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News of Record

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

- **Shiloh Quarry LLC**, Clover District, Quitclaim Deed: Minerals, rocks and subsurface, 39 acres, 6 chains and 15 poles to Rose Holdings LLC, \$100.
- **Philip Andrew Hutinet**, Dry Fork District, Unit B-10 Blackwater Center Condominium to William Kirchhoff Kelleher, \$168,000.
- **Rita M. Dutoit**, Dry Fork District, Lot 1 Windwood, .256 acres to Philip Andrew Hutinet, \$359,500.

- **David Cross Eddy, Sr.** Trustee; David Cross Eddy Sr. Revocable trust, Dry Fork District, .169 acres, Lot E, Northpoint and .168 acres, Lot E, Northpoint to Melissa Dan Molloy Eddy and Robert John Molly,
- **MH & EFLLC**, Fairfax District, 0.14 acres, Lot 15, River Trails Subdivision to Corbin Valley LLC, \$50,000.
- **Shavers Fork Properties LLC**, Hambleton Corporation, Lot #41; being 1/8 acre to Rodney L. Goff and Christina C. Parks, \$90,000.
- **Robert Mark Freeman**, Parsons Corporation,

Lot #6, Claude E. Plum Property to Stewart R. Spring, Jr., \$1,000.

- **Dwayne Darren Hern, Kimberly Royce Hern, Robert Shaun Hern and Scott Cale Hern**, St. George District, 0.425 acres Holly Meadows Road to Michelle K. Cardi.
- **Serge Shikher and Sonja Luecke**, Thomas Corporation, Lot 652 Brown Street, 80 x 120 to Christopher D. Baker and Jean C. Baker, \$299,999.
- **Frances M. Quattro**, Thomas Corporation, Lot #65 to Kathryn Richards, \$292,000.

VIRGINIA COMPANY

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Scarce details on the project that are available have said that the center will not produce power for the main grid, only its own use. “There's a lot of these data centers that are looking to West Virginia that has microgrids on them, they produce their own power,” Smith said.

Smith said he was notified when representatives from an environmental group went to his office over the application filing for the Center. According to Smith, part of the Center will be in Tucker County with the remainder to be located in Grant County. “This caught me by surprise, too,” Smith said. “I was notified I think it was Tuesday that someone from one of the environmental groups in the State came to my office and that is how I found out that they had filed for a permit to put one in Tucker and Grant Counties. Part of it will be in Tucker and part of it will be in Grant according to the permitting.”

There were two or three companies eyeing Tucker County for a Data Center, according to Smith. “I knew that was one of the areas, Tucker County was one of the areas they were looking at,” Smith said. “They had about 11 counties that two or three of these companies were looking at. So it didn't take me by complete surprise because I knew that they were looking at different areas across the State.”

While Smith found out about the Center through visitors to his office, many local officials found out about it when their phones began ringing from the press. Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said he only knows what has been released in the press about the project, as does Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis. “I was surprised when they released the press release on it because I basically found out about it through the press,” Smith said.

Rosenau said that he found out about the Center through a phone call on Wednesday. The news took him by surprise. “Yesterday I got a call that said that a power plant company or a data center, one of the other, had put in a preliminary permit in Charleston for that area and wanted to know what I knew about it and I said I know nothing about it,” Rosenau said. “So it was all a surprise to me, too.”

Davis said that he only knows what he is hearing from others. According to Davis neither he, nor the Commission have been contacted by the company or any other entity about the project. “Say the truth, I don't know nothing about it,” Davis said. “I got a phone call yesterday from another news reporter and I'm saying I've not heard nothing about it. I've been kept in the dark about it. I'm hearing about some kind of data center or something for power. That's about all I know about it from hearsay. Any official from that company or anyone else, I've not heard from.”

Davis Mayor Al Tomson gave a written statement on the project. In his statement, Tomson proposed an alternative site for the project several miles from the current site. “A more suitable site exists just eight miles down the road at the Mettiki coal mine, away from residential areas. The current plan places the project less than a mile from homes in Davis, raising serious concerns about its impact on residents and the environment,” Tomson wrote.

Tomson also stated that he supports economic development in Tucker County, but is concerned over the current site due to ecological impacts the Center may have. “I support economic development in Tucker County and

recognize the potential benefits this project could bring, including job opportunities and much-needed tax revenue. However, its current proposed location poses significant risks to local communities, threatens our pristine natural resources, and jeopardizes our delicate water supply,” Tomson wrote.

Tomson closed his comments with an urging for an open dialogue with the local community and community leaders. “Community input is essential, yet this project has moved forward without it. It's time for an open dialogue—let's work together to find a responsible solution that benefits Tucker County without compromising our natural and community assets,” Tomson wrote.

The Friends of the Blackwater in a related effort recently began a campaign to stop WV HB2014 which is an amendment to Chapter 5B. Economic Development Act of 1985. The Friends of the Blackwater have vehemently opposed the bill with calls from their supporters to reach out to lawmakers to oppose the measure. “A huge power plant - probably to support a huge data center - is being proposed just a couple miles from Thomas and Davis that could impact Blackwater Canyon, the Wildlife Refuge and Dolly Sods. A facility like this could also impact the area with unwanted noise, toxic air pollution, bright lights, and traffic. Data centers are also known for their large consumption of energy and water. Communities across Tucker County cannot afford to lose either, we must protect our communities resources,” an email from the Friends of the Blackwater states.

The amendments include the inclusion of sections pertaining to Data Centers and Data Center development in the State. The bill states the West Virginia is strategically positioned for the location of Data Centers for a variety of factors. “(7) West Virginia is strategically positioned as the best location in the United States to place data centers due to: (A) its close proximity to Washington, D.C., and the federal government; (B) its close proximity to the majority of the Nation's population; (C) its low tax rates; (D) it having the least restrictive regulatory environment in the Nation; (E) its supply of abundant energy and natural resources to power the data centers; and (F) its skilled and loyal workforce that has some of the lowest turnover rates in the Nation,” the bill states. “As such, the state has a significant interest in encouraging the development and expansion of data centers, which can serve as drivers of broader economic growth. The Legislature finds that these externalities transcend local borders, including environmental concerns, energy consumption, and regional economic growth. Additionally, the provisions in this section align with the Legislature's goal of fostering a competitive, forward-thinking economy that benefits all residents.”

The bill also establishes the High Impact Data Center Program. “(b) Program established. - The High Impact Data Center Program is hereby created and is to be administered as a program within the Division of Economic Development to encourage the continued development, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion in West Virginia of high impact data centers. In order to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Division of Economic Development, or any agency, division, or subdivision thereof, may promulgate legislative rules, including emergency rules, in accordance with §29A-3-1 et seq of this code.”

THRASHER

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80% complete, according to Watson. Watson also said that he came to the meeting early to go over the plans and he discovered areas where he could save the City money on the project. “I came over early today to go over that design,” Watson said. “I found some things that I think we can save a lot of money, places they were looking to put the line. I think I saved some money today and make sure it works hydraulically for you.”

Watson said that his company would be in touch with the City to discuss the City's credentials to the Department of Highways permit portal for upcoming permits. “We'll be in touch with you to discuss credentials for DOH permit portal,” Watson said. “Now you can't just submit the plans and say get me a permit. You got to enter a portal and its a little bit more difficult, but we'll be in the process of doing that here shortly.”

Watson said that plans for supplying the City with an updated hydrant map would be better put on hold until the end of the water project due to the possibility of changing

hydrant placement throughout the course of the project. “It says we will provide you with an updated map of the City with the hydrants located on it,” Watson said. “I don't know. That might be a waste of time. I'd wait until the job is done because sometimes those hydrants move a little bit and I'd just as soon give it the exact where they are.”

Thrasher is currently exploring options for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Watson said. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is one of the subjects that Thrasher wishes to discuss during a work session meeting with the City in the near future, Watson said. “On the wastewater plant, we are doing preparations and viable options for the replacement or upgrading of your wastewater treatment plant,” Watson said. “We have that meeting, we can go over it and really sit down and do what is a critical path to what you want to do.”

A specific date or time for the workshop meeting with Thrasher was not set during the session of Council.

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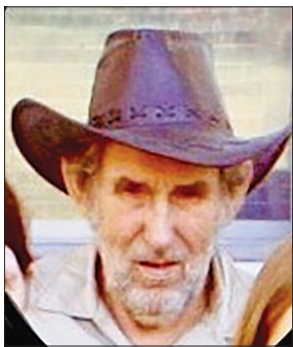
OBITUARIES

Robert Lee Nine

Robert Lee Nine, age 86 years, a resident of the St. George Community, Parsons, WV, departed this life Tuesday evening, April 1, 2025, at Davis Medical Center, Elkins, WV.

He was born Thursday, January 19, 1939, at Location Road, St. George, WV, a son of the late Junior Howard Nine and Daisy Mae Wotring Nine. He had never married.

Surviving are four brothers, Nick Nine and wife Delores of Hambleton; Ronald Nine and wife Darlene of Bruce-ton Mills, Luther Nine and wife Reva of Black-man Flats and John Nine of Location Road; five sisters, Wanda Nine, Shirley Nine and Mary Nine, all of Location Road, Sharlet Lipscomb



of Kingwood and Betty Petersen and husband Curt of Crystal Lake, IL; and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Preceding him in death are two brothers, Amos David Nine and George Kenneth Nine; and three sisters, Jane Ellen Nine Curtiss, Beverly Kay Nine and Margurite Ruth Nine; one brother in law, John Curtiss of TX;

He attended the Fair-view School. He was

a timber cutter, drove log truck and did several jobs at sawmills and cut pulp wood. After retirement, he enjoyed riding his tractor, brush hogged and he kept the farm mowed and also other odd jobs on the farm, which he loved dearly. As a youngster, he attended the Fairview Church of God.

