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# **City of Davis Kicks Off Holiday Season with Tree Lighting**





The City of Davis kicked off the holiday season with the lighting of the City Tree on Saturday, December 2. Mayor Alan Tomson gave the opening remarks to the assembled crowd. The crowd gave a countdown to the illumination of the tree. For more photos see DAVIS TREE LIGHTING page 3

## **Prodigy Outlines Broadband**



# Christmas Displays Wanted

The Parsons Advocate is seeking unique or have an FM transmitted musical element.

## **Roll Out to Tucker County**

**By: Lydia Crawley** *The Parsons Advocate* 

Tim Wotring from Prodigy addressed the Tucker County Commission about the proposed broadband expansion through the County. The \$8 million project targeted at expanding broadband internet access to rural and unserviced areas through a State of West Virginia grant is partially funded with a \$50,000 contribution by Tucker County Commission.

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau the roll out will bring fiber service to Hannahsville, Piper Mountain, Texas Mountain, St. George, Limestone, Leadmine, Shafer, Parsons, Hambleton and Mackeyville among others. "Let me read some of the service areas we have since the public can't see the map itself," Rosenau said. "We go down to Hannahsville,we go up Piper Mountain, Texas Mountain, St. George, Limestone, it comes right down through Leadmine, doesn't it? It goes all the way down past Shafer Town."

Wotring said the stop point will be 12 Mile Road. "It looks like it stops around 12 Mile Road," Wotring said.

In total, over 1,700 addresses in Tucker County will be included in the proposed route, according to Wotring. "Back in the summer we submitted a grant to build our Prodigy network out in Preston County and extend it to Tucker County," Wotring said. "It comprises of roughly a 140 miles and it passes by over 1,700 addresses in Tucker County."

The goal of the State funded program is to bring internet access to those who either had no current access or limited access, according to Wotring. "Basically what dictated how we did the map was the State provided addresses that what they considered Targeted and Non-targeted," Wotring said. "Targeted was that address doesn't have access to internet. So, our goal was to focus on those areas and get to the folks that didn't have any access. So that's why it might go up to way out there and not be much out there, but still reach those folks that otherwise would not be able to have

access."

Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis said this will bring much needed service to areas that currently have little or no internet access. "Down in the areas where you're going, you hear them always talking about how slow it is, we don't have service and stuff like that," Davis said. "This here will bring a lot better service to the areas that never had much internet service."

A map of the rollout area will be made available to the public at a later date, according to Wotring. "We will have this map made available on the internet soon as we get what they call the Notice to Construct from the State," Wotring said.

According to Wotring, the route was designated due to funding parameters set forth by the grant. "When you look at that map, you will see that it is a real narrow coverage area," Wotring said. "And the reason that is, is because how the grant was structured, basically your matching funds, we had to put forth what we were accountable for was based upon how many addresses you passed. It was \$500 per address passed. So if we would have broadened that, it would have been less mileage we could have covered."

However, even with the restrictions, the system was designed to allow for far more residents to be able to access than the map shows, according to Woltring. The main line, what Wotring called the Trunk Line, is scheduled to run along the proposed path on poles, according to Wotring and Rosenau. "The reason I share that is, that's only like a 250 foot buffer on either side of the road. We are going to be able to reach much more than what that map shows," Wotring said. "We're running drops 3,000 foot off of the main line so just because your address doesn't show up on that little blue area, if its within 3,000 feet of that blue area, we can reach it. So its covering a much larger area then what the blue line shows. That blue line is basically the trunk line and we can reach much further, much further off of that trunk line," Wotring said. Rosenau clarified with Wotring that

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Christmas yard displays to feature in our upcoming issues. We are seeking large or uniquely themed displays, as well as any displays that may be coordinated to music If you know of any unique yard displays, whether musical or not, please submit your suggestions to the Parsons Advocate for consideration.

## Tucker County EMS Receives Cot, Demonstrates at High School, Get Timberline Contracted

**By: Lydia Crawley** *The Parsons Advocate* 

Tucker County EMS Director Amanda Simmons addressed the Tucker County Commission about some recent developments with her agency. Among the subjects discussed, Simmons informed the Commission that EMS had received the cots purchased by the County as well as ordered the Lucas CPR assistance devices the County funded. Simmons also informed the Commission of a recent demonstration at Tucker County High School involving the Simulation Truck and the new cot system. Also discussed was the verbal confirmation of a contract with Timberline ski area.

"Our cot finally arrived," Simmons said. "It arrived two days ago from New Jersey so we'll give back the loaner cot."

. "We had yesterday a meeting up at the school with all of the health students," Simmons said. "And we took up the Simulation Truck as well as 52 and had them actually get onto the new cot, let them load and unload. I said, 'This is what your parents have been talking about that has been in the newspaper.' So, they got to see that."

I said, 'Now imagine if you're on a crew having to lift that cot with that patient every time and look at how safe this is,'" Simmons said. "And they just loved it."

Other demonstrations were given at the event, according to Simmons. "Steven Mitchell showed them how to do a quick trac and these other things and they were just loving it, eating it up," Simmons said.

. "We had great success with that," Simmons said. "It was wonderful that we

could take 54 out there and show them the new cot system. They just loved it."

Simmons also informed the Commission that the Lucas CPR assist devices had also been ordered and paid for. "Also, we have the two Lucases that have been paid for and we are just waiting for them to arrive," Simmons said. "It's going to be life changing."

Simmons also addressed the status of the medics on crew with the entity. According to Simmons three new medics have come on board in addition to four current medics. "We do have a medic that just come onboard with us part time," Simmons said. "He' also in a Doctorate. He's with P.S. Martin. He loves it here locally. That's four medics that are working part time for us besides the other three that we have."

Simmons said there will be more medics this winter to assist with the needs of the community. "In the winter we will have more medics," Simmons said.

Pending contract signature, Simmons said that the Ambulance Authority had been told they would be contracted to service the ski area of Timberline. "We did receive verbal confirmation that we received the contract for Timberline for the ski area," Simmons said. "We have two dates for Randolph County will also be there, but that is so we can have medic assist just in case because it is so crowded during that time that we will both be there. Tucker County will always be at the ski area."

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held on December 13 at 9 a.m. at the Old Courtroom of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons.



