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Davis Farmers Market Returns for 2024 Season



The Davis Farmer and Artisan Market has returned for the 2024 season. The Market sets up at the Old Shop 'n Save building on William Avenue every Friday evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., rain or shine.



Vendors share a smile and a laugh with customers at the Davis Farmer and Artisan Market, June 7th.

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Davis Farmer and Artisan Market has returned to the Town of Davis for the 2024 season. The Market is open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Friday throughout the summer, rain or shine. During fair weather, the Market is an open air event held in the Old Shop 'n Save parking lot at 533 William Avenue. During rain, the Market moves indoors into the Old Shop 'n Save building. "We set up rain or shine," vendor Nanette Seligman said.

The Market features a variety of regional

vendors that host a variety of goods. According to Seligman, the Market strives to avoid duplication of products among the vendors with each booth containing a unique identity and unique items that can not be found at other vendors. "I try really hard to say, don't do what someone else is doing," Seligman said.

Besides Pottery Vendor Nanette Seligman, the Market hosts a variety of produce and goods including: photography and prints, culinary blends, farm fresh produce, felt goods, fresh breads, flowers, botanicals, farm fresh meats, eggs, soap, tie-dyes and jewelry. Regular vendors

include: Charm Farm, Bailey's Breads, Woodland Garden Botanicals, Licking Creek Farm, Sunny Side Wools, Nanette's Pottery, Branch and Root Farm, Blackwater Alcoves, The Bakery Boutique, Mon Media Photography, Julies Garden Goods and Soap-A-Saurus, with vendors 27 Tie-dyes and Bear Branch Design Jewelry joining throughout the season, according to Seligman.

The Market has operated at its current location for the past four years, according to Seligman, and hosts an average of seven to 12 vendors each Friday evening. Vendors come from across the region to set up

in Davis, Seligman said, with vendors such as Charm Farm who travel from Beverly with their farm fresh produce and meats. A variety of local vendors from across Tucker County also participate at the Market.

The Market's mission, according to Seligman, is to have fresh vegetables, locally raised beef, chicken, eggs and handmade goods available for the community and also provide opportunities for local farmers and artisans. For more information on the Davis Farmer and Artisan Market or to join, contact Nanette Seligman at (304) 642-4440.



High water events have been causing used passenger and truck tires to wash downstream and deposit on the river banks near Five River Campground in Parsons.

High Water Creates Tiresome Problem for Campground

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

High water on the Shavers Fork River has been causing an influx of used passenger and truck tires to collect on the banks near the Five River Campground in Parsons. Campground owner John Bowers spoke to the City of Parsons Council during their regular June 4th meeting about the issue. "Every year after there's high water we clean them up," Bowers said. "But it is causing me an inconvenience."

"Every high water event we get five to 10," Bowers said.

According to Bowers, there are currently upwards of 14 tires marooned on an island in the river near the campground. "There's 14, I think, on the island across from my park which I will get as soon as the water recedes enough that we can get over there to get them," Bowers said.

Bowers said he has been taking the matter of cleanup on himself, but since the Campground is a considered to be a commercial entity, the option of free tire disposal is not available to him. "I have to trailer them myself and pay to get rid of

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Tennant Statement to Stand Following Denial of Suppression Motion

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Judge Courier denied a written motion by Attorney Brent Easton, on behalf of Robert Tennant, during a June 4th hearing. The motion by Easton sought to exclude a confession made by Tennant at the Sheriff's office after his arrest for the shooting death of his brother.

Attorney Easton argued during the hearing that the statement should be excluded due to a delay in processing Tennant following his arrest. Easton argued that the delay stemmed from a desire by the arresting officers to obtain a confession prior to going before a Magistrate Judge for an arraignment on the charges.

Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins said she was opposed to the motion. Wilkins further attested that the delay was necessary to not only obtain and perform a gunpowder residue test, but to complete the neces-

sary paperwork to bring Tennant before a Magistrate for arraignment. "We are asking that the court finds what the evidence presents," Wilkins said. "And uphold the prior ruling and find that there was no violation."

Tucker County Sheriff Deputy Brent Gidley testified during the hearing that the delay occurred due to the need for the procurement and execution of the test, as well as to complete the paperwork to bring Tennant before the Magistrate Court for arraignment. According to Gidley's testimony, he was one of the responding officers to the scene and was the officer that transported Tennant from the scene.

Gidley said that following the arrest of Tennant, he drove directly to the State Patrol office just outside Parsons with Tennant in order to procure the gunshot residue kit. Gidley said that the Sheriff's office did not have any testing kits available, so he had to procure the kit from the State Patrol.

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Woodlands Address Building Concerns to Parsons Council

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Executive Director of Woodlands Development Group Dave Clark addressed a series of concerns and issues that have recently been the center of discussion among the City of Parsons Council. The issues surrounding the construction of a mixed use building on two vacant lots next to the Veterans Memorial on Main St. were discussed by Clark at the Council's regular June 4th meeting.

The Woodlands project, according to Clark, began in 2021 when former Mayor Dorothy Judy and former City Administra-

tor Jason Myers proposed a revitalization project to the organization. The project, according to Clark, would involve acquiring and clearing the lot next to the Veterans Memorial and rebuilding on the site.

"We were approached in 2021 by Dorothy Judy and Jason Myers about taking that project on," Clark said. "Asking if we could acquire the property, demolish the building, that was pretty sub-

standard, that was on it and then redevelop on that site."

Clark said that the Council at the time requested that the redevelopment structure contain both commercial and residential.

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"We are approaching this as a partnership project with the city so we want to do what is in the best interest of the city," Clark said.

Council Addresses Dumpster Issues

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Increased need at a local campground has caused the current dumpsters to be inadequate to meet the demands of campers, according to Five River Campground Owner John Bowers. Bowers voiced his concerns over excess trash accumulating on and around the dumpsters at his main gate to the City of Parsons Council during their meeting June 4th. "I would like to address a dumpster situation," Bowers said. "I have two, supposedly the biggest dumpsters you guys have and its not sufficient," Bowers said.

Bowers said he has requested additional dumpsters in the past. According to Bowers, the City will bring in six additional dumpsters for the Pickin' in Parsons Festival and empty them every day, but the campground now hosts several events a year. "It took me about four years to get two dumpsters," Bowers said. "Everybody that I have asked previously has told me that there is no more dumpsters. We can't get you any dumpsters."

Currently, the campground has two, four-yard dumpsters on site, according to Bowers. Bowers said that during busy weekends, the dumpsters are inadequate for his needs and often overflows. Bowers showed a photo of the overflow to the Council from his phone. "That's right there at my gate," Bowers said. "That is basically a trash truck full of trash."

Bowers said the worst of the buildup of trash occurs during holiday weekends when pick up is delayed due to the holiday. Bowers said he didn't want work crews to have to give up their holiday to address the issue, but would like to see the size of the dumpsters increased to accommodate the increase in the amount of trash. "I would really like to see if we could increase the size of these dumpsters," Bowers said. "I'm not asking for them for free, of course."

