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## It's a Great Pumpkin Mr. Nelson

By: Lydia Crawley  
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A 989 lb pumpkin grown in a yard in Thomas has been on display at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN. The pumpkin gained notoriety since the Dollywood Facebook page featured a photo of it on October 20.

Nelson said his pumpkin was purchased for Dollywood by a fellow giant pumpkin grower. "One of the other growers that we know buys for Dollywood," Nelson said. "He's from Pennsylvania. Andy Wolf. They buy every year for Dollywood."

The purchase for Dollywood occurred at the West Virginia weigh off event in Craigsville, according to Nelson. "He was at our West Virginia Weigh Off and I sold it to him there to take to Dollywood," Nelson said. "And that was at the weigh off in Craigsville the Mountain State Giant's Weigh Off."

According to Nelson, his pumpkin along with three or four others were purchased at the event for Dollywood. "He bought three or four other ones there, too," Nelson said. "But the reason mine blowed up is because Dollywood put it on their Facebook page. That's how everybody started picking up that it was there."

Nelson said that he has also donated pumpkins, as well. "I have one in Hamilton, Ohio, that I donated, that is carved," Nelson said. "It was a thousand pounder."

Nelson's pumpkins are on display in several locations, according to Nelson. "I had one on display at the North Carolina State Fair," Nelson said. "And

there is one at a business somewhere around D.C. I don't know exactly what business got it. They're scattered out."

Nelson held the West Virginia state record in 2020 with a pumpkin that weighed 1,686 lbs. However, the new state record stands at 2,194 lbs set in 2021 by Bob Cyrus, according to Nelson. "Bob Cyrus had the record at 15-something," Nelson said. "And I beat his record with 1686 and he come back the next year with the 2194 and got the record back."

Nelson said that the new record would be very hard for him to beat from his location in Thomas on top of the mountain. "For me, that's going to be hard to beat on top of this mountain," Nelson said. "He's from down around Charleston. They got a lot better weather."

According to Nelson, this year has been hard for pumpkin growers. "It's been a pretty bad year," Nelson said, "because of the weather. And then I didn't think of it at the time, but the smoke...once we got to going to all these other shows, the growers were talking about that killed them, made it like shade cloth and they didn't get the growth. Most of my stuff is right around a thousand pounds and usually, I'm 14 to 17 hundred pounds."

Another weather factor was the May snowfall this year, according to Nelson. "But then again, we had that snow in May, too," Nelson said.

Nelson said that he generally gets his pumpkins pollinated by June, but the weather delayed his pumpkins until late July. "I usually got pumpkins

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Terry Nelson of Thomas, pictured, attends the West Virginis Weigh Off with the 989 lb pumpkin that would later be sold in order to be on display at Dollywood. Picture courtesy of Terry Nelson.



Representatives from RK&K and Region VII, as well as Rhett Dusenbury from the office of U.S. House of Representatives member Alex X. Mooney of the Second District of West Virginia met with the Blackwater Public Service District to discuss the Waste Water Treatment Project.

## RK&K Discuss Wastewater Treatment Project with Blackwater PSD

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Representatives from RK&K Civil Engineering firm discussed details surrounding the next steps in the Wastewater Treatment Project. Director John W. Cole and Project Manager Rhiannon A. Dodge attended the meeting to represent Civil Engineering firm RK&K in Keyser.

While no action was taken on the docu-

ment at the meeting, RK&K representative John Cole addressed the Board on the contents of the Engineering Agreement for the project. "What we sent was the standard Engineering Agreement between the owner, the PSD, and the engineer," Cole said.

According to Cole, the firm was preparing to start the Report and Study Phase of the project. "Right now we are getting

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## Tucker County Commission Proposes Partnership with Tucker County School Board

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Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau and Commissioner Tim Knotts attending the Monday, November 6th meeting of the Tucker County Board of Education to address the Board regarding the Commission's concerns over the future of the building at 100 Education Lane that currently houses the Board of Education offices. "The reason we are here tonight is to request a meeting with the Board of Education so we can have a sit down with our Building Commission," Rosenau said.

According to Rosenau, the Commission has concerns over the details of the proposed lease with Woodlands Development Group, especially in regards to requirements laid out in the grant funding Woodlands is seeking for the renovation project and the vicinity any low-income or homeless housing would be to the school sports facilities at the site. "The County Commission, we're a little concerned about that,"

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Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau addresses the Tucker County School Board about the Commission's concerns surrounding the future of the building at 100 Education Lane in Parsons that currently holds the Board of Education offices. The County Commission has proposed a partnership with the School Board in order to renovate the building and keep it in county hands.

## Proposal Targets Renewable Natural Gas at Landfill

By: Lydia Crawley  
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Jeffrey Craig from Renewable Natural Gas Company, LLC presented a proposal to the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority at the board's meeting. Under the proposal, the company would collect, refine and market renewable natural gas produced by the Landfill with the Solid Waste Authority receiving a 13% royalty from the sales.

Craig said he presented the background of the project at the September meeting of the Authority, so he would just get to the basics of the proposal. "So, last month I came down and gave you the background and we will just cut to the chase," Craig said. "What we're prepared to offer today is a proposal where we would pay for the design, permitting, installation, construction and operation of the landfill gas collection system here on the site."

According to Craig, his company would work with Centec on the design of the system. "We would get together with Centec and put together a design and then obviously obtain a permit and submit to the state," Craig said.

Craig said that the Authority would have sign off power on the project. "Once that gets approved, obviously you all would have to sign off on it as well, and be comfortable with the design and all that sort of thing, that goes without

saying," Craig said.

The installation of the system would be paid for by Renewable Natural Gas Company, LLC at no cost to the Solid Waste Authority under the proposal. "We would pay for the installation," Craig said.

The company would foot all costs of the project, according to Craig. "I think, the last time, the sense was that you all wanted us to own and operate it," Craig said. "We are happy to do that. So, at no cost to the Authority, we would permit, design, construct, install, own and operate the Landfill Gas Collection System here on the site. That is Phase 1."

Craig said Phase 2 would involve connecting to the Columbia Pipeline. "The second thing that we would do is install the equipment to process the gas that comes out of the Landfill and interconnect it with the Columbia Pipeline that borders the property," Craig said.

Craig said his company has already been in talks with Columbia about the Tucker County project. "We've had two conferences, telephone conferences with Columbia Gas Transmission," Craig said. "We've been working with the folks out of their Houston office."

Columbia is supporting the project, according to Craig. "They've been extremely supportive," Craig said. "They've done these kind of projects before. In fact, I've

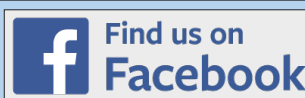
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Jeffrey Craig presents a proposal to the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority. Under the proposal, Renewable Natural Gas Company, LLC would collect, refine and market renewable natural gas produced from the Landfill. As a result, the Solid Waste Authority would collect a 13% royalty from the sale, should the Authority choose to move forward with the project.



