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Warner Receives DAR Award

Blackwater Chapter presented their annual DAR Women in American History Award March 11th to Norva Balsler Warner, the local author of "The Strength of Our People". The book is a compilation of stories that were handed down through oral family tradition and recorded by early writers in the Kanawha Valley. It was learned Mrs. Warner is a descendant of DAR Patriot John Young, through whom she plans to submit her DAR application. Mrs. Warner is a retired guidance counselor at Tucker County High School. Pictured from left are Warner's daughter Susan, Honorary Regent Cynthia Kolsun, Mrs. Warner, Blackwater Chapter Regent, Cathy Hebb, and Norva's husband Mark Warner.

U.S. Senators Issue Letter To Fundamental Data

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Three members of the U.S. Senate have sent a letter March 13th to Fundamental Data's Representative Casey Chapman, voicing their concerns over the proposed Ridgeline Power Plant Project slated for construction near the Landfill between Davis and Thomas. Senators Sheldon Whitehouse, Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works; Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and Chris Van Hollen, all signed the four page letter.

In the letter, sent to the Fundamental Data Purcellville, VA office, the Senators outlined the need for the energy sectors to obtain overall net-zero emissions by 2035 due to "climate upheaval and huge economic impacts" that will result if the goal is not met to limit global tempera-



ture increase by "no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels." The facts were cited from a United Nations article on net-zero commitments.

"I would ask that you explain how your actions are consistent with this goal, and if they are not, why you don't think that matters," the letter reads.

The letter offered green alternatives of solar and wind energy as "the cheapest and most abundant sources of energy available." The Senators requested that Chapman describe the measures of capture or offset emissions from gas-fired generation or investing instead of renewable energy and storage.

"Other large hyperscale projects have invested in renewable options like these as well as in zero-carbon nuclear energy," the letter reads.

In total, the letter outlined a request of seven specific questions on the Ridgeline Project and Chapman's "decision making process" to be answered with documentation. The following questions were requested to be answered by March 27th by the Senators.

"1. Why did you decide to rely on gas to power your hyperscale data

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ROAD DELAYS

Tucker County – WV72 will have road closures with extended delays, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, March 23 through Tuesday, March 31, excluding the weekend, for canopy cutting. Work will begin at the intersection of US219 and WV72 ending at the intersection of WV72 and WV32. Local traffic, emergency vehicles and school buses will be accommodated but are to expect a delay until the road is cleared of debris. All motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes, on WV72 and US219 to avoid the delays.

ROAD DELAYS

Tucker County – US219 (Seneca Trail) will have one lane road closures, 24 hours per day, seven days per week, beginning Thursday, March 26 through Thursday, April 30. Work begins 2.70 miles north of the Randolph/Tucker County line and ends approximately .10 miles south of County Route 219/10 (Moore Station Road) for work related to Corridor H. All motorists are advised to plan accordingly and use alternate routes as necessary. This is a message from the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways.



Parsons Recognized for Service to City

City of Parsons Recorder Rick Lemons, left, presented Marshall Parsons, Sr., right, with a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service to the City and the community during the City of Parsons March 17th meeting.



Angie Pase, pictured, presented the Tucker Community Foundation's request for funding for the 2026 Run-for-It race. The Commission approved the Foundation's \$5,000 request.

County Commission Approves Funding

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Commission approved funding requests from several entities during its latest session March 11th. Among those whose funding was approved were The Tucker Community Foundation's Run-for-It race.

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Trenton DiBartolomeo Trial Continued Until May

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Judge Steven Shaffer held Court March 19th in Preston County to hear five motions in the 11 count indictment of Trenton DiBartolomeo that includes multiple charges of strangulation, as well as kidnapping, conspiracy, burglary and driving under the influence. DiBartolomeo was brought to Court from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail where he has been held without bond pending trial since his arrest in April of 2025 following an alleged assault on Parsons.

DeBartolomeo was represented in Court by his co-counsel Attorney Jeremy Cooper. DeBartolomeo's regular attorney Phil Isner was not able to attend Court due to a scheduling conflict. Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins represented the State at the hearing.

The first motion heard by the Court was a motion by the defense to dismiss one of the Conspiracy charges in the case. Wilkins said she did not have any objections to dismissing Count Five of the Indictment for Conspiracy. Judge Shaffer granted the motion, which removed one of the two counts of Conspiracy from the Indictment.

A second motion by the defense was made to suppress statements based on a perceived diminished capacity by the defendant based on intoxication. Wilkins stated that the arresting officer was unavailable to testify that day and her expert witness had not been able to complete a report for the Court based on an evaluation of the defendant that had just been completed days prior. Wilkins asked the

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West Virginia Speaker of the House Roger Hanshaw has informed the Intermediate Court of Appeals of West Virginia that he now represents Fundamental Data, LLC, the company behind the controversial Ridgeline Power Plant Project proposed for construction between Davis and Thomas.

Speaker Hanshaw Signs on to Represent Fundamental Data, Governor Releases Data Center Fact Sheet

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Some new information has come out of Charleston in the continuing saga of the Ridgeline Project. Reports have come to light this week that the Speaker of the West Virginia House Roger Hanshaw, an Attorney with prominent Charleston based Bowles Rice, has filed with the Intermediate Court of Appeals of West Virginia to represent

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News of Record

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

- **Rick E. Degroff and Deborah Degroff**, Black Fork District, Lot 1 Porterwood, 1.068 acres; Lot 2 Porterwood, 1.068 acres; Lot 3 Porterwood, 1.910 acres to Samuel Urban and Hannah F. Urban, \$440,000.
- **Robert E. Kurz and Caroline Elizabeth Kur**, Davis Corporation, Lot 332, Tuscan Ridge to Matthew W. Parse and David F. Parse, jr., \$15,000.
- **Nicholas A. Capozzoli and Kathryn D.**

Capozzoli, Davis District, Lot 14, Blackwater Section, 5.44 acres to Matthew Evans and Juliana Anzalone, \$320,000.

