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Two Bodies Recovered in Mt. Storm Boating Accident

By: Lydia Crawley
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MT. STORM, W.Va. - In an interview with the Parsons Advocate on Sunday, May 26th, Sgt. Adam Kuykendall of the West Virginia Natural Resources Police confirmed the recovery of two bodies in Mt. Storm Lake in Grant County. The recovery efforts concluded a week long effort following a boating accident on Monday, May 20th.

According to Kuykendall, on Monday the 20th, a single vessel, containing two occupants was on Mt. Storm Lake when the operator lost control around 4:40 p.m. In the incident, both the operator and passenger were ejected from the vessel and submerged into the water, according to Kuykendall. "Last

Monday, on May the 20th at 4:40 p.m., we got a complaint of a boating incident on Mt. Storm Lake in Grant County, West Virginia," Kuykendall said.

Efforts on the lake have been a recovery effort since the day of the incident, according to Kuykendall. The body of the first victim was recovered on Saturday, May 25th around 5 p.m., Kuykendall said. In a follow up phone call to the Parsons Advocate later Sunday evening, Kuykendall confirmed the second victim had been recovered that evening. "We've been doing a recovery since Monday," Kuykendall said.

Kuykendall thanked the effort of the community during the recovery effort. "I want to give out a huge thank you to Dominion Power. They've been very supportive with their staff and their resources during this operation," Kuykendall said. "Our DNR Recovery Team, First Responders from Mt. Storm Fire Company, Petersburg Fire Company."

Kuykendall also thanked the family of the victims for their cooperation during the operation and that there were hopes that the recovery of their family members will bring them closure. "The family has been very courteous during

this whole thing," Kuykendall said. "We just hope they can get some closure."

Kuykendall said the lake had been closed during the recovery effort, but that the community was being very supportive and understanding during the effort. "I just wanted to give a big thank you to the local community and the public," Kuykendall said. "We actually shut the lake down for five, six days and the public has really supported that. We haven't had any issues with that."

Alcohol was not suspected to be a factor in the incident and the names of the victims have not yet been released, according to Kuykendall. A call to the Charleston Headquarters for further information and identification of victims was unanswered due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

"We just hope they can get some closure," Kuykendall said.

Blackwater PSD Eliminates Douglas Falls as Potential Treatment Facility Site

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Blackwater PSD stated at their meeting May 21st, that Douglas Falls has been eliminated as a potential site for sewage treatment plant. At the meeting, the board also stated that the search has been narrowed down to four sites, of which one will eventually be

"That was the site and now it is completely out," Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said.

Tomson and Judy Cronauer. Board Member and Thomas Mayor Jody Flanagan was absent from the meeting. Executive Director Shane Whitehair and Project Specialist Lisa Karickhoff represented Region VII at the meeting. In the audience were Tucker County Commission President Mike

Rosenau and Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis.

When asked by Commissioner

Davis about the decision, Tomson said that while he had no specific details, several factors went into the decision to eliminate Douglas Falls as a site. "I don't have the details on why its out," Tomson said. "I

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A now vacant lot on Main Street, pictured during demolition in September of 2023, is the site of a housing and commercial project in the City of Parsons that was the subject of debate during a recent City Council meeting.

Main Street Development Site Plans Reconsidered Following Neighbor Concerns

By: Lydia Crawley
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The City of Parsons Council changed its mind on the direction the development of a now vacant lot on Main Street will take. The lot, next to the Veterans Memorial, was part of a beautification initiative that saw a total of three buildings in the City torn down this past fall. The vacant two lot area has been in the early stages of development by Woodlands Development Group and encompasses one lot owned by Woodlands and an adjoining City owned lot.

The City Council has previously voted to adopt a plan that would see two three story buildings placed on the lots with parking areas in front of the buildings. This plan was voted to be changed fol-

lowing concerns raised by an affected neighbor in the area.

Mimi Kibler, who owns the house directly behind the construction site, wrote a letter and addressed the Council during the Council's May 21st meeting. Kibler listed her concerns to include not being previously consulted by the City, being unaware of a vote on the design, and the substantial impact a three story building would have on her view of the mountains. "What I said in the letter is that it is going to affect my life quite a bit," Kibler said. "Having a tall building in front of my house and I wish there were another solution."

Kibler was soft spoken when voicing her concerns to the Council and said she just wanted her voice to be heard. Kibler also said she had no

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The Tucker County Commission signed a proclamation May 22nd for May Community Action Month 60th Anniversary. Pictured from left: Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis, Amy Owens, Barbara Simmons, Willetta Bolinger, Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau and Tucker County Commissioner Tim Knotts.

County Commission Celebrates Community Action 60th Anniversary

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Tucker County Commission passed a resolution on May 22nd proclaiming May as Community Action Month. The proclamation also recognized the 60th Anniversary of Community Action. Representatives for Community Action were on hand and included Barbara Simmons, Amy Owens and Willetta Bolinger.

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau commented on the combined 70 years of experience the representatives from Community Action had. "I've worked with Barbara (Simmons)," Rosenau said. "I went to school with her and you have 45 years with the agency and Amy, you have...25 years."

Rosenau also said he felt the staff's extensive experience in the field contributed to the wisdom they shared not only with the board, but the community as well. A trait, Rosenau said, he had witnessed himself over the years. "So what knowledge is in these two ladies for our community," Rosenau said. "The things that you have shared with us and helped people throughout, I've seen it."

Rosenau said he remembered advice his father gave him over 30 years ago. According to Rosenau, his father had told him

to work with Simmons and Community Action in any way he could. Rosenau said his father said the organization did a lot of good in Tucker County. "Dad worked with you and one of the advice he gave me was, I can still remember that when I got on council years and years ago, is he said," Rosenau said. "Now you know Barbara Simmons, now you help her anyway you can. My dad was pretty straight forward, he didn't pull any punches. He said, 'She helps the people in this community.' I can still hear him telling me that."

Rosenau thanked the staff of Community Action before he read the proclamation into the record. "I want to thank you on a personal level because I have seen it first hand," Rosenau said. "We want to thank you all for all you do for our community."

Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis shared a personal experience he had with the organization at a time when he was in need. "I walked into her office and said, 'I hear you might be able to help me to get a house,'" Davis said. "Less than a year later, she put me in a brand new home and did that for me and my family. I appreciate it very much. I just want you to know that."

Rosenau said that organizations and government within the County work in cooperation. "We help each other in this community," Rosenau said.

County Proceeds With Plan for County Farm Cemetery

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Tucker County Commission heard updates on plans for the County Farm Cemetery site at Camp Kidd. The updates were part of the Commission's May 22nd meeting. Tucker County Commission Administrator Shelia DeVilder updated the Commission on the progress of grants and opportunities associated with the restoration of the site.

DeVilder said she had been working on two grants from the State Historic Preservation Office for the site at Camp Kidd. One grant is slated to fund a geophysical survey of the site to locate all the graves in the area. The other grant, according to DeVilder, is intended to fund the border fencing of the site.

DeVilder said her office had difficulty in finding six companies in the area to solicit quotes from. DeVilder said that most companies were not interested in the project and out of the six inquiries required by the grant, only one company responded. "I only got one response to those," DeVilder said. "I was required to send six out, at least six and it was very difficult to find six in our area that would even consider it, but I got one response back and they are excited to get started."

DeVilder said the second grant was a Day of Remembrance grant. The grant parameters, according to DeVilder, were intended for maintenance of cemeteries. "They had an opportunity for another grant," DeVilder said. "Its a Day of Remembrance and it is for maintenance, cleaning, any kind of assistance whether its cleaning of headstones, whether its cleaning tree debris removal, fixing fences, whatever you can do around the cemetery."

DeVilder said that while the site is not yet an official cemetery, the County was told that they would qualify. According to DeVilder, her office had already applied for the maximum amount of the grant in the amount of \$10,000. The grant is anticipated to be

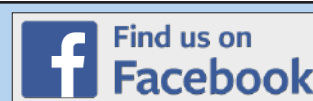
awarded around July 1st, according to DeVilder, with word on the County's application to be received shortly after. "We qualified, they said, to apply that even though its not an official cemetery yet," DeVilder said. "So I sent that in and requesting the full \$10,000."

According to DeVilder, for the grant, her office was only required to submit one quote. The quote the County was given is higher than the amount of the grant due to the desire the County has to maintain the historic appearance of the site and coordinate with existing cast iron fencing the County plans to use on the project. DeVilder said her office had submitted photographs provided by a fencing company with the quote to illustrate what the look of the site is anticipated to be. The existing fencing that the County intends to use, according to the County, is remaining fence from the Old Jail. "We wanted it to blend in with historic, the cast iron fencing that we have and so it was a little bit more expensive," DeVilder said. "It costs more than actually the \$10,000, but that is what I sent the quote in for so that it would blend in with everything else that we have."

