

## Youth Suspension at Wellness Center Sparks Dissension for City of Parsons

By: Lydia Crawley  
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Courtney Barb addressed the City of Parsons Council on November 14th to discuss the issues surrounding the suspension of her 15 year old son from the Wellness 24 Hour Center in Parsons. The facility is a key club styled center operated by the City of Parsons under the Parks and Recreation Board. Barb outlined the issues surrounding her son's suspension in a November 18th interview with the Parsons Advocate.

Barb admitted that her son had been made aware of the rule after he had been verbally warned in the past and that she and her husband had made it clear to him that he had to have an adult with him at the Wellness Center. "He goes to the Wellness Center," Barb said. "He's supposed to have supervision because he's only 15 and he has been warned of that verbally before and we have made it very clear to him that he is not to be working out in there without an adult."

According to Barb, she was shown the footage from the incident on October 8th that led to her son's suspension, but that the footage she saw did not show her son using the weight equipment. "So he went into the gym on October the 8th with a friend of his who is 17," Barb said. "I watched the video, the only video footage that was shown to me at the time, he walked around the gym and he was stretching and preparing to work out, but I never saw him work out. He didn't lift any weights in this video."

Barb said that city personnel said that her son had left



The Parsons Wellness 24 Hour Center was the subject of distension at the Parsons City Council meeting November 14th. The debate arose after a 15 year old member was suspended for 6 months. The youth's mother, Courtney Barb, spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting on the issue. Photo courtesy of the City of Parsons.

in the video. "I was told by the office specialist, who was the person showing me the video, that he left," Barb said.

Her son had been reprimanded for being in the building and waiting for adult, according to Barb. "I was upset because they reprimanded him for being inside the building when he was just waiting for an adult," Barb said. "And I didn't think that was very fair."

Mayor Kolsun has reached out to Barb regarding the incident, Barb said. "So when I approached them at the meeting, they were adamant that he was not even allowed to be inside the building, which was contradicted yester-

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## Davis Resigns Parsons Park Board

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Following controversy surrounding the suspension of a 15 year old Wellness 24 Fitness Center member, Chris Davis has resigned the Parsons Park and Recreation Board after eight years of service. The Parsons City Council addressed Davis' resignation at their regular November 14th meeting. Davis addressed the issues surrounding his decision to resign in an interview with the Parsons Advocate on November 18th.

According to Davis, he and Courtney Barb talked after the Park Board Meeting on November 13th. "Me and Mrs. Barb actually following the Park Board meeting, had an opportunity to talk," Davis said. "And I think there was a lot of miscommunication and lot of things you know looked at differently. We've had some past things that needed talked out and we were able to do that and at least get on some common ground."

Davis said that he felt he came to some common ground with Barb following the meeting. "We both apologized," Davis said. "That's not the way things were coming across. We weren't targeting anybody. There were things from another matter that were untrue and I think she kind of felt the same way."

The resignation letter was sent prior to his conversation with Barb on the 13th, according to Davis. Davis did acknowledge that prior to his resignation letter that there had been social media posts made, but did not identify any

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## Community Stunned by Walgreens Closure Announcement



Tucker County residents awoke November 15 to the news that the Walgreens in Parsons would be closing as of December 14.

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Residents of Tucker County were blindsided Wednesday morning, November 15, by the announcement that the Parsons Walgreens will be closing as of 3 p.m. on December 14. Community members reached

out to their public officials over the issue in droves that morning. "It was like I just found out about it," Steve Leyh of the Tucker County Development Authority said. "It wasn't like there was some kind of forewarning that I got. (Tucker County Commissioner) Freddy Davis called me on the way to the Commission meeting and asked, 'Can you look into this?' and then I

found the story."

According to Davis, the Commission and Leyh have been addressing the closure since word first came to their attention as well as coordinating with several other governmental entities. "Just to let people know," Davis said, "that we have, Steve and I have been working and talk-

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## Capitol Christmas Tree Comes to Town



## Mook Appears for Sentencing

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Tammy Mook appeared in Court November 15th with her attorney Brent Easton to be sentenced in a three year long case involving stolen goods. Mook had plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge of Receiving and Transferring Stolen Goods as part of a plea agreement that dismissed the felony charges against her.

Late in the sentencing hearing, Mook experienced a medical emergency and emergency services were contacted for assistance.

The WV State Police were the first to respond to the dispatch. Tucker County EMS Director Amanda Simmons arrived soon after. Simmons assessed Mook and attempted to keep her comfortable as she

reassured both Mook and her daughter until the EMS crew arrived.

Previously in the proceedings, the issue of Mook's health issues had been addressed with the defense calling Mook's daughter to the stand to testify to her mother's various health issues. Mook's daughter testified that she transports and attends appointments with several doctors in both Garrett County and The Cleveland Clinic, as well as listed a number of conditions and procedures her mother had endured.

The prosecution did not cross examine the witness, but did bring up the various requests that both she and the court had made for documentation of Mook's health status. According to Wilkins, there had been no documentation presented. Mook's attorney Brent Easton disputed the statement that no documentation had been

submitted regarding Mook's health conditions. According to Easton, Mook's documentation and repeated inpatient care led to several continuances during the case proceeded by the now retired Judge Nelson.

Also presented at the proceedings Wilkins had shown a video from recent charges in Randolph County involving

theft at a Dollar General in Harman. The video evidence was from a June 28 incident. Mook was charged with Petty Larceny in the incident.

In the video, Mook was seen in sunglasses, a wig and hat with a cart with several items. The video also showed Mook examining items and then concealing

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## ROAD CLOSURE ALERT

County Route 17 (Smokey Hollow Road) will be closed from Monday, Dec. 4 through Friday, Dec. 22 beginning at approximately 1.5 miles from the intersection of County Route 17 and WV72 near Parsons, for construction work associated

with Corridor H.

All motorists, including emergency vehicles and school buses, will need to seek alternate routes. One alternate route is to take WV72 to WV38, near St. George to County Route 21.



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day by the mayor," Barb said. "I got a phone call from the Mayor."

Barb acknowledged that the city states they sent two written warnings, but that since they were not sent certified, there is no proof one way or the other. Barb also said that other people have claimed they did not receive a second warning, either. "It just doesn't seem very fair," Barb said. "I don't even remember receiving the second warning. I know there are others who also say that they've never received a written warning. They don't send it certified so we can't prove whether they're following that second protocol or not."

Barb asserts that neither the Parks Board nor the City Council have viewed the original video and that it was deleted shortly following her request to view it. "Nobody has watched the video, either," Barb said. "No body has watched the video and the video was deleted within 48 hours of me asking to watch the video, the video is gone. The entire video is gone and the only images or video footage that we have left are from another Park Board Member's personal cell phone zoomed in only on my son and you can't see the rest of the gym."

Barb said her son claims he waited twenty minutes for an adult to arrive and just walked around the facility and stretched. "As far as I know, my son told me that he waited for an adult to show up," Barb said. "He waited for 20 minutes. He was in there for 20 minutes walking around and stretching and he waited for an adult to show up."

Barb claims that no one knows the full story, not even her. "I thought it was a little extreme of a punishment or reprimand without anyone actually knowing the full truth," Barb said. "I still don't know the full truth."

On November 14th, the City Council discussed the issues in open session as part of the resignation of Parsons Parks and Recreation Board Member Chris Davis. "This all boils down to the Barb boy," Council Member James Humphrey said. "He's getting punished for six months because he was being honest. He put is five dollars into the envelope."

Council Member Melissa Jones stated that the youth had violated the policy. "That may be true, but what has happened is a violation to the rules that he has signed," Jones said.

According to the City, the youth was seen on camera without adult supervision. The City also ascertained that two written warning were issued with the second being delivered certified mail. There was some debate over whether both letters had been sent and if so, if both were sent certified mail. According to Barb, the Parks and Recreation Board had informed her that both letters were certified and that she would be supplied with receipts. However, at the meeting, the City ascertained that only the last letter was certified, but that a copy of the first letter did exist, but there would not be a receipt due to it not being sent certified. "I totally agree with the rules you are saying," Humphrey said. "But six months and we have no proof we sent him a letter?"

Council Member Tim Auvil said that the letter had not been sent certified. "That wasn't sent certified is what we said," Auvil said.

Humphrey stated that it was said in the meeting that the letter had been sent certified. "It was said in the meeting and three council members set in here and heard somebody say it was certified," Humphrey said.

City Administrator Agnes Arnold said that she had believed the letter to have been certified, but verified in the office the following day and was informed that she had been mistaken on the fact, "I believed it was certified until I verified with Mistee today," Arnold said.

Humphrey maintained that he felt the city was failing the children of Parsons. "We're supposed to be helping our kids, not hindering them," Humphrey said.

Both Auvil and Mayor Bruce Kolsun said they felt the accusation that they were failing the children was unwarranted. Auvil said that the Park Board had agreed to review the policies, but the current policy is what the Board has to

## Walgreens

ing on the phone with the other Commissioners about Walgreens."

Leyh has been acting as a point of contact between entities on the issue. Leyh said he has been reaching out to City and County officials, as well as Walgreens store manager about the announced closure. Leyh said, "I reached out to the store manager. It's going to affect 10 people's livelihoods."