- **John David Lynch, Jr.**, Dry Fork District, Parcel 3.52 acres and Lot 74 Northface, 0.312 acres to Stephen J. Callen and Lori K. Callen, \$1,575,000.
- **Jan Imlay and Glen Imlay**, Dry Fork District, Revocable Transfer on Death Deed – Lot 24, Windwood Fly-In Resort containing 0.333 acres +/- to Jan Imlay, Trustee, Imlay Revocable Trust and Glen Imlay, Trustee.
- **Kassidy D. Easter Nelson/AKA/Kas-**

sidy D. Easter, Dry Fork District, 17.44 acres to Kaden Nelson, \$5,000.

- **Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc.**, Dry Fork District, Timeshare Unit A6, Week 28 to Samantha Hyre and Anna Stewart, \$850.
- **BJ Nibert, Jerri J. Nibert, Thomas A. Stout and Paula J. Stout**, Dry Fork District, Lot 83, Winterhaven to No Sweat WV LLC, \$202,500.
- **Kathleen P. Craven and William Edward Adams, Jr.** Unit/Lot 30 Black Bear Woods to Brian M. Hockin and Meghan S. Rapp, \$265,000.

SENATORS

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center, rather than carbon-free energy sources such as solar, wind, storage, geothermal, and nuclear power? Do you dispute the health and climate harms described above that will result from your decision?

2. Are you planning to implement 90 percent carbon capture at the Ridgeline Facility, or otherwise reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 88.4% by 2032 as required under existing law? Are you planning to implement any carbon capture? If yes, what percent of total carbon emissions do you plan to capture?

3. Do you plan to trace your natural gas suppliers' actual emissions intensity? Will you use only certified gas sup-

pliers who responsibly reduce their methane leaks, vents, and releases?

4. Do you plan to use combined-cycle gas fired turbines, or do you plan to use mobile gas-fired generators, aeroderivative turbines, or reciprocating turbines? How did you make your decision?

5. Do you have plans in place to offset your greenhouse gas emissions, including the embedded emissions associated with the fuel you purchase? If yes, please describe in detail. If not, why not?

6. Did you conduct or commission any analysis, data, or calculations to assess whether the new gas plants realized

through your plans align with the IPCC's directive for net-zero world by 2050? If yes, please produce all relevant documents. If not, why not?

7. Reporting suggests that hyperscale data center operators often experience significant rates of return on investment. Please disclose your expected rate of return on this project. Would your project fail financially if you took any of the above responsible steps to reduce pollution and emissions?"

The document was sourced from the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works, which is chaired by West Virginia Senator Shelley Moore Capito.

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Court to defer the matter to a later date. She also argued that the motion had been made while she was in Jury Trial which did not afford her the time to properly prepare. Judge Shaffer said that to make a determination he required a report and testimony and that the burden would be on the State. The matter was deferred to a later date.

Motion three of the day was a request by the defense for the prosecution to disclose any requests for leniency by the victim. Attorney Cooper stated that he had been informed that there may have been statements and indications made by the victim that he wished leniency on the defendant.

"The victim has not recanted, has not asked to revoke charges," Wilkins said.

Wilkins said there had been a plea offer discussed. However, nothing has been put into writing as of the date of court. She said she could "everything into writing" if needed.

Judge Shaffer asked Attorney Cooper how any such statement, if they existed, would have any bearing on DiBartolomeo's guilt or innocence. Cooper said the matter rested on impeachment of the witness and the ability for the defense to establish reasonable doubt in the witness testimony.

The Court also cautioned the defense on the matter of potential witness intimidation. Wilkins said there have been jail calls that may be brought into discovery. The Judge also questioned how the defense received its information on what the victim was potentially saying.

"This court will not tolerate any sort of witness intimidation," Judge Shaffer said.

The Court would review potential discovery for impeachment purposes. He also ordered the prosecution to turn over anything that she felt relevant to the case as it came available.

Motion four was a motion by the defense to exclude the recordings from the house. These included audio and video from cameras placed in the victims home the night of the alleged assault. Cooper alleged that the defense had not been provided with all the relevant recordings and that his team had only been provided "snippets" of recordings with more available.

"I am not certain of what exists or does not exist," Cooper said.

Wilkins said that she was awaiting the arrival of a "data dump" of information from the State Crime Lab from electronic devices seized. A State Trooper was being sent with an external drive to retrieve the information and it was anticipated to be in the hands of the prosecution early the week of the 23rd.

This lead into the final motion, a motion by the prosecu-

tion to continue the trial, pending review of the new digital evidence and receipt of the mental evaluation and possible second opinion. The video dump alone was expected to contain several hours of footage from multiple cameras and cell phone data that would be used to establish where particular defendants were at what point during the incident.

"I don't have it, I don't know what all there is," Wilkins said. "There is potentially several hours of video evidence."

Attorney Cooper opposed the motion, claiming that there still remained adequate time to review all the new evidence and still go to trial the middle of April, as scheduled.

"I don't think it takes that long to do a device dump," Cooper said.

The Court acknowledged that the prosecution had not requested a continuance previously in the proceedings. Judge Shaffer then read into the record the motions and filings made to date in the case, which included a motion for a speedy trial made by the defense that was later withdrawn and motions for continuance and accommodation. Following a statement that if requesting a speedy trial the Court tries to accommodate and reminding those assembled that Mr. DiBartolomeo was facing life in prison if convicted, he knew it would not be a trial that could easily be rushed through.

"The Court always worries when someone asks for a speedy trial," Judge Shaffer said.