The Commission approved a contract with CRA for the geophysical survey of the site. The contract, according to DeVilder, outlined that payment for the services would be provided in thirds, per grant requirements. The first installment, according to DeVilder, will be paid after completion of the physical survey. The second installment, DeVilder said, would be paid after receipt of the report and documentation. The final third of the payment would be paid upon approval from the State Historic Preservation Office. "We just had to put in a timeline when we would make the first payment," DeVilder said. "The first third would be payable, the second third and then the final they designate is not paid until (the State Historic Preservation Office) approves all of the final documentation and reporting."



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News of Record

The following criminal complaint has been filed in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

- **Zaden Anthony White**, of Thomas, was charged with one count of Domestic Battery and one count of Domestic Assault. According to the complaint on Saturday, Jan. 6, at approximately 1:30 a.m. Trooper R.S. Musgrave was dispatched by Tucker County 911 to 234 Benbush Rd. in Thomas, to a physical domestic. Musgrave was advised it was between father, Timothy White and son Zaden White. At approximately 1:56 a.m. Musgrave along with PFC Gidley arrived at the address. At this time, the officers were advised Z. White (the son) had left the residence prior to their arrival. Musgrave spoke with T. White (the father) and observed swelling and redness around the face along with lacerations and

abrasions. He stated he and his son were drinking in the residence and at one time his son wanted to travel to another location to which he refused. Both parties began to get in a verbal altercation and the son began destroying and breaking items in the residence. He then rushed his father shoving and pushing him into the nearest bedroom and began striking him with a closed fist multiple times to the face. The father said once he was on the ground his son proceeded to kick him in the head, to which point he saw a flash (consistent with being knocked unconscious). There were two juveniles within the residence who stated to both officers they observed the incident. At this time T White stated he began to call 911 and his son left the residence. On this same date Musgrave obtained a written and recorded statement

from T. White, along with pictures of his injuries and the damage done within the residence. This incident occurred in Tucker County. 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:

- Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc., Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit C1 Week 37 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to John E. Bennett and Patricia A. Bennett, \$6,000.
- Matthew R. Mosley and Carrie-Anne Mosley, Dry Fork District, lot 23 Northface .200 acres to Roney Property Investments WV LLC, \$200,000.
- Jeffray D. Burns, Fairfax District, Lot 4 Coketon, Surface Only to Canaan RE Holdings LLC, \$80,000.

Blackwater PSD

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know that we talked in the past about Douglas Falls, the size of the land that's available is problematic and where it discharges into the North Fork is also a challenge. To have it further up where Thomas is, is beneficial because you get more aeration, you get more drop."

According to Tomson, RK&K are currently exploring options for the treatment plant and has narrowed the search for a site to four locations, eliminating Douglas Falls from consideration for a site. "The collection as far as to where we consider locating the treatment plant, there are four options right now that are being considered," Tomson said.

The four locations, according to Tomson, currently under consideration are: the old tannery site in Davis which would discharge into the Blackwater River, the tannery location in Davis which would discharge into the North Fork, across from the landfill on Western Pocahontas property and the existing plant in Thomas. "Those are the four that are being considered," Tomson said.

According to Tomson, several factors will be explored when considering the individual sites. Considerations such as environmental impact and regulations, the costs associated with pumping and the various factors associated with leachate from the landfill were all mentioned by Tomson. "They are going to look at them from a standpoint of the issues with discharge, the rivers that

you are going to be dumping into and the requirements that the EPA and the DEP have for those rivers," Tomson said. "As well as, pumping costs and all those kinds of things and then we have the factor of the leachate from the landfill, hard to pump, trucking's a pain. So that will be another factor that gets put into the equation."

Rosenau said he liked the idea of placing the plant where the existing Thomas plant is, as well as its lack of visibility from the main roads. Tomson said he favored the site across from the landfill due to the "quasi-industrial" nature of the site and the issues with leachate. Rosenau expressed concern on the site due to not only visibility from a main thoroughfare. Davis expressed concerns with the site due to the construction of the proposed hiking and bicycle trail to be constructed parallel to Route 32.

Tomson said that a final determination will not be made until after viewing the preliminary engineering report and a public comment period. "We'll see," Tomson said. "We will get those options. They will have cost analysis, they'll have engineering pros and cons and they'll make recommendations on what they think from their standpoint is the best and then we will look at it from a public standpoint, too."

Tomson said that currently, RK&K are engaged in extensive data collection. A preliminary report, Tomson said, was expected to be completed in July. The

data collection, according to Tomson, is geared at anticipating future growth in the area and allowing the plant to be expanded in the future. Whitehair said that the design is anticipated to allow for future growth without being over-sized during the initial build. According to Whitehair, the design is seeking to find a balance between having an over-sized plant that would be inefficient and having an undersized plant. "They are doing a lot of data collection," Tomson said. "And a lot of it is looking down the road 10, 15, 20 years so we don't have to revisit this for a while. It will make sure that the plant, if it needs to expand, has expansion capabilities."

In other business, the board voted to approve the hiring of legal and accounting services. Bennett Dobbins was awarded the accounting contract in the amount of \$55,000 for the PSD and Steptoe and Johnson received the legal contract of \$50,000. "I'm excited to have those guys working on this," Tomson said.

Also discussed were two proposals for bond council for the PSD. The proposals from Jackson Kelley and Steptoe and Johnson were considered by the board with no decisions made at the meeting and action on the issue to be undertaken at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Blackwater PSD is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th at 10 a.m. at the Davis Town Hall in Davis.

Site Plan

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intention of trying to stop the project, but wanted to offer alternatives to the proposed design. "I don't feel like I can veto this project," Kibler said. "It's not my property, I understand that, but just letting you know how it is going to affect me."

Council Member Tim Turner voiced concerns over the direction the project had taken. "We're waiting on a lot for this project," Turner said. "I think it was started incorrectly in the beginning, quite honestly."

Parsons Mayor Bruce Kolsun said that he and the Council viewed the project as a boost to economic development in the City. "We're looking at economic development," Kolsun said. "We're looking at bringing in people, bringing in businesses. That's what we are looking at."

Recorder Tim Auvil said that the building that previously inhabited the site was a dangerous eyesore. Auvil also explained that Woodlands had received \$3 million for the project to rebuild on the site. Auvil also stated concerns that were the project not to go forward, it would affect the city's ability to obtain funding in the future. "They acquired \$3 million of funding to rebuild it so, its got to be rebuilt," Auvil said. "Because you're burning bridges for financing, grants of any kind and the city can't afford to do that, by any means."

The Council discussed the potential to change the design of the building and stated that under the agreement with Woodlands, the Council has approval authority for the design. Council Member Melissa Jones stated that she felt the design might have to change depending on the view of the WV Department of Highways opinion on the design of the parking lot access.

Kolsun said that DOH had agreed to the plans. However, Jones questioned Kolsun on whether paperwork had been submitted and signed off by the entity. Turner said that he had been in contact with the regional office and the project had permission to go on the property to begin construction, but no paperwork had been filed with the DOH. "There was permission granted to go on the property to build," Turner said, "but there was never paperwork completed for ingress and egress on the property."

Kibler said she preferred the initial design of the project that would place a three story building on the empty lot owned by Woodlands next to the Veterans Memorial and would place a parking lot on the City owned lot directly below Kibler's property. Kibler also said she would also agree to a plan with a flat roof that would not impede her view.

Kibler also said she wanted to clear up any confusion the council may have had concerning her view of the project. Kibler said she felt the council may have been misinformed that she was "ok" with the project. "I kind of her that maybe you all thought I was ok with all of it," Kibler said. "I just really wanted to clear up that I'm not really happy with that."

Auvil said there was already a long term lease in affect on the lot. Auvil stated that Woodlands could not have obtained funding for the project without access to the lot for parking. Jones asked if the lease was in writing and that she did not recall there being a lease in place. Turner also expressed concerns over the "And was that done correctly?" Turner said. "Because if its not done correctly, it can't be done anyway."

Auvil said that the plans for the development have been in motion for over two years. Auvil further stated that the current council were present from the beginning of the project. "Everybody here at this

table has been present on this from the beginning, so it shouldn't be a surprise," Auvil said.

City Attorney Tim Stranko said he was not concerned about the lease issue, should one already be in place. Stranko said that any agreement already in place could easily be remedied, if needed. Stranko also reminded the council that the issue at hand was that of the building design. "Let's not let the tail wag the dog here," Stranko said. "This is all paper that we can manage or repair if there's mistakes. We can always fix things on paper. The question is what do you want to see on the ground and what do we tell the developer in regards to guidance they are looking for to go forward."

Other issues surrounding the project were also discussed by the Council which included a debate over the City owned lot. The Council discussed the issues surrounding the option to either sell or lease the lot to Woodlands for the development. Stranko informed the Council that should they choose to sell the lot, it would have to be at public auction. Stranko also pointed out that a lease for a building would also require public input.