## **News of Record**

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

Jakob Joshua Plumley, of Parsons, had been charged with one count of Entry of building other than dwelling, entry of railroad, traction or motorcar, steamboat or other vessel. According to the complaint, on Wednesday, Nov. 15 Deputy C.R. Summerfield, of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office, received a walk in complaint at the office. He met with a female subject namely Carolyn S. Mason. He obtained a handwritten and signed statement from her. In summary, she stated that Monday morning she took her granddaughter to work and left her purse, keys and everything in her car and forgot about them. When she went back to her car she discovered that the door was locked but she was able to open the back door. When she opened the door she realized that masks that she left in her car were thrown around. When she looked in her purse she found that her debit card and four (4) checks were missing. She also stated that that an envelope containing an estimated \$100 was missing from the center console. When

asked if there were any security cameras I n the area she stated that Cantrell's had some on their shop nearby.

Deputy Summerfield and Sheriff J.E. Kopec responded to the shop and requested to view the security cameras. The officers observed a male subject walking in the area around 3:53 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14. They observed that the male subject is wearing black sandals, white socks, and a stripe on the left leg of his pants. The subject had facial hair and a large jacket on with the hood up. This individual allegedly checked to see if two parked vehicles in the area were unlocked before walking to the victim's parked car at approximately 3:53 a.m. The subject allegedly opened the door and got inside. He was inside for approximately nine (9) minutes. While inside the vehicle, a light is seen moving around appearing to be looking through the vehicle. The subject steps out of the car at approximately 4:02 a.m.

Deputy Summerfield responded to BFS in Parsons and requested to review their video footage from the day of this incident. At approximately 4:43 a.m. on the same date, He observed a male

subject walking through the BFS parking lot matching the description of the man inside the vehicle. When the male subject entered the store, Summerfield observed him to have on white socks, black sandals, and a jacket with the hood up. He also observed a stripe on the subject's left pant leg that matched the one on the other video. Facial hair on the subject from the BFS video is also consistent with the first camera. Deputy Summerfield obtained a handwritten and signed statement from the BFS employee that was reviewing the security camera footage. He asked her if she recognized the man in the video and she stated that the subject was another employee of the store, Jakob Plumley. This incident occurred in Tucker County.

All subjects are considered innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- William Hamilton and Jeannine Hamilton, Fairfax District, Lot 6, 97x120toHelenDunphy,\$5,000.
- Peter C. Johnson, Davis Corporation, Lot 13 Phase 2 Davis

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Riverwalk to MCORP Properties Inc., \$113,000.

- PETER C. Johnson, Davis Corporation, Lot 12 Phase 2 Davis Riverwalk to S & D Enterprises LLC, \$105,000.
- Kay Cross and Tim Cross, Black Fork District, 2.29 acres and .06acres to Carlo Ricottilli, \$1.111.11
- Thomas Woods and Kenwyn Wood, Dry Fork District, Lot 35, North Lake IV to Christopher Wade and Jamie Elizabeth Jacobs, \$40,000.
- City of Parsons, Black Fork District, Lot 176 Section C to Rose M. Turley, \$800.
- Joan M. Poling, Clover District, 2.70 acres to Brian Adkins and Michael Adkins, \$20,000.
- Tucker Rental Properties LLC, Dry Fork District, Unit C-101 HerzwoodCondostoWhiteDilley Investments LLC, \$290,000.

#### The following marriages have been recorded in the Tucker County **Clerk's office:**

- Marshall Carey Whisner to Heather Maria Williams on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023.
- Christopher Scott Simmons to Katelyn Ann Nestor Shiflett on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023

## Broadband

access to the new lines would be at no cost to the citizens of Tucker County. According to Wotring, as long as the line passes by the address and the address can be reached by secondary lines, there is no cost to the address owner. "As long as we can get what they call the drop line," Wotring said, "and that's the fiber that goes from the main line to the house or the business, as long as we can get back to trunk line, there's no cost and we are able to service that address."

Davis asked how many in the County would benefit from the program. "How many people, if they take your service, with looking at all your lines there, how many people could actually hook onto this?" Davis said.

According to Wotring, the system is designed to be able to expanded on at a future date, but at current numbers, even if everyone along the line were to use it, it would still only be 30% of what the system was designed to handle. "We've got it engineered with about 30%, meaning you can grow 70% above what you already have and we're still there," Wotring said. "So, we calculated on all the addresses and we built the network so that if 100% of the folks signed to them, we would be at 30% capacity. So that will allow us for future growth. Last thing we wanted to do was build a network that was going to be outdated."

Which, according to Wotring, could lead to expansion into other areas of the County at a later date after primary construction of the line is complete. "That's the nice thing, once we get the structure here we can continue to build,

"That is one of our goals, to have broadband available throughout the whole County," Rosenau said.

Rosenau said that he is pleased that the plan will bring more internet to homes of students who could benefit from the increased use of internet schooling. "Here's the thing that I see, that I am so happy with," Rosenau said. "We have so much internet schooling now. Say that we have a bad snow storm and I live on a farm and I can't get out, the busses aren't running, you know the roads are bad. Now if I have this service, my son can hook up to the internet and still keep his school work up. And to me that's one of the things that I'm really proud of."

Wotring said that work from home individuals will benefit along with those who utilize telemedicine services. "It's that, it's your work at home, it provides that," Wotring said. "We're seeing a big push in telemedicine now that folks in Preston County are now able to participate in now because they've got the reliable internet service. So, it will impact many facets of the communities."

A completion date, according to Wotring will be within two years. Wotring also said he did not expect construction to begin until sometime after the first of the year with March being a possibility. "All of these funds have to be expended by 2/3 of 2026," Wotring said. "We're hoping to have this done within two years so completed within 2025."

Wotring said there are some challenges to the project that stems from pole access requests. "The landscape of broadband deployment has drastically changed in the last couple of years mainly because of the new challenges that have arose getting attached to the utility poles," Wotring said. "We've been fighting this in Charleston. The power companies and the telephone companies, they especially don't want me there, but the power companies are being inundated with all these pole requests throughout the entire state and they are just overwhelmed with it. So, we are seeing some delays in getting the permits to attach the poles. We are working through that, but that is one of the new challenges that have surfaced as a result of all of these broadband grants."

## **Chank You**

The Blackwater Ministerial Association thanks all the generous people who visited the food pantry table in the Davis Fire Hall on Monday, November 13.

We received 220 lbs. of nonperishable food items and generous cash donations.

Bless you!!!!



## FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE VALLEYS

but we had to get the infrastructure here before we could focus on expanding any further."

According to Wotring, additional funding through money allocated to the State for broadband will be sought to expand Tucker County access in the coming years. "And I'm sure you're aware, the State has won 1.2 Billion, with a B, in broadband funds," Woltring said. "So, it's going to be available in the next couple of years. So, it's our goal to get this project well under way and hopefully nearly completed when that money becomes available. And then we'll come back to you and say, 'Ok, tell us what areas we need to focus on' and we'll continue to build and focus on that money."