Judge Shaffer said that this was a complex case containing multiple defendants, many of which, who's cases have yet to proceed to where DiBartolomeo's has. The Court granted the motion for continuance and set a new date for trial in May.

"I want Mr. DiBartolomeo to have his day in Court as soon as possible, but I also want you guys to have time to get this evidence and review it. He's entitled to that," Judge Shaffer said.

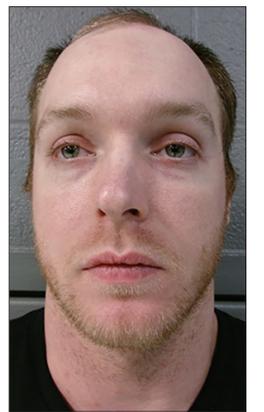
The Court coordinated with Judge Bright to set a trial date of May 18 – 22 with an alternative date of May 26 – June 1. A date for a final pretrial motions hearing was also set for April 28th with an alternate date of May 4th.

Following the proceedings of the Court, DeBartolomeo saw one Count of Conspiracy, a felony, dropped from his indictment. He currently faces the following ten charges going to trial: Count One: Burglary, a felony; Count Two: Conspiracy, a felony; Count Three: Interfering with Emergency Communications, a misdemeanor; Count Four: Kidnapping, a felony; Count Five: Strangulation, a felony; Count Six: Strangulation, a felony; Count Seven, Strangulation, a felony; Count Eight: Strangulation, a felony; Count

Nine: Strangulation, a felony and Count Ten: Driving Under the Influence, a misdemeanor.

DiBartolomeo is a co-defendant along with his brother, Cory DiBartolomeo, Levi McCauley and Crystal Hensley, who all face a litany of felony and misdemeanor charges in the April 5, 2025 incident on Overlook Drive in Parsons. All four defendants remain held without bond.

CORRECTION: In last week's Parsons Advocate, the wrong picture was ran for Trenton DiBartolomeo. The photo that ran was that of his brother and co-defendant Cory DiBartolomeo.



Trenton DiBartolomeo

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WorkForce West Virginia announces April 1 Statewide Virtual Job Fair

Charleston, W.Va. — WorkForce West Virginia today announced the next date in a series of Statewide Virtual Job Fairs. Both employers and job seekers are invited to participate in the virtual event on Wednesday, April 1, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

"We invite you to unlock your potential at WorkForce West Virginia's Statewide Virtual Job Fairs," said Scott Adkins, Acting Commissioner of WorkForce West Virginia. "Employers and job seekers are encouraged to seize this opportunity to connect and grow together. Since these Statewide Virtual Job Fairs began three years ago, the Virtual Job Fair has had 36,053 registered job seekers, 5,090 registered employers and 17,999 available job openings."

In March 2026, the Virtual Job Fair had 1,205 registered job seekers, 126 registered employers, and 953 available job openings.

Registration is required for both interested employers and job seekers. Register as a job seeker for the April 1 Statewide Virtual Job Fair.

When attending the event, job seekers are encouraged to dress professionally and have a calm, clutter-free background. The Virtual Statewide Job Fair portal features a Job Seeker Training video, a list of participating employers and channels for attendees to register and log in.

After registering for the first time, new employers will create a "Virtual Booth" to connect with job seekers. After completion, this booth will be available during subsequent job fairs. Register as an employer for the April 1 event.

For more information about WorkForce West Virginia and the Statewide Virtual Job Fairs, visit workforcewv.org or contact jobfair@wv.gov.

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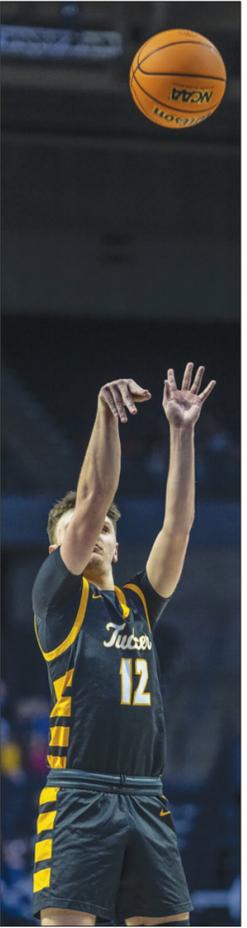
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SPORTS

Mt. Lions State Tournament Run: Quarterfinal Thriller, Semifinal Loss



By: Adam Freeman

The Mt. Lions marched into the state tournament and walked out with a statement win, knocking off No. 3 Huntington St. Joseph's in a nail-biting 59-57 thriller in the Class A opening quarterfinals, on Tuesday in Charleston, WV.

From the opening tip, it was clear this one would be anything but easy. St. Joe won the jump, but Tucker wasted no time setting the tone. Cayden Arnold got things rolling early with a strong drive to the basket, and Xander Lambert immediately made his presence felt on the glass, something that would become a theme all night.

Tucker's defense came out aggressive, forcing misses and turning rebounds into quick opportunities. Lambert dominated the boards in the first quarter, while Arnold and Carson Dearborn attacked the paint to give the Mt. Lions an early edge. By the end of the first, Tucker held a 16-13 lead, fueled by timely three-pointers from Mikey Mitchell and Arnold.

But St. Joe wasn't going anywhere.

The Irish battled back in the second quarter, capitalizing on turnovers and second-chance points to take their first lead. Every Tucker run was answered in a fast-paced, physical stretch. By halftime, the game was deadlocked at 23-23, setting up a second half that felt more like a championship bout than a quarterfinal. That's when Tucker flipped the switch.

Coming out of the break, the Mt. Lions found their rhythm. Dearborn knocked down a huge three, Mitchell followed with another, and suddenly Tucker had breathing room. Lambert continued to control the paint, while Ethan Cummings and Sam Marks added key buckets to push the lead. By the end of the third quarter, Tucker was back in front 38-34, riding a surge of momentum.

