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Parsons PD Receives New Vests

The City of Parsons Police Department have received their new service vests, according to Police Chief Kevin Keplinger. The new vests have already been issued to city officers and are in use by the city's police force. The new vests are pictures here worn by Chief Keplinger, left, and officer Rosier, right, at the November 19th City of Parsons Council Meeting.

Canaan Valley Resort State Park to commence ski operations



Davis, West Virginia: (November 2024) Canaan Valley Resort State Park is scheduled to commence ski operations for the 2024-2025 Ski Season on Saturday December 21st or potentially earlier, contingent upon weather conditions.

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Blackwater PSD Talk Site Locations, Engineering

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

The Blackwater Public Service District met November 12th to conduct business at the Davis Town Hall. During their meeting, PSD members Al Tomson and Judy Cronauer discussed the results of a previoous meeting on engineering and possible site locations of the future new sewer plant. PSD board member Jody Flanagan was absent from the meeting.

Tomson began by saying that the board had a meeting with counsel, accountants, Region VII and RK&K about how the consolidation of the Town of Davis and City of Thomas will possibly affect possible future rates for the PSD. "We have a meeting this afternoon with the bond counsel, PSC counsel, the accountant and Region VII and RK&K," Tomson said. "And what we're looking at is trying to get some understanding of what the consolidation of Thomas and Davis assets will look like and how that may affect the rates."

Tomson said that the issue was one that none of the board had any any experience with, but were eager to learn. "So that is something that none of us really have expertise with," Tomson said. "So we brought in the heavy hitters and we're ready to learn."

Tomson said the largest issue for the consolidation of the PSD would be to get

the two town's collection systems "under control." "The biggest thing for consolidation, I think is, is getting the two collection systems under control," Tomson said.

According to Tomson, Davis' collection system is scheduled to break ground in the Spring of 2025. "The Davis system is ready to break ground in the Spring," Tomson said.

Tomson said he was unsure of the progress of Thomas' collection system. "I'm not sure where Thomas is with their project," Tomson said. "They don't have as much to do, but they have things to do."

Tomson also said the PSD had submitted all letters on the environmental and historical impact of the project to the appropriate agencies and are awaiting responses. "All the letters for environmental and historical preservation have gone out to the appropriate agencies," Tomson said. "And we'll wait to hear if they've found any bats or squirrels or salamanders or if there is anything of any historical significance anywhere along the line of where this project is looking at impacting."

According to Tomson, the alignment of the project has remained the same and site locations have been discussed."The alignment for the project is about the same," Tomson said. "We talked about site locations for the treatment plant."

Tomson said that initially, the PSD factored a higher average daily flow due to an estimated initial high growth in the area from Western Pocahontas. "One of the things that drives the site planning is the daily flow, the average daily flow," Tomson said. "We used to use a factor of 1.5. That assumed significant growth almost immediately by Western Pocahontas and their projects."

That flow has since been reevaluated and lowered to .8, Tomson said to reflect more realistic growth estimates in the region. "That average daily flow has been adjusted from 1.5 to .8 and part of that is just putting some realism onto the projections from Western Pocahontas," Tomson said. "It may have that growth eventually, but it won't come all at once. It won't come in the beginning."

Tomson said that the new estimates could put the Tomson plant back in the running as a future site. "So what that does is one thing in particular," Tomson said. "It may possibly put the Thomas existing site See BLACKWATER PSD page 2

Parsons Council Addresses Potential for Future Wage Increases

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Rosenau said.

Bv: Lvdia Crawlev The Parsons Advocate

The Parsons City Council discussed the potential for future wage increases for City employees at the November 19th City Council meeting. The discussion came following a motion by Mayor Bruce Kolsun proposing a two dollar an hour raise for all employees, effective immediately. There was no second on the motion. "I would like to propose a two dollar salary increase to be effective immediately," Kolsun said.

According to Kolsun, the City has funding

for the raises. "We checked it out, the "That's why every single this," Kolsun said. "I council meeting, I've said I would like to make that proposal."

Council Member told we're working on it," Kathy DiBacco made a motion to table the matter until Janu-

ary pending further investigation into the City finances. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tim Turner. "I want to make a motion that we table this until January when we see an up to date financial statement," DiBacco said.

Council Member Melissa Jones said she wanted to see what the new water and sewer rates brought in before committing to a pay increase. "I would like to see what we bring in in January, possibly February and March because our bills are 45 days past, to see what our significant amount of money is coming in and to see how our sewer rate is doing and how our sewer fund is doing," Jones said. "To see if we can increase the wages more than two dollars an hour.

Jones said that each department should have the pay come out of it or else it could bankrupt the general fund. "You have to understand, you don't just have you're water and you're sewer. They'll be getting their pay out of that rate," Jones said. "You also have the Parks, the Maintenance crew and everything and their pay consists of work that they have done in that department. So that department might drain the general fund if you're giving all these pay raises to everyone and using just the general fund money."

City Attorney Tim Stranko said that every dollar that comes out of the Water and Sewer fund has to be justified. "We have to justify every dollar we take out of the water and the sewer fund for the money we spend on the

water and the sewer," Stranko said. "We can't cross the lines there."

Kolsun said his plan was to start with the two dollar raise and then add to it later "My proposal was to do this, then we'd increase another dollar or two," Kolsun said.

Council Member Seth Rosenau said he was all for raises for City employees, but could not vote for it at this time due to the uncertainty of the City financial records. "The reason I can't vote for it is, I one thousand percent promoted for a raise for our employees," Rosenau said. "I do want to get them a raise. The only reason I haven't

> made this proposal, is because I'm waiting for an active budget on how much money we actually have to give them a raise. So that's why every single council meeting, I've said I need a budget and I've been

told we're working on it."

Rosenau said he could not vote in good conscience for a raise without knowing how much money was in the City coffers. "So I can't in good conscience say how much we're going to give them a raise because I don't know how much money we have," Rosenau said. "But I do want them all to have a raise a thousand percent."

Rosenau addressed the Mayor on the issue of the budget. "If you know the budget, Mayor, you have not shared that and I have asked and asked and asked how much do we have so we can get our men a raise and our women a raise and I still haven't got an answer," Rosenau said.

City Treasurer Mistee Griffith said she has also been seeking more information on the City budget. "And I would like to see it because I have yet to see it," Griffith said. "We've looked for budgets."