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## Great Pumpkin

set, I pollinate them by hand and I usually have them pollinated by June,” Nelson said. “But I didn't have them set until like the end of July.”

According to Nelson, he was able to get healthy pumpkins, even with the weather conditions. “We had healthy pumpkins,” Nelson said. “They were small, but we made it to six weigh offs.”

He first began growing giant pumpkins about 20 years ago, Nelson said. “I grew probably 20 years ago,” Nelson said. “I got interested in it and it started that I worked out of town so I couldn't take real good care of them. I would grow them and give them to the kids in the neighborhood. I'd grow 5, 600 pounders.”

According to Nelson, he likely had state records, but did not show his pumpkins at the time. “At that time, it was probably state records, but I never took them to weigh offs or anything like that,” Nelson said.

Nelson attributed his break in growing to his work out of town. “But then it got to be too much,” Nelson said. “I had a lot of work out of town so I quit.”

According to Nelson, he began growing the plants again once he retired. “And then when I retired, I started doing it again,” Nelson said. “So, I've been doing it again for about six or seven years.”

## Blackwater PSD

ready to start the Report and Study Phase,” Cole said. “So, that's preparing the documentation and determine the overall scope of the project.”

The Design Phase would be determined on the results of the studies conducted in the Report and Study Phase, according to Cole. “Now when it comes into the Design Phase,” Cole said, “what I noted here is to be determined based on results of the Report and Study Phase. So, study it, identify those proposed improvements, get all the concurrent from the regulatory agencies for the scope of the project and that is where you prepare the facility plan and preliminary engineering report. You've heard that from respective municipalities.”

The next phase, according to Cole, will be the engineering. “Once we get that determined, then we will do the engineering,” Cole said. “That is the way we have been structuring it. Once we have an idea of what we are doing and then take it to the design phase.”

Conversations RK&K held with the Department of Environmental Protection has warranted revisiting the

## Natural Gas

worked with them before, as well and of all the pipelines, they're in the top two or three. They think this is a great project.”

Craig said that the Pipeline should have no issues with accepting the gas produced by the facility. “This line has more than ample capacity, which for all of us is important,” Craig said. “They have enough gas moving through that line that they don't believe there will ever be a problem with us injecting directly to that line.”

Craig said the facility's proximity to the storage field is advantageous to the project. “Most of this gas runs to the storage field,” Craig said. “They move gas in and out of the storage field. I'm not exactly sure where it is, but I don't think it's too far away and that is a prime position to be in because there's always large volumes of gas.”

Craig said the facility's location next to the interstate pipeline is what made the site attractive. “What can happen with a number of projects, which is what made this site so attractive, is if you don't have a large interstate pipeline near your facility, you often times have difficult problems getting the gas into the system.”

According to Craig, smaller pipelines and companies do not like renewable gas because of potential problems that may arise. “Because if there's an industrial plant 50 feet down the road or houses, something like that and the gas gets off spec a little bit, it could cause damages to people's furnaces, it can create havoc,” Craig said. “So, local gas companies aren't real excited about these things, these projects, but the interstates are.”

Craig said his company was willing to offer a royalty payment of 13%. “What we would be proposing would be to pay a royalty of 13% of the gross revenues and that's simply the volume of gas we produce times the

## Gas Prices Continue to Fall in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is five cents lower this week at \$3.149 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices: Northern WV Average \$3.149

Average price during the week of October 30, 2023 \$3.199

Average price during the week of November 7, 2022 \$3.670

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

\$3.174	Bridgeport
\$3.166	Clarksburg
\$3.215	Huntington
\$3.208	Martinsburg
\$3.148	Morgantown
\$3.075	Parkersburg
\$3.135	Weirton
\$3.072	Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

The national average for a gallon of gas shaved off eight cents since last week, falling to \$3.41. The pri-



A 989 lb pumpkin grown by Terry Nelson of Thomas has been on display at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN. Picture courtesy of Terry Nelson.

feasibility study that was previously done, according to Cole. “What we are proposing, through conversations with...DEP, although a feasibility study was done, was performed through the Development Authority, we, the PSD and the Engineer, we have to take ownership of it,” Cole said. “And (the DEP) would like for everything to be re-looked at essentially as one regional facility or upgrade the two treatment facilities in Thomas and Davis.”

The new study will outline the options, as well all factors the options entail, according to Cole. “So that's what we've structured in there,” Cole said. “Looking at different options like regional, centralized or two upgrades are there. Pros and Cons.”

Cole said the DEP is on board with the new PSD incorporating the State Park and its facilities in the project. “I did throw out,” Cole said, “because if you do recall, the feasibility of connecting the State Park with all their little treatment facilities, which are kind of remote, right? That is definitely a go for (the DEP).”

According to Cole, conversations with the DNR are

price we get paid,” Craig said.

Craig said there will be transparency with the project and the relationship his company will have with the Authority. “It's very visible,” Craig said. “Very transparent. There are no hidden charges. No sub charges. None of that. It's just A times B and that's what you get.”

Initial talks involved a royalty of 12%, according to Craig, but the number was revised after the positive conversations with Columbia. “We had talked about 12%,” Craig said. “Now that we have talked to Columbia and we realize that we can do the type of project we thought we could do, we wanted to raise it to 13%.”

Under the forecasted royalty schedule provided by Craig, the Authority would receive an estimated \$542,113 in royalties in 2025 with the amount rising each year to a payment of \$636,436 in 2032. Craig did tell the the Authority that the royalties were tied to market price, so as the price of the gas increases, so would the payments to the Authority.

Vice-Chair Dennis Filler asked what the expected life of the Landfill would be for gas production. Craig replied that as long as new fill was added, the gas production would continue to rise, but even if the Landfill no longer took fill, there would still be a steady gas production for at least 10 years.

Craig said he would be supplying the Authority with a draft of the contract for review. No action was taken on the proposal by the board.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority will be held December 11th at 3 p.m. at the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Office located at 284 Landfill Road in Davis.

mary reasons are flat demand at the pump and lower costs for oil. There are now thousands of gas stations selling regular below \$3 a gallon and even a few that have dipped below \$2. Today's national average is 33 cents lower than a month ago and 39 cents lower than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand decreased slightly from 8.86 to 8.7 million barrels per day last week. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks remained flat at 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 decreased by 58 cents to settle at \$80.44. Oil prices fell as the dollar strengthened after the U.S. Federal Reserve decided to hold off on another interest rate increase for now. Additionally, the EIA reported that total domestic commercial crude inventories increased by 800,000 barrels to 421.9 million barrels last week.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and countywide at [gasprices.aaa.com](http://gasprices.aaa.com).

