

necessary paperwork. Knight said that her organization has accomplished in months what most start up chapters take five to seven years to accomplish. However, there is likely an additional two years worth of work yet to complete to finish establishing the Chapter, Knight said.

According to the CAI website, the organization was founded in 1973 and is an international center for community association information, best practices, education and advocacy. The website also states its mission as advancing community association governance, management and quality of life by inspiring professionalism, effective leadership and responsible citizenship.

“They are anything HOA, end of story. They are the gold standard, world class standard,” Knight said. “They are also

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News of Record

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

- **Barbara Susan Knotts**, Black Fork District, Confirmatory Deed – 1 acre and 36.74 acres to Barbaa Susan Knotts.
- **Helen Rhodes Co-Executrix, Estate of Patricia E. White, Pat A. Nichols Co-Executor**, Dry Fork District, 120, 60.82, 80 and 2.18 acres to Timothy Hartpence and Jamie Hartpence, \$310,000.

- **Phyllis L. Washington and Phillip E. Washington**, Dry Fork District, Unit C2 Week 17 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Phyllis L. Washington and Jason Alfstad.
- **Neil J. Ours and Marlene S. Ours**, Dry Fork District, Lot No. 6 Aspen Knoll Development to Stephanie D. Roy.
- **Jack Wayne Murphy and Crystal A. Murphy**, St. George District, 9,000 square feet and .26 acres to Richard John Saponari

II and Ashley Saponari, \$100,000.

- **Trina D. Carr, Trina D. Heckler FKA and Darrell W. Heckler**, St. George District, 1.37 acres (part of 53.59 acres tract) to Kenneth M. Macur and Darci D. Macur, \$138,000.

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

- **Robert Mark Bozic to Tina M. Dearborn** on Friday, April 18, 2025.

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national and international.”

According to Knight, currently, Tucker County has a total of 33 HOA's registered. That count is up from an initial number of five in the County when Knight first spoke with the Commission. According to Knight, HOA's are not tracked at the County or State level. To become an HOA, all that is required, Knight said, is to register the covenants and restrictions with the County Clerk.

Knight said that all the states surrounding West Virginia have at least one Chapter, but West Virginia never has. According to Knight, states such as Virginia have Each state has the ability to learn and use what the others have already done and established, Knight said.

“We've never had a Chapter, we've never had a voice,” Knight said.

Knight said that Winwood's HOA at its annual meeting revealed that all of its records had disappeared. Winwood has the only airport in Tucker County, Knight said, and has memorandums of understanding with various entities throughout the area. Knight said the realization of the disappearance of the records came at the annual meeting in April. Documents that are missing, according to Knight include blue prints, schematics and approv-

als, among others with no explanation.

“We have a problem at Winwood and its a dandy,” Knight said. “It appears, that when you are a Homeowners Association in the state of West Virginia, you are treated as if you are a mock, separate municipality. You govern yourself, make your own laws, supposed to act according to your documents.”

Those documents, Knight said, outline that records must be kept. According to Knight, permanent records are required, including building permits, sire plans, blue prints, approvals and disapprovals.

As president of the Winwood HOA, Knight has seen that the HOA had kept records in the past and had seen the blue prints for herself. However, now Knight said everything is gone.

“It appears there is no coordination and there may possibly be a mass miscommunication and gap between the mock municipalities that are like Timberline, Cedar Place, Winwood, Beaver Ridge, pick a HOA, they're all an independent mock municipality, to planning and zoning in Tucker County,” Knight said. “And you guys are the bosses. I feel sorry for you. You're trying to run the county based on this giant jig saw puzzle, but you've got a few

pieces missing, mock municipalities.”

One missing piece for the County is the missing Winwood records, Knight said. The missing records were the deciding factor in Knight's decision to tenure her resignation as President of the Winwood HOA. The resignation letter, Knight said was effective at midnight that day.

Knight said that the Chapter will likely not fix the issues at Winwood, but will help HOA's across Tucker County and the State in the future.

“Will a startup chapter of CAI fix Winwood? Probably not,” Knight said. “How do you reconstitute that which you do not have?”

Knight, who said she has lived in Winwood since 2005, said she has pushed for a central database for HOA records. Knight said she has wanted digitized records in a central database and she said for a while the HOA was doing a good job of it. Knight said she does not know what happened and has not been given any answers.

Knight asked the Commission to reach out to the State County Commission Association with specific questions about their experiences with HOA's in their counties. She also requested a work study meeting with the Commission to discuss the results of the questions posed to the other counties.

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why that's in there. They know its going to suck.”

Easton said that the bill was an invitation by the State to data centers and power plants to come to the area.

“They are saying to these data center and power plant people, come on in, do what you want. This is at the State level they are telling them this. We're going to chop our local people off at the knees and they are not going to have anything to say about it. Horrible,” Easton said.

Easton said HB 2014 was an insult to local entities.

“That's an insult. The whole thing's an insult because it says we don't need your input. We're going to tell you how to run your backyard. You're not going to have any say. You're not going to be able to make any rules and there's nothing you can do about it,” Easton said.

Easton outlined a recent incident in Pennsylvania County, Virginia where a power plant and data center complex was built. According to Easton when initially proposed, the data center was slated to be 1200 megawatts and feed a couple of data centers. Once approval happened, amendments were applied for and made that ballooned the facility to 3500 megawatts and 12 data centers.

“What if they do what they did in Virginia and they come in and say, your 1200 megawatt facility is now a 3500 and four data centers are now 12 and we see data centers going all the way to Mettiki and past Mettiki,” Easton said.

Easton said that DC lobbyists and politicians are behind the push for the power plant and data centers. Easton also said Tucker County can not trust the Governor and other politicians because they are not from Tucker County and do not have the best interest of the area in mind. The bottom line of the project, Easton said is money.

“He wants to make money with this, there are other politicians that want to make money with this,” Easton said. “That's why they are precluding you up front from being able to do anything about it.”

Easton asked the Commission to write a letter to the Governor's Office requesting a veto of the bill while there was still time prior to the Governor's signature of the measure. Easton said he wanted County Commissions and local governments to show that they they were not being driven by Charleston.

Rosenau said that the County Commission has been in contact with the Governor's Office and various representatives across Charleston on the matter since the story broke. Rosenau also said that he and the Commission are not happy about HB 2014 and the stripping of local authority it contains.

“I can tell you this, we have,” Rosenau said. “We have talked to the Governor's Office and to representatives that represent our County. We're not happy with not having any say in what is going on in our County and all of our area. Our State organization feels the same way throughout the State because we have no say. People elected us to represent them, good and bad.”

Rosenau also said that there is a misconception in the community that the County Commission has not done anything about HB 2014 or the power plant and data centers. According to Rosenau, the Commission has been working diligently behind the scenes. Just the day prior, he said, the Commission toured the proposed site of the power plant and data center. It had been the first time Rosenau had seen the site, he said.

“A lot of people think that the Commission just sat back and did nothing and that's not the case at all,” Rosenau said. “I don't tell everything that is

going on.”

Easton asked Rosenau what response he has received from Charleston regarding their numerous concerns. Rosenau said that they listened respectfully, but not much else.

“They respectfully listened,” Rosenau said. “I can say that.

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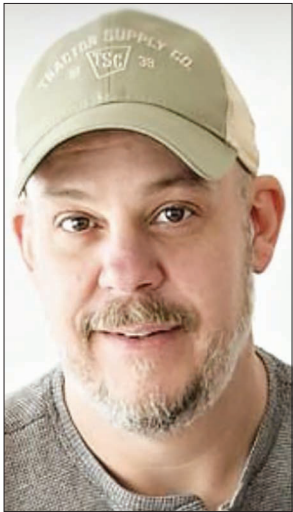
David Alan Auvil

David Alan Auvil, age 48 years, a resident of Parsons, WV departed this life Friday, April 25, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving family and under the care of WV Caring.

He was born Thursday, July 29, 1976, at Philippi, WV, a son of the late Edward Lynn Auvil and Beth Bartlett Long, who survive at Holly Meadows. On June 13, 2009, at St. George, WV, he was married to the former Tiffany Marie Curran who survives.

Also surviving are one son Finnegan Doc Auvil, at home; one brother, Bruce Auvil and wife Becky of Parsons; and one sister, Amy Jones of Elkins.

David was a graduate of Tucker County High School with the Class of 1994. He worked at the former Knotts Exxon,



McClain Printing for eighteen years and for Kingsford Charcoal Company for ten years, until his illness in February of 2024. David enjoyed dirt bikes, four wheelers, working on cars, tinkering around the garage and drinking beer. Dave loved going to camp at Limestone, spending time with his Uncle Clark and Aunt Donna, cousin Ben and wife Jodi, and the rest of the family. He espe-

cially enjoyed playing with Finn and he dearly loved his family and his family loved him. He devoted his life and time to Finnegan, even teaching him to ride a bicycle and a motorcycle by the age of four. He was truly dedicated to his family and will be missed tremendously.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Wednesday from 4 PM to 7 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 11 AM. The Reverend James Snyder will officiate and cremation will follow. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for David Alan Auvil. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Elma Nadine Bohon Fulton

Elma Nadine Bohon Fulton, age 79 years, a resident of Hendricks, WV, departed this life early Saturday morning, April 26, 2025, at the WV Caring Hospice Center at Elkins, WV, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Saturday, January 26, 1946, at Hendricks, WV, a daughter of the late Paul Marvin and Mable Rebecca Huffman Bohon. She was twice married. On April 6, 1963, at Oakland, MD, she was married to Edward Lee Fulton, who preceded her in death on September 2, 2006. On November 8, 2008, at Parsons, WV, she was married to Robert Alfred Fulton, who preceded her in death December 4, 2015.

Surviving are two sons, Edward James Fulton and wife Kelly of Pierce, and Michael Paul Fulton and wife Patty of Davis; three daughters, Elizabeth Marie McCalister and husband William of Hambleton, June Elaine Merilic and husband Tom of Mon-



trose and Roberta Lee Vandevender and husband Rodney of Kerens; one brother, Danny Ray Johnson and wife Beatrice of St. George; two sisters, Catherine Marie Gatto of Parsons and Martha Leona Lipscomb of Parsons; eleven grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren; and her dog Dozer.

Preceding her in death is one brother, Paul Marvin Bohon; one sister, Mabel Agnes Fulton; one granddaughter, Amy Renee Vandevender; one grandson, David Lee Simpson; and one great granddaughter, Kendra Renee Kalar.

