



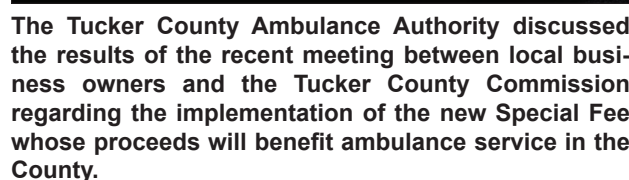
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Simmons said she had also applied for an AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant).

The Ambulance Authority also has a new driver starting in December, according to Simmons. "We do have a new driver coming on this month," Simmons said.

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Davis said that the crowd was in favor of the fee. Even Tim Price from Timberline, the most vocal advocate against the fee, spoke out and said his concerns were against the roll out, not the fee, Davis said. "But I did not take away from the meeting that there was a lot of, even Tim Price got up and (said) I just want to let you know I'm not against the fee, this is my concerns. So they came



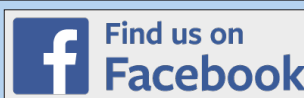
EMS Director Amanda Simmons agreed with the sentiment. She said she was nervous going into the meeting and one point had tears. "One thousand percent," Simmons said.

Currently, 40% of Billable calls are from out of county residents, according to Tucker County EMS with an overall call percentage of out of county calls closer to 30%.

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Henry-Vance said she mainly does youth outreach and Tucker County is one of the Counties in her circuit. “The main part of my job is youth outreach,” Henry-Vance said. “And so for Tucker County, in 2024 I’ll have a

Henry-Vance outlined the activities that were offered at the 45th Junior Conservation Camp. "At that camp, which I think is the 45th year of that camp, they get to have classes on recycling. Ripley the site, itself, has a solid waste training facility for the State. Waste Water Management Classes on



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something like that, so sometimes they learn about that,” Henry-Vance said. “We have shooting sports, DNR Wildlife Class, they do hiking, fishing, so its a great camp. We really appreciate your support.” According to Henry-Vance, the Board also helped to fund the Youth Environmental Conference in 2024. Henry-Vance said this year's conference was held at Blackwater Falls State Park in Tucker County. “I believe the Board also financed, put financial support in for our Youth Environmental Conference,” Henry-Vance said. “This year it took place at Blackwater Falls and that's for 13 to 18 year olds and their sponsors. That was great and it was the second week of November. And we had a site visit to Chaffee

Run Strip Mine. The DEP has been involved with helping get that reclamation process going and its just down the road. We also toured the Power Plant at Mt. Storm. That was interesting and then we went to Blackwater Falls.” Henry-Vance said she also participated in a day camp at Blackwater Falls hosted by Appalachian Expeditions. “Earlier in the year in Tucker County I had presentations with a day camp at Blackwater Falls that was hosted by Appalachian Expeditions,” Henry-Vance said. “I think one was eight to ten year olds and then another was littler kids, like four to six year olds. My activities, we did a recycling show and tell, we talk about how long things last after

they are thrown away, how long they last in a landfill. Then we did some water cycle games and we had some give aways.” The DEP also co-hosted a day camp for 10 to 14 year olds at the National Youth Science Center that focused mainly on water conservation. “And in August, the DEP co-hosted a day camp with the National Youth Science Academy, also right down the road,” Henry-Vance said. “That was for a little bit older kids, I think 10 to 14 year olds and I had a few recycling a waste reduction activities, but the main focus was water conservation, wetlands, water-sheds, they did some water testing in Yellow Creek and they did a lot of hands on activities.”

Henry-Vance said she has currently nine counties including Tucker, but that due to restructuring, she will soon be losing Tucker. “That's mainly what I have in Tucker County,” Henry-Vance said. “I have nine counties currently including Tucker. For this new year, we're going to restructure and I'm not going to have Tucker County anymore, but hopefully its temporary.”

The restructuring is due to a retirement, Henry-Vance said, but Henry-Vance feels confident that as soon as a replacement is hired, she will return to Tucker County. “We had our person out of the Charleston office retire,” Henry-Vance said. “So, it takes so long to hire somebody new so probably for the next six months, I won't have Tucker County, but once we get the position filled, I'll probably have Tucker County back, I hope.”

When asked by Board Presiding Chair Mark Holstine who would be covering Tucker County, Henry-Vance said they would be served by Susan Parker out of Romney for the first half of 2025. “For the first part of the New Year, you'll have Susan Parker out of Romney,” Henry-Vance said.

Capito, Warner Introduce the Rural Historic Tax Credit Improvement Act

Bill streamlines processes, reduces cost-burdens to rural home owners and small developers, and provides affordable housing incentives for historic tax credit-eligible projects. WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Mark Warner (D-Va.) introduced the Rural Historic Tax Credit Improvement Act. This bill aims to streamline processes, reduce cost-burdens to rural home owners and small developers, and provide affordable housing incentives.

“Being a rural state shouldn’t mean losing out on private investment incentives like tax credits to help us preserve our communities’ history and revitalize local economies,” Senator Capito said. “I have enjoyed working with the dedicated group of West Virginians who brought this issue to my attention and who provided important perspectives during the creation of this legislation. The Rural Historic Tax Credit Improvement Act will help level the playing field for communities in West Virginia by attracting investment for economic expansion and additional housing supply.” “By expanding access to historic tax credits, we can preserve our nation’s rich heritage while also incentivizing the construction of more affordable housing. I’m proud to join Senator Capito in introducing this legislation to bring new life to abandoned buildings and grow the housing stock in in rural communities,” Senator Warner said. BACKGROUND:

Currently, many historic tax projects are not economically viable in small and rural areas, giving a disproportionate advantage of the credit to large urban developments. The costs associated with the credit as-is severely limits rural areas, and especially largely rural states like West Virginia, from being able to use the credit to rehabilitate and revitalize historic properties. Through improvements to the credit included in the Rural Historic Tax Credit Improvement Act, rural Historic Tax Credit projects will be more financially feasible and will result in a higher number of these projects being completed in rural areas and states. The Rural Historic Tax Credit Improvement Act:

- Makes historic tax credit projects in rural areas eligible for an increased credit from the current 20% to 30%.
- Includes an additional increase in the credit to 40% for affordable housing creation.
- Allows the credit be used in addition to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC).
- Allows small rural projects to claim the credit in the first year of use.
- Allows transferability of the credit to a third-party.
- Eliminates basis adjustment to simplify credit transaction.