According to Bowers, on holiday weekends, pickup of trash can be delayed two or three days. "Every holiday like Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, during the Pow Wow now, which is becoming a

"I'm not trying to upset anybody or anything. I'm just asking for help," Bowers said.

bigger event, I have to, usually the holiday is on Monday, so its two or three days that it sits at my gate. I have campers coming and it is just a poor look. So, you can understand my concern. I'm not trying to upset anybody or anything. I'm just asking for help."

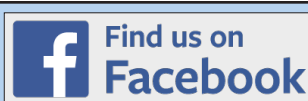
Bowers said that at least half of the trash is from items purchased locally. "I'm going to go out on a limb and say that at least 50% of the product seen there was purchased locally," Bowers said.

The Campground has multiple service

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High Water

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them because I am a commercial entity,” Bowers said. “They will not accept free tires from me.”

Bowers asked the Council for assistance in disposing of the tires. “So if the City could help me out with that in some manner,” Bowers said. “Maybe get it so that they could haul them to the dump when they go over there,” Bowers said.

According to Bowers, the majority of tires that are in the river are passenger tires. Occasionally commercial tires make their way into the river, Bowers said. In the case of commercial tires, Bowers said he has to drive to Weston to dispose of them at the cost of \$100 a ton. “They are mostly passenger vehicles, but when they are

commercial tires, I have to pay \$100 a ton to get rid of them and drive them to Weston,” Bowers said. “So it is a significant impact on my time frame.”

Bowers said he doesn't mind cleaning up the river and removing the tires, but is in need of help with the disposal of the tires. “I don't mind cleaning them up, but I also would like to be able to get rid of them without it being an expense and a time drain for me,” Bowers said.

Bowers said he thought the issue comes from residents tossing tires into the river during high water. The high water generally brings five to 10 tires to the area of the Campground, Bowers said. “I'm sure when the

water comes up, we have some residents that just roll them in,” Bowers said. “Because they can't be coming from anywhere other than that. Every high water event we get five to 10.”

Council Member Melissa Jones asked Bowers if the tires had rims on them. Bowers replied that most did not have rims, but occasionally some do wash up that are still connected to a rim. Jones said that tires needed to be taken off the rim in order to be taken to the landfill. “Now, the commercials do not,” Bowers said. “You have to pay for the weight.”

No action was taken on the issue at the meeting. The Council agreed to get back to Bowers on the issue.

Tennant Statement

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Following the stop at the State Patrol Office, Gidley said he took Tennant to the Tucker County Sheriff's Department. It was at the Sheriff's Department, according to Gidley, that Tennant agreed to give a statement. Tennant made the statement, according to Gidley, to himself, Lt. Teter and another Deputy.

It was before, during and after the statement, that Gidley said he was working on completion of the criminal complaint that was needed to take Tennant before a Magistrate Judge for arraignment. According to Gidley's testimony, the paperwork took far longer than Tennant took to give his statement.

Easton argued to the court that there was no urgent need to complete the gunshot residue kit. Easton said that it was not unreasonable that the kit could have been completed following Tennant being brought before a Magistrate. Gidley testified during redirect questioning by Wilkins, that gunshot residue is time sensitive and due to

the powdery nature of the substance, can be transferred or rubbed off.

Gidley responded to Easton's questioning that he and his department wanted to continue the investigation and complete the preliminary investigation in a timely manner in order to not only complete the criminal complaint, but have as many facts as possible when Tennant was brought before the Magistrate. “We wanted to continue to investigate and get it done promptly,” Gidley said. “We wanted to get everything confirmed.”

Easton also argued that because it was a weekday and the incident occurred during the afternoon, that a Magistrate was readily available and Tennant should have been taken to the Court upon his arrival at the Sheriff's Office. Easton said that the Magistrate served as a third party to explain a defendant's rights and stated that Tennant had been questioned prior to his appearance before the Magistrate. Easton further argued that the reason for the delay

served solely to obtain a confession. “The statement is therefore considered to be involuntary,” Easton said. “We therefore asked for suppression.”

Judge Courier denied the motion by the Defense and said that Officer Gidley was able to provide evidence that supported the need for the delay, as well as the time sensitive need for being at the Sheriff's Department for more reasons than only taking a statement. Judge Courier further said that the evidence of the need for the gunshot residue test, as well as the drafting of the criminal complaint in the case was necessary to be completed prior to Tennant being taken before a Magistrate. “The delay in stopping at the Sheriff's Department was warranted,” Courier said.

Tennant is charged with the First Degree Murder of his brother following a shooting over a property line dispute. Tennant is scheduled to go to trial on the matter in October.

Building Concerns

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Clark further said there was also a request that some of the residential units serve those who were living there prior. In all, according to Clark, the project will contain 8 apartments and one or two commercial spaces. “Council asked that we redevelop something that had both commercial and residential units in it,” Clark said. “And that at least a portion of the residential units be committed to serving the same target population that were living there prior.”

Clark said the funding took between two and two and half years to acquire for the project. Clark supplied the Council with a document which outlined the funding sources for the project, total amount secured, as well as the income limits for the housing units. In all, Woodlands had secured a total of \$3,005,545 for the project from HOME – WV Housing Development Fund, WV Affordable Housing Fund, Federal Home Loan Bank – Pittsburgh, Congressionally Designated Spending Award and Woodlands Equity. “We put together a financing package that would meet those needs,” Clark said. “Again its Commercial-Residential that targets at least some folks at a lower income.”

Clark said that the majority of housing units will contain two bedrooms. The income guidelines the units will follow, according to Clark, will be based on 50% and 80% of median income. The 80% annual guideline for a family of four in Tucker County, according to Clark, is \$58,650. “For a family of four, about half the units would be dedicated to people making below \$58,650,” Clark said. “Rents, most of them are going to be two bedroom units, those are going to be about 550 to 570.”

Clark said his organization vettes all potential residents to ensure that they do not pay more than 30% of their income. Following a question by Council Member Melissa Jones, Clark said that approximately half of the units would target the 50% income bracket and the remainder would target 80% median income. Clark said that Woodlands also accept Section 8. “We never charge people more than 30% of their household income for rent and utilities,” Clark said. “We wouldn't put anyone in there that is going to be really strapped. We would check their incomes to make sure they aren't paying more than 30%.”

The current Council has initially approved a design that would encompass both the Woodlands lot and an empty lot next door. The design would have constructed a pair of three story buildings against the hillside and allowed for a parking lot at the front of the buildings. After a concerned neighbor approached the Council about the impact on the property directly behind, the Council voted to return to the initial design that would construct a single building on the

whole of the Woodlands lot and a separate parking lot on the City owned property next door. “We discussed those and I understand a decision was made to go back to the original plan,” Clark said. “Which is fine with us. Like I said, we are committed to the eight units of housing, commercial space.”

Clark said that his organization considers the project to be a partnership with the City of Parsons. “We are approaching this as a partnership project with the city so we want to do what is in the best interest of the city,” Clark said.