A Graveside service took place on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, at 11 AM at the Limestone Cemetery at St. George, WV. Rev. Lowell Moore will officiate and interment followed. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Robert Lee Nine. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Jean Parsons

Barbara Jean Parsons, 79, of Thomas, passed away on April 1, 2025, at Cortland Acres Nursing Home. Born on April 13, 1945, in Pierce, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Calvin and Virgie May (Aronhalt) Shepard.

After graduating Thomas High School, Barbara married the love of her life and began the wonderful journey of motherhood. Time spent with her family and friends was certainly her favorite past time and they all enjoyed vacationing together in the Outer Banks, going on cruises, and camping on the Dry Fork River. She loved cooking, shopping, and caring for the humming-birds in her backyard. She always thought of others and would lend a helping hand anytime



she could.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Paul Parsons; her children, Tammy Lynn Parsons and husband Gar-nie Sharp of Laurel MD, and Paul Thomas Parsons and wife Melissa Chamberlain of Mil-lington, MD; siblings, Betty "Patsy" Woods, Jerry Shepard, and Ber-nard Shepard; and her beloved dog, Jade.

In addition to her par-ents, she was preceded

in death by her siblings, Thelma Sheeler, Harold "Sam" Shepard, Janet Jones, Glenn "Jake" Shepard, and Mable Macklem; brothers in law, Donald Woods, Robert Sheeler, and Doug Jones; sisters in law, Barbara Shepard, Carolyn Shepard, Ruth Shepard, and Mary Shepard.

Friends will be received on Friday, April 4th, 2025, from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Fredlock & Fenner Funeral Homes, - Davis Chapel, 567 Thomas Ave., Davis. A funeral service will be held at 1 PM in the funeral home with Pastor Caitlin Ware officiating. Interment will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery.

The Fredlock & Fenner Funeral Homes is honored to be serving the Parsons family.

Franklin Steven King

Franklin Steven King, age 73 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life early Tuesday morning, April 1, 2025 at Cortland Acres at Thomas, WV. He had been in declining health.

He was born Satur-day, December 29, 1951 at Parsons, WV a son of the late James Robert and Lena Gertrude Pitzer King. He had never mar-ried.

He was the last sur-viving member of his immediate family. Pre-



ceding him in death are two brothers, James Rus-sell King and Robert Lee "Hopsing" King; and one sister, Kathryn Gertrude "Katie" King Mason.

He was a graduate of Parsons High School with the Class of 1974.

A Graveside Ser-vice will be conducted Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV. Inurnment will follow. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Franklin Steven King. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

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DEP CONCERNS

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some disagreement over the responsible party, maybe is the best way to put it on some of these,” Holstine said. “But we are going to get it taken care of as time and weather permits.”

Holstine said that overall, he felt the meeting went well and that the DEP came to better understanding of the situation and the unique circumstances that exist at the Landfill and with the Authority. “We did meet with the DEP,” Holstine said. “It turned out to be a good meeting in the end and I think they understand where we're at, some of the reasons why we're where we're at preexisted our operation and we're doing everything we can do with the money we have at hand to take care of those issues.”

Holstine said he feels there will be a more positive relationship between the entities moving forward following the meeting. “I think that was a positive meeting,” Holstine said. “Looking forward to a little better relationship moving forward.”

The highest concern coming out of the DEP inspection to Holstine concerns the use of the eco misters. The misters have been used by the Landfill to evaporate and reduce the amount of leachate the Landfill produces and reduce the amount of loads that have needed trucked out of the facility. The DEP has stated objections to the use due to over spray.

Holstine said that he is concerned that due to repeated problems with the DEP over the use of the misters, the use of them could be coming to an end which will greatly increase the amount of leachate the facility produces. “My concern moving into next year are leachate expenses with the repeated DEP inspection comments about the eco misters, I'm afraid the life, the useful life of the misters is coming

to an end,” Holstine said. “We are most likely going to be running with just one eco mister, if not no eco misters come the near future.”

Holstine said he anticipates that the cost of leachate disposal will increase greatly to amounts closer to what they were before the current board took over. In anticipation, next year's budget has already reflected an increase in the cost of leachate disposal, Holstine said. “With that, we have to anticipate higher leachate expenses,” Holstine said. “That \$600,000 number was about where we were when we took over here.”

The Authority has already seen an increase in the cost of leachate disposal from the harsh, wet winter the area had this year, Holstine said. In February alone, the facility hauled close to a million gallons of leachate from the weather conditions, according to Holstine. “Of course it was an extremely harsh winter. It was extremely wet, a lot of snow,” Holstine said. “You're going to see the effect of that in next month's financials.”

The amount of leachate hauled is anticipated to begin to taper off unless the weather conditions remain unseasonably wet, Holstine said. Regardless, without the eco misters to evaporate some of the liquids, the cost will still be higher to haul than what the Authority has seen since their inception, according to Holstine. “That will taper off,” Holstine said. “If we have a wet summer, we have a wet fall, those numbers are going to stay elevated without the benefit of being able to try to evaporate some of that, you are going to see a definite impact on our financial statements.”

There was no word when the eco misters would officially go offline.



St. George Medical Clinic Announces new Licensed Graduate Social Worker

St. George Medical Clinic, Inc. is proud to announce that Brad Carroll MSW LGSW, has officially transitioned from Case Manager into a new role as a Licensed Graduate Social Worker.

In this new role Brad will continue to expand upon his 20+ years of experience in behavioral health, along with a passion for advocacy, client-centered care, and improving community well-being especially in underserved and vulnerable rural populations. He will work with individuals and families to help navigate, coordinate services and support long term success.

Brad states that he is excited for the new opportunity and to continue to be a part of the St. George Medical Clinic team that values the importance of mental health within our community. He is proud to be a Tucker County resident, enjoying time with his children and outdoor recreation opportunities in the area.

Please join us in congratulating Brad Carroll MSW LGSW on this well-deserved achievement and promotion. Brad is accepting new patients. To schedule or learn more about the behavioral health services the St. George Clinic provides, please call 304-478-3339

St. George Medical Clinic Welcomes new Dentist

St. George Medical Clinic, Inc. is pleased to welcome Dr. Michael Payne, DDS, to its growing healthcare team. Dr. Payne joins the clinic as its newest dentist, bringing expert dental care to the residents of Tucker County and surrounding communities.

Dr. Payne is committed to providing compassionate, patient-centered care with a focus on prevention, education, and personalized treatment. His addition to the clinic allows St. George Medical Clinic to expand its dental services and continue offering high-quality, affordable care in a convenient, local setting.

Dr. Payne graduated from West Virginia University School of Dentistry and served as a dentist in the United States Navy for the last 14 years. Originally from West Virginia, he is excited to be back in his

home state. He enjoys spending his free time outside and enjoys participating in outdoor activities throughout the four seasons. He says everyone has been so warm and welcoming and is looking forward to seeing patients.

St. George Medical Clinic, Inc. is a community-focused healthcare provider offering a full range of medical and dental services to patients throughout Tucker County and the surrounding communities. With a focus on quality care and local accessibility, the clinic is committed to meeting the health needs of families close to home.

Dr. Michael Payne, DDS will be accepting new patients starting June 2nd, 2025. To schedule an appointment or learn more about the dental services offered, call 304-478-6000 or visit www.stgeorgeclinic.org

TUCKER COUNTY CHAMBER SEEKS NOMINATIONS

Davis, WV. The Tucker County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the 47th Annual Awards Banquet. The categories include but are not limited to.

- Educator of the Year: The nominee should be someone in the educational community who has gone the extra mile to educate and prepare our students.
- Student of the Year: This student should be someone that shows leadership qualities and compassion to their community and fellow students.
- Employee of the Year: This award is intended for someone who is committed and dedicated to a business or place of employment as if were their own.
- Business Person of the Year: This person should be an outstanding businessperson from our community. They should own or operate a business in Tucker County.
- Community Service Award: The award is intended for an individual that strives to make the county a better place through service to the community.
- Cultural Heritage and Arts: This award is intended to highlight a person or organization within the arts and/or historical preservation within community.
- Tuckineer: This secret award is for someone who is outstanding in his/her field and goes above and beyond the call of duty to make Tucker County a better place to live, work and own/operate a business through their public service to this community. The term “Tuckineer” is derived from “Tucker” and “Mountaineer”. In years past “special awards” have been given to outstanding citizens or groups. Examples: Travel and Tourism Award, Athlete of the Year, Agriculture Award, Humanitarian and Friend, Outstanding Youth, Good Samaritan, Public Employee of the Year. Consider

nominating outside the usual categories. All Nominations are due by April 21st! Please submit nomination to jessica@gettuckerd.com or Po Box 565 Davis, WV 26260. You can also drop them off at our office, 410 William Ave. Davis, WV 26260.

“Please remember to be as specific as possible when nominating! Explain in detail why you think this person should be recognized.” said Jessica Waldo, Chamber Executive Director. “The more details we have helps the secret committee pick a worthy candidate for each category.” “They will use these nominations to make their final decision.”

For the last 47 years, we’ve celebrated the best of Tucker County and this year is no exception. This banquet is held to recognize the outstanding Tucker Countians, that make Tucker County a better place to live, work and operate a business. Consider nominating someone for each category and encourage your friends. The more individual nominations, the better! Nominations for these awards are due to the Chamber office no later than the end of business on Monday, April 21 st!

