becky Arbogast; Candy Sommerville; Ruby Kisamore; Joanne Carr; Wanda Booth & John White.

Book Club Discussion Group Meets the third Tuesday monthly at 1:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. Book for November 21st Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow. All are welcome to join the book club discussion group.

Movie Day @ the Library November 13 Showing “Book Club The Next Chapter”. Afternoon showing at 1:30 and Evening at 5:30, Rated PG – Run Time 1 hr & 47 min.

Snacks & Drinks available. Free Community Event

MOVIE EVENT – December 11th “Thomas Kincade’s Christmas Cottage”

Run Time 1 hr. 43 minutes Rated PG

Craft Day @ the library Yarn wrap Christmas trees December 6th @ 1:30 and 5:30 (Approximate cost: \$20.00) Please contact the library by phone 304-478-3880, message on Facebook, or stop in to register.

Wednesdays @ 10 a.m. : November’s themes are: Fall, my very own name, Thanksgiving, Underwear is fun to wear *Please contact the library to register your child for Toddler Time.

Notaries are now available for your convenience during library hours. Signer Photo ID required Donations accepted

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Century Farm

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and took up farming with his father on the Loughry Farm. During the 1860's Aaron Jr. and his wife Julia built a hand-hewn log home and raised 11 children on the farm. For many generations, the farm produced a variety of fruits and vegetables, livestock and crops.

Following the death of Aaron Jr. in 1912, the farm passed to Aaron Jr's son Charles A. Loughry, then to Charles' son, Lewis F. Loughry, then to Lewis' children Don, Roger, and Linda in 2013. Lewis, a beef cattle farmer, purchased adjoining land and increased the size of the Loughry farm from the original 30 acres to the 368 acres it is today.

The farm has seen many changes over the years. When granted in 1847 the farm was located in Randolph County, Va. which became Tucker County, Va. in 1856 and then Tucker County, West Virginia in 1863. It was also ravaged by the Flood of 1985, which washed away the log homestead, a second homestead, two log barns, farm equipment and fencing. However, the Loughry's and the

farm persevered.

In 2017, Eldon and Linda (Loughry) Plaughter and their son Tom and his wife Georgette acquired the farm. Tom and Georgette officially named the farm Seven Islands Farm in recognition of its location and all the Loughry's who farmed "down on the river" over the past 176 years. Seven Islands Farm has three high tunnels, two large gardens, a flock of chickens, a Christmas tree patch, 20 acres of hay, 20 acres of pasture and 328 acres of woodland. Income is derived from the sale of hay, bedding plants, cut flowers, Christmas trees and evergreen wreaths for the holidays. You can find Seven Islands Farm on Facebook or call them at 304-621-3515.

If you would like more information about the West Virginia Century Farm program you can call the Tygarts Valley Conservation District at 304-457-3026 or visit the website at https://www.wvca.us/education/century_farms.cfm.

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This bucket and contents are familiar to several folks. The Red Cross provided these buckets and contents to help with cleaning up from the horrible flood of November 5, 1985. The Flood upset and ruined many lives. Many merchants in the Parsons Area were just not able to come back after the flood and thus they closed their doors. This bucket contained a bottle of Clorox, Pro-Cleaner, Pro-Disinfectant, Latex gloves, a bristle brush, a sponge, and a Red Cross bag which contained a couple trash bags. I have seen other buckets with similar items but evidently the buckets didn't contain all the same items. Ideas, suggestions, comments or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

Gas Prices Still Dropping in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is four cents lower this week at \$3.199 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices: Northern WV Average \$3.199

Average price during the week of October 23, 2023 \$3.233

Average price during the week of October 31, 2022 \$3.573

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

- \$3.189 Bridgeport
- \$3.231 Clarksburg
- \$3.277 Huntington
- \$3.254 Martinsburg
- \$3.203 Morgantown
- \$3.197 Parkersburg
- \$3.164 Weirton
- \$3.077 Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

The national average for a gallon of gas dipped by five cents since last week to \$3.49. Gas prices continue to trend downward due to lower demand and the cost of oil, which has fallen over the past few days to the low-\$80's per barrel. Today's national average of \$3.49 is 33 cents less than a month ago and 27 cents less than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand decreased from 8.94 to 8.86 million barrels per day last week. On the other hand, total domestic gasoline stocks increased slightly to 223.5 million barrels. Lower gas demand, alongside declining oil prices, has contributed to pushing pump prices down.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased by \$1.65 to settle at \$85.29. The oil price rose briefly due to concerns that the Israel-Hamas war could escalate soon as Israel prepares for more ground operations. Additionally, the EIA reported that total domestic commercial crude supply increased by 1.4 million barrels to 421.1 million barrels.

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

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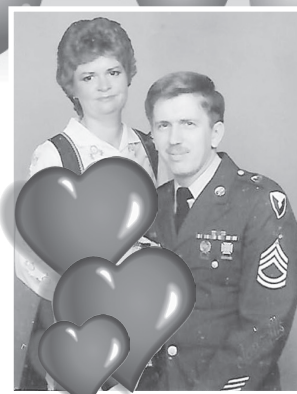
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Davis Medical Center

Celebration of 50th Wedding Anniversary



Michael and Sharon Whiteley of Parsons, recently but quietly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023 with their furry family members, Pooky, Bandit, Buddy and Doobie. They had just said their final farewell to Rascal as he crossed over GOD'S RAINBOW BRIDGE after providing over 18 years of unconditional love.