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## News of Record

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

- Beverly L. Geroski, Davis Corporation, Lot 109 to Richard B. Loth and Melissa June McCool, \$155,000.
- Matthew W. Haugher and Emily M. Wilson Hauger, Davis District, Tract 15; 2.08 acres Black Bear Woods, Inc. to Thomas Ackerman and Mikaela R. Lidgard, \$420,000.
- Canaan Storage LLC, Dry Fork District, 0.49 acres more or less to Athey E. Lutz/Trustee; Aelutz Trust, \$9,500.
- Esther Marlene Lucente and Marlin E. Miller, Dry Fork District, 1.18 acres and 5.40 acres more or less to Athey E. Lutz/Trustee; Aelutz Trust, \$240,500.
- WL Properties Inc., Dry Fork District, 1 Unit 6 Blackwater Center to Canaan Valley Condos LLC, \$58,928.
- WL Properties Inc. Dry Fork District, Unit A-3 Blackwater Center to Canaan Valley Condos LLC, \$58,928.
- Glenda Lipscomb, Clover District, 8.66 acres to James Bedford, \$35,000.

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a must with the project. “Whatever the options are, we should account for that,” Cole said. “We also need to look at having conversations with DNR because (the DEP) would like for them to be out of the sewer business.”

Cole also said the Landfill leachate would also be explored in the project as well. “That is all discussed in there, along with the Landfill,” Cole said. “We are going to look at how to convey the landfill.”

Dodge updated the Board on the estimated timeline for such details as information gathering, environmental reports and public participation. As a part of the project, RK&K are estimating a month for public input and participation. “We don't want to present any options for environmental or public participation that we are not going to move forward on. So, we allowed a month for the public participation.” In total, the agreement's timeline encompassed an eight-month period.

The next meeting of the Blackwater PSD will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 10 a.m. at the Davis Town Hall in Davis.

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# West Virginia Division of Forestry Reminds Residents to Use Caution During Fire Season

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) reminds residents that Fall fire season started on October 1 and continues through December 31 and asks that West Virginians use caution at this time. In 2023 to date, West Virginia has experienced 916 fires, burning approximately 11,340 acres, with 114 of those fires happening since October 1.

"Right now, we are asking West Virginia residents to refrain from calling local county emergency services centers for smoke complaints in an effort to reduce false alarm calls that can pull resources away from local volunteer fire departments," said State Forester and Director of WV DOF, Jeremy Jones. "However, if you see a fire or column of smoke rising from a specific place, please call 911 immediately."

Debris burning is the single most common cause of wildfires in West Virginia, averaging more than 35% of all wildfires over the past 10 years. WV DOF reminds West Virginians to confine their outdoor burning to the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. according to the West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

Burning is banned during the day because even in fall, relative humidity typically increases in the evening.

A summary of forest fire laws and safe fire practices can be found on the state Division of Forestry website here.

The forest fire law includes:

- No outdoor burning from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Any fire set between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. must be extinguished before 7 a.m.
- Before leaving any fire for any length of time, the fire must be completely extinguished.
- Clear at least a 10-foot area (safety strip) around the fire and make sure all burnable material has been removed.
- Any equipment that can throw sparks and operating on land subject to fire by any cause must be provided with an adequate spark arrestor.
- If your fire escapes, you are liable for the costs of fighting the fire and any damage the fire may cause.
- Violation of the burning law is punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.

To burn during prohibited periods for commercial burning, a permit must be obtained from the Division of Forestry.

The Division of Forestry protects nearly 12 million acres of forestland across West Virginia. More information on fire safety and programs such as forest legacy, logging and landowner assistance, visit the website [wvforestry.com](http://wvforestry.com).

## OBITUARIES

### Fred Dale Jones, I



Fred Dale Jones, I., age 79 years, a resident of the Sugarlands Community, Hambleton, WV departed this life Wednesday, November 8, 2023, on his farm. Death was unexpected.

He was born Sunday, May 7, 1944, at home on Pifer Mt. St. George, WV, a son of the late Harold French and Lottie Vesta Nestor Jones. On March 22, 1969, at the Gladeview Church of the Brethren at Red House, MD, he was married to the former Brenda Sue Knotts, who survives. They had celebrated fifty-four years of marriage.

Also surviving are one son, Fred Dale Jones, II and wife Jenn of Parsons; four brothers, his twin brother, Clint Jones of Pifer Mt., Loren Jones and wife Bonnie of Illinois, Allen Jones and wife Carol of Parsons, and Connie Jones of Clover; two sisters, Narel Hebb and Ralph of Location, and Kathy Stump and husband Robert of Pifer Mt.; brothers and sisters in law, Sherri Smith and husband John of Holly Meadows, Lori Lipscomb and husband Tom of Morgantown; two grandchildren, Kenya Jones of Parsons and Bailey Bennett of Charleston; special friends, Greg and Tim Knotts and

Mountaineers, the Steelers and the Pirates. He enjoyed going to the Bluegrass Festival and working on the family farm and hunting and fishing and the memorable hunting trips to Westcliffe, Colorado. Fred never met a stranger.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 11 a.m. The Reverend Deborah Strawser, The Reverend Justin Jones officiated and interment followed at the Sugarlands Church of the Brethren Cemetery at Sugarlands, where the WV. Army Honor Guard, the H. W. Daniels Post #29 American Legion, the Tygart Valley Post #3647 Veterans of Foreign War and the Tucker County Veterans Association conducted full military honors. The family suggest that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to, Sugarlands Church of the Brethren, 218 Holly Meadows Road, Parsons, WV 26287. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Fred Dale Jones, I. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).

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Preceding him in death are his father and mother-in-law, Ronald and Vera Knotts.

He attended the school at Pifer Mountain and graduated from Parsons High School with the class of 1963. He was a member of the FFA, all four years of high school and won the Chapter State Farmer Award. He was a Veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War with the 1st Signal Corps serving with the 44 Battalion. He was a former employee of the U.S. Forest Service, Donnie Poling's Texaco Service, the former Dorman Mills and retired in 2003 from Kingsford Charcoal Co., as a dozer operator for almost thirty-two years. Fred loved sports, especially Tucker County, the

### Jerry Edwin Hauser



Jerry Edwin Hauser, 81, of Eglon, passed away on November 4, 2023, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his family. Born on April 5, 1942, in Eglon, he was the son of the late Milford Edward and Gladys Irene (Evans) Hauser.

Jerry was a 1960 graduate of the Aurora High School. After graduating, he moved to Arlington, VA, where he worked for MelPar Laboratories, helping with research on the Apollo Spacecraft. In 1965, he moved back to Eglon to work on the family dairy farm. He enjoyed watching football, basketball, and NASCAR. He loved attending sporting events in which his sons and grandchildren participated. Jerry also enjoyed water skiing, even though he never learned how to swim, and he liked the thrill of going to auctions. On weekends and

in his spare time, he enjoyed taking his tractor to shows and going on tractor drives. He was a DHIA Milk-Tester, a Grasshopper Basketball Coach, helped with 4-H and FFA, and a Lions Club Member since 1970, serving several terms as President. He was a member of the Board of Directors for both Sire Power and Southern States.

