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DiBacco Named to Four Year Ward Two Vacancy, Resigns Two Year City Council Seat



3531: Seth Rosenau, right, shakes the hand of Parsons City Council Member Sam Humphrey during a February 6th Special Session of the Council. Rosenau was one of three candidates vying to fill the remainder of an empty four year seat left by Tim Auvil's appointment to City Recorder.

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Tuesday, February 6th, the Parsons City Council held a special session to interview three candidates vying to fill the remainder of a four year term vacated by the appointment of Tim Auvil to the post of City Recorder. The appointment will fill the Ward Two seat until June 30, 2026. Seth Rosenau and Kathy DiBacco appeared before the Council in person with candidate Richard "Rick" Lemons appearing via telephone.

Each candidate was interviewed using a pre-selected list of questions so that each person would be asked the exact same questions. The questions ranged from name and address, how long the applicant has resided in Parsons, occupation and educational background, to governmental and committee experience and whether the applicant has any relatives currently in government. Other questions centered around the candidate's goals and how they plan to communicate with constituents.

Only one applicant at a time were in the council chambers during the interview, with the remaining applicants waiting outside the chambers. "It is an open meeting," Mayor Bruce Kolsun said. "One applicant will be in here at a time. The others will be dismissed."

Candidate Seth Rosenau was the first to be interviewed by the Council. Rosenau said he had resided in Parsons for 39 years and is the son of Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau. Rosenau is a graduate of Tucker County High School and attended WVU and Fairmont State. According to Rosenau he has extensive coaching experience and said if appointed, his main goal would be to give the youth a voice. "Everyone has something they could bring to the table," Rosenau said.

The second interview was via phone with Candidate Rick Lemons. Lemons said he had been a resident since 2019, but had lived in Parsons previously from 1996 to 2003 before being moved to the eastern panhandle for work. Lemons said he has extensive governmental experience from his work with OSHA through the State of West Virginia and his 15 year service in the WV Army National Guard. Lemons also said he attended the WV Police

Academy and was a graduate of Buckhannon High School. Lemons said he would like to see the City prosper again and would like to try to bring back industry and help retain a workforce population. "I would like to see our town grow back to what it used to be," Lemons said.

Candidate Kathy DiBacco was the final interview of the evening. DiBacco said she had been a resident of Parsons for 22 years, but had been a Tucker County resident her entire life. According to DiBacco, she was on the Board of Education for six years and has had a seat on the Parsons City Council since 2022. DiBacco said her objectives were to listen to the people and be fiscally responsible. DiBacco said her main goal was to see the City was run properly and she felt the most important services the City could offer were proper water and sewer. "The two most important things our residents have in the City are adequate water and adequate sewage," DiBacco said.

During the regular session following the special session, the Council voted for DiBacco to fill the unexpired four year term as an appointment pending her resignation from her current two year seat. The requirement for DiBacco to resign prior to official appointment is required by West Virginia law, according to City Attorney Tim Stranko. The official resignation from the two year seat by DiBacco will be taken up at the next Council meeting. "If you chose Council Member DiBacco to fill that seat, it would be a conditional appointment," Stranko said. "Conditional upon her resigning her current seat. She cannot hold two seats at a time."

The two year term that is to be vacated by DiBacco will remain unfilled by the Council and will be placed before a vote by the City as part of this year's elections in June with filing in April. Both Rosenau and Lemons were encouraged to apply to be placed on the ballot by City Administrator Agnes Arnold. "I would recommend, let the public decide," City Recorder Tim Auvil said. "We've got several good applicants here."

The next meeting of the City of Parsons Council will be held Tuesday, February 20th at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building located at 341 Second Street in Parsons.

Landfill Plans for Storm Water Pond Development

By: Lydia Crawley
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Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Presiding Chair Mark Holstine updated the members of the Board on the status of various engineering projects at the landfill. According to Holstine, both he and Jody Alderman had been in contact with an engineering firm regarding several urgent projects. Top of the list was plans for a Storm Water Pond at the facility. "We had talked to our consulting engineer about (the fact that) we need to up the schedule on the Storm Water Pond, design" Holstine said.

According to Holstine, both he and Jody Alderman has been in contact with an engineering design firm over plans for the Storm Water Ponds "We were in conversations with him prior to the meeting today to get him started on it," Holstine said.

The main goal of the call was to begin to determine how much space the pond will eventually require, according to Holstine. Holstine said they were not so much worried about the full design currently, but more the general scope of the project in terms of overall size. "The storm water pond, not complete design, but we need to know how much room we need," Holstine said.

Concerns over size, according to Holsine, stems from the need for future land acquisition for the project. According to Holsine, once the space that will be needed is known, he and the board can approach Western Pocahontas about purchasing additional land. "Because we have to go back to Western Pocahontas with what we need," Holstine said. "I think they are willing to entertain us purchasing some of that off of them, but we can't tell them yet what that is, how much."

The exact size of the project is currently not known, according to Holsine, but will depend on design and intended use. "It depends on what we do and how we do it," Holstine said. "That pond could be extensive in size."

Holsine said he hoped to only need to construct one pond, but depending on what the engineers determine, two ponds may be needed. "We may not be able to build just one pond," Holstine said. "We may have to build two, don't want to do that."

According to Holsine, he intends to only build one pond, if at all possible. "If we could just get it into one pond, that's what I'd like to do," Holstine said.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority will be held on February 26 at 3 p.m. at the T.C.S.W.A Office located at 284 Landfill Road in Davis.



The Shop 'n Save in Parsons suffered a fire. According to Store Manager Greg Burner, the fire was contained to a produce cooler on the sales floor. No official cause of the fire has been released and the investigation is ongoing. The store currently remains closed.

Parsons Shop 'n Save Victim of Cooler Fire

By: Lydia Crawley
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Parsons Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire at the Shop 'n Save located on D and W Lane in Parsons. According to Store Manager Greg Burner, the fire had been contained to a produce case and both the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department and the Fire Marshal were at the scene, but foul play is not suspected in the incident with a determination of Undetermined being the official finding.

