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Winter is Upon Us, Home Heating Safety Tips

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

The first few inches of winter have fallen upon the mountain in Tucker County and the mercury has begun to fall. Which means that residents of Tucker County will begin bundling up, cranking their thermostats and stoking those wood stoves and fire places. Here are a few tips from Tucker County OEM Director and Parsons Fire Chief Kevin White and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to help residents safely stay warm this sea-

According to the NFPA, heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths with fire departments responding to an estimated 40,997 fires involving heating equipment a year between 2018 and 2022 which accounted for 12% of all home fires during that time and resulted in 470 deaths.

Space heaters and heating stoves were the most responsible heating equipment, according to the NFPA, resulting in nearly half of all fires at 46%, but also resulted in 76% of deaths and 72% of injuries caused by heating equipment.

The NFPA also reports that fires caused by fireplaces or chimneys were involved in fewer than one in ten fires caused by heating equipment at 8%, but caused over one fourth of the direct property damage

According to the NFPA, almost half of all heating equipment fires at 46% occur



between the three month period of December to February each year.

White recommends that residents have their furnaces inspected each year prior to having them fired up for the first time. "Its always recommended that you get your furnaces checked out before you fire them up every year," White said. "Get them serviced."

The same recommendation was made for those who use wood or coal to heat their homes, White said. "Same way with your flues if you are a wood or a coal burner, you should have your flues checked out and make sure everything is in good shape before you fire up your wood or coal stove," White said.

In the case of small electric space heaters, White said that caution should be taken to make sure that the electric circuits in the house can handle the extra draw of power. "If you are using some type of stand alone electric heat, make sure that your circuits can handle the amount of voltage that is required," White said.

White said that there is a problem of breaker boxes and circuits overloading from the space heaters. "A lot of times we

have issues with breaker boxes and things overheating due to the draw of electric heaters," White said.

In the case of heating with any kind of open flame device, White recommends having the home's smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in good working order. "Of course if you are using something, you have to be careful with carbon monoxide with any kind of an open flame burning," White said. "It is recommended that you get your smoke detectors and your carbon monoxide detectors, make sure they have good batteries in them and they are working properly."

The NFPA recommends keeping combustible materials three feet from any heat source like furnaces, fireplaces, wood stoves or portable space heaters, as well as maintaining a three foot "kid free zone" around open fires and space heaters. The NFPA says to never use an oven to heat a home, as well.

When having equipment such as stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment installed, the NFPA recommends having qualified professionals provide the installation according to local codes and manufacturer instruction. The NFPA also recommends professional have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every

If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance, but leave the home immediately and call the fire department or gas company, the NFPA says.

The NFPA says to have sturdy screens on fireplaces to stop sparks from entering the room. Ashes should be cold before being placed into a metal contain and then kept a safe distance from the home.

Portable heaters should be turned off before leaving the room or going to bed, according to the NFPA. When using a heater that requires fuel, always use the right kind of fuel as specified by the manufacturer, the NFPA says.

Lastly, always test smoke alarms at least once a month, the NFPA says.

White said that public awareness in Tucker County has been heightened over the past 20 years regarding the dangers of heating devices. "I think public awareness has been greatly heightened over the past two decades or so about the dangers of heating with different types of devices," White said.

According to White the house fire ratio in Tucker County is low, but there are still fires each winter from device related incidents. "Our house fire ratio in Tucker County is fairly low in my opinion, but we still, each department in our county, still gets a handful each year," White said.

Davis Holds Emergency Meeting

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

The Town of Davis held an emergency meeting November 13th to pass a resolution regarding a leak on the Weimers Dam. The meeting was to pass a resolution to apply for State funding to repair a leak in the dam.

Davis Mayor Al Tomson addressed the room that the emergency meeting was to address the issue of the leaking Weimers Dam, but no other business was going to be conducted during the session. "This is an emergency meeting for a resolution for the Weimers Dam leak," Tomson said. "No other business is going to be discussed."

Tomson said the council had a resoltion and plan to discuss during the session. "So we have a resolution," Tomson said. "We have a plan."

In regards to their plans, Tomson said the council had vendor, cost and everything they need to submit to the State for a funding request. "We have a plan," Tomson said. "We even have a vendor. We may have an approximate cost."

Tomson said the resolution was to submit to the State for funding. "The resolution is basically to submit an emergency project to the State for funding," Tomson said.

The amount the council are request-

"So we're kind of in emergency mode at this point," Tomson said.

ing from the State, according to Tomson is \$100,000 for reparirs to the dam. "We are asking for emergency funding of about \$100,000 to do the repair work," Tomson

Tomson said the dam is losing more water every day. "We really want to get that thing fixed," Tomson said. "Not only are we loosing water, but all of a sudden, we are losing a lot more water and that's the scary part."

According to Tomson the hole is increasing and due to the dropping temperatures, the pump the Town is using to pump water from the Blackwater is not wanting to start due to the cold weather. "The hole's getting bigger," Tomson said. "And the pump is still pumping water from the Blackwater, but we're having trouble starting the pump now because its getting colder. So we're kind of in emergency mode at this point."

The resolution was approved in a motion made by Mayor Tomson in a unanimous vote by the council.

Davis Receives \$500,000 Grant

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The Town of Davis has received notice of a \$500,000 grant towards their upcoming sidewalk construction project. Davis Mayor Al Tomson announced the grant award during a regular meeting of the Town Council Novem-

Accord-Tomson, the award was for \$500,000 towards grant from DOH for sidewalk construc- tax

ber 13th at the Davis Town Hall.

tion," Tomson said. construction and was awarded from the West Virginia Department of Highways. "We did received a \$500,000 grant from DOH for sidewalk construction,"

Tomson said. Tomson said the Town already had \$100,000 in design money awarded from grants/ "So we already had \$100,000 grant for design," Tomson said.