She attended Parsons High School. She worked for the Ham-

rick Water Department around 1977, helping put water lines in, and was a former employee of the Parsons Nursery Bottom and Kingsford Charcoal Company. She was a member of the Full Gospel Fellowship in Elkins, where she loved to sing. Elma was a homemaker and was a wonderful cook. She enjoyed taking car rides and she loved camping up Dry Fork. She loved her family very much.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Thursday from 5 PM to 7 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Friday, May 2, 2025, at 11 AM. Pastor Jerry Helmick will officiate and interment will follow at the Fansler Cemetery at Hendricks, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Elma Nadine Bohon Fulton. Condolence may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

How to keep indoor air clean during allergy season

Seasonal allergies can turn a warm and welcoming spring or summer day into something else entirely. Congestion, runny nose, sneezing, and itchy eyes are just some of the unpleasant symptoms of seasonal allergies, which are most often triggered by high pollen counts during spring and summer.

The Mayo Clinic advises seasonal allergy sufferers to stay indoors when pollen counts are high. But what about indoor air quality? The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America reports that eight out of 10 people are exposed to dust mites and six out of 10 are exposed to cat or dog dander. Dust mites and pet dander can each trigger allergic reactions. Pair those two triggers with higher pollen counts common in spring and summer and it's no wonder that many seasonal allergy sufferers are ambivalent about the warm weather seasons. Fortunately, steps can be taken to keep indoor air clean during allergy season.

- Close windows and doors. Many people embrace opportunities to open their windows and doors on warm days, but doing so allows outdoor allergens like pollen to get inside. Pollen can attach to furniture and clothing, and that can make time indoors unpleasant for allergy sufferers. Maintain indoor air quality by closing windows and doors on windy days and/or days when pollen counts are high.

- Employ air cleaning devices. The AAFA notes that air cleaners with Certified Asthma & Allergy Friendly® filters can filter nearly 98

percent of allergen particles in the air. The AAFA maintains a list of certified air cleaners at asthmaandallergyfriendly.com.

- Keep a clean home. The Mayo Clinic notes that, in most homes, items such as bedding, upholstered furniture and carpeting provide an ideal environment for dust mites, which are microscopic bugs that trigger allergic reactions in many people. The AAFA recommends keeping surfaces in a home clean and uncluttered to control dust mites. Washing bedding and uncovered pillows in hot water each week also can help to corral dust mites and improve indoor air quality.

- Vacuum frequently. Frequent vacuuming is another way to improve indoor air quality. The AAFA maintains a list of Certified Asthma & Allergy Friendly® vacuums that have been tested and found to prevent allergens from reentering the air.

- Prevent mold and treat areas where infestations have occurred. Mold also contributes to poor indoor air quality. Dehumidifiers can be used to reduce mold and dust mites, making these beneficial additions to allergy sufferers' homes. Minimizing house plants around the house and addressing leaky fixtures immediately are some additional measures to prevent mold infestations.

It may not be enough to simply stay indoors to avoid allergic reactions on spring and summer days. Embracing measures to improve indoor air quality can be vital for allergy sufferers as well.

Michael Edward Lipscomb

Michael Edward Lipscomb, age 63 years, a resident of Hambleton, WV departed this life Thursday, April 24, 2025 at his home. He had been in declining health although death was unexpected.

He was born Saturday, December 30, 1961 at Parsons, WV a son of Samuel Doyle Lipscomb who survives at Location, St. George, WV and the late Dorothy Lou "Dot" Jordon Lipscomb. On July 10, 1992 at Oakland, MD he was married to the former Phyllis Elaine Griffith, who preceded him in death, December 16, 2015. Surviving are two brothers, Samuel Doyle Lipscomb of Morgantown, John Fitzgerald Lipscomb and wife Cindy, of Location, St. George, WV; one sister, Pamela Ann Glotfelty and com-



panion Rich Ashby of Oakland, MD; two step-sons, Jeffery Lynn Griffith and wife Kim of Wheeling and Christopher Scott Earnest of Tygarts Valley; one step-daughter, Pamela Diane Kerr and husband William "Buck" of TX; eight grandchildren, Holli, Aaron, Nathaniel, Mason, Gabrielle, Charli, Donald and Layna; several great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was a graduate of Tucker County High School with the Class of 1980. He worked for

the Kingsford Charcoal Company, retiring after thirty-seven years. He had attended Hendricks Pentecostal Church. Mike was an excellent cook, enjoyed gardening and canning, and loved camping.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Tuesday. Final Rites will be conducted at the funeral home, Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Pastor Sue Metzner will officiate and interment will follow at the McNeeley Cemetery at Hendricks, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Michael Edward Lipscomb. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.



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What's Happening

2025 Community Art Show
Co-Judges: Kristen Colebank and Donna Davy. Please complete the online submission form. The deadline to apply is **Friday, May 16, 2025.**

Show Run Dates:
Tuesday, May 27 – Friday, June 13
Reception Date:
Tuesday, June 3: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Drop-Off & Set-Up:
Saturday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 21 – 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Pick-up & Take-Down:
Saturday, June 14 & Wednesday, June 18 – 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Prizes: First Place: \$250, Second Place: \$175, Third Place: \$125, 2 Honorable Mentions: \$50 each, Student Award: \$25 Amazon gift card and an Eastern gear pack, Easton's Choice: \$50. More information and online submission form

at https://easternwv.formstack.com/forms/eastern_community_art_show_2025

Health Fair
Join us at Eastern WVCTC at 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836, on June 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn about resources from the following organizations: **Hardy County Health and Wellness, Potomac Highlands Guild, Inc, Eastern Action, Hardy County Family Support Center, Aging & Disability Resource Center, State Health Insurance Assistance Program, Family Crisis Center, Inc., St. George Clinic, and more!**

Sign-Up & Start Strong - Open House
This will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

Unlock Your Potential-Open House
This will be held on Friday, August 8, 2025.



May 3, 1948: The plane of test pilot Howard “Tick” Lilly, a Raleigh County native, crashed on takeoff in California. Lilly was the first of many government test pilots to die in the line of duty. Six weeks earlier, he had become only the fourth person to break the sound barrier.

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

April 30, 1871: Coach Fielding “Hurry-Up” Yost was born in Marion County. He was a tackle on West Virginia University’s football team in 1895 and 1896, while earning a law degree. In 1901, Yost’s first season as coach at University of Michigan, the Wolverines compiled an 11-0 record, including a 49-0 defeat of Stanford in the first Rose Bowl.

April 30, 1927: An explosion roared through the Federal No. 3 mine owned by New England Fuel and Transportation Company of Everettville, Monongalia County. The explosion, subsequent fire and gas in the mine killed 97 men.

May 1, 1788: Pendleton County was created from Rockingham, Augusta and Hardy counties. The county was named for Virginia statesman Edmund Pendleton (1721–1803).

May 1, 1930: Labor leader and child welfare activist Mother Jones celebrated her birthday in Maryland. Jones, who was 100 years old by her count, appeared before newsreel cameras to condemn the Prohibition Act “as a curse upon the nation” that violated her right to have a beer instead of water.

May 2, 1900: State founder Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. He is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.

May 2, 1925: Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffe, Braxton County. Barker became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s after investigating sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.

May 3, 1843: U.S. Postmaster General William Lyne Wilson was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. Wilson joined President Cleveland’s cabinet as postmaster general in 1895. The following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson County, an experiment

which was quickly instituted nationwide.

May 3, 1917: Fire destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. The school was rebuilt, and it evolved into the institution now known as WVU Potomac State College.

May 4, 1896: The Children’s Home Society of West Virginia was formed by a group of Charleston ministers. Their goal was to place orphaned and neglected children with caring families rather than crowd them into county poorhouses.

May 4, 1865: Minister Adam Clayton Powell Sr. was born a free person of color in Franklin County, Virginia. He lived and worked many of his teenage years in eastern Kanawha County and later became pastor of Harlem’s Abyssinian Baptist Church, one of the nation’s largest churches.

May 5, 1923: A fire started by welders working on a new swimming pool destroyed most of Luna Park, an amusement park in Charleston. Although Luna’s owners announced they would rebuild, the park never reopened.

May 5, 1923: Golfer Bill Campbell was born in Huntington. He won more than 30 championships over a seven-decade career and is considered one of the best amateur players in history.

May 6, 1812: Activist and physician Martin Robison Delany was born in Charles Town. In February 1865, he was commissioned as a major in the U.S. Colored Troops. He was the only Black Civil War officer to be given a field command.

May 6, 1968: A continuous miner machine at the Gauley Coal & Coke Saxsewell No. 8 mine at Hominy Falls, Nicholas County, cut into an adjacent mine, which was filled with water. The resulting flood drowned four miners and trapped 21 others.

May 6, 1968: Newspaper publisher and Bluefield native John S. Knight received the Pulitzer Prize for his long record of service and his series of columns opposing the Vietnam War.

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate


Two more cases hit the news this week of just how cruel people can be. First right here in West Virginia, we had a baby that died of alcohol poisoning. The parents found the child face down in her crib and called 911. She was pronounced dead at the hospital. Deputies stated that living conditions in the home were very poor with roaches and no running water. The post-mortem examination report found that the infant’s liver contained ethanol with a reading of 3.210, which would be fatal in an infant child. The parents stated they would allegedly take alcohol and rub on the infant child’s gums and around her mouth when she would get irritable and fussy. **Momma Said**, “That might have been solved by just holding her or maybe feeding her.” Ironically the mother’s first name was Angel.

Second case was in Florida where a child was beaten over the head with a kitchen pot because the 33-year-old adult did not like the way he washed the dishes. WHAT!!! First responders made contact with the nine-year-old boy and he told the police she became angry because she did not approve of the way he had completed the task. After allegedly striking him in the head and causing a large laceration she was unsatisfied

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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with the punishment so she used the pot to strike the child’s left hand breaking his finger. She also used the pot to beat him on the arms and back before kicking him in the stomach. Also, the relationship with the subject and the child was not revealed. **Momma Said**, “Why can’t you just be happy that a nine-year-old did the dishes at all?”

I think like punishment should be done to all these adults. Make them drink rubbing alcohol or beat them every day with metal objects and see how they like it. Momma Said, “An eye for an eye is too good for people like this.” We were punished as children but nothing like I see and hear today. I don’t know why people have children if they are going to make them live in horrible conditions and situations. If you do not want the child, there are plenty of loving couples out there that could give a child a beautiful life experience and just let them live and be children.

Iowa Party Bites

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (10-ounce) bag Tostitos scoops tortilla chips
- 1 (8-ounce) block cream cheese, softened
- 12 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded and divided
- 1 large egg
- 1 (15-ounce) can sweet corn, drained
- 1 (4-ounce) can green chiles, drained
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat the oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit (220°C). Grease two large baking sheets lightly with cooking spray or line them with parchment

- paper.
- Place the chips close together on the baking sheets, bowl-side-up. Use only whole chips so the filling doesn’t spill out. Set aside.
- In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese until smooth. Scrape the bottom and sides of the bowl, then mix in the egg until smooth.
- Add 8 ounces of mozzarella along with the sweet corn, chiles, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Mix well.
- Spoon approximately 1 tablespoon of filling into the “bowl” of each chip. Sprinkle the Parmesan cheese and the remaining mozzarella evenly on top.
- Bake for 13-15 minutes or until the tops begin to brown and the cheese is bubbling. Remove the sheets from the oven, serve immediately, and enjoy!