City Administrator Michael Simmons said that come the new fiscal year, he plans to start from scratch on the City budget. "When we start the new fiscal year with the new budget, I'm probably going to recreate everything from scratch," Simmons said.

In a unanimous roll call vote, the Council voted to postpone the matter until the January 21st meeting. However, the council did make it a point to have Simmons inform all employees that the Council did not vote against a pay raise entirely and explain why the matter was postponed.

Resident Relates Parsons Water Woes

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

Parsons resident Shannon Harper related a long running series of water issues to the Parsons City Council November 19th. Among the problems Harper stated were years of discoloration that left her toilet and shower stained, as well as her clothes and her water unusable for drinking. "I'm coming before you today because my water is disgusting," Harper said.

Harper said her water is consistently brown and stains everything brown and has stained her toilet,

even items

going on too long," Harper said.

such items as shower and of clothing. "Its brown all the time," Harper water situation resolved because its been asked said. "It has stained my shower. It

has stained my toilet. It stains my clothes." According to Harper, all the pipes in her home have been replaced and updated. "My dad redid all the pipes in the house," Harper

Harper said that the City had updated the pipes leading to her home, as well. "The pipes were supposed to be redone in the City," Harper said. "Dylan checked, it is plastic piping coming into the house."

Harper brought photographs of what happens to her toilet within a day of cleaning. The photos showed that within a day, the bowl goes from clean to covered in a dark brown haze, according to Harper. Other photographs brought by Harper showed the exposed tank of her toilet with excessive staining. Harper also brought photographs of her shower, as well to illustrate the staining. "This is within a day," Harper said. "My toilet will go from clean to that within a day."

Harper said she grew up on well water and was used to hard water. "I grew up in Moore, I grew up on well water," Harper said. "This is pretty gross. I can't even boil this. I can't even use this."

Harper said she was just requesting help as she had been dealing with the situation for too long. "I need some help getting my water situation resolved because its been going on too long," Harper said.

According to Harper, she first brought the situation to the City's attention over six years ago and had been regularly speaking with different people within the City about it since with little to no result. "I brought this to the City's attention over six years ago and have repeatedly came in and talked to different people and told the lines were going to be flushed once a month, doesn't happen," Harper said.

Harper said that her hydrant was flushed for

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two hours to clear the the council how long her

remained clear following the flushing, Harper said it only remained clear for four days. City Council Member Sam Humphrey said that the hydrants had only been flushed twice a year previously, but were currently on a schedule to be flushed quarterly. "Dylan flushed the line recently for two hours just to clear the water and that was what a month ago," Harper said. "He had to run mine for two hours. He couldn't believe it was still running that long to clear it out."

Harper said she had spoken with neighbors surrounding her and she is not the only one in her area affected. Harper said she decided to bring it to the Council's attention following coverage of the issues in Thomas during the drought. "I'm not the only one," Harper said. "I don't know if I am the only one bringing it, but when I saw the Thomas issue in the paper, I said, hey I need to go address this because Parsons has brown water, too."

The Council said they would refer the issue to the appropriate committees to get resolved and promised Harper that something would be done to resolve the issue.



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Blackwater PSD

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into play as a possibility for a future location."

However, Tomson said the most feasible site is by the landfill. "But right now, the most feasible, attractive and easiest location, in terms of construction of a new plant, looks like its going to be somewhere next to the existing landfill and on the same side of the road as the landfill," Tomson said.

Tomson said the area is industrial and it would keep the plant away from anywhere people would be using. "I think from a public perspective that would make that sort of an industrial area," Tomson said. " And we wouldn't have a treatment plant in the Town of Davis or in the City of Thomas or anywhere else that could adversely effect things that the public uses."

Tomson said there are a number of issues with the Thomas site including space during construction that could hinder operation. "When we consider the Thomas site, there are still some significant issues," Tomson said. "One is being able to build a new plant and continue to operate the existing plant during construction. There is just space limitations on the ground. So that's a challenge."

Other problems with the Thomas site, Tomson said, include constraints on expansion. "The other thing is that the Thomas plant, if it were to go there, would not necessarily have good expansion capabilities," Tomson said. "And because we have factored down the average daily flow to .8, that assumes there is going to be growth in the future. So that is problematic for a plant going into the Thomas site."

Tomson said Thomas may also be one of the more expensive alternatives. "It may also be one of the more expensive options," Tomson said. "So we are going to look at the economics of where to put the plant."

a vacant lot. "Then finally, the landfill site is obviously the easiest place to build because its vacant land," Tomson Tomson said the Preliminary Engineering Report was

Tomson said the landfill was the easiest because it was

on track to be completed by the end of 2024. The Preliminary Engineering Report, the PER, should be done by the end of the calendar year," Tomson said. "We're very close

to getting that document finished."

The PER, according to Tomson, is the prerequisite for the board to begin to apply for funding for the new plant. "That is really the prerequisite for being able to go out and start looking for funding," Tomson said.

Tomson said the board were in the early stages of planning a public hearing for after the first of the year. "We are required to have a public meeting," Tomson said. "We look at doing that sometime after the first of the year. We look at doing it somewhere like the Davis Fire Hall where we can have a lot of people attend because I think there is going to be interest."

Tomson said he feels the board will be in a good position to acquire funding next year due to the team of partners they are currently working with. "Between RK&K and Region VII, for the Davis Collection Improvement Project, everybody did a phenomenal job in the funding applications," Tomson said. "And because its the same team for this project, I think they'll do a great job going forward with that, too."

Monongahela National Forest Terminates Forest Wide Fire Restriction

ELKINS W.Va., November 19, 2024 - Effective immediately, fire restrictions previously issued for Mononga-

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a wood or charcoal fire or campfire is now permitted on all National Forest lands, roads, and trails within the confines of the exterior boundary of Monongahela National Forest.

The purpose of the previous fire restriction was to pro-

tect public health and safety and natural resources by prohibiting recreational fires during periods of high fire danger. Due to recent rainfall, this closure order has been lifted. However, campfire safety is always important. If lighting a campfire, remember these important tips:

- Never build a campfire under trees or overhanging branches.
 - Clear a 10-foot area of pine needles & grass.
- Keep plenty of water on hand and have a shovel o handy.
- Be sure your campfire is 'dead out'!
- Check for fire restrictions.