According to Clark, the next steps in the process will include the finalization of design and a formal lease agreement for the use of the City owned lot for construction of a parking lot. “Our next steps here would be to finish our design,” Clark said. “We need to finalize the lease agreement for the parking lot. The city has already voted to approve that lease.”

Clark said with Mayor Bruce Kolsun's permission, he spoke with City Attorney Tim Stranko about the lease for the lot. According to Clark, Attorney Stranko said the lease will be of no real problem and that two public hearings on the lease issue would have to be held, but no problems were anticipated. “I did talk to the City Attorney after consulting with the Mayor,” Clark said. “He said lease is no problem. We'll have to have a public hearing, to go through two hearings.”

Clark said his organization planned to move forward as if the lease were in place, pending formalization of the agreement. Clark did request that should anything change, that he be informed as soon as possible due to the financial commitments already incurred. Clark further said his firm is excited to move forward with architects and engineers on the next phase of the project. “From our perspective, we are moving forward as if the commitment for a lease agreement on the other lot is still in place,” Clark said. “The only thing I would ask, is that looks as if that is going to change at all, that you just let us know. We've obviously spent a lot of time and money getting to this point. We are going to spend a lot more now on architects and engineers, which we are excited to do.”

Clark said he hoped to begin site work before winter and that the total construction time for the project was anticipated to take around 14 months. “Once we get started, we think it will take us about 14 months to complete construction,” Clark said.

The next meeting of the City of Parsons Council will be held Tuesday, June 18th at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. “Bill” Rosenau Municipal Building located at 341 Second Street in Parsons.

Dumpster Issues

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accounts with the City of Parsons, according to Bowers, including seven water services. “I pay significant amounts for trash, water, sewage,” Bowers said. “I have seven different water services through the city.”

The Council discussed that funding was allocated for the purchase of new dumpsters. Council Members Melissa Jones asked Council Member David Greenlief about what maximum capacity dumpsters the city trucks were capable of lifting. Greenlief said he believed the trucks were able to accommodate up to 11 yard dumpsters. “We can handle any size of dumpster we have available to us right now,” Greenlief said.

Bowers provided his ideas for a solution to the Council. “I have a couple of different solutions, if we could get a couple of bigger dumpster, I'd be glad to get them, pay for them, whatever,” Bowers said. “Or if they can spot a couple of extra dumpsters before the holiday and then take them back after.”

Currently, the Campground has four yard dumpsters

on site that are emptied twice a week. Jones suggested keeping the two existing dumpsters and adding a larger dumpster at the site. Bowers said that would help, depending on the cost increase to him. Bowers said he thought two larger capacity dumpsters at the site, instead of bringing in a third dumpster, would be most cost efficient. “Two bigger dumpsters would probably be cheaper than three,” Bowers said.

City Recorder said he felt two eight yard dumpsters at the site would likely be the best solution. Bowers agreed that two eight yard would help. “Something that would give me a little more capacity because it doesn't take long to fill up the two fours,” Bowers said.

City Treasurer Quinn Buckley said he would look into the cost of two eight yard dumpsters for the site. Jones also requested that Buckley price four yard dumpsters to replace older dumpsters in town that have fallen into disrepair.

News of Record

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

- Nancy Moore, Rebecca A. Filler and Mary J. Smith, St. George District, Lot 1 to Megan E. Ward and Dustin T. Ward, \$160,000.
- Reginald C. Sites and Tamara K. Sites, Dry Fork District, Unit D2 Week 33-1.9165 percent interest to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$100.
- Larry M. Roop and Sharon B. Roop, Dry Fork District, Unit A3 Week 36-1.9165 percent interest to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$100.

The following marriage has been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

- John B. Byler to Christina M. Detweiler on Friday, May 31, 2024.

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SPORTS

Tucker County Softball Places Two Players on All-State List

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

The WV Sports Writers announced the Class “A” Softball All-State members on Tuesday June 4th. Tucker County Softball

had 2 athletes receive All-State Recognition. Senior, Addie Hicks and junior, Ava Shaffer were recognized as Honorable Mention selections. For a complete list of Class “A” Softball All-State go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Garrett College students to visit United Kingdom

Garrett College students will be taking part in a study abroad experience in the United Kingdom June 17-29 that includes stops in Scotland, Wales, Ireland and England. The Garrett College Foundation, via the Naylor Travel Grant Fund, is assisting with financial support. Pictured, left to right, are: (back row) Garrett College Foundation representative Janet Kepple, Garrett College Dean of Academic Affairs Christa Bowser, study abroad participants Josh Brobst and Bryce Richter, Garrett College President Dr. Richard Midcap, (front row) study abroad participants Mary Hanna Clodfelter and Joslena Layton, and Carla Zeigler, who is GC’s study abroad director as well as coordinator of distance learning and instructional design. Garrett College is already planning its 2025 study abroad trip to Greece and Italy.

Ginny Hawker Presented with 2024 Vandalia Award

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Ginny Hawker, of Elkins, received the 2024 Vandalia Award at the Vandalia Gathering Friday evening concert on May 24, 2024. West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History Cabinet Secretary Randall Reid-Smith presented the award.



2024 Vandalia Award recipient Ginny Hawker. Photograph by Stephen Brightwell, WVDACH.

The Vandalia Award, West Virginia's highest folklife honor, is presented each year during the annual Vandalia Gathering. The individuals who receive this award embody the spirit of our state's folk heritage and are recognized for their lifetime contribution to West Virginia and its traditional culture.

Ginny has been a resident of West Virginia for over 30 years, residing in Gilmer County for many years, before making the move to Randolph County where she and her husband now reside. She is a talented vocalist that was brought up in the Primitive Baptist Church, mastering their unique unaccompanied vocal styling. She came to West Virginia searching out what remained of the Traditional music culture and has been here ever since. She has taught workshops and singing classes both in her home and around the state, nation, and globe, ensuring the tradition continues. The Vandalia Gathering is proud to call her one of its own, and even prouder to be able to present her with the state's highest folklife honor.

The Vandalia Award proclamations presented to Ginny are below:

Whereas Ginny Hawker has carried on the traditions of Primitive Baptist singing learned from her father Ben Hawker and other family members, expressing in her singing the heartfelt and emotional vocal stylings of Appalachia; and

Whereas she has taught at music camps in the US, Canada, and the British Isles for over 25 years, as well as

singing workshops in her home; and Whereas she has been the coordinator of Classic Country Week for the Augusta Heritage Center since the program began in 2009, helping to teach and connect those with a similar love for country music, fostering a love for the dynamic and impactful music of Appalachia; and

Whereas she has traveled the world, performing traditional folk, bluegrass, and old-time music, sharing and passing on the music of our region; and

Whereas she served as President of the West Virginia State Folk Festival from 1995-2005 and continues to serve on the Board of Directors, helping to promote and preserve the remnants of pioneer life and culture of West Virginia in music, entertainment, education, and social and economic activities through the mission of the Festival;

Therefore I, by the authority vested in me to foster the preservation of West Virginia's traditional culture, do present to GINNY HAWKER, the Vandalia Award for the year 2024.