Rosenau said one of the goals of the Commission is to see broadband available everywhere in Tucker County.

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# **Gas Prices Continue to Drop**

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is five cents lower this week at \$3.058 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average price	s: North-
ern WV Average	\$3.058
Average price during the	week of
November 20, 2023	\$3.100
Average price during the	week of
November 28, 2022	\$3.499
The following is a list of	the aver-

age prices in several West Virginia locations:

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\$3.051 Martinsburg \$3.074 Morgantown \$2.939 Parkersburg \$3.022 Weirton \$2.994 Wheeling Trend Analysis: Immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday, the national average

for a gallon of gas continues to fall. Since last week, pump prices have decreased five cents to \$3.25. Over the last two months, the national average has either fallen or remained flat with eleven states now having averages below \$3 per gallon. Today's national average is 26 cents less a month ago and 30 cents less th year ago.

At the close of Wednesday's for trading session, West Texas Inter diate decreased by \$1.56 to settl \$75.54. Oil prices fell due to the ceived easing of geopolitical tens in the Middle East after the releast some hostages in Gaza. This co ahead of Thursday's OPEC+ m ing to decide on production cuts 2024.

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

# THANK YOU FOR READING

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## **Davis Medical Center Introduces Inpatient Dialysis**

ELKINS, WV – Davis Medical Center (DMC) has launched an innovative inpatient dialysis program to accommodate patients requiring specialized medical care. Patients who need renal care while hospitalized for chronic or acute disease, can stay close to home and receive the best care available, utilizing the safest technology.

DMC developed the program in response to a growing need for safe dialysis services in the acute care setting. They collaborated with Outset Medical to introduce the state-of-the art Tablo Hemodialysis System which combines new water purification technology, improved patient and user experience, and overall reduced cost.

Margaret Leonard was the first patient to receive the new service at DMC, and said the best thing about her recent hospital stay was the respectful, kind care she received by the treatment team, and being able to stay in Elkins.

"I have several medical issues including cardiac and kidney disease," said Leonard. "They took great care of me, for everything I have going on. I have been transferred to Morgantown in the past. It's much better for me to stay in Elkins."

Kedron L. Elliott, RN, CDN, is DMC's Dialysis Clinical Coordinator. Elliott has worked extensively as a nurse and educator in the specialized field of cardio-renal care, and is passionate about delivering the highest level of patient care from hospitals to home.

"Chronic kidney disease patients have unique needs. Our integrated care team includes specialty-trained nurses that identify and respond to these needs using a holistic approach to build the overall plan of care for each individual patient," said Elliott. "Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) Nephrologists support us through clinical expertise and 24/7 availability."

"The Table dialysis combined with telemedicine is a game-changer," she added. "The portability and ease of use gives us the ability to deliver treatment anywhere within our facility, within minutes. We are very happy to offer these new services, and support our kidney community closer to home."



Margaret Leonard was the first patient to receive dialysis care at DMC. Davis Medical Center nurses Sheree Bolton, RN, Jason Bonetti, RN, provided essential acute and hemodialysis care during Mrs. Leonard's recent hospitalization.

## DHHR Begins Transition of Family Assistance Programs Eligibility System to West Virginia People's Access to Help (WV PATH)

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) is transitioning its eligibility system for family assistance programs from the Recipient Automated Payment and Information Data System (RAPIDS) to West Virginia People's Access to Help (WV PATH). To ensure a successful statewide transition in spring of 2024, DHHR will launch a pilot on December 4, 2023, for employees in Clay, Hardy, Kanawha, Mercer, Mingo, and Randolph counties to utilize the new system.

DHHR programs supported by the WV PATH system include West Virginia Medicaid, the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program (WVCHIP), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF or WV WORKS), and other State-operated assistance programs.

"The transition to WV PATH, made possible with the partnership of our vendor, Optum, provides an improved system for our employees and strengthens the streamlining of critical services for residents," said Cynthia A. Persily, Ph.D., Incoming Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Human Services.

The transition will not impact the way residents apply for DHHR programs and services.

"Optum is honored to have been selected by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources to support the transition of its eligibility system for family assistance programs," said Melanie Clark, Account Manager, Optum State Government Solutions. "We look forward to working together to serve the residents and communities of West Virginia to further strengthen and streamline access to these needed services."

This integrated system will improve how the state determines eligibility and delivery of social service programs such as Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), child welfare, child care, and child support. The new system will allow DHHR to realize a funding match of 90% federal dollars to 10% state dollars for implementation.

DHHR transitioned its child welfare information system to WV PATH in January 2023. The public portal for WV PATH, which replaced in Roads, was launched in 2020 and can be accessed at www.wvpath.wv.gov.

# Eastern Faculty, Nathan Van Vranken, Part of Team to Name New Species of Mosasaur

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. - At Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, the Biological and

### **START YOUR WEEK AT WORSHIP**

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Environmental Technology program coordinator, Nathan Van Vranken, served as co-author on a research paper for a recent discovery of brand-new species of mosasaur, they named, Jormungandr walhallaensis. Other co-authors were Amelia Zietlow of the Richard Glider Graduate School and Division of Paleontology at the American Museum of Natural History, and Clint Boyd of the North Dakota Geological Survey.

Throughout the paper, they describe and name the new genus and species of mosasaur, which is a type of aquatic reptile closely related to snakes and monitor lizards. "The new genus is called Jormungandr walhallaensis in reference to the fossils being collected near the town of Walhalla, North Dakota," said Van Vranken. In Norse mythology, Jormungandr is the giant serpent said to appear before Ragnarok, the end times. "The tale of Jormungandr, I think, paints a wonderful picture and helps contribute to our understanding of the northernmost regions of the interior seaway, especially with the mosasaurs, and discoveries such as these can pique scientific curiosity," he says.

Geologically, the fossils come from the Pembina Member of the Campanian aged Pierre Shale, which according to Clint Boyd, is "a small slice of geologic time." Jormungandr possesses a mosaic of features seen in early and later diverging mosasaurs such as the small-bodied clidastes and the much larger, more famous, Mosasaurus. This mosaic was tested using computer modeling software conducted by Amelia Zietlow to determine its place among the mosasaur family tree.