Helping Mike and Sharon make this milestone exceptional were gifts, cards and prayers from their special friends, Charlotte and Terry Jividen and their daughter, Angie, of Leadmine. Mike and Sharon greatly appreciate their special efforts to ensure this landmark event was memorable and full of love.

Sharon is the daughter of the late Howard "Red" and Florence "Dode" Strawderman Hart. Her maternal grandparents were the late Earl and Pearl Roy Strawderman of Hambleton. Her paternal grandparents are the late Chauncey and Clista Hart previously of Davis.

Michael is the only son of the late H.L. and Jewel Smith Whiteley of Forest Hill, Md. His paternal grandparents were the late H.L. and Margaret Whiteley of Betterton, Md. His Maternal grandparents are the late George and Bertha Smith of Reisterstown, Md.

Michael served in the Army for over 24 years retiring in 1999 as a Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CW3). His service included deployment during OPERATION DESERT STORM as the Detachment Commander of a unit providing calibration, with the 517th Maintenance Battalion Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) (Forward). Michael served three tours in West Germany; two tours at Redstone Arsenal, AL and one tour each at: Picatinny Arsenal, NJ; Fort Huachuca, AZ and Fort Lee, VA.

Unfortunately, the only child of Michael and Sharon, Michael A. Whiteley, Jr. passed suddenly and unexpectedly on Aug. 1, 2016 at the age of 37. He is interred at the Mr. Zion Cemetery.

The Whiteleys praise and thank God for blessing their marriage.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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What's? Happening

Spaghetti Dinner and Pig-in-the-Poke auction

Spaghetti Dinner and Pig-in-the-Poke auction. Davis U.M. Church, Saturday Nov 11 from 4-6 p.m., corner Thomas Ave and 4th St. Make a bid to win an assortment of surprise-wrapped items. Come join the fun!

Veterans Day Ceremony

The Tucker County Veterans Association will be holding the annual Veterans Day ceremony. The ceremony will be Saturday, November 11 at 11 a.m.. The ceremony will be held at the All-Veterans Memorial Wall located at the Stop light in Parsons. WEATHER PERMITTING.

Buckwheat Dinner

Buckwheat Dinner with sausage, gravy, biscuits, pancakes and buckwheat cakes on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 4 - 6:30 p.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church, Parsons. Each meal is a \$12 donation, children 12 years and under is \$6. Carry out orders are available. Call 304-478-2620. Sponsored by St. John's United Methodist Men.

Cookie Sale

Raisin Filled & Peanut Butter Cookies by St. John's United Methodist Women on Nov. 13, 14 & 15. \$8 donation per dozen. To order call Sally at 304-478-3507.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

The annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner will be from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23 at the Parsons Senior Center. Eat in, pickup or delivery, everyone welcome. For more information to pre-order for pickup or delivery please contact Carroll Precht at 304-478-4018.

Monthly Breakfast

Mt. Top Senior Center in Thomas will be having its monthly breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 7 - 11 a.m. Biscuits and gravy with home fries. Come out and join us. Donations Welcome.

Shooting Match

Mt. Grove VFD will have a shotgun shooting match from 11 a.m. - ? Sunday, Nov. 19. 12/16/20 gauge shot guns only and shells will be furnished by Mt. Grove. Concession available and prizes will be awards to winners of each match. Come take your best shot.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

We have experienced so many weather changes this past week, we have had rain that turned to snow, cold weather that turned warm again and I am very confused. I just want it to stay warm but that is not going to happen. Momma Said, "With global warming speeding up I better watch what I wish for because it could very well happen."

We are so lucky to live on a planet where anything can happen as far as the weather is concerned. I have always wondered why we are the only planet that has such capabilities (that we know of). We have explored space as far as we can right now and with the telescopes we have, we still can't find another planet that would sustain life as we know it.

When I was watching Flash Gordon and Lost in Space I never believed I would live long enough to see all that

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



has been accomplished so far. We laughed at The Jetson's when they were making their video calls and their instant food but now we have that. We watch movies now of the habitation of Mars and it won't be long before that happens. I know I won't be one of the ones on any of those space ships because none of them would want to hear me telling them how we did things when I was a kid. Momma Said, "There are two ways of doing things, the way I tell you to do it or doing it wrong." I do believe I could grow a garden on Mars.

Oreo Fluff Recipe

Ingredients

- two 3.4 oz. packages vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups milk
- 12 oz. cool whip, 1 1/2 8 oz. containers
- 30 oreos, crushed
- 2 cups mini marshmallows

Instructions

1. In a large mixing bowl combine

the vanilla pudding mix and milk. Beat with an electric mixer until combined and thick.

2. Fold in the cool whip, crushed oreos, and mini marshmallows.

3. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours before serving. This allows the mixture to thicken and for the marshmallows to soften. Top with more crushed oreos before serving.

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Nov. 9, 1952: The Huntington Museum of Art opened as Huntington Galleries. The museum is located on more than 50 acres in the Park Hills section of Huntington.