National Heritage Area to Host Community Meeting in Buckhannon



National Heritage Areas build partnerships by convening diverse stakeholders

Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area (AFNHA) invites anyone interested in conservation, history, cultural heritage, tourism, or community development to network with peers and meet new partners in the region at their annual Stakeholder Meeting that will be held from 10 am to 3 pm on Tuesday, June 18 in Buckhannon, WV at Colonial Arts Center (48 E. Main Street).

“Many people are unaware that West Virginia is included in four National Heritage Areas. We host a public meeting in a different location each year to raise awareness about our organization and how we can benefit organizations in our region. We also want to create an opportunity to amplify what organizations in the local area are doing,” explained Logan Smith, AFNHA Executive Director.

The agenda includes presentations by AFNHA staff detailing how organizations can participate in programs such as their Appalachian Forest Grants Program and AmeriCorps, and themed breakout discussions focused on heritage, community development, tourism, and conservation.

Attendees will also get to learn about various organizations active in Upshur County including Create Buckhannon, Upshur County Trails, Buckhannon River Watershed Association, and West Virginia Division of Forestry. The meeting will conclude with a tour of the Upshur County History Center. Visit www.appalachianforestnha.org for registration, full agenda, or more information.

The Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area conserves, interprets, and promotes forest heritage to enhance landscapes and communities in the highlands of West Virginia and Maryland. AFNHA works with partners to accomplish this through community development, conservation, celebrating cultural heritage, and creating opportunities for transformational experiences. To learn more, see www.appalachianforestnha.org. AFNHA is a member of the National Heritage Area System.

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Herbicide Spraying in Tucker County

It has come to our attention that the DOT is actively spraying herbicides along primary and secondary roads throughout the county. This non-selective spraying has killed a multitude of wildflowers which pose no threat to the roads or the people who drive them. Most of these roadways run along runs, rivulets, streams and rivers. Due to the terrain of this county, runoff carries this herbicide directly into the watershed. Tucker County depends on tourism for a large part of its economy, people come

and expect to enjoy its natural beauty. Dead wildflowers are not beautiful. This county needs a moratorium against the thoughtless and non discriminant killing of roadside wildflowers.

I am requesting the type of herbicide, application rate and areas to be sprayed. It is vitally important the citizens of Tucker County know what is being sprayed and entering our watersheds.

Dave Ruediger
Retired Biology Teacher and Concerned Citizen

6 WVDNR releases spring gobbler season harvest numbers

Hunters harvested 11,650 bearded turkeys during the 2024 spring gobbler season



FARMINGTON, W.Va. — According to preliminary data released by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources on Friday, hunters harvested 11,650 bearded turkeys during the spring gobbler season.

"West Virginia is a great place to go turkey hunting and these harvest numbers are not only an indication of a strong turkey population but a testament to the hard work of hunters," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "The WVDNR remains committed to maintaining sustainable wildlife management practices to ensure the long-term health and abundance of turkeys in our state."

While hunters harvested fewer birds compared to last year's total of 12,217, the 2024 harvest was above long-term indicators and came in 6 percent higher than the five-year and 10-year average of 10,937 and 10,913, respectively.

Hunters in District 1 harvested more birds during the 2024 season compared to last year, while the harvest in Districts 4 and 6 was similar to last year. The harvest

in Districts 2, 3 and 5 decreased slightly from last year. Hunters in District 1 harvested the most birds (2,748), followed by those in District 6 (2,208), District 5 (1,897), District 4 (1,864), District 3 (1,585) and District 2 (1,348). The top five counties in terms of turkey harvests were Mason (501), Preston (441), Jackson (400), Marshall (337) and Harrison (336) counties.

Click here to see West Virginia's county-by-county spring turkey harvests for the last five seasons.

During the 2024 season, youth hunters harvested 601 turkeys (353 on Saturday and 248 on Sunday). This was the fifth year of the youth season being two days. The youth harvest made up approximately 5 percent of the total harvest.

The WVDNR is also reminding hunters that there's still time to report their spring gobbler hunting activity to be included in the 2024 Spring Gobbler Survey. To learn more, visit WVdnr.gov/surveys. To learn more about hunting in West Virginia or to buy a hunting license, visit WVdnr.gov.

City of Welch to Host 4th Annual WV State BBQ Festival, "Coalfields Cookoff" June 7-8, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Welch, WV: The fourth annual WV Coalfields Cookoff will be held on June 7-8, 2024, in Welch, WV. Hosted by the City of Welch and CoalTown, VA, the festival is free and open to the public. Sanctioned by the Kansas City BBQ Society (KCBS), for pro and backyard BBQ Cook Teams, live music, vendors, family activities, a beer garden, a ticketed BBQ Tasting, and an ATV show.

The Coalfields Cookoff is truly a festival with something for everyone. Friday night kicks off with a fan favorite, live band, The Motown Legacy. Families can enjoy strolling through the festival to explore arts and crafts, unique collectibles, and local treasures. Enjoy games, wood carving, axe throwing and more! Food vendors will tempt you with everything from classic funnel cakes to innovative BBQ-inspired dishes. Festival goers may enjoy the beer garden, sipping on favorite brews, relaxing and soaking up the irresistible BBQ vibe. Thrill-seekers will enjoy the opportunity to hop on an all-terrain vehicle for a short escape! ATV rides are available on Friday from 4-7pm and Saturday from 11am-4pm. Chainsaw carving, and karaoke are available Saturday afternoon and attendees have the chance to see the General Lee car.

"The WV Coalfields Cookoff has flourished over the past four years," shares Mayor Harold McBride, Sr. "We've dedicated ourselves to creating an event that appeals to everyone." As the sun sets on Friday night, festivalgoers can groove to live music—a beloved tradition. The air will be thick with the scent of barbecue, and visitors can explore arts and crafts, indulge in delicious food from local vendors, and sip on brews in the beer garden. But that's not all! ATV enthusiasts can rev up their engines and join the excitement alongside the BBQ Cookoff. Word has spread about our exceptional BBQ festival, and the secret is officially out! I extend a warm

invitation to the public: come join us...this isn't just your run of the mill BBQ competition, it's a BBQ destination!"

The WV Coalfields Cookoff is free and open to the public, but for those attendees who want to experience the BBQ cooked by competitors from several different states, a BBQ Tasting Ticket is available for \$10 and is half price for veterans and first responders. Attendees can try several variations of pulled pork on Saturday afternoon and vote on their favorite. Attendees are encouraged to follow [@wvcoalfieldscookoff](https://www.instagram.com/wvcoalfieldscookoff) on Facebook or Instagram to receive additional information and timely updates and visit our website at www.wvcoalfieldscookoff.com.



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OBITUARIES

Prema Lee Wotring Kines



Prema Lee Wotring Kines, 88, a resident of Shaffertown, passed from this life Friday, June 7, 2024 at Cortland Acres Nursing Home, surrounded by her loving family.

