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Parsons Christmas Parade



County Hears Maintenance Updates

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Tucker County Commission received an update on maintenance throughout the County's facilities as part of the Commission's regular meeting. Joe Long presented the report to the County Commissioners.

Long said that the courthouse fire alarms are now tied directly as one into the main courthouse panel. "So, now we're as one complex," Long said. "There's not two separate fire panels." Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau commented that it was an issue that had needed addressed for some time and expressed thanks for the completion of the task.

Long said he had contacted the Fire Marshal concerning the possibility of monitoring the Courthouse complex as a single unit. According to Long, the Fire Marshal

agreed because the two sections were connected by a breezeway. "We contacted the Fire Marshal to see if we could have this building monitored or both buildings monitored as a unit," Long said, "and he said, yes we could since it was connected by a breezeway."

As a result of the confirmation by the Fire Marshal, the complex is being monitored by a company that will inform the 911 Center of any issues, according to Long. Long also said that Station Two is being monitored, as well. "So, that's all complete," Long said.

Work has also been completed at Camp Kidd, according to Long. Long said that his crew had completed siding, fascia, and gutters at the site. "I went down the other evening and it looked really nice," Rosenau said.

Long said that a company was currently

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County Commission Conducts Business

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Commission passed a resolution supporting and funding with matching funds the Local Economic Development Grant Program. Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau read the resolution into the record at the Commission's meeting.

The resolution outlined the availability through the state of \$31,818 in grant funding for Economic Development. The grant also required matching funds from the Tucker County Commission. "Whereas the West Virginia Department of Economic Development through the efforts of the Legislators of the State of West Virginia is again making funding available in the amount of \$31,818 to be matched with local funding from the Tucker County Commission through the Local Economic Development Grant Program," Rosenau read.

The resolution allowed the County to apply for the Local Economic Grant Program funds for fiscal year 2024. The funding, if approved, will be utilized to assist in economic development in Tucker County. The resolution also designated the Tucker County Economic Development Authority as representatives in accordance with grant guidelines and requirements. The resolution was unanimously approved in a motion made by Rosenau.

The Tucker County Commission also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Regional Task Force. The MOU signed was in regards to the opioid settlement funding. The MOU involves six counties in the area: Randolph, Tucker, Upshur, Lewis and Barbour. "This Memorandum of Understanding is made and entered into between the following political subdivisions: namely Randolph County, Tucker County, Upshur County, Lewis County, Barbour County

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Annual Live Nativity Held at Camp Kidd



The annual live nativity was held at Camp Kidd on Saturday, December 2. The drive through event featured live actors, a donkey and three sheep. The event is held the first weekend in December each year.



Parsons Receives Favorable Water Report

By: Lydia Crawley
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The City of Parsons received a favorable report from the State of West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. A letter was submitted to the Parsons City Council on at their regular meeting.

The letter and report outlined an onsite inspection completed on October 24. In the letter, District Environmental Engineer Craig R. Cobb applauded the City for their efforts. "Your operations staff is doing a great job operating the water system in compliance with the mandates of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)," Cobb wrote.

The report noted no violations or deficiencies in regards to disinfection, records, operator certifications, turbidity, or safety. The report did comment that the City passed a formal cross-connection ordinance in 2005 and active implementation has been accomplished with all customers being surveyed and eight industrial/commercial customers have BPF assemblies that are tested annually by third party inspectors.

The report did suggest testing for iron, manganese, calcium hardness and TDS. The suggestion further went on to discuss the possibility of weekly testing for the contaminants in both raw and treated water at the facility.

As part of the inspection, the adequacy of the disinfection process was reviewed. A calculation was conducted by the inspector and according to the report, concluded that the facility is providing adequate disinfection at the site. "The calculation indicates that adequate disinfection is being provided," the report states. The report also stated that staff at the facility discontinued pre-chlorination several years ago to keep contaminants out of the water, "with excellent results," the report states.

Samples of Raw and Treated Water were also collected as part of the inspection and analyzed for selected contaminants. The report said, "The attached lab results indicate a generally satisfactory treated water quality for the parameters analyzed."

The report also included reminders to staff regarding requirements for renewal of licensure and continued education, however, there is nothing in the language of the report to indicate there were any issues with the requirements. The report indicates it was more a matter of professional courtesy.

The report also endorsed the continued removal of sludge from the sedimentation basins on a quarterly basis as well as routine cycling of backup generators on a pre-determined frequency.

No Parking Zone Extended in Parsons

By: Lydia Crawley
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The City of Parsons voted to extend a No Parking Zone at the intersection of First Street and Walnut. The new measure is slated to assist with safety concerns with the area. The measure is slated to extend the existing No Parking Zone an additional 18 to 20 feet at the intersection. "This is talking about the parking space up at the intersection of First Street and Walnut," City Administrator Agnes Arnold said, "so that we can see to get out and turn left or even right."

Arnold said she had spoken to the Traffic Engineer out of Elkins about the situation at the intersection. The Engineer inspected the site and approved the change, according to Arnold, but had requested the change be

approved by the council for his records. "He did come over, look at it. He just wanted to make sure that it was brought forth to the council for approval to have something in his

records," Arnold said.

Arnold informed the council that the Engineer considered the intersection to be dangerous for the citizens of Parsons. "He definitely said it is a dangerous intersection with the traffic being out to that distance," Arnold said. Council Member Tim Auvin commented how vehicles need to stick out into the intersection in order to see to exit.

The new No Parking Zone will extend the existing space another parking space, according to Arnold, giving an additional 18 to 20 feet. "We'll be moving it back at least one space, 18 to 20 feet back," Arnold said. "It will be extending the painted line back a little bit."

Parsons Police Chief Kevin Keplinger said there have been accidents at the intersection. "We've had accidents there," Keplinger said.

A motion made by Council Member Melissa Jones was unanimously approved by the Council. There is no word when the zone extension will be completed.



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News of Record

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

- **Naomi Luiccle Yelich**, of Hambleton, has been charged with Forging or uttering other writing; penalty; creation of unauthorized demand draft. The complaint states that on Saturday, Nov. 25 Trooper R.S. Musgrave received a call complaint from Robert Donahue. He wanted to report one of his checks and been stolen and cashed. He stated Naomi Yelich was allegedly the individual who took his check and cashed it.

On the same date, Musgrave traveled to the victim's residence and obtained a copy of the forged check. The check was written out

to the defendant to be the receiver of \$20 with the victim's signature written on Nov. 23. He advised that he did not give the defendant permission to use his check or charge his account. Musgrave obtained a previous check signed by the victim, compared signatures and noticed distinct differences. According to the victim's account the transaction happened at the CITGO located at 55 Blackman Flats, Rd. Hambleton. On Wednesday, Nov. 29 Musgrave traveled to the above location in order to obtain footage of this transaction. He observed the defendant pull into the parking lot and proceed into the store. She approached the register, signed the check and handed to cashier.

At this time the check is cashed and the money is returned to the defendant and she is seen taking it out of the store.

- All individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Jeffrey Brown and Kellie Steele, Dry Fork District, Lot 36; .459 acres Windwood Fly-In Resort to Panhandle Holdings LLC, \$36,500.
- Ira Randall Bonner, Black Fork District, 79.16 acres to John P. Bonner and Linda Bonner, \$100,000.
- Estate of Carol J. Thomas; Deborah

D. Hatfield/Administratrix, Kellie Flynn Freeman and Christi Flynn, Parsons Corporation, Lots 2 and 3 Corrick Addition to Steven Marks and Ruth Marks, \$115,000.

- Peter C. Johnson, Davis Corporation, Lot 10 Davis Riverwalk to Easton Sawyer Construction Firm LLC, \$78,000.
- Elkins Builders Supply Company LLC, Dry Fork District, 2.10 acres to Christopher Pettigrew, \$15,000.

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

- Cody Wayne Pennington to Amanda Charlene Mullennex on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023.

County Commission

and referred to as Parties," Rosenau said.

According to Rosenau, the opioid settlement involves a regional component that the MOU is a part of. Rosenau said that for Tucker County to have a voice in how the regional moneys were distributed, the Commission needed to sign the document. "What this is, the opioid settlement has various things," Rosenau said. "There's a regional funding mechanism. So, in order for us to participate in and have a say in where the regional money goes, we need to participate in this."