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.

Nov. 8, 1936: "It's Wheeling Steel," a half-hour musical variety radio program, debuted over WVVA in Wheeling. The program was an instant success with local audiences and later became a nationwide sensation.

Nov. 9, 1874: Matthew Mansfield Neely was born in Doddridge County. He was the 21st governor of West Virginia.

Nov. 10, 1777: Cornstalk, his son Elinipisco, and the sub-chief Red Hawk were murdered in captivity by enraged whites who blamed them for the recent killing of two white men. Cornstalk, a Shawnee leader who lived in what is today southeastern Ohio, had commanded Indian forces at the Battle of Point Pleasant.

Nov. 10, 1861: A Confederate cavalry force of more than 700 attacked a Union recruit camp at Guyandotte in Cabell County.

Nov. 10, 1978: The New River Gorge National River was established by Congress. It was designated a National Park and Preserve in 2020.

Nov. 10, 1979: The last home game was played at Old Mountaineer Field at West Vir-

ginia University. More than 38,000 people attended the game, in which WVU nearly upset highly ranked Pitt.

Nov. 11, 1929: The Memorial Arch was dedicated on Armistice Day in Huntington. The Memorial Arch stands at the intersection of 11th Avenue and Memorial Boulevard. The arch pays tribute to Cabell County soldiers who fought in World War I.

Nov. 12, 1844: Henry Schmulbach was born in Germany. Schmulbach became a leading businessman in Wheeling, buying Nail City Brewery in 1882 and becoming president of the German Bank, now West-Banco.

Nov. 13, 1879: Educator Elsie Clapp was born. Under her direction the community school at Arthurdale stressed education for real-life situations and revived traditional music to strengthen reading and writing skills.

Nov. 14, 1788: Kanawha County, named for the Kanawha River which flows through it, was created on this date.

Nov. 14, 1939: The Charleston Civic Orchestra gave its first concert at the Municipal Auditorium. The group changed its name to Charleston Symphony Orchestra in 1943 and in 1988 became the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra.



Nov. 14: 1970: A chartered plane slammed into a hillside just short of Huntington's Tri-State Airport near Ceredo, killing all 75 of the passengers and crew. The victims included nearly the entire Marshall University football team, all but one of their coaches, and a number of fans.

Super Crossword

GOLDEN STATE GIRLS

ACROSS	49 Continuously	90 Gore — (rainwear fabric)	DOWN	37 Pappies	79 Test versions of smartphone programs, e.g.
1 Requested	50 Cruel emperor	91 Herb in pesto	1 Get a lock on	39 Boatloads	80 Vacant political position
6 Mass helpers	51 Troop's group	92 Farm female	2 Milan's La —	40 Piece of tile art	81 Oil, in slang
15 Foil maker	52 Partners	93 FedEx competitor	3 Gold purity unit	43 Zoo dweller	82 High-speed
20 Empathetic declaration	53 Scenes	94 1996-2002 "Saturday Night Live" cast member	4 St. Pat's land	44 Eyeball part	83 A Great Lake
21 Steak lover, e.g.	54 Title sorority in a 1985 film	95 Agra apparel	5 Bargain buy	45 India's Gandhi	84 Military post
22 Lounges idly	56 Turkish cap	100 Band's job	6 Home	46 Be wobbly	85 Scans again
23 Italian developer of an educational method	57 French friends	103 Guarantee	7 Advances, as money	47 Fog or steam	86 Scans again
25 Third month	58 Smithereens	104 The, to Henri	8 Vietnamese New Year	48 Lounge around	87 Military post
26 "Two Years Before the Mast" star	59 Onetime rival of Steffi Graf	106 "Velvet Fog" vocalist	9 Several	52 Fishnet stuff	88 Scans again
27 Film director Craven	65 Swimmer Thorpe	109 Actor Falk	10 Lay away	55 Oven brand	89 Artists' club
28 Family-style Chinese dish	66 Farm female	110 Comedian with the 1990 HBO special "Cats, Cops and Stuff"	11 Deep-voiced singer	56 "Good" or "bad" dietary intake	90 Invited one
29 Body design, in brief	67 Disfigure	111 Resistance to alternating current	12 Siouan tribesperson	58 Bundle of joy	91 Actress Page
30 The new girl on "New Girl"	68 Calculus, e.g.	112 Hunter constellation	13 "— out!"	60 Cry upon arriving	92 "Duck —" (Warner Bros. short)
32 French painter of "The Horse Fair"	69 Made in the manner of	113 RBIs, e.g.	14 — Lankan	61 Leading to something	93 Zellweger of the screen
36 Comotion	70 American Red Cross founder	114 Bel — (Italian cheese)	15 Kind of nut	62 Drank like a dog or cat	100 Body part often pulled by an athlete
38 The "N" of USNA: Abbr.	73 Therefore	115 Engulfed by fire	16 Averse	63 Go by	101 "— buying it"
40 "— never believe me!"	74 Fix, as a pet	116 It can precede eight first names in this puzzle to form the names of California cities	17 Criticized petulantly	64 Gives assent	102 "Hero" actress Davis
41 Rap's "Dr."	75 Frigid		18 "No question?"	66 Speed-of-sound ratio	105 Emailed junk
42 She played Abby Parker on HBO's "The Deuce"	76 House pests		19 Some hardwoods	67 Green stuff	107 General — chicken
48 Cut with a light beam	77 Spirited		24 Part of MLB de la —	71 Paddy crop	108 Other, in Oviedo
	78 Flub up		28 Boxer Oscar	72 Like a tinny recording	110 More, in a music score
	82 Sense by touch		31 Curs' sounds	73 City of ancient Egypt	111 Band blaster
	84 Zeus' wife		33 Add while mixing	74 Plants-to-be	112 News svc.
	85 Singer Della		34 Throat-clearing noise	77 Tobacco plug	113 Vocalist Yoko
	86 Fencing sword		35 Flock of quail	78 Get set for surgery	
	87 She played Miss Ellie Ewing on "Dallas"		36 Dancer de Mille		

DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

Weather Totals

October 24 - October 31

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature
Max 79° F
Min 28° F

Precipitation
Week 0.47"
October 2.78"
2023 41.37"

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

U.S. Forest Service

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle answers page 7

2023 Ruth and Arthur Lipscomb Reunion

2023 Annual Ruth and Arthur Lipscomb Family Reunion held August 19, 2023 at Ferrell Family Campground in Leadmine with a final count of 81 attending. The day started with a circle of hands and a prayer as we remembered Carol Godfrey who passed shortly after last year's reunion and Randolph Lipscomb who passed shortly before this year's reunion. This is the first time we have lost two children of Ruth and Arthur between reunions, so it was somewhat of a somber one however we made the most of it. After eating and spending time catching up, we gave out the following prizes. The oldest male and female in attendance was Gary Lipscomb (83) and Mary Litman Lipscomb (85) which is also the last remaining 2 children of Ruth and Arthur. Youngest boy and girl were Thaddeus Barnhouse (2 years old) and MaeLynn Muccioli (3 months old). Longest married was Gary and Lynn Lipscomb with 62 years and newest married was Patty and Rob Parker with 3 years. We added a new category this year for the oldest grandson and granddaughter of Ruth and Arthur in attendance and that went to Rusty Collett (age 74) and Sandy Wollschlager (age 77). The 50/50 was won by Fred Jones who quickly turned the money over to his wife Brenda "for safe keeping". Staci Smith made up 3 baskets that were raffled off. A WVA basket won by McMe Antunez, Wine basket won by Punkin Lipscomb and a Jam basket won by Rob Ridgely. After all the prizes were given out some people went to the Pine Grove cemetery to vote on new trustees for the family cemetery while others went into town to McDonalds to pay tribute to Randolph Lipscomb. Most everyone knows that Randolph and brother Gary spent so much time at McDonalds sitting in the same spot day after day year after year. After Randolph passed, a picture plaque was put up in McDonalds in honor of Randolph provided by Kim Lipscomb Day and now that section is unofficially named the "Lipscomb Table". It was only fitting that as many of us that could go went to McDonalds in honor of Randolph. Afterwards we went over to the local cake walk and surprisingly we had lots of winners with plenty of cakes to take back to camp to share. The evening ended with roasting hot dogs, marshmallows, laughing, singing, and visiting and reminiscing. Once it was dark enough, we wrote on and sent of Chinese luminaries provided by Punkin Lipscomb in honor of those who had passed before us.

Those in attendance were:

Gary and Lynn Lipscomb
 Punkin Lipscomb
 Mike Lipscomb
 Jennie Smith
 PeeWee
 Niemenski
 Tehya Smith-Maze
 Isabella Stock
 Staci-Smith
 Allyssa Maize
 Cindy McCann
 Linda, Travis &
 Thaddeus Barnhouse



Longest married



2023 Lipscomb Reunion
 Gary
 Mary



Oldest & Youngest Females



Oldest & youngest Males



Oldest grandson & granddaughter



Newest Married



MCDONALD'S LIPSCOMB CORNER

Misty & Michael Mann
 Coby Balint
 Linda, Marc & Jason Lipscomb
 Brenda Poe
 Alexis, Hunter, Wyatt & Hannah Abrams
 Patty & Rob Parker
 Jarod Roy
 Rusty and Nancy Collett
 Tink Knotts
 Mary Lou, Skipper, Grayson & Christian Niemenski
 Marsella & Aubree McClung
 Sandy Wollschlager
 Lori, Tom & Nathaniel Lipscomb
 Nicole Poe
 Sydney, Evan, Rob & Donna Ridgely
 Fred & Brenda Jones
 Kathy & Rick Helmick

Beatrice Rhodes
 Cheryl & Mark Lipscomb
 Mary Lipscomb-Litman
 Debbie & Ike Lipscomb
 Carrie, Joanna, Alexander & Isaiah Leary
 Hylton Lipscomb-Zuspan
 Melissa Lipscomb
 Caity, Steve, Maelynn & Alana Lipscomb
 Calla, Jude & Madelynn Bohlman
 Jason Lipscomb
 Shannon & John Wayne McDonald
 Nathaniel & Gabriel McDonald
 Melissa & William Antunez
 Karina, Marco & Mateo Antunez
 Hopefully no one was missed on the list. Thanks to everyone who make this day possible. Hope to see you all and more next year on Saturday August 17, 2024.