Still, no one in the building thought this one was over, and they were right. The fourth quarter turned into a full-on war.

Tucker had a lead as much as 9 in the final frame, however, St. Joe chipped away possession by possession, cutting the lead to just a few points in the final minute. But Tucker stayed composed. Marks delivered clutch fast-break layups, Arnold attacked the rim when it mattered most, and Mitchell calmly sank free throws down the stretch. The tension inside the arena was electric. But Tucker didn't flinch. A final defensive stand, highlighted by yet another big block from Arnold, sealed the deal.

With 2 seconds left, St. Joe buried a three to make it a two-point game, but at this point Tucker was celebrating.

Final score, Tucker County 59, Huntington St. Joseph's 57.

With the win, the Mt. Lions now turned their attention to a familiar foe, advancing to face the No. 2 Tug Valley Panthers in what was shaped up to be a highly anticipated rivalry showdown in the next round.

C. Dearborn 14pts, 5 reb, 1st, 1 stl, FT 1-3; C. Arnold 12pts, 1 reb, 3 ast, 3 blk, FT 3-4; M. Mitchell 12 pts, 7 reb, 3 ast, 1 stl, FT 4-6; S. Marks 7 pts, 8 reb, 1 ast, 2 bk, 2 stl, FT 1-6; E. Cummings 7 pts, 3 reb, FT 1-4; X. Lambert 5 pts, 8 reb, 2 ast, 1 blk, 1 stl, FT 1-2; J. Black 2 pts, 2 reb, 2 ast.

3-Point Field Goals (6-15)

Dearborn (3) Mitchell (2) Arnold (1)

Tucker County came into the semifinal matchup fired up on Thursday, ready to battle their rivals, the Tug Valley Panthers, and from the opening tip, you could feel the intensity of a Charleston atmosphere with everything on the line.

The Mt. Lions didn't back down early. Even after a couple of tough turnovers to start, Tucker settled in behind strong play from Ethan Cummings and Cayden Arnold. A huge three from Sam Marks midway through the first gave Tucker life, and Mikey Mitchell's late bucket brought them within one. After a fast, physical opening stretch, Tucker trailed by just a point at the end of the first, 15-14.

The second quarter was a grind. Tucker fought hard in the paint, with Cummings and Arnold battling for tough buckets, and Carson Dearborn stepping up at the line to keep things close. The Mt. Lions even grabbed a brief lead after a strong inside finish by Arnold. But Tug Valley answered late, knocking down a three just before the buzzer to shift momentum heading into the locker room with a seven-point lead, 27-20.

Coming out of the break, Tucker showed perseverance. Sam Marks and Carson Dearborn helped spark a push, and the Mt. Lions kept attacking, refusing to let the moment slip away. But Tug Valley capitalized on turnovers and second-chance opportunities, slowly building their lead to 46-34. Even with big plays from Arnold and Marks, Tucker found themselves chasing, heading into the fourth.

In the final quarter, the fight never faded. Ethan Cummings added another strong finish inside, and Cayden Arnold knocked down back-to-back threes late, bringing energy and heart in the closing minutes. But the Panthers controlled the tempo and sealed the game at the line, with a final of 56-43.

Not only did this loss mark the end of the Mt. Lions' run in Charleston, but it was also a farewell to a senior class that helped define this team.

Sam Marks, Carson Dearborn, Xander Lambert, Mikey Mitchell, and Jonathan Black played their final game of Tucker County basketball. Through wins and losses, big moments and quiet ones, they showed what it means to wear the Mt. Lions jersey. They led by example and battled every game.

No doubt, Tucker will be back next year at the Charleston Coliseum, as they have a strong junior class and a rising group of underclassmen eager to continue the tradition.

C. Arnold 17 pts, 7 reb, 1 ast, 2 blk, FT 1-1; E. Cummings 9 pts, 1 reb, FT 1-2; S. Marks 8 pts, 4 reb, 2 ast, 1 stl, FT 1-2; C. Dearborn 4 pts, 5 reb, 1 stl, FT 2-2; M. Mitchell 2 pts, 7 reb, 1 ast, 1 blk; J. Black 2 pts, 1 reb, FT 2-2; X. Lambert 1 pt, 7 reb, FT 1-2.

3-Point Field Goals (3-19)

Arnold (2) Marks (1)

Cayden Arnold was selected to the All-Tournament Team.

Strong Weekend for Youth Travel Teams



Shinnston Invitational 3rd/4th Boys Champions

L to R: Coach Dustin Luzier, Kye Shillingburg, Brayden Pregley, Ashton Roberts, Beau Barb, Nevin Luzier, Landon Smith, Zayden Williams, Ty Bonner, Jake Herron, Coach Skylar Roberts and Coach Devin Smith

By: Adam Freeman

Three youth travel basketball teams took on another tournament in Shinnston, West Virginia this past weekend, turning in an impressive set of results, once again.

The boys 3rd/4th grade team took home the championship, leading the way with a solid performance. The girls 3rd/4th grade team finished as runners-up, as did the 5th grade boys team, with both squads battling hard throughout the tournament.