Turner stated that he felt the City should go back to the original plan that was proposed by Woodlands. Under the proposal, a three story building would be erected on the Woodlands lot with the City owned lot utilized for parking. According to Turner, this proposal was used to secure funding for the project initially. "They are still going to build," Turner said. "They are going to build on their property. It doesn't change anything because they applied for a grant to do...That was the basis of their grant."

Auvil said he was concerned over the designs and blue prints that were in the process of being drawn up for the two building design already approved by the City. "Then we need to tell them to halt them," Turner said.

Kolsun said he felt that it would have been proper to discuss the issue with Woodlands prior to taking a vote to change the current design plan. Kolsun said he felt it was unfair to make a motion and vote on the issue without the knowledge of Woodlands. "I just think that this is not right to do without talking to our developer," Kolsun said. "I just think its unfair to vote. Council is steamrolling something else without even talking to them."

Jones suggested having the architect come before the Council to discuss the issue further. Council Member Sam Humphrey agreed that further talks were warranted. Kolsun said he had no issues with speaking with Woodlands about appearing at the next meeting. "I suggest you talk to them and have them at the next meeting," Humphrey said.

Turner made a motion to return to the original design and lease the City owned lot to Woodlands for the development. The motion carried with Auvil opposing the measure and Council Member David Greenleaf, Sr. not voting on the measure.

Stranko said that the Council was free to vote as they wish and advised the Council on the next steps moving forward after the vote. "Council gets to do what Council gets to do," Stranko said. "But I think our job now is to inform them 'A' is the ticket and that the circumstance changes and that (Kibler) came and talked to us about her concerns. Its that simple. Its not nefarious. This is what happened."

The next meeting of the Parsons City Council will be held Tuesday, May 21st at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building located at 341 Second Street in Parsons.

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SPORTS

Tucker County Athlete Awards Were Presented at Ceremony



Tucker County High School Senior Athlete Award Recipients(L-R): Ethan Rosenau, Macy Helmick, Katie Hicks, photo by Dave Helmick.

The Annual Senior Sports Awards were presented by Tucker County High School Athletic Director AJ Rapp at the Awards Ceremony on Thursday May 23rd in the school gymnasium.

The first award was the Senior Female and

Male Athlete of the year, which is voted on by the coaches. This award was presented to Katie Hicks and Ethan Rosenau. The final sports award was the Senior Female and Male Academic Athlete of the year. This award went to Macy Helmick and Ethan Rosenau.

2024 Graduation, Baccalaureate and Awards Ceremony



Principal Alex Cork addresses Graduates



Tucker County Superintendent Alicia Lambert addresses Graduates



Class of 2024 Salutatorian speech, Jacob Lower(left) and Christina Dotson(right)



Mt. Lion Scholarship Winners'



Class of 2024 Top Ten



Class of 2024 Valedictorian speech, Macy Helmick



Graduates celebrate



Tucker Community Foundation Winners



Class of 2024, Valedictorian and Salutatorian - Macy Helmick, Jacob Lower



Presentation of Class of 2024 Valedictorian - Macy Helmick



Therapeutic Services, CTE Completers



National Honors Society Members



Graduates entering the field for ceremony



Class of 2024 President Hannah Cussins passes baton to Class of 2025 President Reagan Herron



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OBITUARIES

Marcia Lea Hunt Evans

Marcia Lea Hunt Evans, age 57 years, a resident of Parsons, W.Va., departed this life in the early morning hours, Sunday, May 19, 2024, in her home surrounded by loved ones.

She was born on Wednesday, May 25, 1966, in upstate New York, a daughter of the late Donald Thomas Hunt and Nancy Moot Hunt. On April 2, 1988, she was married to the love of her life, high school sweetheart, the late Denzil Earl Evans, Jr.

She is survived by one son: Thomas Earl Evans and wife Zoe of Thomas, W.Va., two brothers: James Douglas Hunt of St. George, W.Va., and Richard David Hunt and wife Amy of Hambleton, W.Va.; mother-in-law Wanda Crossland and husband Richard of Thomas, W.Va.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Also surviving are four uncles, three brothers-in-law, and one sister-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her father-in-law Denzil Earl Evans, Sr., sister-in-law Laura Hunt, and brother-in-law Richard Crossland.

Her family moved from New York to Parsons when she was a young child. She attended Hamrick Elementary School of which she often shared



fond memories. She was a graduate of TCHS with the Class of 1984. After graduation she moved to Florida and began her career as a police dispatcher. She returned to Parsons in 1988 and began serving as a dispatcher for the West Virginia State Police, eventually becoming Supervising Dispatcher until retiring after 35 years of service.

Marcia was a beautiful soul, who warmed the hearts of all who knew her. She adored her son Thomas and his wife Zoe and devoted her life to ensuring they knew how much they were loved. She was an exceptional artist with many talents, the greatest being her love and compassion for others.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Parsons, and extremely devoted to her faith. She was a beacon of light to many. She served

several positions within the church including VBS Director, Director of Children's Ministry, Women's Small Group Ministry Leader, and assisted in the Hinkle House Food Pantry. She served on the Board as an active member of Our House Ministries of which she was instrumental in assisting to establish and sustain from its inception. She was devoted to serving others selflessly. Her life was a true reflection of the love of Christ.

The family will receive friends at the Hostetler Funeral Home in Parsons, W.Va. on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, from 4:00 until 8:00 pm. On Thursday, May 23, 2024, Marcia will be moved to the First United Methodist Church of Parsons for the funeral service, which will be held at 10:00 am. Pastor S. Jeff Anderson and Reverend Julie Davis will officiate. Interment will follow in the Bethel Cemetery in Holly Meadows. Memorial donations may be made to Our House Ministries, 1021 Jobs Run Rd, Kerens, WV 26276 and WV Caring, 169 Diamond Street, Elkins, WV 26241. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Marcia Lea Hunt Evans. Send online condolences to the family at: www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com

Paul Wojtkowski, 77, of Davis, WV formerly of Pittsburgh PA, passed from this life Monday, May 20, 2024 at home surrounded by his loving family. He had been in declining health and was under the care of Mountain Hospice. Paul was born July 9, 1946 in Pittsburgh to the late Peter and Daisy Wojtkowski.

Paul is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mae Wojtkowski. His daughter, Mae Teter and husband, Asa of Red Creek, WV and his son Michael

Paul Wojtkowski



Wojtkowski, of Atlanta Ga. One granddaughter, Jordan Leah Teter and one grandson, Devin Paul Teter both of Red Creek, WV. His sister, Barbara Yakin of Bradenton FL.

Three nephews, Dr. Timothy Connelly of GA, Richard Yakin and Peter Yakin of FL. Several great nieces and nephews also survive.

A Blessing Service will be held at St Stanislaus Cemetery, 700 Soose Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15209 on Friday, May 24, 2024 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be made to Mountain Hospice, 1002 S. Crim Avenue, Belington, WV 26250 in Paul's name. Arrangements by William F. Gross Funeral.

Betty Jean Whitehead

Betty Jean Whitehead, age 68, of Sand Creek, Michigan died Friday, May 17, 2024, at her home. She was born March 13, 1956, in Parsons, WV, to Melvin and Lucy Jean (Harmon) Nestor. On August 18, 1997, she married Earl Whitehead in Toledo, OH. He preceded her in death on May 15, 2016.

Betty was employed by Merillat Industries for 33 years. She attended Jasper Bible Church. She loved the color purple, working with flowers, cake decorating, photography, and crafts. Most of all, she cherished time spent with her beloved grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, James (Danielle) Wilson of Archbold, OH and Chad Wilson (Rachel Niles) of Morenci; six grandchild-



dren, Jasmine, Joseline, Clinton, Clara, Easton, and Teagan; her siblings, Garrett Nestor of Parsons, WV, Nancy Shaffer Nestor of Parsons, WV, and Leonard Nestor of Parsons, WV; brother-in-law, Bill Whitehead of Toledo, OH. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Vicky Bodkins

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., at the Anderson-Marry Funeral Home in Adrian, Michigan with Rev. Bruce Jewitt officiating. The family will receive friends for visitation also on Tuesday, from 2:00 p.m. until the service begins. A graveside service will be conducted Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in Parsons City Cemetery in Parsons, WV. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Anderson-Marry Funeral Home in Adrian, Michigan and The Hostetler Funeral Home in Parsons, West Virginia for Betty Jean Whitehead. Send online condolences to the family at www.andersonfuneralservices.com and www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com

How to keep an AC unit running strong

Air conditioners are a lifeline come the dog days of summer, when soaring temperatures make a well-cooled home a welcome respite from the outdoors. Maintaining an AC unit ensures it will be there to keep everyone cool when the mercury rises. The following are some steps homeowners can take to keep their AC units in tip-top shape this summer.