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hela National Forest have been terminated. Keep all campfires small. o Never leave a campfire unattended. o

TREASURER REMINDS UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

RECIPIENTS TO DEPOSIT CHECKS CHARLESTON, W.Va. - State Treasurer Riley Moore announced today there is still a high percentage of West Virginia Cash Now checks that have not been cashed, according to his Office's Unclaimed Property Division.

"The rate of cashing these West Virginia Cash Now checks have slowed in recent weeks, and my Office wants to ensure rightful owners receive their unclaimed property funds in a timely manner," Treasurer Moore said. "I want to encourage recipients to deposit their checks before the checks stale date in mid-March 2025."

As of Wednesday, Nov. 20, about 60 percent of the nearly \$2.9 million in West Virginia Cash Now checks have been deposited since the checks were mailed to the 2,357 recipients back in September.

According to the Office's Unclaimed Property Division, 1,413 checks totaling more than \$1.6 million have been cashed so far. There are 936 checks totaling more than \$1.1 million that remain outstanding.

The West Virginia Cash Now program launched in 2022 a new. automated system for sending unclaimed property it its rightful owners - without the need for those individuals to file paperwork with the State Treasurer's Office.

The program, which was established from House Bill 4511 as an unclaimed property modernization bill proposed by Treasurer Moore, allows the Office's Unclaimed Property Division to quickly issue checks to residents who have addresses and contact information that are readily verifiable in legal databases.

The Treasurer's Office mailed letters to this year's program recipients in July to notify them that they should be receiving a check through the program. The checks were received in the fall.

Now in its third year, the West Virginia Cash Now program has helped the Office return roughly \$7 million worth of unclaimed property to West Virginia citizens.

"The West Virginia Cash Now program allows our citizens to be reunited with their missing money automatically - no paperwork required," Treasurer Moore said. "This is their money and it's their right to cash that check."

The Cash Now program applies to one of the most common types of claims including individual property owners with claim amounts ranging from \$500 to less than \$5,000. The program does not apply to all claims. Businesses, gov-

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ernment entities, estate claims and securities are not covered by the program because additional documentation is required to verify the owner. Individuals with claims of \$5,000 or more will also still have to file paperwork with the Treasurer's Office to receive their claim.

More information about the West Virginia Cash Now program is available at the Unclaimed Property Division's website: www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov. Information on the Cash Now program is available by clicking on the "WV Cash Now" tab at the top of the page.

Recipients can call (800) 642-8687 or email WVCash-Now@wvsto.gov if they have questions.

The State Treasurer's Office currently has about \$473 million worth of listings in its database.

To learn more about the unclaimed property program and to search its database, visit www.WVUnclaimedProperty.gov.

What is Unclaimed Property?

Unclaimed property can include financial accounts or items of value in which the owner has not initiated any activity for one year or longer. Common examples include unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts and unused rebate cards. (While the title includes the word "property," it does not however include real estate.)

West Virginia's unclaimed property laws protect the public by ensuring money and property owed to them is returned to them, rather than remaining permanently with financial institutions, business associations, governments and other entities. The Treasurer seeks to reunite the unclaimed property, including uncashed paychecks, stocks, or safe deposit box contents, with its owner.

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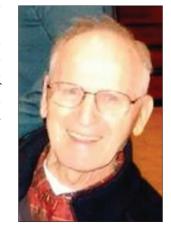
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Edward M. Sedmock

Age 96 died Monday November 11, 2024, following a briefillness. Born in Thomas, WV and lived in Canton most of his adult life. He was a graduate of Fairmont State University and served in the U.S. Air Force. Ed retired from East Canton High School working as a teacher as well as the head baseball coach and assistant football coach. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Barbara (DiBacco) Sedmock of the home; sons: Mark (Karen) Sedmock of North Canton, Matthew (Donna) Sedmock of Akron, Michael (Christen)



Sedmock of North Canton, Patrick (Christy) Sedmock of Uniontown; daughters: Ann (Mike) Looby of Canton, Linda (Mike) Costello of Magnolia, Emma George of North Canton; 16 grandchildren and 7

great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday at 11:00 am in St. Peter Catholic Church with the Very Reverend Dr, David M. Misbrener as celebrant. The burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call on Thursday evening from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Wackerly Funeral Home. We would like to extend a special, "Thank You" to the staff at Canton Christian Home for all the personal love and care. Donations may be made in his name to St. Peter Catholic Church. Personal condolences are invited online at: www. wackerlyfuneralhome.

Carole A. Phillips

Carole A. Phillips, formerly of Thomas, WV, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully at her residence in West Bloomfield, Michigan on September 23, 2024. She was 78 years old. Carole will be reunited with Elmer at Mount Cavalry Cemetery in Thomas, West Virginia on November, 24. Carole



is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Elsie Lyons, her brother, Robert Lyons, her dearest husband, Elmer Phillips, and her granddaughter, Lauren Shanahan. She leaves behind three loving sons, Tom (Sam), Colin (LeAn), and Jeff Shanahan. Carole is also survived by her grandchildren, Brooke and Camden Shanahan.

Correction

Kathleen Phillips, 6h grade at Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School was omitted from the first nine weeks honor roll for 6th grade. We regret this error.

We Get Letters

Dear Citizens of Tucker County,

The Tucker County Ambulance Authority Board is very supportive and appreciative of the institution of the Tucker County Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee by the Tucker County Commission this month. We would like to thank the Commissioners for their efforts to prepare and implement this ordinance. We are very optimistic that this ordinance should provide sufficient financial resources to overcome the fiscal shortfalls that we have identified. The Tucker County Ambulance Authority Board will be taking actions to satisfy our obligations as identified in this ordinance. We will make all efforts possible to staff to a goal of 2 ALS crews, 24 hours, 7 days a week, subject to available funding and personnel availability in the new fiscal year. We look forward to the opportunity that this ordinance provides to improve our EMS service delivery to Tucker County residents and visitors. Tucker County EMS will continue to concentrate our efforts on delivering the best possible EMS services within our available means. Your safety and continued health remain our primary concern.