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Sports: Spring Schedules

TUCKER VALLEY MIDDLE					
Mid/Jr Softball Schedule Events					
1	03/24/26	6PM	A -	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH	-
2	03/26/26	6PM	H -	PENDLETON COUNTY	-
3	03/30/26	6PM	H -	CENTRAL PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	-
4	04/01/26	6PM	A -	PETERSBURG	-
5	04/08/26	6PM	H -	BRUCETON SCHOOL	-
6	04/09/26	6PM	A -	TERRA ALTA EAST PRESTON SCHOOL	-
7	04/13/26	6PM	H -	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH	-
8	04/15/26	6PM	A -	PENDLETON COUNTY	-
9	04/17/26	6PM	A -	BARBOUR COUNTY	-
10	04/21/26	6PM	A -	BRUCETON SCHOOL	-
11	04/22/26	6PM	H -	PETERSBURG	-
12	04/23/26	6PM	A -	CENTRAL PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	-
13	04/28/26	6PM	H -	BARBOUR COUNTY	-
14	04/29/26	6PM	H -	TERRA ALTA EAST PRESTON SCHOOL	-
15	05/01/26	6PM	A -	WEST PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	-
16	05/07/26	6PM	H -	WEST PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	-

TUCKER COUNTY					
Senior Softball Schedule Events					
1	03/16/26	5PM	A -	SCRIMMAGE @RCB	-
2	03/25/26	6PM	A -	EAST HARDY	-
3	03/27/26	6PM	H -	PHILIP BARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL	-
4	03/31/26	6PM	H -	MOOREFIELD	-
5	04/02/26	6PM	H -	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH	-
6	04/03/26	6PM	A -	GILMER COUNTY	-
7	04/06/26	6PM	H -	SOUTHERN GARRETT, MD H.S.	-
8	04/07/26	6PM	A -	PETERSBURG	-
9	04/10/26	6PM	H -	GILMER COUNTY	-
10	04/14/26	6PM	A -	PENDLETON COUNTY	-
11	04/16/26	6PM	H -	PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL	-
12	04/17/26	6PM	H -	EAST HARDY	-
13	04/21/26	6PM	A -	PHILIP BARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL	-
14	04/23/26	6PM	A -	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH	-
15	04/24/26	6PM	H -	PETERSBURG	-
16	04/27/26	430PM	A -	SOUTHERN GARRETT, MD H.S.	-
17	04/30/26	6PM	H -	PENDLETON COUNTY	-
18	05/02/26	12PM	A -	MOOREFIELD	-
19	05/05/26	4PM	A -	POCAHONTAS COUNTY	-
20	05/05/26	6PM	A -	POCAHONTAS COUNTY	-
21	05/07/26	6PM	A -	PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL	-
22	05/11/26	TBDPM	H -	REGIONALS MAY 11-23	-
23	05/27/26	TBDPM	A -	STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT MAY 27-29	-

TUCKER VALLEY MIDDLE					
Mid/Jr Baseball Schedule Events					
1	03/26/26	6:00PM	H -	CENTRAL PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	-
2	03/30/26	5:30PM	A -	PETERSBURG	-
3	04/03/26	6PPM	A -	TERRA ALTA EAST PRESTON SCHOOL	-
4	04/07/26	TBDPM	A -	HARMAN (WIHS - MS FIRST)	-
5	04/08/26	6:00PM	H -	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH	-
6	04/09/26	5:30PM	H -	PENDLETON COUNTY	-
7	04/14/26	5:30PM	A -	PENDLETON COUNTY	-
8	04/15/26	6:00PM	A -	CENTRAL PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	-
9	04/21/26	5:30PM	H -	PETERSBURG	-
10	04/23/26	6:00PM	H -	TERRA ALTA EAST PRESTON SCHOOL	-
11	04/24/26	6:00PM	H -	BRUCETON SCHOOL	-
12	04/27/26	TBDPM	H -	HARMAN (WIHS - MS FIRST)	-
13	04/28/26	6:00PM	H -	WEST PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	-
14	05/01/26	6:00PM	A -	BUCKHANNON-UPSHUR MIDDLE	-
15	05/05/26	6:00PM	A -	BRUCETON SCHOOL	-
16	05/06/26	6:00PM	A -	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH	-
17	05/07/26	6:00PM	A -	WEST PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	-

TUCKER COUNTY					
Senior Baseball Schedule Events					
1	03/26/26	6:00PM	A -	MOOREFIELD	-
2	03/28/26	12:00PM	A -	SOUTHERN GARRETT, MD H.S.	-
3	03/31/26	5:30PM	A -	PETERSBURG	-
4	04/01/26	5:00PM	A -	EAST HARDY	-
5	04/06/26	5:00PM	A -	PENDLETON COUNTY	-
6	04/07/26	5:30PM	A -	HARMAN	-
7	04/09/26	6:00PM	A -	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH	-
8	04/13/26	5:00PM	H -	PENDLETON COUNTY	-
9	04/16/26	5:30PM	H -	PETERSBURG	-
10	04/20/26	6:00PM	H -	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH	-
11	04/22/26	5:30PM	A -	PHILIP BARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL	-
12	04/23/26	6:00PM	A -	GRAFTON	-
13	04/27/26	6:00PM	H -	HARMAN	-
14	05/01/26	6:00PM	H -	EAST HARDY	-
15	05/02/26	12:00PM	H -	SOUTHERN GARRETT, MD H.S.	-
16	05/04/26	5:00PM	A -	GILMER COUNTY	-
17	05/05/26	6:00PM	H -	MOOREFIELD	-

TUCKER VALLEY MIDDLE					
Mid/Jr Track(B) Schedule Events					
1	03/29/25	10:00AM	A -	CONNECT-BRIDGEPORT INVITATIONAL	-
2	04/02/25	4:00PM	A -	EAST HARD MS MEET #1	-
3	04/09/25	4:00PM	A -	PETERSBURG MS MEET #1	-
4	04/17/25	5:00PM	A -	MARION CO. MS MEET #4	-
5	04/24/25	4:00PM	A -	PRESTON CHARLIE PRITT MS INVITATIONAL	-
6	05/09/25	4:00PM	A -	MORGANTOWN RUNNING INVITATIONAL	-
7	05/17/25	10:00AM	A -	HARRY GREEN STATEWIDE MS INVITATIONAL	-