The grant money is the first phase of construction money for the project, according to Tomson. "Now we have the first phase of construction money," Tomson said.

The money is part of a fund match grant in which the Town will be responsible for a 20%

grant match, Tomson said. "These are funds that come with a match," Tomson said. "So its a 20% match."

Under the grant match, the Town will be responsible for a \$100,000 grant match, Tomson said. "So we have to pay \$20,000 to get \$100,000. We have to pay \$100,000 to get the \$500,000," Tomson said. "So that's the way that money works.

The grant match funds are slated to come

"We did received a \$500,000 1% to Tomson. "Out of the

1%," Tomson said.

Tomson said the grant match will not need to paid up front. "And those will not be paid for a couple of years," Tomson said. "They will not be paid until the project is finished."

Construction on the project is slated to be sometime in 2026 or 2027, according to Tomson. "So for example, the design will probably be finished sometime towards the end of next year," Tomson said. "Construction probably 2026, 2027 somewhere in that time frame. So that's when the match has to be paid. Its not up in the beginning."

Agency LMC Honored with Top Awards at PRSA-WV's Best of West Virginia

Elkins-based Agency Secures 23 Awards, Including Gold Honors for Best Overall Campaign and Tactic, at Statewide Public Relations Évent

ELKINS, W.VA. (November 18, 2024) - Agency LMC (LMC), a fullservice marketing and communications agency, was recognized for outstanding achievements at the 2024 West Virginia Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA-WV) Best of West Virginia Awards, held on November 12 in Charleston, West Virginia.

The annual PRSA-WV Crystal Awards, now branded as the Best of West Virginia Awards, celebrates excellence in public relations and communications efforts across the state. The awards highlight innovative strategies that elevate brands and drive positive change within West Virginia communities. Each year, PRSA-WV honors the professionals and organizations whose work exemplifies strategic planning, creativity, implementation, and measurable results.

To capture the diverse scope of public relations, entries are classified as either Campaigns or Tactics. Tactic entries are individual work or projects, such as a social media post or brochure, and are judged on creativity, execution, and results. Campaign entries, meanwhile,



represent broader projects that integrate multiple tactics to achieve specific goals and are evaluated on research, planning, execution, and overall effectiveness. This structure recognizes both the impact of singular tactics and the strategic integration of tactics within larger campaigns.

In 2024, Agency LMC was named a top finalist in the Campaigns category

for its work with Barbour Community Health Association ("We're Here" external communications campaign), Grant County Bank (CMI external communications campaign), and the West Virginia Primary Care Association (integrated communications campaign).

In the Tactics category, LMC received finalist distinctions for the following projects:

- External Website Coplin Health Systems and Endolumik website development projects
- Social Media Agency LMC campaign to promote Beverly Randolph Heritage Tourism's rebrand/website launch and St. George Medical Clinic's testimonial 4-grid graphic
- Social Media United Coal Company campaign to promote underground mine safety
- Collateral (Brochures/Mailings/ Posters) - Clay-Battelle Health Services Association quality measure education collateral, Mountain State Forest Festival 2023 Program/Schedule of Events, and Eastern Community & Technical College Agri-Tourism Map

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WV Governor's Highway Safety Program Recognizes Older Driver Safety Awareness Week

CHARLESTON, WV — The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is working with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) to recognize Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, December

Fatal traffic crashes involving older drivers ages 65 and older increased by 4.7 percent from 7,515 in 2021 to 7,870 in 2022. In 2022 the number of fatalities in traffic crashes involving older drivers was the highest since NHTSA began tracking in 1975.

In 2022, there was a total of 264 roadway fatalities in West Virginia; 29.2% of those fatalities were road users ages 65 and older, accounting for a total of 77 fatalities. Currently, according to the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles, although this number can change daily, there are a total of 398,648 drivers who are ages 65 and older, accounting for 27.63% of the total driving population in West Virginia.

As people age, their physical, visual, and cognitive functions can decline, making them more vulnerable to severe injury or even death when involved in a vehicle crash. Being proactive about safe driving skills,

learning ways to identify changes early, and intervening as soon as possible can help older drivers maintain safe mobility.

Families and caregivers may suggest that older drivers have their vision and hearing checked regularly, and to ask health care providers to review medications for potential interactions. It's also a good idea for older drivers to plan trips during the daytime when traffic is lighter and it's easier to see, or discuss with them an alternative transportation plan option, if necessary. Plan for safe mobility beyond the driver's seat early on before you notice difficulties. Most importantly, families and caregivers should show compassion for older drivers who may no longer be able to drive. This can be a difficult time for all involved in these conversations. Understanding and empathizing can go a long way in easing the transition.

"Today's vehicles are equipped with many safety features," said Jack McNeely, GHSP Director. "Families and caregivers should take time to review vehicle manuals with older drivers to ensure they understand how these features work, if needed," concluded

NHTSA offers free resources on keeping safe as drivers age and provides information about how families and caregivers can create a safe system for all road users whether driving, walking, or cycling. Visit NHTSA at NHTSA.gov/OlderDrivers. Another valuable resource for older road user safety is the Clearinghouse for Older Road User Safety at www.roadsafeseniors.org.

For more information about the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program, visit WV Division of Motor Vehicles or call 304-926-2509.