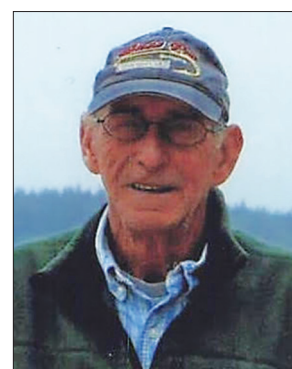
He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Barbara (Artis) Hauser; three children, Terry Hauser and wife Jill, Brent Hauser and wife Marcia, and Devin Hauser and wife Amber; seven

grandchildren, Andrew Hauser and wife Jaceylyn, Blake Hauser, Jacob Hauser, Jenna Hauser and significant other Cody, Isabelle Hauser, Harlynn Hauser, and Eli Hauser; one great grandchild, Noah Lee Anderson; a brother, Rodney Hauser and wife Sherry; a niece, Amanda Hauser; and a nephew, Stacey Hauser.

Friends were received on Friday, November 10, 2023, from 3 to 8 p.m., at the Family Life Center. A funeral service was held on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 11 a.m., in the Maple Spring Covenant Brethren Church with Pastor Gary Meeks and Pastor Sam Moon officiating. Friends were received one hour prior to the funeral service. Interment followed in the Eglon Cemetery.

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

### Harry Truman Reed



Harry Truman Reed, 78, of Canaan Heights, passed away on

November 5, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his family. Born on June 22, 1945, he was the son of the late Lee and Agnes (Butcher) Reed.

He was a graduate of Mountaineer High School. After graduation, he served in the United States Army and fought in the Vietnam War with the 101st Airborne Battalion. He worked in construction for the first few years after his service, helping build several federal buildings in Washington D.C. and Albany, NY. He then began a career as a coal miner, working for Island Creek Coal Company and, later, Laurel Run Mines. He found his passion for making yards look great and assisting in timbering; first, he owned and operated Wood-In-

Sovine, Jakob Kade Harrison, Trevor Zane Reed, Shane Isaac Reed, Lydia Sue Dinger, and Kyra Faith Sovine; three great grandchildren, Ace Harrison, Grier Harrison, and Aurora Dinger; along with two sisters, Suzy Parton and Sharon Gibson.

Mr. Reed's request for cremation was honored. Friends were received on Friday, November 10, 2023, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home 567 Thomas Ave, Davis. A celebration of life will be held at 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. Reed's wishes were for donations to be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org>.

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### Kevin William McKinnie

February 17, 1962 - September 27, 2023

The Family of Kevin McKinnie would like to express our deep gratitude to friends and family who share in our loss. The expression of care through visits, food items, flowers, and cards were greatly appreciated. We would like to thank WVU Hospitals, St. Joseph's Hospital, the Davis Medical Center ambulance and emergency staff, and their Intensive Care Unit for their personal and professional care. Thank you to Talbott Funeral Home for their services. It's so hard to believe we had to say goodbye.

*The Family of Kevin McKinnie*



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TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of the Dry Fork Lumber Company's mill and dam in Lanesville, WV. Visible is the dam with the logs backed up behind it. There are several large two-story homes visible around the hill sides. Other photos of Lanesville showed it to be a nice sized town. Of course, Lanesville fell victim to floods which destroyed the town. Thanks to a reader for sending in this photo. Comments, suggestions, ideas, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

## 2023 Youth Ag Innovation Showcase and Challenge



Group photo of students who attended the Ag Showcase.

Moorefield W.Va. – Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College hosted West Virginia educators and high school students on Friday, October 13 for the ninth annual Potomac Highlands Agriculture Technology and Innovation Student Challenge. The showcase gave students the chance to network with specialists in their field. Students could attend educational sessions presented by representatives from various organizations including WVU Extension, Farm Credit Knowledge Center, and other state, local, public, and private ag organizations, and businesses.

The challenge consisted of students developing solutions for issues the field of agriculture is facing using innovation in the form of technology, problem-solving, and new applications. Student teams prepared a three-minute presentation or demonstration to discuss their concept. A three-minute Q&A session followed the presentation. Teams of up to four high school students could register to compete with only one team permitted per school.

The day started with introductions from Dr. Tom

Striplin, president of Eastern, Dr. Megan Webb, dean of advancement and innovation, and Robert Burns, director of non-profits. Once started, the partners in agriculture gathered to judge the student team presentations. Throughout the day, students were able to participate in a fun career exploration game called Smart Lego Play, led by Dixie Heavener, career counselor. Students also got a chance to tour the main campus as well. During lunch, which was provided by MeadowBrook Farm BBQ, Bill Woodrum, senior program officer at the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation spoke and presented awards. The afternoon was filled with fun activities for students where a mock farmers market was set up, and they could use Eastern bucks that were awarded to them throughout the day. A pumpkin decorating contest was also led by Dixie Heavener, where multiple students won for different categories of designs.

Special recognition to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture for their support of Eastern's Agriculture Innovation program and their chief of staff, Norman Bailey for attending the showcase.



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## Essential Tips Listed for Staying Safe When Lost in Woods

Getting lost, especially in the wild woods of West Virginia, can be overwhelming, but with the right knowledge and preparation, a person can increase one's chances of survival and find one's way back to safety.

From the West Virginia Emergency Management Division's Search and Rescue Coordinator, the following tips can help a person stay calm, make informed decisions, and ultimately, make it out of the woods safely. Whether one is a hunter or just an occasional hiker, this information could be a lifesaver when a person finds oneself facing the unexpected while in the woods.

Here are 10 important tips from WVEMD's Search and Rescue veterans about what people can do if they become lost:

1. Stay Calm and Stay Put: The moment a person realizes one is lost, stop moving. The best course of action is often to stay put. Panic and wandering can make it harder for search teams to locate a person.

2. Signal for Help: Use items such as whistles, mirrors, bright clothing, or a flashlight to attract attention. Three short whistle blasts, flashlight beams (flicking flashlight on and off), or other signals repeated in a series of three represent the universal distress (SOS) signal. A person may build a fire to signal rescuers, but only if it is absolutely safe to do so.

3. Tell Someone One's Plans: Always inform a friend or family member about one's planned route and estimated return time. This information can greatly assist search teams in locating a person if needed. Make sure to include where one is parking a vehicle.

4. Carry Essential Supplies: Pack a small survival kit containing water, food, flashlights (more than one), a first aid kit, multi-tool, an emergency or "space" blanket, and a whistle. An extra survival supply is a filtration straw which allows one to drink water more safely from creeks or streams in an emergency. These items can support a person until help arrives. Include medications vital to one's health, such as epi-pens, asthma inhalers, diabetes supplies, etc. A cell phone does not replace survival items like a map or flashlight. Always carry essential supplies in the survival kit.

5. Stay Visible: If a person needs to move to find help, stay in open areas and make oneself visible. Avoid dense vegetation or steep terrain that might hinder one's movement.

6. Follow Waterways: If a person is in an unfamiliar area, following a river or stream can often lead one to people.

7. Stay Hydrated and Rest: Conserve energy by staying hydrated and resting when needed. Overexertion can lead to exhaustion and disorientation.

8. Use Landmarks: If a person has a map and can identify landmarks, one might be able to navigate oneself back to safety. Always carry a map and compass when venturing into unfamiliar territory.