TUCKER COUNTY					
Senior Track(B) Schedule Events					
1	03/27/26	4:00PM	A -	DODDRIDGE COUNTY	-
2	03/31/26	4:30PM	A -	KEYSER	-
3	04/03/26	12:00PM	A -	ELKINS	-
4	04/07/26	3:30PM	A -	MOOREFIELD	-
5	04/11/26	11:30AM	A -	MORGANTOWN	-
6	04/14/26	4:30PM	A -	BUCKHANNON-UPSHUR	-
7	04/21/26	4:30PM	A -	BUCKHANNON-UPSHUR	-
8	04/24/26	4:00PM	A -	DODDRIDGE COUNTY	-
9	04/28/26	3:30PM	A -	MOOREFIELD	-
10	04/30/26	3:00AM	A -	PVC@EAST HARDY	-
11	05/12/26	TBAPM	A -	REGIONAL @ KEYSER	-
12	05/22/26	12:00PM	A -	STATE @ CHARLESTON	-

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CANDIDATE FILING FOR PARSONS MUNICIPAL ELECTION
Parsons, West Virginia - The filing period for local residents interested in running in the upcoming Parsons Municipal Election will open at 8:00 AM (EDT) on Monday, April 6, 2026, and continue through midnight (EDT) on Friday, April 10, 2026. This year's Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. The following positions will be open:

Position	Ward	Vacancies	Term of Office
Mayor (Four Year)	N/A	1	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2030
Council Member (Two Year)	1	1	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2028
Council Member (Four Year)	1	1	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2030
Council Member (Two Year)	2	1	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2028
Council Member (Four Year)	2	2	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2030

Candidates must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a registered voter in the City of Parsons, and reside in the ward that he or she wishes to represent. Candidate filing packets may be picked up at the Parsons Business Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM (EDT) to 4:00 PM (EDT). Early voting by mail for the Parsons Municipal Election begins Wednesday, May 30, 2026 and ends Saturday, June 6, 2026. For additional information, please contact the Parsons Business Office at (304) 478-2311.

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until April 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
012	2025470008	S347-38-6.00 00	STBG-0038(030)D ContWrkTyp Hobson Run Rd - Clover Run Rd Midpoint of Project COUNTY: TUCKER

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 deferral, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

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

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345
TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.
APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
Public Notice No.: L-35-26 **Public Notice Date:** March 25, 2026
Paper: Parsons Advocate
 The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility or activity:
App. No.: WV0081124
Applicant: WV DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
 P.E.M.
 112 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
 CHARLESTON, WV 25305
Location: DAVIS - CANAAN VALLEY ST PK, TUCKER COUNTY
Latitude: 39:01:00 **Longitude:** 79:27:30
Receiving Stream: Blackwater River
Activity:
 To operate and maintain an existing wastewater collection system and a 0.1 million gallons per day extended aeration wastewater treatment plant. This treatment system serves Canaan Valley State Park facilities including the park lodge and cabin area, campground, ski complex, maintenance area, and a maximum of 1,000 gallons per day of swimming pool backwash water. The treated wastewater discharges and flows through a lift station to the golf course ponds at fairways No. 9 and No. 10, then via Outlet 003 to the Blackwater River at approximately Milepoint 31.3.
 Also, an antidegradation review has been conducted and Tier 1 protection is provided for the uses specified in Title 47, Series 2, Section 6. Further, the requirements for the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Blackwater River have been met. Also, to incorporate the requirements relative to Title 33, Series 2 of the West Virginia Legislative Rules for the processing and disposal of sewage sludge generated by the wastewater treatment plant. Sewage sludge generated and/or processed at the permittee's facility shall be removed only by a septage hauler certified and registered under either General Permit No. WVSG10000 or General Permit No. WVSG20000.
Business conducted: State Park
Implementation:
 Compliance shall be attained through Consent Order No. 8471 and 9940.
 On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 1 I-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.
 Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:
 Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
 ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section
 601 57th Street SE
 Charleston, WV 25304-2345
 lori.k.devereux@wv.gov
 The public comment period begins March 25, 2026 and ends April 24, 2026.
 Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application.
 Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.
 The application, draft permit and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.

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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)
Anna Marie McVicker	Keith D. McVicker
1st publication 3/18/26	572 Thomas Ave.
2nd publication 3/25/26	Davis, WV 26260

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

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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)
Eric Scott Pennington	Kathleen Elen Coberly
1st publication 3/25/26	444 Brooklyn Heights Rd
2nd publication 04/1/26	Parsons, WV 26287

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

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

Kaitlynn Barkley
 174 Spruce St.
 Parsons, WV 26287
 Plaintiff

v.
 Alesha McKinney
 127 Bretz Back Rd
 Hambleton, WV 26269
 Defendant

Civil Action No. 26-M47C-00016

The object of the above entitled action is a Wrongful Occupation against the above defendant. The Defendant was last noted at the above address of 127 Bretz Back Rd., Hambleton, WV.
 And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that an Answer be filed by April 28, 2026 at the Tucker County Magistrate Court, 211 First St., Ste. 303, Parsons, WV 26287. Failure to Answer may result in Default Judgment against the defendant.
 It is ordered that Alesha McKinney do serve upon Riley H. Barb, Magistrate, whose address is 211 First St., Ste. 303, Parsons, WV 26287, an answer or other defense to the complaint filed in this action on or before April 28, 2026, otherwise judgement by default will be taken against Alesha McKinney at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.
 Entered by the Clerk of said Court Tucker County Magistrate Court

Brenda J. Arnold
 Magistrate Court Clerk

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CORRECTIVE NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS*

Date of Publication: March 25, 2026

Woodlands Development Group, Inc.
316 Railroad Ave.
Elkins, WV 26241
304-404-2300

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Woodlands Development Group, Inc.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after April 10, 2026, Woodlands Development Group will submit a request to the WV Division of Economic Development for the release of Appalachian Regional Commission funds under Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Rt. 33 Broadband Deployment Project ARC Project #PW-20449

Purpose: This project will construct and deploy roughly 58 miles of middle and last-mile broadband fiber network in Tucker and Randolph Counties. Backbone fiber will run from Elkins along Route 33, through Bowden, Harman, Canaan Valley, and end in Davis.