Almost Heaven Governor's Art Exhibition Entries Sought

Gov. Jim Justice, the West Virginia Department of Tourism, and the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History invite all West Virginia students in grades Kindergarten -12 to participate in the 2024 Almost Heaven Governor's Art Exhibition.

Entries are currently being accepted, and the deadline for submissions is Dec. 13 (hand-delivered or postmarked no later than Dec. 6). Only one entry may be submitted per student.

Designed to showcase student creativity and the arts, this year's exhibition is a call for one-of-a-kind postcard designs illustrating star gazing at one's favorite West Virginia park or public lands. Selected postcard artwork will later be used by the Department of Tourism to personally invite travelers to Almost Heaven.

Awards will be given out to first, second, and third places in three categories: elemen-

tary school, middle school, and high school. Winners will receive Blick Art Materials gift cards in the amounts of \$100, \$50, and \$25.

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SPORTS

Lightening Strikes Mountaintop



Tucker County Lightning after winning the Mountaintop Under 10 Championship. Photo submitted by Patrick McCann

by Patrick McCann

The Mountaintop Soccer League in Garrett County Maryland has been scattered with young athletes from Tucker County since shortly after the league started. Small numbers of Tucker County players tended to be on the same team for carpooling purposes and familiarity. Soccer's popularity and growth in WV is evident. Both Marshall and WVU held the number 1 and 2 positions at one point this season. Full teams of young Tucker County soccer players, fueled by this growth, are now practicing in Thomas, and travelling to play games in Oakland through Mountaintop.

Lightening, coached by Sarah Cyr and Ryan Hansen and consisting of all Tucker County players, had an undefeated season that landed them in the Mountaintop Under 10 championship where they faced off with fellow undefeated rivals Avalanche. The teams' previous game resulted in a 0-0 tie. "I think the parents are more nervous than the kids," parent Kurt Litzau stated prior to the kickoff. You could feel the anticipation as the teams were announced. Then the whistle blew.

During the first half of the game, under the lights, the momentum seemed to favor Lightening. Lightening pressured Avalanche offen-

sively, completing precision passes and leaving Avalanche only a few attempted shots. As the clock dwindled, Walker Litzau in the mid field position was able to cross a shot from the right side of the box that was headed just shy of the goal. Quinn Hansen crashed the goal and got a foot on the ball, putting both him and the ball in the goal for a 1-0 lead that was maintained until half.

The offensive momentum seemed to switch in the second half, as often is the case in soccer when teams are down. Avalanche relentlessly pursued the goal, but their efforts kept getting stifled by defenders Nick Crawford and Finn Cyr. Crawford and Cyr seemed to be everywhere. When the Hurricanes had the rare opportunity to score, goalie John Lutz handily stopped their shots. When the final whistle blew there was a sigh of relief followed by cheers from the Tucker County fans. The final score of this nail biter was 1-0. Tucker County's Lightening are the 2023 champions. "We have been emphasizing passing throughout the season and I can honestly say that is one of the things that set us apart at the end of the year," stated coach Ryan Hansen. "It was everything you would want in a championship game, intense from the kickoff to the final whistle." Congrats Lightening!

LADY MT. LIONS VOLLEYBALL FALLS IN SECTIONAL AT PENDLETON

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

FRANKLIN – The Tucker County Volleyball team traveled to Pendleton County for a first round Sectional match on Monday October 30th. In the first set the home-standing Lady Wildcats raced out to a 6-1 lead. The Lady Mt. Lions fought back to get the score to 8-7 Pendleton County. The Lady Wildcats then responded to take a 15-7 advantage. Tucker County stayed close, but they could not make a comeback as they fell in Set 1 by the score of 25-17. In Set 2 Pendleton County once again got out to a quick lead as they led 10-2. The Lady Mt. Lions could not get the scoring going as they continued to trail 18-3. The Lady Wildcats then closed out the set as they won Set 2 with a score of 25-8. In the third set Tucker County fought early as the score was tied at 2-2, 3-3 and 8-8 early on in the set. Pendleton County then scored 12 straight points to build a 20-8 lead. The Lady Mt. Lions were not able to recover as they dropped Set 3 by the score of 25-11. This would give Pendleton County the 3-0 Match win to advance in Sectional play.

Tucker County(6-17) would end their season with this Sectional loss. Pend-



Tucker County coach Crystal Kirk gives the team instructions during a timeout at Pendleton County on Oct. 30th. The Lady Mt. Lions fell in the contest 3-0. Photo by Dave Helmick.

leton County advanced to the Sectional Championship after defeating Moorefield in the Sectional Semi-Finals. East Hardy would win the Sectional Championship and Pendleton County would then to the Regional Tournament after finishing second in the Section. East Hardy then won the Regional Championship to advance to the State Tournament. Pendleton County also qualified for the State Tournament after placing second in the Regional. The State Volleyball Tournament will be in Charleston on December 8th and 9th. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker County High School Cheer



TCHS Cheerleaders competed in the Regional Competition on Nov. 4th at Lincoln High School. The Lady Mt. Lions placed 6th. Photo by Sarah Hicks.