Dennis L. Filler

President, Tucker County Ambulance **Authority Board**

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WVDNR seeks art for West Virginia Wildlife Calendar Contest



Artists have until Feb. 19, 2025 to submit

wildlife paintings

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — Artists who want a chance to have their wildlife paintings featured in the 2026 edition of the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar have until Feb. 19, 2025 to send their artwork to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Each year, the WVDNR selects 12 paintings for its award-winning calendar based on overall composition, quality and anatomical and contextual accuracy. All artists, especially those from West Virginia, are encouraged to submit their work. A \$200 prize is awarded for each chosen painting. The artist whose artwork is selected for the cover receives an additional \$500.

"This calendar not only celebrates the beauty of West Virginia's wildlife but also showcases the artistic creativity that makes our state so special," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "As we begin work on the 2026 calendar, we want to encourage all artists to submit their work for a chance to be part of a cherished publication that is enjoyed by thousands of people across the country every year."

Wildlife Calendar Art Submission Guide-

Art must be original color paintings on canvas or another flat surface and must depict native game and fish species or other wildlife found in West Virginia, such as snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, bats, songbirds, small mammals and nongame fish. Photographs and paintings with wildlife not found in West Virginia will not be considered. Paintings depicting hunting or fishing activities may be submitted.

The calendar is horizontal and art should be at least 14.5 inches wide by 11.5 inches high. Artists who want to send art should mail a high-resolution copy to the following address:

WV Division of Natural Resources

Wildlife Calendar Art P.O. Box 67

Elkins, WV, 26241

Artists may send multiple paintings and artwork not chosen in previous years may be resubmitted. Digital copies of paintings of at least 300dpi may be emailed to Sanya.D.George@wv.gov. For more information about submitting art for the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar or to purchase the 2025 edition while supplies last, visit WVdnr.gov/ wildlife-calendar.

DoHS Extends Application Period for Low Income Energy Assistance Program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), Bureau for Family Assistance (BFA) has extended the application period for the Low Income **Energy Assistance** Program (LIEAP) by two weeks. Applications will now be accepted through December 13, 2024. This federally-funded program provides financial assistance to eligible households to help cover the cost of home heating. LIEAP eligibility is determined by household income, size, and responsibility for paying heating

costs. For fiscal year 2025, households with incomes up to 60% of the state median income, for household sizes up to seven members, may qualify. For larger households, income eligibility increases to 150% of the federal poverty level. Applicants must meet all program criteria to qualify. Applications have been mailed to residents who are most vulnerable, including those who received LIEAP benefits last season. Residents can also access applications in the following ways:

Online: Visit wvpath.wv.gov to download and complete an application.

In Person: Applications are available at local DoHS county offices, community action agencies, or senior centers operated by Area Agencies on Aging.

Completed applications must be submitted to the local DoHS office in the applicant's county by December 13, 2024, or postmarked by this date. A list of local offices is available here or by calling (304) 356-4619.

Applicants are reminded to submit their forms only to the local DoHS county office. Sending applications to other offices or utility companies will result in processing delays.

For additional questions regarding LIEAP and program requirements, contact the Office of Constituent Services' Client Services Unit by calling 1-800-642-8589 or emailing OSAClientServices@wv.gov.

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Applicant will work with Chief Water Operator & Town Staff in various capacities, including overseeing reading meters. Job includes overseeing & documenting the Davis Cemetery records and cross-training with the Town Clerk on payroll, budgets, paying bills, and other duties as assigned. This is a full-time position with benefits. Salary will be discussed

Davis Town Hall, 505 William Ave., Davis, WV 26260. Applications/Resumes can be returned by mail at P.O. Box 207, Davis, WV 26260, or in person at the Davis Town Hall Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm by December 13th, 2024.

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Notice of Public Comment for the 2024 Tucker County Comprehensive Plan

The Tucker County Planning Commission will host two public meetings to present the 2024 Tucker County Comprehensive Plan. The first meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024 in the Old Courthouse Courtroom (211 First Street) in Parsons. The second meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024 in the Shay Room at Blackwater Falls State Park (1584 Blackwater Lodge Rd) in Davis.

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A copy of the full text of the proposed 2024 Comprehensive Plan is available for review at no charge at Five Rivers Public Library in Parsons, the Mountaintop Public Library in Thomas and the County Clerk's office in the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons

The 2024 Tucker County Comprehensive Plan is designed to provide information and to serve as a valuable resource to plan for the future of Tucker County. The Comprehensive Plan is Tucker County's official guide for land use, housing, transportation, economic development, infrastructure, public services, connectivity, tourism, and county demographics. The Plan will serve as the County's guiding document for 10 years into the future, protecting and enhancing the unique character of our county.



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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **Division of Highways** NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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

State Project Federal Project 012 2022990070 T699-IDIQS 25 00 STBG-2024(126)D

TRAFFIC SIGNAL ITS, SIGNAL SYSTEMS, LGTNG, TECH **VARIOUS**

COUNTY: STATEWIDE DBE GOAL: 5 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

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

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Shiloh Quarry LLC Plaintiff

Civil Action 24-C-26 Norma Jean Trahern Shoemaker or her Judge Robert E. Ryan

Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors,

Anna Marie Greer Sader or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Rockie Linn Fry or his Unknown Assignees,

Devisees, Heirs, or Successors. Charles Andrew Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors,

James Chesley Trahern Jr. or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Glennis J. Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Cheryl Rubcic or her Unknown Assignees,

Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Fred Charles or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Dale Charles or his Unknown Assignees,

Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Susan Charles or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors,

Michael Bruce Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Beverly Ann Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors,

Richard Alan Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Robert K. Trahern or his Unknown Assignees,

Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Betty Lou Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Kezia Leddel Baker or her Unknown

Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Forrest Adrian Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Donna Lee Moody or her Unknown Assignees,

Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Nona Pearl Droz Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors,

Lawrence Dwight Clemmons or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Carolyn S. Mayhew or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, and

Fairy L. Weeks or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: The above-named Defendants, their unknown assignees, devisees, heirs, or successors.