This year’s Award Banquet will be held at Canaan Valley Resort State Park on Thursday, May 15 th in Bear Paw Lodge. During the banquet, we will recognize the 2025 winners! Award recipients, family and friends are invited. Community members are all welcomed and encouraged to attend. Tickets and tables need to be reserved in advance by contacting the Chamber office at 304-259-5315. Tickets need to be reserved by May 11 th!

For more information on the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce’s Awards Banquet or membership in the Chamber, contact 304-259-5315 or jessica@gettuckerd.com



A brief history of Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated each April and draws attention to a range of issues affecting the environment. Earth Day aims to raise awareness in the hope of inspiring change.

Earth Day is observed on April 22. According to National Geographic, the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970. Wisconsin senator Gaylord Nelson was inspired to begin a national celebration uniting the environmental movement after witnessing environmental activism in the 1960s. With the help of Denis Hayes, a graduate student at Harvard University, Nelson organized the first Earth Day. Twenty million people participated in events across the United States and strengthened support for environmental legislation like the Clean Air Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Earth Day was expanded to a global initiative in 1990 under guidance from Hayes. Nearly 200 million participants in more than 140 countries now join together in the name of protecting the planet. Awareness continues to be raised each year regarding renewable

energy and climate change.

One of the hallmarks of Earth Day celebrations is the planting of trees. Researchers estimate roughly 15 billion trees are cut down each year across the globe. By planting a tree every Earth Day, people can make a difference. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen and bolster ecosystems for wildlife. Shade trees can reduce reliance on fans and air conditioning systems.

The main message of Earth Day 2024 is the need to commit to ending reliance on plastics, says EarthDay.org. The goal is a 60 percent reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040. Plastics are bad for the environment a growing body of research indicates they have an adverse effect on the major systems of the body, including immune, respiratory, digestive, and hormonal systems.

Everyone can do their part to promote the ideals behind Earth Day. For 54 years, millions of people have been advocating for change to benefit the planet and human and animal health, and that fight is ongoing.

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Five Rivers Public Library
April Happenings:
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9 - Toddler Time @ 10:00am
15 - Book Club Discussion @ 1:30pm
16 - Toddler Time @ 10:00am
18-19 - CLOSED - Easter Holiday
21 - Movie Day @ 1:30pm & 5:30pm
5000 Blankets, rated PG 13
23 - Toddler Time @ 10:00am
29 - Board Meeting @ 5:00pm
30 - Toddler Time @ 10:00am

PHS Alumni meeting April 10
Parsons High School Alumni meeting is Thursday April 10 at TC Senior Center in Parsons. Senior Center choir sings at 10:30. Lunch is available at 11:30, meeting to follow shortly after 12:00 noon.

Easter Cantata
An Easter Celebration at Riverview Chapel, Rt. 219 South, Parsons, WV. Saturday April 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

TC Retired School Employees meeting April 16
TC Retired School Employees meeting is Wednesday April 16 at TC Senior Center in Parsons. Senior Center choir sings at 10:30. Lunch is available at 11:30, meeting to follow shortly after 12:00 noon. Note that regular meetings have changed to the third Wednesday of each month.

Tucker County Historic Landmark Commission Meeting
Tucker County Historic Landmark Commission will have a meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:00 at the Tucker County Historical Museum. The public is welcome to attend.



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.wven-cyclopedia.org.

April 9, 1817: John Nuttall was born in England. He was one of the first operators to ship coal on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in the early 1870s and founded the town of Nuttallburg in the New River Gorge.

April 10, 1848: John Kenna was born in Kanawha County. In 1883, the state legislature elected him to the U.S. Senate, unseating the powerful Henry G. Davis. Kenna is one of two West Virginians memorialized by a statue in the U.S. Capitol.

April 10, 1932: Entertainer Blaze Starr was born as Fanny Belle Fleming in Wayne County. The owner of a burlesque club rechristened her “Blaze Starr.” Her story was the basis of the movie Blaze.

April 11, 1821: Congressman Jacob Beeson Blair was born in Parkersburg. Blair was the first Virginian to be told by President Abraham Lincoln of Lincoln’s support for making West Virginia a state.

April 11, 1847: Diarist Sirene Bunten was born in French Creek, Upshur County. As a teenager, she kept a diary about her daily activities, including emotional accounts of life on the West Virginia home front during the Civil War.

April 11, 1909: Writer Hubert Skidmore was born at Laurel Mountain in Webster County. In his novels, Skidmore depicted stoic endurance by mountain people in the face of misfortune and economic exploitation by outside interests.

April 11, 1940: Award-winning artist Susan Poffenbarger was born in Charleston. Her work can be found in many galleries as well as in the IRS National Computing Center in Martinsburg and the Federal Courthouse Annex in Wheeling. She died in 2025.

April 11, 1964: Writer Pinckney Benedict was born in Lewisburg. His two



April 9, 1900: Physician Margaret Byrnside “Dr. Maggie” Ballard was born. She actively pursued her interest in genealogy and local history and was a founder of the Monroe County Historical Society.

collections of short stories, Town Smokes and The Wrecking Yard, as well as his novel Dogs of God were named Notable Books by the New York Times Book Review.

April 12, 1865: The 36th Virginia Infantry, known as the Logan Wildcats, disbanded. The Confederate company was created at Logan Courthouse on June 3, 1861, and consisted of about 85 men. The company saw its first action in the Battle of Scary Creek in Putnam County.

April 12, 1885: Photographer George James Kossuth was born. After opening his Wheeling studio in 1909, he achieved broad fame for his photos of the city and insightful portraits of world celebrities, including Richard Strauss, Jascha Heifetz, Leopold Stokowski, Clarence Darrow and Richard Nixon.

April 13, 1873: Lawyer, diplomat and 1924 Democratic candidate for president John William Davis was born in Clarksburg. Davis argued 141 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. His last case was one of the most controversial, when he argued in 1952 to continue

racial segregation in South Carolina.

April 13, 1951: Sculptor Bill Hopen was born. The Sutton artist’s works appear in government buildings, museums, churches, and hospitals around West Virginia, across the nation, and abroad.

April 14, 1774: Surveyors met at the mouth of the Kanawha River to establish military bounty claims in Kentucky. They became involved in several skirmishes with Indians in the region. This was the start of Dunmore’s War, the name given to the conflict in the Ohio Valley in the spring of 1774.

April 14, 1945: Twenty people were killed when a commercial airplane on its way to Morgantown flew off course and crashed into the side of Cheat Mountain.

April 15, 1872: Peter Godwin Van Winkle died in Parkersburg. Van Winkle was a member of the Governor’s Council of the Reorganized Government of Virginia, 1861-63, under Gov. Francis Pierpont. On August 4, 1863, Van Winkle was elected as one of West Virginia’s first two U.S. senators.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

I was talking to some old friends that I grew up with this past weekend and something was brought to my attention. I really don’t know anything about my father’s family. I don’t know why it seemed that everything about that side of the family was a big secret. I know I had some aunts and uncles that had moved away before I was big enough to remember them.

Sometimes in the summer they would come to visit and we would go to the farm to see them. That was really the only time my dad saw his brothers and sisters. Mt grandmother was very stern and didn’t say much because I don’t think she really liked mom, and from there she really didn’t like us either. **Momma Said**, “Guilt by association is not really fair.”

I remember my grandfather worked in the woods cutting and hauling timber. He always drove a team of mules and

Momma Said

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

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The Parsons Advocate



smoked a pipe. He didn’t say much and I always wondered about his pipe. The pipe bowls were made of wood but they didn’t burn up when smoking it. How does that happen?

I loved to go visit the farm but always felt very uncomfortable around them. I had one cousin that lived close to them and he was my age. He would go visit them all the time and seemed to be their favorite. It is a part of my life that still baffles me to this day. Momma Said. “Be that as it may I will always treasure the family in my life that really cared.”

Grilled Chicken Wrap

INGREDIENTS

For the Chicken Marinade:

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika, optional
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

For the Wrap:

- 4 large flour (white or wheat) tortillas
- 1 cup romaine or iceberg lettuce, chopped
- 1 medium tomato, diced
- 1 small cucumber, sliced thinly
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar or mozzarella cheese
- Fresh cilantro or parsley for garnish, optional

For the Creamy Garlic Sauce:

- 1/2 cup Greek yogurt or mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard, optional
- Salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- Add the olive oil, lemon juice, minced garlic, paprika, cumin, oregano,

smoked paprika (if using), salt, and pepper. Mix to combine.

- Add the chicken breasts and coat them thoroughly in the marinade. Let the chicken marinate for at least 30 minutes (up to 2 hours) in the refrigerator for extra flavor.

- Preheat your grill (or grill pan) over medium-high heat. Lightly oil the grill grates. Grill the chicken for 6–7 minutes per side or until the internal temperature reaches 165°Fahrenheit and the chicken has grill marks. Once cooked, remove the chicken from the heat and let it rest for 5 minutes before slicing it into thin strips.

- Add the Greek yogurt, lemon juice, olive oil, minced garlic, and mustard (if using) to a small bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Mix to combine. Adjust the flavors to your liking.

- Lay a tortilla flat and spread a tablespoon (or more) of the creamy garlic sauce in the center. Add a handful of chopped lettuce, diced tomatoes, sliced cucumbers, and onions. Layer a few slices of avocado. Top with the grilled chicken slices and sprinkle some shredded cheese. Garnish with fresh cilantro or parsley if desired.

- Fold the sides of the tortilla inward, then roll it tightly from the bottom to the top. Tuck in the filling as you go. Slice the wrap in half diagonally for easy serving. Serve it immediately, or wrap it in foil to keep warm for later.