The purpose of the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is to encourage, promote, and support highway safety across West Virginia through the implementation of federally mandated and funded highway safety improvement measures. The GHSP reflects Governor Jim Justice's ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety of every traveler by raising awareness of common dangerous driving conditions. GHSP safety initiatives aim to decrease impaired and distracted driving, increase seat belt and child safety seat usage, and target speed reduction, among other goals.

Kiyana Morgan wins Eastern College's First-Generation Student Art & Literary Showcase



Kiyana Morgan, Eastern student and winner of the first-gen art & literary showcase



Kiyana Morgan's winning artwork, 'Bebop'

Moorefield, W.Va. — Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College recently held its First Generation Student Art & Literary Showcase, which ran from October to November 2024, with the reception on November 19. The showcase, themed "Why I Am First," provided firstgeneration students the opportunity to submit artwork or literary pieces that reflected their personal experiences as first-generation college students.

The submissions were judged by Eastern's Art and English faculty, and awards were given in two categories: "Best in Show," and "Why I Am First." Kiyana Morgan, a first-generation student, received both the "Best in Show" and "Why I Am First" awards for her exceptional work. Her prizes included over \$175 in Amazon gift cards and an Eastern gear bag featuring branded AirPods.

"I moved to Moorefield when I was 10 years old and have always thought "bigger" and sometimes "too big". I want to be able to do what I love and thrive in the town I've been raised in. I'm a creative soul with a lot to express. I enjoy creating audio drama podcasts, short animations, and full-length series. I've been a small-time voice actor for three years now doing work on indie games, audio stories, YouTube, etcetera, and I am hopeful that I can express myself sooner than later on a much bigger screen," said Morgan, "I'd like to bring some pride to our family in some way. I'm a big sister and I feel the need to set an example to her and my three children by being the first to

"We are grateful to be able to hold events like these for students," said Trent Montgomery, marketing/graphic

graduate. I'm proud to be a first-generation student and

I want to die knowing my mother was sincerely proud." designer, "and to continue hosting more events for the arts and literature on our campus." Eastern is excited to continue fostering creativity and expression through future events. Eastern also publishes the Eagle's Nest Art & Literary Magazine each year, with Volume IX having been released in June 2024. This magazine is completely free to the public for submitting art and writing to be featured. Eastern's Art Club meets monthly, with the next session scheduled for December 11, from 4-6 p.m. Attendees of the next Art Club can paint and decorate Christmas ornaments for their trees. Another event on the horizon is a showcase celebrating National Literature Month in March 2025, which will be open to both the public and students. To learn more about getting involved with the arts at Eastern, email trent.montgomery@easternwv.edu. The First-Generation Student Art & Literary Showcase: "Why I am First" was supported by the First-Generation Student Success Grant.

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Toy drive through distribution at St. Paul's Church Dec. 8 – 15 from 2 -7 p.m. by appointment. NO DELIVERIES.

To Sign up to **Receive Toys:**

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The Town of Davis is accepting applications for a utility billing/receiving clerk.

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This is a full-time position with benefits. Salary will be discussed at interview. Applications can be picked up at the 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 <u>December 13th, 2024.</u>
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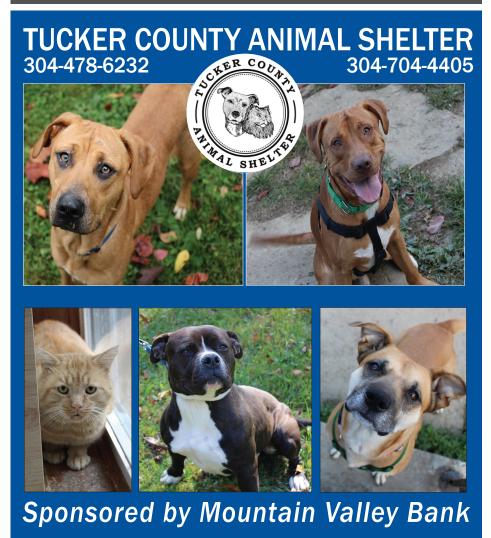


There are so many beautiful homes filled with blooms announcing fall. However, MGC selected the home of Brandon and Katlynn Keller of River Bend Estates was delightfully abloom with hydrangea, marigolds in a repurposed tub, and evergreens. Also, the porch had ferns, mums, multiple pumpkins, and a few friendly scarecrows. Business YOM was Adkins Home Center whose entry welcomes customers with multiple Zinnias in a striking dark pink beside white impatiens while purple Allysum cascaded over the rails.

Thank you to all the gardeners who made our selections for YOM difficult and inspiring. MGC welcomes new members on the first Tuesday of each month at 6PM at Five Rivers Library.



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Rodney Dale "Sug" Rosier, Sr.

Rodney Dale "Sug' Rosier, Sr., age 76 years, a resident of Pifer Mountain, St. George, WV, departed this life Saturday, November 23, 2024, at his home. He had been in his usual health and death was unexpected.

He was born Friday, November 12, 1948, at Elkins, WV, a son of the late Stearl Rosier, Sr. and Leeorr Marie Rosier. On December 17, 1967, at Mt. Lake Park, MD, he was married to the former Donna Kay Ludwick, who preceded him in death February 21, 2018. They had celebrated fifty-one years of marriage.