According to Burner, the fire had been contained to a single cooler on the sales floor in the produce section. Burner also stated that the fire did not result in any structural damage or need for an access hole to be made in the roof. Burner said that a large amount of the smoke was from burning plastic in the area. "There was no structure damage," Burner said. "There was no hole cut in the roof. It was contained to the produce cooler itself on the sales floor. It did not get into the walls; it did not get in anywhere else."

There were no injuries sustained from the fire, according to Burner, as everyone was able to safely evacuate the building. "The Fire Department came," Burner said. "Nobody was hurt, everybody was

evacuated."

The State Fire Marshal and Health Department had evaluated the scene the following day, according to Burner. Burner also said that the owner was onsite conferencing with the authorities and Parsons Fire Chief Kevin White. "The State Fire Marshal is here, as we speak," Burner said. "Health Department's been here. Told us what we got to pull out of the building. That's what we are doing now, pulling and cleaning."

Parsons Volunteer Fire Department Chief Kevin White said his department and the Fire Marshal were involved due to a State mandate due to the high dollar loss due to the fire. "That's just standard procedure due to anytime there is a high dollar loss," White said. "Something like large inventory, large structure, things like that. That's something that the State mandates we do."

White said there was a "great response" from both the Parsons VFD, as well as surrounding departments to the fire. "We were fortunate," White said. "We had a great response from our department and the surrounding departments also."

The fire has been classified as Undetermined, according to White, however, it

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TCSWA Updates Gas Monitoring Plan

By: Lydia Crawley
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The members of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority board heard plans to update the Landfill's Gas Monitoring Plan. The update was part of the board's meeting at the Landfill Office in Davis. Presiding Chair Mark Holstine provided the specifics as part of the Director's Report.

According to Holstine, Jody Alderman has been working on the details concerning the plan. "Jody has been working on the gas monitoring plan," Holstine said.

Alderman plans to monitor the methane produced by the landfill, in house. The measure will not only allow the landfill to have immediate access to the data, but will also save the Solid Waste Authority money by not hiring outside consultants or contractors to conduct the testing. "Jody is going to be doing that himself instead of paying a consultant or anybody to do gas monitoring," Holstine said.

The Landfill does not have a current Gas Monitoring Plan, according to Holstine. "Nowhere, anywhere could be find an approved gas monitoring plan," Holstine said.

Holstine said there is a plan for the Landfill, but it is extremely old. So old, in fact, that buildings have been constructed at the site since it was first put into place, according to Holstine. "We have a plan

out there. Its old, old, old," Holstine said. "And we know the points they were testing on, but it is so old that we have structures on site that have been built since that plan started."

Holstine said he and Alderman are committed to bringing the plan up to date. "We are going to bring the plan up to date," Holstine said.

Alderman has already purchased the equipment to complete the tests and will be submitting the results to the Department of Environmental Protection, Holsine said. "Jody has bought a monitoring tool to do it with," Holstine said. "He's going to do it and submit those on a quarterly basis to the DEP."

The purpose of the plan, according to Holstine, is to monitor what kinds of methane are moving within the landfill and to make sure no methane is leaching into buildings at the site, as well as ensuring the gasses are contained at the landfill site. "Its to see what kind of methane is migrating on site or off site," Holstine said. "You need to check your structures to make sure gas is not finding its way into your buildings to become a hazard and then you check around the perimeter to make sure we don't have any migration out."

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ROAD CLOSURE POSTPONED

The road closure scheduled for County Route 17, Smokey Hollow Road, for the construction of Corridor-H has been postponed.



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was not suspicious. “It was nothing out of the ordinary,” White said. “Undetermined at this time. We do know that it started in a produce section in a cooler area, one of the produce stands, but that’s basically where it is going to be left at.”

Burner said that the store’s sprinkler system worked as intended during the event. However, the store did experience water and smoke damage as a result of the fire, according to Burner. “The sprinkler system actually worked as it is supposed to,” Burner said. “There was some water damage obviously and some smoke damage.”

While an exact date for reopening of the store was not available, Burner said it would reopen as soon as safely possible. Burner said, he also was unsure to what extent the reopening would be. “As soon as we can get reopened, we’ll be reopened,” Burner said. “Now to what extent and when that will be, I’m not exactly sure.”



The morning after the fire, workers were busy. Instead of bagging produce for customers, they were bagging it, as well as other ebris, for the large dumpster in front of the store. Courtesy of Teri Cayton.



2024 Canaan Valley Master Naturalist Classes

Canaan Valley Master Naturalist classes will begin in May. Prospective students are encouraged to attend the Wild Yards program on March 16 listed above. To become a certified WV Master Naturalist, you must complete 62 hours of instruction and 30 hours of approved nature related volunteer work. Class topics include: Aquatic, Wetland and Terrestrial Habitats, Mammals, Insects, Wildflowers, Fish, Geology, Trees, Amphibians and Reptiles, Habitat Improvement for Wildlife and many others. You can complete the coursework

part of the program in 5 full weekends, but you have up to 4 years to complete coursework and volunteer hours. There are no tests.

The state program is sponsored by the WV Division of Natural Resources (WV DNR), and the Canaan Valley chapter is a committee of the Friends of the 500th of the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Classes are generally held at the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center and usually include a lecture and field portion. Participants

generally say the program is a great way to learn about the area’s nature and to meet others with similar interests.

Weekends for classes this year will be: May 17 – 19, June 7 – 9, July 12 – 14, August 16 – 18 and Sept 20 – 22. For more information, go to www.mnofwv.org and/or contact Andrea Dalton – AndreaDalton64@gmail.com or 304-704-2476. The cost of the program is \$175 which includes all classes until you are certified (up to 4 years). Scholarships are available.