"Ultimately, I was interested in assisting Amelia and Clint with this project, as one of my areas of focus in paleontology is the biogeography and biostratigraphy of mosasaurs and how their habitats, ranges, and distributions change overtime along the coasts," said Van Vranken. To better contextualize Jormungandr's place in its habitat, he used techniques found in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) which allow for the integration of computer hardware and software that store, manage, analyze, edit, output, and visualize geographic data based on fossil occurrences of North American Mosasaurs.

He hopes that the public seeing his work will draw a broader interest to his program at Eastern. "We contribute to cutting-edge research in the science and support both traditional and non-traditional science-related careers which can lead to the development of the Potomac Highlands and surrounding areas by studying innovative topics," said Van Vranken.

If you are interested in learning more about animals like these or Earth's past, Van Vranken teaches multiple courses like General Biology and General Physical Science, which introduces students to these topics and more. The Biological and Environmental Technology program can show you how to deploy techniques found in GIS or 3D modeling of natural history specimens, even citizen science-related research. The Biological and Environmental Technology program is currently seeking prospective students for the Spring 2024 semester. If you want to pursue academic work with an emphasis on the natural world and environmental stewardship, please reach out to Nathan Van Vranken at nathan.vanvranken@easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000 ext. 9263.

Read the research paper at https://digitallibrary.amnh. org/items/13b0485f-c73f-47f9-8d1d-0d4ab6aaedfb

ROAD CLOSURE Smokey Hollow Road Closure Delayed

TUCKER COUNTY, WV - County Route 17, (Smokey Hollow Road), Tucker County, road closure has been canceled for Monday, December 4, 2023; the construction work associated

with

Corridor H has been delayed due to the weather conditions. An updated press release will be provided at a later date.

## We Get Letters

#### Editor,

I've owned land in Tucker County for 25 years and wish to share my recent experience with the Town of Davis government.

I've been designing a mixed-use development on a 7-acre tract in downtown Davis, Davis Riverwalk, for almost two decades, starting when Joe Drenning was mayor. After finding appropriate buyers for the commercial sites, I started the residential portion.

For three years, the engineering progressed slowly with multiple presentations at Town Hall and town approvals. Over the years, the mayor approached me with four different proposals to buy all or parts of the tract, while noting there were no funds yet available to complete any purchase. With no follow-through by the Town, lots were sold, house construction started, and the remaining 18 lots went under contract. A few months back we let the mayor know that it was no longer practical to entertain his offers. It's noteworthy that I still have an unsolicited and uncashed check for \$10,000 from the Town sitting here on my desk – a payment intended to entice me to stop our project. As of last month, 5 houses were completed, all lots were sold or under contract and all gas, water, sewer, electric and telecom completed. Demand has been tremendous. Having so many people share a vision for mixed use living along the once-abandoned riverfront has been immensely satisfying.

But last week, the bank of one of our lot buyers ordered a title search and my buyer alerted me that the Town of Davis had recorded a filing called a "Lis Pendens" on his lot, preventing him from buying his lot. Such a filing in the courthouse has the effect of placing a cloud over the title and the bank was unable to complete the financing. Upon learning of this, our attorney walked across the street to the courthouse to find that the Town of Davis, the new Building Commission (created to borrow money), and Davis Parks & Recreation had placed a filing on each lot and had also filed a Petition for Condemnation proposing to pay us owners \$820,000 for all 12 lots and our private lane. The lawsuit was signed by Al Tompson as mayor, Annlee Boutwell as president of the Town's Building Commission, and Daniel Arnold as president of Parks & Recreation.

After explaining these developments to 18 impacted owners and buyers, we extended the contracts of those for whom closing depended on bank financing. Financial damages for owners and pending owners are racking up.

I can safely speak for all Riverwalk owners when I say that we the owners of the 18 home sites of Riverwalk don't want the government to take two thirds of our neighborhood and use it for ANY purpose. People planned to live and retire here. How is it a good idea for the Town to spend roughly one million dollars plus damages on an acre of land, displacing 12 new homeowners who would bring spending, tax revenues and overall economic development?

Pete Johnson Davis, WV

## West Virginia deer muzzleloader season to open Dec. 11

Hunters are reminded to purchase their RM/RRM stamp before the season starts.





This is a photo of the Thomas Public School published by Naturecraft of Davis. The back of the card reads Tucker County's most beautiful high school. It was a Six Year High School (grades 6-12). The school was accredited by The North Central Association and a Model 6 Year Elementary School. The school boasted a 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre playground and football field, located in the friendly City of Thomas. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

# Tucker YLA at YLA Leadership Conference



Representing Tucker YLA, Belle Gregory.

Tucker YLA joined more than one hundred teens from West Virginia, Ohio, and Virginia at YLA's annual Fall Conference. Held at Jackson's mill Conference on November 10-12, 2023, teens sharpened their leadership, service, and organization skills.

"Step up to make your school and community better," challenged Robbie Skinner, Mayor of Buckhannon and Executive Director of Upshur County Economic Development Authority. Boost your YLA sessions conducted by students and volunteers generated new activities and service initiatives for back home. Team building, communication, networking as well as a dance and talent show highlighted the three-day conference.

Ohio-West Virginia Youth Leadership Association (YLA) is a not-for-profit focused on youth civic leadership development. YLA signature programs are local YLA Chapters, Youth in Government at the Ohio Statehouse and West Virginia Capitol, 8th Grade Youth & Government Seminars at the Capitol, Teen Entrepreneurship and Leadership Summits and Youth Opportunity Camps for children at the Camp Horseshoe soon at YLA's new Cave Lake Center for Community Leadership in Ohio. YLA programs are open to every school, home school, community, and youth organizations. For more information or to get involved, call 304-478-

#### TURNER'S TIDBITS

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Hunters who want a chance to harvest an additional deer during West Virginia's muzzleloader deer season must purchase an RM/RRM stamp before the season starts on Dec. 11.

Stamps may be purchased online at WVdnr.gov or at authorized license agents around the state.

"The muzzleloader deer season is an excellent opportunity for hunters to be out when there are fewer hunters in the woods and provides an opportunity to be afield with more traditional equipment," said West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Director Brett McMillion.

During the muzzleloader season, antlered deer are legal in all counties that have a buck firearms season and deer of either sex are legal in all counties or parts thereof that have a Class N or NN antlerless season. Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties are closed to all firearms deer hunting, including the muzzleloader deer season.

There are nine counties or parts thereof that require hunters to take an antlerless deer within the county, during any regular deer season open to antlerless deer hunting and before harvesting a second antlered deer within the county. No more than three antlered bucks may be harvested during the regular deer seasons and the 2024 Mountaineer Heritage Season combined. All hunters afield during this week are required to wear a minimum of 400 square inches of blaze orange.