Surviving are two sons, Rodney Dale Rosier, Jr. and wife Cristy, and Ricky Scott Rosier and companion, Lindsey, all of Pifer Mountain: two daughters, Roxanna Marie Waybright of Barbour Co, and Roxcella Dale Owens and husband Brian of St. George; one brother, Robert Lee



"Bud" Rosier and wife Beverly of Clover Run; one sister, Shirley Ann Carr and husband Hoye of Parsons; eighteen grandchildren, Bethany and husband Sean, Shane, Ryan, Kaydence, Racheall, Haylee, Lylee, ElleeMae, Blake, Kameron, Kyleigh, Krystal, Brantlee, Raygen, Ella, Lily, Ryan, and Ryker; one great grandchild, Raivyn; and one niece, Allison Ludwick of

Preceding him in death are one son, Rocky Allen

Rosier; one brother, Stearl "Sonny" Rosier, Jr.; and infant twin grandchildren, Kaedyn Alan and Kristopher Alan Scott Rosier.

He was a graduate of Parsons High School with the class of 1966, and he had attended Potomac State College. He was a timber cutter, working for several local companies. He previously attended the Pifer Mountain Church. "Sug" enjoyed hunting, and farming, loved his dogs, Rex, Clyde and Piggy, but especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Friday, November 29, 2024, from 4 PM to 6 PM. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Rodney Dale "Sug" Rosier, Sr. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www. lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Eileen Linda Gray Poling

Eileen Linda Gray Poling, age 72 years, a resident of Parsons, WV departed this life early Monday morning, November 25, 2024, at the WV Caring Hospice Center at Elkins, WV with her loving family at her side. She had been in declining health.

She was born Friday, September 19, 1952, at Tarentum, PA, a daughter of the late Robert Sloan Gray and Marie Heineman Gray. On June 14, 1975, at Leechburg, PA, she was married to Porter Edward Poling, who survives. They had celebrated fortynine and a half years of marriage.

Also surviving are one son, Edward Thomas Poling of FL; one daughter, Christine Marie Ward and husband Charles "Chuck", Jr. of Beverly; two sisters, Patricia Flaim and husband Bruno of WY and Roberta Moxon of ND; three grandchildren, Claire Elise Poling, Aurora Lynne Poling and Hazel Marie Poling.

Preceding her in death is one sister, Diana Zilka.

She was a graduate of Kiski Area High School with the class of 1970 and a 1974 graduate of Indiana University of PA, with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.



She obtained her Masters in Elementary Education from WVU, and later received gifted certification. She was a teacher at the schools of Tucker County and Glenville State, retiring in 2014. One of her favorite pastimes was bowling, where she met the love of her life, her husband Ed, at the bowling alley at Parsons, WV. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where she was in the choir, Sunday school teacher and ran the vacation bible school for several years. She enjoyed traveling, and had been to several parts of Europe, Japan, Mexico and several other places. She was a wonderful piano player and enjoyed crochet. Her pas-

Academy in Colorado with NASA, and even had the opportunity to experience NASA's Zero Gravity Aircraft. She helped make Tucker Valley a NASA Explorer school for several years and was Solar System Ambassador for the State of WV for several years. She loved being a schoolteacher and helped found the Robotics Program that is still in place. Eileen loved her family, but the biggest enjoyment was spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Poling's request for cremation was honored. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sunday, December 22, 2024, at 2 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Parsons, WV. The Reverend Julie Davis will officiate. A memorial dinner will be held afterwards at the church. The family suggest that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contribution to the First United Methodist Church, 101 1st Street, Parsons, WV 26287; or westvirginiacaring.org. The Lohr & Barb Funeral is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Eileen Linda Gray Poling. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

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- Best Use of AI Barbour Community Health Association Spanish brochure trans-
- Research Grant County Bank rebrand research
- Annual Report Tucker Community Out of the five finalists, LMC was recog-

nized for the top three Best of West Virginia • Best of West Virginia Overall Tactic

- Gold for its external website created for Coplin Health Systems.
- Best of West Virginia Overall Tactic Silver for its Agency LMC campaign to promote Beverly Randolph Heritage Tourism's rebrand/website launch.
 - Best of West Virginia Overall Tactic

Bronze for its United Coal Company cam-

paign to promote underground mine safety. Out of the five finalists, LMC was recognized for two of Best of West Virginia Overall campaigns:

- Best of West Virginia Overall Campaign Gold for its Barbour Community Health Association "We're Here" external communications campaign.
- Best of West Virginia Overall Campaign Bronze for its Grant County Bank "CMI" external communications campaign.

"I am incredibly proud of the entire LMC team and thankful for the trust of our clients, whose partnerships allow us to create meaningful work that positively impacts West Virginia's communities," stated Lori Chenoweth, Vision and Strategy Director at Agency LMC. "These recognitions reflect the dedication and innovation that our agency strives for in every campaign and project."

The agency was awarded a total of 23

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West Virginia State Parks Announces 2025 Golf Season Passes Now Available CHARLESTON, W.Va. - West Virginia State Parks is excited

to announce that 2025 season golf passes are now available for purchase at select state parks. Golf enthusiasts can secure their passes for the upcoming season at Cacapon Resort, Pipestem Resort, Canaan Valley Resort and Twin Falls Resort State Parks. This year's selection includes a variety of pass types with options for unlimited play, mid-week passes, junior passes and seasonal passes to fit every golfer's needs.

"West Virginia is known for its natural beauty, and our state parks' golf courses offer some of the most stunning scenery you'll find anywhere," said Governor Jim Justice. "I'm thrilled for golf lovers to get out and experience our fantastic courses."

The 2025 golf season passes are valid from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, weather permitting. Passes are nontransferable and provide flexibility with reciprocal play at participating state park courses. Additionally, for a limited time, an "Early Birdie" discount is available, offering a 5% discount on purchases made by December 31, 2024.

2025 Season Golf Pass Options:

Any-Day Annual Pass - \$709 + Tax

Unlimited any-day golf at all participating parks, including two "My Best Friend" free greens fees.