Leyh said he extended an offer to help with employment resources for any displaced workers. "I wanted to extend an invitation to try and connect them to employment resources if the store closes," Leyh said.

As well as assisting those displaced by the closure, Leyh has also extended assistance to the local property owner as well. "Also extended an offer to the property owner, the woman that owns the building, and said if you need help securing another tenant, let me know and we can help you in that regard," Leyh said.

As well as working with local officials, Leyh has also been in contact with State officials, as well. "I informed the business and retention rep at the Economic Development at the State level to let them know that we're losing a business," Leyh said.

Parsons newly appointed Mayor Bruce Kolsun has also been contacted by Leyh and is making calls on the issue. "I know Bruce (Kolsun) is the new mayor," Leyh said. "I just spoke with him and said if there is anything I can do, just let me know. He's making phone calls obviously."

Leyh has also been in contact with both Senators on

go by. "That is up to the Park Board to review those issues and we did agree that we would review them," Auvil said. "You can't go backward and say change the rules for what has already happened, but for the rules moving forward, yes there can be discussion about possibly changing."

Jones said that Barb had agreed to bring suggestions before the Parks Board for consideration. "His mother has suggestions and she's coming to the Park Board with these suggestions," Jones said. "And she was understanding of the Parks Board's position last night."

The issues surrounding the suspension involve Wellness Center regulations surrounding youths under 16 and their use of weight training equipment. Under the current regulations, anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult to use the weight equipment. "Under 16 years old you have to have an adult, period," Auvil said.

According to Auvil, the rules exist to comply with the insurance requirements for the facility. City Attorney Tim Stranko supplied the Council with insurance documentation prior to the meeting. "It states frankly in here that juveniles under the age of 16, in most facilities, they aren't even allowed in there. Period. And there is nothing wrong with our policy that anyone under 16 has to have an adult in there with them. That's the rules we made up when we made that a 24 center."

City Treasurer Quinlan Buckley asked the Council how much of an increase the City would see if they dropped the age requirement to 14. "It doesn't matter," Jones said. "The papers that they sign and go in there on, if they get hurt over there without an adult working out, those papers if you go to court don't mean nothing...we wouldn't have no insurance. They would drop us."

Auvil asserted that everyone agrees to the rules when they sign up for membership and if they did not, they do not have to become a member. "Everybody signed it," Auvil said. "If they didn't agree with those rules, don't sign the paper, don't pay your dues and don't use the facility."

According to Jones, Barb's husband was at the meeting with the Park Board and was informed that he was welcome to accompany his son to the Wellness Center and just sit there as adult supervision without having to pay a fee for himself. "I have to say that Nick (Barb) was here last night to discuss it," Jones said. "And he was informed that he can go with his son anytime he wants to, with his son, he can sit in there as adult supervision and not work out and he doesn't have to pay anything."

According to Auvil there have been a total of seven suspensions in the past year and a half at the facility due to rule violations. "There's been seven suspensions in the last year and a half, two years," Auvil said. City Administrator Agnes Arnold also said there had been a couple of warning sent to individuals that resulted in no further violations from them.

According to Auvil, prior to the facility becoming a 24 hour Center, the Center was operating at a large financial shortfall. "The whole point was whenever it came to that point, the facility wasn't even open half the time because it had to have a full time employees there all the time. After we made it a 24-7 facility, we dropped the membership dues. We haven't touched them since. They've remained the same. We also gave extra benefits and discounts to veterans and disabled and seniors. It practically costs nothing. Equipment is expensive, but our membership doubled. We have twice as many members over there then we ever did have when it was only open part time."

Auvil said that the rules could possibly be changed in the future, but for the time being are what the Board has in place and what must be enforced. "The rules could possibly be changed in the future," Auvil said. "But that is what is in place with the policy right now and that is what has to be enforced because that is what has been enforced with everybody else."

The next meeting of the Parsons City Council will be held December 5th at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building located at 341 Second Street in Parsons.

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the issue to let them know of the impact the closure will have on Tucker County. "We did reach out to both Senators and let them know that this is an issue," Leyh said. "And that it is going to impact not just Parsons but everybody that is going to have to drive to Elkins."

At the heart of the issue, Leyh said the closure represented a quality-of-life issue for the community. "It's a quality-of-life issue," Leyh said. "It's a healthcare issue and it stinks, but it is what it is."

In the end, the closure comes down to corporate decisions, according to Leyh. Leyh said the future is uncertain on the issue, but Tucker County is making an effort to ease the transition. "I don't know what will come of it," Leyh said. "But, we're making an effort. So, if nothing else, we will try to transition the best we can for folks and try to find somebody to fill the space, if that's what's needed."

"I'm really disappointed in the closing of Walgreens," Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said, "It's a big hit to our county."

Rosenau said the Commission was dedicated to working with the Development Authority. "We'll be working with the Development Authority to see if there are any additional things we can do to bring additional business into the area."

Walgreens had announced in late June that it intended to close 150 US locations. The Parsons Advocate has reached out to Walgreens Public Relations for comment on the issue, but has not received a response as of press time.

## News of Record

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

- Christopher Lamond, Dry Fork District, Unit 134 Black Bear Inn to Cotton Grass LLC, \$136,000.
- Robert Allen Kight and Brian Andrew Kight, St. George District, 26.62 acres more or less to Timothy L. Jones, Jr. and April Jones, \$60,000.
- Robert Guido and Rosalie Guido, Davis Corporation, Lot 332 to Alpine Properties LLC, \$215,000.
- Chad Scott and Angela Scott, Clover District, 2.10 acres to Jason Ellison, \$239,000.
- Michael R. Johnson/Trustee; Reginald L. Johnson Family Trust and Virginia I. Johnson Family Trust, Dry Fork District, 1 acre Harman and 1 acre to Sean James Tierney and Hanna Tierney, \$425,000.
- Timothy W. Myers Sr. and Crystal L. Martin, Black Fork District, 5.626 square feet 1 17/80 acres more or less to Carole Pennington, \$80,000.

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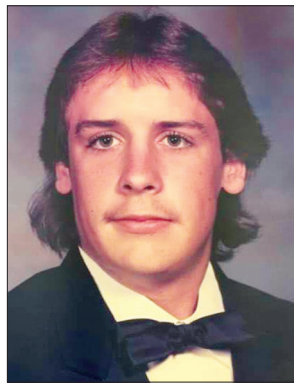
# OBITUARIES

## Eric Glenn Poling

Eric Glenn Poling, 54, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Eric was born on Friday, October 10, 1969, in Manassas, VA, the son of Kenneth Glenn Poling and Agnes Oldaker Poling. Eric was twice married. First, in 1991, he was married to Dianna Deem Taylor and secondly, he was married to Pamela Underwood-Poling.

Left to cherish Eric's memory besides his parents is a daughter, Ashleigh Sweeney and husband, Jacob, of Culppeper, VA, two grandchildren, Jackson and Elizabeth Sweeney, and a step-grandson, Bren-



nan Daniels, with whom he had a special bond.

Eric graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, VA. He had been employed by David Davis Heating, A/C, and Electric Inc., Roberts Estates, and was also a self-employed master plumber.

He enjoyed the woods, hunting, fishing, and riding his Harley Davidson. He attended Riverview Chapel. He loved spending time with family and friends.

Visitation of family and friends was held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Monday, November 20, 2023, from 2 until 3 p.m., the funeral hour. Rev. James Snyder officiated, and Eric's request for cremation was then be honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Eric Glenn Poling. Send online condolences to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com)

## Katya Elizabeth Pase Moreno

Katya Elizabeth Pase Moreno, 29 passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Nov. 9, 2023. She was a devoted wife and mother devoted to family and baby boys. Katya was born in Kostroma, Russia and spent her early childhood years there. She and her brother Andrew became US Citizens in June of 2006. Kat attended Coventry Elementary and she was a graduate of Grafton High School in 2013. While in high school, she was a member of the chorus and the competition cheer team all four years and she was a graduate of the York School of the Arts where she studied dance. Katya graduated with an AA degree from Potomac State College of West Virginia University in 2015 where she also participated in lacrosse. She received her BS in Dental Hygiene from WVU in 2019. While attending WVU she was the vice-president of WVU Student Dental Hygienists Association (SADHA), she served as a teacher's assistant and tutor in the WVU science department and received recognition for many hours of community service.

Katya is survived by her husband, Juan Rey Moreno and two sons, Luka Rey age 2 and Israel Elias, age 10 months all of Yorktown. In addition, she is survived by her parents, Robert and Deborah Pase



of Yorktown. Her surviving siblings include Rob and Angie Pase of Parsons; Danya and Matt Pollard of Ventura, CA and Corporal Andrew Pase stationed at New River MCAS in Jacksonville, NC. Her parents-in-law were Juan Manuel Moreno and Beatriz Leyva Solano and sister in-law Heidi Moreno of Appleton WI. Her adoring nieces and nephews include Sutton and Linden Pase of Parsons, Jackson and Emilia Pollard of Ventura, CA, Alora Pase of Charlotte, NC and Yvanni Padilla of Appleton WI.

Katya loved big family get-togethers and she always appointed herself as the activities cruise director. She was a tremendous woman of faith and did not let her battle with cancer disrupt her relationship with God. Katya was a member of Grafton Baptist Church in Yorktown, VA where she participated in the Praise Team.