Super Crossword

TRIPLE-E PLAY

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Degrade	1 Tack on
6 Sandler of “Grown Ups”	2 “Later!”
10 Adverse fate	3 Styled like
14 Birch’s cousin	4 Sob stories
19 Bob of folk rock	5 Make a king
20 It uses poses called asanas	6 Sailor’s positive reply
21 “Waterloo” group	
22 Wife of Gorbachev	
23 Paper version of an online publication, informally	
26 Cairo’s home	
27 1989 Series champs	
28 Share the same view	
30 Region of northern France	
33 That man’s	
35 The “P” of S&P	
36 Assessment of a worker’s performance	
42 Moon goddess	
43 Dernier — (latest thing)	
44 Patronage: Var.	
45 Befuddled	
49 Give rise to	
50 Hearty brunch dishes	
54 People with clout	
55 That woman	
56 NBC TV init.	
57 The “S” of RSVP	
58 Pi follower	
59 Port in Italia	
62 Moore of the Brat Pack	
65 San — (certain Californian)	
67 Christmas carol whose titular flower symbolizes Mary	
72 Hindu god incarnate	
73 — bene	
74 Brainpower	
75 TV’s Turner	
76 Q followers	
78 Curve part of	
80 Geller of psychic acts	
81 Just out	
84 Portrayer of Rainbow Johnson on “Black-ish”	
89 Clan	
91 Kett of comics	
92 Bona fide	
93 Lamb nurse	
94 Israeli money	
95 “Sixteen Tons” hitmaker of 1955	
100 See 123-Across	
102 Hi-fi discs	
103 Sets off to the right of the margin	
104 Fish also called “unagi”	
109 Fury	
110 Root in perfumery	
111 R.E.M.’s debut single	
117 Garlic mayonnaise	
118 Old overlord	
119 Pub projectile	
120 Rapids craft	
121 Jam-packed	
122 “Don’t look —!”	
123 With 100-Across, sailor’s greeting	
124 Flee to marry	
7 Performs	
8 Era	
9 Furious	
10 Itinerary info	
11 Big Apple stage award	
12 Wind quintet instrument	
13 Lots of	
14 Playground retort	
15 Like a shallow bay in an atoll	
16 Handy sort	
17 Some sports awards	
18 Per-unit cost	
24 Color again, as hair	
25 Rae of “Insecure”	
29 Start for glottis or Pen	
30 Joe of “Home Alone”	
31 “To clarify ...”	
32 Grade just above average	
33 Man, in Berlin	
34 Wall-climbing plants	
37 Level of rank	
38 Actress Sobieski	
39 Fleece-lined boot brand	
40 Insurance co. bailed out in 2008	
41 General — chicken	
46 1994 French Open winner	
47 Actor Hawke	
48 “I feel — coming on!”	
50 Thunder god	
51 Makes lovable	
52 Olympic skater Ito	
53 “The Waste Land” poet	
55 Scanty	
59 “Fat chance!”	
60 Enlightened	
61 Kin of “equi-”	
63 Wifely title	
64 Early PC operator, often	
66 Gp. activated by a 911 call	
67 Espresso with hot milk	
68 Undisguised	
69 Attacked	
70 Sells online	
71 Metallica drummer Ulrich	
77 Beach bird	
79 Inch along	
81 Pentax rival	
82 Roger of film review	
83 Solders, e.g.	
85 Tall marsh plants	
86 Golf’s Trevino	
87 — Vegas	
88 Is in the red	
89 2017-19 HBO drama series	
90 Doctor’s pass-along to a specialist	
94 Burn slightly	
96 Itty-bitty	
97 Science educator Bill	
98 Greeting to ‘Enry Iggins	
99 Forty-five times two	
100 Actress Dressler	
101 Chef’s wear	
104 “The Grapes of Wrath” hero Tom	
105 Mex. miss	
106 Sunrise side	
107 Dutch cheese	
108 St. Pat’s land	
109 Prefix with space	
112 Rx watchdog	
113 Cheer word	
114 Artist Yoko	
115 Dad	
116 Apt shoe width to wear when solving this puzzle?	

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Puzzle answers page 7

Weather Totals

Apr. 15 - Apr. 22, 2025

Nursery Bottom Parsons

Temperature

Max	85° F
Min	25° F

Precipitation

Week	0.13"
April 2025	3.30"
	13.70"

Snowfall

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

U.S. Forest Service

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Eight Games to Try at the Next Backyard Bash

Games can enhance any outdoor function. Whether at the beach or in one's backyard, activities can keep guests entertained in between the food and other refreshments. And the good news is that most games designed for these types of functions are appropriate for players across a wide range of ages.


The following are eight games that can add to the excitement of any outdoor gathering.

1. Ladder toss: Also known as ladder golf, this game requires players to toss string-attached balls onto a ladder-shaped target. Points are awarded depending on which rung the ball lands on.

2. Kubb: Pronounced "KOOB," this Swedish lawn game believed to have originated during the era of the Vikings and is best described as a blend of bowling and horseshoes. Two teams compete to knock over their opponents' wooden blocks by throwing batons.
3. Cornhole: Many people have played cornhole, which involves tossing bean bags at the cornhole board. The objective is to get the bag into the hole or on the board to score points. The game can be played as singles or doubles. The first team to reach 21 points wins.
4. Spikeball®: Also called Roundnet, this two-on-two sport is played by hitting a ball off a net with the goal of preventing the opposing team from returning the ball within three touches.
5. Ring toss: This is another game that tests hand-eye coordination. Players take turns tossing the rings onto the target pegs. Each peg is worth a different number of

- points. The first player to reach the agreed-upon amount of points wins.
6. Connect four in a row: Giant versions of familiar tabletop games also are available for yard use. With this game, players need to get four chips in a row, either up and down or diagonal.
7. Kan Jam®: Similar to cornhole or horseshoes, Kan Jam® features two teams of two that alternate between throwing a frisbee and trying to deflect it. The goal is to get the frisbee into the can.
8. Rollers: Goals are placed 25 feet apart and then players roll wooden discs to try to get closest to the goal. Each side of the disc has a different number to determine the point value.
- Backyard events can be enhanced with some game play. There are plenty of fun options for your next gathering.

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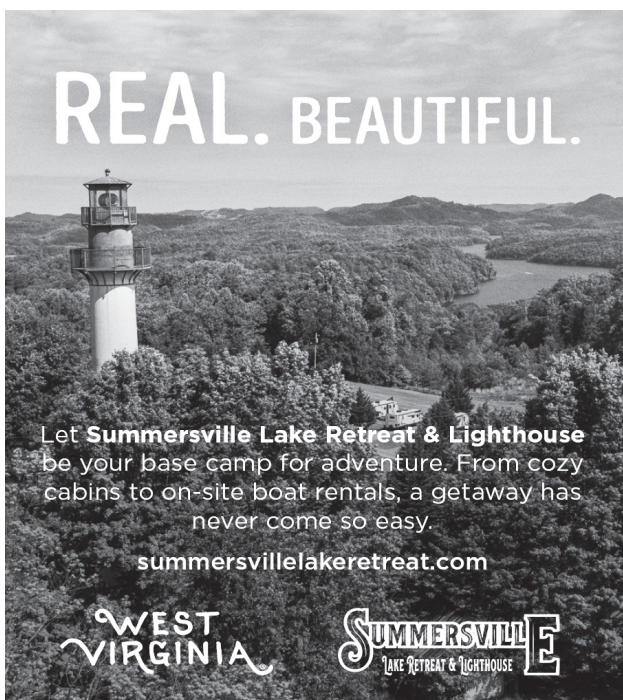
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HELP WANTED

SEASONAL GROUNDSKEEPER

The City of Parsons is seeking a seasonal groundskeeper who will perform general maintenance to all parks and recreational facilities. Duties may include but are not limited to custodial duties, emptying and disposing of trash, removing fallen tree debris and litter, cleaning restrooms, painting, weed-eating, and cutting grass. This will be a three day a week position for 8 hours a day.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and should possess a valid West Virginia Driver's License with good driving history. Compensation for this position is \$10.00 per hour with no fringe benefits, except for free membership to the Wellness 24 Fitness Center.

Interested individuals may pick up an application at the Parsons Business Office, located in the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (EDT), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Applications will be accepted until a qualified pool of candidates is established, or the position is filled.

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HELP WANTED

CEMETERY SEASONAL GROUNDSKEEPER

The City of Parsons is seeking a seasonal groundskeeper to care for and maintain the Parsons City Cemetery. Duties may include but are not limited to custodial duties, emptying and disposing of trash, removing fallen tree debris and litter, painting, weed-eating, and cutting grass. This will be a five day a week position for eight hours per day.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and should possess a valid West Virginia Driver's License with good driving history. Compensation for this position is \$10.00 per hour with no fringe benefits, except for free membership to the Wellness 24 Fitness Center.

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Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Donna L. Cosner	Pamela S. Cosner
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2nd publication 4/30/25	Thomas, WV 26229
Paul E. Clute	Cheryll D. Clute
1st publication 4/23/25	328 Pennington Trailer Ct.
2nd publication 4/30/25	Hamberton, WV 26269
Ashley N. Novallis	Michelle Craks
1st publication 4/23/25	665 Serenity Drive
2nd publication 4/30/25	Dublin, OH 43017
Allen J. Crossland	Naolmi Sharon Crossland
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2nd publication 4/30/25	Davis, WV 26260
Patricia E. White	Pat A. Nichols
1st publication 4/23/25	PO Box 201
2nd publication 4/30/25	Parsons, WV 26228
	And
	Helen Rhodes
	142 Spruce Street
	Parsons, WV 26228

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.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR CLERK-OF-THE-WORKS

The Tucker County Board of Education is seeking to hire contracted services for a Clerk-of-the-Works for Partial Roof and HVAC Replacement at Tucker County High School in Parsons, West Virginia. This project was funded by the School Building Authority of West Virginia and the Tucker County Schools.

- Responsibilities:** Observe work being performed by contractors at the construction site and file reports in accordance with the construction contract documents. Attend project meetings as the Owners Representative, monitor construction progress, and maintain records as directed. This project will follow the School Building Authority of West Virginia policy and procedures. Additional SBA Clerk duties will be provided upon request from the Tucker County Schools.
- On-site Working Hours:** A Clerk will be required to be on-site daily while the General Contractor is performing work on the Construction Document. Weekend and Overtime will be discussed and negotiated with Tucker County Schools.
- Minimum Qualifications:** Architectural or engineering degree or equivalent knowledge and experience with WV inspection codes and standards in commercial or industrial construction. Must have a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of all phases of non-residential construction and be capable of evaluating construction.
- Preferred:** 3-years practical experience as a construction supervisor, foreman or Clerk of-the-Work for non-residential construction projects. HVAC and roof project experience is preferred.
- Minimum Requirements:** Individuals should have valid driver's license and prepared to use personal vehicle between project locations, access to digital camera / cell phone for onsite photograph documentation and personal cell phone for onsite communication.