9. Stay Warm: Hypothermia can set in quickly, even in mild weather. Dress in layers and use the survival kit to stay warm. Carrying an emergency or "space" blanket can keep one warm and help signal for help.

10. Stay Positive and Stay Vocal: Maintain a positive mindset and keep talking to oneself or to searchers. This not only boosts one's morale but can also help search teams locate a person.

Please note that these are general guidelines and may need to be adapted based on the environment and situation a person finds oneself in. Always prioritize one's safety and follow any instructions provided by local officials or search and rescue teams.



Rosenau said. “So, with the sports facilities this close, the gymnasium this close, so we’re not a Commission to just sit back. We thought we’d give some alternatives.”

Rosenau said the Commission has already begun talks with various entities in regards to what the County could do. “We’ve met with an architect, we’ve met with your Superintendent of Schools, we’ve met with our Building Commission, we’ve met with our Development Authority and we’ve met with Region VII,” Rosenau said.

There are alternatives to housing for the site, according to Rosenau. “So there’s some possibilities other than housing, possibly for this building, through the County Commission,” Rosenau said. “One thing that struck me in all the research we’ve been doing is you all can’t charge rent,” Rosenau said. “The County Commission can and there’s a lot of availability, possibly, for businesses to come in that just needs a work from home space.”

Rosenau said an official announcement on Broadband expansion through Tucker County is being made at the next County Commission meeting, but the roll out could impact work from home opportunities in the area. “A high-tech,” Rosenau said. “You know, we’ve got Broadband, we’re going to make an announcement at the next Commission meeting, you’ll have Broadband coming all through this lower end of the County, from the Preston County line all the way through St. George area, all up through.”

The County has invested \$50,000 into the \$8 million project, according to Rosenau. “It’s an eight million dollar project,” Rosenau said. “The Commission has \$50,000 invested in it. Its going to increase our visibility for people who may want to work from home.”

Rosenau said the Commission wanted to know what the Board of Education felt in regards to exploring other options before the County continued forward with the proposal. “We have a copy. I have already reviewed your lease,” Rosenau said. “But before it made it any further, before we put any money in it, as far as getting an attorney to look at a lease and to work through a lease with us, I wanted to make sure it was ok for the Board of Education if we pursue that avenue.”

Superintendent of Schools Alicia Lambert said she needed to know whether the Board agreed to the negotiations or if they were committed to the Woodlands project. “I just need the board to give me kind of a yes, we’re interested in seeing what we can explore from this or no, we’re committed to Woodlands and the decision was made there,” Lambert said. “Either way, I’m fine. If you want to explore this route, we can definitely send the lease agree-

ment at that point to our attorney to look over to see if there is anything binding in it before we have the sit down meeting with them or we obligate ourselves to anything. But I told him I didn’t want to do that until I knew where the Board stance was, whether you wanted to continue with Woodlands or you wanted to look at an alternate avenue.”

According to Rosenau, he had reviewed the Woodlands Lease Agreement and since the document was unsigned, the Board would not be bound to the agreement if they chose to explore other options. “I’ve read your lease proposal with Woodlands,” Rosenau said. “And since its not signed, it says that, it says in here that if it is not signed in so many days, its null and void. Your agreement shall become null and void unless executed by the seller by May 24th, 2023 or otherwise extended.”

According to Board President Daniel “Chopper” Evans and Lambert, the Board only gave Woodlands permission to explore funding, but have not agreed to any sale of the property. “We have given them the authority to pursue funding,” Lambert said. “We haven’t signed anything that transfers over the rights to the building. We gave them our support in them looking for money to transform.”

Lambert clarified what the Board had intended from the Low Income Housing portion of the project. “One thing I will say and I know it has been a stickler in the community for the context of Low Income Housing,” Lambert said. “When we met with Woodlands for this project, it was very specific about the housing that we were looking for something for teachers moving to the area. Not exactly what you think of when you think of Low Income Housing.”

According to Lambert, much of Tucker County qualifies for Low Income Housing, but starting teachers salaries unfortunately are well within the guidelines, as well. “But over 60% of our County qualifies for Low Income Housing and I’m sorry to say that a starting teacher’s salary is Low Income Housing and that’s kind of sad, but its the truth,” Lambert said. “We’ve lost a lot of professionals throughout the years because when they come here, they don’t have anywhere to live. If you don’t have relatives in the area, you don’t have a place that you can go and rent, or you don’t qualify for HUD, which is a little bit different, then there’s no housing.”

Lambert said the goal of the Low Income Housing for the Board has always been prioritizing starting teachers. “So we were looking at the housing portion of that kind of specific to beginning teachers,” Lambert said. “And I know that is not the communication that has gotten across

to through the County, but that was kind of our stance on what we we we looking at for that.”

Rosenau commended the Board’s efforts to help starting teachers with affordable housing, but pointed out the short falls with the grants that Woodlands had been exploring. “I applaud you for wanting Low Income Housing or Affordable Housing, let’s put it this way, let’s put Affordable Housing where it is, Affordable Housing for professionals, but we can’t with these grants that they are applying for. You can’t weed out.”

Rosenau said he has been hearing a lot about problems other areas around the state have been having with transients, including issues in nearby Elkins. “We’ve got so many meetings at the State level, the problems they’re having in areas west: Elkins, all over with transients coming in,” Rosenau said. “That’s the only concern the Commission had.”

Lambert said she agreed that the decision of who would have priority and who would eventually live at the site would be out of the Board’s control under the Woodlands project. “It would totally be their control for who they put in,” Lambert said.

According to Lambert, when negotiations about the project began years ago, Woodlands were the only ones who expressed interest. “Woodlands was really kind of the only entity that came to the table when we started these discussions years ago,” Lambert said.

According to Lambert, the details of the Commission’s proposal were the same as what was currently proposed by Woodlands. “We are looking at the same agreement,” Lambert said. “So the Board is aware, we’re looking at the same agreement with the Commission that we would be looking at with Woodlands, except they are looking at more office space instead of rental properties. The same 25 years to stay rent free. We’ll just pay our utilities in that portion of the building and they would take over the rest. The gym would stay with us, the football field ownership stays with us, you know all of that.”

The Board unanimously voiced interest in the Commission’s proposal and gave Lambert verbal confirmation to pursue negotiations as there was no action item needing vote regarding the issue. A meeting with the County Commission will be scheduled to review, discuss and revise the details of any lease agreement prior to attorney review. However, no definitive decision for transfer of the property has been made to either Woodlands or the Tucker County Commission as of yet by the Tucker County Board of Education.

# DHHR Celebrates National Adoption Month

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Social Services joins partners across the country to highlight National Adoption Month during November.

Gov. Jim Justice has also proclaimed November as Adoption Awareness Month in West Virginia to celebrate families that have been formed through adoption, while continuing to advocate for West Virginia’s children and youth awaiting forever families.