The above-captioned civil action concerns and involves a Complaint for Partition filed by the plaintiff, Shiloh Quarry LLC, a West Virginia limited liability company ("Shiloh"), seeking, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 37-4-1, et seq., among other things, the partition in kind, by allotment, or by judicial sale of certain limestone located partially in Cove District, Barbour County, West Virginia and partially in Clover District, Tucker County, West Virginia. More specifically, this action concerns and involves the limestone, of all depths, formations, horizons, intervals, strata, and zones ("Limestone"), below, beneath, in, on, underlying, or within the parcel or tract of real property located partially in Cove District, Barbour County, West Virginia and partially in Clover District, Tucker County, West Virginia described as follows, to the extent, and only to the extent, such parcel or tract is located on the northern side of State Route 38 [Brushy Fork Road] as such state route existed in August 1943:

Beginning with a stone with chestnut and rock oak pointers on James Johnson's line; thence N. 172 poles to a stone; thence S. 88-1/2° E. 28-1/2 poles to a stone with chestnut pointers; thence South 207-3/4 poles to a stone; thence N. 66° E. 12-1/2 poles to a stone with hickory pointers; thence S. 15° E. 35 poles to a poplar; thence S. 44-1/6° E. 11 poles to the beginning, containing thirty-five (35) acres two (2) chains and ten (10) poles, more or less ("Northern Portion of the Subject Tract").

The (a) fourth (4th) course and distance contained in the description is reversed and should be S. 66° W. 12-1/2 poles, (b) fifth (5th) course and distance contained in the description is reversed and should be N. 15° E. 35 poles, and (c) sixth (6th) course and distance contained in the description is reversed and should be N. 44-1/6° W. I l poles; however, the foregoing is the description employed in the deeds of record in Barbour County Clerk's Office and the Tucker County Clerk's Office.

Based on the complaint, it appears that there are or may be persons or parties who are interested in the subject matter of such civil action and some of whose identities are unascertainable or unknown to Shiloh or who are unlocatable by Shiloh, including:

- a. Norma Jean Trahern Shoemaker or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors,
- b. Charles Andrew Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors,
- c. James Chesley Trahern, Jr. or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors,
- d. Glennis J. Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or
- e. Betty Lou Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or
- f. Forrest Adrian Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors
- g. Donna Lee Moody or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, and. h. Nona Pearl Droz Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees,

Heirs, or Successors. It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that despite Shiloh's due diligence, the identities and/or whereabouts of the aforementioned defendants are unknown, and accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that Norma Jean Trahern Shoemaker or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Rockie Linn Fry or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Charles Andrew Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, James Chesley Trahern, Jr. or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Glennis J. Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Michael Bruce Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Beverly Ann Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Richard Alan Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Betty Lou Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Forrest Adrian Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Donna Lee Moody or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, Nona Pearl Droz Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, and Lawrence Dwight Clemmons or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors, and any and all parties who claim interests in the aforementioned Limestone, must appear and served upon Plaintiff Shiloh Quarry LLC's counsel - Chad L. Taylor, of the law firm Simmerman Law Office, PLLC, whose address is 254 East Main Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301 - an Answer or other defense to the Complaint for Partition filed in this action by December 27, 2024, which is not fewer than thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, otherwise judgement by default will be rendered against him or

her at any time thereafter. A copy of the Complaint for Partition filed in this case can be obtained from the office of the Circuit Clerk of Tucker County, WV, located in the Tucker County Courthouse, 215 First Street, Suite 2, Parsons,

Entered by the Clerk of this Court this 15th day of November, 2024.

Sharon K. Moats Circuit Clerk of Tucker County, W.Va.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Tucker County Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, invites qualified contractors to submit sealed bids for Electrical Upgrades for the Tucker County Courthouse. Sealed bids will be received in the Old Courtroom of the Tucker County Courthouse located at 215 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287 until 10:30 a.m. local time, December 18, 2024 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bids that are being mailed in must arrive prior to the Bid Date and Time and are to be sent to the following Address:

Shelia DeVilder, Administrator **Tucker County Commission** 211 First Street, Suite 307 Parsons, West Virginia 26287 (304) 478-2866 x1207 (304) 478-2446 (fax)

Bids that are being delivered by hand at Bid Time are to be delivered by 10:30 a.m. on December 18, 2024

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 a.m. local time, on December 4, 2024 in the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom located at 215 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287. Attendance at pre-bid conference is mandatory for prime bidders only.

The deadline for Bidders' questions is December 11, 2024 at 12:00 noon. Bidding Documents can be obtained by one of the following methods:

Prime Contract Bidders only may contact ZMM, Inc. Architects and Engineers Attn: Receptionist; reception@zmm.com and request information to access the firm's online ShareFile site for the Electrical Upgrades for the Tucker County Courthouse project. Once access is

for access to documents must be made by email, and those requests received through mail, telephone, fax transmission, or other online communications will not receive a response. Hard Copies may be obtained from Charleston Blueprint (304-343-1063) by General Contractors,

gained, Bidders can download Bidding Documents in the form of PDF files at no charge. Requests

Subcontractors, material suppliers and dealers by paying the actual cost of printing, binding and mailing; however such cost is not refundable.

Bidding documents may be examined at Viewing Depositories listed in the Bidding Documents. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the Owner, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, the right to waive minor informalities and procedures

in bidding, and the right to withhold final award of contract for 60 days after opening bids. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall execute and deliver to the Owner within 10 days after the award, and before signing the contract, a Performance Bond and Payment Bond utilizing the bond forms bound in the Project Manual each in a penal sum equal to at least the contract sum and the cost of such bonds shall be included in the bid.

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State of West Virginia **Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management** PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE GENERAL WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NO. WV0115924 SM-128-2024 Public Notice Date: November 27, 2024 **Public Notice No.:**

Paper: The Parsons Advocate
The following has applied for coverage under the General WV / NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0115924 for this facility or activity: **Appl. No.:** WVR112757

Appl. No.: Applicant: CANAAN VALLEY PSD PO BOX 428 **DAVIS, WV 26260**

THOMAS, TUCKER COUNTY Location: Latitude: 39:14:07 79:27:08 Longitude:

Receiving Stream:

Mill Run/Blackwater River/Cheat River

To operate and maintain a treatment and disposal system and best management practices for the direct discharge of treated stormwater associated with construction activities via multiple outlets to unnamed tributaries of Mill Run of Blackwater River of the Cheat River.

Earth disturbance of 15.80 acres to construct a sewage treatment facility and associated sewer line in Tucker County near Canaan Valley, WV.

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a)) and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be emailed to sharon.a.mullins@wv.gov or addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP ATTN: Sharon Mullins, Permitting Section 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins November 27, 2024 and ends December 27, 2024.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit modification application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the site registration permit application and this facility's coverage under the General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information.