This bill is supported by the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, The Historic Tax Credit Coalition, Main Street America, and The National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Friends of Blackwater Gifted 1.6 Acres of Land



On December 20, 2024, the conservation group Friends of Blackwater (“FOB”) received a gift of 1.6 acres of land along the banks of the Blackwater River in the Town of Davis. The land was donated by Davis Riverwalk developer Pete Johnson and his wife Sienna, and adjoins the Riverwalk project. Friends of Blackwater has begun work on a public trail on this property that should be completed by summer 2025. Judy Rodd, FOB Director, said, “Plans are being made to connect this new riverfront property to Blackwater Falls State Park with a pedestrian bridge. Governor Bob

Wise added new riverfront land to the Park back in 2002 to make the Park more accessible to residents and visitors. This generous donation brings that plan one step closer.” Friends of Blackwater has received funding from the Tucker Community Foundation for the public trail construction by the river, and is applying for grants to build the foot/bike bridge. The bridge will be part of the Blackwater River Loop Trail linking Thomas to Davis. When the bridge project gets funding, FOB plans to donate the Johnson parcel to the State Park. “Thanks to the Johnsons and everyone who is supporting our rivers and streams, and our community and recreational infrastructure,” said Rodd.

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OBITUARIES

Barbara A. (DiBacco) Sedmock

Our beloved mother age 96, died Sunday December 8, 2024 following a brief illness. Born in Thomas, WV, she attended West Virginia University before moving to Canton. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church. Barbara lived a life devoted to her faith and her family. She is survived by her 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 Kay (Mike)



Costello of Magnolia, Emma George of North Canton; 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Edward Sedmock who died November 11, 2024 and

brother Jerome DiBacco. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday at 11:00 am in St. Peter Catholic Church with the Very Reverend Dr. David M. Misbrenner as celebrant. The burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call 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 her name to St. Peter Catholic Church. Personal condolences are invited online at: www.wackerlyfuneralhome.com

Annabel Price Moore



Annabel Price Moore, age 94 years, a resident of Smokey Hollow Road, Parsons, WV, departed this life Monday morning, December 23, 2024, at Cortland Acres at Thomas, WV. She was born Thursday, May 8, 1930, at Clover, in Tucker Co., WV, a daughter of the late Walter Jasper Price and Bertha Upton Price. On July 6, 1946, at Parsons, WV, she was married to Donald Keith Moore, who preceded her in death February 18, 2020. They had celebrated seventy-three years of marriage.

Surviving are one son, Donald Randall “Randy” Moore and wife Rebecca “Becky” of Parsons; one daughter, Jaqueline “Jacque” Roy and compan-

ion Mike Triplett of Parsons; three grandchildren, James Randall Moore and wife Barbara, Erin Jessica Nigh and husband Steven, and Sarah Corinne Carr; six great grandchildren, Morghan, Jonathan, Danni Grace, Noah, Jessyka and Ethyn; one great great grandchild, Thatcher; and several nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Preceding her in death are four brothers, Ovie, Woodrow, David and Esther Price; and five sisters, Ruby Price, Ruth Nestor, Irene Phillips, Maxine Harsh and Evelyn Moore.

She attended the schools at Clover and Parsons High

School. She was a spinner at the former Dorman Mills until its closing and worked at the former Parsons Footwear until its closing and was their union representative. She was a founding member of the Riverview Chapel Church. Annabel enjoyed crochet, working in her vegetable gardens and flower gardens. She was an avid card player and enjoyed going out to eat. She loved her family very much and was always thinking about everyone else before herself.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Monday, from 4 PM to 7 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at 11 AM. The Reverend James Snyder will officiate and interment will follow at the Mountain State Memorial Gardens at Gilman, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Annabel Price Moore. Condolences may be expressed to the family at: www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

UHC Hosts WV State Legislators Showcasing Healthcare Advancements and Legislative Priorities

Bridgeport, W.Va.— In keeping with its mission to deliver high-quality care to patients in North Central West Virginia, WVU Medicine United Hospital Center (UHC) held a collaborative effort with the West Virginia Hospital Association (WVHA), by welcoming five West Virginia State Legislators to the Bridgeport campus on Tuesday, December 17, for a legislative roundtable.

The visiting legislators included Senator Ben Queen (Senate District 12); Delegate Joey Garcia (House District 76, Senator-elect); Delegate Keith Marple (House District 69); Delegate Chris Phillips (House District 68); and Delegate Bryan Smith (House District 73, Delegate-elect).

During the visit, David F. Hess, MD, president and CEO at UHC, provided an overview of the hospital’s operations and impact on the region. Notable highlights incorporated growth in surgeries, acute

admissions, births, cancer center, and Outpatient clinic visits.

UHC has become a regional referral center for the central part of West Virginia as more patients are requiring complex care. Recently, WVU Cancer Institute at UHC was the first in the state to offer CYTALUX® (pafolacianine), a groundbreaking imaging agent for lung cancer detection. This innovative technology enhances a surgeon’s ability to visualize, identify, and remove cancerous tissue with precision and in real time.

Future expansion opportunities for UHC include the opening of its Elkins Corridor Medical Center in 2025. This ambitious venture will transform healthcare in Randolph County and the surrounding region by bringing vital healthcare services closer to home.

The day concluded with a hospital tour of the new \$7.9 million Intermediate Unit that opened in September.