During the muzzleloader deer season, hunters may use a singleshot muzzleloading pistol or singleshot muzzleloading rifle that has a bore diameter of .38 caliber or larger, provided that the encapsulated propellant charge loads from the breech and the projectile is loaded from the muzzle. These firearms, however, may not be used during the Mountaineer Heritage Season in January.

For more information about the muzzleloader deer season and other hunting opportunities in West Virginia, hunters should consult the 2023–24 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations. To purchase a hunting license, visit WVdnr.gov.

## THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO MOVE OUR WEST VIRGINIA MAIL PROCESSING FACILITY TO ANOTHER STATE

Washington, DC – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) released the following statement on the U.S. Postal Service's decision to conduct a Mail Processing Facility Review of its Charleston Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) facility.

"There is absolutely no reason to move our West Virginia mail processing facility to another state. I will do everything within my power to prevent the loss of this facility. The U.S. Postal Service should reverse its deeply flawed and misguided plan to conduct a Mail Processing Facility Review of its Charleston Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) facility, which would disproportionately harm a vital lifeline for the people of West Virginia. This review blatantly ignores West Virginians' concerns about a significant decrease in local services as well as a dramatic adverse economic impact on the postal workers who kept our country running during the pandemic. Many of my constituents are older Americans or Veterans who live in rural communities and desperately rely on timely postal services for life-saving medications or hardearned federal benefits. I urge every West Virginian to submit initial comments at this link and remain engaged throughout the public comment period. We cannot allow the Postal Service to jeopardize our lives and livelihoods."

# 4 creature comforts to offer holiday guests

Overnight guests can make the holiday season feel that much more special. Spending extra time with loved ones is part and parcel of the holiday season for millions of individuals, and hosting overnight guests ensures hosts get quality time with friends and family members they may not see much of throughout the rest of the year.

Holiday hosts may want to go the extra mile for their overnight guests who traveled long distances to see them. With that in mind, hosts can provide these four creature comforts to make overnight guests feel right at home during their stay.

1. Charging dock: Just about anyone who has traveled over the last two decades has forgotten to pack a phone charger or left one behind at one point or another. A charging dock on each guest room nightstand can ensure no such fate awaits hosts' friends and family members.

2. Fresh bedding: It's customary to wash sheets after overnight guests leave so the next time loved ones are welcomed into a home the bedding is clean. But if it's been awhile since you've hosted an overnight guest,



A welcoming guest room with fresh bedding and some additional accessories can make overnight guests feel right at home this holiday season.

wash the bedding, including sheets, pillowcases, covers, and, if necessary, comforters or duvets, prior to guests' arrival. The scent of freshly washed bedding can set a welcoming tone that guests will appreciate.

3. Toiletries: Stock up on extra toothbrushes and travel-sized accessories like mouthwash and hand

sanitizer so guests who might have forgotten their own items don't feel like they have to impose and ask for a ride to the store to purchase new items. If kids are coming, be sure to purchase some spare kids' size toothbrushes.

4. Privacy: Privacy is perhaps the most significant creature comfort to offer overnight holiday guests. In homes with small children, hosts can check guest room door locks to ensure they still work and install replacements if they don't. In addition, in homes where this is possible, designate one bathroom as 'guests only' during their stay. Privacy also can extend to where guests spend their nights. If possible, pick a room away from the hustle and bustle of the house so guests can get some quiet time and rest during their stay. If that's not possible, hosts can make sure the holiday festivities quiet down at a certain hour each night so overnight guests can rest if they so desire.

Holiday hosts can take their offer of hospitality to the next level by offering their overnight guests some creature comforts that can make their stay that much more enjoyable.



#### Children's Christmas Program Hendricks Free Methodist Church

Children's Christmas Program "Building a Stable" Sunday, Dec.10 at 3 p.m. Come Celebrate Christ's Birth with

Us! Refreshments will follow. Everyone

#### Welcome!

#### Christmas Cantata

Come join us in Christmas worship and followship at 7 p.m. on December 16 at Riverview Chapel Church, one mile south of Parsons, WV.





Dec. 8, 1911: "Wally" Barron was born. Barron, West Virginia's 26th governor, achieved a remarkable record of legislative success during his term (1961-65), but his accomplishments were overshadowed when he became the first governor in state history to be indicted or convicted of a major crime.

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.

Dec. 6, 1814: Tyler County was formed. The county was named for John Tyler, governor of Virginia (1808–11) and father of President John Tyler.

Dec. 6, 1865: Artist Annie Virginia Latham Bartlett was born in Grafton. Her clay sculptures included conventional busts as well as figurines interpreting West Virginia's historic and cultural past, with such titles as "The Moonshiner." Dec. 7, 1940: Radio station WAJR-AM in Morgantown began broadcasting. In 1949, it became the flagship station for a statewide network (now the Mountaineer Sports Network) distributing broadcasts of West Virginia University football and basketball games. Dec. 7, 1941: The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The USS West Virginia suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs. Two officers, including the captain and 103 crew members, died. Dec. 9, 1829: West Virginia's fourth governor, John Jeremiah Jacob, was born in Hampshire County. He was the first governor born within the area that became West Virginia and the first Democratic governor of the state. Dec. 9, 1932: Songwriter, musician, playwright, humorist, and poet Billy Edd Wheeler was born in Whitesville.

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Dec. 10, 1841: Logan County preacher "Uncle Dyke" Garrett was born on Big Creek. His greatest fame was for converting and baptizing Devil Anse Hatfield in Main Island Creek in 1911.

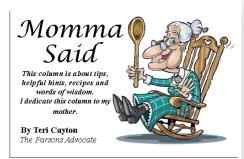
Dec. 10, 1949: The first class of 20 cadets graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute. The State Police purchased property for the academy on a hilltop overlooking Institute in Kanawha County for about \$3,200. Construction began in 1948, and the building was completed the next year.

#### **By Teri Cayton** *The Parsons Advocate*

I take Raven with me in the truck a lot of the time and I have some toys for her to play with. One is a plush toy and the other is one side of a set of deer antlers. All my dogs love to chew on those and it is a good source of calcium for them. The antlers are harder than bone and do not split or crack. Momma Said, "Good for the pearly whites, harder than rocks."

Well I knew it was going to happen sooner than later. I got out of the truck to go to the grocery store. It was dark I was so tired and wasn't paying attention when I got back in the truck. You guessed it I hopped in and sat down right on that antler. It didn't take me too long to hop back up. Momma Said, "Always look before you leap!!"