The application may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. Copies of the application and the General Permit and Fact Sheet may be obtained from the Division at

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY. WEST VIRGINIA

Shiloh Quarry LLC

Plaintiff

Civil Action 24-C-25 Judge Robert E. Ryan

Janis Louise Wargo Ulsch, Joni Marie Wargo Wandeloski, Jill Susan Wargo Zazarino, Jeanne Ann Wargo Gallagher or Her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors,

June Ellen Wargo Weller, and Jeri Rae Wargo Lamm Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: The above-named Defendants, their unknown assignees, devi-The above-captioned civil action concerns and involves a Complaint

for Partition filed by the plaintiff, Shiloh Quarry LLC, a West Virginia limited liability company ("Shiloh"), seeking, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 37-4-1, et seq., among other things, the partition in kind, by allotment, or by judicial sale of certain limestone located partially in Cove District, Barbour County, West Virginia and partially in Clover District, Tucker County, West Virginia. More specifically, this action concerns and involves the limestone, of all depths, formations, horizons, intervals, strata, and zones ("Limestone"), below, beneath, in, on, underlying, or within the parcel or tract of real property located partially in Cove District, Barbour County, West Virginia and partially in Clover District, Tucker County, West Virginia described as follows, to the extent, and only to the extent, such parcel or tract is located on the northern side of State Route 38 [Brushy Fork Road] as such state route existed in August 1943:

Beginning at a stake a corner to the Isaac F. Poling, James Johnson, and George Whitescarver tracts of land being the same corner of the dower interest assigned to Barbara Poling; thence N. 5 E. 140 poles to a red oak; thence S. 88-1/2 E. 35 poles to a stone; thence S. 172 poles to a stone with chestnut and red oak pointers; thence S. 44-1/6 E. 46 poles to a stake; thence N. 85 W. 20 poles to the beginning, containing thirty-nine (39) acres six (6) chains fifteen (15) poles, more or less ("Northern Portion of the Subject Tract").

The second (2nd) to last course and distance contained in the description is reversed and should be N. 44-1/6 W. 46 poles; however, the foregoing is the description employed in more than a score of deeds of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Barbour County, West Virginia ("Barbour County Clerk's Office") and the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia ("Tucker County Clerk's Office"). Based on the complaint, it appears that there are or may be persons or

parties who are interested in the subject matter of such civil action and whose identities are unascertainable or unknown to Shiloh or who are unlocatable by Shiloh, including: Jeanne Ann Wargo Gallagher or her unknown assignees, devisees, heirs, or successors. It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that despite Shiloh's due

diligence, the identities and/or whereabouts of the aforementioned defendant are unknown, and accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that Jeanne Ann Wargo Gallagher or her unknown assignees, devisees, heirs, or successors, Joni Marie Wargo Wandeloski, Jill Susan Wargo Zazarino, June Ellen Wargo Weller, and any and all parties who claim interests in the aforementioned Limestone, must appear and serve upon Plaintiff Shiloh Quarry LLC's counsel - Chad L. Taylor, of the law firm Simmerman Law Office, PLLC, whose address is 254 East Main Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301 - an Answer or other defense to the Complaint for Partition filed in this action by December 27, 2024, which is not fewer than thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, otherwise judgement by default will be rendered against him or her at any time thereafter.

A copy of the Complaint for Partition filed in this case can be obtained from the office of the Circuit Clerk of Tucker County, WV, located in the Tucker County Courthouse, 215 First Street, suite 2, Parsons,

Entered by the Clerk of this Court this 15th day of November, 2024. Sharon K. Moats

Circuit Clerk of Tucker County, W.Va.

THANK YOU FOR READING THE PARSONS ADVOCATE

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before the Tucker County Commission at 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV 26287.

That no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the following decedent has been filed with the Tucker County Commission and is of record in the Tucker County Clerk's Office.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must be filed with the County Commission within 60 days after the first publication sate or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

1st Publication Date: November 20, 2024 Decedent: Judith E. Ivens Filed By: Randall Ivens 3 Sierra Dr. Califon, NJ 07830 Relationship: Husband

Subscribed and sworn to before me on November 13, 2024 Sherry Simmons Tucker County Clerk

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Public Notice of Blasting Operations Notice is hereby given that:

Fairfax Materials, Inc. 25128 Seneca Trail, Thomas, WV 26292 (304-463-4575)

Thomas Quarry Permit Number Q013873 & Q201186 This is situated in Fairfax & St. George District of Tucker County, ap-

proximately 4.5 miles north of Thomas will be conducting blasting activities in accordance with all State and Federal Laws and as approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. Blasting activities will occur Monday through Saturday from "sunrise

to sunset." No blasting shall be conducted on Sunday. Blasting is to commence on January 1, 2025 and continue through December 31, 2025. Ten minutes prior to and immediately after each blast, all access to the

specific area will be safeguarded from unauthorized entry. The warning signal prior to each blast shall be from an air horn, siren, or other device audible to at least one-half mile from the blast. The warning will be given three (3) minutes prior to detonation and will consist of three (3) short blasts of five (5) seconds duration with (5) seconds between each blast. The all-clear signal shall be one long blast from an air horn, siren, or other approved devices of twenty (20) seconds duration.

Blasting shall be conducted in such a way so as to prevent adverse impacts to the public or the environment. Blasting activities will not be conducted at times other than those announced in the blasting schedule except in the event of an emergency situation where rain, lightening, or other atmospheric conditions, or operator, or public safety requires unscheduled detonations.

What's ? Happening

Free Friday Cancellations

There will be no Free Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Parsons in November or December. The next scheduled Free Friday is January 31, 2025.

Friends of Cortland Acres

There will be a meeting of the Friends of Cortland Acres Monday, Dec. 2 in the Gathering Room at Cortland Acres at 1p.m. For more information, call Marie Grafton, Activities Director, at 304-463-4181 Ext 218.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

There will be a free clothing giveaway from 1 - 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Southern Baptist Church in Rowlesburg. Please come and help yourself.

Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner

The Annual Free Thanksgiving dinner will be from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28 at the Parsons Senior Center. Eat-in, pickup or delivery will be available, everyone welcome. For additional information please contact Carroll Precht at 304-478-4018 to pre-order deliveries.