TUCKER COUNTY ROLLS TO WIN OVER HAMPSHIRE AT HOME 64-7

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The Mt. Lions Football team hosted "AAA" Hampshire on Friday November 3rd for the last game of the regular season. Tucker County jumped out to a quick 14-0 first quarter lead and the Mt. Lions then rolled to a 64-7 home senior night victory.

The Mt. Lions won the coin toss to start the game and deferred their option until the second half. This gave Hampshire the ball to start the game. The Mt. Lions forced the Trojans to a punt attempt, but Hampshire failed on the fake punt to give Tucker County the ball at the Hampshire 39. The Mt. Lions then scored on a 6 yard touchdown pass from Ethan Rosenau to Maddox Anderson. The 2 point conversion was good on a Blaike Adams run to make the score 8-0 Tucker County with 7:28 left in the first quarter. The Mt. Lions defense then held to give the ball back to the Tucker County offense. Then the home-standing Mt. Lions drove the ball down the field and scored on a 11 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Racer Channell with 21 seconds left in the first. The PAT failed to put the score to 14-0 Tucker County after one quarter. In the second quarter the Mt. Lions defense held again, and Tucker County extended their lead on a 2 yard touchdown run by Jared Reall. The PAT failed to give the Mt. Lions a 20-0 lead with 8:31 left in the second. A Hampshire fumble then gave the ball back to the home team. Then Tucker County would score once again before halftime as Adams capped off a drive with a 11 yard touchdown run with 5:01 left in the second quarter. The PAT was good on a Rosenau pass to Anderson to give the Mt. Lions a 28-0 lead at halftime.

Tucker County received the kick to start the third quarter and went right to work on offense. The Mt. Lions would score early in the third on a 41 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Wilfong. The 2 point conversion

was good on an Adams pass to Channell with 9:48 left in the third to make the score 36-0 Tucker County. The next punt by Hampshire was then blocked by the Mt. Lions to set up the Tucker County offense deep in Hampshire territory. The Mt. Lions then found the endzone again with 4:38 left in third on a 4 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Anderson. The PAT was no good to put the score to 42-0 Tucker County. The Mt. Lions would add two scores to finish out the third quarter. The first touchdown came on a 10 yard touchdown run by Blaike Adams and then on a 43 yard touchdown run by Jared Reall with 2 seconds left in the third to make the score 58-0 Tucker County after third quarters. In the fourth quarter the Mt. Lions created a turnover to give them the ball deep in Hampshire territory. Then backup quarterback Luke Barb scored on a 5 yard touchdown run. The PAT was no good to put the score to 64-0 Mt. Lions with 8:05 left in the game. The visiting Trojans would get on the scoreboard with 6:43 left in the game on a 66 yard touchdown pass. The PAT kick was good make the final score 64-7 Tucker County.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County on 17 of 22 passing for 260 yards and Jared Reall finished with 16 carries for 153 yards rushing. Garrett Wilfong had 7 receptions for 188 yards and Blaike Adams added 5 receptions for 41 yards for the Mt. Lions. Maddox Anderson chipped in with 4 catches for 20 yards. Ethan Rosenau and Jared Reall led the Tucker County defense with 5 tackles each. These Tucker County Senior football players were recognized before the game: Ethan Rosenau, Maddox Anderson, Blaike Adams, Gavin Mullenax, Owen Knotts, Hunter Ware, Aeden Kirk and Racer Channell.

#2 Tucker County(10-0) will host Midland Trail next Friday November 11th at home for the first round of the state playoffs. Kickoff is set for 7:30pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County Football players and Support Staff Seniors that were honored before the game on Nov. 3rd. Not pictured Katie and Addie Hicks. Photo by Brittany Channell.



The Mt. Lions players celebrate after a touchdown against Hampshire on Nov. 3rd. Tucker County won the game 64-7. Photo by Brittany Channell.

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J. Pifer Indicted by Grand Jury for Assault

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Jerry Pifer has been indicted by a Grand Jury on one count of Malicious Assault. Pifer is accused of assault resulting from a September 29th incident at a car wash. Pifer appeared in court without legal representation before Judge Courier of the 21st Circuit Court of West Virginia at the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons.

Pifer informed Judge Courier that he had not retained an attorney at this time, but was attempting to retain one. “haven’t spoken to an attorney yet,” Pifer said. “I’m awaiting a call.”

Judge Courier read the Indictment to Pifer. Under the Indictment, Pifer is charged with one count of malicious assault and faces a possible 2-10 years.

The Indictment further stated the details of the case as being, “bodily injury with intent” that wounded the victim, “by striking him in the head repeatedly.”

“Do you have any questions about what

they are saying you did?” Judge Courier said. Pifer indicated he did not have any questions on the indictment.

Pifer entered a not guilty plea at the Call Back appearance. A copy of the indictment and discovery was given to Pifer at the court and Pifer was instructed to hand over the envelope to his attorney when one is retained. The court said it would work on getting any defense attorney access to any E-Documents filed before the attorney’s retention.

Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins said that bond had been set and posted in the case and that no Criminal Disposition Report was necessary. All bond requirements remained the same, according to Wilkins.

Pifer was instructed to continue to work on getting an attorney. Pifer’s next court appearance is scheduled for December 8. “Mr. Pifer, work on getting an attorney. Stay in touch with them and return on December 8,” Judge Courier said.