According to Rosenau, the MOU has no effect on how local funding is distributed or paid to the County. "It doesn't affect our local funding coming into our county," Rosenau said. "It's just the Regional funding with the opioid." The MOU was approved in a unanimous motion made by Rosenau.

County Maintenance

repainting and refacing the Courthouse Clock Tower. According to Long, the company reported they would be 50 percent complete. According to Long and Rosenau, the company employees hand carry all the brick and mortar for the project to the work site on the clock tower. "They're hand carrying all those bricks from downstairs all the way up to the clock tower," Rosenau said. Long said the crew was also carrying all the old brick down as well as mixing the mortar on the ground and carrying it to the worksite.

According to Tucker County Commission Administrator Sheila DeVilder, funding for the masonry project was provided by a grant. "The grant that we applied for the clock tower. It was a smaller grant to get it done through the facilities," DeVilder said. "So that is being paid for through grant funding."

The most current project, Long said, involved security cameras. The old cameras were outdated, according to Long, and malfunctioning. "We had cameras, but they were not very good," Long said. "They were at the end of

In other business related to the opioid settlement monies, the County Commission established a new bank account for the Opioid fund. While Tucker County Clerk Sherry Simmons said the County had not received any guidelines regarding specifics with the funds, the County was directed to establish the account as a first step towards receipt of the funds. The Commission was also informed by Simmons that a total of three accounts would need to be established. "We have to establish them," Simmons said. "That is the first step. We have three bank accounts that we need to get processed."

Also addressed at the meeting, Tucker County Administrator Shiela DeVilder informed the Commission of a recent grant the County had applied for to update the Courthouse HVAC system. "We applied for a grant for the HVAC system," DeVilder said. "It will be in a

life and malfunctioning."

Long said the new cameras were needed to maintain security at the Courthouse. The new system is cloud based, according to Long. "For security reasons, we needed new ones and these are all cloud based," Long said.

The new cloud based system will allow the 911 Center access to any camera at the Courthouse, according to Long. Long also said that work on the new system was nearly complete with only one remaining camera to be installed and training on the system to complete. "So now, 911 can access any camera in the Old Courthouse or the Annex or all the exterior and they have one more to put up in a holding cell and we have to do a little bit of training," Long said.

Rosenau thanked 911 Center Director Michael Simmons for his department taking on the additional task of monitoring the new Courthouse camera system. According to Rosenau, the 911 Center is the monitoring center for the cameras. Simmons and his staff were lauded by Rosenau for accepting the additional duties with the cam-

phase."

According to DeVilder, the County received the first phase grant and work on the new system will begin in 2024. "The first phase of it that we applied for, we recently got notified that we were awarded the grant. So, we will be starting that next year for the Courthouse facilities," DeVilder said. "So, the Courthouse will start on the installation of a new HVAC system."

In other business, Steve Leyh was appointed to the Region VII Board of Directors by the Commission. The motion was made by Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis and unanimously approved.

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era system.

Long also said the new system will also assist law enforcement and citizens with coverage of the area outside of the Courthouse. Long said the old system was difficult to retrieve footage of accidents and other law enforcement requests and the footage retrieved was often not of the best quality. According to Long, the new system had much better image quality and is easier to retrieve footage from.

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Inspiring ideas for last-minute holiday shoppers



As the clock winds down this holiday season, shoppers can look to these ideas for inspiration.

and a 2022 survey from the travel booking platform GetYourGuide found that 50 percent of survey respondents indicated they would enjoy tickets to a concert or show.

• Books: Books make an ideal holiday gift for everyone from young kids to grandparents. Traditional print books are small enough that they can likely arrive on time even if they're purchased just a few days before Christmas. E-book sellers enable gift givers to pick the perfect time to notify loved ones they have received an electronic book. Audiobooks, which can be downloaded to a smartphone or given as a CD, make an ideal gift for loved ones who spend a lot of time behind the wheel.

Last-minute holiday shopping can be stressful. However, various sought-after items can be secured at the last minute, ensuring gift givers' loved ones have a happy holiday season.

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OBITUARIES

Edna Arbutice "Beauty" Harper Myers

Edna Arbutice "Beauty" Harper Myers, 82, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at LeConte Medical Center in Sevierville, Tennessee.



Beauty was born Tuesday, September 9, 1941, in Tucker County, daughter of the late Frank Harper and Effie Mae Varner Harper. In 1956, she married the love of her life Cleton Myers in Baltimore, Maryland. Cleton preceded her in death on January 25, 1996.

Also left to cherish Beauty's memory are four children, Ernest "Leroy" Myers and wife Janet of Moore Community, Timothy "Turtle" Wayne Myers and companion Crystal Martin of Parsons, Carolyn Sue Gray and companion Delvin Knotts of Parsons, and Tina Marie

Griffith and companion Jean Claude of Lehigh Acres, Florida, nine grandchildren, twenty-six great grandchildren, three brothers, Bill Harper, John Harper, and Junior Harper, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Beauty in death besides her parents and husband were nine siblings, Frank, Alfred, Harry, Tom, Carl, Paul "Sweetie", Jennifer, Daniel, and Ann Harper Phil-

ips.

Beauty attended Tucker County Schools and had obtained her GED. She worked for Reidbird Brothers, Tucker County Hospital, Parsons Footwear, Tucker County Schools, and the City of Parsons. She enjoyed sewing, crafting, traveling, helping people, and spending time with her family. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Visitation was held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at Hostetler Funeral Home from 5 until 8 p.m. Funeral services were held in the funeral home chapel on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 11 a.m. Rev James Snyder and Rev. Bill Hardy officiated, and interment followed in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Parsons.

David Michael Wilfong

David Michael Wilfong, age 74 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Davis Medi-

cal Center at Elkins, WV. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and are under the direction of the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home

Mallow Appears for Pre-Trial Conference

By Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Justin Mallow appeared in person before the Honorable Robert E. Ryan. The hearing was a Final Pre-Trial Conference before Mallow's trial begins January 8. Mallow appeared with his attorney Jim Hawkins. Megan Fields appeared via phone for the State at the hearing.

Hawkins informed the court that he is actively seeking a competing expert witness and may file a motion to contest the State's expert witness' competency in the case. Hawkins did say he was having difficulty in locating an expert witness, but was still seeking one. "I've found no one who fits that bill," Hawkins said. "It's one of the things I'd like to explore on the 27th."

Judge Ryan instructed counsel to have any defense motions pertaining to the expert witness filed by the

15th with State responses due by the 22nd. Should any motions be filed, the matter of whether or not to dismiss any expert witness will be addressed at a pre-trial motions hearing on the 27th in Grant County. The State expressed concerns about her witness being excluded in front of the Jury. Judge Ryan said he would not deny the defense their right to contest the witness, but said if any motion to exclude was filed, the witness could be brought before the court on the 27th, but only if the motion included a challenge to qualifications and he would address the matter then.

Fields informed the court that she had extended a plea agreement to Mallow through his attorney. "I did extend a plea offer to the defendant," Fields said.

Hawkins acknowledged receipt of the plea agreement, but had not had an

opportunity to discuss the particulars with his client yet. No particulars of the agreement were discussed in open court, but Fields did say that the agreement had a deadline. However, should the defense require extra time on the offer, Fields said she was willing to work with them. "If more time is needed, reach out," Fields said.

Hawkins withdrew a motion for a competency evaluation for his client at the appearance. "We're not pursuing that at this time," Hawkins said. Hawkins cited the particulars of the case and its relevancy to case law as his cause for the withdrawal.

Hawkins also asked the court for accommodation with the start date of the trial due to a conflicting Jury trial in Randolph County. "That would save me a lot of difficulty," Hawkins said. "They will not change a Jury selection."

To accommodate the Randolph County case, Judge Ryan scheduled Jury selection in the Mallow case. A further accommodation was made to have the trial begin later in the day. "Let's go ahead and

start at 1 pm to give the Jury enough time to deliberate and return a verdict," Judge Ryan said.

Fields said the State expects a half day of evidence in the case. Mallow is charged with one count of sexual abuse, one count of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian, custodian or person in a position of trust to a child.



Attendance continues to be a problem at TCHS. TCHS Principal Alex Cork updated the Tucker County School Board on his department's efforts to curb chronic absenteeism within the school. The Board also discussed the issue of possibly reinstating Academic Leave in the County to combat absenteeism.