Mid-Week Annual Pass – \$459 + Tax

Unlimited midweek play at participating parks, excluding weekends and holidays, with two "My Best Friend" greens fees. Any-Day Summer Only Pass (June 1 - August 31) -\$399 + Tax

Unlimited play during the summer season.

Each pass offers access to reciprocal play at Cacapon Resort, Pipestem Resort, Canaan Valley Resort and Twin Falls Resort State Parks, with availability based on tee times. The Mid-week pass includes play on Monday through Thursday (Tuesday to Thursday at Canaan Valley) and allows limited weekend and

"Our 2025 season golf passes are designed to give golfers at all levels flexible options to enjoy our state parks' courses," said Acting WV State Parks Chief Dillard Price. "We're excited to welcome new and returning players to experience the beauty and challenges our courses offer, all while creating lasting memories at West Virginia State Parks."

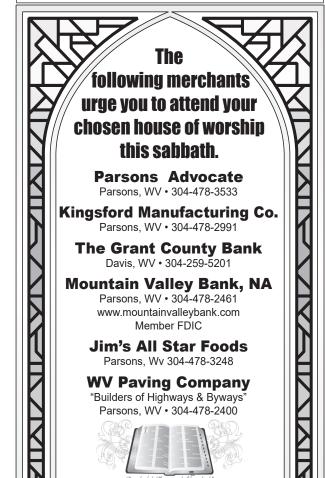
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West Virginia Junior College and Moodr Health Partnership Success Leads to Growing Mental Health Support In Nursing Education



West Virginia Junior College (WVJC) and Moodr Health, partners in a groundbreaking pilot program aimed at prioritizing mental health within nursing education, say their initiative this year was so successful, the program has expanded. A second cohort of 50 nursing students at WVJC's Charleston campus has embarked on their rigorous academic journey with Moodr Health's proven-effective mental health support technology.

In recognition of their shared commitment to proactive mental health support, Moodr Health, a trailblazing digital healthcare solution, has awarded WVJC with its second Moodr Early Innovator Grant Award valued at \$12,375. The grant will be used to continue to provide these mental health resources to its nursing students.

Understanding the demanding nature of the WVJC nursing curriculum, the partnership between Moodr Health and WVJC aims to set a new standard for mental health support in healthcare education across the state.

"We've seen nursing student satisfaction grow, retention improve, and most importantly, they now have a vital support system for the challenges they face," said Kelly Pauley, Director of Nursing at WVJC Charleston

The majority of WVJC's student body comprises nontraditional adult learners, balancing academic pursuits with external responsibilities such as work and family obligations. This demographic faces unique stressors, particularly in the accelerated 18-month nursing program offered by WVJC, which condenses the content of tradi-

"Offering this kind of support isn't just a benefit - it's a lifeline that helps students thrive," Pauley added.

How It Works

At the heart of this collaboration is the innovative Moodr Health digital platform, a remote patient monitoring tool that offers HIPAA-compliant text messaging and telehealth outreach services. It was developed to address the need for advanced notification of mental health challenges through objective data and relevant surveys. Designed to be user-friendly for both providers and patients, the platform gives healthcare providers prompt warning signs of mood changes, helping providers prevent, intervene, and treat mental health challenges early.

For the collaboration with WVJC, Moodr Health adapted its typical healthcare provider and patient model to include Life Coach Navigators for the nursing students. College officials say the navigators are providing

A recent case study conducted on the first cohort of WVJC nursing students using the Moodr platform showed a 100% satisfaction rate, with all students rating the program 5 out of 5. Additionally, the students' response rate to outreach from Life Coach Navigators

Chad Callen, CEO of WVJC, said as the program evolves, he can visualize the expansion of the Moodr platform into diverse learning environments.

tional two-year programs.

personalized support and helping students manage stress.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY,

Judge Robert E. Ryan

Shiloh Quarry LLC

Civil Action 24-C-25

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, 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 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 \hat{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.

"Looking ahead, I think there's great potential to improve student outcomes by advancing how we use student data to drive predictive analytics and proactive engagement," said Callen.

"Partnering with Moodr Health has been a pivotal step forward for WVJC and provides our nursing students with the tools they need to thrive academically and personally, preparing them for critical roles in our healthcare system."

Moodr Health is excited to expand its support to a second cohort of nursing students at WVJC, enabling the program to reach even more of WVJC's dedicated student population. With a positive impact on student satisfaction, retention, and mental health, this partnership continues to grow stronger. As the collaboration moves forward, Moodr Health hopes to extend these valuable resources to more students, empowering them to thrive both academically and personally. Together, Moodr Health and WVJC are shaping the future of mental health support in nursing education.

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Civil Action 24-C-26 Judge Robert E. Ryan

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY,

Shiloh Quarry LLC Plaintiff

Norma Jean Trahern Shoemaker or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs,

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

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

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,

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

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

Defendant ORDER OF PUBLICATION

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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

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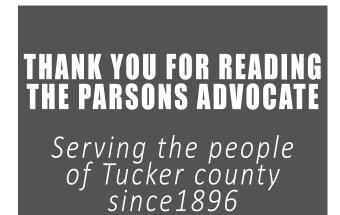
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- b. Charles Andrew Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or Successors,
- c. James Chesley Trahern, Jr. or his Unknown Assignees, Devisees,
- Heirs, or Successors, d. Glennis J. Trahern or her Unknown Assignees, Devisees, Heirs, or
- 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 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

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



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CITY OF PARSONS FIRE FEE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Our essential and excellent fire protection and emergency services in Parsons are funded through our municipal fire service fee. The owner of each protected structure in the City is required by law to pay this fee. The revenues collected from this fee are dedicated funding for these critical public services.