TUCKER COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

Month of January 2024

- Felony Arrests (charges or indictments)	1
- Persons Arrested on Felony charges	1
- Misdemeanor arrest (charges or indictments)	4
- Persons arrested on misdemeanor charges	3
- Misdemeanor citations issued	1
- Hazardous moving violations tickets issued	1
- Other traffic violations tickets issued	1
- Hazardous moving violations warnings issued	20
- Other traffic violations warnings issued	30
- DUI arrest (driving under the influence)	0
- Motorist assists ie. broke down vehicle	15
- Vehicle crashes where a crash report was generated	15
- Felony cases fielded resulting in a police report	0
- Misdemeanor cases fielded resulting in a police report	3

- Drugs confiscated in dollar street value amount	\$80
- Other contraband confiscated	\$40
- Domestic violence petitions served	2
- Job tasks completed	252
- Calls for service either through 911 or walk ins resulting in Police action	129
- Mileage report (total miles traveled by department patrolling)	7,494 miles

Additional Notes: Personal property and Real estate Taxes are due by April 30, 2024 to avoid publication in the newspaper however March 01, 2024 is the last day to receive a discount when paying taxes.

This monthly report has been prepared by Sheriff “Jake” Kopec for educating the public as to how their tax dollars are being put to use at the Tucker County Sheriff Office.

Five Rivers Public Library Newsletter

Fall & Winter Hours, Sept. - May
 Monday 8:30 a - 6:30 p
 Tuesday – Friday...8:30 a - 5:00 p
 Saturday9:00 a - Noon
 Closed all Legal Holidays

February Happenings

- 12 – Movie Day Monday, showing The Old Way, Two showings, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- 14 - Toddler Time @10:00 a.m.
- 19 – Closed – Presidents’ Day
- 20 – Book Club Discussion @ 1:30 p.m.
- 21- Toddler Time @10:00 a.m.
- 28- Toddler Time @10:00 a.m.

Book Donors

Debbie Gutshall, Sherry Burns, Paula Harsh, Faith Moore, Sarah bowley, Becky Arbogast. **AFNHA Americorps, Riley Kromenacker, Geneva Brown, Aieyna Weitznev, Madison Feinandtz & Daniel Consolvo did a book drive for Mon Forest towns. 700 books were donated & distributed to libraries.

Memorials

In memory of Jane Barb, given by David King

Book Club Discussion Group

Meets monthly at the library, the third Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Book for February Memory Keeper’s Daughter by Kim

Edwards. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) – Get your taxes done at the library by making an appointment. To schedule your appointment call 304-366-4550 or online at tvuw.us/taxes. Provided by Tygart Valley United Way and the IRS.

MOVIE EVENT - Monday, February 12 Afternoon showing 1:30 p.m Evening Showing 5:30 p.m. Rated R Snack & Drinks Provided Free Community Event

MOVIE EVENT - March 11 Queen Bees Run Time 1 hr. 42 minutes Rated PG

Toddler Time - will start again February on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. February, March and April - Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. No county school, no Toddler Time.

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News of Record

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

- Kenneth L. Langer and Jennifer L. Smith, Dry Fork District, Lot 40 Blackwater Section Timberline 7.07 acres to John Thomas Gasper, \$242,500.
- Frederick S. Lamartin and Danielle D. Duff, Dry Fork District, Lot 2 Wood Terrace of Timberline containing 2.31 acres to Charles K. Wade and Auvid Momen, \$115,000.
- Phillip Wayne Bolyard, Davis Corporation, Lot 366 and 367 to Jonathan R. Stewart, \$40,000.

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SENIOR NEWS

The Parsons Senior Center hosted the monthly outpost on February 6, 2024. Linda Bonner welcomed everyone, led the Lord’s Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and the group sang “God Bless America.” Everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to Collin Sutton.

Sharon Daniels recognized National Flannel Day coming on February 10 with pictures and stories. She also paid tribute to the ground hog who did not see his shadow on Ground Hog Day meaning an early spring.

Linda Bonner read the “Ode to Golden Years”, announced a 2-day trip to Lancaster for June 12/13, and a Valentine Day celebration to be held on Thursday February 15 at the center. Folks who wish to go on the trip should sign up quickly.

Becky Arbogast played piano and sang some songs with her husband Kevin. Then the audi-

ence was delighted when she invited everyone to sing along with lots of ole time favorite hymns. Door prizes were won by Shirley Cassidy, Nellie Workman, and Linda Cassidy.

Attending in addition to the above were Jim and Meg Buddingh, Raymond Collins, Ruth Connell, Sharon Daniels, Diane Dilly, Kenny Knotts, Betty Knotts, Virgil Knotts, Barb McClain, Earl Moore, Karl Myers, Don Nestor, Rita Roberts, Eleanor Nestor, Patsy Bonner, Sandy Owens, Patty Wilfong, Ida Workman, Nellie Workman, Betty Sturm, Dale Varner, David Varner, Arlene Ramsey, Virginia Popio, Jean Myers, Buddy Arnold, Deloris Kelley, Debbie Simmons, Vickie Cutright, and Joanne Zickafoose.

Please call the senior center at 304-478-2423 for further information on activities or services offered.

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Submissions must include a daytime telephone number, name and address. This is for verification purposes.

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erty of The Parsons Advocate. The Parsons Advocate reserves the right to edit and/or reject letters. Personal attacks, lies, and etc. will not be published.

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Gas Prices Soar in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is 14 cents higher this week at \$3.056 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices: Northern WV Average \$3.056
 Average price during the week of January 29, 2024 \$2.917
 Average price during the week of February 6, 2023 \$3.403

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

- \$3.099 Bridgeport
- \$3.069 Clarksburg
- \$2.974 Huntington
- \$3.199 Martinsburg
- \$3.073 Morgantown
- \$2.995 Parkersburg
- \$3.029 Weirton
- \$3.011 Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

The national average for a gallon of gas rose four cents over the past week to \$3.14. The upward trend is a combination of oil costs edging into the upper \$70s per barrel and normal seasonal increases as winter eases and demand for gas creeps higher. Today's national average is six cents more than a month ago but 33 cents less than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy

Information Administration (EIA), gas demand increased from 7.89 to 8.14 million barrels per day last week. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks rose by 1.1 million barrels to 254.1 million barrels. Higher gas demand and fluctuating oil prices have contributed to increasing pump prices.