Her Celebration of Life was held at Grafton Baptist Church (5440 George

Washington Highway) in Yorktown, VA at noon on Saturday, Nov. 18. She has requested that no one wear black as this is to be a celebration. There was a reception immediately after the service. Additionally, there will be a grave side service held at 1p.m. on Nov. 24 at the Parsons City Cemetery in Parsons, WV and a Celebration of Life held for her there at noon on Saturday, Nov. 25 at the First Baptist Church in Parsons.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be sent to THEE Alliance Forgiving Medical Debt through the RIP-MedicalDebt.org website. The link is <https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/thee-alliance-forgiving-medical-debt/>. When selecting DONATE, please Dedicate this Donation to Katya Moreno. Katya and Juan were recipients of generous friends and family members donating to a fund raiser to assist them with their early on debt and living expenses. As Jesus was leaving the upper room with His disciples and heading toward the Garden of Gethsemane, He spoke these words, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy." John 16:20. Please help bring joy to the many families experiencing the hardship of crushing medical debt.

## Tucker County Commission



Tucker County Commission participated in the National Hospice Month Proclamation and signing at a recent meeting. Nancy K Dotson, Sr Volunteers & Outreach Coordinator with WV Caring Hospice Care presented the proclamation to the commission and attendees. Annually November is considered the month to learn more about hospice and our services. For additional information on WV Caring Hospice Care, receiving assistance or how to volunteer, contact Nancy at 304-614-6223 or [ndotson@wvcaring.org](mailto:ndotson@wvcaring.org)

## Boys State Recruitment Underway

Weston, WV - The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS) is thrilled to announce the commencement of its recruitment drive for the 85th session, scheduled to take place from June 11 to June 17, 2024, at West Virginia University Jackson's Mill. ALMBS, renowned as "West Virginia's premier Leadership Academy," is now actively seeking enthusiastic young men from across West Virginia to participate in an immersive week of learning and growth.

Established in 1936, ALMBS is dedicated to educating and training West Virginia's youth in the democratic republic form of government, emphasizing the importance of our nation's most cherished

freedoms. With the guidance and sponsorship of The American Legion, the largest wartime veteran's service organization, ALMBS nurtures and mentors the leaders of tomorrow, promoting patriotism, honor, and civic engagement.

The program offers a transformative experience that shapes the lives of its participants, providing them with numerous benefits that last a lifetime. Beyond gaining a comprehensive understanding of their rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities as franchised citizens, attendees have the opportunity to apply for scholarships, accumulate extra merit points for admission to military service academies, and build a diverse

network of connections across the state. Over its 84-year history, The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State has empowered approximately 31,000 individuals with the tools for success.

ALMBS is hoping to have representation from all 55 counties to continue to build local leaders throughout the entire state of West Virginia.

To learn more about The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State and to apply for this life-changing experience, please visit our official website at <https://wvboysstate.org>. For inquiries, interested individuals may contact their local American Legion Post, their high school guidance counselor, or The American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at <https://wvlegion.org>. Are you ready to be part of the "Men of Tomorrow"?

The American Legion also extends its gratitude to all those who generously contribute to these programs each year. The success of ALMBS and similar initiatives relies on the support of local businesses, individuals, and community-minded organizations. Those interested in sponsoring a future "Citizen" can contact their local American Legion Post. Currently, the sponsorship cost for the Boys State program is \$350. Recruitment efforts will continue until all available slots are filled. The American Legion deeply appreciates the support of communities throughout the state, and we salute you!

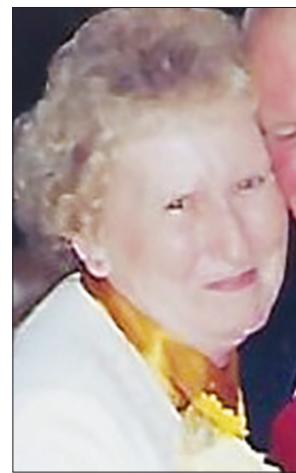
The American Legion Auxiliary holds the American Legion Auxiliary Rhododendron Girls State (ALARGS) program at Davis & Elkins College for those female juniors who are interested in a similar program; more information on ALARGS can be found at <https://wvgirlsstate.org>.

## Virginia Mae Hovatter Nestor

Virginia Mae Hovatter Nestor, age 94 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, passed away Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at West Virginia Caring Hospice Center at Elkins, WV, with her family by her side.

She was born on Thursday, May 16, 1929, at Licking Creek, Bull Run, St. George, WV, a daughter of the late Oscar Miller and Nora E. Nestor. On January 10, 1946, at Oakland, MD, she was married to Roscoe Willard Nestor, who preceded her in death March 10, 2020. They had celebrated seventy-four years of marriage.

Surviving are three daughters, Stephanie Moats and companion Jerry Nestor of Hambleton, Marilyn "Susie" Holler and husband Craig of Point Pleasant, Becky Lynn Dean and husband Jesse of Buckhannon; eleven grandchildren, Vincent Moats and companion Madison Lantz, Dana Beth Millet and Damian, Jason Nestor and Rose, Curtis Dean and Marcy, Justin Dean and Noel, Doug Dean and Amy, Jennifer and Scott Ervin,



Mary Beth and Michael Pidcock, Amber Lee and Eric Lee, Jenna Thompson and Brian; seventeen great-grandchildren, Brian Olaya, Brooke, Jack Millet, Remi, Spencer, Finley, Emmy Dean, Maggie, Isla, Teddy Thompson, Myles, Madi, Maxton Pidcock, Molly, Owen, Sophia Lee, and Cameron Ervin; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is the last surviving member of her immediate family having been preceded in death by one son, Willard Junior Nestor; three brothers, Wes Nestor, Albert Nestor and Claude Nestor.

She attended the schools of Tucker County. She was a homemaker, who loved helping her late husband on the farm in the garden, and also in their logging business and building homes. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Parsons. She enjoyed flowers and canning and loved spending time with her family, especially grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Friday, November 17, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Friday at 12 Noon. The Reverend Julie M. Davis officiated and interment followed at the Nestor Cemetery at Bull Run, St. George, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Virginia Mae Hovatter Nestor. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).

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# SENIOR NEWS

## PARSONS SENIORS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

The Parsons Center celebrated Thanksgiving and Veterans Day at the same time on Thursday, November 16, 2023. The program began with Linda Bonner reading "Thanksgiving" followed by Ken Knotts reading "A Prayer for Thanksgiving." The Goldenaires choir then sang "Count Your Many Blessings." Meg and Jim Buddingh then blessed us with several beautiful songs. Barb McClain then read "Thanksgiving Time" followed by the choir singing "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings." Announcements followed and those hav-

ing November birthdays were recognized and the group sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

The program then moved to honoring our Veterans. Arelene Ramsey read "Veterans Poem. The veterans then introduced themselves and were given a Thank You card from the seniors. The veterans then demonstrated the proper way to fold a flag as Danny Barkley gave the symbolism of each fold.

The group then sang "God Bless America and "Amazing Grace." Jim Buddingh offered the blessing for the food. A delicious turkey dinner was then served.

## Parsons Senior Center Outpost

The Parsons Senior Center held their monthly Outpost on November 7, 2023. Linda Bonner welcomed everyone. Everyone recited the Lord's Prayer, gave the Pledge of Allegiance then sang "God Bless America.

Those having November birthdays were recognized. They were, Arlene Ramsey and David Sharp.

Kim Ledden from the Tucker County Health Department spoke about vaccinations. She discussed the new RSV (which is a respiratory virus) for those over 60 and the new Covid shot which covers a new variant.

She also discussed the TDAP which you should have every 10 years, the flu shot, shingles shot, and pneumonia shots. The Tucker

County Health Department is connected to a statewide program and if you stop by, they can print you a record of any vaccines you have had in West Virginia.

After Kim spoke, Jean Morrison read "Something Told the Wild Geese," Arlene Ramsey read "For This Great Land," and Linda Bonner read "Now if This Isn't the Truth, I Don't Know What is!!

Tim Turner read a few jokes then showed "The Legend of Darkish Knob revisited. This was a very interesting movie about local history.

Door prizes were won by Eleanor Nestor, Don Nestor (Frosty), and Rita Roberts.

A blessing on the food was given and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal.

## Gas Prices Still Dropping in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is two cents lower this week at \$3.126 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices: Northern WV Average \$3.126

Average price during the week of November 6, 2023 \$3.149

Average price during the week of November 14, 2022 \$3.667

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

- \$3.174 Bridgeport
- \$3.162 Clarksburg
- \$3.173 Huntington
- \$3.089 Martinsburg
- \$3.105 Morgantown
- \$3.146 Parkersburg
- \$3.114 Weirton
- \$3.046 Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

The national average for a gallon of gas dropped five cents since last week to \$3.36. Parked in the mid-\$80s per barrel a week ago, oil is now hovering around the mid-

\$70s. Since it is the main ingredient in gasoline, less expensive oil usually leads to falling gas prices. Pump prices have fallen or remained flat every day since September 19. Today's national average is 26 cents less than a month ago and 41 cents less than a year ago.