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2024 Fall Turkey Harvest up 17% in West Virginia

West Virginia hunters harvest 1,130 fall turkeys in 2024

December 18, 2024
SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced today that hunters harvested 17 percent more fall turkeys in 2024 compared to last year. “West Virginia is truly a top destination for turkey hunting, and our thriving turkey populations are a testament to the success of sustainable wildlife management,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “These efforts ensure that hunters, whether seasoned or just starting out, can continue to enjoy abundant opportunities for years to come. We encourage everyone to experience the incredible hunting opportunities our state has to offer by purchasing a 2025 license and planning a trip in the new year.” According to preliminary hunting data from the WVDNR’s electronic licensing and game checking system, fall turkey hunters harvested 1,130 birds in 2024 compared to 967 birds in 2023. The fall 2024 harvest was also 17 percent above the five-year average (968 birds) and similar to the 10-year average (1,132 birds). Although fewer counties have a two-week season this year due to a lower

spring harvest, the fall harvest was consistent with long-term averages. Fall turkey harvest numbers are influenced by hunter participation, but also depend on the current year’s brood production and mast conditions. This year’s brood survey results were 4.5 percent above last year’s and 5.1 percent above the five-year average, indicating that the 2024 harvest might be slightly above last year’s harvest. Five out of six districts reported increased fall turkey harvest compared to last year. District 3 had the highest harvest with 289 birds, followed by District 1 with 191, District 4 with 180, District 2 with 169, District 5 with 160 and District 6 with 141. Counties with the most harvests were Randolph County (77), Nicholas (66), Greenbrier (57), Pocahontas (53) and Mason (41). All of these counties except Mason County had a four-week season. All hunters 15 and older are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license and valid form of identification while hunting, which can be purchased at wildlife agents across the state or online at WVhunt.com.

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Thank You

The family of Billy Carr would like to thank everyone for being there for us when he passed away. To our family who has supported us, we love you all, to our friends who mean the world to us you are just like family, our neighbors who have helped us and been there for us you are like family as well.

Kevin, we send sincere thanks to you for the service and to the pallbearers, we send everlastings thanks, to the Church of God we thank you and the great cooks who prepared the food for everyone. We send thanks of gratitude to everyone who sent flowers, brought food and stopped by.

To the members of H.W. Daniels Post #29, The American Legion Tygarts Valley Post #3647, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Tucker County Veterans Association and The WV Honor Guard we thank you for your service to our country and for the service for my Dad.

To all our Military heroes we appreciate and love you all. To all the nurses, especially Chrissy, we thank you and appreciate all you did for Dad. And we would like to send a special thank you to Clifford, who came and prayed with Dad in the hospital. We Love You All.

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WVDA Drought Recovery Program Accepting Enrollment

Charleston, W.Va. — To combat the severe drought affecting West Virginia in 2024, the state legislature has allocated \$10 million in surplus funds to create the West Virginia Department of Agriculture’s (WVDA) Drought Recovery Program. Those eligible are live-

stock farmers, who are already enrolled in the USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP). These farmers can now sign up for the drought recovery program at their local conservation districts. The enrollment period runs from Dec. 9, 2024-Jan. 30, 2025.

The funding will support farmers by covering critical needs, such as restoring drought-damaged pastures, assisting with water resources, and addressing other pressing drought-related expenses. The program aims to fill gaps not covered by federal disaster relief programs.

“West Virginia’s farmers are facing a crisis unlike any we’ve seen in decades,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “As drought conditions continue to impact our farmers, this support is crucial to help them weather the storm, so they can continue their operations. While this will not solve all the challenges, it will provide immediate relief and help farmers on the road to recovery.”

Program Overview: WVDA Drought Recovery Program

Total Funding: \$10 million from the West Virginia Legislature to assist farmers impacted by drought conditions. Funds can be used for pasture restoration, water development, and other drought-related recovery expenses.

Eligibility: To qualify for assistance, farmers must be enrolled in the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP). Enhancement payments under the WVDA Drought Recovery Program will be contingent upon LFP enrollment.

Enrollment Process: Farmers must sign up in-person at their local Conservation District by Jan. 30, 2025. All information the applicant provides MUST match the information on the

USDA-FSA 2024 LFP Estimated Calculated Payment Report.

Applicants must have key documents at the time they apply:

A physical copy of the applicant’s USDA-FSA 2024 LFP Estimated Calculated Payment Report must include an application number and a total gross LFP payment.

A completed W-9 form. If you do not have one, a blank form may be provided at the conservation district office.

A completed “Sign Up, Release and Disclaimer Application” form on site. These forms will be made available at the district offices.

Payment Distribution: After the enrollment period closes, the WVDA will review applications and determine funding for farmers.

Conservation District Contact Information

Farmers can contact their local conservation district for assistance:

Northern Panhandle (Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall): 304-238-1231

Upper Ohio (Wetzel, Tyler, Pleasants): 304-758-2512

Monongahela (Monongalia, Marion, Preston): 304-296-0081

West Fork (Doddridge, Harrison, Gilmer, Lewis): 304-627-2160

Tygart’s Valley (Taylor, Barbour, Upshur, Randolph, Tucker): 304-457-3026

Potomac Valley (Pendleton, Grant, Hardy, Mineral, Hampshire): 304-822-5174

Eastern Panhandle (Morgan, Berkeley, Jefferson): 304-263-4376

Little Kanawha (Wood, Ritchie, Wirt, Calhoun, Roane): 304-422-9088

Western (Jackson, Mason, Putnam): 304-675-3054

Elk (Braxton, Webster, Clay, Nicholas): 304-765-2535

Greenbrier (Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe): 304-645-6173

Capitol (Kanawha) 304-759-0736

Guyan (Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln, Boone, Logan, Mingo) 304-528-5718

Southern (Fayette, Raleigh, Wyoming, Summers, McDowell, Mercer) 304-253-0261.

For additional information, farmers are encouraged to contact the WVDA at 304-558-3200 or visit <https://agriculture.wv.gov>

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TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA SPECIAL EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE FEE

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:

This Ordinance concerns the imposition and collection of a Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee, and is adopted under the authority of Chapter 7, Article 15, Section 17 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended.