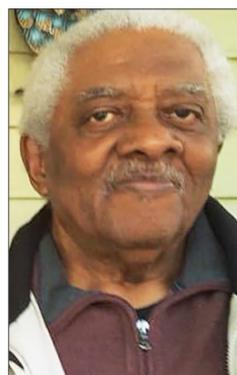
At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate decreased by \$1.97 to settle at \$75.85. Oil prices declined amid a strengthening dollar and no indications of new attacks in the Red Sea. Earlier in the week, attacks against shippers raised prices as commercial ships transiting the Red Sea sought longer, more expensive routes to avoid violence. Additionally, the EIA reported that total domestic retail crude stocks increased by 1.2 million barrels to 421.9 million barrels.

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

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OBITUARIES

Peter E. (Pete) Barmer



Peter E. (Pete) Barmer, 79, died unexpectedly on Thursday, Feb. 1. Pete grew up in Davis, WV, the son of Eugene and Elaine Barmer. His sister, Betty, preceded him in death. Pete attended Tucker County schools including the Coketon Colored School, Davis Elementary and Mountaineer High School. He attended WV State University and served in the United States Air

Force. Pete was an avid sports fan, a coin collector and a bird watcher.

Pete leaves behind his life companion, Mary Quattro, their son, Aaron Q. Barmer, and his grandson, Absalom Q. Barmer, as well as seven nieces and nephews, their children and a large extended family.

Memorial services are planned for late May in Davis.

Robert "Bob" Lee Collette



Robert "Bob" Lee Collette, 78, a resident of Elkins, passed from this life Sunday, February 4, 2024, at Mon General Hospital in Morgantown.

Bob was born Thursday, October 4, 1945, in Elkins, the son of the late Troy Elkins Collette and Myrtle Margaret Mike Collett.

Left to cherish his memory are one daughter, Ginger Lynn Collette McDougal of Sod, one son, Charles Lee Collette and wife Chanda of Elkins, one stepson, Christopher Fortney and wife Christine of Elkins, one stepdaughter, Angie Phillips and husband, Jake of Hambleton, five grandchildren, Vanessa Malcomb and husband Nicolis, Gregory McDougal II, Leighanna McDou-

gal, John Ross McDougal, Chasity McDougal, two step-grandchildren, Cheyenne Lawrence and companion Richard Wood, and Jacob Phillips, all of Hambleton, eight great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Emma, Tanner, Payton, Kirsten, Walker, Wesson, and Waylon, one sister, Janet Ann Collett Crider of Elkins,

and one nephew, Stephen Allen Crider of Elkins.

Preceding Bob in death besides his parents was his wife, Linda Lou Thornhill Collette, and one brother, Roy Gene Collette.

Bob was a 1964 graduate of Elkins High School. He retired from the City of Elkins as a wastewater lab technician. Bob enjoyed gardening, bird watching, and the outdoors.

Bob's request for cremation was honored and a memorial service will be held at a later date. The Randolph Funeral Home and Cremation Services has been entrusted with the arrangements for Robert Lee Collette. Send online condolences to the family at www.therandolphfuneralhome.com.

Tucker Valley HONOR ROLL AND Principal's HONOR ROLL

<p>PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL 5TH GRADE</p> <p>KYLEASHAE BOYLES EDEN BRIGHT ADDALYN BROWNING DAYTON BUNNELL KRAGEN CALE GABRIELLA CUSINS CIANNA DIBAR-TOLOMEO BROOKLEE HEBB FLETCHER HYRE MIA LAMBERT RECE LAMBRUNO LUKE LANTZ ALLEIGH LIPSCOMB RILEY MALCOM GENESIS MCBEE KAIDEN METZ ERIC NESTOR MACI OWENS KEIRAN PARSONS ALEENA REED LIAM RICOTTILLI BRANTLEE ROSIER COLEMAN SHIFLETT BRAYLON SIMMONS RANDY SKIDMORE KYLAR SOUTHERN ZODI SPESSERT CADEN TRIPLETT GRACYN WHITE DELBERT WILKINS EASTON WOLFORD BLAKE HOLLAND HONOR ROLL</p>	<p>5TH GRADE</p> <p>NOAH ADAMS ASHTON ARNETT SHANNON DAVIS TAYLOR DAVIS NAOMI DEAN AVERY DECKER MAKENNA HACKNEY ALEXANDER HELMICK BRITTANY KNOTTS GUNNER LESTER CAMDEN RETTIG LUCAS WHITE BRAYVEN WOLFE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL 6TH GRADE</p> <p>KENNEDY AKER BRIAR ARBOGAST MATTHEW BARKLEY DONALD W BOYLES LILLIAN DAVIS LAILA GEORGE LEGEND HARPER CLAY HELMICK BLAKE HOLLAND DAVID JOLLY ADDYSON PHILLIPS RYLAN SEXTON GABRELLA SLAUBAUGH GUNNER SMITH ALLY WRIGHT HONOR ROLL 6TH GRADE</p> <p>MYA ADAMS ZANE BRIGHT TITUS BOWLEY WHITLEY FOWLER</p>	<p>CHRISTY FOWLER ZAYNE HEDRICK ASHER KISAMORE JAYAH KUYKENDALL BRAILYNN MARSH KYRA MILLER NEVEAH STOUT QUINTON TETER HUNTER VANDEVANDER DEVIN WHITE LYLA WHITE PRINCIPALS HONOR ROLL 7TH GRADE</p> <p>CONNER BOYLES ISAIAH BOYLES MADISON CARR AMESLY CHANNELL ALISSA HEBB AVE HENDERSON BRANSON HYRE JOEL JONES JAYLEN LIEDY ISAIAH LIPSCOMB MARSELLA MCCLUNG DELAINEY RHODES KAMERON ROSIER LAYCEE SHAHAN DANIEL SMITH JOHNATHAN TUTTLE LONDON WILFONG HONOR ROLL 7TH GRADE</p> <p>BRAYDEN BONNER MATTALEE BROWN TYLER BUSH RACHEL CUMMINGS JADYN HEBB PEYTON HELMICK RHYS HOVATTER KHIA JACKSON BRAYLEE METZGAR-TRAVIS WINTER RICKS KYLEIGH ROSIER REGAN WIMER RILEY SLAUBAUGH PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL 8TH GRADE</p> <p>JAMES BARKLEY JAYDEN BARKLEY BRAYDEN BENNETT DRAVEN BUNNELL BELLA CARR RILEY COFFMAN JENELL GIDLEY RACHEL HILE TAMDEN HOWELL ALYSSA LAWRENCE BROOKLYN LORIA JOSHUA MOORE PARKER NEWMAN ALAINA OWENS TYLER RICOTTILLI KAYDENCE ROSIER AVA WILFONG SAVANNA SHAFFER ZAYDEN THORNE HONOR ROLL 8TH GRADE</p> <p>MARIA BENSINGER HOPE FLETCHER JACKSON FREEMAN KENAH GRIFFITH RILEY MASON TRINITY MCGEE HUNTER GRAFTON</p>
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Potholes Can Be a Black Hole for Your Wallet