BOE Debates Academic Leave Reinstatement to Combat Absenteeism

By: Lydia Crawley
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Tucker County High School Principal Alex Cork updated the Tucker County School Board on his school's efforts in academics, as well as how his school is combating chronic absenteeism among the students. During the meeting, the Board discussed the issue of reinstating Academic Leave for students.

Tucker County School Superintendent Alicia Lambert said that other school systems around the state have reinstated the policy as a way to comply with state attendance standards. According to Lambert, Academic Leave was the one policy that schools who were in good standing with the state had utilized to augment their attendance numbers.

"One of the things that we are finding that other school systems are allowing, and I'm not really for it, is they have brought back Educational Leave," Lambert said.

Tucker County Schools had abolished the policy years ago, according to Lambert, but with current trends in attendance of students, the Board may need to look at reinstatement of the policy to stay in good standing with the state. Lambert did acknowledge that the policy was abolished partially due to the possibility of abuse.

During the discussion, Lambert said that if brought back, the leave would likely need an overhaul in parameters and specific guidelines for what it could cover. In the past, upon return, students were required to make a presentation about what they did or visited while on Academic Leave, according to Lambert. A reexamining of the policy could help to close loopholes that could be exploited in the policy, Lambert outlined. "We did away with it in this county because we felt it was being taken advantage of," Lambert said.

Lambert also informed the board that the elementary middle schools have attendance numbers that would have them in good standing with the State, but the High School attendance continues to bring the county down. "Our elementary middle schools are functioning in a way that we would be out of the red, but the high school is pulling us to red with their chronic absenteeism rate," Lambert said.

The subject of attendance was a large part of the presentation Cork gave to the

Board. According to Cork, the High School has had a 7% improvement in attendance since last year, but the attendance numbers will still not meet the state standards.

According to Cork, chronically absent students are designated as missing 10% or more of their days. Within those numbers Cork acknowledged are those students who have doctor's notes and those with documented long-term illnesses and conditions.

"If we can keep our numbers right where we're at, that's a 7% improvement," Cork said. "That's not good enough. That's not going to make the State happy. That's not going to make the staff happy, including me, but we are trying to get ahead of it."

According to Cork that morning, 30.66% of his students were chronically absent. Cork said the first thing he does each morning is look at the attendance numbers. "I start my day each day by pulling that percentage," Cork said. "30.66%, so that's just under one third of our kids have missed 10% or more."

Cork said he and his staff are working to improve student attendance. According to Cork, the key may lie in one-on-one attention. Cork said he and his staff are aiming to provide one on one support to students who routinely miss school with a special focus on those students whose attendance is borderline in hopes to keep them from being listed chronically absent. Cork referred to the subject of attendance as perhaps the hardest part of his job. "I can control the school day, but I cannot control a kid getting on a bus."

According to Cork, the State average is 30.2% with the school's current numbers being at around the State average. Cork said his school aims to be better than average. "We are not aiming here to be an average school."

Cork outlined that his staff have been exploring several avenues to increase student attendance beyond the one-on-one interventions and conferences his staff engage in.

Included in the efforts are: suspension of driving privileges for those student drivers with ten or more non-medical absences, peer groups, random prize days, bringing back a store for students to exchange award cards for prizes, designating 12 prime parking spots as reserved for students with the highest attendance, as well as earlier afternoon dismissal for those students with the highest attendance.

Cork acknowledged that

the problem does not have a single solution. Not every chronically absent student has the same mitigating factors, according to Cork. While he and his staff struggle to find a solution, they are addressing each case as individually as possible due to the infinite number of possible causes, according to Cork. Cork said that he wishes that parents took attendance more seriously and cited that there was a direct correlation between school attendance and work attendance later in life. "I wish people could see the opportunities that are missed when their kids don't come to school," Cork said.

According to Cork, the State considers a child to be a lost cause after a certain number of absences.

However, Cork maintained he does not view it that way. According to Cork, he and his staff are dedicated to never giving up on any student. Cork said his school's strength comes from caring for all students and the key to fixing the attendance issue may be in caring.

Lambert outlined that school systems with more amenities have higher attendance rates. Lambert said the system used to compare schools across the state was not like "comparing apples to apples." Lambert outlined the lack of amenities that areas like Tucker County has. Many students have to travel some distance for such necessities as doctor appointments, therapy and orthodontics and that many families will clear entire days to take care of whatever they need while they are in places like Morgantown for an appointment due to the travel required to get there. "It's not the same," Lambert said. "You're not comparing apples to apples. So, this is Doctor's notes. I wish it were just kids who were unexcused or just kids who were attendance problems because these are doctor's notes, these are dentist appointments, these are therapy appointments. These are all the things that kids have to miss school for, but it doesn't matter if its excused or not and for our kids the majority can't get their braces checked in Tucker County so they have to go to Morgantown, they have to go to Clarksburg, they have to go to Bridgeport, to Buckhannon and that's a full day."

The next meeting of the Tucker County School Board will be held December 18 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tucker County Board of Education Office located at 100 Education Lane in Parsons.

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WVDNR announces starts of December deer, bear hunting season

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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Hunters will have several opportunities to target deer and bear in December with the next segments of West Virginia's antlerless deer and bear firearms seasons set to open early in the month.

The next segment of West Virginia's antlerless deer firearms season will be open Dec. 7-10 in the state's 51 counties open to deer firearms season. The next segment of the bear firearms season will open Dec. 4 and run through the end of the year.

"December brings the thrilling opportunities of bear and deer hunting. Make the most of this time to connect with nature, challenge yourself, and create lasting memories in the heart of the great outdoors," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion.

Hunters are reminded to wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange when hunting in a county with an open deer firearms season. Hunters must also check big game at a license agent, by calling 1-844-WVcheck or online at WVhunt.com. For more information about these hunting seasons, open counties and regulations, hunters should consult the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Antlerless Deer Season

All antlerless deer taken during the season must be taken on a Class N or NN stamp or with a Class DT license. Landowners hunting on their own property do not have to purchase a Class N or NN stamp. Only one antlerless deer may be taken on each stamp. For bag limits by county, hunters should consult the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

A final segment of the antlerless deer season will be open Dec. 28-31.

Bear Firearms Season

All or a portion of 26 counties will be open for bear hunting with or without dogs and all or parts of 35 counties will be open for bear hunting without dogs Dec. 4-31. For a complete list of these counties and portions thereof, check page 39-40 of the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

All bear hunters are required to have a Class DS stamp. Hunters who harvest a bear are required to submit a premolar tooth from each bear. Hunters who harvest a female black bear are encouraged to save and submit the complete reproductive tract to the WVDNR for a \$20 gift card. The WVDNR uses data obtained from tooth samples and reproductive tracts to monitor the black bear population.

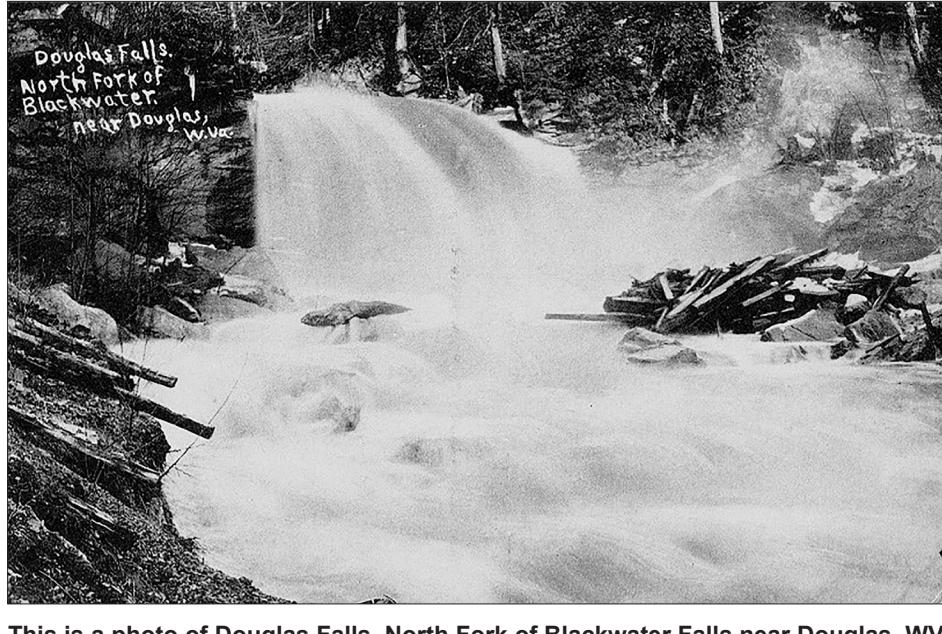
For instructions on how to submit a bear tooth, check page 37 in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

Other December Hunting Opportunities in West Virginia

West Virginia's week-long deer muzzleloader season is also set to open on Dec. 11 in the 51 counties open to the buck firearms season. Two deer may be taken during the season and hunters who purchase a Class RM or RRM stamp or a Class DR license may take one additional deer. For more information about the deer muzzleloader season, hunters should consult page 30 in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary.