Raven has shed her baby fur and is starting to get sleek and glossy. It seems it happened overnight, one minute she looked like a downy duckling and the next she looks like a shiny



mink. She made the big leap the other night and came running into the living room and right up in my chair she came. When she realizes she can jump into the couch as easily, Gracie will get no peace at all.

December is here and the holiday season is in full swing. I stayed home during Black Friday, can't stand the rush and the crowds. Mt family is at a time in life when it is so hard to buy anything for them so I try to get everyone together and take them out for a really good meal. At least that way I know everyone will get what they want.

## Chicken and Balsamic Baked Peaches

#### Ingredients

• 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> POUNDS chicken pieces bonein, skin on, breasts, thighs or legs (4 to 8 pieces)

olive oil

- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ½ TEASPOON dried thyme
- 3 TABLESPOONS balsamic vinegar
- 3 TABLESPOON honey
- 2 shallots cut into thin wedges

• 2 peaches pitted and cut into 8 wedges

- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary

• 5 OUNCES baby arugula (about 8 cups)

- juice 1/2 lemon
- 2 OUNCES goat cheese

#### Instructions

1 Pre-heat the oven to 375°F.

2. Rub the chicken pieces with olive oil and season all sides generously with salt and freshly ground pepper and dried thyme. Place them on a sheet pan and transfer the pan to the oven to bake for 20 minutes.

3. While the chicken is baking, whisk

the balsamic vinegar and honey together in a large bowl. Add the peaches and shallots and toss to coat.

4. Remove the sheet pan from the oven and add the peach and shallot mixture to the chicken, spreading the peaches and shallots around the chicken pieces and pouring the liquid over the chicken. Tear up the rosemary and thyme sprigs and nestle them around the peaches. Return the sheet pan to the oven to bake for 15 minutes, tossing once about halfway through.

5. After 15 minutes of baking at 375°F, turn the oven setting to broil and broil for 3 to 5 minutes to crisp the skin on the chicken – watch carefully because it will brown easily. Remove the pan from the oven.

6. Toss the arugula with a little olive oil, lemon juice, salt and freshly ground black pepper and scatter it across a serving platter. Place the chicken pieces on the bed of arugula and spoon the peaches and shallots around. Crumble the goat cheese on top and drizzle the juices from the sheet pan over the chicken. Serve immediately.

## Super Crossword TRIMMING UP

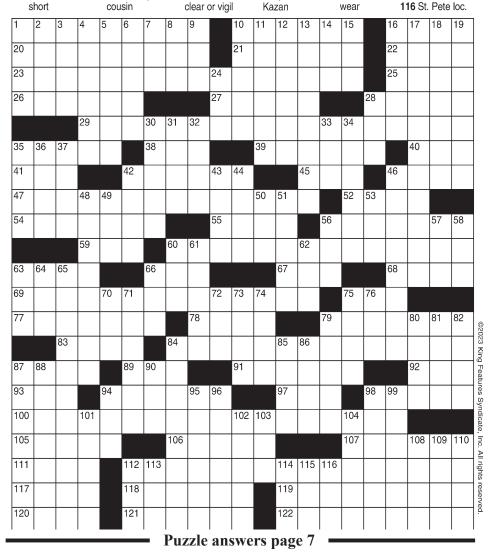
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Dec. 12, 1931: Attorney George Daugherty, better known as the comic singer, storyteller, and songwriter "The Earl of Elkview," was born upstairs over a Mannington silent movie house.

Dec. 12, 1942: Internationally known jazz pianist and recording artist Bob Thompson was born in Jamaica, Queens, New York. He studied music at West Virginia State College (now University) and is the house pianist for the Mountain Stage radio program.

Dec. 12, 1953: Chuck Yeager set a speed record by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A. Yeager, who grew up in Hamlin, had broken the sound barrier six years earlier on Oct. 14, 1947.



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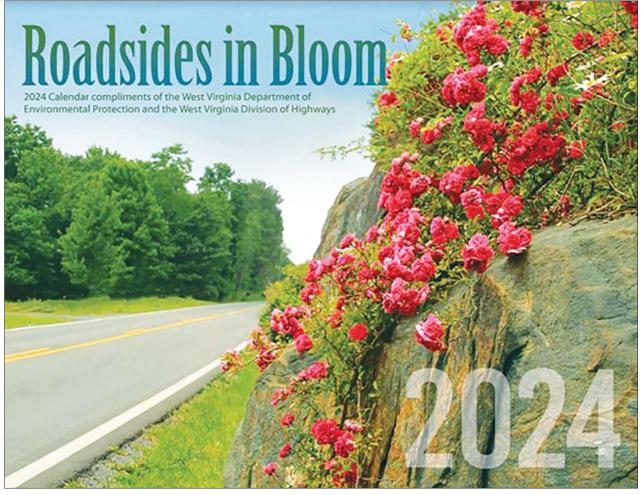
## 2024 Roadsides in Bloom calendar now available to order

CHARLESTON, WV – The 2024 Roadsides in Bloom calendar is now available to order.

The free calendar, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Adopt A Highway program, includes 12 pictures of West Virginia wildflowers growing naturally along state roadways. The pictures were chosen from dozens of entries submitted by photographers from West Virginia and surrounding states.

The photographers featured in the 2024 calendar include:

January Jason Crayton February Edward Rehbein March Sandra Miller April Janna Vaught May Sharon Boone June - Cover winner Angie Bolen July Alan Tucker August Eugene Walker September Karl Boone October Ann Walker November Jason Crayton December Gary McCoy To order a calendar, complete the online order form,



The free calendar showcases state's wildflowers. Orders are limited to one calendar per household with WV residents as a priority.

call 1-800-322-5530, or email dep.aah@wv.gov. If you call and get voicemail, please leave a message with your name and mailing address and you will be put on the order list. Requests are limited to one calendar per household. West Virginia residents receive priority.

Co-sponsored by the WVDEP and the state Division



of Highways (DOH), the Adopt-A-Highway program is administered by the WVDEP's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) and improves the quality of the state's environment by encouraging public involvement in the elimination of highway litter.

Since the program's inception in 1988, state citizens have cleaned up close to 70,000 miles of state highways and roads during annual spring and fall Adopt-A-Highway events.

REAP, whose motto is 'Keeping WV Clean and Green,' was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. More information is available on the REAP webpage.

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## Are you selecting a Medicare Advantage Plan?

During this enrollment period (Oct. 15 - Dec. 7) it is important to make sure the Plan you select can meet all your health care needs, including hospitalizations and specialty care.