Pothole damage repair costs Americans billions each year

****B-Roll footage of pothole damage available for broadcast: <https://vimeo.com/788046889>**

While tire-hungry potholes are typically a sign of spring, this winter's frequent temperature swings and bitter cold snaps have taken an early toll on the nation's roadways. AAA East Central advises motorists to take proactive steps to avoid costly repairs caused by hitting potholes.

"Not only do potholes pose a safety risk to motorists, they can also result in unexpected and costly repair bills," says Mike Hoshaw, vice president of automotive services, AAA East Central. "It can cost anywhere from \$250 to as much as \$1000 to fix problems like tire punctures and bent wheels along with more expensive issues like suspension damage."

A recent survey from AAA found that one in ten drivers sustained vehicle damage significant enough to warrant a repair after hitting a pothole. With an average price tag of almost \$600 per repair, damage caused by potholes costs American motorists almost \$3 billion each year.

Potholes form when moisture collects in small holes and cracks in the road surface. The moisture expands and contracts when

temperatures go up and down. This breaks up the pavement and, combined with the weight of passing cars, eventually results in a pothole.

To minimize vehicle damage from potholes, AAA East Central offers the following tips:

- Inspect tires: Properly inflated tires can act as a "cushion" when hitting a pothole.
- Look ahead: Make a point of scanning the road ahead for potholes so there is enough reaction time to avoid hitting a pothole.
- Slow down: If a pothole cannot be avoided, reduce speed safely without abrupt braking.
- Beware of puddles: Puddles often disguise deep potholes.
- Recognize noises/vibrations: A hard pothole impact can dislodge wheel weights, damage the tire or wheel, and even break suspension components. Any unusual noises after a pothole hit should be inspected immediately.
- Check for a spare: Many newer cars do not have spare tires. Check to see if the vehicle is equipped with a spare, and make sure to regularly check its PSI.

WVDNR stocks 61 waters

SOUTH CHARLES-TON, W.VA. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced on Monday that the following waters were stocked:

- Anthony Creek
- Big Clear Creek
- Boley Lake
- Buffalo Creek (Brooke)
- Buffalo Creek (Clay)
- Burnsville Tailwaters
- Cacapon Park Lakes
- Castlemans Run Lake
- Clear Fork of Guyandotte River
- Cranberry River
- Dillons Run
- Dog Run Lake (upper and lower sections)
- East River
- Edwards Run Pond
- Fort Ashby Reservoir
- Glade Creek of Mann
- Glady Fork
- Greenbrier River (Cass)
- Greenbrier River (Marlinton)
- Howards Creek
- Knapps Rocks Lake
- Knapps Creek
- Larenim Park Lake
- Little Clear Creek
- Lost River
- Marsh Fork
- Mash Fork
- Meadow Creek (Sum-

- mers)
- Middle Wheeling Lake
- Mill Creek (Hampshire)
- Mill Creek Reservoir
- New Creek Dam No. 14
- North Fork South Branch
- North River
- Opequon Creek
- Paint Creek
- Paw Paw Creek
- Pond Fork
- Poorhouse Pond
- R.D. Bailey Tailwaters
- Rocky Marsh Run
- Seneca Lake
- Shavers Fork (Bemis)
- Shavers Fork (lower section)
- Shavers Fork (upper section)
- South Branch (Franklin)
- South Branch (Smoke Hole)
- Spruce Knob Lake
- Stonewall Jackson Tailwaters
- Summit Lake
- Sutton Tailwaters
- Teter Creek Lake
- Tilhance Creek
- Trout Run
- Tuckahoe Lake
- Tuscarora Creek
- Upper Guyandotte River

- Waites Run
- Watoga Lake
- Wheeling Creek
- Whiteday Creek

While daily trout stockings are not announced in advance, the WVDNR publishes a list of recently stocked waters at WVdnr.gov/fish-stocking. Anglers may also find out what waters have been stocked by calling the stocking hotline at 304-558-3399. In inclement weather, missed stockings are made up by either additional stocking runs or additional fish added to upcoming stocking events. For more information about trout stocking locations, anglers should check pages 14-15 in the 2024 Fishing Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations.

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license, trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing for trout. Licenses and stamps can be purchased at more than 150 retail locations across the state or online at WVfish.com.

SPORTS

TUCKER GIRLS' WIN AT GRAFTON, FALL AT GILMER, WIN ON SENIOR NIGHT

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

GRAFTON – The Lady Mt. Lions Basketball team traveled to “AAA” Grafton on Monday February 5th for a contest with the Lady Bearcats. Tucker County led throughout the contest and the Lady Mt. Lions held off the Grafton comeback to win the contest by the final score of 52-46.

Tucker County controlled the first quarter as they led after one quarter 13-6. Both teams played the second quarter even as the Lady Mt. Lions won the second quarter slightly 9-8 to put the halftime score at 22-14 Tucker County.