For this week, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) delayed its scheduled data releases, including its weekly estimates of gasoline supply and demand, to complete a planned systems upgrade. The EIA will resume its regular publishing schedule next week.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate decreased by \$2.04 to settle at \$75.33. Oil prices fell this past week due to a stronger dollar and reduced market concerns that the conflict in the Middle East will escalate, which could lead to a reduction in regional oil production and higher prices.

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

## TURNER'S TIDBITS



Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. May you have a joyful time with family this year. Author unknown for this Thanksgiving poem that my wife memorized from grade school. I heard Mr. Turkey say, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! Soon t'will be Thanksgiving Day, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! People say it is great fun, but I think that I shall run and hide until the day is done, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble. Mr. Turkey tucked his head, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! 'neath his feathers deep and red, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! But they caught him by the wall, killed and ate him, wings and all and never more will Turkey call, Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! Ideas, comments, suggestions, photos, or anything to share, contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

## Mook

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several of the items, as well as removing items from packaging and then placing the empty packaging on shelves. "You will see her put those in her pocket," Wilkins said. "She just placed the packaging back onto the shelf there."

The Harman incident involved a long list of items totaling \$71.39. "That's the mascara on the list. She opens up the mascara and then that item goes into her pocket," Wilkins said. "This is just two months before she came in to plea on this case."

Wilkins pointed out that Mook appeared relatively well in the video evidence. "She seems to be perfectly mobile. She is well enough to disguise herself in a hat, sunglasses and wig to go out and steal items."

During the proceedings, Wilkins asked the court for a year in jail, the maximum for the misdemeanor charge Mook plead guilty to. According to Wilkins, Mook is currently on probation from a case presided by Judge Nelson. Wilkins said Mook was sentenced to three years probation in May of 2022. "She's on probation," Wilkins said. "Obviously it didn't stick. She has money to pay for these items. I don't know whys she does it. I don't know if it's the thrill." There was some discussion that perhaps a mental health evalu-

ation was warranted due to the repeated behavior according to Wilkins.

Easton requested that the court consider an alternative sentence for his client due to her health and the nature of the charges. "This is the type of case that should receive an alternative sentence."

According to Easton, his client has been targeted several times in very similar cases. Easton said that in each instance, the evidence pointed to others' guilt more strongly, but it was his client that was prosecuted. Easton described the charges as "barely prosecutable." "There was a second person involved that was equally culpable," Easton said. "But it is Miss Mook that the State went after."

Wilkins disputed the allegation and informed Easton and the Court that charges were brought against others in another case, but were later dropped. The case in question, according to Wilkins, was prior to when she became Prosecuting Attorney. Wilkins said. "It is out of my hands." According to Easton, the others involved did testify as witnesses in the previous case.

Due to the emergency, Mook was not sentenced by the court. Mook was transported to the hospital by EMS. There is no word on her condition.

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# What's? Happening

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting

The Tucker County Democratic Executive Committee is holding the 4th quarter meeting on Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. via ZOOM. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81139737965?pwd=R1g1ZVJLV3Rra0RRWjNmTmFsC2RUdz09> Meeting ID: 811 3973 7965 Passcode: 945094

## Register for Toy Drive

To sign up your child or children to receive toys from St. Paul's toy drive you must call or text between now and Saturday, Dec. 9. Please call or text Melisa Scott 304-704-5685 or Marie Barr 304-621-5133. Distribution of toys will be at St. Paul's Church from Monday, Dec. 11 through Saturday, Dec. 16 from 2 – 7 p.m. by appointment. There will be no deliveries.

## Christmas Tours

Friday, Dec 1 from 5 to 8 p.m., PRO/OnTrac will sponsor "Take a Stroll Through Parsons." The event includes a house tour of Paul and Laura Mauzy's home, Festival of Trees at the Western Maryland Depot; and a stroll of participating shops in Parsons with many offering specials, deals, or door prizes.

## Toy Drive

It is time to get ready for St. Paul's UM Church Christmas toy drive. Please drop off new or gently used toys to help local families celebrate the Christmas season. Donations are being accepted between now and Friday, Dec. 1 at St. Paul's Church, 203 Central Ave; Steven's Realty, 201 1<sup>st</sup> Street and The County Extension Office, 215 1<sup>st</sup> Street-Courthouse basement.



**The West Virginia Encyclopedia**  
www.wvencyclopedia.org

Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Nov. 22, 1910: Fire destroyed the academic building at Concord College. By the next morning, community leaders had arranged to teach the 300 students in rooms throughout the town of Athens.

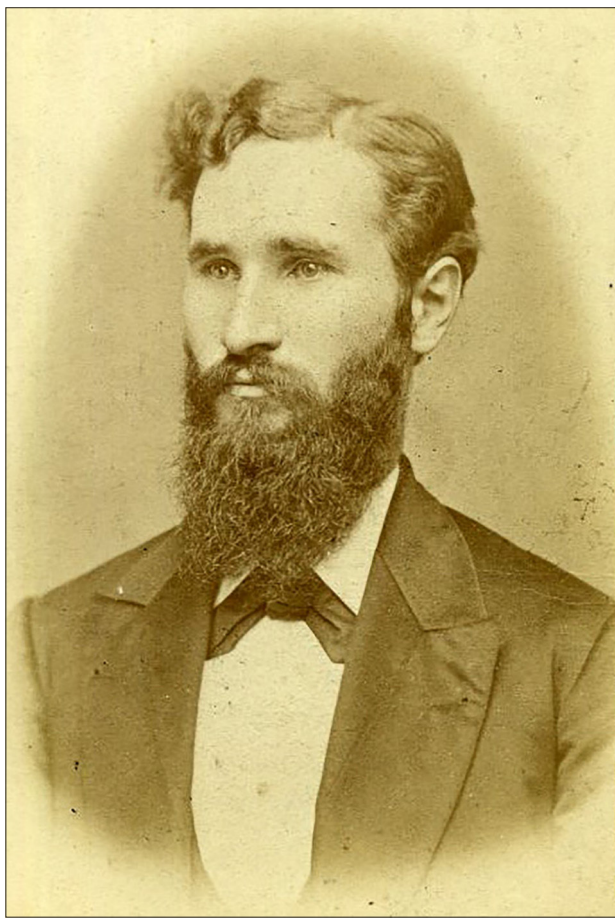
Nov. 22, 1926: Selva Lewis "Lew" Burdette Jr. was born in Nitro. Burdette was an outstanding major league baseball player who spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves.

Nov. 23, 1962: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint died. He was a great builder of religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling.

Nov. 24, 2008: Former Governor Cecil Underwood died in Charleston. Underwood, West Virginia's 25th and 32nd governor, had the distinction of being the state's youngest and oldest chief executive.

Nov. 24, 2015: For her accomplishments in the field of mathematics and science, Katherine Johnson received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama. Johnson worked for NASA calculating trajectories for manned space flights.

Nov. 25, 1896: Athlete Clinton Cyrus Thomas was born in Greenup, Kentucky. He starred in the Negro Leagues in the days when major league



**Nov. 27, 1933: Daniel Boardman Purinton, a faculty member and president of West Virginia University, died. He was an early and strong supporter of co-education.**

baseball was segregated. Thomas settled in Charleston after his playing days and made a long career in West Virginia state government.

Nov. 26, 1952: A fire on the evening before Thanksgiving at the Huntington State Hospital killed 14 patients, with three more patients later dying from their injuries. Huntington State Hospital is known today as the Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital.

Nov. 26, 1861: The Constitutional Convention of 1861–63 was convened in Wheeling. The convention provided the foundation for state government in preparation for statehood.

Nov. 27, 1848: African-

American educator William H. Davis was born. As a teacher for Black children in Malden, his most famous student was Booker T. Washington. In 1888, Davis was nominated as an independent candidate for the gubernatorial election – to date, the only Black person so honored in West Virginia history.

Nov. 28, 1864: In a local skirmish north of Moorefield, Rosser's Confederate cavalry and McNeill's Rangers rebuffed a raid by Union Col. R. E. Fleming and spared the South Branch Valley from destruction. The battlefields are part of the Middle South Branch Valley rural historic district.


By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

Everyone has heard the Dr. Suess Story of The Cat in The Hat, well this past week I woke up around 3 a.m. and I had A Hat from a Cat. Yes Katy Kat had made her way between my head and the headboard and draped herself around my head just like a hat. I will have to say the warmth was quite comforting. Momma Said, "Take your comforts whenever and however you can."

Raven is still having issues with her little tummy and she has been to the vet at least five times already. I really need to take out pet insurance and see if it would help. She is having fun with Gracie but Amber is still being an "old lady."

I guess I would be the same way if a rambunctious 2 year old was chewing on my



**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

ears and pulling my hair. She will put up with it for a while and then I hear a yelp and Raven beats a fast retreat. Momma Said, "You can only push your luck so far before it comes around and bites you in the butt."

I want to wish everyone an early Happy Thanksgiving with traveling mercies for all. Stay safe, eat a bunch and enjoy your family and friends. I pray for the world to create peace and harmony amongst everyone and enjoy God's Grace.