“During National Adoption Month, DHHR thanks adoptive families for their love and compassion for West Virginia’s children and youth,” said Jeffrey Pack, Commissioner of the Bureau for Social Services. “I especially want to acknowledge the families who have adopted teens and are taking on the critical role of fostering lifelong connections to help them plan for their futures.”

In West Virginia, of around 6,100 children in foster care, 1,156 are legally eligible for adoption. Mission West Vir-

ginia’s FrameWorks program provides information and resources to help foster and adoptive parents become certified. Those interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent may visit <https://www.missionwv.org/request-information> or call 1-866-CALL-MWV (225-5698) for more information.

Resources are available to support family well-being and youth success for foster and adoptive families. Foster parents, adoptive parents, and kinship caregivers can find helpful parenting information, important dates, and available resources in the WV Kids Thrive

Collaborative newsletter, which was recently developed through a partnership with DHHR and Mission WV. Click here to subscribe.

Mental and behavioral health services are available to all West Virginia children. For parenting support, crisis counseling, and local resources, visit [help4wv.com](http://help4wv.com). For more information about behavioral health resources for children and families, visit [kidsthive.wv.gov](http://kidsthive.wv.gov). To view and apply for career opportunities in the child welfare and behavioral health fields, visit [dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx](http://dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx).

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## Local Democrat Receives Statewide Recognition

Deborah Stiles from Tucker County received special recognition from Democratic leaders in honoring her as one of West Virginia’s Outstanding Democrats of the Year. This Outstanding Democrat was selected by local county leaders for hard work and dedication to the Democratic Party in Tucker County. Deborah received tribute from Democrats assembled at the recent Roosevelt-Kennedy Dinner Celebration held at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center, in Charleston, WV on Saturday, October 28, 2023. This year’s keynote speaker was Chair Anderson Clayton, from North Carolina, the youngest Democratic Chair in the country.

Karen Coria, a Putnam County Democratic leader and coordinator of the 38th Annual Awards Ceremony indicated that the award was established to recognize local party officials and volunteers whom Democratic leaders feel have

contributed most to the party’s efforts. “Our goal is to recognize these special people who have distinguished themselves by contributing to our society, by working within the framework of our democracy and political party system,” Coria said.

Joining State Party Chair Mike Pushkin and Coria in acknowledging the accomplishments of the honoree were 1st Vice-chair Teresa Toriseva, State Senator

Mike Caputo (D-District 13) and National DNC Committee Woman Elaine Harris.

The honoree received special recognition and presentations by party officials. “The efforts of the honoree demonstrates the importance of the work of every individual in affecting the outcome of local, state and national races. These people are the truly effective party workers.” Coria added.

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# SPORTS

## MT. LIONS GET HOME PLAYOFF WIN OVER MIDLAND TRAIL 46-6

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The #2 Tucker County Football team hosted #15 Midland Trail in the first round of the West Virginia Football Playoffs on Friday November 10th. The Mt. Lions scored on their first offensive play and they never looked back enroute to a 46-6 Playoff win.

Midland Trail got the ball to start the game, but they were forced to punt. Tucker County then took over at their own 30 yard line. On the very first play Ethan Rosenau completed a pass to Maddox Anderson and he raced 70 yards for a touchdown. The 2 point conversion was good on a pass to Garrett Wilfong to make the score 8-0 Mt. Lions with 10:15 left in the first. Another punt by Midland Trail would give the ball back to Tucker County, but the Mt. Lions drive stalled at the Patriots 13 after a failed fourth down. The Midland Trail offense continued to struggle as they were forced to punt again. Tucker County then put together a 43 yard drive that was capped off on a 20 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Blaike Adams with 3:05 left in the first quarter. The PAT was good on an Adams run to put the score to 16-0. In the second quarter the Mt. Lions would get on the scoreboard again with a 24 yard touchdown pass to Adams. The PAT was good on a pass to Wilfong to push the Tucker County lead to 24-0 with 10:43 left in the second. The visiting Patriots were unable to get their offense moving as the Mt. Lions got the ball back on an interception by Anderson. Tucker County then capitalized on the turnover as Rosenau connected with Anderson again on a 35 yard touchdown with 5:59 left in the first half. The 2 point conversion was good on a pass to Wilfong to make the score 32-0. Midland Trail then put together a nice drive that took the ball inside the 5 yard line of Tucker County. The Patriots then had the ball at the 1 yard line with a few seconds left in the second quarter, but a fumbled snap caused the clock to expire. The Mt. Lions led at the halftime break 32-0.

Tucker County received the kick to start the third quarter and went right to work on offense. The Mt. Lions drove the ball down the field and scored on a 16 yard touchdown run by Jared Reall. The PAT was no good as Tucker County led the contest 38-0 with 9:21 left in the third quarter. The Mt. Lions would add another score in the third on a 10 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Wilfong with 3:34 left in the third quarter. The PAT was good on an Adams run to push the Tucker County lead to 46-0. Midland Trail would get on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter as David Moore scored on a 6 yard touchdown run. The PAT kick was blocked to make the score 46-6 Tucker County. The remaining time of the game was run out and the Mt. Lions collected the playoff win by the final score of 46-6.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County on 15 of 19 passing for 283 yards and Maddox Anderson had 7 receptions for 167 yards receiving. Jared Reall finished with 17 carries for 135 yards rushing and Blaike Adams collected 6 receptions for 95 yards receiving in the win for the Mt. Lions. On defense Tucker County was led by Jared Reall with 7 tackles and Garret Wilfong added 6 tackles for the Mt. Lions.

#2 Tucker County(11-0) will host #7 Tug Valley on Saturday November 18th at home for the quarterfinal playoff game. Kick-off is set for 4pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

### AREA SCHEDULE:

#### Friday November 17th

Tucker County Girls' Basketball Scrim. vs Frankfort @ Home 6pm

#### Saturday November 18th

WV Football Playoffs – Tucker County Football vs Tug Valley @ Home 4pm

## TUCKER COUNTY FOOTBALL DOMINATE PVC ALL-CONFERENCE LIST

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

The Potomac Valley Conference released their Football All-Conference list last week and the Mt. Lions dominated the list. Tucker County collected all the special awards as senior quarterback Ethan Rosenau was chosen as Offensive Player of the Year. Junior Jared Reall was a Co-Defensive Player of the Year selection along with Josh Biggs of Petersburg. Tucker County Head Coach AJ Rapp collected the Coach of the Year honors. The remaining list of Tucker County players that made the PVC All-Conference list are listed below:

Defensive Line – First team: Gavin Mullenax, Honorable Mention: Josh Crossland

Defensive End – First team: Owen Knotts

Inside Linebacker – First team: Jared Reall, Second team: Marky Phillips

Outside Linebacker – First team: Garrett Wilfong, Second team: Reid Kisamore

Defensive Back – First team: Maddox Anderson, Blaike Adams, Second team: Racer Channell

Offensive Line – First team: Gavin Mullenax, Owen Knotts, Second team: Gavin Nestor, Honorable Mention: Marky Phillips

Running Back – First team: Jared Reall

Wide Receiver – First team: Maddox Anderson, Blaike Adams, Garrett Wilfong

Quarterback – First team: Ethan Rosenau



Tucker County's Maddox Anderson makes a catch on Nov. 10th against Midland Trail. The Mt. Lions got the home Playoff win 46-6. Photo by Brittany Channell.