Grafton came out firing in the third quarter as they fought back with a 19-12 advantage in the period to cut the Lady Mt. Lions lead to 34-33 at the start of the fourth quarter. Tucker County then responded in the final quarter as they outscored the Lady Bobcats 18-13 to get the road victory by the score of 52-46.

Raven Matthews led Tucker County in scoring with 15 points, 7 rebounds, 3 blocks on the night. Addie Hicks added 9 points for the Lady Mt. Lions and Katie Hicks had 8 points, 5 steals. Brylee Wetzel and Macy Helmick chipped in with 7 points each and Ericka Zirk added 6 points, 6 rebounds, 6 blocks for Tucker County. Helmick also dished out 6 assists on the night. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team also got the win 42-22.

GLENVILLE – The Tucker County Girls’ Basketball team traveled to #2 Gilmer County on Wednesday February 7th for a JV and Varsity contest. Gilmer County would pull away late for a close win in a classic back and forth game 56-51.

The game started as expected close and competitive by both teams with the Lady Titans leading after one quarter 17-13. The visiting Lady Mt. Lions fought back in the second quarter as they outscored the home team Gilmer County 13-10 to cut the halftime lead to 27-26 Lady Titans.

The third quarter was also close as Tucker County slightly edged Gilmer County in scoring 13-12 to tie the contest 39-39 as the fourth quarter started. The final quarter did not disappoint as both teams continued to battle back and forth throughout. The Lady Titans built a 53-50 lead late in the

game, but Tucker County could not get the score any closer as Gilmer County held on for the 56-51 victory.

Tucker County was led in scoring by Raven Matthews with 24 points, 8 rebounds, 4 steals and Macy Helmick added 9 points, 5 rebounds, 6 assists, 3 steals. Brylee Wetzel had 9 points and Katie Hicks had 4 steals, 4 assists in the loss for the Lady Mt. Lions. The Tucker County JV team got the win in the first game 46-40.

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions would then host Petersburg for Senior Night on Friday February 9th. Tucker County struggled to get their offense going the whole game, but the home team tied the game late in the fourth. The Lady Mt. Lions then won the game in the final seconds by the score of 51-49.

Tucker County started the game strong with a 7-2 lead early in the first quarter, but the Lady Vikings battled back to lead after one quarter 18-11. The Lady Mt. Lions then battled back slightly in the second quarter as they outpaced Petersburg 14-11 in the quarter to make the halftime score 29-25 Lady Vikings.

The third quarter was controlled by Petersburg as they built on their lead as they had a 14-11 advantage in the third to give the visiting Lady Vikings the 43-36 lead after three quarters of play. The Lady Mt. Lions then clamped down on defense to get back into the game. Tucker County fought back to tie the game at 49-49 with 1 minute remaining in the game. The Lady Mt. Lions defense then held Petersburg scoreless on their final possession to give Tucker County the ball back with 14 seconds left in the game. The home team then raced the ball down the floor and missed the shot attempt. The rebound was secured by Tucker County’s Ericka Zirk who made the layup and was fouled with 3.7 seconds left. This gave the Lady Mt. Lions the 51-49 lead. Zirk missed the foul shot and Petersburg was unable to get a shot off as time expired to give Tucker County the exciting 51-49 victory.

Brylee Wetzel led Tucker County in scoring with 15 points and Ericka Zirk added 12 points, 12 rebounds, 9 blocks. Makenna Evans chipped in with 8 points and 7 rebounds in the win for Tucker



Tucker County Girls’ Basketball players and support staff honored before the game on Feb. 9th(L-R): Addie Hicks, Avery Colebank, Ericka Zirk, Brylee Wetzel, Macy Helmick, Katie Hicks and Jacob Lower. Photo by Brittany Channell.



Lady Mt. Lions player Makenna Evans grabs the rebound on Feb. 9th against Petersburg. Tucker County won the game 51-49. Photo by Brittany Channell.



Tucker County’s Ericka Zirk looks for a shot against Petersburg on Feb. 9th. The Lady Mt. Lions got the win 51-49. Photo by Brittany Channell.

County. The Lady Mt. Lions also won by the score of 46-33. Senior players and support staff were honored before the varsity game. The Seniors were: Jacob Lower, Macy Helmick, Katie Hicks, Addie Hicks, Avery Colebank, Brylee Wetzel and Ericka Zirk.

Tucker County(15-5) will return to action Thursday February 15th at Moore-

field for the last game of the regular season. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team will then play a JV only game at Petersburg against Hampshire at 12 noon. The Tucker County Girls’ will start the Postseason on February 22nd at Keyser for the Sectional Championship at 7pm against the winner of Union / East Hardy. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

MT. LIONS WIN ROAD GAMES AT HAMPSHIRE AND WEBSTER COUNTY

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

ROMNEY – The Tucker County Boys’ team traveled to Hampshire on Tuesday February 6th. The Mt. Lions scored 25 points in the first quarter and then pulled away for the road win 70-41

Tucker County exploded for 25 first quarter points on the road at Hampshire to lead 25-7 after one quarter. The second quarter would also belong to the Mt. Lions as they outscored the Trojans 15-9 to make the halftime score 40-16 Tucker County.

The visiting Mt. Lions then scored 18 points in the third quarter, and they held Hampshire to 12 points to increase the Tucker County lead to 58-28 at the end of the third quarter. Hampshire would win the fourth quarter by the score of 13-12, but the Mt. Lions would win the game by the final score of 70-41.

Tucker County was led in scoring by Trevan Bonner with 23 points and Ethan Rosenau added 19 points for the Mt. Lions in the win. Ashton Lycliter had 8 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and Maddox Anderson dished out a team high 6 assists for Tucker County. The Mt. Lions JV team also won 58-33.

UPPER GLADE – The Mt. Lions traveled to Webster County on Friday

February 9th. Tucker County dominated the fourth quarter to get a big road victory by the score of 53-38.

Webster County came out strong in the first quarter as they led after one quarter 15-10. The Mt. Lions responded in the second quarter as Tucker County outscored the Highlanders 16-10 in the second to give the visiting Mt. Lions the lead at halftime 26-25.