Super Crossword

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39 Coke and Pepsi's business?
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45 "Fer cryin' out loud!"
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80 Bivalve mollusk that's neither anxious nor perturbed?
85 1040 ID
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87 Instant, in some brand names
88 "— come to save the day!"
90 Blubber
92 Suburb of Buenos Aires
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97 Eight-note spans
101 Monty Python member wearing no jewelry or fancy clothes?
103 Topmost point on a perfume bottle?
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61 Uno + due
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63 Smart — (wise guys)
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72 "Well, I'll be!"
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Weather Totals

Mar. 25 - Apr. 1, 2025

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 76° F
Min 29° F

Precipitation

Week 1.64"
March 2.15"
April 0.49"
2025 10.89"

Snowfall

New Snow 0"
Snow on ground 0"
Winter Total 47"

U.S. Forest Service

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Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School

Honor Roll and Principals List

5th Grade

Honor Roll

Jace Barkley
Dailyn Dumire
Bryson Mihalko
Brendan Streets

Principals List

Raelynn Abell
William Bolyard
Easton Brown
Toby Digwe
Malik Dillard
Rowan Dilly
Matthew Ends
Conor Falls
Connor Fravel
Marshall Gilligan
Savannah Hensley
Sierra Hensley
Jess Kuykendall

Hunter Lipscomb
Aubrey Mitchell
Adaleigh Mullenex
AvaLee Nestor
Hannah Nestor
Easton Phillips
Keaton Sexton
Ethan Sigley
Nikolai Stemple
Denton Streets
Layne Suesli
Sydney Vandevender
Anthony Wiseman
Aubree Smith
Kendyll Showalter

6th Grade

Honor Roll

Noah Adams
Ashton Arnett

Avery Decker
Brittany Knotts
Kyleashae Boyles
Mikenley Knotts
Gensis McBee
Kaiden Metz
Eric Nestor
Maci Owens
Kathleen Phillips
Triston Pitzer
Coleman Shifflet
Darrius Williams
Prinipals List
Adalynn Browning
Dayton Bunnell
Kragen Cale
Gabriella Cussins
Naomi Dean
Cianna Diabartolomeo
Brooklee Hebb

Fletcher Hyre
Mia Lambert
Rece Lambruno
Luke Lantz
Alleigh Lipscomb
Riley Malcom
Keiran Parsons
Aleena Reed
Camden Rettig
Liam Ricottilii
Brantlee Rosier
Braylon Simmons
Kyler Southern
Caden Triplett
Gracyn White
Lucas White
Delbert Wilkins
Brayven Wolfe
Easton Wolford

7th Grade

Honor Roll

Whitley Fowler
Asher Kisamore
Gunner Smith
Devin White

Principals List

Mya Adams
Kennedy Aker
Briar Arbogast
Matthew Barkley
Titu Barkley
Laila George
Lily Helmick
David Jolly
Kyra Miller
Maddison Phillips
Rylan Sexton
Gabrella Slaubaugh
Hunter Vandevander

Ally Wright

8th Grade

Honor Roll

Madson Carr
Ava Henderson
Jaylen Liedy
Johnathan Tuttle
Ashynn Williams
Principals List
Amesly Channell
Rachel Cummings
Alissa Hebb
Branson Hyre
Delainey Rhodes
Kameron Rosier
Kyleigh Rosier
Jaycee Shahan
Daniel Smith
Landon Wilfong

THANK YOU FOR READING THE PARSONS ADVOCATE

April is Autism Awareness Month



Facts and figures about autism

Autism affects families in myriad ways. Though its name suggests it's a singular condition, the term "autism" refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication.

The organization Autism Speaks is devoted to supporting and advocating for individuals with autism and their

families. Learning about autism is one of the ways people from all walks of life, including those not affected by autism, can help organizations like Autism Speaks meet their missions. Though autism is a complicated subject, the following facts and figures can serve as a solid foundation for people who want to learn more about it.

· A 2021 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indi-

cated that approximately one in 44 children in the United States is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

· A 2018 report from Canada's National Autism Spectrum Disorder Surveillance System estimated that one in 66 children and youth in Canada are diagnosed with ASD.

· The World Health Organization reports that global studies regarding the worldwide prevalence of autism vary significantly, though it's estimated that around one in 100 children across the globe is diagnosed with ASD.

· Autism Speaks reports that boys are four times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls. In fact, CDC data from 2018 indicates that one in 27 boys in the U.S. was identified with autism.

· Parents who have a child with autism have a 2 to 18 percent chance of having a second child who also is affected.

· Parents of twins should know that an autism diagnosis in one twin does not

necessarily mean the other child also will be diagnosed with autism. Autism Speaks indicates that, among identical twins, if one child has autism, the other will be affected about 36 to 95 percent of the time. Among non-identical twins, if one child has autism, the other will be affected about 31 percent of the time.

· Vaccines do not cause autism.

Autism Speaks notes that extensive research conducted over several decades has concluded that there is no link between childhood vaccinations and autism.

· Nearly one-third of children with ASD (31 percent) have an intellectual disability.

· Nearly half of children with autism wander or bolt from safety.

· Bullying is a significant problem for children with autism. Roughly two-third of children with autism between the ages of six and 15 have been bullied.

Autism affect millions of families across the globe. More information is available at autismspeaks.org.

Congressman Moore Introduces Respecting Parents' Childcare Choices Act

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Riley M. Moore introduced the Respecting Parents' Childcare Choices Act. This pro-family legislation significantly increases annual authorized funding levels for the Child Care Development Block Grant, which states disburse via vouchers to working-class families to help finance childcare. The bill also empowers families to choose the childcare option that works best for them, which can include paying a parent directly if they stay home and by eliminating burdensome regulations tied to paying a relative for childcare. Finally, the bill eliminates marriage penalties and codifies existing policy protections for faith-based childcare providers.

Congressman Clay Higgins of Louisiana joined Congressman Moore in co-sponsoring the bill. Identical legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Jim Banks of Indiana.

The legislation is endorsed by Heritage Action for America, American Principles Project, American Compass, Independent Women's Forum, CatholicVote, Family Policy Alliance, Students for Life, Susan B. Anthony List, March for Life Action, and the Bull Moose Project.

Congressman Moore issued the following statement: "For decades, conservatives have rallied around being pro-life, but far too often, the policy framework that came with it lacked strong, substantive ideas to reduce the burden on American families. Being pro-life means being pro-family, and with this legislation, we're empowering families to choose what works best for them.

"This is just the first step I aim to take in ushering in a new era that makes raising a family great again."

Here's what others are saying:

"The Biden Administration's burdensome over-regulation increased the cost of childcare and withheld

funding from the childcare arrangements many families prefer," said Senator Jim Banks of Indiana. "Big government never works. The Respect Parents' Childcare Choices Act puts families first and gives parents the freedom to choose what works best for them."

"Parents know what is best for their children. When it comes to childcare, parents shouldn't be penalized for wanting to choose a provider who aligns with their religious views, or for having a family member willing to step in to help out," said Terry Schilling, President of American Principles Project. "Expanding the qualifying childcare providers to include these resources is a wonderful step in putting hardworking families first in America. APP is grateful to Senator Banks and Congressman Moore for taking the lead."

"Parents across America need childcare that is accessible, affordable, and trustworthy," said Janae Stracke, Vice President for Outreach and Advocacy at Heritage Action. "The Respecting Parents' Childcare Choices Act is a monumental bill that empowers parents with the freedom and flexibility to raise their children how they see fit, without facing penalties that complicate childcare coordination. Heritage Action commends Rep. Moore for putting families first and addressing this important need."

"Households need greater access to affordable, high-quality childcare options, and the Respecting Parents' Childcare Choices Act would help to achieve this," said Carrie Lukas, President of the Independent Women's Forum. "Moreover, this bill recognizes that childcare is a very personal choice, and families have different preferences for care. Thank you, Senator Banks and Congressman Moore, for your leadership on this issue."

"The majority of Americans want the federal government to assist working families," said Oren Cass, Chief

Economist for American Compass. "However, they also want assistance to respect their preferences, which vary widely but most often include the flexibility to have a parent or relative provide care at home. This important legislation would provide families the flexibility they need to make the best decisions for their childcare."

"The first line in the care and education of children is always the parents. Moms and Dads know what is better for their sons and daughters more than bureaucrats," said Joshua Mercer, Vice President of CatholicVote. "Sen. Banks and Rep. Moore deserve praise for putting the rights of parents above a liberal big government agenda."

"The Bull Moose Project has consistently advocated for policies that empower rather than restrict American families, which is why we strongly support the Respect Parents' Childcare Choices Act. The reforms proposed in this legislation are necessary to give flexibility for families with childcare and encourage family development, which is why the bill delivers a rare combination in Washington: a policy that's both more effective and more respectful of family autonomy." – Aiden Buzzetti, President of the Bull Moose Project. "

"To equip young families as they do the vital work of raising the people – the next generation -- whom we will all depend on, Students for Life Action supports the Respecting Parents' Childcare Choices Act. This measure helps empower families to make choices about who is best to care for their children, without forcing government daycare. The people most devoted to their children should have the freedom to decide who will best protect and love them, while parents are at work. Students for Life Action thanks Rep. Moore for his leadership on this bill." – Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life of America & Students for Life Action.

Treasurer Pack Encourages Legislature to Level the Playing Field For All Energy Sources

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Today, State Treasurer Larry Pack issued the following statement, in support of Senate Bill 439:

"The best tax code is one that is simple and fair," Treasurer Pack said. "There are a number of carve outs throughout our state tax code that benefit one industry and penalize another. Senate Bill 439 is a great first step towards leveling

the playing field and ensuring West Virginia isn't in the business of picking economic winners and losers."