Prema was born on Monday, August 26, 1935 in Shaffertown, a daughter of the late Harvey Lee Wotring and Judithia Alm-cda Lipscomb Wotring. On July 7, 1958, at Parsons, WV she married Walter Ross "Tunney" Kines, who preceded her in death on July 31, 2001.

She loved her Kines family and was thought of as a second Mom to many of them, as well as those in the Leadmine community her children grew up in. She was a listening ear and a shoulder to cry on for many family and friends. Prema graduated from Parsons High School with the class of 1953 and was a homemaker. She was a lifetime member of the Leadmine Community

Church and Choir. She was a member of the Women of Faith and loved doing Family History and nurturing plants.

Left to cherish Prema's memory are her children, Karen J. Hockman and husband Scott of Parsons; Kathy L. Arnold and husband Pat of Davis and a special daughter, Ronda Cavalier of Shaffertown; four grandchildren, Sonja "Sunny" Klus and husband Nick of Cleveland, TN, Lauren "Laurie" Godfrey and husband Justin of Shaffertown, Joshua Hock-

man of Libson Falls, ME, and Emma Jo Hockman of Parsons; and three great grandchildren, Shelby Hicks, Geno and Robbie Klus. Prema so loved her special nieces, Marilyn and Judy and their Phillips, Crosten and Hile families as well as her nephew, Lee Kelley and his family. In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by her sister, Lav-era Kelley. Friends will be received on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024, from 5 to 8 PM, at the Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home 567 Thomas Ave., Davis. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 12th, 2024, at 11 AM in the Leadmine Community Church, 5144 Horseshoe Run Rd. Parsons, with Pastor Brad Barton officiating. Interment will follow in Shaffertown Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Leadmine Community Church P.O. Box 92, Parsons, WV 26287.

BBQ Bash Offers Lots of Family Entertainment

The 9th Annual Almost Heaven BBQ Bash kicks off Thursday, June 13th at Jawbone Park in downtown Buckhannon with an evening of food, fun, and entertainment from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Come enjoy some great BBQ or other specialty foods, a balloon artist, face painting, and fun family entertainment. Dine in the park, adults can enjoy a cold beverage in Brokz Beer Garden, or take home a feast for the family. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, enjoy some great food and family entertainment. FREE admission for everyone!

Thursday's Kick-Off features performances by the Lincoln County Cloggers, an Appalachian dance group based in Hamlin, WV performing Irish and Celtic tunes, as well as clogging to bluegrass, country, big band, patriotic, and some good ole rock and roll. There's also a NEW Bowling and Pool Tournament, hosted by Woody's Bowling Center, on the old Elkins Road. Bowling starts at 6:00 PM, Pool begins at 6:30 PM, with cash and trophies to the winners. Call 304 / 472-5070 to register or sign-up when you arrive.

The BBQ Bash opens Friday, June 14 at 11 AM with several BBQ and other food vendors, crafters, periodic demonstrations by the Laurel Fork Falconer with a variety of WV birds of prey, Dime Toss, FREE Sand Art for the kiddos, Cake & Cupcake Walks, an extreme balloon art-

ist, face painting, and more fun for the whole family. Friday evenings entertainment will stir those rock n roll memories as The ROX Band kicks in high gear from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Main Stage in Jawbone Park playing rock-n-roll hits, mainly from the 70's and 80's for a stroll down memory lane.

The food and fun continues Saturday, June 15th from 11 AM – 8 PM with the sweet smell of BBQ filling downtown Buckhannon as 44 teams from 16 states compete for cash, prizes, bragging rights, and the WV BBQ Grand Champion title with an entry into the Jack Daniels International BBQ Tournament and the American Royal BBQ Championship to represent WV. Bring your classic car or truck to our 2nd annual Cruise In on Main Street from 10 AM – 4 PM (registration opens at 9:30 AM) with dash plaques to the first 100 entrants – NO fee to enter.

Saturday nights finale features Ryan Cain and the Ables, from 6 – 8 PM, bringing their toe-tappin' blend of rock n roll, Rock-a-Billy, surf-rock instrumentals, and honky tonk tunes to Jawbone Park. Don't miss this high energy band, generously sponsored by Jenkins Ford.

For more information, call toll-free – 866 / 710-7600 and be sure to "LIKE" our Almost Heaven BBQ Bash Facebook page for event announcements and updates.

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What's? Happening

PHS Alumni Meeting June 13, 2024

Parsons High School Alumni Meeting is Thursday June 13, at Grand Slam Grill at 12:00 noon

Cake Walk

The Hambleton Community Church will be having a cake walk at 6 p.m. on Saturday,

June 15 at the Courthouse Square.

Retired School Employees Meeting June 18, 2024

Tucker County Association of Retired School Employees meeting is at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, June 18 at Grand Slam Grill. All retirees are invited to attend.



The West Virginia Encyclopedia

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June 15, 1963: The Cass Scenic Railroad took its first passenger trip during the state's Centennial celebration.

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.

June 12, 2006: Robert C. Byrd became the longest-serving United States senator in history. He served in the Senate from 1959 until his death in 2010. His record was broken in 2013, by Congressman John Dingell, a Michigan Democrat, but Byrd still retains the Senate record.

June 13, 1861: The Second Wheeling Convention began in the federal courtroom of the Wheeling Custom House. This convention declared the Confederate state government in Richmond illegal; created a Reorganized Government of Virginia loyal to the United States; elected Francis Pierpont governor of Virginia; and called for the western counties to be formed into a new state.

June 13, 1928: Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. was born in Bluefield. In 1994, Nash was honored with the Nobel Prize in Economics. He was the subject of a best-selling biography, A Beautiful Mind, which was later made into a movie.

June 14, 1912: Botanist Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Bartholomew was born in Wheeling. Bartholomew was instrumental in building the dried plant collection at West Virginia University from 30,000 to 140,000 specimens, and she initiated a 2,000-plant seed collection.

June 15, 1876: Attorney and civil right activist T. G. Nutter was born in Maryland. The first Black delegate from Kanawha County, he helped establish Lakin State Hospital and other institutions for Blacks, and crafted an anti-lynching law.

June 15, 1880: Musician "Blind Alfred" Reed was born in Floyd County, Virginia, though he spent most of his life in West Virginia. He composed and recorded some of the most creative topical country songs on Victor Records between 1927 and 1929.

June 16, 1842: Margaret Agnew

Blennerhassett, wife of Harman Blennerhassett, died in poverty in New York City. She lived from 1800 to 1806 in a grand 16-room mansion she and her husband had constructed on an Ohio River island near present Parkersburg. She and her son, Harman Jr., were reburied on Blennerhassett Island in 1996.

June 16, 1964: The Grafton Monster allegedly was first spotted by journalist Robert Cockrell (1946-2022) beside Route 119 near Grafton. His write-up of the event sparked such a tourism frenzy that the local newspaper blamed it on "spring fever" and requested visitors to go home. No sightings have been confirmed since.