## No Bake White Chocolate Raspberry Pie

### Ingredients

- Graham Cracker Crust
- 2 cups Graham cracker crumbs
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- NOTE: You can also use a pre-made graham cracker crust
- White Chocolate and Raspberry Filling
- 2 cups white chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla paste
- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- White chocolate shavings and extra raspberries for garnish

### Instructions

- Butter and line a 9 Inch Cake Pan with 2 layers of cling wrap, allowing extra to hang off the sides. This will ensure you can lift the pie out easily once set. Set aside.
- In a large bowl combine the Graham cracker crumbs and melted butter. Using a spatula stir until the Grahams are fully coated and have absorbed all the butter.
- Transfer the crust mixture to the prepared cake pan. Using the back of your spatula press the crumbs down into the

pan until you have a compact even crust. Set in the fridge to firm up while you make the filling.

- In a large microwave-safe bowl combine the white chocolate, butter, and cream. Microwave in 30-second increments until fully melted, about 1 1/2 - 2 1/2 minutes. Once melted, whisk in the vanilla paste until smooth.

- Remove the prepared crust from the fridge and arrange the raspberries on top of the crust. Lay them on their sides so they are not sticking up.

- Gently pour the white chocolate filling over the raspberries. Carefully transfer the pie to the fridge to set until firm, this will take a minimum of 8 hours but I like to leave it overnight.

- Once ready to serve, lift the pie out using the cling wrap. Gently peel the cling wrap back and place the tart on a serving platter. Garnish with more fresh raspberries and white chocolate shavings.

- To store, cover the pie in cling wrap and place in the fridge for up to 4 days. Before serving let it sit at room temperature for at least 30 minutes to take the chill off it. Slice and enjoy!

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## Super Crossword SHADES OF HISTORY

<b>ACROSS</b>	1 Holds inside	9 Scrams	16 Many millennia	20 Chart of the Pacific, e.g.	21 Eeyore's creator	22 "Blue Jasmine" Oscar winner	23 Start of a riddle	25 Cawing bird	26 Collate, e.g.	27 Couch potatoes stare at them	28 Maple stuff	29 Thin coins	30 Prayerful plea starter	34 Designer Saanen	37 Sparks' state	39 Riddle, part 2	45 Subject for Dr. Ruth	46 "Zip — -Doo-Dah"	47 "... Mac — PC?"	48 Hostess snack cake	49 Onetime senator Trent	51 Hiccup or charley horse	54 Convents and abbeys	56 Colored rings of irises	58 About 4.2 millimeters, in typography	61 Footed vase	62 Agnus — (Mass prayer)	63 Riddle, part 3	66 "This is SO frustrating!"	69 Beelzebub	70 Tools used in fixing flats	72 Huge fad	76 To date	78 Riddle, part 4	80 Ship's swerve	83 Brow's curve	85 Bygone Russ. states	86 Most speedy	87 She won eight Oscars for Best Costume Design	91 "Oops, I messed up"	93 Comic-strip light bulb	94 Sliding-open car option	95 Like below-zero nos.	98 "... — it just me?"	100 Highway goo	101 End of the riddle	106 "Perhaps ... ask me about it later"	107 Band with the hit "Whip It"	108 — date (plan for marriage)	109 Exuding testosterone	111 Catch sight of	113 Hobbit hunter	115 Tide type	119 Exhort	120 Riddle's answer	126 Asperion fodder	127 Carry in the uterus	128 They could use a welcome sight	129 Quick flights	130 Most bohemian	131 Tilting	7 Anti's call	8 Catch sight of	9 "Goldfinger" singer Shirley	10 French thirst quencher	11 Electric guitar connection	12 Pointers	13 Actor Everett	14 Customs worker	15 Golf bag item	16 Fender bender, e.g.	17 Tagged for a particular use	18 Plains tribe	19 Bulletin fodder	24 Iris' layer	29 Miles of jazz	31 Student transcript no.	32 Long-used adage	33 Least shallow	35 P-shaped Greek letter	36 Sculler's tool	38 Promising solemnly	39 Illinois city	40 Size	41 "— culpa"	42 Oreck product, for short	43 St. Pat's land	44 Lucy's Amaz	45 BBQ sides	50 In present times	52 Church topper	53 Bishops' toppers	55 Greg Evans' long-running comic strip	57 Isolated	59 Poker IOUs	60 Fliers' military branch	64 Neopagan practice	65 Full of racket	67 Autos such as Ramblers and Pacers	68 Half of Hispaniola	71 Tanzanian tourist treks	73 Must	74 Pant-length measure	75 Perfume from petals	77 Chevy SUVs	79 Chuck Berry title woman	80 Rural assent to a woman	81 Together, in music scores	82 Bringing to a conclusion	84 Bracing drink	88 Singers executing quavers	89 With vehemence	90 Genetic ID	92 — choy	96 Conclusion	97 "Goodness!"	99 Mil. officer	102 Share, as a blog entry	103 Web-footed wading bird	104 "Me neither"	105 Pioneer Boone	109 Maudlin house sentimentality	110 Guthrie of folk singing	112 Legendary snow beast	114 Hacienda	116 "Orinoco Flow" singer	117 Yemeni port	118 "Hey, over here ..."	120 Org. for club swingers	121 No, in Paisley	122 Part of TGIF	123 "Just joking!"	124 Lingerie item	125 The, in Arles
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

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**DEADLINE**  
**3PM**  
**FRIDAY**

## Weather Totals

November 7 - November 14

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

### Temperature

Max 73° F  
Min 22° F

### Precipitation

Week 0.57"  
November 0.60"  
2023 41.97"

### Snowfall

New Snow 0"  
Snow on ground 0"  
Winter Total 0.25"

U.S. Forest Service

individuals. “As I sent that in, there were some posts made on social media that were untrue. I’m not sitting in my home watching people on a video stream from my home.”

Council Member James Humphrey said he felt that Davis was wronged by the Parks and Recreation Board in regards to the incident. “In my opinion, I felt he got thrown under the bus by the rest of the Parks Board,” Humphrey said. “We are losing a big asset to this city because, in my opinion, the Park Board dropped the ball on Chris Davis.”

Council Member Tim Auvil denied that the Parks Board had wronged Davis in any way. “No, it was not us, believe me,” Auvil said. “I think that’s a false accusation. I talked to him. We exchanged text.”

Council Member Melissa Jones clarified Humphrey’s position on the controversy surrounding the incident. “What (Humphrey) is trying to say is that the Park Board, when it became a big Facebook post and accusations about (personal issues), well, the Park Board and the City did not take a stand to back him.”

Humphrey said he blamed the City of Parsons for what was happening. “I’m not only blaming the Parks Board,” Humphrey said. “I blame the whole City of Parsons.”

Auvil acknowledged that Davis was the target of unjust comments. “I agree,” Auvil said. “There was unjust criticism, unjust accusations, thrown at him and that’s why he’s resigning. He dedicated eight years. He was on the Park Board for eight years. I agree 110% we are losing a valuable asset.”

According to Humphrey, Davis had said he tried to contact the rest of the board and his phone calls were not returned. “I was told that nobody contacted him,” Humphrey said. “He tried to contact everybody. Nobody would answer his phone

calls.”

Auvil denied the allegations. “No, I talked to him,” Auvil said.

Humphrey questioned Davis’ role in regards to reviewing footage from the Wellness Center. “I would like to know why he was the one in charge of running the cameras,” Humphrey said.

Auvil said that Davis was not the person designated to review camera footage. “No, he wasn’t the one in charge of overseeing the cameras,” Auvil said. “They are reviewed at the Wellness Center and here at the office.”

According to Humphrey, Davis had video evidence from the incident on his phone. “He showed me videos on his phone,” Humphrey said. “How did he get the videos on his phone if doesn’t have access to cameras?”

According to Auvil, Davis had become involved only if a violation was suspected. “If there is a violation, then he had asked to help to determine that because he’s there all the time,” Auvil said. “He’s over there more than all of us put together.”

Council Member Kathy DiBacco questioned Davis’ dual role at the Wellness Center. “I have a question,” DiBacco said. “When he’s working for Elkins Physical Therapy why is he policing the Wellness Center? I mean is Elkins Physical Therapy ok with that?”

Jones said that Davis did not police the facility when he was there as an employee. “From what I understand, I wouldn’t say it is policing,” Jones said. “From what I understand, it had been brought to the Park Board and Park Board requested that he keep an eye on things and if Mistee would call and say, ‘hey, so and so doesn’t have a membership’ he would graciously help.”

Humphrey said that Davis should not have been put in that position. “That shouldn’t be his job,” Humphrey said. DiBacco agreed. Auvil stated that Davis

was a member of the Park Board, but state that Davis acknowledged that he was not a Park Board member while negotiations with Elkins Physical Therapy were ongoing over the use of the facility and abstained from any votes pertaining to his employer while on the Board. “He had nothing to do with that and it gives the Center 12-Grand a year that helps stay fiscally viable,” Auvil said.

Davis in his interview addressed DiBacco’s concerns about his role at the gym as a physical therapist. “That’s the big thing is everyone is saying that I’m policing the thing when I was there. The reality is I didn’t do anything like that when I was there. I think that’s some miscommunication, too,” Davis said.