Location: This project is located in the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Elkins, Bowden, Harman, Whitmer, Laneville, Blackwater Falls, and Davis 7.5 minute quadrangles of Randolph and Tucker Counties, West Virginia.

Estimated Cost: ARC Grant funding will be \$2,500,000.00 and the total project cost is estimated to be \$4,431,161.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Woodlands Development Group has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file in the Woodland Development Office at 316 Railroad Ave., Elkins, WV 26241 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 AM to 4 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Region VII Planning & Development Office via email to cwallace@regionvii.com or USPS to Carrie Wallace at P.O. Box 849, Buckhannon, WV 26201. All comments received by April 9, 2026, will be considered by the Woodlands Development Group prior to the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Woodlands Development Group certifies to the WSJ Division of Economic Development that Dave Clark in his capacity as Executive Director consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. WV Division of Economic Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Woodlands Development Group to use ARC program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Division of Economic Development will accept objections to its release of fund and Woodlands Development Groups' certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Woodlands Development Group; (b) Woodlands Development Group has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the WV Division of Economic Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Division of Economic Development, WV Office of Broadband at 1900 Kanawha Blvd., East; Capitol Complex, Building 6 Suite 600; Charleston, WV 25305. Potential objectors should contact the state office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

***This corrective notice is necessary to change the Responsible Entity from the Town of Davis to Woodlands Development Group.**
Dave Clark, Executive Director

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**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF DAVIS

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

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

REVENUE SOURCE

Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	317,816
Property Taxes - Current Expense		181,937
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		2,500
Excise Tax on Utilities		104,000
Wine & Liquor Tax		25,000
Animal Control Tax		160
Hotel Occupancy Tax		321,000
Licenses		8,000
Building Permit Fees		5,000
Franchise Fees		4,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		35,000
Rents, Royalties and Concessions		100
Refuse Collection		75,000
Gaming Income		11,000
Refunds		1,500
Filing Fees		40
Video Lottery (LVL)		412
Miscellaneous Revenues (provide details on 'Explanations' tab)		2,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$	1,094,965

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE

Assigned Fund Balance (Coal Fund Only)	\$	7,600
Coal Severance Tax		1,900
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$	9,500

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	\$ 600	\$ -
Recorder's Office	600	-
Regional Development Authority	690	-
Elections	2,000	-
City Hall	95,000	9,500
Streets and Highways	261,218	-
Street Lights	15,000	-
Central Garage	15,000	-
Landfill / Incinerator Department	106,208	-
Parks & Recreation	156,500	-
Visitors Bureau	160,500	-
Community Center	90,272	-
Arts & Humanities	126,377	-
Beautification Programs	65,000	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,094,965	\$ 9,500

MUNICIPALITY OF DAVIS

Regular Current Expense Levy

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027

Certificate of Valuation

Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
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CLASS I

Personal Property	\$ 0	8.79	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0

CLASS II

Real Estate	\$ 32,542,900	17.58	\$ 57,210
Personal Property	182,757		321
Total Class II	\$ 32,725,657		\$ 57,531

CLASS IV

Real Estate	\$ 33,171,580	35.16	\$ 116,631
Personal Property	6,173,870		21,707
Public Utility	2,957,467		10,398
Total Class IV	\$ 42,302,917		\$ 148,736

Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 75,028,574		\$ 206,267
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%		10,313
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)	2.00%		3,919
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			7,327
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 184,708
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	1.50%		2,771

(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)

Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes \$ 181,937

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF Tucker
MUNICIPALITY OF DAVIS

I, Jess Tucker, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 11th day of March 2026.

Jess Tucker
(Signature)
Town Recorder
(Official Title of Recording Officer)

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 26-0108-E-CN
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and
THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate an approximate 1200 MW combined cycle gas plant at its existing Ft. Martin power station in Monongalia County, West Virginia and to construct 70 MWs of solar generation at three sites.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On February 13, 2026, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (Companies) filed an application requesting issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to W.Va. Code §24-2-11 along with rate recovery. The specific request is for Mon Power to construct and operate an approximate 1200 MW combined cycle gas plant at its existing Ft. Martin power station in Monongalia County, West Virginia, and to construct 70 MW of solar generation at three sites: Wylie Ridge, near Weirton; Davis, near the Town of Davis; and Valley Point, near Albright, WV. The Companies state the new generation resources are needed to meet increasing customer demand for electric power and would not materially impact their existing coal-fired power plants.

The anticipated cost of the new generation is approximately \$2.7 billion. The Companies requested a surcharge to recover the financing costs of the project during the construction period, and to recover the costs associated with owning and operating the projects after they are placed in service. The surcharge would begin the month after approval by the Commission. The initial surcharge is proposed to impact customer bills as shown below:

	Average\$ Increase Per month	% Increase
Residential	\$1.18	0.9%
Commercial	\$2.86	0.7%
Industrial	\$1,870.82	0.9%
Streetlighting	\$0.26	0.1%

The average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours (kWhs) per month would see an increase in the monthly bill of \$1.18, from \$138.09 to \$139.27 or a 0.9 percent increase.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on July 16 and 17, 2026 The hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene not later than April 10, 2026. All petitions to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and
THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

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

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

**APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA SOLID WASTE FACILITY / NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
Public Notice No.: SW-06-26 Public Notice Date(s): March 25, 2026
April 4, 2026**

Paper: *The Parson Advocate*

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

Appl. No.: SWF-8295 / WV0109126
Applicant: Tucker County Solid Waste Authority
284 Landfill Road
Davis, WV 26260

Location: THOMAS, TUCKER COUNTY
Latitude: 39° 08' 32" N **Longitude:** 79° 28' 20" W
Physical Location: 0.3 miles northwest of the intersection of Route 32 and Route 93, between Thomas and Davis

Receiving Stream: Unnamed tributary of Pendleton Run

Activity: Tucker County Landfill may receive municipal solid waste, including but not limited to, paper, glass, metal, food waste, construction/demolition debris, and household waste. No infectious or hazardous waste will be accepted at this facility.