The Mt. Lions quarterback Ethan Rosenau runs the ball against Midland Trail on Nov. 10th. Tucker County collected the win 46-6. Photo by Brittany Channell.



Tucker County's Blaike Adams makes a Midland Trail player miss in the Mt. Lions 46-6 playoff win on Nov. 10th. Photo by Brittany Channell.




The Mt. Lions player Garrett Wilfong dives into the endzone for the touchdown against Midland Trail on Nov. 10th. Tucker County picked up the 46-6 win. Photo by Brittany Channell.



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**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**  
 WV DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
 DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT  
**VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR AN WV NPDES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT MODIFICATION**  
 Public Notice No.: SM-116-2023  
 Public Notice Date: November 15, 2023  
 Publication: The Parsons Advocate

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Water and Waste Management is holding a virtual public hearing for Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.'s application for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit Modification. The proposed modification involves adding 11.2 acres of earth disturbance to the existing permit for access roads, drilling pads, and land down areas associated with Phase 2 of the Parsons-Davis Core Boring Project, and will discharge treated stormwater into an unnamed tributary of Roaring Run, Slip Hill Run, Mill Run, Big Run, Tub Run, the North Fork of the Blackwater River, Pendleton Creek, and Beaver Creek.

A virtual public hearing on the draft application will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m. The WVDEP will provide information, answer questions, and accept official comments. Pre-registration for the hearing is required. To register, please complete the registration form at:  
<https://forms.gle/S1yDKgpE8qHPcwJA> or call Terry Fletcher at 304-926-0499 ext. 49720 by 5 p.m. the day of the hearing. Registrants will receive a separate email with the link and call-in number for the virtual hearing once the registration deadline passes. Written comments can also be submitted via email to DEPComments@wv.gov or regular mail to:  
 Director, Division of Water and Management, DEP  
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The comment period closes at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2023. All comments submitted by this date, including those provided at the hearing, will be considered prior to the agency issuing its final determination. Hard or digital copies of the application are available upon request. To request a copy or for more information, contact the above WVDEP staff member Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Individuals requiring Telecommunication Device (TDD) may contact our agency by calling 800-422-5700.

The Tucker County Rotary Club was presented with a 1st Place Award by District 7545 Foundation Chair Terry Mathias at the District's Annual Foundation Celebration held last week at Pete Dye Golf Club in Bridgeport. Tucker County was recognized as the top per capita giver in the state. Rotary, one of the largest service organizations in the world, is working to eradicate polio throughout the world as well as other service projects worldwide and in our community. Pictured above are some of the members of the club: Jessica Waldo; Alice Fleishman; David Cooper, President and Past District Governor; Jenny Newland; Carrie Allender; Lois Nelson; and Cindy Kolsun. Recently, the club committed to assisting with projects at all three county schools. If you would be interested in joining Rotary, please contact President David Cooper.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES**  
 The Blackwater Public Service District, Tucker County, West Virginia is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide accounting services for its acquisition of the public sanitary sewer systems of Davis, WV and Thomas, WV. A list of services required are included in the complete copy of the Request for Proposals and may be obtained by visiting [www.regionvii.com/resources](http://www.regionvii.com/resources) or by contacting Blackwater PSD, c/o Alan Tomson, at [alan.tomson@gmail.com](mailto:alan.tomson@gmail.com) or (304) 259-5302 or Region VII Planning & Development Council, c/o Peggy Ball, at [pball@regionvii.com](mailto:pball@regionvii.com) or (304) 472-6564.

An electronic copy of each proposal must be marked "Proposal for Accounting Services" and must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2023. Submissions shall be sent to: Blackwater PSD c/o Alan Tomson and Region VII Planning & Development Council c/o Peggy Ball via the email addresses above.

The PSD will afford full opportunity to small, disadvantaged and minority business enterprises that submit a proposal in response to this solicitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual based on race, creed, color, age, disability, nor national origin in the contract award. The PSD is an equal opportunity employer. Selection criteria will include expertise, experience, personnel, references, and cost (which must include the hourly fee and proposed contract cost). The PSD will review all proposals and rank, based upon such criteria, the firm that will provide the services that are most advantageous to the PSD. The PSD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals.  
 Alan Tomson, Chairman  
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LOCAL LEGAL SERVICES**  
 The Blackwater Public Service District, Tucker County, West Virginia is requesting proposals from qualified firms to serve as local legal counsel in connection with its acquisition of the public sanitary sewer systems of Davis, WV and Thomas, WV. A list of services required are included in the complete copy of the Request for Proposals and may be obtained by visiting [www.regionvii.com/resources](http://www.regionvii.com/resources) or by contacting Blackwater PSD, c/o Alan Tomson, at [alan.tomson@gmail.com](mailto:alan.tomson@gmail.com) or (304) 259-5302 or Region VII Planning & Development Council, c/o Peggy Ball, at [pball@regionvii.com](mailto:pball@regionvii.com) or (304) 472-6564.

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DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219  
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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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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.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) a 8,700-foot-long, 80-foot-high rock-fill embankment dike creating an upper reservoir with a 60-acre surface area and a 4,800-acre-foot storage capacity at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 4,030 feet above mean sea level (msl); (2) a 7,200-foot-long, 80-foot-high rock-fill embankment dike enclosing a lower reservoir with a 60-acre surface area and a 4,800-acre-foot storage capacity at a normal maximum water surface elevation of 3,530 feet msl; (3) a 400-foot-long, 24-foot-diameter vertical power tunnel/shaft connecting a 4,650-foot-long, 24-foot-diameter horizontal power tunnel to the powerhouse; (4) a 550-foot-long, 120-foot-wide, 100-foot-high powerhouse housing four 57.5-megawatt (MW) reversible Francis pumping-generating units with a total installed capacity of 230 MW; (5) a 4.5-mile-long, 230-kilovolt transmission line from a proposed substation near the powerhouse to an interconnection point; (6) a substation including two 120 megavolt amperes generator step-up units; (7) a 20-foot-long, 20-foot-wide, 15-foot-high concrete pump station on the south bank of the Stony River (upper end of Mount Storm Lake), capable of conveying water at 50 cubic feet per second through a 3,400-foot-long, 2-foot-diameter steel conduit to the lower reservoir for fill or refill purposes; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an annual generation of 671,000 megawatt-hours.