Davis went on to say that the only time he would intervene at the facility was at the request of the City and then only in his position as a Park Board Member. “I’m not targeting anybody,” Davis said. “I’m not harassing anybody. The reality is unless Mistee over at the City would call and ask me to do something as a Board Member, that was about the only time I ever would say anything regarding rule stuff to people in the gym. Just because I’m there treating for physical therapy. That’s my main job. I’m a volunteer as a board member.”

Davis clarified the arrangement that Elkins Physical Therapy has at the Wellness Center. “The reality is we rent space,” Davis said. “So what I do there has no bearing on the City. Its nothing they are going to have any association with.”

Davis also addressed the concerns over perceived policing at the facility. “The reality of me leaving is its hard to do both,” Davis said. “If I’m just there working, I can’t be policing in a facility...I really didn’t say anything to anybody. That’s not what I’m there for.”

According to Davis, he spoke to everyone in the facility, but not in an official

capacity. “I think that misconception that I am harassing all these people, I talk to everybody. If I said hi to them that might be what it is. There’s a few people there that didn’t like me from different things and that’s ok, too. I’m not running up and harassing them saying anything.”

Davis denied ever saying anything to Barb’s son at the gym. “Even with the Barb situation, you can say I was harassing him. I didn’t say a word to him when I saw him in there because I didn’t want this crazy, harassing situation talked about. Unfortunately, everybody took it that way and it kind of blew up on social media. And its disheartening that the public takes one word on things.”

During the meeting, Council Member Melissa Jones asked City Attorney Tim Stranko if the council could enter executive session to discuss the resignation. However, Jones was informed by Stranko that there was no exemption for the discussion in executive session because Davis was a park board member and not an employee of the City. As a result, the council was not legally allowed to hold discussion in executive session and instead was required to have an open meeting discussion on the matter. “You cannot go into executive session for this discussion,” Stranko said. “It is not qualified as an exception.”

Davis outlined the reason for his resignation in a letter read into the record and supplied to the Council. “Due to recent circumstances and the personal attack against Me and my family as a Park board member, Consider this my resignation as of October 30, 2023 at 12:01 am. It has been my honor to serve with a good group of people and a city organization that is looking to improve things. Our parks system is one of the best in the area and the City Council and parks and recreation are to thank for that,” Davis wrote.

## Armentrout Hired as the Hospitality & Tourism Management Program Specialist

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Morgan Armentrout has been hired at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College as the Hospitality & Tourism Management Program Specialist. Local to the Moorefield area, she lives with her two Miniature Australian Shepherds and one cat. Armentrout received

her associate of arts in general studies from WVU Potomac State College in the Fall of 2021. Then she attended Eastern, where she received her associate professional in human resources in the Fall of 2022.

Armentrout has been in the hospitality & tourism sector for a few years, gain-

ing experience from working in multiple positions at local businesses starting in 2018 as an operations crew leader and executive assistant at the Wardensville Garden Market, and an operations and human resource coordinator at Farm Work Wonders in Wardensville, WV. She also has experience as a reservation specialist at Capon Springs & Farms in High View, WV. “For the last year and a half, I have been at Capon Springs and Farms Resort in Hampshire County, WV, as the reservation specialist,” said Armentrout, “During that time I worked directly with new and returning guests from the US, Canada, and UK to help set up an all-inclusive trip to explore Capon’s historic grounds and even recommend places to visit in nearby parts of WV.”

Outside of work, she values the simple things in life most. “I enjoy reading, spending time with family and friends, and cuddling up with my pets to enjoy a movie,” said Armentrout. “A hobby of mine is cooking; I love finding a new recipe online and giving it my own twist.”

When asked about her initial thoughts on Eastern, she said, “Everyone has been so friendly and eager to help when needed. There are always nerves when starting a new job but I have felt welcome from the beginning.”



**Morgan Armentrout, Hospitality & Tourism Management Program Specialist**



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# SPORTS

## TUCKER COUNTY RUNS BY TUG VALLEY FOR HOME PLAYOFF WIN 42-0



The Mt. Lions player Owen Knotts makes a tackle against Tug Valley on Nov. 18th. Tucker County collected the win 42-0. Photo by Brittany Channell.



Tucker County's Garrett Wilfong makes a one-handed catch against Tug Valley on Nov. 18th. The Mt. Lions won the game 42-0. Photo by Brittany Channell.



The Mt. Lions running back Jared Reall carries the ball against Tug Valley on Nov. 18th. Tucker County picked up the 42-0 win. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The #2 Mt. Lions Football team hosted #7 Tug Valley in the Quarter-finals of the West Virginia Football Play-offs on Saturday November 18th. Tucker County scored 12 points in the first half and then the Mt. Lions exploded for 30 points in the second half to capture the shutout victory over Tug Valley 42-0.

Tucker County won the coin toss and deferred their option to the second half. The visiting Panthers got the ball to start the game and failed to convert on fourth down to give the Mt. Lions the ball. Tucker County was forced to punt on their first possession. The Mt. Lions defense again held to give Tucker County the ball back at the Tug Valley 39. This time the home team put together a drive that was capped off with a 11 yard touchdown pass from Ethan Rosenau to Garrett Wilfong. The 2 point conversion failed to make the score 6-0 Tucker County with 4:14 left in the first quarter. The Mt. Lions defense held again as the first quarter ended with the score 6-0 Tucker County. Both teams struggled to sustain drives in the second quarter as the score remained 6-0 midway through the second. Tucker County then mounted a scoring drive late in the first

half as Jared Reall would dive in to the endzone from 1 yard out with 36 seconds left in the second quarter. The PAT would fail again for the Mt. Lions to put the half-time score at 12-0 Tucker County.

The Mt. Lions received the kick to start the third and the offense would go to work again. Tucker County marched the ball down the field on a 63 yard scoring drive that was finished off with a 16 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Blaike Adams. The 2 point conversion failed to give Tucker County the 18-0 lead with 8:02 left in the third quarter. The Panthers would then fumble on their next drive and the Mt. Lions recovered at their own 23. Tucker County's offense then continued to click as they got another big play as Rosenau connected with Wilfong for a big 63 yard touchdown pass with 2:31 left in the third. The PAT was good on a pass to Wilfong to make the score 26-0 Mt. Lions after three quarters of play. Tucker County would then add two more scores in the fourth quarter as Adams scored on a 6 yard touchdown run with 10:36 left in the game. The PAT was good on a pass to Adams to put the Mt. Lions advantage to 34-0. Then Tucker County put the scoring to an end with a 9 yard touchdown run by Reall with 6:17 left in the fourth. The PAT was good on a reverse pass play, as



Tucker County's Blaike Adams dives into the endzone for the touchdown against Tug Valley on Nov. 18th. The Mt. Lions picked up the 42-0 win. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Adams passed it to Racer Channell for the conversion to make the score 42-0 Tucker County. The Panthers could not get on the scoreboard before the running clock expired and the Mt. Lions collected the Quarterfinal Playoff win by the final score of 42-0.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County with 199 yards passing on an 18 of 23 performance. Jared Reall added 136 yards rushing on 26 carries and Garrett Wilfong had 6 receptions for 109 yards receiving. Maddox Anderson collected 6 catches

for 53 yards receiving and Blaike Adams chipped in with 27 yards rushing and 23 yards receiving. Jared Reall and Garrett Wilfong led the Mt. Lions defense with 6 tackles each in the win for Tucker County.

#2 Tucker County(12-0) advances to the State Semi-Finals and they will host #3 Williamstown(12-0) on Friday November 24th at home. Kickoff is set for 4pm and the winning team will advance to the State Championship game in Wheeling on Saturday December 2nd. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## HELMICK SIGNS TO CONTINUE BASKETBALL CAREER AT WV WESLEYAN

By Chris George  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – Tucker County standout Point Guard Macy Helmick will continue her Basketball career at the Collegiate level. The Senior signed her National Letter of Intent on Tuesday November 14th in a ceremony held at Tucker County High School Gymnasium. Macy will play for West Virginia Wesleyan Head Coach Brett Vincent. Helmick had offers from three college programs but decided on WV Wesleyan on November 2nd with her verbal commitment. Macy has now made the commitment official with her signing of the NLI on Nov. 14th.



Tucker County Point Guard Macy Helmick signed her National Letter of Intent at a ceremony at TCHS on Nov. 14th. Photo by Laurie Godfrey.

## FELTON MAKES VOLLEYBALL ALL-STATE HONORABLE MENTION LIST



Tucker County's Volleyball player Rachel Felton earned All-State Honorable Mention on Nov. 21st. Photo by Dave Helmick.

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

The West Virginia Sports Writers announced the Class "A" Volleyball All-State list on Tuesday November 21st. Tucker County placed one player on the list as Senior Rachel Felton was recognized as an Honorable Mention Selection. Felton was a four year starter for Head Coach Crystal Kirk at TCHS.