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

Johnson Sentenced in Sexual Abuse Case

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Doily Johnson appeared before 21st Circuit Court of West Virginia Judge Courier to be sentenced following a plea deal. A previous plea deal had fallen through in August in the case. Johnson was represented by Attorney Gentilozzi in the case. Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins represented the State in the matter.

Wilkins requested that Johnson receive 1-5 years in each count with the sentences to run concurrently and consecutive to the charges in Randolph County. “I ask the court to abide by the terms of the plea agreement,” Wilkins said. Wilkins also said she had supplied an impact statement.

Wilkins said Johnson had received 20 years supervision in Randolph County and she asked for the max on supervision from the court in the case. “He talks about how many times he had sex with the victim,” Wilkins said. “And describes in extensive detail how many times.”

Wilkins said Johnson was in possession of child pornography at the time of his arrest as he had pictures on his computer of another underage girlfriend. According to Wilkins, Johnson had admitted to a six-month relationship with the girl in which she was only 18 for three weeks during the relationship. “Mr. Johnson preys extensively on children,” Wilkins said.

Attorney Gentilozzi said that he had not received evidence of child pornography. “No evidence given to us. It should not even be weighed,” Gentilozzi said. Gentilozzi further stated that the charges in Tucker County were pending when his client entered a plea deal in Randolph

County. “The Tucker County charges had not been adjudicated at the time,” Gentilozzi said.

Gentilozzi also asked the court to abide by the plea agreement terms. “We ask the court to give what the plea agreement outlines,” Gentilozzi said.

Judge Courier ruled that Johnson serve 1-5 consecutive to one another on the charges and the sentences were to run consecutive to the Randolph County case. Johnson was further ordered by Judge Courier to pay the costs of therapy and counseling of the victim as well as to not have contact with the victim “ongoing in any fashion whatsoever.”

Judge Courier said he took the victim’s age in to account as well as the age of the defendant. “He was in a position of trust. He was dating the victim’s mother,” Judge Courier said. “That factors in to me as well as that he was taking advantage of someone in his care.”

While he had the ability to give 50 years extended supervision in the case, according to Judge Courier, he sentenced Johnson to 30 years of supervision to be concurrent with Randolph County.

Judge Courier also informed Johnson of his appeal rights in the case. “You have 30 days to appeal,” Judge Courier said. “It is limited due to the plea agreement, but there are some things that can be appealed.” Judge Courier also said Johnson had 120 days from the day of sentencing to file a motion to modify his sentence.

Upon release, Judge Courier ordered that Johnson register with the State Police and if he gets or gets rid of any car, cell phone, etc he must notify the State Police as well as report once a year on his birth month.

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Confusion Over Hinkle Failure to Appear in Court

by: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Crystal Hinkle did not appear in court following an indictment by Grand Jury. Attorney Brent Easton appeared for the defense in place of Hinkle’s attorney Morris Davis, who was unable to appear. Judge Courier of the 21st Circuit Court of West Virginia presided over the proceedings at the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons.

According to the court, the Defendant did not receive notice of the Grand Jury Indictment. Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savan-

nah Hull Wilkins said Hinkle was supposed to update her address with the court. Wilkins further attested that Hinkle appeared in Magistrate Court where she was informed of the Grand Jury. “I would argue that the defendant had notice, though it was not formally served,” Wilkins said.

According to Wilkins, Preston County had made an attempt to serve the notice to appear, but the house appeared vacant. “The house appeared in severe disrepair and vacant,” Wilkins said. Wilkins also said the deputies had spoken to a neighbor who confirmed that Hinkle

had not lived at the residence for some time.

Attorney Easton said he did not believe that his client had been properly informed of the appearance. “I don’t think being told two weeks ago constitutes being served.” Easton also said he felt there was ambiguity surrounding how she was informed. “During Grand Jury they may or may not return an indictment.”

Judge Courier said he would “err on the side of caution.” A new appearance date of November 15 was issued. Judge Courier also ordered that the Defense Attorney relay the notice to Hinkle. Judge Courier further stated that a nonappearance on November 15 would result in the issuance of an order of appearance.

Attorney Easton said he would inform Attorney Davis of the facts of the proceedings and the court’s requests.

No trial date has been set and Hinkle is presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Cabin Run Pumped Storage, LLC Project No. 15318-000
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING
AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING APPLICATIONS
(November 2, 2023)

On July 12, 2023, Cabin Run Pumped Storage, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Cabin Run Pumped Storage Project to be located near the Stony River and unincorporated community of Bismarck in Tucker and Grant Counties, West Virginia. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners’ express permission.

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Applicant Contact: Nate Sandvig, Rye Development, LLC, 830 NE Holladay St., Portland, OR 97232; email: nathan@ryedevelopment.com; phone: (503) 309-2496.