To participate in these seasons, hunters are reminded to purchase their stamps to go along with an appropriate hunting license. Hunting licenses and stamps may be purchased at license agents around the state or online at WVhunt.com.

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of Douglas Falls, North Fork of Blackwater Falls near Douglas, WV. The Falls were full at the time of this photo. These Falls became very popular during the time of the Pandemic and afterwards. There were so many visitors to the Falls that vehicles were backed up all around the area. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

Festive films that make for a perfect family movie night this season

A family movie night makes for a great way for families to bond and enjoy some relaxing time together. Such nights are a tradition in households across the globe, and they can even become a fun way for extended families to celebrate the holiday days together. When hosting overnight guests this holiday season, hosts can plan a family movie night and line up any of these family-friendly holiday movies.

1. 'A Christmas Story' (1983): This beloved classic based on the writings of author Jean Shepherd focuses on young Ralphie Parker and his humorous family. That family includes his father, played to much laughs by legendary actor Darren McGavin. All Ralphie wants for Christmas is a coveted Red Ryder air rifle, and generations of fans have enjoyed watching this film to see if Ralphie's dream comes true.

2. 'Home Alone' (1990): Not unlike 'A Christmas Story,' this instant classic devotes much of its story to a young boy. Eight-year-old Kevin McAllister (Macaulay Culkin) awakens to an empty house after his parents forgetfully leave him behind as they depart on a holiday trip to Paris with their extended family. That proves to be bad news for bungling burglars Harry (Joe Pesci) and Marv (Daniel Stern), who are outwitted by Kevin at every turn.

3. 'Elf' (2003): Middle-aged Buddy (Will Ferrell) grew up in the North Pole believing he is an elf, despite

being significantly larger than the kind-hearted elves who raised him. Upon learning he is not an actual elf, Buddy is determined to reunite with the father (James Caan) he's never known. Hilarity ensues as the innocent Buddy ends up in the big city in search of his father.

4. 'It's a Wonderful Life' (1946): Among the most beloved holiday movies ever made, this classic stars Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey, a devoted family man who sets aside his own big-city dreams to save the family business and, ultimately, his small hometown of Bedford Falls. Lamenting some bad luck that leaves him on the cusp of financial ruin, George wishes he'd never been born, only to be shown by an especially kind and patient angel-in-training (Henry Travers) how much worse off Bedford Falls and its residents might have been had George Bailey never existed.

5. 'Jingle All the Way' (1996): Featuring a future Governor of California in the lead role, this hijinks-filled holiday classic follows the efforts of Howard Langston (Arnold Schwarzenegger) as he tries to secure the must-have gift of the season for his son, Jamie (Jake Lloyd). Howard soon finds himself competing against a father (Sinbad) who's equally devoted to find the coveted Turbo-Man action figure.

A holiday movie night makes for a fun, family-friendly evening when hosting overnight guests during this special time of year.

TVEMS Honors Announced

Principals Honor Roll

5th Grade

Noah Adams
Ashton Arnett
Eden Bright
Addalyn Browning
Dayton Bunnell
Kragen Cale
Gabriella Cussins
Shannon Davis
Cianna Dibartolomeo
Brooklee Hebb
Fletcher Hyre
Brittany Knotts
Mia Lambert
Rece Lambruno
Luke Lantz
Gunner Lester
Alleigh Lipscomb
Riley Malcom
Kaiden Metz
Eric Nestor
Maci Owens
Kieran Parsons
Aleena Reed
Briar Arbogast

7th Grade Principals Honor Roll

Conner Boyles
Madison Carr
Amesley Channell
Rachel Cummings
Alissa Hebb
Jaydn Hebb
Rhys Hovatter
Branson Hyre
Khia Jackson
Jaylen Liedy
Isaiah Lipscomb
Marsella McClung
Delainey Rhodes
Winter Ricks
Kameron Rosier
Kyleigh Rosier
Jaycee Shahan
Daniel Smith
Johnathan Tuttle
Landon Wilfong
Ashlynn Williams
Regan Wimer

6th Grade

Mya Adams
Kennedy Aker
Matthew Barkley
Evelyn Bennett
Titus Bowley
Isaac Bush
Lillian Davis
Laila George
Legend Harper
Lilly Helmick
Addyson Phillips
Rylan Sexton
Gabrella Slaubaugh
Gunner Smith
Faith Snyder
Blaine Streets
Quinton Teter
Lyla White
Ally Wright

Eighth Grade Principals List

James Barkley
Jayden Barkley
Brayden Bennett
Maria Bensinger
Draven Bunnell
Cadence Bush
Bella Carr
Riley Coffman
Jackson Freeman
Jenell Gidley
Kenah Griffith
Rachel Hile

Zaylie Kisamore
Kelsey Leach
Brooklyn Loria
Riley Mason
Trinity McGee
Kenlea Moore
Braylon Simmons

Alaina Owen
Lelan Parsons
Tyler Ricottilli
Kaydence Rosier
Savanna Shaffer
Zayden Thorne
Ava Wilfong

5th Grade Honor Roll

Kyleashae Boyles
Naomi Dean
Avery Decker
Walker Freeman
Makenna Hackney
Genesis McBee
K'horri Miller
Savannah Wittemore

6th Grade Honor Roll

Wes Lynn Anderson
Donald Boyles
Zane Bright
Marlee Evans
Harleigh Fream
Christy Friend
Dustin Griffith
Zayne Hedrick
Brooklyn Howard
David Jolly
Levi Lambert
Brailynn Marsh
Bryson Mitchell
Maddison Phillips
Ayla Poe

Krystal Rosier
Nevaeh Stout
Hunter Vandevander
Devin Whiter

7th Grade Honor Roll

Isaiah Boyles
Mattalee Brown
Tyler Bush
Ava Henderson
Collin Pitzer
Riley Slaubaugh

8th Grade Honor Roll

Dane Barkley
William Gilligan
Alyssa Lawrence
Isaiah Leary
William Malcom
Moore Dezirae

Braxton Smith



Tis the Season...

- ✓ Flu
- ✓ Stomach Bug
- ✓ Stuffy Nose
- ✓ RSV



Rebecca DePew, NP • Tisha Marsh, NP

DAVIS MEDICAL CENTER
Walk-In Clinic
Outpatient Center
Monday – Friday 7a-7p
Saturday 8a-12p



What's? Happening

Christmas Cantata

St. John's United Methodist Choir invites you to their annual Christmas Cantata "When Earth Received Her King" on December 17 at 10 a.m. during

the morning worship service.

Mail Processing Center Relocation

The link to protesting the closure of our mail processing facility and relocating it out of state is: <https://sen.gov/1PNR>



Dec. 16, 1897: The last public hanging in West Virginia occurred in Ripley. John F. Morgan had been convicted of murdering Chloe Greene and two of her three children in the Grass Lick area of Jackson County.

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. 13, 1861: The Battle of Allegheny Mountain, one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War's first year, took place in Pocahontas County.

Dec. 13, 1926: Wheeling radio station WWVA-AM began broadcasting. The 50-watt station operated from the basement of John Stroebel's house for most of its first year. Stroebel was a physics teacher and wireless pioneer.

Dec. 14, 1910: The accidental death of a Chesapeake & Ohio Railway engineer near St. Albans led to the popular train song "Billy Richardson's Last Ride."

Dec. 14, 1857: Coal operator Jus-tus Collins was born. He owned coal mines at Glen Jean and Whipple, and the octagonal Whipple company store survives today as a local landmark.

Dec. 15, 1879: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint was born in Pickens. He was responsible for the building of many religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling (now the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston).

Dec. 15, 1967: The Silver Bridge at Point Pleasant collapsed, killing 46 people. The Silver Bridge was opened to traffic on May 19, 1928. The accident led to the passage of legislation for a national bridge inspection and safety program.