### AREA SCHEDULE:

**Friday November 24th**  
WV Football Playoffs – Tucker County Football vs Williamstown @ Home 4pm

**Tuesday November 28th**  
Tucker County Girls' Basketball Scrim. @ Buckhannon-Upshur 6pm  
Tucker County Boys' Basketball Scrim. @ Frankfort 7:15pm

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List of tax liens sold in the county of TUCKER on the 1st day of November, 2023 for the nonpayment of taxes thereon for the year 2022, and purchased by individuals or certified to the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

Ticket	Taxpayer(s)	Legal Description	Sold To	Amount
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>				
<b>01-BLACK FORK</b>				
925	NESTOR BURLAND JE ET AL C/O JAMES M MORRIS	.14 AC W SIDE RT 219	State of West Virginia	245.11
1256	SILVER LINING RESOURCES LLC ET AL	185 AC MINERALS *305-5A*	State of West Virginia	111.73
<b>02-CLOVER</b>				
1691	BOWDEN WILLIAM B SNYDER MELISSA D	1 AC EAST PIFER MT	State of West Virginia	185.41
2294	WEST RANDALL L & ROBERTA J	56.03 ACS PLAT 484 TRACT B 88-110-148 (2 TR) FX O&G	State of West Virginia	7,382.08
<b>03-DAVIS DISTRICT</b>				
2640	WAINWRIGHT MICHAEL KEVIN WAINWRIGHT TOVE MARIA	UNIT 23 PENDLETONHEIM	State of West Virginia	1,088.97
<b>04-DAVIS CORPORATION</b>				
3624	SCB PROPERTIES LLC	LOT #106 PHASE 1 .65 AC TUSCAN RIDGE	State of West Virginia	342.40
3625	SCB PROPERTIES LLC	LOT #107 PHASE 1 .55 AC TUSCAN RIDGE	State of West Virginia	308.18
3679	STIDMAN FAMILY 2019 REVOCABLE TRUST	LOT #112 PHASE 1 .59 AC TUSCAN RIDGE	State of West Virginia	317.33
<b>05-DRYFORK</b>				
3936	AMIOT BROOKS R & SUSAN Q	UNIT H-3 NORTHWOODS CONDO 4.85 AC	State of West Virginia	3,664.99
4079	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	3/4 MIN INT 700 AC CANAAN	State of West Virginia	150.11
4080	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	1/2 OIL & GAS MIN RIGHTS IN 262.43 AC W BLACKWATER RIVR	State of West Virginia	91.25
4081	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	MIN INT IN 319 AC CANAAN (1/2 INT)	State of West Virginia	108.39
4082	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	3/8 MIN INT IN 183.57 AC E OF BLACKWATER RIVER (1/2 INT)	State of West Virginia	88.73
4439	CHILDERS LAWRENCE D & BONNIE	LOT 1 JENNINGSTON FARM 3.379 AC	State of West Virginia	1,226.71
5077	HANSROTH LEE ET AL	1/24 M. & COAL 1900 CANAAN	State of West Virginia	85.81
5371	KATHY ANN FRIEND	13,210 SQ FT .30 AC	State of West Virginia	81.01
5477	KUYKENDALL ANNA R HEIRS C/O JOHN T ST CLAIR JR MD	1/2 M-446	State of West Virginia	123.53
5604	LONG KATE R	1.39 ACRES RED RUN	State of West Virginia	490.51
5695	MCDANIEL STEVEN S	1/3 MINERAL INT IN 103.3 AC MAP 367 PARCEL 3	State of West Virginia	78.87
6686	TOMBLYN PHILIP C	LOT 8 WOODTERRACE OF TMBERWOOD 2.66 AC	State of West Virginia	1,496.42
6903	WORTMAN DONALD E & MARIA	LOT 26 POINTY KNOB 2.00 ACRES	State of West Virginia	905.35
6917	WVDT LLC	1147 SQ FT	State of West Virginia	76.51
<b>06-FAIRFAX</b>				
7210	CROSS AMY	.34 ACRE	State of West Virginia	689.95
7271	GOSS MICHELLE		State of West Virginia	1,688.24
7272	GOSS MICHELLE	LT 51 COKETON	State of West Virginia	98.37
7273	GOSS MICHELLE	PARCEL .39 ACRES	State of West Virginia	125.11
<b>07-HAMBLETON</b>				
7614	DILLY FRANK	LOT 17	State of West Virginia	1,041.79
7615	DILLY FRANK A	LOT 18 HAMBLETON	State of West Virginia	650.22
<b>09-LICKING</b>				
8807	WILSON SAMUEL R ET AL C/O PATTY WORLES	1/2 AC LICKING CREEK	State of West Virginia	145.23
<b>10-PARSONS</b>				
9351	MCDONALD STEVE & ANGIE	LOT 7	State of West Virginia	285.12
9476	PIFER RODNEY D NICKLOW HEATHER L	LOT 9 COFFMAN ADD	State of West Virginia	814.19
9722	WILLIAMS ROBERT W ESTATE	LOTS 208 209 210 211 ALONG RIVER AVE	State of West Virginia	1,162.34
<b>11-SAINT GEORGE</b>				
9940	ANGLIN AVIS	1/3 OR 1/4 OF 1/20 UND INT MIN THUNDERSTRUCK RUN	State of West Virginia	78.45
10400	HERSHMAN KEITH ALLEN	1.05 AC CAL HORSESHOE RUN	State of West Virginia	191.89
<b>12-THOMAS</b>				
11533	HARPER JOANNE	LOT 106 50 X 120	State of West Virginia	1,034.19

The owner of any real estate listed above, or any other person entitled to pay the taxes thereon, may, however, redeem such real estate as provided by law.  
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*Sheila E. Kopsch*  
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Thomas Quarry Permit Number Q013873 & Q201186

This is situated in Fairfax & St. George District of Tucker County, approximately 4.5 miles north of Thomas will be conducting blasting activities in accordance with all State and Federal Laws and as approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Blasting activities will occur Monday through Saturday from "sunrise to sunset." No blasting shall be conducted on Sunday. Blasting is to commence on January 1, 2024 and continue through December 31, 2024.

Ten minutes prior to and immediately after each blast, all access to the specific area will be safeguarded from unauthorized entry. The warning signal prior to each blast shall be from an air horn, siren, or other device audible to at least one-half mile from the blast. The warning will be given three (3) minutes prior to detonation and will consist of three (3) short blasts of five (5) seconds duration with (5) seconds between each blast. The all-clear signal shall be one long blast from an air horn, siren, or other approved devices of twenty (20) seconds duration.

Blasting shall be conducted in such a way so as to prevent adverse impacts to the public or the environment. Blasting activities will not be conducted at times other than those announced in the blasting schedule except in the event of an emergency situation where rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions, or operator, or public safety requires unscheduled detonations.

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2023-013

The Tucker County Board of Education, Tucker, WV will receive bids for **Door Replacement at Davis Thomas Elementary/Middle School and Tucker County High School** until **1:30 p.m.**, local prevailing time on **December 18, 2023**, at the office of the Tucker County Board of Education, Parsons, WV, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Conference, for **General Construction**, has been scheduled for the **30th day of November 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**, at Davis-Thomas Elementary/Middle School. A site visit will be conducted following the meeting at both schools.

The contract documents are available only from the architect's electronic distribution system. Login credentials will be sent to all prospective contractors and subcontractors after the request is made to [biddocs@wsgarch.com](mailto:biddocs@wsgarch.com). Addenda will be only distributed electronically from the Architects electronic distribution system to bidders registered in attendance at the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

Each Bidder must be registered with the West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue prior to the time and date for Receipt of Bids in order for his Bid to be considered. Each Bidder's registration certificate number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

All bidders are required to be licensed to perform work in the State prior to submitting a bid for this project as required by Chapter 21, Article 11, of the Code of West Virginia. Each Bidder's Contractor license number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

A satisfactory bid bond furnished by a solvent surety company authorized to do business in the State of West Virginia, in an amount equal to five (5%) of the total amount of bid, payable to the Tucker County Board of Education, shall be submitted with each Bid.

Each (The) successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and the fee for same shall be included in their bid.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for at least **thirty (30)** days.

The Board of Education of the County of Tucker, Parsons WV, reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

THE TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Mrs. Alisha Lambert, Superintendent

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Notice is hereby given that METTIKI COAL (WV), LLC, 1146 MONARCH ST, STE 350, LEXINGTON, KY 40513 has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 150.2 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number O202000 to operate a refuse disposal facility in the N/A seam of coal. The operation is discharging into an UNT of an UNT of Beaver Creek, of the Blackwater River, of the Black Fork River, of the Cheat River of the Monongahela River and is located 6.5 miles northeast of Davis, West Virginia in Davis District of Tucker County, Longitude 79° 22' 33" and Latitude 39° 11' 37" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:  
**NAME ADDRESS**  
Western Pocahontas Properties, LP 5260 Irwin Road, Huntington, WV 25705