¥ Replace the air filter on the unit. Dirt, dust, debris, and pollen can quickly fill the filter on an AC unit. Replacing these filters prior to summer can make the unit operate more efficiently and keep cool air circulating throughout the house all summer. Homeowners can first identify which type of unit they have and then find an online tutorial to see how to replace the filter. Some filters are more expensive than others, but the cost is still low and the energy savings can be substantial.

¥ Schedule annual maintenance on the unit. Routine maintenance performed by a local HVAC technician is another way to ensure an AC unit is running at peak capacity when it's most needed. Such maintenance is perhaps most effective in spring, as that ensures the unit is running strong from the first heat wave of the summer all the way through Labor Day. HVAC technicians can identify problems and recommend services that homeowners may not recognize they need until it's already hot out. Annual maintenance appointments

also give HVAC professionals a chance to assess a system compared to the previous year, which can help them identify if a unit is nearing its end. That can ensure homeowners are not caught off guard when the unit needs to be replaced.

¥ Help the unit make it through the summer. Whether it's a typical summer or one marked by a handful of heat waves, AC units can use a little help to get through the season. Closing curtains throughout the house on hot afternoons is a natural way to keep a home cool during a heat wave, and that can cut back on home cooling costs and protect a unit from being overworked. Ceiling fans also can be installed to keep rooms cool and circulate air, which also makes a hot summer a little less taxing on an AC unit.

¥ Use a programmable thermostat. Programmable thermostats allow homeowners to set the temperatures inside their homes throughout the day. If no one is home during the afternoon, there's no reason to have the AC cranking. Program the thermostat so the house is comfortable when people are home, but raise the desired temperature when no one is around. That gives the AC unit a break during the day and can help to dramatically reduce the cost of cooling the home.

AC units will not last forever, but some simple maintenance can improve their life expectancy and keep homes comfortable throughout the summer.

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What's? Happening

Free Friday Cancelled

Free Friday at the First United Methodist Church of Parsons has been cancelled for the month of May. Join us the last Friday of June for the next Free Friday.

REVIVAL

Pastor Eric Pennington from Harrisonburg, Va. will be at the St. George Church of God on Friday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, June 1 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 2 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Friends of Cortland

There will be a meeting of the Friends of Cortland Acres Monday, June 3 at 10 a.m. in the Gathering Room at Cortland Acres at 1 p.m. For more information, call Marie Grafton, Activities Director, at 304-463-4181 Ext 218

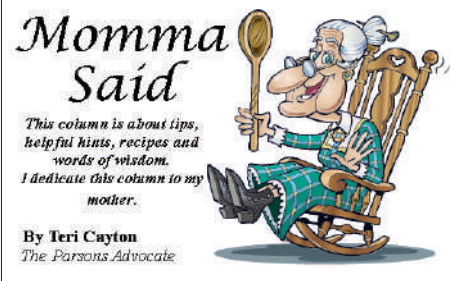
AARP Safe Driver Class

You are invited to an AARP Safe Driver class on June 12 at the Parsons library. \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members. You could save on your car insurance!

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

I am having a crisis on my hands with my dog Raven. I don't know what has gotten into her but she is worse than having a two year old running around ruining things. This dog has started to destroy my house. So far this dog has chewed the wall off my outbuilding, ate my recliner, yes she ate it, shredded three dog beds, one cushion, three remotes all in one night, (luck had it that I found all the batteries), one rug, a nail file, a paintbrush, and three comforters for my bed. Also there was a dead baby opossum on the deck last week.

It is not like she doesn't have enough stuff to chew on, there are bones all over my house and out in her yard, she had balls and squeaky toys. I just don't know what has gotten into her. *Momma Said*, "Stuff happens for a reason." I just don't know the reason she is nine months old and doesn't have any baby teeth left so I guess she has her own reason. I did need a new chair I just wasn't



prepared to get one yet.

Now the question is, if I get a new chair is it going to end up in the trash as well? I might have to get a muzzle for her to wear at night so she can't chew on anything. I just want my normal life back and not have to worry what mess I will have to clean up each morning. *Momma Said*, "Maybe I should have become the crazy cat lady!!"

I hope everyone had a fantastic Memorial Day weekend to kick off the summer. As always, be safe, take care of each other and remember *Momma Said*, "Treat people like you want to be treated."



May 30, 1940: Smoke Hole Caverns in Grant County opened for tours. The cave is beautifully decorated with stalactites hanging in rows along the ceiling; the main room is called the "Room of a Million Stalactites."

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.

May 29, 1778: Dick Pointer, an enslaved person in Greenbrier County, helped save about 60 settlers who were attacked by Indians at Fort Donnally near Lewisburg during the Revolutionary War.

May 29, 1949: Singer-songwriter, labor activist, educator and radio host Elaine Purkey was born in West Hamlin.

May 29, 1961: Alderson and Chloe Muncy in McDowell County received the first food stamps in the nation. After observing malnutrition and poverty during his campaign, President John Kennedy directed the government to establish a pilot food stamp program.

May 31, 1841: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Kain was born near Martinsburg. As bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling, he worked to meet the needs of the newly arrived immigrants who came to labor in West Virginia's mines and factories.

May 31, 1946: Writer Meredith Sue Willis was born in Clarksburg and raised in Shinnston. Willis has authored books for children and on the subject of writing, and much of her adult fiction is set in West Virginia.

June 1, 1880: An 86-round bare-knuckle prize fight for championship of the world was held in the Brooke County town of Colliers, between defending champion Joe Goss and challenger Paddy Ryan. Boxing was illegal in every state, and matches were often held in railroad villages to avoid big-city police.

June 1, 1935: Musician Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, the eighth of 11 children. She was a pioneering old-time and bluegrass musician, known for

preserving the traditional vocal styles of West Virginia.

June 1, 1858: The Artists' Excursion left Baltimore on its way to Wheeling. A Baltimore & Ohio executive planned the rail trip to promote tourism. About 50 passengers were on board, including artist and writer David Hunter Strother, who described the experience in an article for Harpers magazine.

June 2, 1951: Cornelius Charlton died of the wounds he received in battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

June 3, 1856: Harriet B. Jones was born in Pennsylvania. After attending Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice in Wheeling, becoming the first woman licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia.

June 3, 1861: The first land battle of the Civil War between organized troops took place in Philippi. About 3,000 federal troops drove about 800 Confederates from the town.

June 3, 1861: A company of Confederate soldiers known as the Logan Wildcats was created at the Logan Courthouse. The company, consisting of about 85 men, first saw action at the Battle of Scary Creek.

June 3, 1936: The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivities, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.

June 4, 1975: Clark Kessinger died in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

Easy Grilled Chicken Thighs

Ingredients

- 1 TEASPOON paprika
- ½ TEASPOON dry mustard
- 1 TEASPOON dried thyme
- 1 TEASPOON salt
- ½ TEASPOON freshly ground black pepper.
- 1½ POUNDS bone-in skin-on chicken thighs
- ½ CUP BBQ sauce
- 2 TEASPOONS soy sauce
- ½ CUP apricot preserves

Instructions

1. Make the spice mix by combining the paprika, dry mustard, dried thyme, salt and freshly ground black pepper in a small bowl.
2. Rub the spice mix on both sides of the chicken pieces. Let the chicken rest for 15 minutes to absorb the spices.
3. In a small saucepan, whisk

together the BBQ sauce, soy sauce and apricot preserves. Bring the mixture to a boil and simmer for a few minutes. Set the sauce aside.

4. Pre-heat your indoor or outdoor grill to medium heat (about 375°F). Place the chicken, skin side down, on the grill over direct heat and cook for 5 minutes on each side. Then brush the sauce on the chicken and move it to indirect heat on your outdoor grill and close the grill lid. If using an indoor electric grill, lower the heat to 350°F and close the lid (if you have one). Cook for another 10 to 12 minutes, until the chicken reaches an internal temperature of 160°F on an instant read thermometer.
5. Let the chicken rest for 5 minutes, loosely tented with foil and then serve with more BBQ sauce at the table if you like.