SB 439 would repeal tax breaks for wind power projects by removing the favorable salvage value in state code. Property tax collections in West Virginia aid counties funding important local services such as schools, law enforcement,

and other essential government services.

"West Virginia played a crucial part in fueling the American industrial revolution as an energy state," Treasurer Pack said. "We must continue to take an all-in energy approach as we try to promote American industries, while lowering energy costs for our citizens. I encourage our lawmakers to pass Senate Bill 439."

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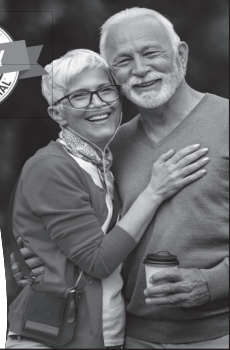
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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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 May 13, 2025 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
018	2024470013	S347-219-7.20 00	NFA-0219(434)D	SLIDE REPAIR W/PILING SENECA TRAIL (PILING WALL) Midpoint of Project COUNTY: TUCKER

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 is hereby given that Shiloh Quarry LLC, 190 Midstream Way, Jane Lew, WV 26378, has submitted an application for Permit Number Q200495 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600 in order to add 5.0 acres of mineral removal area. The operation is discharging into an unnamed tributary to Brushy Fork and is located near Moatsville in Clover District of Tucker County, Longitude 79° 49' 16" and Latitude 39° 11' 37" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map). Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by: Shiloh Quarry LLC, 190 Midstream Way, Jane Lew, WV 26378 and the mineral associated herewith is owned by Shiloh Quarry LLC, 190 Midstream Way, Jane Lew, WV 26378. The source of the applicant's legal right to enter and conduct quarrying operation on the land to be covered by this application is by: deed. Surface of the area within 500 feet of the permit area is owned by: Shiloh Quarry LLC, 190 Midstream Way, Jane Lew, WV 26378.

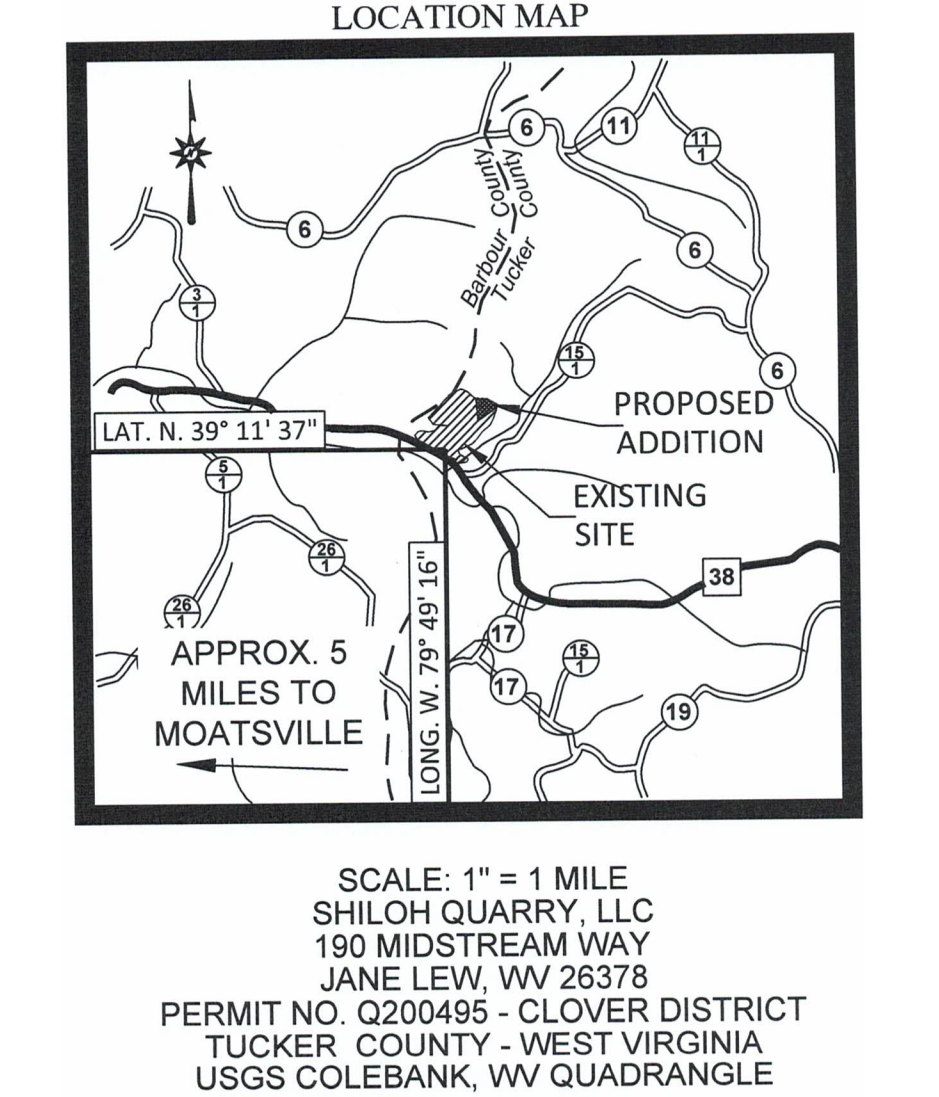
Comments on the application shall be in writing and shall identify the applicant and application number and be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above. Comments received by May 2, 2025, or thirty (30) days from the date of initial date of publication, will be considered.

A copy of the application will be available until May 2, 2025, or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm.

The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

MUNICIPALITY OF HAMBLETON, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

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

REVENUE SOURCE

Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	25,152
Assigned Fund Balance (General Fund only)		10,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense		20,073
Tax Loss Restoration		200
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		800
Excise Tax on Utilities		7,500
Wine & Liquor Tax		100
Animal Control Tax		70
Franchise Fees		900
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		4,000
Refuse Collection		26,000
Gaming Income		9,200
Interest Earned on Investments		150
Video Lottery (LVL)		80
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$	104,225
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND		
REVENUE SOURCE		
Assigned Fund Balance (Coal Fund Only)	\$	100
Coal Severance Tax		800
Interest Earned on Investment		1
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$	901

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	\$ 1,200	\$ -
City Council	600	-
Recorder's Office	200	-
City Clerk's Office	4,800	-
Custodial	500	-
Regional Development Authority	267	-
City Hall	22,716	-
Public Grounds	1,500	450
Fire Department	120	-
Streets and Highways	30,152	-
Street Lights	5,600	-
Streets and Highways	5,000	-
Street Lights	5,000	-
Snow Removal	4,000	-
Garbage Department	28,500	-
Parks & Recreation	2,000	-
Beautification Programs	2,000	-
Cemeteries	-	451
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 104,225	\$ 901

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF Tucker

MUNICIPALITY OF HAMBLETON

I, Michael A. Griffith, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 27th day of March, 2025.

Michael A. Griffith

(Signature)

Recorder

Official Title of Recording Officer

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(2022-C-000046 - TUCKER COUNTY - CATO ENERGY LLC)

To: SAGA PETROLEUM LLC, MEGAENERGY INC, MEGAENERGY INC, 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 ST. GEORGE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0110 0077 0000

You will take notice that CATO ENERGY LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2022-C-000046, located in ST. GEORGE District, 55% OF 1/2 M - 128 - 67 - 10, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SAGA PETROLEUM LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on June 27, 2023. CATO ENERGY LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after June 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before May 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 10891.	\$	102.89
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 10199.	\$	10.18
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	111.49
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	663.19
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	422.93
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,310.68

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

Given under my hand March 4, 2025

Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of CLAY County, State of West Virginia

**Please return this letter and payment to the
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NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

By virtue of that certain Deed of Trust dated November 6, 2020, made, executed, and granted by KEVIN A. LEE to JEFFREY D. NOBLE as Trustee for the benefit of FIRST COMMUNITY BANK (the **"Secured Party"**), and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia (the **"Clerk's Office"**), in Deed of Trust Book 301, at Page 240 (the **"Deed of Trust"**), default in the performance of the obligations thereby secured having occurred, and pursuant to the terms thereof and to the written request of the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured, and further pursuant to the authority granted to the undersigned by that certain Appointment of Successor Trustee dated June 25, 2024, and recorded in the Clerk's Office in Deed of Trust Book 323, at Page 402, the undersigned Successor Trustee will sell the following described real estate which is purported to have an address of 10 Pierce Benbush Rd., Thomas, West Virginia 26292 (the **"Real Estate"**), at public auction to the highest qualified bidder on

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025 AT 10:00 AM

at the steps of the Tucker County Courthouse located at 215 1st St., Parsons, WV 26287:

All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging including any manufactured structures, mobile homes, double wide or modular homes, situate in Fairfax District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and being known as Lot No. 2 in the Town of Benbush.

The property herein described is the same tract conveyed to Kevin Lee by Tamara J. Paugh and E. Virginia Paugh, by deed dated January 31, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 186 at page 515.

There is excepted and reserved from the aforesaid property all of the coal, oil and gas in, upon and underlying the same together with the necessary mining and removal rights, as the same have heretofore been excepted and reserved or conveyed away by the present or former owners.

This conveyance is made subject to all existing reservations, restrictions, exceptions, conditions, easements, rights of way or other servitudes, if any, made, reserved or created in prior deeds of record in said Clerk's office, or which would be disclosed by a visual inspection of the premises. For the stated consideration, the Grantor does further grant and convey all fights of way and easements, together with all appurtenances pertaining to the aforesaid real estate, whether presently owned or hereinafter acquired, which are matters of record in said Clerk's office or otherwise.