\*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:  
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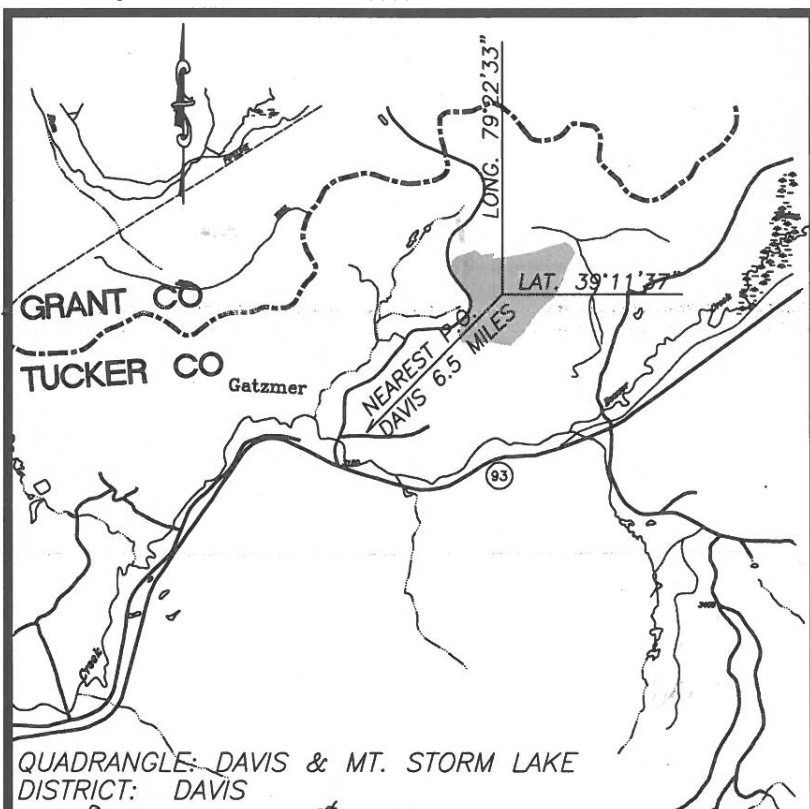
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Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until 12/29/2023, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available or review until 12/29/2023, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:  
[http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/\\_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm](http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm).

The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219  
Permit Number: O202000

\*These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal.  
Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2)



GENERAL LOCATION MAP

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SMCRA Permit #0-2020-00  
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I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Letha L. Schoonover	John Kahl
1st publication 11/15/23	613 Jameson Ave.
2nd publication 11/22/23	Parsons, WV 26287
Karen S. Peterson	William M. Peterson
1st publication 11/15/23	68 Mt. Aerie Rd.
2nd publication 11/22/23	Davis, WV 26260
Betty L. Humphrey	Tammy A. Lowther
1st publication 11/15/23	498 Golden Oaks Ln.
2nd publication 11/22/23	Sanford, FL 32771

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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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 must 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,  
Secretary



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## Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Announces Year to Date 2023 Results

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (OTC: HBSI) announces results of operations for the year to date 2023.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc., the parent company of The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, posted year to date 2023 earnings of \$2,390,000 or \$1.79 per share of common stock outstanding (EPS), compared to \$3,276,000 or \$2.45 EPS for the same period of 2022.

On October 10, 2023, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of \$0.42 per share. The dividend was payable to all shareholders of record as of October 27, 2023 and was paid on or about November 3, 2023. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.75% Return on average assets (ROAA) decreased in 2023 to 0.59%,

as compared to 0.85% in the same period of 2022. The return on average equity (ROAE) decreased to 6.01% at September 30, 2023, as compared to 8.24% at September 30, 2022.

Total assets, as of September 30, 2023, increased \$15,699,000 to \$543,121,000 compared to December 31, 2022. Total liabilities increased \$17,678,000 as of September 30, 2023 to \$490,077,000 compared to December 31, 2022 as a result of deposit growth.

Shareholders' Equity at September 30, 2023 was \$53,044,000 or \$39.68 per outstanding share, compared to December 31, 2022 of \$55,023,000 or \$41.16 per outstanding share.

Jack H. Walters, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the holding company, stated, "2023 has been a challenging year for financial institutions as the impact of higher rates and increased competition for deposits has pressured net interest margins. On the positive side, loan growth has been steady across all segments and the increased income earned has helped offset higher deposit costs. Provisions for loan losses have also increased compared to the prior year due to loan growth as well as our anticipation of weaker economic conditions in the future. We continue to be well capitalized and are proud of our history of providing superior banking products and service to our local communities for over 100 years."

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. is listed on the OTC market under the symbol HBSI (<http://www.otcmarts.com>) and is the holding company for The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank. Highland's subsidiary banks operate twelve banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia and offer credit insurance through its wholly-owned subsidiary, HBI Life Insurance Company.

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# Ski Over 100 Trails in Tucker County this 2023/2024 Winter Season

Davis, W.Va. — Embrace the snow-covered peaks of Tucker County with the return of Ski The Valley for the 2023/2024 winter season. Tucker County provides an elevated experience by combining the thrill of three top-tier ski resorts, collectively offering more than 100 trails, along with family-friendly winter activities and the welcoming hospitality of local businesses.

Ski The Valley is a seasonal initiative created by the Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), in partnership with Canaan Valley Resort, Timberline Mountain and White Grass. This seasonal initiative, a cornerstone of winter activities in the area for decades, has evolved from a two-day ski ticket promotion to a comprehensive winter experience showcasing the premier ski resorts and winter activities in Tucker County.

Canaan Valley Resort State Park and Timberline Mountain, located within seven miles of each other, boast over 80 runs catering to skiers and snowboarders of all ages and skill levels. Both resorts provide the perfect blend of fun and skill enhancement with state-of-the-art snowmaking systems, efficient lifts, gear rentals and lessons from certified instructors. Additionally, White Grass Ski Touring Center, recognized as one of the "Best Cross-Country Ski Resorts," features over 35 miles of maintained trails.

"We're excited to welcome visitors to Tucker County this winter," said Jessica Waldo, Executive Director of the Tucker County CVB. "Whether you're a first-time visitor or a returning friend, we hope you discover the warmth of our community and the thrill of all the winter activities available; as a local tip, visit us mid-week to avoid the crowds and take advantage of a snowy day."

For families seeking diverse winter adventures, Blackwater Falls State Park's quarter-mile sled run, the East Coast's longest, and Canaan Valley Resort's multi-lane tube park offer additional excitement. Explore ice skating, snowshoeing and fat bike riding to round out the array of winter activities available.

Tucker County goes beyond the slopes, offering indoor activities such as rock climbing at Trail Labs, Canaan Valley Wildlife Refuge Center exhibits, an adventure cave at Mountain Trail Rides, and free live music on weekend afternoons at the Purple Fiddle.

Wind down after an adventure-packed day in one of the area's quaint mountain towns. Thomas, Davis and Parsons, nestled in the heart of Tucker County, boast a vibrant arts community with galleries, open-door studios, live music venues and businesses showcasing local art.

Discover more reasons to embrace winter in Tucker County by entering the Ski the Valley giveaway by December 15. The prize includes a two-night stay at The Inn at Canaan (excluding holidays), tubing and skiing at Canaan Valley Resort for two and a dining gift certificate to a local restaurant. Visit [skithevalley.com](http://skithevalley.com) to learn more.

The ski resorts are scheduled to open in early December, weather permitting. Stay updated on the opening date by following the Tucker County CVB on social media. Upon arriving in Tucker County, visit the CVB to pick up a copy of the Winter Pocket Guide to learn more about the seasonal offerings. For more information, visit [gettucker.com](http://gettucker.com).

# PSC Initiates General Investigation into Gas Outage

CHARLESTON, WV – On Thursday, the Public Service Commission of West Virginia launched a general investigation into a water line break and natural gas outage that affected hundreds of customers in Charleston.

On Nov. 10 a widespread natural gas outage occurred, that has left hundreds of customers of Mountaineer Gas Company on Charleston's west side without service. On the same day, there were several water main breaks on the West Virginia-American Water Company lines in the same area. The water main breaks caused outages for many customers and required boil water advisories to be issued.

Commission staff has been ordered to investigate the cause of the water main breaks and the gas outage. Within 20 days of Thursday's order, staff will make recommendations for information and evidence that West Virginia-American Water and Mountaineer Gas will be required to file formally with the Commission. The utilities will then have five days to respond to those recommendations. The Commission will establish further proceedings after the information has been filed.

"We want to see this matter resolved as safely and as quickly as possible," said PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane.

Additional information may be found on the Commission's website [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us) by referencing Case No. 23-0882-G-W-GI.

# Quality Matters Course Reviews Successfully Completed By Eastern Faculty

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern) was awarded a \$2.25 million Title III grant in 2021 from the United States Department of Education. One of the main objectives of

the grant is to improve admission, retention, and graduation rates. Eastern realizes an important component of advancing the institution is continuous improvement in course design and program offerings. To meet this need,

select faculty members are revising and implementing a new curriculum structure for 36 online gateway courses over four years of the grant.

The process of course revision is based on the Quality Matters standards. Quality Matters is the gold standard for certifying the quality of online courses and programs. Many higher education institutions across the nation adhere to these standards. The process involves faculty aligning their courses to meet the standards outlined in an in-depth rubric covering items such as ease of navigation, alignment of course materials, activities, and assessments with course objectives, and accessibility for all types of learners. Once a course is ready, it is then peer-reviewed to ensure it meets these strict standards.

Dedicated Eastern faculty have embraced this imperative work to improve the quality of online offerings to expand a quality education to students at a distance, as well as offer a different modality for the Potomac Highland learners. Congratulations to the following Eastern faculty members who have successfully completed course reviews: Nikki Chandler; Curtis Hakala; Heather Hernandez; Leslie Laschinger; Debi Layton; Teresa Lomasney; Seyed Mirkhani; Lacy Miller; Shirley Murphy; Jess Rinker; and Nathan Van Vranken.



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