Super Crossword

MISS SOUTH CAROLINA

ACROSS	46 Leaving 1 Quartz, e.g.	47 Oz creator L. Frank —	95 Entry points 96 2017 film about skater	5 Region of Italy's "toe"	42 "Zounds!"	79 "Finding —" (2016 film)
7 Take — of faith	49 Female rat	52 Things docs prescribe	100 Royal Navy letters	6 Sour in taste	43 Gelatin in a petri dish	80 "Tell Mama" singer James
12 Imbiber's hwy. crime	53 Daybreak	54 Search for a Marvel superhero?	101 Sword parts	7 Longtime Yankee nickname	44 See 47-Down	84 Cile — (Bic pen brand)
15 Gown designer Vera	58 eBay action	59 Flip (out)	102 Some sports rounds, for short	8 Singer Rawls	47 With	85 Place to buy a leash
19 Brood pouch	60 Rodent-catching cat	61 Rubdown given in a mountain chaise?	103 Lover of beauty	9 Ger.'s continent	44-Down, big embrace	86 Queens' homes
20 Baseball Hall of Famer Edd	62 Smell	63 Winged insect native to Iraq or Oman?	108 Skating jump	10 Very simple	48 "Diana" singer Paul	87 Novelist Oz
21 German "a"	63 Rubdown given in a mountain chaise?	64 Dadaist Jean	109 Yelled while using a juicer?	11 Ghostly figure	49 Attic buildup	88 Hot cereal, often
22 Small	64 Dadaist Jean	65 Defeat	112 Pilaf base	12 Myers once of CNBC	50 Like Ogden	89 Punchline drum hit
23 Sports contest between two disorderly crowds?	65 Defeat	66 Pale-looking	113 Singer Grande, to her fans	13 "You can't — all!"	51 To be, to Gigi	90 Big desert
26 Give relief	66 Pale-looking	67 H. Ross —	114 The "A" of A/V	14 Savings acct. buildup	52 Nash's "lama"	91 Miracle drink
27 Trapped	67 H. Ross —	68 Genesis brother	115 Actress Julia	15 "Alas!"	53 More than mere doubt	92 Choose
28 Negative battery pole	68 Genesis brother	69 Official account of an excursion?	116 The "A" of A&E	16 Slowly, on music scores	54 Osso buco meat	93 With milk, in French
29 Fitting snugly	69 Official account of an excursion?	70 Bagel seed	117 Vermont hrs.	17 Have as a snack	55 Film director Nicolas	94 "— sure you know ..."
30 Telly network	70 Bagel seed	71 Towing org.	118 Tire problems	18 — Green (old eloping mecca)	56 Color shade	95 "— sure you know ..."
31 Perform a hip-hop song about a military operation?	71 Towing org.	72 Use Lyft, e.g.	119 Itty-bitty	19 — Green (old eloping mecca)	57 Jezebel's god	96 Heckles
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40 Kid-lit "pest"	75 Dairy Queen cone?			33 "It just came back to me"	61 —Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit)	100 "— So Shy"
41 Cry from a toddler who's dropped a Dairy Queen cone?				34 Tragic destiny	62 Untruth teller	101 Uproars
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45 Port in Japan				36 Apple debut of 2010	64 Mets' gp.	103 Boys' school in Britain
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					73 De-wrinkle	

Weather Totals

May 14 - May 21, 2024

Nursery Bottom Parsons

Temperature
Max 86° F
Min 47° F

Precipitation
Week 1.16"
May 6.54"
2024 21.48"

Snowfall
New Snow 0"
Snow on ground 0"
Winter Total 28.75"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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1st Publication Date: May 29, 2024
Decedent: Mary Lou Myers
Filed By: Deborah Leuthold
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Deceased Personal Representative(s)
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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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
BLACKWATER FALLS PARTNERS LLC,
Plaintiff, Case No. CC-47-2023-C-24
v. Judge Robert Ryan
300N LLC,
MELBOURNE PROPERTIES, INC.
Defendants.
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of the above-entitled action is to quiet title in and to a tract of real estate in the Town of Davis, Tucker County, West Virginia, identified as Lot 33, containing 0.44 acre, more or less, of Tuscan Ridge Subdivision, Phase I. It appears by affidavit the Plaintiff has used due diligence to serve the Defendant Melbourne Properties, Inc., and that service has been attempted on the Defendant Melbourne Properties, Inc. without effect, accordingly:
It is ORDERED that Defendant Melbourne Properties, Inc. do serve upon Jennifer L. Mogan, the Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is P.O. Box 1819, Elkins, West Virginia 26241, an answer or other defense to the Complaint filed in this action within 30 days of the date of publication, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against you at any time thereafter. A copy of said Complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.
Entered: May 13, 2024
/s/ Robert Edward Ryan
Circuit Court Judge
21st Judicial Circuit

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
CANAAN VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, a public service district
located in Canaan Valley, Tucker County, West Virginia, P.O. Box 428, Davis West Virginia 26260
Petitioner,
v. **Eminent Domain Proceedings**
JOHN DEHN, CC-47-2024-C-22
9615 Liberty Road
Frederick, Maryland 21701
SHERIFF, TUCKER COUNTY
215 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287
Respondent Landowner, and
Lienholder
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of the above entitled action is to condemn certain easements and rights of way belonging to the Responded Landowner, John Dehn. As a part of this matter a hearing has been scheduled in Tucker County Circuit Court for 11 a.m., on June 11, 2024 whereby Canaan Valley Public Service District will seek a Right of Entry over the Respondent's real estate to acquire feasible title to said easements and rights of way.
And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the Respondent, John Dehn, is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia for whom no agent, or appointed or statutory agent or attorney in fact is found in the State upon whom service may be had, it is ORDERED that said Defendant, John Dehn, serve upon Janet D. Preston, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 167, Davis, West Virginia, 26287, an answer or other defense to the Petition for Condemnation filed in this action on or before the 24th day of June, 2024; otherwise judgement by default will be taken against them.
Pursuant to West Virginia Code 54-2-3, it is further ORDERED that this publication serve as notice to JOHN DEHN that Canaan Valley Public Service District seeks to condemn for public sewer purposes certain easements over his property described as part of .933 acres, more or less, situate in Dry Fork District, Tucker County West Virginia, designated as Parcel 16.17, on Tax Map 350C, said real estate having been acquired by Deed of by a/ta The New West Virginia Resorts Limited Liability Company, d/b/a The New Windwood Fly-In Resort, dated the 7th day of May, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 241, at page 562 in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia. A hearing on the Right of Entry will be held on June 11, 2024 at 11 a.m. on the Fourth Floor in the Tucker County Courthouse Annex at 211 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287. A copy of the Petition can be obtained from the Clerk at her office.
Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 24th day of May, 2024.
Sherry Simmons
Clerk of Court
By: s.d. d. Ryan, Esq.

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GENERAL ELECTION
 Town of Hambleton, West Virginia
 June 4, 2024

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FOR MAYOR
 (Vote For ONE)

GLENN SUMMERFIELD

MIKE ROY

FOR RECORDER
 (Vote For ONE)

MIKE GRIFFITH

FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS
 (Vote For Not More Than FIVE)

LAURA POLING

CHAD SMITH

PAUL NESTOR

MATT PHILLIPS

CHARLES LLOYD

OFFICIAL BALLOT
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
 City of Parsons, West Virginia
 June 11, 2024

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FOR RECORDER
 (Vote For ONE)

RICHARD L. LEMONS

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER
 Four-Year Term
 Ward II
 (Vote For TWO)

SAM BLOSSER

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
 City of Parsons, West Virginia
 June 11, 2024

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FOR RECORDER
 (Vote For ONE)

RICHARD L. LEMONS

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER
 Two-Year Term
 Ward I
 (Vote For ONE)

DAVID K. GREENLIEF

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER
 Four-Year Term
 Ward I
 (Vote For ONE)

JAMES L. HUMPHREY, JR.

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THOMAS CITY OF WV3304709
Consumer Confidence Report - 2024
Covering Calendar Year - 2023

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affects drinking water quality or if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please attend any regularly scheduled water board meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall or call JODY FLANAGAN at 304-463-4429.

Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
INTAKE - IMP UNNAMED	Surface Water
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Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 753 and is required to test a minimum of 1 sample per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2023. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter(ug/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results for: THOMAS CITY OF

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAS)	WADE ZIRKS EUCLID AVENUE	2023	29	9-37	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	WADE ZIRKS EUCLID AVENUE	2023	27	14-35	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

THOMAS CITY OF is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. The most up to date inventory is located at _____, if you have any questions about our inventory, please contact JODY FLANAGAN at 304-463-4429.

Chlorine/Chloramines	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
Maximum Disinfection Level	1.30000	MG/L	1.10000	MG/L
8/1/2023-8/31/2023				

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
Turbidity	TREATMENT PLANT	0.22	NTU	May

During the 2023 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state.
10/1/2021 - 12/31/2021	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state.
1/1/2022 - 3/31/2022	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state.
7/1/2022 - 9/30/2022	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state.
2/1/2023 - 2/28/2023	TURBIDITY	Failed to collect and/or report all required turbidity samoles or MCL.
2/1/2023 - 2/28/2023	TURBIDITY	Failed to collect and/or report all required turbidity samoles or MCL.
2/1/2023 - 2/28/2023	CHLORINE	
2/1/2023 - 2/28/2023	CHLORINE	Failed to collect and/or report required surface water treatment monitoring

Additional Required Health Effects language:

Some people who drink water containing Haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful waterborne pathogens may be present, or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify and correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

Some or all of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2023 calendar year from the water systems that we purchase drinking water from.

Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year. During the 2023 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2023				

There are no additional health violation notices.

There are no additional required health effects notices.

To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above.

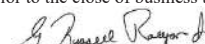
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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of TUCKER have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Lobby on the 14th of June, 2024 at 09:00 AM.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold following the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT	AMOUNT DUE
2023-C-000001	2022	925	NESTOR BURLAND JR ET AL C/O JAMES M MORRIS	.14 AC W SIDE RT 219	BLACK FORK	\$ 354.19
2023-C-000002	2022	1256	SILVER LINING RESOURCES LLC ET AL	185 AC MINERALS *305-5A*	BLACK FORK	\$ 200.30
2023-C-000003	2022	1691	BOWDEN WILLIAM B SNYDER MELISSA D	1 AC EAST PIFER MT	CLOVER	\$ 285.27
2023-C-000004	2022	2294	WEST RANDALL L & ROBERTA J	56.03 ACS PLAT 484 TRACT B 88-110-148 (2 TR) FX O&G	CLOVER	\$ 8,108.08
2023-C-000006	2022	3624	SCB PROPERTIES LLC	LOT#106 PHASE 1 .65 AC TUSCAN RIDGE	DAVIS CORP	\$ 466.60
2023-C-000007	2022	3625	SCB PROPERTIES LLC	LOT #107 PHASE 1 .55 AC TUSCAN RIDGE	DAVIS CORP	\$ 427.06
2023-C-000010	2022	4079	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	3/4 MIN INT 700 AC CANAAN	DRY FORK	\$ 244.91
2023-C-000011	2022	4080	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	1/2 OIL & GAS MIN RIGHTS IN 262.43 AC W BLACKWATER RIVR	DRY FORK	\$ 176.57
2023-C-000012	2022	4081	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	MIN INT IN 319 AC CANAAN (1/2 INT)	DRY FORK	\$ 196.42
2023-C-000013	2022	4082	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	3/8 MIN INT IN 183.57 AC E OF BLACKWATER RIVER (1/2 INT	DRY FORK	\$ 173.64
2023-C-000014	2022	4439	CHILDERS LAWRENCE D & BONNIE	LOT 1 JENNINGSTON FARM 3.379 AC	DRY FORK	\$ 1,486.90
2023-C-000015	2022	5077	HANSROTH LEE ET AL	1/24 M. & COAL 1900 CANAAN	DRY FORK	\$ 170.26
2023-C-000016	2022	5371	KATHY ANN FRIEND	13,210 SQ FT .30 AC	DRY FORK	\$ 164.65
2023-C-000017	2022	5477	KUYKENDALL ANNA R HEIRS C/O JOHN T ST CLAIR JR MD	1/2 M-446	DRY FORK	\$ 213.97
2023-C-000019	2022	5695	MCDANIEL STEVEN S	1/3 MINERAL INT IN 103.3 AC MAP 367 PARCEL 3	DRY FORK	\$ 162.19
2023-C-000022	2022	6917	WVDT LLC	1147 SQ FT	DRY FORK	\$ 159.52
2023-C-000030	2022	9351	MCDONALD STEVE & ANGIE	LOT 7	PARSONS CORP	\$ 400.40
2023-C-000031	2022	9476	PIFER RODNEY D NICKLOW HEATHER L	LOT 9 COFFMAN ADD	PARSONS CORP	\$ 1,011.42
2023-C-000032	2022	9722	WILLIAMS ROBERT W ESTATE	LOTS 208 209 210 211 ALONG RIVER AVE	PARSONS CORP	\$ 1,413.60
2023-C-000033	2022	9940	ANGLIN JOVIE	1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/20 UND INT MIN THUNDERSTRUCK RUN	ST. GEORGE	\$ 161.71
2023-C-000035	2022	11533	HARPER AVANNE	LT 106 50 X 120	THOMAS CORP	\$ 1,265.53

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to the date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Payments must be received prior to the close of business the day prior to the land sale. Given under my hands this 30th day of April, 2024.


 G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
 Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent
 and Nonentered lands of TUCKER County

Randolph County Housing Authority Announces Appointment of Executive Director

Elkins, WV – The Board of Commissioners of the Randolph County Housing Authority (RCHA) has appointed Lisa Shaffer as the agency's new Executive Director, effective May 27, 2024.

Shaffer has been employed by RCHA since 2009 and has served as Housing Manager since 2012. Prior to joining RCHA, she served as a Housing Counselor and Loan Originator with the HomeOwnership Center, Inc. Shaffer holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Virginia University and numerous housing industry certifications including Housing

Choice Voucher Executive Management and Family Self Sufficiency Specialist. Shaffer also serves on the board of directors of the West Virginia Association of Housing Authorities and is Deputy Director of the 86th Mountain State Forest Festival.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have Lisa step up to the role of Executive Director," said Mike Bell, Chair of the RCHA Board of Commissioners. "She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge which we believe will significantly contribute to the continued success of all our RCHA programs and services."

Shaffer commented, "I am honored to be chosen as the next Executive Director of the Housing Authority and excited to work alongside a great group of employees. I am looking forward to leading the agency into the future to further our mission in affordable housing, workforce development, and community development. With the help of our partners and communities across our service area, we can work together to navigate the challenges in the housing market, promote the development of a skilled workforce and assist clients to become self-sufficient".

Free Sports Physicals for Barbour County Student Athletes - A Community Health Initiative

As the sports season approaches, Barbour Community Health Association (BCHA) is offering free sports physicals for all Barbour County students from May 1st through August 30th, 2024. This annual initiative, held at their Belington Medical Clinic, Myers Clinic, and Barbour Quick Care locations, aims to ensure students are adequately pre-

pared for the upcoming sports or band season.

This story highlights BCHA's dedication to promoting community health and well-being, removing barriers, and supporting the region's youth through accessible healthcare services. It presents an excellent opportunity to showcase their commitment to the local community.

Empowering Health and Wellness: Broaddus Hospital Community Health Fair is June 8

Philippi, WV – Broaddus Hospital is excited to announce its upcoming event dedicated to promoting health and wellness in Barbour County. The community health fair, June 8, will offer discounted preventive screenings, health education, and resources to empower individuals and families to take charge of their health.

The event will take place at Broaddus Hospital on Saturday, June 8, from 8 AM to 2 PM, aiming to make preventive healthcare accessible and affordable for all local residents. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of free assessments, including blood pressure checks, BMI measurement, vision screenings, and more.

In addition, the event will feature educational workshops, interactive demonstrations, and informational booths focused on promoting healthy lifestyles and disease prevention. Expert healthcare professionals will be on hand to offer guidance, answer questions, and provide valuable resources on topics such as nutrition, fitness, alcohol and drug prevention, chronic disease management, preventive care, and mental health.

"We are happy to host the community health fair and provide access to essential preventive screenings and health education," said Dewayne Kirkpatrick, BSRT (MR) Radiology Manager and health fair coordinator. "Our goal is to empower individuals and families to prioritize their health and make informed decisions about their well-being."

Discounted lab screenings include: Comprehensive Metabolic Panel (CBC, Lipid Panel, Uric Acid) \$35; A1C (Diabetes) \$20; PSA (Prostate) \$20; CRP (C-Reactive Protein) \$10; TSH (Thyroid) \$10. Radiology Screenings available are:

Aortic Artery Screening \$35; Carotid Artery Screening \$35; or bundle both the Aortic and the Carotid Artery Screenings for \$60. 12 hour fasting is recommended for lab tests.

Many local health partners will participate including HealthNet, Barbour County VFD and EMS, Philippi Police Department, Country Roads Chiropractic, Barbour County Health Department, Quality Insights, Freedom Bank, Mountain Hospice, Advanced Hearing Solutions, WVDHHR, DHS Foundation, OEM 911, WV Prevention Solutions, Mace's Pharmacy, Senior Life Solutions, Women's Aid in Crisis, Youth Health Services, Matt Starks, Family Resource Network, and Barbour Community Health Association.

In addition, health professionals and providers representing a variety of medical specialties will be on hand including foot and ankle, dentistry, speech pathology, physical therapy, wound care, women's health, audiology, ophthalmology, pharmacy, respiratory therapy and cardiac rehabilitation.

Rex's Calzones will bring their food truck on location.

Call Broaddus Hospital at 304.457.1760 for information.

About Broaddus Hospital

Broaddus Hospital is Critical Access Hospital located in Philippi, WV. They provide medical and specialty care for the residents of Barbour County including acute care, long term care, rehabilitation and therapy services, laboratory and radiology, transitional care, 24/7 emergency department, and cardiac and pulmonary therapies. They are a member of Davis Health System, and a part of the Vandalia Health System.