Qualified individuals interested in this position should submit resumes via email to **Mr. Nathan Hicks at njhicks@kdv-us.com** no later than **2:00 p.m.** local prevailing time on May 9, 2025, at the Administrative Office of Tucker County Schools, 100 Education Lane, Parsons, West Virginia 26287. Interviews will occur during the week of **May 12, 2025.**

The minimum salary will be negotiated with Tucker County Schools in accordance with SBA guidelines.

The Tucker County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities.

Tucker County Board of Education
Alicia Lambert, Superintendent

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATION
FOR COMMISSIONING AUTHORITY SERVICES
PARTIAL ROOF AND HVAC REPLACEMENT AT
TUCKER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Tucker County Schools is seeking expressions of interest from qualified individuals or firms to provide Commissioning Authority (CxA) Services for the Partial Roof and HVAC Replacement at Tucker County High School located near Parsons, West Virginia. This school was funded by Tucker County School and The School Building Authority of West Virginia.

The work shall include all services to be in accordance with the Scope of Commissioning Work. These services must have a West Virginia Registered Engineer on their team.

Qualified firms are invited to submit one hard copy of their expressions of interest, including a statement of qualifications, performance exhibits, WV school project CxA experience, and other relevant information no later than **2:00 p.m. on May 9, 2025**, at the office of the Tucker County Schools at 100 Education Lane, Parsons, West Virginia 26287 attention Mr. Jonathan Hicks, Director of Support Services. In addition to the hard copy, a PDF must be emailed to Mr. Jonathan Hicks at jrhicks@k12.wv.us, as well as to the architect, Mr. Greg Martin at gmartin@wsgarch.com.

Specific project information and a complete Scope of Commissioning Work document is available from Williamson Shriver Architects, Inc., 717 Bigley Ave, Charleston WV 25302, (304) 345-1060 or at biddoes@wsgarch.com.

The Owner's will evaluate the submitted statements of qualifications and determine the most qualified person or firm to be the Commissioning Agent. Tucker County Schools shall then enter into fee negotiations with the highest ranked firm. In the event that an agreeable fee cannot be negotiated with the highest ranked firm, negotiations shall cease with this firm, and open negotiations with the second most qualified firm, and continue with other firms as necessary until negotiations are successfully concluded.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and/or all statements from interested firms received and to make the award to a firm in any manner deemed by it, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of Tucker County Schools and in accordance with WV Code 5G-1-4.

Alicia Lambert, Superintendent
Tucker County Schools

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FOR
CITY OF THOMAS
EXISTING BENBUSH TANK UPGRADES AND
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TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
CEC PROJECT # 2025-01

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Thomas for the Existing Benbush Tank Upgrades and Water Line Installation until **2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 7, 2025**, at 307 Spruce Street, Thomas, WV 26229 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All work as described below shall be substantially complete within 90 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run and completed and ready for final payment within 90 days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Liquidated damages shall be \$100 per day.

The work to be bid upon is described as follows:

This project consists of the installation of a PVC liner inside an existing 50,000 Gallon Water Storage Tank 1,300 LF of 8" Ductile Iron Water Pipe, 1 EA 8" Gate valve, 1,300 LF of WVDOT Rock Lined Ditch, and other miscellaneous items of work

Contract Documents for the project can be examined at the following locations:

Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. 120 Genesis Boulevard Bridgeport, WV 26330	City of Thomas 307 Spruce Street Thomas, WV 26229
McGraw-Hill Information System Company 2 Players Club Drive Charleston, WV 25311	Contractors Association of West Virginia 2114 Kanawha Boulevard East Charleston, WV 25311

Complete sets of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. - 120 Genesis Boulevard, Bridgeport, WV 26330, upon a nonrefundable payment of ONE HUNDRED (\$00.00) DOLLARS, beginning 2nd, October 2, 2024. Check or money order only, made payable to Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. Digital files may be accessed at no cost by contacting Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. at 304-933-3119 to obtain instructions for accessing and downloading online files. A two-envelope system will be used. Each must be submitted in a sealed envelope.

Envelope No. 1 must have the following information presented on the front:

Name and address of Bidder,
"Bid on City of Thomas - Existing Benbush Tank Upgrades and Water Line Installation",
Received by City of Thomas, 307 Spruce Street, Thomas, WV 26229.
Envelope No. 2 labeled "Bid Proposal" shall also be placed inside of Envelope #.

Envelope No. 1 will be opened first and the Bid Opening Requirement items checked for compliance as outlined on the Bid Opening Checklist on page BOR-1 of these contract documents. If such documents are found to be in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal", will then be opened and will be publicly read aloud. If the documents required to be contained in Envelope No. 1 are not in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal" will not be opened and the Bid will be considered non-responsive and will be returned to the Bidder.

A bidder may not withdraw the Bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to City of Thomas in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid.

Prospective Bidders should note that this contract will include the following critical requirements as identified in the Contract Documents:

1. Bidders must comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act, and the Contract Works Hours Safety Standards Act.
2. Contractor is required to provide the Drug Free Workplace Certification in accordance with WV Code 21-1D-5.
3. All Bidders are required to have a Class "C", West Virginia Contractor's License per Section 30-42-12 of the West Virginia Code.

Contractor's Sales Tax Exemption

City of Thomas is exempt from West Virginia Sales Taxes and, by West Virginia Code § 1-15-8, can now extend this tax exemption to Contractors supplying goods on their behalf. The Contractor shall coordinate with City of Thomas the filing of any and all applications to the State of West Virginia, exempting the purchase of the specified Goods from West Virginia Sales Tax and hereby agrees to include the savings from such sales tax exemption in its total bid.

DBE Requirements

Each Bidder must fully comply with the requirements, terms, and conditions as set forth in the contract documents to achieve Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation during the performance of this contract. The bidder commits itself to the program for DBE participation and all other requirements, terms, and conditions of the bid conditions by submitting a properly signed bid.

The bidder agrees to make "good faith efforts" to sub-contract a portion of the total value of the contract to Disadvantaged businesses. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) good faith efforts as outlined in 40 CFR 31.36(e). Failure to demonstrate good faith efforts may lead to rejection of bids. For the purpose of this program, the term "subcontractor" includes all construction, modification, and service work contracted for by the bidder in the execution of the work under this contract.

WV Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Act

West Virginia Code § 1-1D-5 provides that any solicitation for a public improvement construction contract requires each vendor that submits a bid for the work to submit at the same time an affidavit of compliance with the bid. The enclosed Drug Free Workplace Conformance Affidavit must be signed and submitted in the first envelope as evidence of the Vendor's compliance with the provisions of Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia Code. Failure to submit the signed Drug Free Workplace Conformance Affidavit in the first envelope shall result in disqualification of such bid.

Upon receipt of the advertisement for bids, kindly respond with an expression of interest by 13th May, 2025, to David Watson with CEC via email at dwatson@cecinc.com.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **9:00 AM on Wednesday, May 7, 2025**, at City of Thomas located at 307 Spruce Street, Thomas, WV 26229. This pre-bid conference may be attended virtually. Contact CEC to receive instructions regarding this attendance option.

City of Thomas reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders.

City of Thomas
By: Jody Flanagan
Title: Mayor

Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.
120 Genesis Boulevard
Bridgeport, WV 26330

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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.bids.wv.gov) 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):

Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
027-2021000242	S399-STRIP 25 02	HSP1-2025(09)1D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS 2025 APD CORRIDOR STRIPING STATEWIDE COUNTY: STATEWIDE

DBE GOAL: 7% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's 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.bids.wv.gov.

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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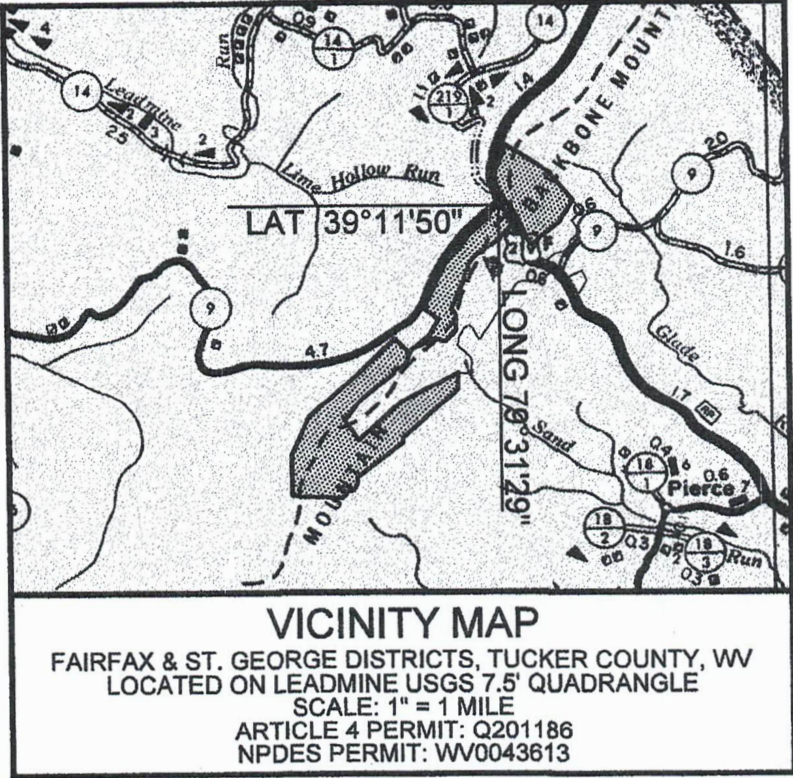
Notice is hereby given that FAIRFAX MATERIALS, INC., PO BOX 80, 6110 FROST PLACE, SUITE 150, LAUREL, MD 2025, has submitted an application for RENEWAL of Quarry Article 4 Permit Number Q201186 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600 in order to remove sandstone by conducting quarry operations.

The operation is discharging into Sand Run, Snyder Run, Glade Run & Lime Hollow Run of Monongahela and is located 3.5 miles, north of THOMAS in Fairfax District of Tucker County, Longitude 93° 31' 29" and Latitude 39° 11' 50" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Written comments on the Article 4 Quarry Permit Renewal Application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until May 30, 2025, or thirty (30) days from the date of publication. A copy of the application will be available for review 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.