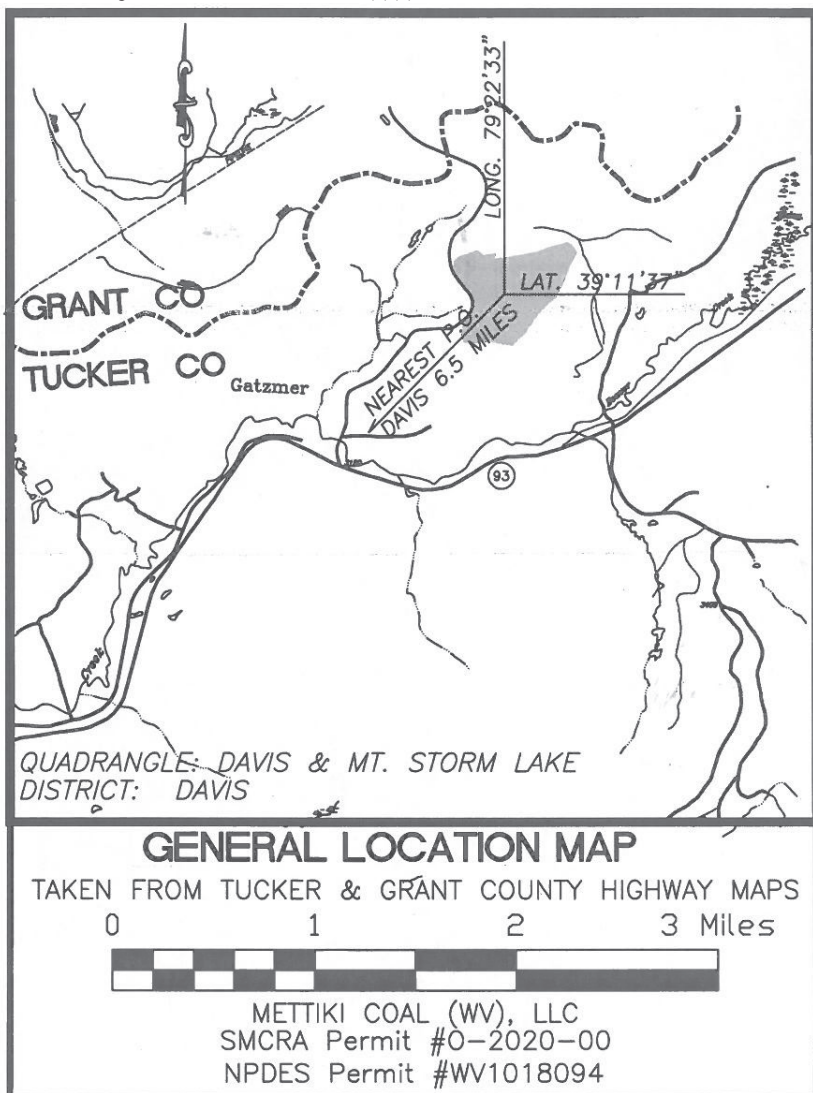
Applicant Contact: Nate Sandvig, Rye Development, LLC, 830 NE Holladay St., Portland, OR 97232; email: [nathan@ryedevelopment.com](mailto:nathan@ryedevelopment.com); phone: (503) 309-2496.  
 FERC Contact: Woohee Choi; email: [woohee.choi@ferc.gov](mailto:woohee.choi@ferc.gov); phone: (202) 502-6336.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You may include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15318-000.

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.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
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## This Week's Submitted Photos



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

## Tucker Community Foundation Welcomes New Development Director



Angie Pase, Development Director for the Tucker Community Foundation.

The Tucker Community Foundation welcomed a new Development Director, Angenette (Angie) Pase, in late October.

David Cooper, the Executive Director of the Tucker Community Foundation, expressed his excitement about Angie joining their staff. "Being a native West Virginian, Angie's addition to the team comes at a crucial time when the Foundation strives to expand its regional presence and create even more opportunities for the communities we serve."

Angie Pase is a native of Tucker County. She graduated from West Virginia University in 2001, majoring in Sport Management. In addition, she holds two certificates in Paralegal studies. Pase brings to the Foundation 22 years of experience as a Paralegal for the City of Hampton and the York-Poquoson Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, both in Virginia. "I am thrilled to embark on this new journey with the Tucker Community Foundation, to help support communities and make a difference in the lives of people in a region that I love and where my husband and I are raising our family," said Pase.

Pase has taken up the role of shaping and expanding the Foundation's reach. She'll also be responsible for promoting its work across Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker Counties in West Virginia, and Garrett County, Maryland. In addition, she'll be organizing the Foundation's Run For It race, one of the biggest fundraisers, preparing the annual report, and assisting in planning the annual elimination dinner, Uncle Sam's Birthday Party, held at Canaan Valley Resort.

If you would like to contact Angie regarding development opportunities for the Foundation, please email her at [angie@tuckerfoundation.net](mailto:angie@tuckerfoundation.net).

About the Tucker Community Foundation:

The Tucker Community Foundation operates in eight counties – Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker counties in West Virginia and in Garrett County, Maryland. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Foundation is to create opportunities for the communities we serve. For more information on the Foundation call the office at 304-478-2930 or visit [www.tuckerfoundation.net](http://www.tuckerfoundation.net).

## Thanksgiving in Appalachia

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

With Thanksgiving rapidly approaching and thoughts of Turkey and all the trimmings mingling in the minds of many, I began to wonder what makes Thanksgiving different in Appalachia, and especially West Virginia, from the rest of the country.

So, I started digging...

I found some rather interesting historical information on the holiday's history in what would become West Virginia in an article from the West Virginia Explorer called "West Virginia uniquely tied to Thanksgiving Day celebration." The article revealed that while the rest of the country officially declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863 with the Lincoln proclamation, what was then known as the "Restored Government of Virginia," a Union loyalist government in Wheeling had declared a day of Thanksgiving after an 1861 declaration by their Governor Francis H. Pierpoint with the celebration designated to November 28th of that year.

The Explorer article also quoted the original proclamation document by Pierpoint. "Now, therefore, I, Francis H. Pierpoint, governor of Virginia, do hereby recommend to the good people of the Commonwealth the observance of Thursday, the 28th inst., as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of the year, and of humble and fervent prayer that He will, in more abundant mercy,

bring to a speedy end the heartburnings and civil strife which are now desolating our country, and restore to our Union its ancient foundations of brotherly love and just appreciation. And I do further recommend that all secular business and pursuits be, as far as possible, suspended on that day," Pierpoint wrote.

The proclamation came at a time when the future of America was uncertain. The strains of the Civil War were strong with many households divided by the issues of the day. In fact, it was just prior to the day of thanksgiving that the area known as West Virginia today was called the State of Kanawha. According to a History Channel article, the proposed name for the new state that was being formed of 39 counties in 1861 was Kanawha, but when statehood was finalized in 1862, West Virginia was adopted.

It struck me how the holiday in my newly adopted home state emerged from such times of civil and family strife. But moreover, it sought to bring families and communities closer together during one of the bloodiest and tragic moments in the country's history. A fact that I think speaks to the strength and close-knit nature of the people of West Virginia.

Of course, as a foodie, I couldn't help but find a lot of traditional dishes related to holiday traditions in the area. Two I found interesting was the traditional dishes of Chicken and Dumplings and West Virginia Vinegar Pie. The latter I may just have to give a try to this year, as I am a great lover of lemon pie.

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