Gov. Justice announces Free Fishing Days weekend to take place June 8-9

WVDNR announces details about kids fishing derbies at Bowden Hatchery and Little Beaver State Park

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that West Virginia's Free Fishing Days will return June 8-9 and encouraged anglers and their families to take advantage of this annual opportunity to fish for free in public lakes, streams and rivers around the state.

"With school letting out for the summer and vacation season upon us, West Virginia's Free Fishing Days weekend is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy all the beauty and goodness of our great state," Gov. Justice said. "This opportunity only comes once a year, so I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of it and see why West Virginia is surely and truly the best place in the world for families to enjoy a fishing adventure."

West Virginia's Free Fishing Days are part of a nationwide effort to make fishing more accessible to the public. During these two days, residents and nonresidents can fish for free without having to buy a fishing license.

"One of the best things about West Virginia's Free Fishing Days is that it can be enjoyed by new and experienced anglers and is designed to help current license holders introduce their friends and family to fishing," West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Director Brett McMillion said. "We hope this opportunity will encourage folks to

try fishing for the first time or rekindle their love for the sport."

Anglers who enjoy Free Fishing Days and want to continue fishing after this weekend can purchase or renew their fishing license at WVfish.com.

Free Fishing Days Derbies

As part of Free Fishing Days, the WVDNR will host fishing derbies at the Bowden Fish Hatchery and Little Beaver State Park on June 8. The events are free to attend and intended for youth anglers ages 3-14. Kids must be registered by an adult in order to participate and win prizes.

The Little Beaver State Park derby is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and kids should bring their own fishing gear. A limited amount of bait will be provided.

The Bowden Fish Hatchery derby is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 8. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m., followed by hour-long fishing sessions for kids based on grade level.

- Preschool and Kindergarten: 8-9 a.m.
- First and Second Grade: 9-10 a.m.
- Third-Fifth Grade: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Sixth-Eighth Grade: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information about West Virginia's Free Fishing Days, visit WVdnr.gov/free-fishing-days.



West Virginia WIC Cash Value Benefit for Fresh Produce Expands to Include Farmers Markets

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia WIC program's monthly cash value benefits for the purchase of fresh produce will be accepted at authorized farmers markets starting on June 1, 2024.

"The WIC Farm Market Direct mobile payment system has many benefits for both WV WIC participants and local farmers," said Heidi Staats, Director of the Office of Nutrition Services. "It simplifies the purchasing process for participants, reduces stigma by functioning like other mobile pay options, streamlines payments to farmers and farmers markets, provides real-time data for review and analysis, and ensures efficient and secure management of federal funds and benefits."

The WIC monthly cash value benefits for fresh produce are \$26 for child participants, \$47 for pregnant and postpartum participants, and \$52 for fully and partially breastfeeding participants. The FMNP maximum benefit is \$30 for eligible WIC

participants to be spent June 1 through October 31.

WV WIC and WIC FMNP participants will have a QR Code through the WIC-Shopper Mobile App, allowing for electronic transactions with authorized farmers market vendors. Through WIC Farm Market Direct, authorized farmers scan the QR Code to initiate the purchasing process of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Farmers will then receive payment via direct deposit, which eliminates check processing fees. There are currently 136 farmers participating in the WV WIC program. A list of participating farmers and farmers markets is available on the WV WIC website at dhrh.wv.gov/WIC/Pages/Farmers-Market.aspx.

Farmers interested in becoming an approved WV WIC vendor may visit dhrh.wv.gov/WIC/retailersfarmers or contact the WV WIC Vendor Unit at 304-558-1115 or dhrhwicvu@wv.gov.

Join Us for Discover Nature Day June 1st at Seneca Rocks Discovery Center

Seneca Rocks, W.Va., May 22, 2024 – Join Monongahela National Forest and our friends and partners, Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., for Discover Nature Day at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center.

Come and enjoy family-friendly fun and learning for all ages. There will be nature-based interactive exhibits, demonstrations, and activities; be sure to check out the live snakes, birds of prey and native fish.

This event is brought to you in partnership with Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area (AFNHA), Eastern Forests Interpretive Association (ENFIA) and many others.

"Discover Nature Day is one of Seneca

Rocks Discovery Center's biggest events of the year! We're excited to showcase all kinds of fun & educational outdoor activities. We couldn't provide these kinds of opportunities without the critical involvement of our valued partners including AFNHA & ENFIA. Come and discover nature with us," said Mandy Harmon, Seneca Rocks Discovery Center Assistant Director.

Call the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center at (304) 567-2827 for more information. Seneca Rocks Discover Center is located at 13 Roy Gap Road. Entrance to the main parking lot is off U.S. 33, just south of the U.S. 33/State Route 28 intersection in Seneca Rocks.



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WVDNR Police to increase water patrols during Memorial Day weekend

WVDNR Police enforces sober boating and life jacket use as part of National Safe Boating Week

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — To help promote National Safe Boating Week and encourage safe boating practices during the Memorial Day weekend, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources' Law Enforcement Section is increasing the number of water patrols and reminding boaters about the state's boating laws and regulations.

"I want to thank our DNR Police for all of the hard work they do year in and year out to encourage and educate folks how to safely and responsibly enjoy our state's natural resources," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "Their dedication to upholding our hunting, fishing and boating laws and regulations makes our woods and waters safe so all can enjoy outdoor adventures in West Virginia."

One of the most common issues WVDNR Police encounter during the boating season is compliance with the state's life jacket laws. West Virginia law requires each person while the boat is underway to have a life jacket of appropriate size for the intended use, is in good and serviceable condition, is readily accessible and is U.S. Coast Guard approved. Children under 13 years of age must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket while the boat is underway, unless the child is below deck or in an enclosed cabin.

"There are a lot of myths and misconceptions about life jackets, so we want to make sure that people know that safe boating isn't just a recommendation in West Virginia — it's the law," said WVDNR Police Captain Warren Goodson. "Using a proper life jacket is vital to safeguarding



your well-being on the water."

Recent U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning is the reported cause of death in four out of every five recreational boating fatalities and that 75 percent of those who drown are not wearing life jackets.

"Wearing your life jacket isn't a sign of weakness but a precautionary measure that

can save your life," said Goodson.

In addition to enforcing the state's life jacket laws, Goodson said the WVDNR Law Enforcement section increases the number of water patrols during the Memorial Day weekend and other summer holidays to crack down on boaters boating under the influence.

Anyone born on or after December

31, 1986, must successfully complete a National Association of State Boating Law Administrators-approved Boater Education Course before they can legally operate a motorboat on West Virginia's waters. To learn more about boating rules and laws, safe boating practices and the WVDNR's boater education program, visit WVDNR.gov/boating.

Summer Concert & Speaker Series at Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater

Seneca Rocks, W.Va., May 24, 2024 – Join us at Monongahela National Forest's Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for the Summer Concert and Speaker Series. Kick back to the sounds of local musicians or sit up and

take note as subject matter experts share their knowledge.

You do not need to be a guest of the Seneca Shadows campground to attend. All programs are FREE and sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association in cooperation with American Land & Leisure. In the event of inclement weather, programs will be moved to the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center Auditorium. All programs are subject to change or cancellation.

• May 25: MON Mania! - Play games and test your knowledge while learning about Monongahela

National Forest.

• May 26: Music with Jesse & Emily - Jesse Milnes and Emily Miller perform country and old-time music, filled with beautiful harmonies and fantastic fingerpicking.

• June 1: Snakes of West Virginia with Forest Service volunteer Roy Moose - Learn about these misunderstood creatures and have an opportunity to interact with live snakes.

• June 8: Music with Stalnaker Hill - Hailing from the mountains of West Virginia, Stalnaker Hill covers a variety of country artists from Willie Nelson to Tyler Childers.

• June 15: Music with Jason Hall – Out of Beverly, West Virginia, Jason Hall performs a soulful blend of Americana music,

including classic country and rock.

• June 22: Music with Aristotle Jones Trio – In celebration of African American history and Juneteenth, listen to soulful music featuring the "Appalachian Soul Man," Aristotle Jones in a showcase of music and storytelling.

• June 29: Living History with Linda Durrett – Travel back to the mid-1800s with historian Linda Durrett for a visit along the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike, one of many stops along the Underground Railroad.

Contact the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center at (304) 567-2827 for more information about these programs. The center is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Historic Site's Wayside Inn is open Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Yard, Bake, Hotdog Sale

The 1st United Methodist Church is having a yard, bake, hotdog sale on Saturday, June 1 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Proceeds will support our missions.

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WE ARE HIRING AT CANAAN VALLEY!

Work in Canaan Valley at the newly restored Inn at Canaan Valley. Join our hospitality team and this growing property, as we are building luxury suites and luxury cabins on the property! It is an exciting time for us at the Inn. Do you love interacting with people? Do you love knowing that your position makes a positive impact on someone's life? Our team of hospitality professionals is committed to delivering exceptional guest experiences. If you are awesome... we want you!