Dec. 15, 1972: An explosion at a Weirton Steel coke plant on Browns Island killed 19 men and injured 10 others. It was the worst industrial

accident in Weirton's history.

Dec. 16, 1893: Alexander Martin died at the age of 71 in Greencastle, Indiana. Martin was the first president of the Agricultural College of West Virginia, which was renamed West Virginia University at his recommendation in 1868.

Dec. 17, 1957: The J. L. Stifel & Sons calico plant at Wheeling closed. For most of its history Stifel & Sons produced indigo-dyed prints and drills for clothing manufacturers. At its peak, the plant produced 3.5 million yards of cloth per month.

Dec. 18, 1842: U. S. Senator Nathan B. Scott was born. By 1900, Scott had become one of West Virginia's four richest and most powerful men.

Dec. 18, 1864: General Harry Hill Bandholtz was born in Michigan. Bandholtz was commander of the federal troops that intervened to end the West Virginia Mine Wars in 1921.

Dec. 18, 1816: Lewis County was formed. It was named for Colonel Charles Lewis, killed at the Battle of Point Pleasant.

Dec. 19, 1794: A 40-acre tract of George Clendenin's land was selected as the site of Charlestown, later renamed Charleston. Clendenin, born in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1746, was one of the first settlers in the Kanawha Valley. Through Clendenin's influence the Virginia Assembly authorized the formation of Kanawha County from parts of Greenbrier and Montgomery counties in 1789.

Dec. 19, 1832: The town of Ripley received its charter. It was probably named for Harry Ripley, a popular circuit-riding Methodist minister who drowned in Mill Creek in 1830.

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**DEADLINE
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Weather Totals

November 28 - December 5

Nursery Bottom Parsons

Temperature

Max 59° F

Min 6° F

Precipitation

Week 0.34"

November 2.61"

December 0.32"

2023 44.30"

Snowfall

New Snow 0.25"

Snow on ground 0"

Winter Total 1"

U.S. Forest Service

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

We are getting very close to the holidays and I am going to give you a good recipe this week for homemade gifts for your family, for pets and gifts to give to others. I love to give pets special gifts because I don't want them to be left out of the festivities. Momma Said, "Love them all, big and small!"

It is the season to reach out to friends and family that seem to slip through the cracks during the year. Sometimes I feel so lost and just want a warm hug from mom. I envy those who still have a whole family unit (which seems few and far between these days). I never felt much love from my dad and I guess mom just filled that void.

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



I miss the family meals and the smells from the kitchen. She had recipes that I have tried to imitate but it just doesn't work. Maybe I am imagining how things tasted back when I was a child. I know everything changes with time but I would love to have a time machine and go back and relive some things in the past. Momma Said, "Some things are better left in the past where they belong."

Air Fried Puppy Poppers

"Great gifts for your friends and family's fur babies"

Ingredients

- ½ CUP unsweetened applesauce
- 1 CUP peanut butter
- 2 CUP oats
- 1 CUP flour
- 1 TEASPOON baking powder

Instructions

1. Combine the applesauce and peanut butter in a bowl, stirring until smooth. Add the oats, flour and baking powder, and mix together until a soft dough

forms. Roll the dough into balls about ½ teaspoon in size.

2. Pre-heat the air fryer to 350°F.

3. Spray or brush the bottom of the air fryer basket with oil. Place 8 to 12 balls into the air fryer basket. Air-fry for 8 minutes, turning the balls over halfway through the cooking time. Repeat with the remaining poppers.

4. Allow the cooked poppers to cool completely and store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

Sweet and Salty Snack Mix

Ingredients

- ½ CUP honey
- 3 TABLESPOONS butter melted
- 1 TEASPOON salt
- 2 CUPS sesame sticks
- 1 CUP pepitas pumpkin seeds
- 2 CUPS granola
- 1 CUP cashews
- 2 CUPS crispy corn puff cereal Kix or Corn Pops
- 2 CUP mini pretzel crisps

Instructions

1. Combine the honey, butter, and salt. Stir until combined.

2. In a large bowl, combine the sesame sticks, pepitas, granola, cashews,

corn puff cereal, and pretzel crisps. Pour the honey mixture over the top and toss to combine.

3. Preheat air fryer to 370°F.

4. Air fry the snack mix in two batches. Place half the mixture in the air fryer basket and air-fry for 10 to 12 minutes, or until the snack mix is lightly toasted. Toss the basket several times throughout the process so that it cooks evenly and doesn't get too dark on top.

5. Transfer the snack mix to a cookie sheet and let it cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to one week, or package in gift bags with tags and ribbons for holiday gift giving.

Super Crossword

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25	Winter wreath ornament	65	Envoy's asset	112	Noisy tigers	14	Gondola city	55	Dull, dark bluish-gray	102	Former Disney exec Michael
26	Gave away temporarily	66	"There — comparison"	116	Cite famous people as friends	15	Smart — (cocky sort)	56	Decorative sewing case	105	Sword types
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4 unique holiday party themes

The holiday season is a festive time of year filled with plenty of opportunities to socialize with friends and family. Parties abound this time of year, and many people may find themselves hosting everything from intimate gatherings to large family dinners.

As people will be attending many different events in the weeks to come, savvy hosts and hostesses may want to set their occasions apart in different ways. One option is to pick an entertaining party theme that guests can get excited about. A fun theme can provide a break from the standard traditions. Consider these four unique party themes when planning holiday parties.

1. Ornament exchange

Decorating the home is commonplace this time of year. Who couldn't use a new trinket for the mantle or an ornament to adorn the tree? Ask all guests to bring a gift-wrapped ornament to the party. Then place numbers in a bowl and have each guest draw a number; this is the order in which they will then select an ornament. After the



first person makes their selection, subsequent guests can choose a new ornament from the pile or 'steal' one from those already picked. The guest who picked first then has one last chance to keep or steal at the end.

2. Tropical holiday

The weather outside may be fright-

ful, but a tropical island party can be utterly delightful. Give the event an island flair with fruity drinks, grilled kabobs, coconut desserts, and steel-drum music.

3. Grinchy party

A party devoted to the Dr. Seuss character The Grinch can be a fun

way to pass time together. While the holidays are supposed to be holly and jolly, a Grinch-themed party can put the emphasis on being a little bit more naughty than nice. And who doesn't enjoy an ample serving of roast beast? Have guests come decked out in Grinch costumes or Grinch emblazoned t-shirts or other clothing.

4. Christmas karaoke

Set up the karaoke machine or utilize one of the services available online, and make sure that guests are prepared to belt out their favorite holiday tunes, whether traditional carols or pop hits. A group of ladies can join together for The Waitresses' 'Christmas Wrapping' or guests can try their hands at hitting the high notes of Mariah Carey's ubiquitous 'All I Want for Christmas Is You.' Chances are serving some liquid courage will help guests loosen up and be more inclined to grab the microphone.

These are just a few different party themes that holiday hosts can consider this season.

Warner and the County Clerks Announce a Voter Registration Education Campaign Related to Maintaining Clean Voter Rolls

Charleston, W. Va. – Voter list maintenance has been a priority for the WV Secretary of State's Office since Warner first took office in 2017. By working closely with all 55 county clerks to provide the tools necessary to operate a uniform, non-partisan voter registration list maintenance process, Warner reports that over 400,000 deceased, duplicate, out-of-state, convicted-felon voter, or otherwise ineligible registration files have been removed from the Statewide Voter Registration System since the 2016 election, as indicated by the most recent Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS). At the same time, more than 333,000 new voters have been registered to vote, which includes more than 100,000 high school students.

Over 109,000 instances of possible abandoned voter registrations in West Virginia have been identified by an updated address comparison with the

United States Postal Service (USPS), the WV Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), or by official election mail that was returned as undeliverable. These addresses will soon receive an important confirmation postcard from their county clerk's office.

"West Virginia and federal laws require election officials to send a postcard to each address of a voter who is identified as possibly abandoning their registration. These voters were identified when they provided a newer address to the USPS, DMV, or when official election mail was returned which indicated a voter may have moved," said Secretary Warner. "If the voter moved to another West Virginia county, we can help them update their registration," Warner continued. "If they moved out of state, they are no longer eligible to vote and we encourage them to cancel their voter registration."

These postcards are expected to arrive in voters' mailboxes in the coming weeks. The postcard asks the voter to confirm that they are still a resident of the state and county at the address on their voter registration record.