Democratic Executive Committee

The Tucker County Democratic Executive Committee will hold its regular 4th Qtr. Meeting on Monday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. via zoom. Text 304-642-5659 for more information. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/ 89258358772?pwd=rcittDuaREj8nFMK 3m94KAxES3EzcA.1



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.

Nov. 27, 1848: African American educator William H. Davis was born. As a teacher of Black children in Malden, his most famous student was Booker T. Washington. In 1888, Davis was nominated as an independent candidate for the gubernatorial election—to date, the only Black person so honored in West Virginia history.

Nov. 27, 1933: Daniel Boardman Purinton, a faculty member and president of West Virginia University, died. He was an early and strong supporter of co-education.

Nov. 28, 1864: In a local skirmish north of Rosser's Moorefield, Confederate cavalry and McNeill's Rangers rebuffed a raid by Union Col. R. E. Fleming and spared the South Branch Valley from destruction. The battlefields are part of the Middle South Branch Valley rural historic district.

Nov. 29, 2001: Writer John Knowles died in Florida. Knowles, born in Fairmont, attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, A Separate Peace.

Nov. 30, 1796: Brooke County was established under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia. The county was formed from part of Ohio County and named in honor of Robert Brooke, governor of Virginia.

Dec. 1, 1936: Artist Ellie Schaul was born in Massachusetts. Since moving to West Virginia in 1956, she has been



Nov. 29, 1921: The actress Dagmar was born Virginia Ruth Egnor in Lincoln County. Her acting career took off in 1950 when she was hired to be on NBC's "Broadway Open House," the network's first late-night television show.

one of Appalachia's most enduring artists.

Dec. 2, 1859: John Brown was hanged at Charles Town in Jefferson County. Maj. Thomas J. Jackson, later "Stonewall." nicknamed was among those commanding the Virginia forces standing guard at the execution of the abolitionist who led the raid at Harpers Ferry.

Dec. 2, 1933: The Charles Town Race Track opened shortly after West Virginia legalized racing and parimutuel betting. The Jefferson County complex contained 22 buildings and included 12 stables.

Dec. 3, 1787: James Rumsey demonstrated the steam engine he invented on the Potomac River near Shepherdstown. This was 20 years before Robert Fulton's boat, though the Fulton design was more practical, and it is Fulton who is honored today as the inventor of the steam-

Dec. 3, 1871: Statesman Newton Diehl Baker was born in Martinsburg. Appointed by President Woodrow Wilson, Baker served as secretary of war from 1916 to 1921. Baker oversaw U.S. involvement in World War I.

Dec. 3, 1921: Operatic soprano Phyllis (Smith) Curtin was born in Clarksburg. She made her debut with the New York City Opera in 1953, where she sang both classical and modern repertoire.

Dec. 3, 1949: WSAZ-TV provided the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game. television station, the 72nd in the nation and the first in West Virginia, was an affiliate of WSAZ radio station.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

People never stop amazing me with the things they are capable of. I just read a news article about a mother that killed her 16 day old baby. The child was taken to the hospital where it was discovered she had 6 broken ribs, a broken arm, various marks on the throat, eye and injuries to the back of head. The mother was suffering from Postpartum Depression and not had any treatment.

She has been indicted on counts of child abuse by a parent resulting in death, child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury, child neglect resulting in death, strangulation, malicious assault and domestic battery. She said she was frustrated with herself and the baby and everything escalated to the point of no return. Momma Said, "Mental health is a very serious topic and needs to be addressed more seriously.

It is a terrible situation and I feel for the mother and the family but at the same time she stole that child's life. When a mother is frustrated or agitated, the child can pick up on that and then it is also frustrated and agitated,

Momma (Saíd This column is about tips helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to m mother. By Teri Cayton

so the cycle begins and just spirals out of control. I think all mothers need to be counseled after birth regardless of symptoms or not.

I never had children and never experienced anything like this depression so I can't speak of what these women go through but I have gone through some tough times and felt pretty low. So I know she had to have been going through some terrible feelings. Momma Said, "Pay attention and if you see a family member or friend going through some tough times maybe suggest to them to talk to someone before it is too late." Mental illness doesn't mean you have to be hanging from the rafters acting like a monkey. The signs are so slight sometimes that if you don't pay attention it will slip under the radar and that is when it goes beyond reason.

Almond Joy Cookies

Your friends and family will never believe how easy they are to make!

Ingredients

- ²/₃ cups almonds, chopped
- 14 oz. bag sweetened coconut flakes
- 2 cups semi-sweet or milk chocolate chips
- 1/8 tsp. salt: omit if using salted almonds
- 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk

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- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper. Set Aside.
- 2. Rough chop whole almonds then measure out $\frac{2}{3}$ cup.
- 3. In a large mixing bowl com-

bine the chopped almonds, coconut, chocolate chips, salt (omit if using salted almonds) sweetened condensed milk. Stir with a spatula until combined.

- 4. Use a 2 tablespoon cookie scoop and scoop balls onto the baking sheet. If needed reshape the cookies to make perfect rounds, wet your fingers with water and lightly press to reshape. Flatten the tops slightly.
- Bake for 10-14 minutes or until the edges begin to turn golden brown, allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet before transferring to a container.

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Weather Totals

Nov. 12- Nov. 19, 2024

Nursery Bottom Parsons

<u>Temperature</u> 68° F Max 21° F Min

Precipitation

Week 0.87 1.91" November 2024 43.67"

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by Linda Thistle

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Tucker Walks into Quarterfinals, East Hardy no Match for the Mt. Lions, 30-0



Tucker remains undefeated (Photo by Adam Freeman)



Mt. Lions celebrate the win (Photo by WV Metro News)



Reid Kisamore gets past the defender (Photo by Angie Teter)



Garrett Wilfong gains yardage and brings the defender with him (Photo by Angie Teter)



Gavin Nestor and Cade Rapp get a big stop (Photo by Angie Teter)



Colton Teter and Quante Mitchell give Sam Marks time to look down field (Photo by Angie Teter)