Most Parsons property owners support these services by paying the required fire service fee. Unfortunately, some property owners have not kept current on their fire fee account. Financing adequate emergency ser-

vices works only if everyone pays their share of these costs. If you own property in Parsons, please check your records to ensure that your fire fee account is current. If you are uncertain of your account status, please call City Hall at 304-478-2311 to review your payment record.

If you have a delinquent fire fee account, please make payment to bring the account current or make payment arrangements with the City Manager to satisfy the delinquency. If a delinquent account is paid in full by December 31, 2024, the City will waive any interest charges associated with this late payment.

Please note that delinquent accounts as of January 1, 2025, will be referred to the City Attorney for legal proceedings to collect this debt, including collection of interest payments and any associated court costs.

Thanks for your kind consideration of this notice, and for your willingness to share in the costs of public safety in Parsons.

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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,

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.

December 4, 2024 1st Publication Date: Decedent: John W. Wiles Karen I. Wiles 9645 Lismore Ln. Mentor, OH 44060

Subscribed and sworn to before me on November 26, 2024 Sherry Simmons Tucker County Clerk

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated March 25, 2022, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Document No. 159236, in Book No. 312, at Page 627, Larry Kieth Clark did convey unto David G. Palmer, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Nexus Nova LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons, West Virginia, on

January 8, 2025 at 12:15 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 08 - Hendricks District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All of the following real estate situate in the Town of Hendricks, Tucker County, West Virginia, described as follows:

That certain parcel of real estate lying along the old county road and containing 3-7/8 acres, more or less; And Being the same real estate conveyed to Thomas Eugene Merilic and June Elaine Merilic from David A. Heckler, Sr. and Roberta L. Heckler by deed dated March 27, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Tucker County, West Virginia in Deed Book 174 and at Page 405.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 1021 Hendricks Hill Road, Hendricks, WV 26271.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause

any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.

5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104 Morgantown, WV 26508 (304) 413-0044 (304) 292-2918 Toll free: (888) 534-3132

Reference File No. 90069

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(2023-C-000003 - TUCKER COUNTY - MYE-JAKS)

To: WILLIAM BOWDEN, JR., MELISSA D. SNYDER, WILLIAM BOWDEN, JR., WILLIAM BOWDEN, JR., WILLIAM BOWDEN, JR., MELISSA D. SNYDER, MELISSA D. SNYDER, MELISSA D. SNYDER, MELISSA D. SNYDER, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLOVER MAP 242 PARCEL 0026 0001 0000

You will take notice that MYE-JAKS, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2023-C-000003, located in CLOVER District, I AC EAST PIFER MT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BOWDEN WILLIAM B SNYDER MELISSA D, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent

cated in CLOVER District, 1 AC EAST PIFER MT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BOWDEN WILLIAM B SNYDER MELISSA D, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on June 14, 2024. MYE-JAKS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2025 will be as follows:

	Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with	D	153.08
i	interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 1691.		
]	Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for	\$	0.00
1	ticket number		
-	Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023 - 1706.	\$	63.28
	Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
	Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.30
	Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service,		
	Secretary of State with interest.	\$	938.71
	Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	0.00
,	Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order,	\$	1,366.37

certified or personal check.

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any uncorned interest.

any unearned interest.Given under my hand October 25, 2024

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

Nonentered Lands of CLAY County, State of West Virginia

Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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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 at the Old Courtroom.

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

Call Contract State Project Federal Project Description

CallContractState ProjectFederal ProjectDescription0122022990070T699-IDIQS 25 00STBG-2024(126)DTRAFFIC SIGNAL

TRAFFIC SIGNAL ITS, SIGNAL SYSTEMS, LGTNG, TECH VARIOUS

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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Notice of Public Comment for the 2024 Tucker County Comprehensive Plan Tucker County Commission

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.

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.

UHC Encourages Smokers to Make a Plan to Quit Smoking During the Great American Smokeout

Bridgeport, WV—United Hospital Center (UHC) is encouraging patients, employees, and visitors to commit or recommit to a healthy, smoke-free lifestyle by participating in the 49th Great American Smokeout® event on Thursday, November 21. The UHC Lung Center is featuring a giant inflatable lung, which will be on display in the hospital lobby, along with helpful information.

"The most important step smokers can take to improve their health is to quit smoking cigarettes and the use of other forms of tobacco," Keith Niggemyer, MD, FCCP, Medical Director of the UHC Lung Center, said. "The Great American Smokeout event at UHC creates awareness and shows support for people who take those first steps toward making a plan to quit."

Lung cancer is the second most diagnosed cancer in both men and women, but it is the most common cause of cancer death. Although approximately 80% of lung cancers are caused by cigarette smoking, the toll among people who have never smoked is significant.

In West Virginia, lung cancer accounts for 18% of all new cancer diagnoses. Lung cancers cause more cancer deaths than colorectal, prostate, and breast cancer combined.

"When detected and treated early, greater than 90% of my patients are cured," said Nicholas Baker, MD, FACS, thoracic surgeon at the UHC Lung Center. "That's why it's so important for those with risk factors to be screened annually."

An annual lung cancer screening is recommended for certain people and can reduce tobacco-related deaths. The recommended yearly screening for lung cancer is for people aged 50 to 80 years old, who smoke or formerly smoked and have a 20-year or greater pack-year history.