PURPOSE:

Tucker County is a wonderful place to live, work and play. It is home to just 6,759 residents, but yet has 1 million plus visitors per year. Tucker County has a unique combination of natural recreational activities, as well as amusements, fairs and festivals available throughout the year. It is a short drive from anywhere within West Virginia and the surrounding states, making it an ideal day trip or weekend destination. The aforementioned attributes bring with them burdens to Tucker County in providing the necessary and required services for such an influx of people.

Therefore, this Ordinance is enacted for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an adequate Tucker County emergency ambulance system within the geographic boundaries of Tucker County, West Virginia, as an adequate emergency ambulance system is necessary to promote the health and welfare of the residents of and visitors to Tucker County. Emergency Ambulance service is a public purpose and a State-mandated responsibility of county government for which public money may be spent. Residents of Tucker County and visitors to Tucker County who engage in amusement, entertainment and/or recreational activities here, and to whom this Ordinance applies, are users of emergency ambulance service within Tucker County.

There shall be exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance any incorporated area within Tucker County provided that, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Ordinance, such area files with the Tucker County Commission a written request for such exemption and an affidavit stating that it will provide ambulance services substantially similar to those set forth herein to its residents at its own expense.

ARTICLE ONE: DEFINITIONS:

BUSINESS ACTIVITY: All purposeful revenue-generating activity engaged in or caused to be engaged in with the object of gain or economic benefit, either direct or indirect. For clarification purposes, this includes, among other things, short-term rental of property. This also includes, among other things, all activities of the State and its political subdivisions which involve the sale of tangible personal property or the rendering of a service when such service activities compete with or may compete with the activities of another person.

BUSINESS: Any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, estate, trust, business frust, receiver, syndicate, club, society, or other group or combination thereof acting as a unit, and any body politic or political subdivision, etc., who is engaging in any business activity.

RECREATION: Any activity, whether indoors or outdoors, that people engage in during their free time, for enjoyment; any leisure activities that involve physical activity; this includes, among other things, hiking, camping, and skiing, which can provide mental and physical health benefits.

AMUSEMENT: Any activity, whether indoors or outdoors, that people engage in during their free time for entertainment that brings enjoyment, pleasure or a diversion.

ENTERTAINMENT: Any engaging amusement or diversion provided for pgrsonal enjoyment or pleasure, especially by performers such as bands, comics, plays, movies, etc.

RENTAL: A property or item that is owned and is used for the purposes of collecting rent.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL: Any rental period beginning from day 1 (one) up to and including day 90 (ninety).

ADMISSION: A fee or charge paid for entry into a place or event.

COVER: A charge made by a restaurant, bar or nightclub that is in addition to the charge for food and drink.

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SYSTEM: Any emergency ambulance service established and provided pursuant to Chapter 7, Article 15 of the West Virginia State Code, as amended, in Tucker County, West Virginia, hereinafter called Tucker County Emergency Ambulance Service maintained by the Tucker County Ambulance Authority.

APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE: The final or amended budget formally approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tucker County Ambulance Authority and submitted to the Tucker County Commission for formal approval of the use of fees collected under this Ordinance.

SPECIAL EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE FEE: A two percent (2%) fee to be collected by any business or individual located within Tucker County that engages in any one or more of the following types of amusement, entertainment and/or recreational activities as previously defined. The activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- All recreational and amusement activities including the rental of equipment in use of said activities, whether indoor or outdoor such as:
 - Short-term rentals such as: hotel/motel, cabin, condominium, AirBnB, VRBO or private rentals;
 - RV or tent camping;
 - Boat, paddle boat, kayak, canoe, floating tube rental;
 - ATV, UTV, motorcycle, bicycle rental;
 - bus excursions, charters;
 - downhill ski equipment/clothing rental, ski lift fees;
 - cross-country ski equipment/clothing rental, fees;
 - sledding, tubing, ice skating;
 - snowboarding fees, lift tickets, equipment/clothing rental;
 - scenic chair lift rides;
 - swimming, tennis, pickleball, court and equipment rentals;
 - guided hunting or fishing excursions and clothing/equipment rental;
 - zip line, rock climbing, paddle boarding, horseback riding, skeet shooting, paintball and other similar outdoor adventure activities and clothing/equipment rental for the same;
 - Virtual Reality and/or AI gaming fees;
 - putt-putt golf;
 - golfing and golf cart rental fees; and
- Any and all admission charges or cover fees including, but not limited to, music events and/or concerts, comics, movies, plays, professional sporting or gaming events; mud bogs or motorcycle/ATV/4-wheel drive racing or trail riding.

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE RATES: The individual transport charges as established and promulgated by the Tucker County Ambulance Authority. These charges shall be applied to any and all users of emergency ambulance services within Tucker County.

EMERGENCY INTERAGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTS: The established individual transport charges as might be established and promulgated by the Tucker County Ambulance Authority for routine transports or secondary transports from one medical care facility to another. Such transport charges shall be applied to all users of such transport services, as defined to-wit: resident and non-resident.

EXEMPTIONS: Registered non-profit organizations are exempted from this Ordinance; more specifically exempted are volunteer fire departments, schools, churches, senior centers, Tucker County Fair, Tucker County 4H, and Tucker County Animal Shelter.

ARTICLE TWO: ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE FEE

Each Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee imposed under this Ordinance shall be for Tucker County emergency ambulance services for a fiscal year beginning July 1st through June 30th.

The Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee shall be two percent (2%), imposed on all sales, short-term rentals, admissions, fees and covers as described above to be collected by all individuals or businesses within Tucker County as specified in the definition of Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee, less exemptions.

ARTICLE THREE: AMBULANCE AUTHORITY BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

No later than February 1st of each year, the Tucker County Ambulance Authority shall prepare a detailed annual budget estimate for the total cost of providing emergency service within the geographical boundaries of the county for the following fiscal year. A prior year annual fiscal audit shall also be submitted to the County Clerk. Upon adoption by the Ambulance Authority, it shall present said estimated budget to the Tucker County Commission for review, and as input to the county budget formulation for any county monies to be used by the Ambulance Authority Board, as well as of the proposed use of collected fees for the new Fiscal Year beginning the following July 1st, not later than March 1st.