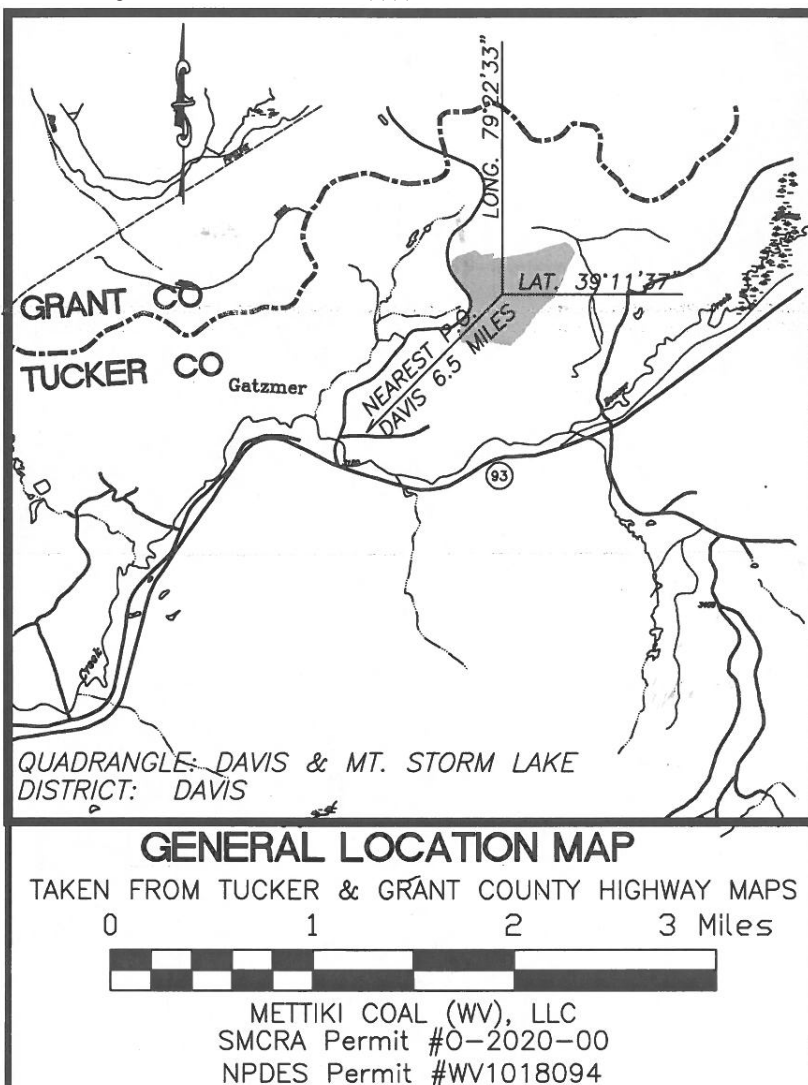
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More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the “eLibrary” link of the Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15318) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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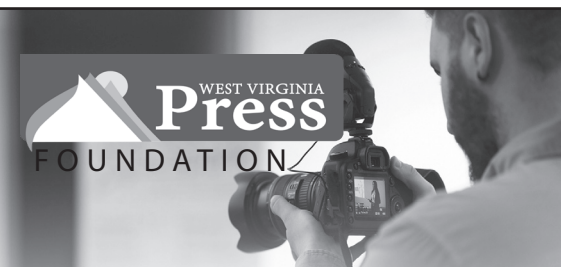
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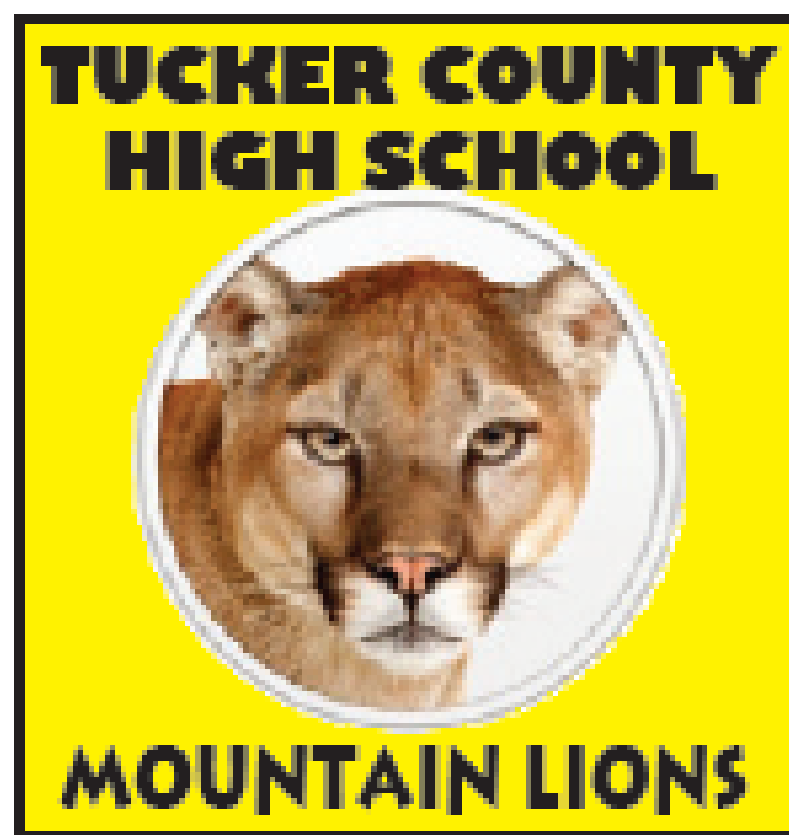


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