June 17, 1813: General Thomas Maley Harris was born at present Harrisville. He rose to prominence after the Civil War, when he served on the military commission that tried conspirators who acted with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

June 17, 1916: The West Virginia High School Athletic Association was organized at Charleston with 11 charter members. Its name was changed to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission in 1955.

June 17, 1961: A Wayne County bridge was named in honor of TV newsman David Brinkley. The bridge's condition had become a news item during the 1960 presidential primary; state officials closed the bridge, repaired it, and invited Brinkley to return for the ceremony officially naming it the "Brinkley Bridge."

June 18, 1937: Jay Rockefeller was born in New York City. He served as West Virginia's 29th governor from 1977 to 1985 and in the U.S. Senate from 1985 to 2015.

June 18, 1944: It's Wheeling Steel aired its last program. A half-hour musical variety radio program that drew upon talented Wheeling Steel employees and families, the show ran eight years and was broadcast nationally.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

I do not know what I am going to do with Raven. She adds to her destruction list every day. Now I can add another remote, a quilt, another dog bed, and almost my phone. I heard her outside tearing up my under-pinning and I jumped up not thinking of the remotes. I had just gotten the replacement for the one she had chewed up the week before.

When I went outside it was laying on the arm of what is left of my chair and when I got the under-pinning fixed and came inside I couldn't find it. I couldn't remember where I had left it so I looked everywhere. On the off chance that she did get it, I went outside looking and there it was.

A few days later, I couldn't find my phone and I have a bad habit of leaving it in my truck so I looked there, no phone, in the bathroom,

Momma Said

This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.

By Teri Cayton
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no phone, and then it hit me. I went running outside in the dark with my flashlight and found it in the yard. Thankfully she hadn't chewed on it yet but she did get a very bad scolding.

It just seems the ore I scold her the more she tears up. She didn't do this stuff when she was a puppy and cutting teeth. I just don't know what is going on in her furry little head. Momma Said, "You have to dance with the partner you brought, so I guess I am stuck with her for better or worse, unfortunately right now it is for worse."

Lemon Sugar Cookies

Ingredients

- 2 sticks unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 ½ cups granulated sugar
- 3 tbsp. lemon zest
- 2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 large egg
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ cup sugar, for rolling cookies

Instructions

1. In a mixing bowl, beat the butter, sugar, and lemon zest with an electric mixer for 1-2 minutes.
2. Add in the lemon juice and egg, beat again to combine.

3. Gradually add in the flour, baking soda and salt, mixing by hand with a spatula until combined.

4. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30-60 minutes.

5. Remove the dough from the fridge. Pre-heat the oven to 350°F. Place 1/4 cup sugar in a bowl for rolling the cookies.

6. Use a cookie scoop to form balls, rolling each ball into the sugar. Place the cookies 2 inches apart on a silicone lined baking sheet. Bake for 11-13 minutes or until the edges have a faint golden color.

7. Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes then move to a cooling rack to cool completely.

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Weather Totals

May 28 - June 4, 2024

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 85° F
Min 36° F

Precipitation

Week 0.48"
May 5.28"
2024 23.27"

Snowfall

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

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by Linda Thistle

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Nicola DiMaio and his Confectionery



Nick DiMaio in front of his store in July 1942



Nick DiMaio proudly posing in his new store in 1913

Joseph W. Dumire

Nicola (Nick) DiMaio was born 2/23/1883 in Campo DiPietro, Sondrio, Lombardi, Italy to Guiseppe DiMaio and Maria Rosa DePaolo (DePollo) and, emigrated to the United States in 1899 at aged 16 and came to Thomas, WV. Upon arrival in Thomas young Nick DiMaio took up residence in a local boarding house owned and operated by his future in-laws Nicola and Antonio and Carmella Peccone who came to Thomas from Pittsburgh, PA to operate a boarding house in this vibrant community. Nick knew no English when he arrived in Thomas, so he wore a tag on his jacket which gave his destination. This was a common practice for emigrants arriving in the United States. It was Nick's good fortune to be on the same train going to Thomas as Dr. Joseph J. Miller, a company doctor for Davis Coal & Coke Co. It is not clear whether this was Dr. Miller's first trip to Thomas. Young Nick became a naturalized United States Citizen on June 14, 1904, at Tucker County, WV, just 5 years after his arrival in the United States.

Nick married Philippine DePollo who was born in Pittsburgh, PA and to this union Nick and Philippine were blessed with three daughters: Mary Rose DiMaio 7/27/1922 – 8/20/1959; Loretta J. DiMaio 9/7/1940 – 5/12/2019 and, Carmela Anna DiMaio Baldwin -11/19/1935, who is still living. On 4/27/1942 Nick was drafted into the United States military for service during WW II. His physical appearance was described as 5'4" tall, 108 lbs. in weight, blue eyes and brown hair with a dark complexion. Many new emigrants to the United States and Thomas, WV proudly served their new country in the military as was common during this time in history.

Early on Nick worked at the coke ovens and delivered groceries via horse and buggy to people in Thomas and the surrounding area. Years later he told his family about his good friend John who was invaluable in making those deliveries – John was the horse.

Nick's Confectionery opened in 1912 and closed in 1953 and was first located on East Avenue (Front Street) a couple doors down from the Imperial Hotel and Schilansky's Butcher Shop, and next to Mike Ferruso's Butcher Shop. A dated family photo shows Nick in front of his confectioneries' original location during 1913. Nick's daughter Ann notes that the confectionery operated a total of forty-one years before closing. Nick and his family lived in the upstairs apartment. This structure had also been occupied by Mura Cooper's restaurant and Jack Grecco's bar.

The tornado of 1954 damaged the roof of the confectionery store, so Nick moved the store further down the street to Rocco Benedetto's building which has always been known as "The Flats." There was a bowling alley on the left side of the building and Nick occupied the right side. Also, at this time Nick purchased a house on Brown Street in Thomas and moved his family there.

Nick started out selling peanuts in the shell, thus giving him the nickname of "Nick the Peanut Man" for the 41 years he happily served the people of the Thomas area. After the tornado of 1954, in addition to outgrowing the space he had at the time he moved into the Benedetto building ("the Flats") in the space



Nick DiMaio in his later years

down the street later occupied by Coffman's Department Store. It is known that he was occupying the larger store in November 1940. In this store he had a soda fountain and sold penny candy, candy bars, gift-boxed candy, a huge block of milk chocolate that was sold by breaking it up with an ice pick and weighing it, stationery, school supplies, cigars, cigarettes, snuff, chewing tobacco, bottles of RC cola, Nehi soda pop, Coca Cola, etc. The Imperial Ice Cream Company of Oakland, Maryland made frequent deliveries of pint and quarts of ice cream, popsicles, fudgsicles, Imps, bulk ice cream for ice cream cones, ice cream sodas, milkshakes and sundaes of every conceivable combination with chocolate nut-marshmallow-butter-scotch being a customer favorite.