The third quarter was even as both teams scored 10 points each to keep the Tucker County advantage at 1 point by the score of 36-35 Mt. Lions. The Tucker County defense then stepped up in the final quarter as they held Webster County to 3 points and the Mt. Lions scored 17 points to pull away for the 53-38 road win.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County with 24 points as he connected on 7 three-point baskets. Owen Knotts added 8 points and Garrett Wilfong chipped in with 7 points for the Mt. Lions in the win. The Tucker County JV team also won 67-38.

#1 Tucker County(14-3) will return to action on Friday February 16th at home against Moorefield, JV game will start at 5:45pm. The Mt. Lions will then host #2 Tug Valley on Saturday February 17th with JV action starting at 4pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Thursday February 15th

Tucker County Girls’ Basketball @ Moorefield 6pm
Davis-Thomas Girls’ & Boys’ Basketball @ Union Tournament - TBA

Friday February 16th

Tucker County Boys’ Basketball vs Moorefield @ Home 5:45pm

Saturday February 17th

Tucker County Boys’ Basketball vs Tug Valley @ Home 4pm

Tucker County Girls’ JV Basketball @ Petersburg Tournament 12pm

Davis-Thomas Girls’ & Boys’ Basketball @ Union Tournament - TBA

Tuesday February 20th

Girls’ Basketball Sectional Semifinal Union @ East Hardy 7pm

Thursday February 22nd

Tucker County Girls’ Basketball - Sectional Final @ Keyser 7pm

Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball, Cheer 8th Grade Recognition



Tucker Valley Girls’ Basketball and Cheer 8th grade Recognition(L-R):Brooklynn Loria, Alexis Malcom, Maddie Helmick, Cadence Bush, Kenah Griffith, Ava Wilfong and Rachel Hile. Picture by Brittany Channell.



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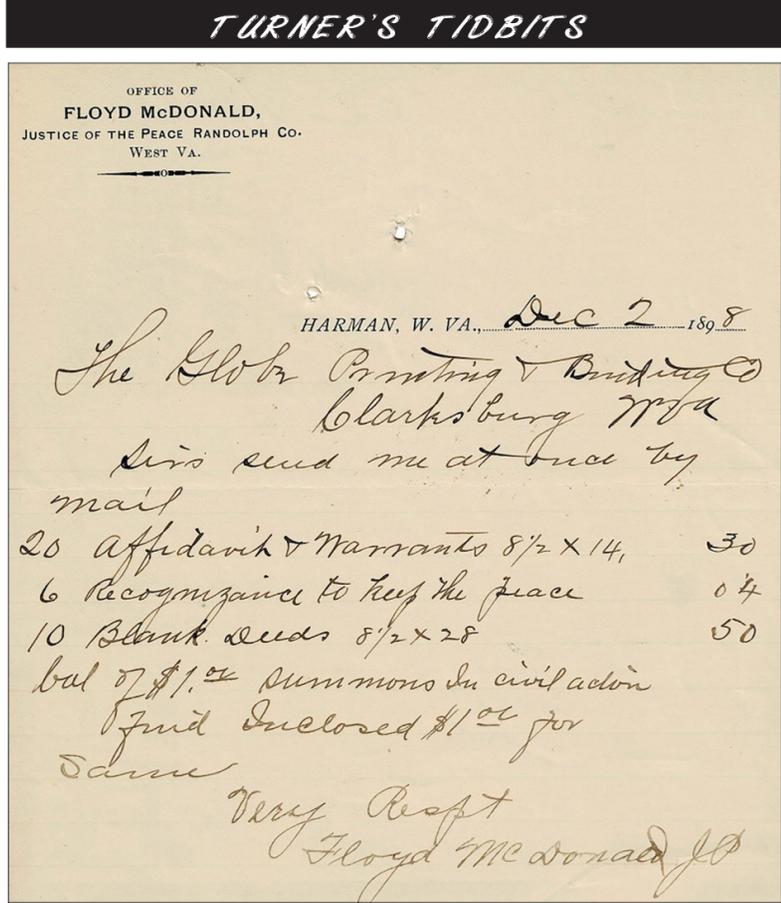
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Parsons**

Temperature
Max 58° F
Min 19° F

Precipitation
Week 0.08"
January 5.14"
February 0.05"
2024 5.19"

Snowfall
New Snow 0"
Snow on ground 0"
Winter Total 25"

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This is letterhead for Floyd McDonald (1873-1938), Justice of the Peace, Harman, Randolph County. He ordered office supplies on December 2, 1898, from The Globe Printing and Bindery of Clarksburg, WV. Floyd was the son of Peter and Mary Helmick McDonald; he was married to Jemima Cooper. Jemima was the daughter of Christian and Christina Carr Cooper of Harman and a sister to my Great-great grandmother Salome Cooper Wymer. Floyd was a Justice of the Peace in Tucker County, but I don't have dates for that. Ideas, suggestions, comments, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.



Davis Health System Scholarships Open to Applicants

Applications for Davis Health System Foundation scholarships for high school students are now open! The scholarship program at Davis Health System was inspired by Dr. Mason Todd Corder's care for his patients and passion for helping others enter the medical field. The DHS Foundation scholarships recognize and support students who are continuing their studies in a healthcare-related

field and are from Randolph, Barbour, Tucker, Upshur, Webster, and Pocahontas Counties. The deadline for application is March 22. Students will be notified by April 15. Visit the website <https://www.dhsfoundation.com/foundation-scholarship> for the guidelines and application.