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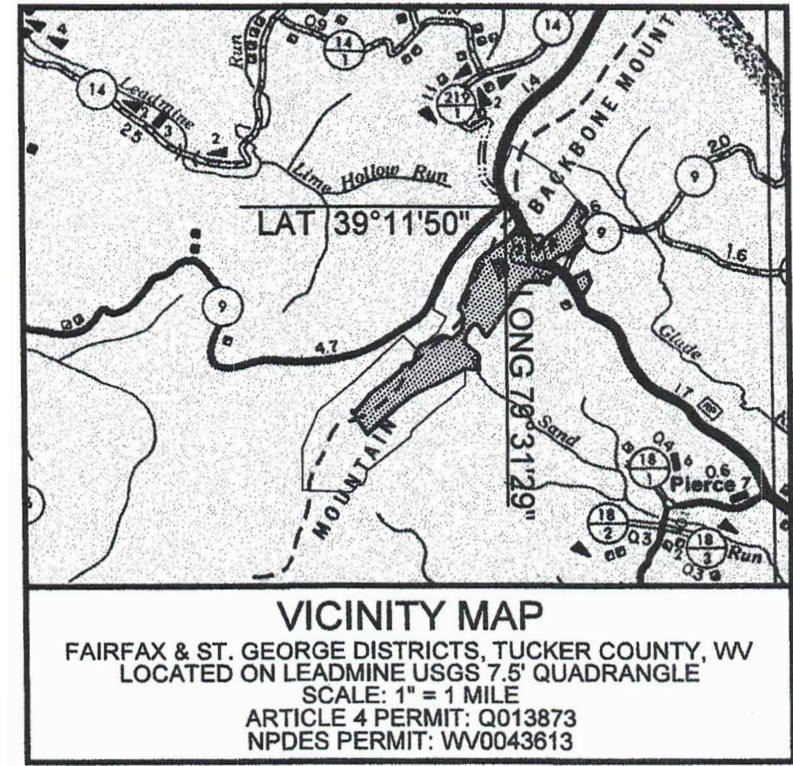
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The operation is discharging into Sand Run & Glade Run of the North Fork of the Great River of the Monongahela River and is located 3.5 miles, north of THOMAS in FAIRFAX & ST. GEORGE District of Tucker County, Longitude 93° 31' 45" and Latitude 39° 11' 35" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following decedent's estate:

ROSALEA N. KNOTTS

Erma Snyder, Executrix

A Final Settlement for the above captioned estate has been presented before me by the Fiduciary of said estate for approval, which report is retained in my office at 14 S. Randolph Ave., Elkins, West Virginia.

I have approved the Report as presented and will file it with the Honorable County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, on or after May 5, 2025.

Any person having any interest in said estate may appear before the Honorable County Commission to protect their interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interest. Given under my hand 17th day of April, 2025.

/s/ John J. Wallace, IV

John J. Wallace, IV

Fiduciary Commissioner

Tucker County, West Virginia

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Larry E. Knicley	Betty R. Knicley
1st publication 4/30/25	10 Second Street
2nd publication 5/7/25	Parsons, WV 2628

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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Request for Proposal

From Contracting Firms interested in the Renovation of the Davis Town Hall, Davis, WV.

Plans and specifications are available at the Davis Town Hall, Davis, WV.

Request for Proposals should be submitted to the Davis Town Hall no later than 4 p.m. on May 2, 2025.

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Board of Directors of the West Virginia Humanities Council [the Council], a nonpartisan non-profit organization, was recently notified by the federal Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), that support to our Council from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) was being terminated.

This abrupt termination of long-established and congressionally appropriated NEH funding support for the Council, which serves as the NEH’s official affiliate in and for the Mountain State, if sustained, will cause the closure of all Council activities within West Virginia.

The financial support received from NEH represents 50% of the Council’s annual budget. That funding is matched dollar-for-dollar by donations from West Virginians

which together provide the funds that enable the Council to host events, provide programs, and support projects that preserve our state’s history and cultural heritage, and promote public discussions about issues that matter to West Virginians.

These funds enable the Council to create sustainable partnerships between the public and private sectors which contribute well over a million dollars every year to our state’s cultural economy, in the form of the grants and programs we provide to West Virginia cultural organizations, historical societies, schools, community centers, municipalities, and other entities.

As the Council’s Board of Directors, we come from all areas of West Virginia, from communities of every size. We have seen firsthand, in our hometowns and in every

county, the profound impact of the Council’s work. Rescinding of congressionally appropriated funding for the NEH means that our capacity to serve West Virginians will disappear, as will our significant contribution to our state’s rapidly growing cultural economy.

The impact will be felt everywhere, nowhere more directly than in the rural areas of our state. Our work is accomplished through the work that West Virginians do themselves. These dollars are locally directed; the projects they support are locally designed and locally delivered. Our work is a model of federal funding done responsibly and cost-effectively, by returning tax dollars to the people of West Virginia in support of programs they themselves support, create, and execute in their home communities.

West Virginians have historically demonstrated a culture of working past our differences to achieve ends that benefit us all. We call on our congressional representatives to defend and ensure the delivery of

NEH funding appropriated in support of the West Virginia Humanities Council—funding that has, for 50 years, worked to serve all West Virginians.

Signed by Board President George ‘Gib’ Brown on April 11, 2025 on behalf and at the request of the West Virginia Humanities Council Board of Directors:

Paul Papadopoulos, Vice President, Hurricane

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The Cheat River Rail-Trail Officially Opens



Cheat River Rail-Trail Group Cuts the Opening Ribbon.

PRESTON, West Virginia - Friends of the Cheat (FOC) announces the official opening of the first 3 miles of the long-awaited Cheat River Rail-Trail.

The newly opened section starts at FOC’s trailhead on 10922 River Road, Kingwood. It runs approximately 3 miles north, nestled between the Cheat River and the Cheat River Scenic Byway (River Road/WV Route 72).

After 25 years in the making, FOC and its many partners, including the dedicated volunteers from the legacy Preston Rail-Trail Committee, gathered on Friday, April 25th, to cut the ribbon and officially open the trail in anticipation of Celebrate Trails Day on Saturday, April 26th, and the annual Cheat River Festival taking place on May 2nd and 3rd.

The trail features both crushed limestone surfaces and a paved sec-

tion next to Camp Dawson’s facilities. Visitors can access the trail from dawn until dusk. Parking for the trail is located at the Cheat River Trailhead, which has picnic areas, water fountains, restrooms, and river access. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the trail.

The next phase of trail construction is underway, with WVDOT’s CenForce crew actively working to rehabilitate the 430-foot trestle bridge across the Cheat River adjacent to the trailhead. For your safety and out of respect for this ongoing construction and the workers, FOC asks that visitors stay off the trestle bridge and the southern section of the trail. Later this year, FOC will release the contract for the construction of the southern 5 miles of rail-trail.

For more information on the Cheat River Rail-Trail visit: cheat.org/cheat-river-rail-trail/.



Cheat River Rail-Trail Group Photo with Opening Banner.



Darci Macur, Devra Deems, and Laura Gartlitz walk the trail.

The Benefits of Music Education

A classroom can be a formative space for children. In a healthy classroom environment, children can discover passions for a wide range of interests, including music.

Music education is a vital component of a well-rounded academic experience. Unfortunately, music education programs in public schools are often among the first cuts to be made when funding issues arise. For example, a 2018 report from the American Federation of Teachers indicated that 42 percent of schools in Georgia eliminated art and music programs in the aftermath of the recession that struck in 2008-09. Budgetary constraints pose significant problems for educators and administrators. However, an examination of the many benefits of music education may compel more parents, teachers and education professionals to advocate for the continued inclusion of music education in school curricula.

· Music can contribute to improved academic performance in other subjects. Some may feel that music education takes time away from other subjects that students will need to master to ful-

fill their academic potential. However, a 2019 study published in the Journal of Educational Psychology found that high school students who take music courses score significantly higher on exams in certain subjects, including math and science, than their peers whose curriculum does not include music education.

· Music education can facilitate language development. A recent study from researchers in Beijing found that piano lessons improved kindergartners' ability to distinguish different pitches, which in turn led to improvement in the youngsters' ability to discriminate between spoken words. That's perhaps not too surprising to researchers, as Play Matters Australia reports that music and language share various structural similarities, including rhythm, pitch and tone. Children who engage in music play and education strengthen the same neural connections necessary to process language.

· Music education provides a workout for the brain. Dr. Eric Rasmussen, who chairs the Early Childhood Music Department at Johns Hopkins University, notes that children who engage in music and music education have larger

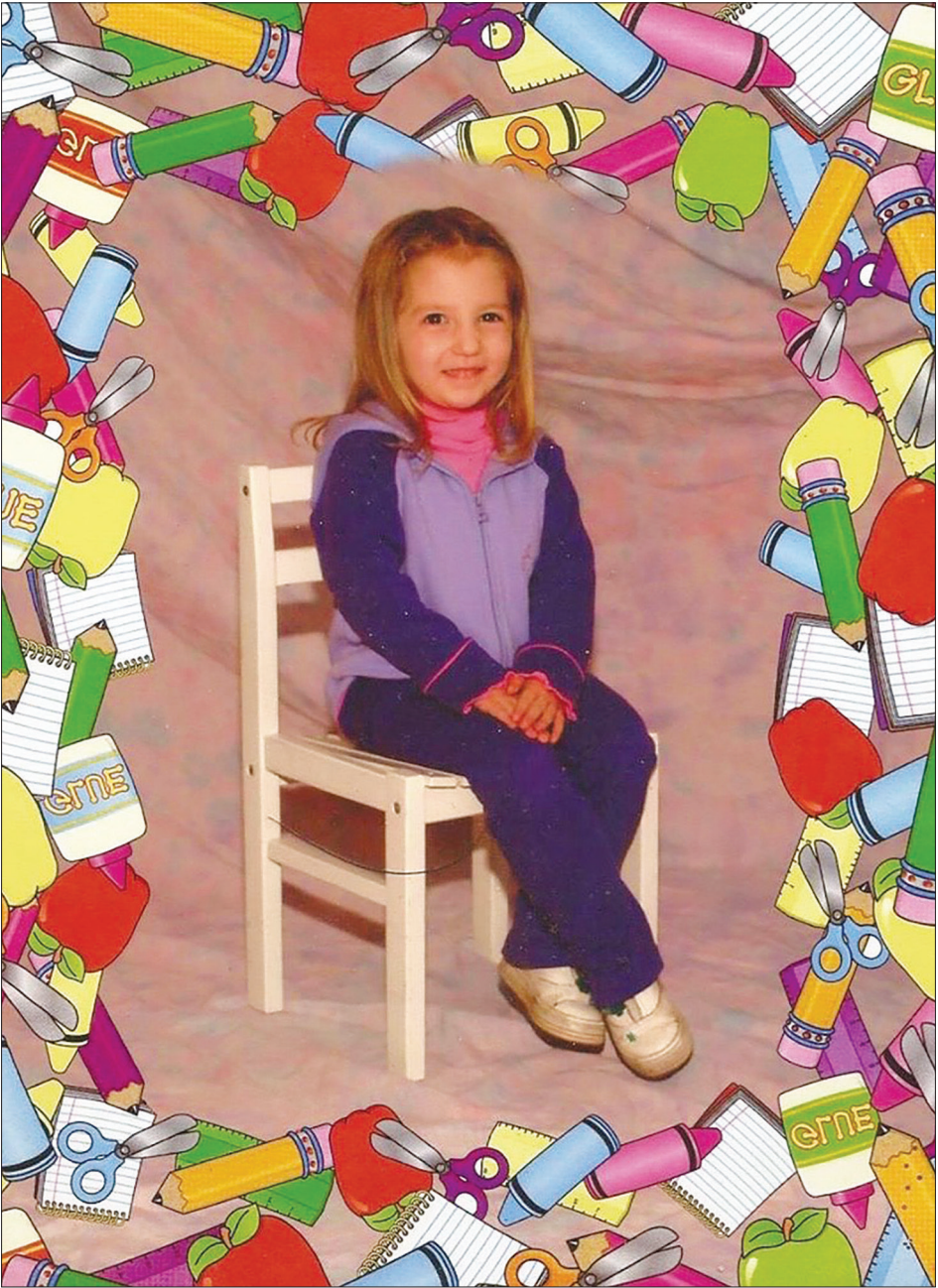


growth of neural activity than those who do not participate in music training. That's because playing music requires musicians to use more of their brain than they otherwise might. That workout pays notable dividends, and one study led by researchers at Boston College found that children who underwent 15 weeks of music instruction and practice expe-

rienced improved sound discrimination and fine motor tasks.