The milk for milkshakes was delivered fresh from the Teets family farm near Silver Lake in Preston County, West Virginia. The store was a meeting place, like the Varsity, for young people who enjoyed the jukebox and dance floor that was surrounded by booths. It was a very popular place in the mid-1940's when the U.S. Army sent some of its young soldiers for training in the rough terrain in the surrounding area. The soldiers found Nick's place a welcome spot to relax. Nick, along with most townspeople, adopted these young men who were far from their own families.

During his 41 years in Business, Nick was fortunate to have many conscientious young men and women as employees. Among those were his wife Philippine, Robert Mlekush, Fred and Willie Suder, Helen Lochiner Black, Marguerite and John Lochiner, Helen Bullick, Louise DePollo Genantonio, Ann Rose Colabrese, Sue Yeager, Sharon Yeager Ponikvar, JoAnne Lencek, Carl Coleman and his daughter Ann, at least she claims she was working.

The one thing in Nick's place that made it unique was the gas powered peanut roasting machine that was placed close to the entrance. Huge burlap bags of peanuts were delivered by truck daily. Nick lit the gas operated machine and roasted the raw peanuts in the shell. The smell wafted from the store into the street drawing customers inside. These hot peanuts were then sold in 5 cent and 10 cent bags, or by the pound happily munching. When Nick retired and closed the confectionery, he sold the peanut roaster to John and Mary DiBacco who owned the Varsity Restaurant. The roasting machine was last in the ownership of John and Mary DiBacco's son Paul who lived in Elkins, WV. Like other merchants, Nick swept his store and then the sidewalk in front daily. The only difference was that there were more shells closer to Nick's Confectionery.

During WW II Hershey chocolate syrup was considerably rationed and



A snapshot of the DiMaio family on New Year's Day 1946. Top left is Nick and his wife Philippine, daughter Mary Rose in front of Philippine and daughters Loretta and Carmela Anna (L to R) in front. Friends Nick and Tony DePollo are top right in the photo.

Nick could not get the quantity of syrup necessary to operate his soda fountain. However, he was allotted sugar and cocoa to make his own syrup. This he did, concocting a recipe by hit and miss and cooking it in the copper pot on a burner in the storeroom in the back.

It has been related to the family that after the war when he was again able to get a regular supply of Hershey syrup, most of his customers told him they had become so accustomed to his own syrup, they requested he continue to make his own brew.

During some holiday seasons, for example, Easter and Memorial Day, Nick would buy potted plants such as geraniums, lilies, and hyacinths from Weber's Florist in Oakland, MD. He would line them up on the floor in front of the showcase to be admired, purchased and put in homes or on graves.

Nick loved flowers and plants, and geraniums were his favorite. One area behind his storefront window was loaded with penny candy and the opposite area housed his beloved ferns. He talked to his plants long before it was the fashionable thing to do.

Nick retired in July 1953, and a huge surprise party was given by the businessmen of Thomas with a host of well-wishers and friends. Persons of every age, nationality and creed gathered the confectionery on East Avenue where they made and listened to laudatory speeches, consumed gallons of ice cream and coke which were donated by local businesses, then went home with a satisfied feeling they had at least partly plumbed the depth of their feeling for the man who served them for forty-one years. Coming from his native Italy in 1899 Nick DiMaio proved himself to be the finest type of citizen.

In 1973 Joyce Pase Ashby described Nicola DiMaio as "a beautiful, warm person, so gentle and kind. No child left Nick's Confectionery empty handed whether they had a dime or nickel or not. No one looked through his window in vain. He had a very beautiful accent".

In 1947 J. H. Patterson (teacher, principal, district superintendent) noted of Nick DiMaio: "For Twenty years Nick DiMaio, one of nature's noblemen, at considerable incon-

venience to himself, supplied the school with goods the sale of which, taken with the proceeds of school plays, bought seven pianos and hundreds of books for the library and all the little things no school should do without but cannot buy. He was and is one of the best friends the school has ever had. He is too modest to like this, but it is."

Of further note, for many of Nick's years as a Thomas businessman, at the graduation of students from St. Thomas Parochial School, Thomas Grade School and Thomas High School, Nick gave each graduate a silver dollar. The family has been told that some of those graduates held onto those silver dollars as a memento. Also, when Nick heard music he particularly liked on the radio, he gave the school's band director money to buy sheet music.

Nick DiMaio, devoted husband, father and friend to many passed away on September 17, 1964, at the age of eighty-one. At the funeral mass, Rev. Father Francis Spiller said, "I knew this man for 30 years and never did I once hear him say a word that brings ruin on another's character, I knew the man." Nick DiMaio's life was one well lived. Nick's wife Philippine who was born May 29, 1902, passed away on 12/16/1987 at age 85. Both are buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery at Thomas

The author thanks Ann DiMaio Baldwin for providing the photos and associated information used in this article. Other information sources: Ancestry.com; Notes of Russell Cooper; Discussion with Ann DiMaio Baldwin, & family records; Thomas, WV 1906 by Trevy Nutter; Naturalization Records of Tucker County, WV 1856 – 1954 by Agnes A. Ferruso 1995 (Agnes was employed by the Library of Congress).

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Canner Testing at the Extension Office

Canning season will be here soon! As you are tending your garden for a summer harvest don't forget to consider how you can preserve your bounty to enjoy this winter. The USDA and Center for Home Preservation recommend that canners are tested on a yearly basis. Over time, as the canner lid is bumped or just used, the calibration on a dial gauge canner can become inaccurate. Even gauges on new canners and replacement gauges need to be tested before use. Research-tested recipes for pressure canned foods are based on set temperatures and times to kill harmful bacteria. If your canner is weighted, it is mechanically accurate and does not need to be tested.

If the pressure is lower than that recommended

for processing, the internal temperature of the food will not be adequate to kill all the bacteria and spores that can cause illness. Although a jar may seal if processed at a lower temperature, it does not mean that the food inside is safe. Processing foods at too low a pressure is a safety issue.

If a dial gauge is inaccurate and the processing pressure is higher than recommended, the food inside the jar may be overcooked and softer in texture than desired. This is not a safety issue but is a quality issue, especially when canning tender fruit.

If you have any questions, reach out to the Extension office by calling 304-478-2949 or just

stop by with your gauge or lid.

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I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Jack D. Swearingen, Sr.	Jack D. Swearingen, Jr.
1st publication 6/5/24	PO Box 53
2nd publication 6/12/24	Inwood, WV 25428
Marcia L. Evans	Thomas Evans
1st publication 6/5/24	PO Box 115
2nd publication 6/12/24	Thomas, WV 26292

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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TIMBERLINE-Canaan Valley PSD WV3304711 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 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the CVVFD Fire Hall or call ROBERT METZGER at 304-866-3433.