Secretary Warner encourages every voter who receives the confirmation postcard to confirm that they reside at the address on file or update the address by scanning the QR code on the postcard with a mobile device and follow the easy steps to keep their registration in "active" status. Voters can also check and update their registration information online at ovr.sos.wv.gov, or by returning the pre-paid postage postcard to their county clerk.

Regular maintenance on voter registration lists is mandated by the National Voter Registration Act and West Virginia law. Voters who confirm their address by returning a postcard will remain "active."

Voters whose postcards are not returned, or are returned by the USPS as "undeliverable," will be categorized as "inactive." Voters who are "inactive" still remain eligible to vote in the next two federal election cycles. However, if a voter's registration address remains unconfirmed for the next two federal general elections after receipt of the confirmation notice, and the voter fails to vote in any state or local election during that time period, state law mandates that the registration be canceled.

"The law is in place to make sure voters on West Virginia's voter registration rolls are still residents of West Virginia at the address on file with their county clerk. Many times, we find that these voters moved and simply forgot to cancel their registration," Warner said.

For more information, please contact your county clerk or the WV Secretary of State's Office at (304) 558-6000.

THANK YOU FOR READING

 **Davis HealthSystem**

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Inspired to improve healthcare in our communities. Together.

Davis Health System, comprised of Davis Medical Center, Webster Memorial Hospital, and Broaddus Hospital, has officially joined Vandalia Health!

We unite with one shared vision for making the highest quality care accessible and affordable to everyone who needs it. By sharing our expertise and resources, we can strengthen healthcare throughout West Virginia while continuing to keep and attract the most skilled doctors, nurses and staff in our communities.

You deserve the best healthcare, and that's what we will continue to deliver, **together**.

 **Vandalia Health**

CHRISTMAS...
The Story of His Love

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



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

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SPORTS



Tucker County Football players that earned All-State Recognition(L-R): Gavin Mullenax, Ethan Rosenau, Owen Knotts, Garrett Wilfong, Maddox Anderson and Jared Reall. Photo by Brittany Channell.

TUCKER COUNTY PLACE PLAYERS ON FOOTBALL ALL-STATE TEAMS

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

The West Virginia Sports Writers Association announced the Class "A" Football All-State team on Thursday December 7th. Tucker County placed three players on the first team. Quarterback Ethan Rosenau, receiver Maddox Anderson and linebacker/running back Jared Reall were first team selections for the Mt. Lions.

Rosenau a senior ended the season with over 2,400 yards passing and 41 passing touchdowns for Tucker County. Anderson also a senior was a repeat first team selection as the receiver was a first team selections last season. Maddox had 15 touchdown catches this season while having over 700 yards receiving. Reall was selected to the first team defense as a utility selection. Jared led the Mt. Lions in tackles this season with over 70 solo tack-

les. Reall also led the team in rushing with over 1,300 yards.

Garrett Wilfong was a second team selection as Wilfong led Tucker County in receiving yards this season with over 800 yards. Wilfong also played well on defense with over 40 solo tackles on defense.

Owen Knotts and Gavin Mullenax were selected to the Honorable Mention list for Tucker County. Knotts and Mullenax were key members of the Mt. Lions

offensive line. Then on defense Knotts led the team in tackles for loss with 14, while Owen collected over 30 solo tackles at the defensive end position. Mullenax was close behind on defense with 10 tackles for loss and over 25 solo tackles.

The Mt. Lions finished the regular season with a 10-0 record. Tucker County fell in the State Semi-Finals to eventual State Champion Williamstown and ended their season with a 12-1 record.

TUCKER COUNTY BEAT PENDLETON AT HOME, FALL AT GRAFTON

By Dave Helmick
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HAMBLETON – The Mt. Lions Boys' Basketball team opened their season with a home game against Pendleton County on Wednesday December 6th. Tucker County got off to a slow start, but the Mt. Lions pulled away in the second half to collect the 68-30 victory.

The first quarter was back and forth, but Tucker County pulled away slightly after one quarter to lead 16-12. In the second quarter the Mt. Lions continued to get their offense going as they outscored the visiting Wildcats 15-8 in the second to make the halftime score 24-14.

The defense was active once again in the third quarter as both teams scored 13 points each to leave the Grafton advantage at 37-27 after three quarters of play. The Mt. Lions then began to claw back into the game in the fourth quarter after an incredible follow up dunk by Garrett Wilfong with 7:25 left in the game. Tucker County went on a 13-3 run to make the score 44-40 with 3:09 left in the contest. The Mt. Lions would get no closer as Grafton hangs on for the 51-44 victory.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County in scoring with 17 points as he had 5 three point baskets in the game. Ashton Lycliter and Garrett Wilfong added 8 points each in the loss for the Mt. Lions. Lycliter also pulled down a team high 16 rebounds for Tucker County.

Tucker County(1-1) will travel to Frostburg, MD on Friday December 15th to play against Mountain Ridge. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

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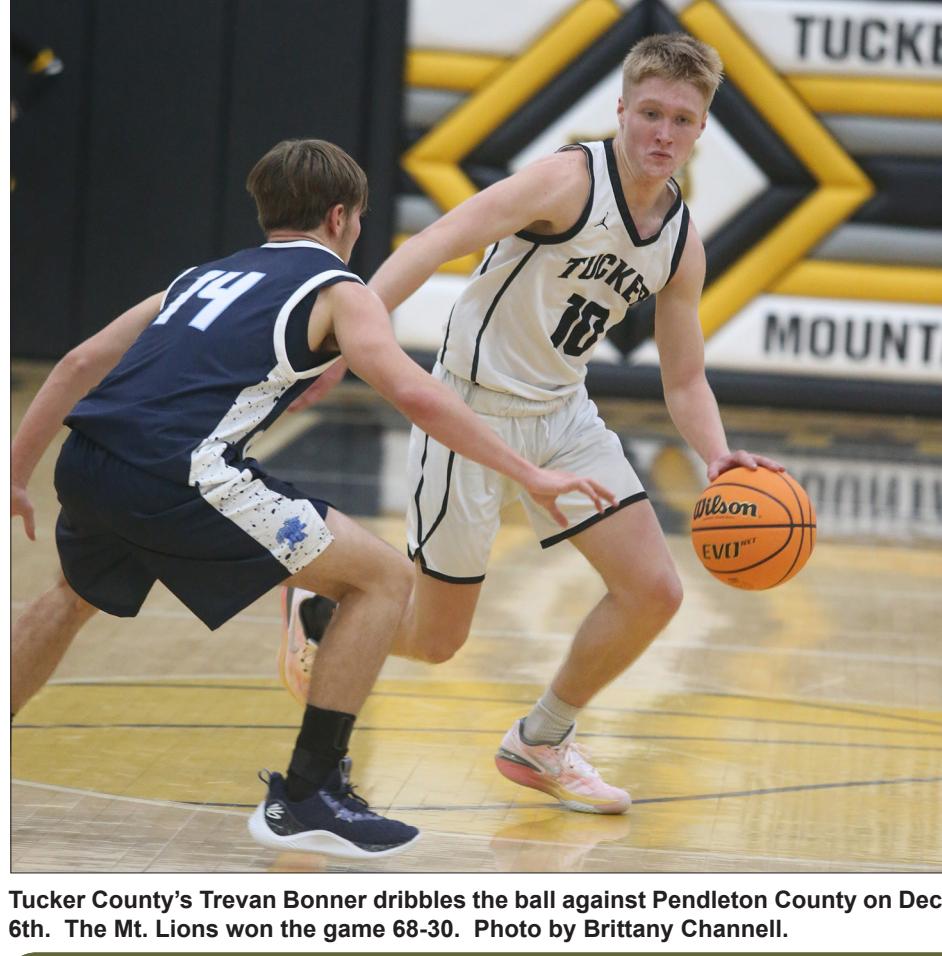
GRAFTON – Tucker County traveled to Grafton on Friday December 8th for a varsity only contest. The Mt. Lions got down early in the contest and Tucker County could not complete the comeback as they fell on the road by the score of 51-44.

The first quarter went to the home-standing Bearcats as Grafton led after one quarter 14-5. In the second quarter Tucker County continued to struggle on offense as Grafton edged the Mt. Lions 10-9 to make the halftime score 24-14.