The sale shall be made subject to any and all easements, rights-of-way, exceptions, reservations, restrictions, covenants, conditions, leases, liens or encumbrances affecting title to the Real Estate, and further to any state of facts that would be disclosed by or apparent upon an inspection or an accurate survey of the Real Estate; provided, however, that any such restriction, covenant or condition indicating a preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, marital status, ancestry, disability, handicap, familial status or national origin is hereby deleted to the extent such restriction, covenant or condition violates 42 U.S.C. §3604(c). The sale shall further be made subject to accrued and unpaid *ad valorem* real property taxes upon the Real Estate, for which the purchaser will be responsible. The Successor Trustee makes no representations or warranties as to the validity or priority of such liens, taxes, encumbrances and other matters, if any.

TERMS OF SALE:

- A buyer's premium equal to five percent (50/0) of the successful bid amount (**"Buyer's Premium"**) will be added to the successful bid amount to determine the contract sale price (the **"Contract Sale Price"**).
- Cash in hand on the day of sale. The successful bidder shall tender to the Successor Trustee on the day of sale a deposit of **Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Robert J. Dobkin, Successor Trustee."** Such deposit is **NON-REFUNDABLE**, except as expressly provided by these Terms of Sale. The remaining balance of the Contract Sale Price must be paid to the Successor Trustee by certified Of cashier's check or electronic funds transfer no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, May 26, 2025.
- Upon conclusion of the sale of the Real Estate, a Memorandum of Sale will be executed reflecting the sale of the Real Estate, the Contract Sale Price, the Terms of Sale, and the purchaser's agreement to comply fully therewith. Time is of the essence.
- If the purchaser fails to deliver the Contract Sale Price within the prescribed time, at the Successor Trustee's sole discretion, the Successor Trustee may either (a) file suit to enforce specific performance or seek breach of contract or other applicable damages, (b) convey the Real Estate to the next highest bidder if such bidder will honor his, her or its bid, Of (c) proceed to resell the Real Estate pursuant to the aforesaid Deed of Trust. In the event of such a default the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Secured Party for the payment of any deficiency in the Contract Sale Price resulting therefrom, all costs and expenses of any subsequent sale, reasonable attorneys' fees, all other charges due, and incidental damages. In the event a resale of the Real Estate results in a sale in excess of the amount originally bid by the defaulting purchaser, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to return of his, her or its deposit, and waives any and all claims, rights and interest to any such excess amount and shall not be entitled to any distribution whatsoever from the resale proceeds.
- The Secured Party reserves the right to bid on the Real Estate at the sale, which bid may be in the form of a credit bid. The Secured Party shall not be required to post a deposit.
- The Real Estate may be sold either as a whole or in parcels in the Successor Trustee's sole discretion.
- The Real Estate will be sold subject to any and all assessments and taxes against said Real Estate; all prior liens and encumbrances of any nature whatsoever; and the Internal Revenue Service's right of redemption, if any.
- The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of any accrued and unpaid ad valorem real property taxes against the Real Estate.
- The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by West Virginia Code §11-22-2 and all other settlement costs and costs incidental to transfer of the Real Estate. Taxes and all other public charges and assessments outstanding against the Real Estate shall be paid by purchaser at settlement.
- The Real Estate is sold in **"AS IS"** condition. The Successor Trustee makes no representations or warranties of any kind or character including, but not limited to, the condition or zoning of the Real Estate, fitness of the Real Estate for any particular purpose, or the title to the Real Estate to be conveyed. **Prospective purchasers must perform such independent investigations with respect to the Real Estate as they deem necessary prior to bidding on the Real Estate. For additional information, including to schedule an inspection of the Real Estate, please contact Walker Commercial Services, Inc., 101 Albemarle Avenue SE, Roanoke, Virginia 24013, (540) 344-6160, info@walkercommercialservices.com. Inspections shall be by appointment only.**
- The purchaser is responsible for, and the Real Estate is sold subject to, any environmental matter or condition, whether latent or observable, if any, that may exist at or affect or relate to the Real Estate and to any governmental requirements affecting the same. The Real Estate will be sold subject to any building or housing violations, easements, agreements, restrictions, terms, rights of way, filed and unfilled mechanics' and materialmen's liens, covenants, conditions, rights of redemption, liens and all other encumbrances having priority over the aforesaid Deed of Trust, if any, lawfully affecting the Real Estate, whether or not of record, including but not limited to environmental conditions (including without limitation possible wetlands, riparian rights, critical or protected areas, and the presence of protected or endangered species) and all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations lawfully affecting the Real Estate.
- The Successor Trustee will deliver a trustee's deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by West Virginia Code §38-1-6 upon receipt of the full Contract Sale Price in good and available funds.
- If the Successor Trustee fails, refuses or for any reason is unable to convey title to the Real Estate, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of any deposit actually paid by the purchaser to the Successor Trustee. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition by the grantor prior to the sale or reinstatement or payoff of the loan without the knowledge of the Successor Trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by a party in interest, the Successor Trustee, in his sole discretion, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. Purchaser shall have no further remedy.
- The Successor Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the Real Estate to vacate. Prospective purchasers are hereby advised that the rights of any existing tenants or persons occupying the Real Estate may be covered by the provisions of the federal Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act and West Virginia Code §38-1-16.
- The Successor Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any items of personal property remaining at the Real Estate following the sale to be removed therefrom. The purchaser shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable laws in the disposal of any such items of personal property, including West Virginia Code §38-1-17, to the extent such statute applies.
- The Successor Trustee reserves the right to (i) modify or waive the requirements for bidder's deposits and terms of sale and/or settlement, (ii) withdraw the Real Estate from sale, (iii) reject any and all bids, and (iv) to adjourn the sale of the Real Estate for a time, or from time to time, without further notice, by announcement made at the time and place of the sale described above.
- Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over all prior communications, both verbal and written, concerning the sale of the Real Estate, including, but not limited to, these Terms of Sale.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

Given under my hand March 25, 2025.

/s/ Robert J. Dobkin
ROBERT J. DOBKIN
Successor Trustee
Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC
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Wheeling, West Virginia 26003
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PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
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GENERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH OIL AND GAS RELATED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
WV PERMIT NO. WV0116815

Public Notice No.: BS-029-2025
Publication: Statewide/West Virginia Press Association
Publication Date: April 5, 2025
The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia General Stormwater Associated with Oil and Gas related Construction Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges associated with industrial activity from oil and gas to surface waters of the state for construction activities.
It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5)-year term. All facilities covered under the existing general permit within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the reissued general permit will be required to submit a new registration form to obtain coverage under the new Stormwater Associated with Oil and Gas related Construction Activities Permit.
The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at:
https://dep.wv.gov/WVE/Programs/stormwater/ogcsw/Pages/default.aspx.
The comment period for the Draft General Permit begins April 10, 2025, and ends on May 10, 2025.
During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and/or request a public hearing. Comments and/or a request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and addressed to:
Director
Division of Water and Waste Management
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention: Billy Shirley
Phone: (304) 926-0499, Extension 43893
E-mail: billy.t.shirley@wv.gov
The request shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must be received within the comment period. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever he or she finds there is a significant degree of public interest in issues relevant to the draft permit.
For more information, contact Billy Shirley at the email address or phone number listed above.
Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that, by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Substitute Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust dated the 29th day of July, 2021 executed by **ZACHERY PUTLOVIS**, to Pamela Moore, trustee, and The Huntington National Bank, Beneficiary, said Deed of Trust recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 307, at Page 555, under which authority **PAUL E. BISER**, who was substituted as Trustee under the Deed of Trust by a Notice of Substitution of Trustee dated the 28th day of February, 2025 and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Substitute Trustee Book 326, at Page 418, now acts, by which was conveyed to the said Substitute Trustee the said hereinafter described real estate, to secure the payment of a certain note set out and described therein, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the provisions of said Deed of Trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Lender and present holder of the note, and Paul E. Biser having been requested so to do by the owner and holder of said note, shall sell to the highest bidder, on **APRIL 25, 2025** at 10:30 o'clock a.m., at the front door of the Court House of Tucker County, West Virginia, the following described real estate:
Situate in the Cuppett Addition to the City of Thomas, Tucker County, West Virginia, described as follows, to wit:
All of Lots I and J in the Cuppett Division of said City of Thomas, beginning at stake, corner of Lots H and I and situate on the West Side of Spruce Street and extended and running thence with the Western Boundary of said Spruce Street 100 feet to a stake, corner of Lots J and K of said addition and corner in line of Ed Breedlove and thence with his (Breedlove's) line, and Lot K 118.75 feet to a stake in the Eastern Side of Brown Street of said City and a corner of Lots K and J; thence with the Eastern side of Brown Street 100 feet to a stake; corner of Lots I and H of said addition; and thence with the dividing line of said Lots I and H, 138.75 feet to the point of beginning.

TERMS OF THE SALE: 1) The property will be conveyed in an **AS IS** physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the all property taxes, prior deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property. 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code 11-22-1. 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale. 3) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee. 4) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute **ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY**. 5) **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. 6) 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. 7) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee by certified or cashier's check within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale by certified or cashier's check.