The Inn at Canaan is looking for a hard working, Part-Time & Full Time Mini-Golf Attendant to join our Team!

Job Role: Mini Golf Attendants handle all aspects of merchandise and mini golf sales, and serve food and beverages to guests visiting the concession stand, ensuring to provide great customer service. They also support the pace of play on the mini golf course to maximize playability. Weekends required.

Compensation: \$12.00-\$13.00/hour
(Based on experience)

The Inn at Canaan is looking for hard working, Full Time and Part Time Housekeepers to join our Team!

We are seeking a professional, positive and enthusiastic individual for a position on our Housekeeping Team. This person will work with other high-quality professionals and will be primarily responsible for providing exceptional guest service. We are looking to fill Full Time and Part Time positions, Weekends are required.

Compensation: \$13 - \$15/hour
(Based on experience)

Summer Safety Message

Charleston, W.Va. - From hiking to biking, camping to climbing, on a boat or ATV, safety first is the message from the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (WVABCA), West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) and the West Virginia Fire Commission Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Adults who are legally allowed to consume alcohol are advised that the sun and heat may cause a negative physical reaction and have unintended consequences. Some alcohol and mixers may increase dehydration and cause your Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) to reach a higher level more rapidly and lead to impaired judgment, lowered inhibitions, slowed reactions and a loss of coordination. Elevated BAC levels could impact the body's ability to process the alcohol consumed and could lead to sickness or a life threatening situation, such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Recreational activities on the water pose a greater risk of injury and death when alcohol is consumed. In 2023, there were 8 boating incidents, with 2 fatalities in West Virginia. The WVDNR will be working throughout the summer season

to enforce the laws and keep everyone safe. Their efforts increase for "Operation Dry Water," a nationwide enforcement campaign designed to heighten awareness will take place over the Fourth of July weekend. According to Capt. Goodson with the WVDNR, last year 70 DNR officers participated in "Operation Dry Water" and 857 vessels were contacted. During this 3-day campaign, 32 citations were issued, 2 BUI's were issued, and 98 boating warnings were issued.

As much as pools, lakes, and rivers are part of summer, so is true of cookouts and fireworks. According to WV State Fire Marshal's Office public information officer Tim Rock, there were over 15,600 emergency room (ER) visits in 2020 in the United States (US). Sparklers account for nearly one-fourth of these ER visits. According to the National Fire Protection Association there are on average 19,700 ER visits due to grilling accidents and 10,600 homes fires caused by grilling.

WVABCA Commissioner Fred Wooton said, "Keeping everyone safe during the summertime is our goal. I would encourage ALL West Virginians to join together and look out for one another this summer season."

Let's celebrate WV's 161st Birthday!

First Lady Cathy Justice announces

THE GREAT WEST VIRGINIA HOT DOG SAUCE COOK-OFF

IN HONOR OF WEST VIRGINIA DAY ON JUNE 20TH

Submit your favorite hot dog sauce recipe that could be served for the 2024 WV Day Celebration!

Take inspiration from Appalachian flavors, or your special family hot dog chili recipes!

Visit governor.wv.gov for additional information, details, and how to submit your recipe.

Please submit your recipe by June 10th, prizes will be awarded!

May the best doggone sauce win!



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Granddaughter of Lisa Murphy



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Elkins High School



ALIYAH BILLER
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Daughter of Lisa Biller



GRIFFIN BOGGS
Elkins High School
Grandson of Cathy Haddix



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HANNAH COLLINS
Berea College
Daughter of Holly Collins



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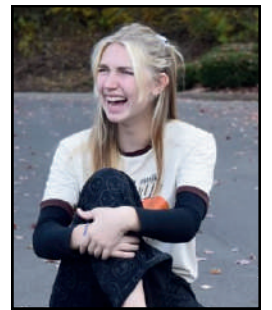
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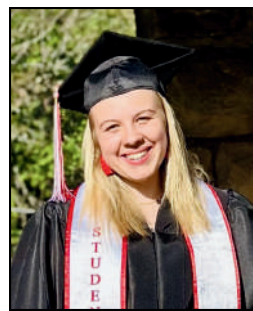
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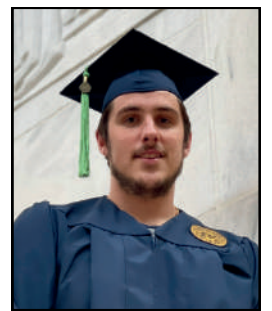
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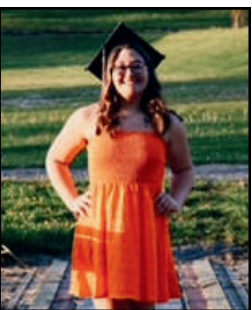
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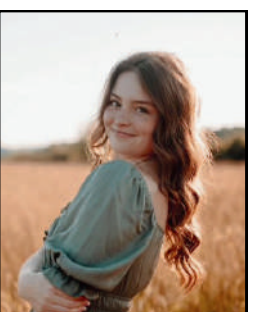
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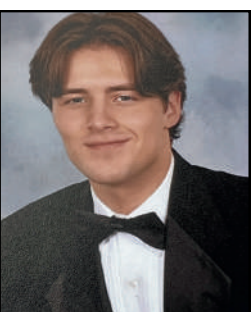
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All regular communication methods were used to discover every family member graduating this year.
In the event that we've missed someone, please accept our apologies.



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Chambers, Sarah



Channell, Racer



Colebank, Avery



Crawford, Adam



Cussins, Hannah



Davis, Jolene



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Drenning, Peyton



Eldridge, Destiny



Felton, Rachel



Felts, James



Goldman, Hazel



Gooden, Brianna



Harper, Carlie



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Hicks, Addison



Hicks, Katelyn



Huffman, Lauren



Jennings, Kaylee



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Kirk, Aedan



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Knotts, Owen



Lower, Jacob



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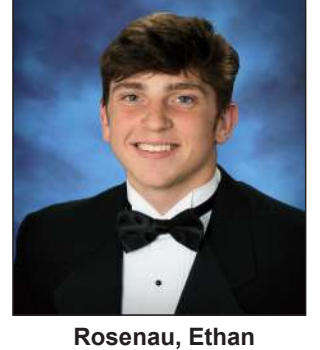
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Robeson, Justin



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Shahan, Abigail



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Warner, Abbie



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Wilfong, Abigail



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Zirk, Erika

May Yards of the Month



Mountaineer Garden Club congratulates winner of the May Residential Yard of the Month, Carroll Precht of Long Street on Blackman Flats. A brick flower box anchors the front yard and is filled with red and white poppies. Landscaping around the house includes a graceful Japanese maple and assorted shrubbery. Business Yard of the Month was awarded to one of the newest businesses in Parsons, River City Inn. Beautiful double flower boxes are located in the parking lot filled with red Japanese Barbary plants and golden cypress shrubs.

Dove/Snyder Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Keith and Joanne Dove of Baker, WV would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Dove to Wesley Snyder, son of Todd and Michelle Snyder of Winchester, VA. The outdoor wedding ceremony took place at Pendleton Point Overlook in Blackwater Falls, a scenic spot in Tucker County, on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. with Brian Zirk officiating.



Elizabeth is the granddaughter of the late Wayne and the late Karen Whetzel of Moorefield, WV. The bride placed a picture of Wayne and Karen Whetzel and a rose on the chair by the mother of the bride's chair in memory of them. Elizabeth is also the granddaughter of Bill and Carletta Barb of Fisher, WV and Kenneth and Denise Dove of Wardensville, WV. Wesley is the grandson of Mike and Carol Helmick of Thomas, WV and Denny and Aleta Snyder of Fairmont, WV.

The reception took place at the Thomas Community Center and was beautifully

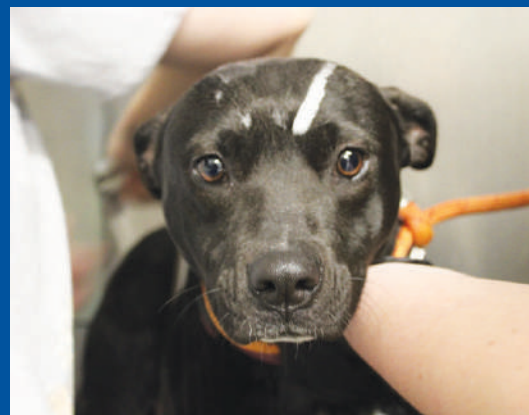
decorated with the help of many people.

The bride received a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Business Management from WVU Potomac State College. The bride and groom currently are employed in and reside in Winchester, VA. Wesley's and Elizabeth's honeymoon destination was the Dominican Republic.

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c/o The Parsons Advocate

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