2024 Football All-PVC

>> DEFENSE << Defensive Line 1st Team - Josh Crossland Honorable Mention - Cade Rapp Defensive End 1st Team - Gavin Nestor Honorable mention - Luke Barb Inside Linebacker 1st Team - Jared Reall and Marky Phillips Outside Linebacker 2nd Team - Braxton George Defensive Back 1st Team - Garrett Wilfong 2nd Team - Keelyn Eichelberger Utility Defense 1st Team - Reid Kisamore >> OFFENSE << Offensive Line 1st Team - Gavin Nestor 2nd Team - Marky Phillips Honorable Mention - Josh Crossland Running Back 1st Team - Jared Reall Wide Receiver 1st Team – Garrett Wilfong & Reid Kisamore 2nd Team - Keeyln Eichelberger Honorable Mention - Luke Barb Utility Offense 2nd Team - Cade Rapp Quarterback 1st Team - Sam Marks PVC Co-Defensive Player of the Year - Jared Reall PVC Offensive Player of the Year Jared Reall

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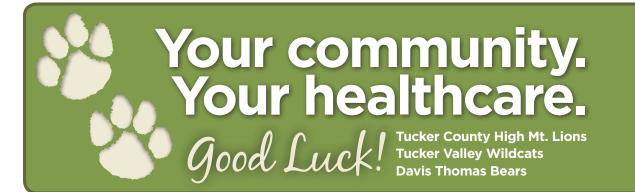
By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County Mt. Lions were finally able to open postseason play after a weeklong delay due to statewide injunctions followed by inclement weather. The contest was slated for a Friday night kickoff once the rulings were finalized, but due to blizzard like conditions in the county, the game was pushed back to Sunday, November 24th at 2:00 p.m. The #2 ranked Mt. Lions played host to their conference rivals, the #15 ranked East Hardy Cougars. The game started at a snail's pace due to the muddy conditions with Tucker eventually finding the end zone late in first quarter, on a Jared Reall touchdown run, set up by a 56-yard pass from Sam Marks to Reid Kisamore. The two-point play was unsuccessful, and the score was 6-0. The Tucker defense would force a punt on the following possession. Kisamore would make a couple defenders miss and getting key blocks, would spring him for a 55-yard punt return for a touchdown. Reall would punch in the two-point conversion and Tucker was on top 14-0 in the second quarter. East Hardy would mount a lengthy drive and get inside the Tucker 5-yard line, but the defense would stand tall, and the Wilfong-Reall combo would make an impressive stop to prevent the score before the break. Tucker would take the lead to the half at 14-0. The Mt. Lions would start the half on offense but would be forced to punt the ball away. The Cougars would fare no better and kick the ball back to Tucker. This time the Mt. Lions would put together a drive that included a 33-yard completion from Marks to Lucas Barb. The drive was capped off with a 4-yard touchdown plunge by Marks and the two-point try was good by Reall, making the score 22-0. Tucker's defense would continue to keep the Cougars scoreless on the night and their offense would strike with a big play of 71 yards on a touchdown pass from Marks to Kisamore. Garrett Wilfong would trot into the end zone for the two-point conversion putting Tucker ahead 30-0. This is when things would get interesting for East Hardy, as the first of two players were ejected for multiple unsportsmanlike penalties. The Cougars were penalized 11 times for 149 yards on the



Jared Reall makes the Cougar miss (Photo by Angie Teter)

night. The final remained at 30-0 for the contest. Tucker would put together 329 yards of offense in the game while East Hardy was held to 232 yards of total offense. Tucker's Sam Marks was 7 of 13 passing for 209 yards and 1 touchdown, and 1 more on the ground. Reall led the Mt. Lions in rushing as he had 28 carries for 120 yards and a touchdown. Reid Kisamore had a big game with 3 catches for 136 yards for a touchdown and 1 punt return for a touchdown. Tucker was led on defense by Garrett Wilfong and Jared Reall who both notched 10 tackles each. The Mt. Lions will play host again this weekend to a familiar opponent in the Pendleton County Wildcats who will come to town for a regular season rematch. Tucker defeated Pendleton in week six of the regular season, 38-13. This week's matchup will be Saturday, November 30, 2024, with a kickoff set for 1:30 p.m.





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Gov. Justice announces return of buck firearms season and Big Buck Photo Contest

Eligible hunters can win prizes for submitting photos of 2024 buck harvests

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Gov. Jim Justice and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) today announced the return of the buck firearms season and Big Buck Photo Contest.

West Virginia's buck firearms season opens Nov. 25 and the Big Buck Photo Contest will start Nov. 26. Hunters are invited to submit a photo with a buck they harvested during a 2024 hunting season along with a short account of their hunt for a chance to win prizes. Photos must be submitted by Jan. 10 for hunters to be eligible for a prize drawing.

"As a lifelong hunter, nothing thrills me more than the return of West Virginia's buck firearms season and enjoying our state's incredible deer hunting opportunities every year," said Gov. Justice. "I want to encourage everyone to buy their license and stamps, join the thousands of hunters who have participated in this exciting contest and help show



the world why West Virginia is one of the best

The Big Buck Photo Contest is open to

West Virginia residents and nonresidents and includes a youth division for hunters 17 and younger and an adult division for hunters 18 and older. Participants must hold a valid 2024 West Virginia hunting license and provide the 13-digit WVDNR-issued game check number for their buck. Consent for the release and use of submitted photos is implied upon entry. Detailed rules and entry forms are available at

Big Buck Photo Contest prizes include:

WVdnr.gov/photocontest.

- Resident Adult Division (1 Winner): One (1) free resident lifetime West Virginia hunting license, one (1) two-night stay in a Cabwaylingo State Forest cabin and one (1) two-night stay in a Seneca State Forest cabin.
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- Non-Resident Adult Division (5 Winners): One (1) Cabela's prize package, one (1) two-night cabin stay at North Bend State Park cabin and one (1) two-night cabin stay at Twin Falls Resort.
- Non-Resident Youth Division (5 Winners): One (1) Cabela's prize package.

After the contest closes on Jan. 10, 2025 a random drawing will be used to select finalists from each division and entries will be judged on photo composition, antler size, antler points and the quality of the hunt narrative. Winners will be announced in January 2025.

WVDNR Encourages Hunters to Get Ready for Buck Firearms Season

West Virginia's buck firearms season opens Nov. 25 and runs through Dec. 8 in all counties except Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming, which are closed to firearms deer hunting. Hunters may harvest one buck on their base license during the season. Those who want to harvest one additional buck must purchase a RG/RRG stamp before the season starts. West Virginia hunting licenses and stamps are available to purchase at WVhunt.com.

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