The Tucker County Commission shall review the Tucker County Ambulance Authority budget during the general county budgeting process. The Ambulance Authority shall submit an annual financial report of previous fiscal year expenditures to the Tucker County Commission by August 1st of each year. This report will include the expenditures of monies collected and expended under the auspices of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE FOUR: AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES

A. Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fees

Payment of fees shall be made quarterly to Tucker County Comrission for the Tucker County EMS Fund, on or before the 20th day of the month following the quarter and should be mailed to Tucker County Commission, 211 First Street, Suite 307, Parsons, WV 26287.

B. Transport Charges

Ambulance transport rates per call for all categories of users shall be in amounts established by the Tucker County Ambulance Authority and reviewed by the Tucker County Commission.

Charges for individual transports shall be processed by the Tucker County Ambulance Authority as appropriate, with due allowance for insurance coverage, if any. Any accounts becoming delinquent shall be submitted to the appropriate collection agency as engaged by the Tucker County Ambulance Authority.

C. Collections Procedures

Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fees delinquent after the 20th day of the month following the quarter (April 21st, July 21st, October 21st, January 21st) they became due and payable, shall be reviewed by the Tucker County Commission. The Tucker County Commission, in its sole discretion, may collect unpaid fees through a collection agency engaged by the Tucker County Commission, or by civil action filed in a court of competent jurisdiction. Any such suit need not be brought in the same fiscal year the fee was due and owing. In any suit for collection of delinquent fees, the Tucker County Commission is authorized to recover costs of collection, including court costs, attorney fees, service costs and statutory interest.

D. Erroneous Assessment and Appeals

If a business owner or individual believes he/she/it is or should be exempt from collecting the Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee, they can send a formal request in writing to Tucker County Commission.

Upon receipt of said written request, Tucker County Commission shall, within a reasonable time, cause to be investigated any request for exoneration/exemption. The County Commission may ask for documentation to verify the need for the exoneration/exemption. If good cause for exoneration/exemption is found by the County Commission, said Commission shall exempt and shall notify the business owner or individual in of its actions. An exoneration/exemption shall only be valid for the fiscal year in which it was requested. Upon July 1st, all temporary previous exemptions are null and void.

ARTICLE FIVE: MANAGEMENT OF REVENUES

All revenues received in accordance with this Ordinance shall be deposited into a fund known as the *Tucker County EMS Fund*. These funds shall be used by the Tucker County Ambulance Authority only to pay for reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred, including personnel, medical supplies and equipment, utilities, vehicles, vehicle maintenance and service, and cost of rent or maintenance of buildings used in providing emergency ambulance service to residents and visitors of the county that might require such services. The County Commission may retain up to, but not exceed, eight percent (8%) of the Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee collected for administration. Collected fees not expended in a given fiscal year shall be maintained in the Fund for the Tucker County Ambulance Authority to use in subsequent fiscal years.

ARTICLE SIX: AMENDMENTS AND EXECUTION

This Ordinance may, from time to time, be amended by a majority of the members of the Tucker County Commission as they deem necessary and appropriate.

If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision of this Ordinance to be invalid or ineffective, in whole or in part, the effect of such decision(s) shall be limited to those provision(s) which are expressly stated in the decision to be invalid or ineffective, and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall continue to be separately and fully effective.

This Ordinance may be reviewed annually, before the Tucker County budget meetings. This Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee is adopted this 13th day of November 2024 and shall become effective on the 1st day of January, 2025.

Approved by
Michael Bowman
Michael Bowman, President
Fred Davis
Fred Davis, Commissioner
Tim Knott
Tim Knott, Commissioner

Attest:
Sherry Simmons
Sherry Simmons
Clerk of the Tucker County Commission

LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Ruth M. Gotinsky	Beverly D. Gotinsky
1st publication 01/01/25	PO Box 286
2nd publication 01/08/25	Parsons, WV 26287
Eileen G. Poling	Porter Edward Poling
1st publication 01/01/25	1303 Homewood St.
2nd publication 01/08/25	Parsons, WV 26287

Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

LEGAL

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT SOLID WASTE PERMITTING UNIT PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PERMIT MODIFICATION

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345

TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF A WEST VIRGINIA SOLID WASTE FACILITY/ NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: SW-23-24 Public Notice Date(s): January 01, 2025
January 08, 2025

Paper: THE PARSONS ADVOCATE

The following has applied for a Solid Waste Facility / WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit Modification for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: SWF-8295 / WV0109126

Applicant: Tucker County Solid Waste Authority
P.O. Box 445
David, WV 26260

Location: TUCKER COUNTY

Latitude: 39:08:32 Longitude: 79:28:20

Physical Location: 0.3 miles northwest of the intersection of Route 32 and Route 93, between Thomas and Davis, Tucker County, West Virginia

Receiving Stream:

Unnamed tributary of Pendleton Run

Activity:

To acquire, install, construct, operate and maintain a storm water management system, Sediment Basin No. 6 (2.768 ac-ft)

Business conducted:

Commercial Sanitary Landfill

Implementation:

N/A

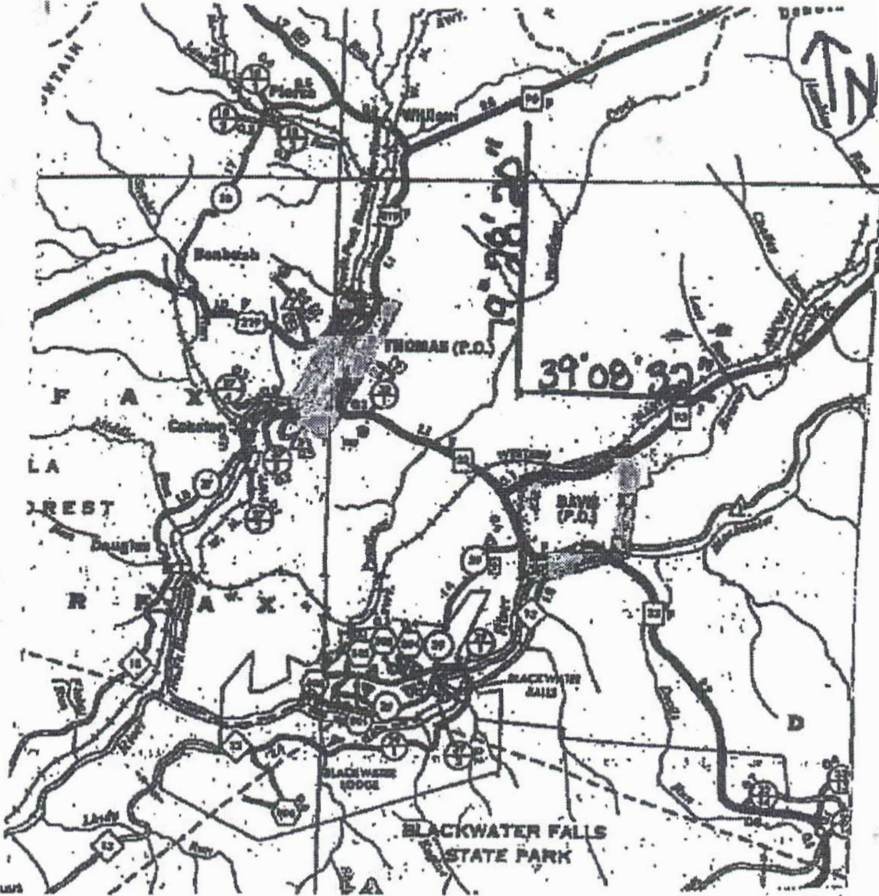
On the basis of review of the application, the “Solid Waste Management Act (Chapter 22, Article 15, Section 5(b) and 5(c)), the “Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))” and the “West Virginia Legislative Rules,” the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

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 addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Hiral Kukkillaya, Solid Waste Permitting Unit
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345
hiral.kukkillaya@wv.gov

The public comment period begins 01/01/2025 and ends 01/30/2025. 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.





Jan. 3, 1921: The state capitol building in Charleston was destroyed by fire. The so-called Victorian capitol, the second one in Charleston, had opened in 1887. After the fire, a temporary wood-frame building was erected in just 42 days and became known as the “pasteboard capitol.” It burned in 1927.



Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School, a state institution established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into the West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

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.

Jan. 1, 1888: In one of the most violent episodes of the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, Jim Vance, uncle to “Devil Anse” Hatfield, led an arson attack on the McCoy family cabin. Two of Randall McCoy’s children were killed, and his wife was beaten.

Jan. 1, 1953: Country music legend Hank Williams was found dead in his car in Oak Hill, Fayette County. He had been scheduled to perform in Charleston the previous night, but the concert was canceled due to bad weather.

Jan. 2, 2006: An explosion at the Sago Mine in Upshur County killed 12 men. Federal investigators pointed to a lightning strike as the most likely ignition source for the blast.

Jan. 3, 1856: Musician Lewis Johnson “Uncle Jack” McElwain of Webster County was born. He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime. He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever being beaten.

Jan. 5, 1810: The Virginia General Assembly recognized 20 acres of land owned by farmer and trader Thomas Buffington at the confluence of the Guyandotte and Ohio rivers as the new village of Guyandotte.

Jan. 6, 1828: Ward Hill Lamson was

born in Jefferson County. Lamson was friend, law partner and unofficial bodyguard to President Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln was assassinated when Lamson was away in Richmond on business.

Jan. 6, 1931: An underground gas explosion killed eight men at the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County—eight years after another explosion had killed 27 at the same mine.

Jan. 6, 1937: Football coach Lou Holtz was born in Follansbee, Brooke County. At Notre Dame, he won his only national championship after defeating West Virginia University in the 1989 Fiesta Bowl.

Jan. 7, 1910: A fire destroyed everything on Main Street in Bramwell from the train depot to Block Street with the exception of two buildings. The town quickly rebuilt, creating many of the beautiful Victorian houses that stand today.

Jan. 7, 1955: The Cedar Lakes Conference Center officially opened, though it was not named until 1957. The name was chosen for its two lakes and an abundance of native cedar trees.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

I think we are going to start out the New Year scraping the bottom of the barrel. I heard the week before Christmas that Michael Vick, former NFL star quarterback and FELON will be the new head coach for Norfolk State. Vick was arrested in 2007 for running a dog fighting ring, his career ended and he spent 21 months in a federal prison.

He owned “Bad Newz Kennels” where dogs were bred, trained and forced to participate in violent fights that resulted in severe injury and death. Dogs were often executed for underperformance. Now he is going to be working with and training the future leaders coming out of Norfolk State. Momma Said, “That is like having a child molester running a day care.” This is my opinion and if I offend anyone by voicing this I am sorry.

I believe in giving people a second chance but I don’t think this is appropriate and sends the wrong signals to our young people. He is probably

Momma Said

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

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate



going to get a very substantial salary and now these kids can form the opinion that it is alright to break the law and then come back and make millions.

Maybe he should have written a book apologizing to people for being so cruel and not protecting God’s creatures. But he chose to brutalize these dogs that he raised from mere puppies to be cruel enough to kill each other. Maybe instead of putting him in the spotlight for being a head coach he should be put into the ring with other cruel people and let them go at it and see how he likes it. Momma Said, “We should have no empathy for people who are cruel to animals for profit.”

Basil Strawberry and Cream Cheese Appetizer

Ingredients

- ¼ cup fresh basil shredded
- 1 ½ cups fresh or frozen strawberries
- 1 tbsp. Balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 1 8 oz. package Cream Cheese

Directions

- Put the strawberries, sugar and balsamic vinegar in a medium bowl.
- If using frozen strawberries allow them to thaw and then mash ingredients together.

Tip: You want the sauce to be a little chunky so don’t completely mash all the strawberries.