Music education programs are often on the chopping block when school budget cuts are made. However, the multifaceted benefits of music education suggest children have much to gain from the continued inclusion of music programs in school curricula.

HEAD START CELEBRATES 60 YEARS OF IMPACT WITH A FULL-CIRCLE MOMENT IN THE CLASSROOM



April 14, 2025 — [NCWVCAA]

As Head Start celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, the program reflects not only on its rich history of empowering families and fostering early childhood education, but also on the individual success stories that embody its mission. Among them is a truly full-circle moment happening right here in North Central West Virginia.

This spring, Randolph/Tucker County NCWVCAA Early Head Start, welcomed a new Family Educator to their team—Charli Smith—who began her own educational journey through the very same program, via Edgemont Head Start in Marion County as a child. Now, decades later, she returns not only as a professional committed to supporting families but also as a colleague to her former Head Start teacher, Wendy Wells who is now a Behavior Support Specialist with the Program and Family Resource Coordinator, Mike Taylor.

“I have always wanted to work with children. When I was younger, I would tell everyone I was going to be a teacher one day! I am inspired to continue this work because seeing the joy in a child’s face when you interact with them is incredible. I also hope to make an impact on the families in the program much like my teachers did for me.” said Charli, reflecting on her opportunity to work with Head Start. “I think a family should consider Head Start because it is an incred-

ible program! I remember when I was a child in the program, my teachers had concerns because I did not really talk to anyone, and I did not know any nursery rhymes. They communicated those concerns with my parents, and through everyone’s support I really came out of my shell. Head Start is an amazing opportunity for both children and their parents. It really helped shape me into the person I am today!”

Head Start, launched in 1965 as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s War on Poverty, has grown into a national movement that has served more than thirty-seven million children and their families. Designed to promote school readiness and offer comprehensive support services, Head Start has consistently provided educational, nutritional, and health services to children from low-income families.

For Wendy and Mike, who taught and provided resources to Charli and her family all those years ago, seeing their former student return as a peer is a powerful testament to the program’s long-term impact. “Seeing successes and progress in the children and their families is quite inspiring. Being invited into someone else’s life is a major privilege. I absolutely love working with amazing people who are doing what they do to help improve the lives of others in many ways. Those AHA! moments are fabulous!” says Wendy.

The reunion has created a wave of excitement and pride among the staff,

many of whom have worked at Head Start for decades and have seen generations of families benefit from the program.

“My favorite part of the program is watching the children and families grow and master new skills together.” said Mike Taylor Family Resource Coordinator for Edgemont Head Start, who worked with the family during Charli’s enrollment in the program. Mike has worked with NCWV Head Start for 25 years. He promotes the program noting, “Head Start provides each child and family with so many more opportunities than any other PreK program. The family will receive comprehensive services that include information on nutrition, health, education, mental health, and family services. We get to know the whole family and can assist them with any need they might encounter. We want and encourage them to be part of our program.” Remembering and working alongside Charli is quite the thrill for Mr. Mike.

As Head Start looks to the future, stories like this one inspire hope and reinforce the program’s commitment to breaking cycles of poverty, one family at a time.

“We celebrate 60 years of Head Start not just with data and milestones,” said Jennifer Brown, Family and Community Engagement Program Specialist, “but with real stories like Charli’s, which show the lasting difference we can make in a child’s life.”

And now, as Charli helps guide the next generation of Head Start students and families, she continues a legacy that started with her—and promises to grow far beyond.

NCWVCAA Head Start and Early Head start is now enrolling children in Marion, Taylor, Barbour, Tucker, Randolph, Webster, Preston, and Pocahontas Counties. Please contact our Central Office for more information on your county’s enrollment information at 304-363-2170 or visit us online www.ncwvcaacorp.net to apply.

Tucker County Chamber of Commerce Awards for 2025

The Tucker County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the recipients for the 47th Annual Chamber Awards. The banquet will be on Thursday evening, May 15, 2025 at 5:30pm at Canaan Valley Resort Bear Paw Lodge (ski area side). Tickets are \$55 and can be reserved at the Information Center in Davis or by going to the website tuckercountychamber.org. Tickets need to be reserved by May 12th. When reserving your ticket, please let us know of any dietary restrictions.

Chamber has solicited nominations for seven different categories and a few Special Awards, the secret committee has met and the results are in for the 2025 winners!

· **Educator of the Year: Jodi Jones**
Mountain Hospice is the proud sponsor of the Education of the Year

Jodi Jones teacher at Tucker County High School, Pre-K Education for many years. She tackles the challenges she faces on a daily basis and consistently puts children first, emphasizing learning through play. This year, she has shown remarkable adaptability and resilience, especially as the Pre-K teacher at Davis Thomas, where typically manages a fill classroom. Over the past few years, she has worked diligently to raise funds for a small playground specifically for her Pre-K student. Jodi has been committed to this project for several years, and with each passing year, she is getting closer to making it a reality.

· **Student of the Year: Olivia Triplett**
Sirianni’s Café is the proud sponsor of this award.

One nomination describes, “She is able to balance work, after school activities, sports and community service and still maintain exemplary grades.” She recently graduated from the Upward Bound program and plans to attend West Liberty University in the fall.

She was also involved the theatre program, helping to create many of their backdrop pieces and had winning art pieces in the many of the art shows held by the high school. She also volunteered keeping

books for the basketball team.

Olivia consistently steps up to help when needed. She has a strong desire to please and demonstrates a willingness to learn new skills.

· **Employee of the Year: Joni Felton**
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Joni works as town manager for the town of Davis, and has worked for 10 years, she is 24 hour/7 day per week on the job employee and very effective manager, at that. Joni has also, participated in a pilot project by the West Virginia Municipal League that had a limited number of students enrolled in a Leadership college program that was focused on Municipalities, where she received a certificate, which earned her college credits and recognition.

She is involved in municipal elections. In 2023 she was appointed by the Tucker County Point being, she is and continues to be, one busy lady. According to one person she is “friendly, professional and helpful with a great sense of humor.

· **Business Person of the Year: Erika Smith, owner of Ella and Company in Thomas**
Best of Canaan is the proud sponsor of this award

Erika opened her shop on Front Street in Thomas in 2016, and she has created magic for ethe senses ever since. Her eye for unusual beautifully created items, vintage treasures, and whimsical, eclectic pieces for home, garden and personal use is extraordinary. She carefully chooses each item. A visit to Ella’s is a wonderful experience.

No matter the season or occasion, Erika find ways to create beauty in every nook and cranny of Ella and Co. both inside and out says on patron. She uses her business and creative skills to help put together two major events in Tucker County, Mountaineer Days in Thomas and Uncle Sam’s Elimination Dinner held in Canaan Valley WV. And she can create magic in weddings, making them like a fairy tale.

· **Cultural Heritage and Arts: Paula Stahl**
ArtSpring is the proud sponsor of this award

Paula Stahl: she has always symbolized heritage both native American and history of Tucker County.

She always tried to stand for what is right for the people of Tucker County. Paula is also very accomplished artist.

· **Special Award – Athlete of the Year: Trevor Bonner**
Blackwater Bikes is the proud sponsor of this award

Trevor is known by his by the community as being a kind young man and is a team player and shows love towards his teammates.

· **Community Service Award: Edwin Rader**
Canaan Valley Resort is the proud sponsor of this award

Ed was a doctor at Mountaintop Health Center in Thomas for 33 years. After retirement he consistently continues to the serve the community in a variety of meaningful ways. He is involved with the Heart of the Highlands with trail work days from May to October. One person said “ he gives and never takes.”

· **Non Profit Business & Person Award: Tucker Co Family Resource Network, Inc. - April Miller**
Since its inception in 1996, TCFRN, April Miller has been the executive director. April’s dedication and leadership have been instrumental in the success and growth in TCFRN. She successfully secures grants, allowing the organization to expand its services to underserved areas such as Davis, Thomas, Canaan Valley and Lanesville. She has had along standing commitment to the community. April’s vision and dedication have transformed TCFRN into a hub of resources, creating safe spaces and meaningful programs that enhance the quality of life for Tucker County residents.

· **Tuckineer: TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE BANQUET**
Citizens Bank of West Virginia is the sponsor of this prestigious award.

For more information or to reserve your tickets, contact the Chamber office at 304-259-5315 prior to the end of business on May 10th! They can be purchased online.

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SPORTS

Tucker Softball Breaks Even in Four Game Stretch



TCHS Softball Seniors (L to R) - Olivia Triplett, Sutton Pase, Carlee Nicholas, Ava Shaffer, Raven Matthews, Reagan Herron, and Paisley Lipscomb.

By: Adam Freeman
The Lady Mt. Lions Softball team was scheduled to play five games this past week, but due to weather they only played four going 2-2 overall. They began the week against one of the heavy favorites in the single 'A' division taking on the Wildcats of Pendleton County. Tucker would struggle at the plate with Ava Shaffer managing the squad's lone hit in the bout, while Pendleton smacked in 15 hits. The Lady Mt. Lions would fall in Franklin with a final score of 15-0. Tucker would rebound from the loss quickly the following night playing host to East Hardy. Ava Shaffer and Peyton Hicks both drove in 4

runs on 3 hits a piece with Sutton Pase driving in 4 more on 2 hits. Shaffer would pitch 3 innings and give up 3 hits with Hicks getting the save pitching 1 inning and giving up 1 hit for a final score of 22-7 in favor of Tucker. The Mt. Lions would then travel to face the other Hardy County team in the Moorefield Lady Yellowjackets. Tucker would manage just 1 hit for the second time in 3 games, this time from sophomore, Peyton Hicks. Moorefield would score 11 runs on 8 hits and keep the win 11-0 over Tucker. TCHS would return home on Thursday the 24 th for a senior night matchup against the Elkins Tigers. Isabel Bennett would lead the way at the plate for Tucker with



Herron slides under the tag against the Tigers.