GIVEN under my hand this 27th day of March, 2025.
s/ Paul E. Biser
Paul E. Biser - Trustee - W.Va. Bar #7319
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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF DAVIS, WEST VIRGINIA
In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

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

Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	269,163
Property Taxes - Current Expense		173,458
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		2,500
Excise Tax on Utilities		82,000
Business and Occupation Tax		-
Wine & Liquor Tax		22,000
Animal Control Tax		160
Hotel Occupancy Tax		274,000
Licenses		7,500
Building Permit Fees		10,000
Franchise Fees		4,300
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		37,000
Rents, Royalties and Concessions		200
Refuse Collection		78,000
Gaming Income		11,000
Refunds		1,500
Video Lottery (LVL)		300
Miscellaneous Revenues (provide details on 'Explanations' tab)		1,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$	974,581
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND		
REVENUE SOURCE		
Assigned Fund Balance (Coal Fund Only)	\$	5,802
Coal Severance Tax		2,300
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$	8,102

	General Fund	Severance Fund
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		
Mayor's Office	600	-
Recorder's Office	600	-
Regional Development Authority	690	-
City Hall	136,102	8,102
Streets and Highways	175,000	-
Street Lights	17,040	-
Central Garage	52,184	-
Garbage Department	124,807	-
Parks & Recreation	156,500	-
Visitors Bureau	137,000	-
Community Center	90,272	-
Arts & Humanities	18,786	-
Beautification Programs	65,000	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 974,581	\$ 8,102

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF TUCKER
MUNICIPALITY OF DAVIS
I, Robert North, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 26th day of March, 2025.

Robert T. North
(Signature)
Recorder
(Official Title of Recording Officer)

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I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:
Personal Representative(s) Deceased
Robert C. Drinko Jennifer L. Neelen
1st publication 4/2/25 PO Box 725
2nd publication 4/9/25 Davis, WV 26260
Millard Alan Flanagan Eric Flanagan
1st publication 4/2/25 38165 Corbett Ln.
2nd publication 4/9/25 Purcellville, VA 20132
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 file a statement with the County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.
ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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2023-065B

The Tucker County Board of Education, Parsons, WV, will receive bids for **Partial Roof and HVAC Replacement at Tucker County High School** until **1:30 p.m.**, local prevailing time on the **28th day of April 2025**, at the office of the Tucker County Board of Education, 100 Education Lane, Parsons, WV, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud
A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Conference for General Construction has been scheduled for the **10th day of April 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** at Tucker County High School, 116 Mountain Lion Way, Hambleton, WV 26269. A site visit will be conducted following the meeting.
The contract documents are available only from the architect's electronic distribution system. Login credentials will be sent to all prospective contractors and subcontractors after the request is made to bid-docs@wsqarch.com. Addenda will be only distributed electronically from the Architects electronic distribution system to bidders registered in attendance at the mandatory pre-bid meeting.
Each Bidder must be registered with the West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue and Revenue and the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office prior to the time and date for Receipt of Bids in order for his Bid to be considered. Each Bidder's registration certificate number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.
All bidders are required to be licensed to perform work in the State prior to submitting a bid for this project as required by Chapter 21, Article 11, of the Code of West Virginia. Each Bidder's Contractor license number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.
Tucker County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
A satisfactory bid bond furnished by a solvent surety company authorized to do business in the State of West Virginia, in an amount equal to five (5%) of the total amount of bid, payable to the Tucker County Board of Education, shall be submitted with each Bid.
Each (The) successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and the fee for same shall be included in their bid.
No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for at least thirty (30) days.
The Board of Education of the County of Tucker, Parsons, WV, reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
THE TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ms. Alicia Lambert, Superintendent

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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF HENDRICKS, WEST VIRGINIA
In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

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

Assigned Fund Balance	\$	500
Unassigned Fund Balance		164,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense		39,445
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		1,100
Excise Tax on Utilities		12,700
Building Permit Fees		20
Miscellaneous Permits		20
Franchise Fees		200
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		13,000
Municipal Service Fees		25,000
Gaming Income		11,000
Video Lottery (LVL)		100
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$	267,085
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND		
REVENUE SOURCE		
Assigned Fund Balance (Coal Fund Only)	\$	500
Coal Severance Tax		950
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$	1,450

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		
Mayor's Office	\$ 4,800	\$ -
City Council	3,000	-
Recorder's Office	4,800	-
City Attorney	500	-
Custodial	500	-
Regional Development Authority	400	-
Elections	2,000	-
City Hall	41,885	-
Internal Audit	3,000	-
Contingencies	700	-
Streets and Highways	5,000	-
Snow Removal	2,000	-
Garbage Department	30,000	-
Landfill / Incinerator Department	-	1,450
Parks & Recreation	4,000	-
Beautification Programs	500	-
Capital Projects - General Government	164,000	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 267,085	\$ 1,450

MUNICIPALITY OF HENDRICKS, WEST VIRGINIA Regular Current Expense Levy FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026			
	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	10.90	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 6,514,650	21.80	\$ 14,202
Personal Property	9,162		20
Total Class II	\$ 6,523,812		\$ 14,222
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 3,194,270	43.60	\$ 13,927
Personal Property	2,972,879		12,962
Public Utility	436,430		1,903
Total Class IV	\$ 6,603,579		\$ 28,792
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 13,127,391		\$ 43,014
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	2,151
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	817
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 40,046
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		1.50%	601
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 39,445

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF TUCKER
MUNICIPALITY OF HENDRICKS
I, April R. Miller, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 19th day of March, 2025.

April R. Miller
(Signature)
Recorder
(Official Title of Recording Officer)

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SPORTS

Wildcat Softball Pours it on East Preston 16-0



Morgan Simmons awaits the pitch with bases loaded.

By: Adam Freeman
Tucker Valley Softball garnered their first win of the season last week with a 16-0 victory over East Preston Middle school on April 2 nd . Tucker would start the contest fast, notching 7 runs in the first inning while giving up zero. The Wildcats continue their streak into the second inning driving in 5 more runs and maintaining the shutout on defense. Tucker would finish the game strong, scoring 4 more runs in the 3rd inning putting the mercy rule into effect and ending the contest. The Lady Wildcats will be back on the diamond April 8 th at home against Pendleton County at 6:00pm, April 10 th at Bruceton Mills at 4:00pm and on April 11 th at home against Central Preston at 6:00pm.

Lady Mt. Lions Can't Get Bats Going, Downed by Petersburg 6-1



Peyton Hicks turns on the pitch.

By: Adam Freeman
The Lady Mt. Lions fell to the Petersburg Vikings last week with a score of 6-1. Tucker played the field well and received good pitching from senior Ava Shaffer who pitched all 7 innings and only allowed 7 hits. Tucker, however, could never really get the bats going on offense, mustering just 7 hits of their own: Shaffer 3-4, Hicks 1-4, Evans 1-3, Loucks 1-3, Collar 1-1. Tucker had several other contests last week that were



Reid Kisamore soars in the high jump.

Tucker Track Team Off to Fast Start

By: Adam Freeman
The Mt. Lions Track and Field squad is off to a hot start to the season, participating in three meets to date so far. Tucker travelled to Doddridge County on March 25th making the podium in 8 different events, they then travelled to Keyser High school and took home 9 podiums with 3 of those being gold medals. The Mt. Lions finished the week with a meet in Morgantown. Tucker wouldn't reach the podium in the large meet but still produced a strong showing. The squad will participate in meets this week on April 8 th at East Hardy and on April 11 th at Elkins.
Doddridge 3/25: Boys: Reid Kisamore - 3rd in Long Jump, 3rd in High Jump; Nate Ricottilli-2nd in 400m Dash; Lynk Suesli-2nd in 3200m Run; Logan Kopec, Alex Collar, Lynk Suesli, Cameron Judy-2nd in 4x800m Relay Girls: Lela Wright-3rd in 100m Dash; Estoria Chase-3rd in 3200m Run; Maya Gross- 3rd in 300m Hurdles
Keyser 4/1: Boys: Reid Kisamore- 1st in 100m Dash, 1st in Long Jump, 3rd in High Jump; Nate Ricottilli- 3rd in 400m Dash; Lynk Suesli- 3rd in 3200m Run; Allen Collar- 3rd in Pole Vault; Logan Kopec, Alex Collar, Lynk Suesli, Cameron Judy- 3rd in 4x800m Relay Girls: Estoria Chase- 1st in 3200m Run; Lela Wright- 3rd in 100m Hurdles
Morgantown 4/5: Lela Wright- 6th in 100m Dash; Raven Mathews-5th in Shot put

Tucker Baseball Put Down by Pendleton and Moorefield

By: Adam Freeman
The Tucker Baseball team played twice last week, falling flat against Pendleton and losing to Moorefield, both on the road. Tucker played solid against the Pendleton Wildcats but would lose the contest at a final score of 16-7: Rapp 3-4, 3 singles; Helmick 1-3, 1 single, 1 RBI; Nestor 1-4, 1 double, 2 RBI; Hovatter 1-4, 1 single, 1 RBI; Poling 2-4, 2 singles, 2 RBI; Bolyard 1-3, 1 single.
The Mt. Lions would then travel to Moorefield to take on the Yellowjackets but would get shut out with a score of 10-0. Ricottilli 1-2, 1 single; Hovatter 1-2, 1 single. Tucker's next game will be host to the Pendleton County Wildcats on Friday, April 11 th at 6:00pm.