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Tucker County's Trevan Bonner dribbles the ball against Pendleton County on Dec. 6th. The Mt. Lions won the game 68-30. Photo by Brittany Channell.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday December 13th

Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ Union(varisty only) 6:30pm
Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball vs Kasson @ Home 6pm
Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Union 6pm

Tuesday December 19th

Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ Petersburg 6pm
Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball vs Philippi @ Home 5pm
Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball vs Philippi @ Home 6pm

Thursday December 14th

Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball @ Belington 6pm

Friday December 15th

Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ Mountain Ridge, MD 6pm

LADY MT. LIONS GET WINS OVER PENDLETON AND EAST HARDY

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

FRANKLIN – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team traveled to Pendleton County for their first road game of the season on Tuesday December 5th. The Lady Mt. Lions started fast, built a quick lead and then cruised to a 77-28 victory.

In the first quarter the Tucker County pressure defense created an advantage as the Lady Mt. Lions led after one quarter 24-8. The second quarter would not get better for the Lady Wildcats as Tucker County outscored Pendleton County 18-5 to make the halftime score 42-13.

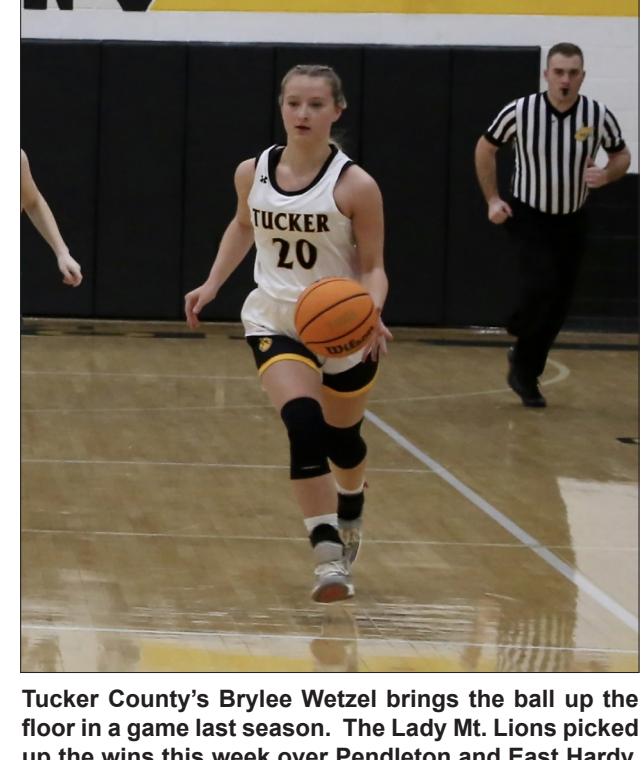
After halftime the visiting Lady Mt. Lions picked up where they left off as they built on their lead

with a 20-10 advantage in the third to make the score 62-23 after three quarters. In the fourth quarter Tucker County held Pendleton County to 5 points and the visitors scored 15 points to give the Lady Mt. Lions the win by the final score of 77-28.

Brylee Wetzel led Tucker County with 16 points after connecting on 5 three point field goals. Ericka Zirk had 13 points and Mayah Gross added 12 points off the bench for the Lady Mt. Lions. Addie Hicks chipped in with 8 points and Macy Helmick added 7 points, 6 assists. Katie Hicks also dished out 6 assists for Tucker County in the win.

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions hosted East Hardy on Friday December 8th for a varsity only contest. Tucker County jumped out to a 13 point lead after one quarter and then ran away from the Lady Cougars to win the contest 69-28.

The first quarter belonged to the Lady Mt. Lions as their defense held East Hardy to just 5 points to lead after one 18-5. In



Tucker County's Brylee Wetzel brings the ball up the floor in a game last season. The Lady Mt. Lions picked up the wins this week over Pendleton and East Hardy. Photo by Becky Moore.

the second quarter Tucker County continued to pull away as the home team out-scored East Hardy 18-8 to make the half-time score 36-13.

The third quarter was controlled by Tucker County as their defense held the Lady Cougars to 5 points. The Lady Mt. Lions score 16 points in the third to put the score to 52-18 after three. Tucker County would win the fourth quarter 17-10 to take the home victory by the score of 69-28.

Addie Hicks led the Lady Mt. Lions in scoring with 15 points and Macy Helmick added 12 points in the win. Raven Matthews had 9 points and 10 rebounds for Tucker County. Brylee Wetzel and Ericka Zirk chipped in with 8 points each on the night for the Lady Mt. Lions.

Tucker County(3-0) will return to action tonight Wednesday December 13th at Union for a varsity only contest for a 6:30pm start in Mt. Storm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

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United Way's Gift of Results

Bridgeport, WV - 12/7/2023 - United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties is thrilled to announce the opening of its gift wrap booth at Meadowbrook Mall. The booth will be open through Christmas Eve, offering the best paper, ribbon, and boxes in the area. All donations received at the booth will support 22 local programs that serve our friends, families, and neighbors.

As a volunteer-driven initiative, the United Way gift wrap booth exemplifies the spirit of community and collaboration. United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties is dedicated to supporting the community like no other organization can, driving positive change at an unprecedented magnitude.

Since 2021, United Way has invested a remarkable \$2.5 million to help friends, families, and neighbors in need. This year alone, United Way's contributions have made a significant impact:

- 238 grandfamilies have received personalized support from social workers, ensuring their well-being and stability.
- 449 homebound seniors have been provided with a nutritious meal each day, combating food insecurity and promoting their overall health.
- 100 veterans received dental services.
- 175 kids in 4-H and at the YMCA received scholarship assistance to participate in camps and youth sports programs.
- 1,500+ children have received comprehensive care, counseling, education, and love, fostering their growth and development.
- 74 children with social, physical, and cognitive disabilities received mental health support through equine therapy.
- 70+ children received tutoring services through United Way's Education Services Program.
- 400+ abused and sexually assaulted Harrison and Doddridge County children had a community and support network to care for them during the most horrific time of their life.
- 4,500+ adults received primary healthcare services, promoting a healthier community.
- 2,000+ local referrals were made through United Way's 2-1-1 information hotline service to Harrison and Doddridge County residents, connecting them to vital services to meet their needs.
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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)
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.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CHARTER

The City Council of the City of Parsons is considering an amendment to the City Charter. The proposed amendment is intended to establish two voting wards in the City.

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Parsons Business Office, located at 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, or by calling the City Administrator at (304) 478-2311.

The Parsons City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed amendment at the Parsons Municipal Building at 6:00 P.M. (EDT) on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. During this hearing, City Council will welcome and receive written comments, objections, and suggestions regarding the proposed amendment. Citizens unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments regarding the amendment, which will be accepted prior to and ten (10) days following the public hearing is convened. Written comments will be included in the record to be considered by City Council.

Any qualified voter or freeholder may make written suggestions or objections to the proposed amendment. If no objections are filed, or if objections filed are withdrawn at the time of the hearing, City Council may take final action on the proposed amendments at the conclusion of the public hearing by enacting by Ordinance the amendments to be effective no sooner than ten (10) days following the public hearing.

City of Parsons, a municipal corporation
by Bruce Kolsun, Mayor

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

PETITIONER: HANNAH JAYNE ADKINS Civil Action No. 23-D-22
RESPONDENT: 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.

Sharon Moots
Sharon Moots, Circuit Clerk of Tucker Co.

By: M. Williams, Deputy

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until January 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

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COUNTY: DISTRICT 8, PENDLETON, POCOHONTAS, RANDOLPH, TUCKER

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REMARKS: Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guarantee Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

THANK YOU FOR READING

Canaan Valley included in \$1.4 million in funding for sewer and water projects around state

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council announced \$1.4 million in funding for sewer and water projects around the state at its meeting on Dec. 6. Details for the projects in our area are listed below.

Canaan Valley Public Service District (PSD)

The council approved a \$500,000 grant to the Canaan Valley PSD to extend sewer service to approximately 250 economic development units (EDUs)/customer in the areas of Winwood, Deerfield Village and Canaan Village in Tucker County. These funds, along with funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and other funding programs, provide \$4.4 million for this project.



EMT Class offered by Tucker County EMS

Beginning date January 17 applications for admission to be accepted through January 1st.

Scholarships available as well as possible employment as PRN through the agency.

Please call 304-704-1744 Joseph Strait for more information or Amanda Simmons at 304-621-2678.