2 hits and 2 RBI's. Makenna Evans would score twice for the Mt. Lions on their way to a 4-0 victory over Elkins High. Shaffer pitched a solid 6-1/3 innings allowing just 5 hits, with Hicks garnering the save pitching the final 2/3 of the last inning and allowing no hits to preserve the win. Tucker currently sets with a .500 record of 7 wins and 7 losses. The Mt. Lions will be back in action on Monday at home against Pendleton County at 5:30pm, at Elkins on Wednesday at 5:00pm, home against Moorefield on Thursday at 6:00pm, a double header on Friday at Preston County at 5:00 and 7:00 and then they close out the busy week Saturday at Gilmer County at 12:00pm.



Wright making school history in the 100m.

TC Track and Field Finishes Up Regular Season, Wright Breaks School Record in 100m

By: Adam Freeman
The TCHS Track and Field team wrapped up their regular season meets this week competing at Southern Garrett (MD) and Doddridge County. At Southern, Tucker would bring home 7 gold medals in a very strong showing for the Mt. Lions. They would then travel to Doddridge County High School where the competition got a little stiffer, but the one gold medal that was won, was a special one. TC sprinter, Lela Wright again won the gold in the 100m dash, this time setting the fastest time in school history at 13.01 breaking the previous record of 13.04 set by Sydney Moore (source of record according to <http://athletic.net>).
Southern 4/21: Reid Kisamore-1st in 100m dash, 1st in long jump; Nate Ricottilli-2nd in 400m dash, 2nd in long jump; Alex Collar- 3rd in 800m run; Cameron Judy-2nd in 1600m run, 2nd in 3200m

run; Luke Barb, Oliver Archuleta, Keelyn Eichelberger, and Reid Kisamore- 3rd in 4x100m relay; Luke Barb, Oliver Archuleta, Nate Ricottilli, and Reid Kisamore-3rd in 4x200m relay; Luke Barb, Keelyn Eichelberger, Oliver Archuleta, and Nate Ricottilli-2nd in 4x400m relay; Logan Kopec, Cameron Judy, Lynk Suesli, and Alex Collar-1st in 4x800m relay; Lela Wright-1st in 100m dash, 2nd in 100m high hurdles; Addi Moats-3rd in 800m run; Estoria Chase-1st in 1600m run, 1st in 3200m run; Mayah Gross- 3rd in 300m hurdles; Raven Mathews- 1st in shot put, 3rd in discus; Lela Wright, Addi Moats, Rachel Hile, and Mayah Gross-3rd in 4x200m relay; Addi Moats, Lela Wright, Estoria Chase, and Mayah Gross-3rd in 4x400m relay Doddridge 4/25: Nate Ricottilli- 3rd in 400m dash; Lela Wright-1st in 100m dash + school record in the 100m dash with a time of 13.01.

Wildcat Softball Drops Pair of Games to Pendleton and Elkins

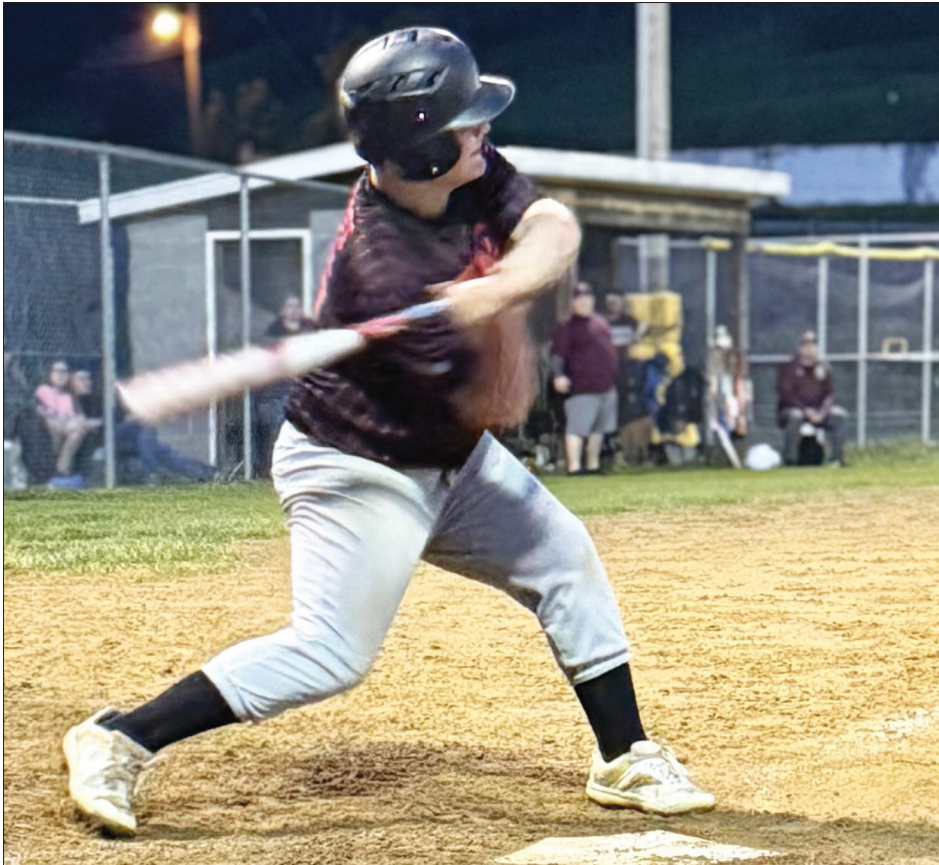
By: Adam Freeman
Tucker Valley Softball competed twice over the past week, first off taking on the Pendleton County Wildcats on April 21 st. Tucker would battle throughout the contest hanging tough with a score of 4-3 after the first inning. Pendleton would begin to pull away, outscoring Tucker 7-0 in the second, 8-4 in the third and 3-0 in the fourth to take the win at a final score of 22-7. Mia Lambert went 3-3 at the plate scoring 1 run, Morgan Simmons went 2-3 scoring 1 run and Jacey Helmick went 2-3 scoring 1 run.

The Wildcats then took on Elkins Middle. Tucker would trail by 1 run 3-2 after the first inning, Tucker would go scoreless in the 2nd and score just 1 run in the third, to fall behind 13-3 after 3 innings of play. The Wildcats would manage 5 runs in the 4th but Elkins would knock in 6 for a final score of 19-8 in favor of the Hornets. Mia Lambert would lead the way in scoring 3 runs for the Wildcats in the contest. The Wildcats will be back on the diamond on Friday May 2 nd at home against Taylor County, first pitch is set for 5:30pm.

Tucker Valley Baseball Downed by Central Preston and Tygarts Valley




Branson Hyre scores a run.



Asher Kisamore turns on the ball.

By: Adam Freeman
The Wildcat Baseball program played two games last week. The first was against Central Preston Squires on April 21 st in a game that took the full 7 innings to complete. Tucker would steal over 20 bases in the game: Rylan Sexton and Jonathon Tuttle both having double digit hits and RBI's. The Wildcats would ultimately fall in the


bout 20-18, in what was a hard-fought loss. Tucker would then take on the Tygarts Valley Bulldogs later in the week. The Wildcats would struggle to get hits and outs in the game, with Tygarts Valley running away with this one for a final score of 16-0. The Wildcats will return to action on the road against Bruceton Mills on Monday April 28 th at 6:00pm.



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Sports

Mt. Lions Baseball Tripped Up by Hardy County Schools

By: Adam Freeman

The young men representing TCHS baseball were tripped up by both high schools from Hardy County last week. Tucker faced the Moorefield Yellow-jackets in what would be a tough fought loss for the Mt. Lions with a final score of 9-5. Tucker registered 13 hits in the contest with Owen Helmick leading the way going 3-4 with 2 singles, 1 double and 1 RBI, with Owen Bolyard, Josh Crossland and Blake Helmick all notching 2 hits. Senior, Reece Poling got the start on the mound only allowing 8 hits through 5 innings pitched. The Mt. Lions would then take on the other Hardy County School in the East Hardy Cougars. Tucker fell in the first

matchup 25-5 with Cade Rapp going 2-3 at the plate with 2 singles and 1 RBI, Ty Ricottilli went 2-2 with 2 singles and Blake Helmick, Gavin Nestor and Owen Helmick each registering a hit. The second matchup was similar to the first with the final score being 20-6 in favor of the Cougars. Tucker's Luke Barb went 2-3 with 2 singles and 1 RBI, Owen Bolyard went 2-2 with 1 single and 1 double and Ty Ricottilli went 2-3 with 2 singles and a RBI. Tucker will return to the diamond at home on Tuesday April 29 th at 6:00pm against the Southern Garrett (MD) Rams, then on Wednesday April 30 th at home against Trinity Christian at 6:00pm.

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Albright, West Virginia - Here's to 31 years of the Cheat River Festival! Join Friends of the Cheat (FOC) on the scenic banks of the Cheat River in Albright, West Virginia, for two days of fun, music, and community on Friday, May 2nd, and Saturday, May 3rd.

Cheat Fest is more than just a festival; it's Friends of the Cheat's (FOC) largest annual fundraiser and outreach event, fueling our ongoing efforts to restore, preserve, and promote the Cheat River watershed's natural splendor. For three decades, outdoor enthusiasts, music lovers, and families alike have come together to raise dollars and awareness for the cleanup and protection of the Cheat River. Once listed as one of America's Most Endangered Rivers (1995), the Cheat is now a stunning example of recovery and resilience, thanks in part to funds raised through Cheat Fest.

The Cheat River Festival maintains a grassroots, family-friendly, reunion-like atmosphere while pulling a crowd of 3,000 supporters. So bring your camp chair, and your curiosity, and help us celebrate the mighty Cheat River and its inspirational story. Remember: no pets, glass, or bad vibes allowed!

Gates will open at 5pm on Friday and 12pm on Saturday for Festival attendees.

Starting at 5:00pm on Friday and at 12:30pm on Saturday, local bands from all over Appalachia will entertain crowds with live music including this year's headliner, the Jason Carter Band. Fest attendees will be able to browse the infamous Art Market and vendor booths for local art, pottery, clothing, and jewelry. A diverse array of food vendors will be on-site to feed the masses with offerings of kabobs, hoagies, tacos, pizza, and baked goods, and more!

Local experts will be hosting educa-

tional workshops in the Education Eddy. They will be presenting on a variety of subjects like the local flora and fauna and the newest Friends of the Cheat projects.

Kids are the heartbeat of the festival! Children 12 and under enter free with a parent or guardian. Stop by the Kid's Tent on Saturday to enjoy a full slate of kids' activities, including a group mural, an otter-based craft, and AMD Tie Dye.