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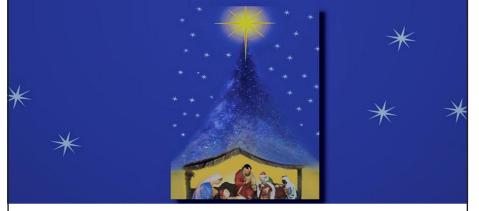
- Aetna
- Highmark
- United HealthCare
- Humana
- The Health Plan

Make sure that your Medicare Advantage Plan includes your Davis Health System providers from the following:

- Broaddus Hospital
- Davis Medical Center
- Webster Memorial Hospital And all affiliates.



Celebrate the season of His birth with this 27-minute musical for Unison/2-Part choir



Come join us in Christmas worship and followship at 7:00 PM on December 16 at **Riverview Chapel Church**, one mile south of Parsons, WV



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2023-2024 Tucker County Boys' Varsity & JV Basketball Team. Front Row(L-R): Sam Marks, Xander Lambert, Carson Dearborn, Ashton Lycliter, Owen Knotts, Maddox Anderson, Garrett Wilfong, Cole Carr, Luke Barb. Second Row(L-R): Reid Kisamore, Keelyn Eichelberger, Cayden Arnold, Justin Robeson, Ethan Cummings, Kobe Bever, Mickey Mitchell. Third Row(L-R): Emmet Felton, Jordan Robeson, Colin Fourtney, Nate Davis. Back Row(L-R): Ethan Rosenau and Trevan Bonner. Photo by Dave Helmick

# **TUCKER COUNTY BOYS' BASKETBALL START SEASON TONIGHT AT HOME**

**By Dave Helmick** TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON - The TCHS Boys' Basketball team will get their 2023-2024 season underway at home tonight December 6th against Pendleton County for a JV / Varsity contest starting at 5:45pm.

The Tucker County Boys' Basketball Head Coach Daniel Helmick returns for his 5th season with the Mt. Lions. Last season the Mt. Lions finished the season in the State Championship game. In the game they lost to James Monroe, but Tucker County brought home a State Runner-Up Trophy. This accomplishment has not been equaled since Tucker County was State Runner-Up in 2004. This year's team returns a great deal of experience from that big tournament run as they have 4 of 5 starters back and 8 of their 12 playSenior Justin Robeson will see action off the bench and Coach Daniel Helmick is excited about his younger players as well. Some of those younger players that will contribute will be junior Cole Carr, sophomores Xander Lambert and Carson Dearborn. Other players that are fighting to get varsity time will be sophomores Reid Kisamore, Keelyn Eichelberger, Mickey Mitchell and senior Kobe Bever to name a few. Helmick had this to say about this roster, "We have a lot of upperclassmen that have played in a lot of big moments in basketball and other sports."

The great State Tournament run from a season ago has this team motivated to return to the State Tournament and make noise again. The Mt. Lions fell in the Championship game last season by the score of 66-35 to James Monroe. Tucker County got wins against East Hardy and Tug Valley in the first two rounds to make it to the final game of the season last year. That success has motivated this group of young men Coach Helmick says, "They are ready, the team has been talking about finishing the season differently this season, they are ready." This year's team will be made up of 22 players overall JV and Varsity. Coach Helmick says the preseason practice has

been great so far saying, "I am super pleased so far, we are excited for the season and the kids are excited."

When ask about the strength of the team this season Helmick said, "Defense is definitely our strength, with our length and athleticism our defense will be our strength for sure." This Tucker County team will be focused and the Mt. Lions are also doing some extra work to get better. Coach Helmick said this about this team's keys to success this season, "We have to take care of the ball, we can't waste possessions and we have to do the right thing and not waste a rep."

The road to Charleston will be the same for this team as their Sectional opponents will be East Hardy, Union and Paw Paw. The other side of the Region will again feature Pendleton County, Pocahontas County, Harman and Tygarts Valley. Each Sectional Champion will again host the losing team from the other Sectional Final for the Regional Championship and those Regional Champions will advance to the State Tournament. Tucker County's schedule this season will be tough once again as the Mt. Lions have just 8 home games and they have added some games that will challenge this team. The Mt. Lions will play home and

away contest with their traditional rivals East Hardy, Moorefield, Tygarts Valley, Pendleton County and Southern Garrett, MD. Tucker County will also add Gilmer County for home and away games. The Mt. Lions will play single games against Elkins, Grafton, Mountain Ridge, MD, Trinity, Tug Valley, Hampshire and Webster County. Tucker County will travel to play in a mixer at Tyler Consolidated. This event will have the Mt. Lions playing a State Tournament team in Cameron on the first day and then they will play host Tyler Consolidated on day two. This schedule will be tough, but it will prepare this Tucker County team for another post season run. Helmick had this to say about his schedule, "We have a lot of away games, and it will be a challenge, were going to see most of the state tournament field on our schedule this season."

ers overall back for this season.

Leading the way this season will be a big front court with seniors Ashton Lycliter and Owen Knotts. They will be joined with some good experience in the backcourt as junior Trevan Bonner and senior Maddox Anderson return. Senior Ethan Rosenau and junior Garrett Wilfong will also lead the charge with a great deal of varsity experience to complement this team.

The boys' season will get underway tonight December 6th at home against Pendleton County. The Mt. Lions will then travel to Grafton on Friday December 8th for a JV / Varsity matchup. If you cannot make it out to the games this season all home basketball games will be broadcast live on YouTube. For more info and a link to the YouTube channel go to Tucker-CountySports.Com.

## **TUCKER COUNTY GIRLS' GET WIN IN FIRST GAME OVER TYGARTS VALLEY 67-36**

#### **By Chris George**

TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON - The Lady Mt. Lions Basketball team started the season with a home game against Tygarts Valley on December 1st. Tucker County got off to a slow start, but the homestanding Lady Mt. Lions pulled away for the 67-36 win.

The first quarter was low scoring as both teams struggled to score as the Lady Bulldogs were more aggressive to get the lead after one quarter 11-8. Tucker County then turned up the defense and the offense got going to outscore Tygarts Valley 18-4 in the second to make the halftime score 26-15 Lady Mt. Lions.

The third quarter was also controlled by Tucker County as they outshot the Lady Bulldogs 19-8 to push the Lady Mt. Lions lead up to 45-23. Tygarts Valley could not mount a comeback as Tucker County continued to pull away in the fourth as they outpaced the visitors 22-13 in the final quarter. This would give the Lady Mt. Lions the victory by the final score of 67-36.