**WV 'A' BOY'S BASKETBALL
ALL-STATE**

1ST TEAM

**GARRETT WILFONG
TREVAN BONNER**

cancelled due to the weather. They will return to action on Monday, April 7 th at 5:00pm at Southern (MD), Tuesday, April 8 th at home against Pendleton County at 4:30pm and on Wednesday April 9 th at Keyser at 6:00pm

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Tucker Valley Wildcats
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West Virginia Department of Health Announces Change to Certified Death Certificate Process to Improve Access for Families



CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health (DH) is pleased to announce a change in its certified death certificate issuance process aimed at improving access to vital records documentation for residents. Effective immediately, West Virginia

Health Statistics Center will begin fulfilling all orders for certified copies of death certificates, even when the cause and manner of death are listed as pending. This update eliminates delays for families who need official documen-

tation to handle urgent matters such as funeral arrangements, estate settlements, and legal affairs. By making this change, the Department aims to reduce bureaucratic hurdles and provide timely access to vital records during what is often a difficult and emotional time. “Ensuring that families can access a certified death certificate, even when the cause or manner of death is still pending, is a critical step in reducing unnecessary delays during an already challenging period,” said Health Secretary Arvin Singh, EdD, MBA, MPH, MS, FACHE. “By providing this service, we are helping West Virginians resolve these sensitive matters more quickly, making it easier for them to carry out funeral arrangements, complete legal processes, and settle estates without unnecessary delays.” Under West Virginia Code of State Rules § 64-32-15, certified death certificates are required to include certain basic information such as the name, date of birth, date of death, and the

location of death, and remain valid and legitimate even when the cause or manner of death is still pending. The Department emphasizes that this change will not compromise the accuracy or legitimacy of the death certificate, which is an essential document for families and legal processes. Electronic payment options are also now available for certified copies of birth, death, and marriage records. They can be obtained in person at the walk-up window, available from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The cost remains \$12 per copy, maintaining accessibility and affordability for West Virginians seeking vital records for personal or official purposes. *For more information on obtaining certified copies of vital records or to plan your visit to the Vital Records Office, please visit Health Statistics Center (wv.gov). An expedited service is also available through a company called VitalChek® at West Virginia Vital Registration (WV) | Order Certificates - VitalChek.*

How to Maximize Outdoor Wedding Venues

When searching for the right place to tie the knot, each couple looks for their own unique spot. According to The Knot Worldwide 2024 Global Wedding Report, couples across the globe identify cost and venue style/type as the most important variables to consider. Nearly 75 percent of couples worldwide report getting married within 30 miles of their homes. And many couples prefer an outdoor wedding. Outdoor weddings peaked in popularity in 2020, when the global pandemic forced couples to be creative as they sought to tie the knot with friends and family in attendance. Statista reported that 68 percent of couples hosted their wedding ceremonies outside or partially outside in 2020. However, Hudson Valley Weddings paints a more conservative picture of outdoor weddings today, with 35 percent of weddings now being held outdoors. Couples hold their ceremonies and receptions outside for a variety of reasons, including the chance to tie the knot in a naturally beautiful landscape. The following are some ways to maximize the benefits of outdoor venues. · Embrace the opportunity to accommodate more guests. Couples with large guest lists may opt for outdoor weddings because venues with outdoor space typically can accommodate more people. Outdoor spaces can be vast and not constrained by the walls of banquet halls or restaurants - allowing guests to spread out. · Include child-friendly elements. If it would be difficult to exclude children from the festivities, an outdoor venue can ensure kids have something to do. Kids tend to have high energy levels,

and an outdoor venue gives them space to run around without crashing into something or tipping something over. Setting up a separate kids' play area also makes it easy to gather the kids in a certain spot, helping to keep children away from adults who are dancing. · Take advantage of the aesthetic. Most outdoor spaces offer awe-inspiring features. Those who opt for spring or summer weddings can take advantage of cultivated, fragrant gardens or even fields of natural wildflowers. Fall weddings will be on fire with the natural oranges, reds and yellows of the changing landscape, which makes the perfect photo backdrop for nuptials. Try to time the occasion for around sunset to make outdoor areas even more special. A setting sun can cast a special glow on the festivities. And save money on decor by relying exclusively on natural features. · Get creative with food. Part of the appeal of being outdoors for the wedding is the freedom to offer guests less standard fare in regard to food. A pig roast for a tropical affair or even wood-fired pizzas or barbecue align well with an outdoor wedding. Caterers often suggest passed appetizers for the cocktail hour and plated meals for dinner to cut down on insects buzzing around a buffet line. · Design a contingency plan. Every couple wants the wedding to go off without a hitch (except for the actual getting hitched part), so it's important to have a tent, pergola or covered area to retreat to in the event of rain or strong sun. Outdoor weddings are popular options that can add a special touch newlyweds will remember for years to come.

Gardening safety for seniors

Longer hours of daylight and warming temperatures are hallmarks of spring and each of these variables do much to contribute to the reputation of a season that's become synonymous with rejuvenation. After months spent confronting cold temperatures and huddling up indoors, people might find the welcoming conditions of spring irresistible, which compels many to spend more time outdoors. There's no shortage of things to do outside in spring, and the season marks a perfect time to reestablish one's green thumb and get down and dirty in the garden. Gardening is a rewarding and healthy activity, though some, particularly seniors, may need to approach springtime sessions in the garden with a heightened degree of caution. Seniors can keep these health and safety tips in mind as they celebrate the return of spring and what that means for their gardens. · Recognize that gardening is exercise. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identifies gardening as a good form of exercise, and evidence supports the notion that gardening is a particularly beneficial form of physical activity. A 2024 meta-analysis published in the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery & Psychiatry indicated that individuals who engaged in low levels of leisure time physical activities such as gardening are likely to have a lower risk of stroke than peers who are sedentary. It's important to keep these findings in mind when gardening, which is perhaps more physically demanding than some may recognize. Seniors can approach gardening just like they would other

forms of exercise, taking the same precautions, such as stretching before and after each session and making a concerted effort to remain hydrated, while out in the garden. · Incorporate rest into your garden routine. Rest is vital for anyone engaged in physical activity, including gardeners. Frequent breaks during gardening sessions can help avoid strains and sprains and provide opportunities to hydrate and get out of the sun. If possible, seniors can identify a shaded spot on their properties and place a bench there so they have somewhere to rest during gardening sessions. · Utilize ergonomic gardening tools and other specialized products. The Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University notes that ergonomics studies movements of a person's body during physical activities in an effort to produce tools that ensure a task has as little physical impact on the body as possible. Ergonomic tools are designed to lower injury risk, improve efficiency and increase satisfaction that stems from performing a particular activity. Before each gardening season, seniors can inspect their existing tools and replace them with ergonomic alternatives, if necessary. In addition, seniors can utilize specialized products, including long-handled gardening tools that reduce the need to bend over or kneel down, to further reduce their risk of injury while working in the garden. These simple strategies can ensure seniors' springtime gardening sessions are as safe as they are rewarding.

Mountain Valley Bank hosts Garden Club Easter display



MVB is hosting the Mountaineer Garden Club's annual Easter floral display from April 4th through April 22nd. This year's theme is Swing into Spring. Please stop by to view and vote for your favorite.

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APRIL 12, 2025

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BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK
10am - 2pm

GAMES, PRIZES, AND SNACKS
11 am - 12 pm - Ages: 0 - 6yrs

GAMES, PRIZES, AND SNACKS
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - Ages: 7-12

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ROSE HILL CEMETERY, THOMAS WV SPRING CLEAN -UP



As the seasons are changing the City of Thomas employees and cemetery committee volunteers at Rose Hill Cemetery will begin removing and discarding all flower placements and decorations on April 14th through April 18th.

Any weathered items that are left on the gravesites will be removed and discarded by our staff and volunteers. We ask that during this clean up that no new flowers be displayed until after the clean-up. Cemetery plot owners who wish to save flower arrangements should remove and store them elsewhere until the clean-up is complete.

The City of Thomas would also like to ensure that we take pride in our cemetery and make every effort to keep all items on display during the mowing season; however, we cannot be held responsible for any item that may be damaged. We strongly recommend that everyone use permanent vases when displaying flowers.

The City of Thomas welcomes any and all donations so we are able to maintain and keep Rose Hill Cemetery beautiful.

All questions or additional information, please contact Thomas City Hall at 304-463-4360.



Hello Spring

PARSONS CITY CEMETERY ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK

APRIL 21 - 25, 2025

Any weathered or out-of-season flower arrangements must be removed during this week. All new flowers should not be displayed until after the week of clean up. When displaying flowers, we strongly urge everyone to use permanent vases. Flowers displayed directly in the ground may be damaged by our mowing and trimming equipment. We take every effort possible to protect items on display at each gravesite; however, we will not be held responsible or liable for items that are damaged or stolen.



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2025 ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

Monday, April 21 – Friday, April 25
8:00 P.M to 3:00 P.M.

Parsons Maintenance Building
(8948 Seneca Trail, Parsons West Virginia)

*** ONE PICK-UP PER RESIDENCE; PICK-UP AMOUT MUST NOT BE MORE THAN A STANDARD PICKUP TRUCK SIZE LOAD ***

TIRE DISPOSAL

No tires will be accepted

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Absolutely no business waste, building demo materials, oil, paint, fuel oil, batteries, or chemicals.

REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

Participants must reside within city limits of Parsons, West Virginia and obtain a ticket at the Parsons Business Office prior to taking items to the Parsons Maintenance Building.

RESIDENT ASSISTANT DAYS

The City of Parsons has designated Tuesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 24 as Resident Assistant Days. What does this mean? This means the employees of the City of Parsons will assist residents in hauling their refuse to the Parsons Maintenance Building. Residents that need assistance with hauling their refuse need to call the Parsons Business Office on (304) 478-2311 to schedule a pickup.

Employees of the City of Parsons reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all items that are picked up at the curbside or brought to the Parsons Maintenance Building.

This event is sponsored by the City of Parsons