The benefits of quitting smoking are almost immediate. Those who have quit report fewer illnesses such as colds and the flu, lower rates of



Pictured left: Adam J. Hansen, MD, thoracic surgeon, and Brandon Shiflett, MD, pulmonologist, both practice medicine at the UHC Lung Center.

bronchitis and pneumonia, and these individuals tend to feel healthier than people who still smoke.

Just 20 minutes after quitting, your heart rate and blood pressure drop. In as little as 2 weeks to 3 months, your circulation improves and your lung function increases. In just 1 to 2 years your risk of heart attack drops dramatically.

It is never too late to quit using tobacco. No matter your age or how long you have been smoking, quitting improves some aspects of your health immediately and even more over the long



Pictured left: Keith Niggemyer, MD, pulmonologist, and Nicholas Baker, MD, thoracic surgeon, both practice medicine at the UHC Lung Center.

term.

Giving up smoking is a difficult journey, but you can increase your chances of success with a good plan and support. Getting help through counseling and medications doubles or even triples your chances of quitting successfully.

The UHC Lung Center offers smoking cessation classes, which uses techniques and tools from the American Cancer Society. For more information call 681-342-4500 or visit www.wvlungcenter.com.

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What's ? Happening

Book Sale

Mountaintop Public Library will be having a book sale on Saturday Dec. 7 from 11am - 3 pm during the craft fair at the Davis Volunteer Fire Department.

Solar United Neighbors of West Virginia

Solar Action Team Meeting to be held Thursday, December 12, 6-7pm. Future meeting to be held Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, and Apr. 24 at 6-7pm EST. All meeting are virtual. Go to the following link to sign up: https://bit.ly/WVsolaraction. The West

Virginia Solar Action Team is a group of volunteers that discusses solar policies at play locally, statewide, and federally. We also find ways to make a difference through taking action! This month we will be learning about how to engage with legislators. All are welcome!

Homeschool Craft Market

Support your local homeschool community and buy local handmade gifts for the holidays! December 18, 2024 4-7pm at the Parsons Seventh Day Adventist Church, 500 Railroad Ave. Parsons, WV.





Dec. 7, 1941: The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The USS West Virginia suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs. Two officers, including the captain and 103 crew members, died.

Charleston WV - The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Dec. 4, 1901: Construction of the present Cabell County Courthouse was completed. An extensive remodeling was completed in 1940.

Dec. 4, 1883: Social reformer Stella Fuller was born Stella Lawrence Cremeans in Point Pleasant. In the 1940s, Fuller opened a relief operation on Huntington's Washington Avenue. Eventually, the Stella Fuller Settlement expanded into the area's largest haven for the disadvantaged and homeless.

Dec. 5, 1892: Daniel D. T. Farnsworth died at age 73 in Buckhannon. As state senate president, Farnsworth succeeded Governor Boreman, who resigned in the last days of his term after being elected as a U.S. senator by the state legislature.

Dec. 6, 1814: Tyler County was formed. The county was named for John Tyler, governor of Virginia (1808-11) and father of President John Tyler.

Dec. 6, 1865: Artist Annie Virginia Latham Bartlett was born in Grafton. Her clay sculptures included conventional busts as well as figurines interpreting West Virginia's historic and cultural past, with such titles as The Moonshiner.

Dec. 6, 1907: The deadliest coal mine disaster in U.S. history occurred at Monongah, Marion County. At least 361 miners were killed, although the exact number was likely much higher. Many of the victims were recent immigrants, particularly Italians, Hungarians, and Russians.

Dec. 7, 1940: Radio station WAJR-AM in Morgantown began broadcasting. In 1949, it became the flagship station for a statewide network (now the Mountaineer Sports Network) distributing broadcasts of West Virginia University football and basketball games.

Dec. 8, 1911: "Wally" Barron was born. Barron, West Virginia's 26th governor, achieved a remarkable record of legislative success during his term (1961-65), but his accomplishments were overshadowed when he became the first governor in West Virginia history to be indicted or convicted of a major crime.

Dec. 9, 1829: West Virginia's fourth governor, John Jeremiah Jacob, was born in Hampshire County. He was the first governor born within the area that became West Virginia and the first Democratic governor of the state.

Dec. 9, 1932: Songwriter, musician, playwright, humorist and poet Billy Edd Wheeler was born in Whitesville. He died September 16, 2024.

Dec. 10, 1841: Logan County preacher "Uncle Dyke" Garrett was born on Big Creek. His greatest fame was for converting and baptizing Devil Anse Hatfield in Main Island Creek in 1911.

Dec. 10, 1949: The first class of 20 cadets graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute. The State Police purchased property for the academy on a hilltop overlooking Institute in Kanawha County for about \$3,200. Construction began in 1948, and the building was completed the next year.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

In my opinion (which everyone has one) the people in this world are going to Hades in a hand-basket, (one of mom's favorite sayings but she used the other word for the hot place.) I just read a news release about a couple that has been charged with more than 60 instances of sexual abuse and assault. The couple is in their 50's and this has been going on for more than 20 years.

The victim's came forward in 2004 but there was no findings in this investigation. WHAT! And the topper of this whole story is that the man is a preacher and led a youth ministry. The victims all state that these crimes mostly began when they were only three to four years old. Momma Said, "I could say I feel sorry for him in prison but that would not be true."

The man would take the child in his car and allegedly "teach them how to please a man." Most all the children said at the time they looked to this man as a father figure, some were even related to him and were too young to understand. Also, allegedly, at one time the children were shown pornographic movies while the couple engaged in sexual acts in view of said children. Momma Said, "There is a special place for people like this and I hope it is worse than Hades."