Tucker County used balance scoring in the win as Raven Matthews ended the game with 14 points and Macy Helmick added 13 points. Ericka Zirk and Avery Colebank added 10 points each for the Lady Mt. Lions. Zirk led the team in rebounding with 11 boards, while Matthews pulled down 8 rebounds and collected 6 steals. Helmick dished out 7 assists and collected 6 rebounds. Brylee Wetzel and Makenna Evans chipped in with 5 points each in the Tucker County win. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team also got the win by the score of 46-7.

Tucker County(1-0) will return to action on Friday at home against East Hardy for a varsity only contest that will start at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County's Macy Helmick(22) and Avery Colebank(14) play defense in a game last season. The Lady Mt. Lions picked up the win in their first game of the season Dec. 1st over Tygarts Valley 67-36. Photo by Becky Moore.

#### **AREA SCHEDULE:**

#### Wednesday December 6th

Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Pendleton County @ Home 5:45pm Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Union 6pm

#### **Thursday December 7th**

Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 5:45pm

#### Friday December 8th

Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs East Hardy (a) Home 6pm Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ Grafton 6pm Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball @ Elkins 6pm Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball vs Elkins @ Home 6pm

#### <u>Monday December 11th</u>

Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Terra Alta 5:45pm

#### **Tuesday December 12th**

Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs East Hardy @ Home 5:45pm Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball vs Tygarts Valley 5:45pm

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# *How to honor various faiths during a holiday party*

The holiday season is a time to gather and celebrate with family. In recent years, families have become more and more diverse, particularly in regard to faith. For example, data from the Pew Research Center indicates that 46 percent of Jewish adults between the ages of 18 and 29 are children of interfaith marriages.

A greater number of interfaith marriages means it's likely holiday hosts will be celebrating among family and friends with different religious backgrounds than their own. In an effort to ensure everyone feels welcome, hosts can consider these ways to honor various faiths during their holiday celebrations.

- Learn about other faiths. Knowledge of other faiths can help hosts create a more inclusive and welcoming atmosphere during the holiday season. For example, a Christian host welcoming a Jewish friend or relative into their home for the holidays can learn about the festival of Chanukah prior to opening their home to guests.
- Incorporate what you've learned into the party. After learning about the holiday celebrations of other faiths, hosts can incorporate that new knowledge into their decor and celebration. When planning the meal, prepare a traditional holiday dish a guest might eat when celebrating their own faith or culture. This can make for a meal that Õs both welcoming and more flavorful at the same time.
- Let guests chip in. Extended family members and friends

#### LEGAL

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PETITIONER:

HANNAH JAYNE ADKINS **RESPONDENT:** Civil Action No. 23-D-22 JASON ALLEN ADKINS

You have been named as the Respondent in the above-styled matter involving a Petition for Divorce. It appearing, after due diligence, the Petitioner, Hannah Adkins, has been unable to locate your current whereabouts. A Final Divorce Hearing is scheduled in this matter for January 9. 2024, to begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Family Court of Tucker County, West Virginia, located at 211 First Street, 3rd Floor Courtroom, Parsons, WV 26287. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located at 211 First Street, Suite 403, Parsons, WV 26287. You may appear to protect your interests

Shavon yn oats Sharon Moats, Circuit Clerk of Tucker Co. Bri M. Willias, deputy



Hosts can consider these ways to honor various faiths during their holiday celebrations.

from different religious backgrounds may be proud of their faith and enthusiastic about the chance to share it with the people they love most. A holiday gathering is the ideal time to embrace this spirit. Encourage guests from different religious backgrounds to bring something that reminds them of their own religious celebrations. That can be a particular food or beverage, a playlist of holiday songs or a small gift such as an ornament into holiday decor. Guests can then share as much as they would like to about their faith, including any holiday traditions that they typically engage in.

• Reduce emphasis on a particular holiday. When hosting friends and family during the holidays, avoid placing too great an emphasis on a particular religious holiday. It's alright for hosts to offer well wishes and even recite prayers that reflect their faith, but try to emphasize how enjoyable it is for every-

one to gather under one roof and celebrate the season together. Celebrating with family is a significant component of the holiday season for people of all faiths, so emphasizing togetherness during this special time of year is something all guests will appreciate.

Holiday hosts can embrace various strategies to make sure guests from all religious backgrounds feel welcome at their homes this holiday season.

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Personal Representative(s) Deceased William D. Day William E. Day 1st publication 12/6/23 106 Blackberry Street 2nd publication 12/13/23 Parsons, WV 26287 Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

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CASE NO. 23-0460-E-42T MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY Rule 42T tariff filing to increase rates and charges

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

On May 31, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company filed revised tariff sheets reflecting increased base rates and charges of \$207,452,687 or 13 percent in total revenues, including the proposed Infrastructure Investment Program and the Energy Assistance Outreach Program for low-income customers detailed in the filing on a combined company basis. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	<u>Base Rate Increase</u>	
	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ 18.07	15.0%
Commercial	\$ 55.16	12.5%
Industrial	\$ 478.70	9.4%
Street Lighting	\$ 155.13	17.2%

The effective date of the proposed increased rates and charges has been suspended through March 26, 2024 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or lesser than the average shown. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on January 24-26, 2023. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at http://www.psc.state. wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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**APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR** 

The Parsons Parks and Recreation Commission (PPRC) is seeking letters of application to fill a vacancy on their board for an unexpired term that expires on December 31, 2025.

Applicants must be eighteen (18) years of age and a resident of Parsons, West Virginia.

Members of the PPRC are expected to attend all meetings, regularly scheduled on the second Monday of every month, starting at 5:00 P.M. (EDT). Attendance to special meetings and committee meetings are also necessary. Meetings are held at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, located at 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia. Members do not receive any compensation for their services on this board.

> Interested persons are asked to submit a letter of application addressed to:

> Mrs. Kennetha Greenlief, President City of Parsons Parsons Parks and Recreation Commission 341 Second Street Parsons, WV 26287

All letters must be received by 4:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, December 8, 2023.

For more information, contact Mrs. Agnes Arnold, City Administrator, by phone at (304) 478-2311 or e-mail at cityofparsons@frontiernet.net



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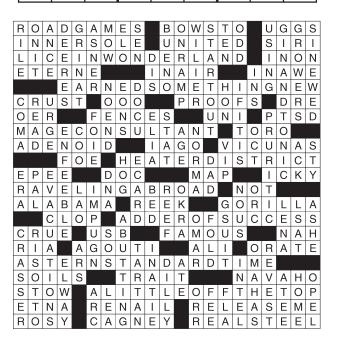


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