Your water comes from Ground water:	
Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL 4 (GW)	Ground Water
WELL 5 (GWUDI)	Ground Water under direct influence of Surface Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-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 regu-

lations. 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 577 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 2022 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): Art 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: TIMBERLINE -CV PSD

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	9/19/2023	0.0754	0.0462 - 0.0754	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CHROMIUM	9/19/2023	2	1.5 - 2	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE	4/18/2023	0.4	0.38 - 0.4	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NITRITE	4/26/2022	0.4	0.38 - 0.4	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRITE	7/11/2023	0.28	0.23 - 0.28	ppm	1	1	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest RAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	LOT #153	2023	2	2 - 2	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	LOT #153	2023	7	7 - 7	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2023	0.0502	0.0034 - 0.0735	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2023	0.34	0.12 - 0.36	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

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>.

TIMBERLINE-CV PSD 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 CVPSD Office. If you have any questions about our inventory, please contact ROBERT METZGER at 304-866-3433.

Chlorine / Chloramines Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
11/1/2023 - 11/30/2023	1.80000	MG/L	1.40000	MG/L

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
TURBIDITY	TREATMENT PLANT - WELL 5 (GWUDI)	0.51	NTU	March

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	4/23/2020	0.458	0.458	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants-Non Heath Based Contaminants-No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established.	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
NICKEL	9/19/2023	0.002	0 - 0.002	MG/L	0.1
SODIUM	12/3/2020	1.52	1.52	MG/L	1000

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

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state
7/1/2021 - 12/31/2021	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	XYLENES, TOTAL	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	VINYL CHLORIDE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	TRICHLOROETHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	TRANS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	TOLUENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	TETRACHLOROETHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	STYRENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	SODIUM	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	P-DICHLOROBENZENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	O-DICHLOROBENZENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	ETHYLBENZENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	DICHLOROMETHANE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	CIS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	CHLOROETHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	BENZENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1,2-DICHLOROETHANE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1,2,4-TRICHLOROETHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1,1-DICHLOROETHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported

There are no additional required health effects notices.

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 required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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

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PARSONS CITY OF WV3304707 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 City Council Meeting held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Charles W. Rosenau Municipal Building or call John "Red" Lipscomb at 304-478-2311. Your water comes from Surface water:

Source Name	Source Water Type
INTAKE-SHAVERS FORK	Surface Water

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. EPNCDC 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 1461 and is required to test a minimum of 2 sample(s) 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.

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- 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)
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- 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: PARSONS CITY OF

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	11/15/2023	0.0221	0.0221	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	11/15/2023	0.57	0.57	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

NITRATE	3/7/2023	0.3	0.3	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks and sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NIRITE	3/7/2023	0.3	0.3	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks and sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection By-products	Sample Point	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	ADKINS HOME CENTER	2023	22	22-22	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	ADKINS HOME CENTER	2023	30	30-30	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2020-2022	0.168	0.0244-0.168	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2020-2022	1.5	0.12-1.9	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

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>.

PARSONS 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 Parsons WTP, if you have any questions about our inventory, please contact John "Red" Lipscomb at 304-478-2311.

Chlorine/Chloramines Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
3/1/2023-3/31/2023	2.50000	MG/L	2.20000	MG/L

Total Organic Carbon Lowest Month for Removal	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
CARBON, TOTAL	10/17/2023	4.17	0-4.7	MG/L	0	Naturally present in the environment

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
Turbidity	TREATMENT PLANT	0.1	NTU	July

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	02/13/2019	0.026	0.026	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants - Non Health Based Contaminants - No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
SODIUM	11/15/2023	13.7	13.7	MG/L	1000

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

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	XYLENES, TOTAL	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	VINYL CHLORIDE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	TRICHLOROETHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	TRANS-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	TOLUENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	TETRACHLOROETHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	STYRENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	P-DICHLOROBENZENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	O-DICHLOROBENZENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	ETHYLBENZENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	DICHLOROMETHANE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	CIS-1,2-DICHLOROWTHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	CHLOROBENZENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	BENZENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1,2-DICHLOROETHANE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1,1-DICHLOROETHYLENE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE	No monitoring samples were taken or reported
10/1/2023 - 5/31/2023	CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RULE	Inadequate Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) or failure to deliver a CCR Certification form to the state on time

The samples above were taken during the correct monitoring period. However, the ph. of the sample was not within the parameters at the lab.

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

A paper copy **WILL NOT** be mailed unless requested. To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above.

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IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
NORTHPOINT PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
 Petitioner,
 Civil Action No.: 24-M47C-00003
 v. **Judge: Riley H. Barb**
CARE FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST,
 dated March 6, 1993, by and through COURTNEY STECKLEY,
 Defendant.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-entitled action is to enforce and collect assessments duly levied against that certain real estate known as Lot No. 112 of Northpoint Woods - Section A, Northpoint Subdivision, Dryfork District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and more particularly described in a Deed dated February 11, 1994, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission, Tucker County, West Virginia, at Deed Book 144, Page 521.

It appears by affidavit the Plaintiff has used due diligence to serve the Defendant Care Family Revocable Living Trust, dated March 6, 1993, by and through Courtney Steckley, Trustee, and that service has been attempted on the Defendant without effect, accordingly:

It is ORDERED that Defendant Care Family Revocable Living Trust, dated March 6, 1993, by and through Courtney Steckley, Trustee, do serve upon Robert C. Chenoweth, 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 dated of publication first published, 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: 06/03/2024

[Signature]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
 PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR;
 FROM Dayton Robert Shahan Case No. 24-P-14
 TO THE NAME OF Dayton Franklin Vest
 by Quintessia Vest, Petitioner

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of July, 2024, at the hour of 3:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the undersigned Petitioner will apply to the Circuit Court of Tucker County, County Courthouse, Parsons, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court to change the name of the minor child from Dayton Robert Shahan to the name of Dayton Franklin Vest.

Any party objecting to the change of name who can show good cause why the name should not be changed may appear at said time and place.

Given this the 3rd day of June, 2024.

[Signature]
 PETITIONER

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TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, TUCKER COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12 as amended, the Tucker County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the 2025 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

	General Current Expense Fund	Special Revenue Expense Fund
Estimated revenues:		
Local Sources:		
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 5,068,322	\$
Other local sources	40,000	
State Sources:		
State aid to schools	5,914,215	374,876
Other	3,323,566	
Federal Sources:		1,459,425
Total estimated revenues	14,346,103	1,834,301
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	35,035	350,966
Beginning balance	1,000	
Total estimated revenues & other financing sources	\$ 14,382,138	\$ 2,185,267
Estimated expenditures:		
Instruction	\$ 8,444,377	\$ 593,363
Supporting services:		
Students	741,296	248,735
Instructional Staff	165,717	85,266
Central administration	569,520	
School administration	740,510	
Central services	433,807	2,013
Operation & maintenance of facilities	1,416,853	12,493
Student transportation	1,380,934	
Food services		1,216,862
Capital Outlay		
Total estimated expenditures	13,893,014	2,158,732
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	489,124	26,535
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 14,382,138	\$ 2,185,267

I, Alicia Lambert, Secretary of the Tucker County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the board of education on the 29th day of May, 2025.

[Signature]

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