- Remove the cream cheese from the package and place on a serving plate.
- Slowly spoon the strawberry sauce over the cheese and top with shredded basil.
- Serve with your favorite crackers or pita chips. Store any leftovers in refrigerator.

Make ahead and let the ingredients mesh together. The fresh basil will instill the vinegar and make everything more flavorful.

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Super Crossword

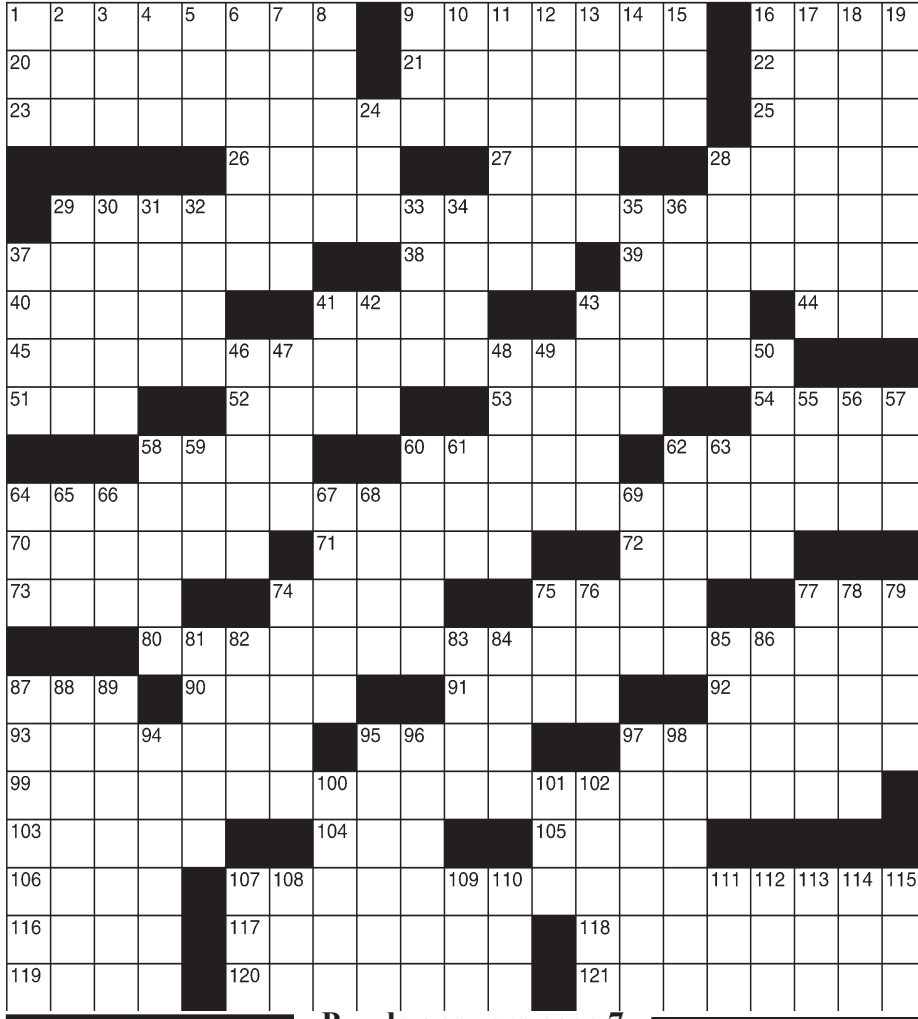
CATCHING SOME WAVES

ACROSS

- 1 Biblical boat of refuge
9 1971 Best Actor winner Gene
16 Sewing line
20 Classroom instructor, in Aussie lingo
21 Long South American river
22 Toothpaste container
23 Start of a riddle
25 Said aloud
26 Sleekly designed
27 Muscles to crunch
28 Persona non —
29 Riddle, part 2
37 Special multi-book packages
38 Cyberauction site
39 Botching, with “up”
40 Travis of country music
41 Thick slice
43 Stare
44 Go gray, say
45 Riddle, part 3
51 Hall-of-Fame Giant Mel
52 Debt slips
- 53 “Exodus” novelist Leon
54 Toe the line
58 Actress Liu
60 Angelina of Hollywood
62 Spiny lizard
64 Riddle, part 4
70 Third-place medal metal
71 24 in a day
72 Vid shooters
73 Ship out, e.g.
74 Menageries
75 Eerie sign
77 Celtics’ org.
80 Riddle, part 5
87 Innuendo
90 queen West
91 Not common
91 Sgt. and cpl.
92 “Serpico” director
93 Herb in pasta sauce
95 Cruising
97 Egg hunt holidays
99 End of the riddle
103 Oscar-winning Berry
104 Prefix with angle or color
105 Compel
106 “— and the Detectives” (old Disney film)
- 107 Riddle’s answer
116 Fall lawn tool
117 Interweaves of joy
118 St. Patrick’s Day bar order
119 Went quickly
120 Store full of playthings
121 One of the men waiting for Godot