The man has been charged with 26 counts of sexual abuse, 35 counts of sexual assault, 40 counts of incest and 1 count of display of obscene material to a minor. There are charges in two other counties and he has been charged with eight felony counts in another county. Update Momma (Saíd This column is about tips helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to m By Teri Cayton

on the counts, there are now 206 charges in numerous counties across the state as more people come forward. This man is a predator and deserves to spend the rest of his life in a cage. The wife is being held on a \$75,000 bond and charged with principal and display of obscene material to a minor.

These acts against children make me sick to my stomach and I will plead to everyone out there to pay attention to your young children and watch for signs of sexual abuse. They are there if you know what to look for. If your children are being cared for by someone other than yourself watch for signs of withdrawal, not wanting to be with a certain individual or balking at going with a babysitter. Momma Said, "Read up on the subject of child abuse and then if you see any signs please contact the authorities and protect these innocent angels." There are people that can talk to the child and gather information. Also this does not need to be a stranger committing these heinous crimes. Just PAY ATTEN-

This news has made me so sick that I don't thing I can include a recipe with this. It has to be a standalone, informative article to everyone to please protect your children after all they are our future.

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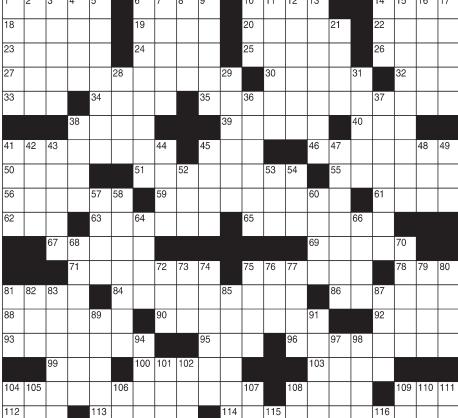
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<u>Temperature</u> 68° F Max 24° F Min

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Mt. Lions Cruise Past Pendleton 50-0 and into the Semifinals



Mt. Lions head onto the field to start the guarterfinal contest.





Reall pushes through.

By: Adam Freeman

On Saturday afternoon with the temps well below freezing in Parsons, the Tucker County Mt. Lion football team took on the Pendleton County Wildcats for the second time this season. The Mt. Lions would get the ball first and mount a long drive capped off with an 11-yard pass and catch for a touchdown from Sam Marks to Garrett Wilfong. Jared Reall would add the two-point conversion and Tucker was on top 8-0 right out of the gates. The Tucker defense would force a punt, and its offense would get back to work as Reall would punch in a score from 10 yards out. Reall would also add the two-point play to push the score to 16-0. Pendleton would continue to struggle with the Mt. Lions defense and would be forced to give the ball back to Tucker. Tucker would go to work to start the second quarter and Reall would find the end zone a second time, this one from 25 yards out. The two-point play was completed on a pass from Marks to Wilfong making the score 24-0. Tucker would again find pay dirt one more time before the half as Marks dove in from 3 yards out. Marks would find Wilfong for the conversion and the score was 32-0 going into the half. Tucker would get a pair of scores from senior Garrett Wilfong in the third quarter. The first being a 26-yard screen pass from Marks and the





Sam Marks completes the pass to his receiver down-

second off a 55-yard punt return for a touchdown. At the end of the third, Tucker was up 44-0 over the Wildcats. Pendleton would continue its absence from the end zone and the Lions would again find the goal line in the fourth quarter on a plunge into the end zone from 6 yards out by Braxton George. That would prove to be the final score in the contest at 50-0 in favor of the home standing Mt. Lions. Tuckers stellar defense held Pendleton to only 84 yards of total offense and only yielded four first downs in the game, led by seniors Jared Reall and Marky Phillips in tackles. Sophomore defensive back, Cayden Arnold contributed with multiple pass break ups in the efforts. Tucker was led through the air by Sam Marks who was 13



Luke Barb finds the lane.



Cayden Arnold breaks up the pass. (Photos by Brittany Channell)

the ground, Jared Reall had his typical night of 28 carries 187 yards and 2 touchdowns, and Garrett Wilfong notched 8 catches for 146 yards and 2 touchdowns along with a punt return for a touchdown. Tucker will host the highpowered offense of the Wahama White Falcons this week in the semifinals for a chance to move on to play in the State Championship. Many people believe these to be the top two teams in the state for Single A this season and they will meet at R.H. Armstrong Memorial Field Class of 1984 Stadium this Saturday, December 7, 2024, with kickoff set for 4:00pm.

YOU CAN HELP

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

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

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

How will the children's clothing be purchased?

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

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of 15 for 168 yards and 2 touchdowns with one more on Tucker County High Basketball Gets Underway

By: Adam Freeman

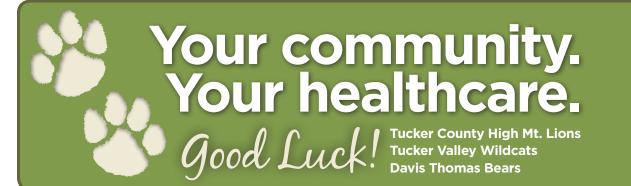
The Lady Mt. Lions begin their regular season on the road. Tucker will travel to Tygarts Valley on December 3rd for a 5:45pm tipoff and to East Hardy on December 5th for a tipoff set at 6:00pm.

The Tucker County Boys Basketball team will officially

tip off its first pre-season contests this week. Tucker will take on Frankfort Tuesday, December 3rd and East Fairmont Wednesday, December 4th with both tip offs set for 6:00pm at home. For fans unable to attend, all games are now streamed on the streaming platform Hudl Fan and no longer available on the previous YouTube channel.

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