The Silent Auction is virtual again this year, and features many one-of-a-kind items from the Art Market artists, vendors, attending nonprofits, and more. The auction can be found at <https://www.32auctions.com/CheatFest2025>

FOC is partnering with Food for Preston to collect non-perishable food items and hygiene items to stock their 11 pantries around Preston County. Everyone who attends is encouraged to contribute an item to the Food Drive. Items will be collected at the Info Booth. The Donation List can be found at www.cheatfest.org

FOC would like to thank some of the generous sponsors that support Friends of the Cheat's mission: Team Boosch, Highland Outdoors, March Westin, and Trulieve.

Discounted combo tickets are available for \$40 until 9:00 PM on Monday, April 28th at www.cheatfest.org. Single-day tickets will be available at the gate only for \$20 on Friday and \$30 on Saturday. Additional details are available at cheatfest.org and the Cheat Fest Facebook & Instagram page.

Lisa Maraffa, Festival Coordinator, says "Cheat Fest is a very special event unlike any other because it is a festival with a purpose. This event raises funds to help with the Friends of the Cheat's mission to restore, preserve, and promote the outstanding qualities of the Cheat River watershed.

Guidelines
NO GLASS, NO PETS, NO FIRE-WORKS, and keep it family-friendly!

Musical Lineup
We celebrate Appalachian tradition and mountain music with bluegrass, old-time, folk, blues, and whatever else represents the new and old music of our mountain state.

Friday:
5:00-6:00 Makenna Hope
6:30- 7:30 Black Dog Alley
8:00-9:00 Tom Batchelor Band
9:30- 11:00 The Barefoot Movement
Saturday:
12:30-1:30 Emay
2:00-3:00 Hillbilly Chic
3:30-4:30 The Wild Shoats
5:00- 6:00 Firewater Tent Revival
6:30-7:30 Jeremy Short
8:00-9:00 Megan Jean's Secret Family
9:30- 11:00 The Jason Carter Band

The Education Eddy
On Saturday, the Education Eddy is the place for fest-goers to learn more about Friends of the Cheat and our partners. Speakers will discuss local heritages, invasive species management, mussels, turtles, and Friends of the Cheat's newest projects. Come sit in on discussions, bring your questions and your camp chair, and let's solve all the world's problems.

1:30-2:00 - Indigenous Heritage: Trails, Petroglyphs, & Waterways
Dr. Ellesa Clay High, Professor Emeritus, WVU; Eleanor Renshaw, Beverly Heritage Center Executive Director

Called West Virginia today, this land has been called Home for thousands of years; learn about this area's first communities and their impact on the landscape.

3:00-3:30 - Cheat Lake Reservoir Shoreline Management
Joey Kimmet, Shoreline and Property Management Administrator

This presentation explores effective strategies for managing invasive aquatic plants in Cheat Lake, focusing on the biological treatment of hydrilla using grass triploid carp.

4:30-5:00 - Hot Takes from the Trio - Open Q&A with FOC Staffers
Amanda Pitzer, Executive Director; Owen Mulkeen, Associate Director; Madison Ball, Conservation Program Director

Who are the faces behind the FOC? Meet the freaks in the Excel Sheets, the management maestros, and riverine visionaries that keep this org up and running: ask us anything and get the latest beat on all of our upcoming projects.

6:00-6:30 -Turtle Awesome Turtles of West Virginia featuring the Ed Eddy Headliner GARY THE BOX TURTLE

Hannah Studdard, WVDNR Assistant Wildlife Diversity Biologist

Come learn the QUIRKS of the TURTS found in West Virginia! Highlighting turtle anatomy, native turtle species, and how to help protect our turtley friends.

Ed Eddy ONGOING 12 - 6
Oh Dam! Look at those Mussels! - Riley Krumenacker, USFWS PFWS AmeriCorps

Discover the heavy lifting that freshwater mussels do to support the health of our rivers and streams, and the negative impact that dams have species' populations

Seneca Trail: Native Travel through the Appalachian Forest display
Interactive Stream Table by WVDNR Staff

Build your own stream system and understand the effects of human development on our waterways

Raffle Item

Banjo Fire Pit. Designed, built, and generously donated by Sam Wilson, this one-of-a-kind piece is truly a labor of love. You can see the dedication and countless hours that went into every detail. Standing around 4 feet tall, it's the perfect showpiece for any music lover's backyard gatherings.

Banjo Fire Pit raffle tickets are \$5 for 1 and \$20 for 5.

Chances will be sold at Cheat Fest in the pavilion and in the crowd until approximately 8:30 pm. Winner will be drawn Saturday May 3rd onstage at Cheat Fest at 9pm. Winner does not need to be present to win.

Down River Race
On Friday, the Cheat River "Massacre-ence" Downriver Race kicks off the festivities as hundreds of boaters gather at Laurel Highlands' Canyon put-in and prepare for one of North America's largest mass-start whitewater races. Paddlers from around the world travel to Preston County to paddle the Cheat Canyon from Albright to Jenkinsburg. Register for \$25 at cheatfest.org or on the day of the race from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM. Non-racers can watch the start at 5:30 PM at the Cheat Fest site, or hike the Allegheny Trail into the canyon to observe the rapids.

Cheat Fest 5K
The Cheat Fest 5K takes runners through a beautiful course through the Preston County Country Club along the Cheat River. The race is on Saturday morning at the Cheat River Trailhead before the Fest. Visit the 5K page at cheatfest.org to register to run. Registration is \$25 and participants receive free Saturday entry to the fest as well!

The Kid's Tent
Kids under twelve enter the festival for free. The Kid's Tent is a place for kids to learn skills, create crafts, and meet other kids. The theme for 2025 is "Around the World"

Saturday Kid's Tent Schedule
12-5: - Crafting Around the World
-Yoga Scavenger Hunt
-AMD Tiedye
12-5: Nature Hunt
12-2: Earth Bracelets Workshop
2-4: Group Mural Workshop
4:45 - Gather for the photo
5:00 - Group Photo

Yoga Schedule:
Fri - 5/2 - 3:00PM - Paddle Ready Yoga
in Public Parking
7:00PM - Yin Yoga (Slower Pace)
9:00PM - Breathwork
Sat - 5/3 - 9:00AM - Yoga for Runners *Meet @FOC Trailhead *
3:00PM - Breathwork
5:00PM - Power Yoga (Challenging)
7:00PM - Yin Yoga (Slower Pace)
9:00PM - Breathwork
Sun - 5/4 - 9:00AM - Yoga Vinyasa (Easy Flow)

Art Market
The Art Market is a circle of special vendors who go through a jury process to provide the finest of local art. Mother's Day shoppers can peruse the tents and buy locally-made gifts directly from the artists.

Vendor and Food Market
Join us Friday and Saturday at the market. This is a great place to shop outdoor gear, crafts, services, yummy festival food, and more from local and regional vendors.

Nonprofit Tent
Friends of the Cheat is a collaborative organization - based on the River of Promise. Our partners from the community gather to table and interact with the fest-goers in the Nonprofit tent. Be sure to stop by and check them out!

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Alcohol and Teenagers are a Poor Mix

Most countries in the world have established a minimum legal drinking age. Legal drinking ages are implemented to reduce the number of alcohol-related accidents and also to contribute to better overall health, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The United States has a Minimum Legal Drinking Age (MLDA) of 21 everywhere except Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The MLDA in each of those places is 18.

Canada's MLDA was 20 or 21 in the 1970s, and then lowered to either 18 or 19 to align more closely with the age of maturity. However, increased alcohol consumption by teens prompted certain provinces to increase the age to 19. The MLDA in Canada remains 19 for all provinces and territories, with the exception of Alberta, Manitoba and Quebec, where the MLDA is 18. Elsewhere around the world the average age to purchase alcohol is 18, although not every country restricts the age at which alcohol can be consumed.

Health experts warn that underage drinking is a major health concern. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism says alcohol is the most widely used substance among America's youth and can lead to enormous safety and health risks. Teens who drink with frequency can set themselves up for a host of negative outcomes.

- Alcohol is a depressant, which means it slows the functions of the central nervous system and can actually block some messages from reaching the brain. That can alter a person's

perceptions, emotions and movement, says Nemours TeensHealth.

- Youth who drink may have higher rates of absences or lower grades in school.
- Alcohol usage over time can lead to social problems, such as fighting or lack of participation in youth activities.
- Consuming too much alcohol may lead teens to experience physical issues like hangovers.
- The CDC says alcohol can disrupt normal growth or sexual development.
- The CDC indicates frequent alcohol use among teens can contribute to increased risk of suicide and homicide.
- Underage binge drinking is associated with a higher risk of being the victim or perpetrator of interpersonal violence, which includes physical or sexual assault, according to a study published in 2019 in the Journal of Youth and Adolescence.
- The brain keeps developing into one's 20s. Alcohol can alter development, potentially affecting the brain's structure and function.
- Research shows that those who start drinking before the age of 15 are at a higher risk for developing alcohol use disorder later in life.
- Alcohol use can lower inhibitions, which can cause teens to make poor and risky decisions, like engaging in illegal activity or unprotected sexual relations.

Drinking at an early age and doing so frequently during the teenage years can set individuals on a course for health, developmental and even legal repercussions.

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Poultry Exhibition and Sale Events Suspension to be lifted May 1

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – As of May 1, 2025, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) will lift the suspension on all poultry exhibitions, shows, swaps, meets, and poultry sales at flea markets or auction markets based on the following conditions being met:

- No HPAI detections in West Virginia commercial poultry or backyard flocks located near commercial premises during April 2025.
- No major HPAI-related developments in neighboring states that would result in quarantine zones impacting West Virginia's poultry industry.

This decision follows careful monitoring of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) situation across the state and surrounding regions. The WVDA will continue to monitor the situation closely in collaboration with federal and state partners, particularly through the remainder of the spring wild bird migration season, which runs through mid-June.

Since early 2022, a nationwide outbreak of HPAI has impacted commercial and backyard poultry operations, prompting biosecurity measures nationwide. The original suspension in West Virginia was implemented out of an abundance of caution to protect the state's poultry industry, which remains the largest contributor to West Virginia's animal agriculture economy.

Biosecurity Still Critical

Although poultry events may resume, the WVDA strongly encourages poultry owners, event organizers, and exhibitors to maintain strict biosecurity practices:

- Limit and monitor access to poultry areas
- Continue disinfection of equipment, vehicles, and footwear
- Keep domestic flocks separate from wild and migratory birds
- Report any unusual illness, sudden death, or drop in egg production
- Report Sick Birds
- To report signs of illness or unexpected mortality in poultry flocks, contact WVDA's Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.
- For the latest HPAI updates and guidance:
 - USDA APHIS – Avian Influenza Cases and Surveillance
 - CDC – Avian Influenza Information

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