DOWN

- 1 Australian state whose capital is Sydney: Abbr.
2 Scottish interjection of surprise
3 “Eureka!”
4 Scorching
5 Lawn turf
6 Red Sox and Orioles’ div.
7 Construction bolts
8 Actress Knightley
9 Tilling tool
10 “— longa, vita brevis”
11 Buzzy insect
12 Having rounded protrusions
13 Timid
14 Often-injured knee part, for short
- 15 Start to doze
16 Birds bringing bundles of joy
17 Russia locale
18 Easing off
19 Hodgepodge
24 Sanders’ title: Abbr.
28 Sticks with pasty stuff
29 “— Subsequent Moviefilm” (2020 sequel)
30 Have life
31 Narrow land strip: Abbr.
32 — pot (sinus-clearing apparatus)
33 Not fatty
34 Eases off
35 Union Jack and Old Glory
36 Exude slowly
37 Vitamin also called riboflavin
41 “Disco” guy on “The Simpsons”
42 — Angeles
43 “Peer Gynt” composer Edvard
46 Particular specialty
47 Maja painter Francisco
- 48 Quiet spells
49 Moistureless
50 Track tipsters
55 Crotchety cry
56 Dir. opposite WSW
57 Turkey Day tuber
58 Wonder Woman
60 Knightly fight
61 Word of joint ownership
62 14th-century Russian ruler called “the Moneybag”
63 Tiara stone
64 “NCIS” ailer
65 State of rage
66 Whole bunch
67 “— were the days!”
68 Seeks the love of
69 Cake froster
74 Goose eggs
75 Egg: Prefix
76 Partners of pas
77 Big Apple baseballer, for short
78 Some Afrikaners
79 Early P.M. times, in classifieds
- 81 Want badly
82 Pleading tyke’s query
83 First-class aisle seat on many planes
84 Rent- — (temporary wheels)
85 “Frozen” queen
86 Improving syllables
87 Partners of fathers
88 Tourist office handout
89 Long, twisty and slippery
94 Coagulated
95 Main arteries
96 Tattletale
97 Lawn tools
98 Nailed the exam
100 Turin’s land
101 Yes, to Fifi
102 Shaw of jazz
107 Ready to go
108 Rock’s Brian
109 Zodiac sign
110 Sci-fi gift
111 It’s S. of Leb.
112 “— Na Na”
113 Evil woman in fairy tales
114 “Evil Woman” rock gp.
115 Sanders’ title: Abbr.



Puzzle answers page 7

Weather Totals

Dec. 17 - Dec. 23 2024

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 56° F
Min 8° F

Precipitation

Week 0.72"
December 3.65"
2024 49.76"

Snowfall

New Snow 0.5"
Snow on ground 0.5"
Winter Total 11.5"

U.S. Forest Service

Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SPORTS

Tucker Valley and Davis Thomas Split Boys’ and Girls’ Matchups

By: Adam Freeman
Tucker Valley and Davis Thomas Middle Schools met at the TCHS gymnasium last Saturday December 21st for their first inner county matchup of the season. Both the girls’ and the boys’ teams would

square off against each other on the day. The girls’ teams would tip off first with DT coming out hot against the Wildcats. The Bears would take the lead into the halftime break with a score of 23-6. Davis Thomas would continue to control the game in the

second half over the Wildcats and take the win with a final score of 41-11. The boys’ teams would take the court next as the scripts would flip from the girls’ matchups to the boys’. The Wildcats would use their size advantage against the younger Bears

to take a 15-0 lead into the break. The second half of the contest was much like that of the first with Tucker Valley extending its lead over Davis Thomas. The eventual final would come to be 63-21 in favor of Tucker Valley.



Amesley Channell and Wilt battle for the rebound.



Nolan Luzier finds the basket from behind the arch.



Jarrett Dearborn drives to the basket, as Titus Bowley defends. (Photos by Brittany Channell)



Morgan Simmons takes the 3.



Jonathan Tuttle takes the contested jumper.

Mt. Lions too Much for Gilmer, Take the Win 93-49

By: Adam Freeman
The Mt. Lions Boys Basketball Team hosted the Gilmer County Titans last week. Tucker would hit shots early and often and maintain that success through four quarters of play. Ten different Mt. Lions would find the basket in the game, with the team playing efficient basketball from the tip to the final whistle. Tucker shot the ball at an outstanding percentage of 67% from two and 45% from three, as well as having 27

assists in the game. Tucker had multiple players in double figures, Trevan Bonner and Mikey Mitchell both had 16 points, Ethan Cummings added 15 more, Garrett Wilfong pitched in 13 points, and Cole Carr poured in 11 more. The 93-49 victory over the Titans pushed the Mt. Lions to a 3-0 start to the season, Tucker has a trip to Shinnston lined up next for a holiday tournament, with matchups against Lincoln and Philip Barbour.

Lady Mt. Lions Come up Short to Southern 62-24

By: Adam Freeman
The Tucker County Lady Mt. Lions made the trip to Oakland last week to take on the Southern Garrett Rams. The Southern Rams were a stout opponent, as they were the State Runners Up in their division in MD a season ago and returned all five starters. Tucker would battle early but would lose key player and starting point guard Makenna Evans in the first half due to a significant hand injury. At the half, Tucker was trailing 30-15. The game

would continue to get further from reach in the second half as Tucker would struggle to find the basket and Southern would push the lead out to the eventual final of 62-24. The effort was led on the night by Maya Gross with 7 points and Raven Matthews with 6 points. Tucker’s next games will be at home on December 27th and 28th as they host their annual holiday tournament. This was the ladies’ first loss on the season and their record currently stands at 4-1.

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FRIDAY

TUCKER COUNTY LANDFILL
2025 FREE DAY SCHEDULE

The Tucker County Solid Waste Authority has established the first Thursday of each month as "Free Day" at the Tucker County Landfill. Disposal of up to one pick-up truck load (maximum weight of 516 pounds) of household residential waste is free of all charges to WV residents at the Tucker County Landfill on the first Thursday of each month during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

If the first Thursday falls on a holiday, the following Thursday is designated as "Free Day". Any person who is not a resident of West Virginia may only participate in the monthly free day upon proof that his or her state of residence would likewise allow West Virginia residents to dispose of residential solid waste in the same or substantially similar manner.

The schedule for 2025 is as follows:

January 2	April 3	July 3	October 2
February 6	May 1	August 7	November 6
March 6	June 5	September 4	December 4

For a complete copy of the "Free Day" policies, contact the Tucker County Landfill at (304) 259-4867.

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Exhibit Winners Announced by Mountaineer Garden Club



MGC unveiled the winners of the "Pictures of Christmas Past" exhibit. The first-place winner, Faith Moore, was awarded a blue ribbon. A second-place tie resulted in red ribbons for Bonnie Smith and Linda Shahan. Crystal Nelson earned third place, receiving a white ribbon. Congratulations to all winners and thank you to the Mountaineer Garden Club members who participated. MGC welcomes interested new members. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 4th at 6 PM at the Five Rivers Public Library

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