WEST VIRGINIA Press FOUNDATION

Paid internships and college scholarships of up to \$4,000 available for 2024

Interested in being a journalist or working in the media industry?

The West Virginia Press Association Foundation is accepting student applications for 2024 Summer Internships and 2024 Scholarships

If awarded, the WVPAF provides paid and unpaid internships at West Virginia newspapers and college scholarships up to \$4,000. Programs are open to journalism majors and students in related fields such as business management, human resources, advertising, social media and marketing, with preference given to students in at least their sophomore year of college.

Application deadline is Dec. 31, 2023.

Applications available on wvpress.org

For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director Betsy Miles at bmiles@wvpress.org, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

Newspapers with a candidate for an internship or interested in having an intern should contact Betsy Miles.

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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)
Jerry B. Flanagan Anita L. Flanagan
1st publication 12/13/23 PO Box 367
2nd publication 12/20/23 Thomas, WV 26292
Virginia M. Nestor Stephanie J. Moats
1st publication 12/13/23 226 Tupelo Ln
2nd publication 12/20/23 Hambleton, WV 26269

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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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

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:

Base Rate Increase	(%) INCREASE
\$ 18.07	15.0%
\$ 55.16	12.5%
\$ 478.70	9.4%
\$ 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, 2024. 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.

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parsons City Council is seeking letters of application to fill a vacancy on City Council for the position of Council Member in Ward Two with a term expiring June 30, 2026.

Applicants shall at the time of appointment and throughout the term of office reside in Ward Two, Parsons, West Virginia. This territory is located in the area of said City lying between the Shavers Fork and Black Fork Rivers. The applicant must also be a qualified voter of the State of West Virginia.

All members of City Council are expected to attend City Council meetings; regularly scheduled on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, starting at 6:00 P.M. (EDT). Attendance to special meetings and committee meetings are also necessary. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, located at 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia. Council Members receive a salary of \$100 per month for their services.

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

Mr. Bruce A. Kolsun, Mayor
City of Parsons
341 Second Street
Parsons, WV 26287

All letters must be received by 4:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, December 22, 2023.

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

"This is an Equal Opportunity Program. Discrimination is prohibited by Federal Law." To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-5272 (Voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).

Public Notice

WV Department of Environmental Protection is holding a virtual public meeting on December 19 from 6-8 p.m. regarding Phase 2 of Parsons-Davis Core Drilling for Corridor H.

To register for the meeting, visit www.dep.wv.gov and scroll down to "Upcoming events" or call 304-926-0499 ext 49720.

The public comment period is open through December 29.

The ad is paid for by: Friends of Blackwater.

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**Production Supervisor
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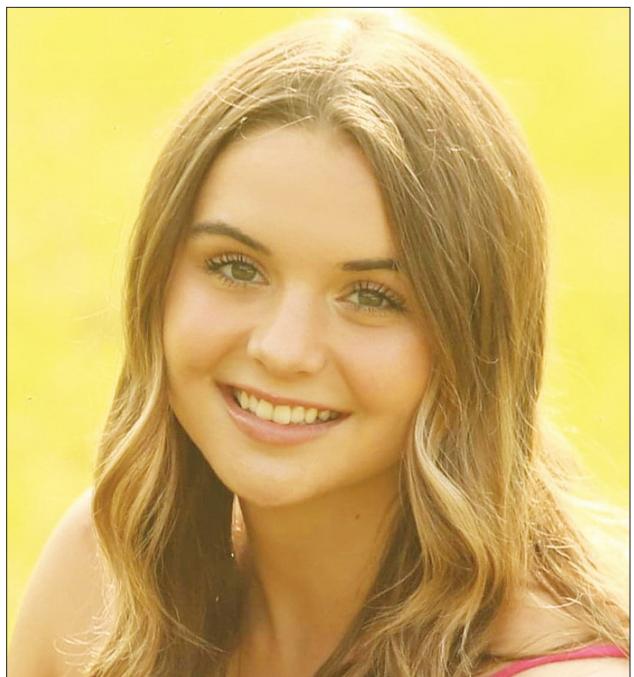
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Burns competed for title of West Virginia Beef Queen

Laney Burns, the daughter of Mark and Stephanie Burns of Parsons was one of three competing for the title of 2024 West Virginia Beef Queen. The contest was held during the Mountaineer Stockman's College, December 9, at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis.

Mis Burns is a Senior at Tucker County High school where she is a member of the Tucker County FFA and has held several offices and received her State FFA degree. She is a videographer for the football team, bookkeeper for the boys and girls basketball teams, and also active in the Simulated Workplace program. She has also exhibited several champion and reserve champion animals at the Tucker County Fair. She is a 4-H member and has assisted with 4-H Cloverbud camps. Laney has an FFA beef production SAE and is active on her parent's cow/calf operation.

During the WV Beef Queen Contest, contestants competed in a speech contest as well as go through an interview process with a panel of judges involved in the beef industry. Contestants were evaluated on presentation, speech content, extracurricular activities, and their knowledge of the beef industry. The selected WV Beef Queen was crowned at the West Virginia Beef Expo in April and will attend various events throughout the year to promote BEEF.

This year's conference, which was December 8-9, brought together top livestock producers to promote the growth, development and success of livestock production in West Virginia. The conference provided cutting-edge production and management information via industry experts and connect producers and service providers through entertaining and engaging content.

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'JINGLE ALL THE WAY'

We invite you to vote for your favorite (by number).

December 8 - December 19th.

Votes will be counted December 19th.

Come see who got the winning votes until December 22nd.

Mountaineer Garden Club meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Ask any member about joining us. We'd love to have you.

Debbie Ritter, VP and Branch Manager of Citizens Bank of Parsons, presents a check for \$100 to Mountaineer Garden Club President Faith Moore for the annual display of Christmas florals that is on view in the bank's lobby from Dec. 8th until Dec. 22nd. Members display a creative floral design to reflect the theme selected for the season. The public is invited to view the display and vote for their favorite creation. Final voting is Dec. 18th when the votes will be counted and the winner announced.

THANK YOU FOR READING

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3PM FRIDAY**

YOU CAN HELP... WARM THE CHILDREN

Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need



In Tucker County, local children will go cold this winter without your help.

Just what is The Parsons Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN FUND?

The Parsons Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN FUND is neighbors helping neighbors in Tucker County. The Parsons Advocate is asking readers to donate to the fund and the proceeds will be used to buy new warm winter clothing for local children. There are no administrative fees. All the money donated is used to buy new clothing.

How will the children's clothing be purchased?

The Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN coordinator has made arrangements with a local store and assigns volunteer shoppers to take the children and their parents shopping. Shoppers will be people like you, anyone in the community willing to help by donating a little of their time to this worthwhile cause.

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Davis Health System Joins Vandalia Health

Elkins, WV – Davis Health System (DHS) is officially joining CAMC Health System and Mon Health System as part of Vandalia Health, a health system that stretches north to south in the Mountain State.

The combined health system is the second largest not-for-profit integrated health system in West Virginia. It includes more than 180 outpatient care locations, over 70 specialties, and employs nearly 13,000 employees and providers.

"We are very pleased to bring our health systems together and bring better care to communities across the state," said DHS President & CEO Vance Jackson. "Rural, underserved communities will gain access to the best providers and medical care available as we leverage the strengths of this integrated health system."

A Vandalia Day Celebration was hosted by each Davis Health System hospital on Monday, December 4. Staff, medical staff, community members and representatives of Vandalia Health gathered to "kick-off" the finalization of the agreement for DHS to join Vandalia Health.

"Davis Health is the newest member of Vandalia Health, and we look forward

to building on our collective strengths to improve local healthcare," David Ramsey, Vandalia Health President & CEO, told the crowd. "Each member of Vandalia Health shares a commitment to the well-being of our communities and the health care we can provide."

Davis Health System includes Davis Medical Center in Elkins, Broadus Hospital in Philippi; and Webster Memorial Hospital in Webster Springs. Also part of the health system is a cancer center, specialty care clinics, long-term care, and other complimentary affiliates.

As part of Vandalia North, Davis Health System will be closely aligned with Mon Health System. "We're already expanding our nationally recognized Mon Health cardiology services with Davis Medical Center in Elkins," said David Goldberg, Mon Health System President & CEO and Executive Vice President of Vandalia Health. "This represents just one service line where enhanced access will benefit the local community. We are excited for the opportunities the merger creates to enhance care and make it more affordable and accessible to the local communities in which we serve."



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