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2024 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW
The Tucker County Commissioners will sit as the Board of Equalization & Review during the following dates:

Monday, January 29, 2024	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wednesday, January 31, 2024	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Friday, February 2, 2024**	Noon - 2:00 PM
Tuesday, February 13, 2024	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Thursday, February 17, 2024	11:00 AM Sine Die

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DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

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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)
Aaron B. Lester	Diana C. Kesceker
1st publication 2/14/24	PO Box 35
2nd publication 2/21/24	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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I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Robert T. Metz	Kimberly White
1st publication 2/7/24	1763 Evans Run Rd.
2nd publication 2/14/24	Elkins, WV 26241

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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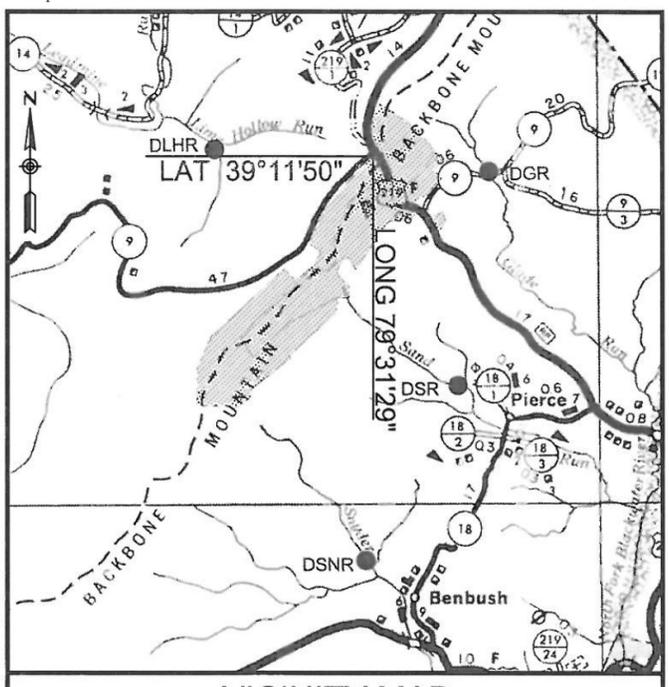
Notice is hereby given that FAIRFAX MATERIALS, INC., PO BOX 850,6110 Frost Place, Suite 150, LAUREL, MD 20725 has submitted an application for the reissuance of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV0043613 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150 in order to maintain, monitor and operate a surface quarry in the Homewood Sandstone seam/mineral bed. The operation will discharge treated storm water into Lime Hollow Run of Leadmine Run of Horseshoe Run of the Cheat River; and unnamed tributaries of/and Glade Run and unnamed tributaries of/and Sand Run, and unnamed tributaries of/and Snyder Run of the North Fork of the Blackwater River of the Black Fork of Cheat River and is located 3.0 miles northwest of Thomas in Fairfax and St. George Districts of Tucker County, Longitude 79° 31' 29.0" and Latitude 39° 11' 50.0" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, a full Tier 2 anti-degradation review has been conducted.

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by 3/15/2024, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219 Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV0043613



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under authority of that certain Deed of Trust dated June 21, 2013, from Alicia Dawn Bishoff to Marc B. Lazenby, Trustee, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 263, at page 20, securing a promissory note in the principal amount of \$40,542.84, payable to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., and default having been made under the promissory note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust and sale requested by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at the front door of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons, West Virginia on March 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., subject to all reservations, exceptions, easements and other matters which appear of record, and subject to all unpaid taxes, if any, the following piece or parcel of real estate, together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in St. George District, Tucker County, West Virginia, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at an iron pipe set 1 foot southwest of telephone pole (#31) which is on the southwest side of a lane to Hile Cemetery, said pipe is set 21 feet southeast of the centerline of Tucker County Route #7 in the northeast boundary line between Marie and Marvin K. Phillips 84/570, and Terry Hile 88/465; thence with the boundary line fence, S. 26 23 E. 241.06 feet to an iron pipe set at a fence corner to said Phillips and Hile, thence generally with the boundary line between Phillips and Hile S. 58 30 W. 120 feet to an iron pipe set about 1 foot north of the fence, thence leaving the fence line and through the Phillips tract N. 26 16 W. 268.17 feet to an iron pipe set 18 feet southeast of the centerline of Tucker County Route 7, thence along the south side of Tucker County Route 7, N. 71 28 E. 120 feet to the beginning, containing .71 of an acre, more or less, as shown on a plat recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission in Deed Book 203 at page 18, and as surveyed on March 15, 1983, by G. W. Wendel, LLS #317. Together with a certain 2013 Manufactured Home, Serial No. CWP023896TN.

Being the same property conveyed from Marsha Jean Bishoff to Alicia D. Bishoff by Deed dated April 23, 2013, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 211, at page 538.

Terms of the sale: Cash or certified funds due on date of sale.

Given under my hand this 1st day of February, 2024.

/s/ Marc B. Lazenby
Trustee

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURE SERVICES

The Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is requesting statements of qualifications from qualified consulting firms to provide the necessary services to construct a new visitor's center in Tucker County, WV, and any other enhancements on the CVB property. Professional services to be provided may include, but will not be limited to, the following: site design; preparation of all necessary permit applications; completion of an environmental report; preparation of construction plans, specifications, and bidding documents; assistance during bidding; construction administration services; and construction inspection services.

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with WV Code Chapter 5G and 2 CFR 200. All firms interested in being considered for this selection must submit by e-mail a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, related prior experience, and professional references.

The goal of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality service. Accordingly, technical expertise and related past experience will be weighed heavily. The candidates judged most qualified based on a review of the statements of qualifications will be interviewed. The firm determined to be the most qualified based on an evaluation of the interviews will be asked to prepare fee proposals for engineering services as project scopes are finalized.

Please submit proposals by e-mail to: Jessica Waldo, Executive Director, Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau jcanaanvalley.org and Lisa Karickhoff, Project Specialist, Region VII Planning and Development Council lkarickhoff@regioavii.com. Proposals will be accepted until Friday, February 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

The CVB reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all submissions. All work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by State and Federal agencies relative hereto. The selected candidate will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement, and the Access to Records provisions. The CVB shall ensure, to the fullest extent possible, that positive efforts are made to utilize small businesses, including those in rural areas, minority-owned firms, and women-owned business enterprises. The CVB will afford full opportunity to women and minority owned business enterprises to submit a show of interest and response to this request and will not discriminate against any interested individual or firm on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in award of the contract.

Jessica Waldo, Executive Director
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