Construct, operate, and maintain a commercial sanitary landfill, incorporating the activities of disposal, compaction, grading, construction, installation of a closure cap, covering, revegetation, vermin/pest control, drainage and sediment control, access control, leachate management, surface water control, gas management, groundwater monitoring, surface water monitoring, post-closure site monitoring, and construction of other structures and appurtenances as indicated in the attached permit documents.

To operate, and maintain a leachate collection, storage, and pretreatment system and best management practices comprised of a leachate collection system under the fill, and composite lined leachate basin/pretreatment system. The collected leachate will be trucked to the City of Fairmont's, the City of Thomas', the City of Weston's, the City of Elkin's, the City of Petersburg's, the City of Clarksburg's, and the Upper Potomac River Commission of Westport, Maryland Wastewater Treatment Plants.

To operate and maintain a storm water management system consisting of three sedimentation basins. Sediment Basin 1 (1.8 ac-ft) discharges directly into an unnamed tributary of Pendleton Run 800 feet from the mouth. This discharge point is designated Outlet 001 at Latitude 39° 08' 36" N and Longitude 79° 28' 22" W. Sediment Basin 2 (2.9 ac-ft) discharges directly into an unnamed tributary of Pendleton Run 2200 feet from the mouth. This discharge point is designated Outlet 002 at Latitude 39° 08' 36" N and Longitude 79° 28' 34" W. Sediment Basin 5 (2.9 ac-ft) discharges directly into an unnamed tributary of Pendleton Run 1750 feet from the mouth. This discharge point is designated Outlet 005 at Latitude 39° 08' 44.64" N and Longitude 79° 21' 38.61" W.

Business conducted: Municipal Solid Waste Landfill

Implementation: N/A

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

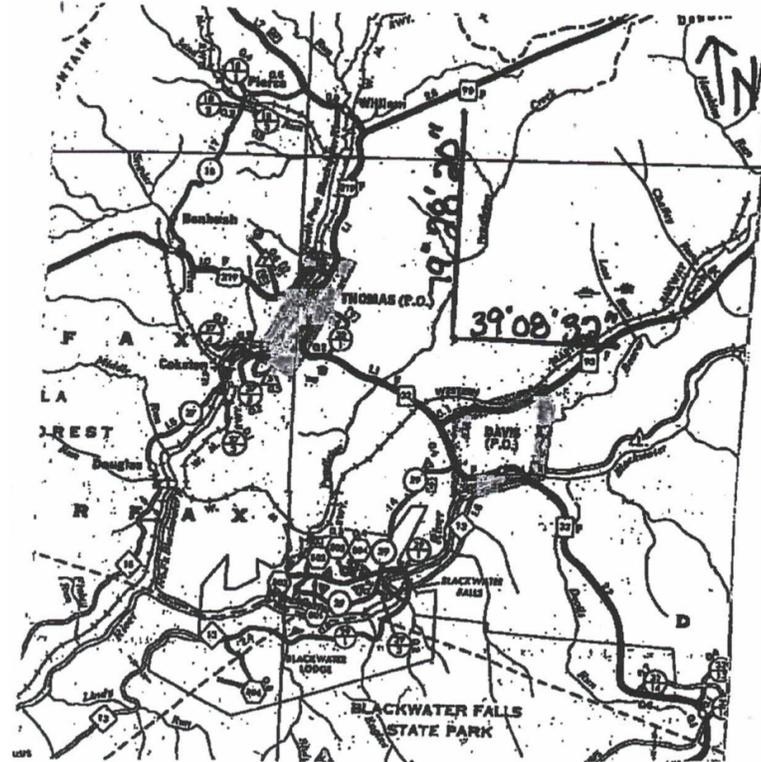
Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the first date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Kenneth Wandling, Solid Waste Permitting Unit
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345
kenneth.wandling@wv.gov

The public comment period begins March 25, 2026 and ends on April 24, 2026.

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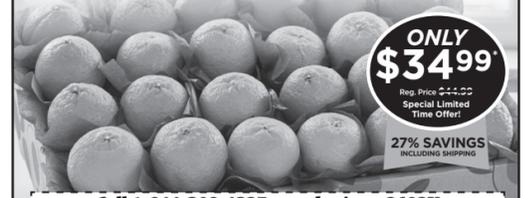
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You may qualify for supplemental food. The Blackwater Ministerial Association's Food Pantry operates the first Wednesday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00 at 374 Quail Ridge Road (across from Davis-Thomas Elementary / Middle School. Stop by, sign up and bring home bags of food.

Lenten Services 2026

- March 26 V.J. Davis
 - April 2 Bill Hardy
- Luncheon will be provided from noon to 1 pm.

Free Friday

Will be held at the First United Methodist Church on March 27, at 6 pm. We will be serving pulled pork bbq sandwiches and other sandwiches, and side dishes such as cole slaw, macaroni and potato salad, baked beans and others, desserts and drinks. Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship.

No Kings Rally in Thomas

(Thomas, WV) On March 28th, local Tucker County residents will come together with millions of Americans in a nationwide day of non-violent protest at the third No Kings National Day of Non-violent Action. Join us at the bank parking lot on Front Street in Thomas from noon to 2 p.m. this Saturday, March 28. The event is organized by WV Highlands Indivisible.

Five Rivers Public Library

Candle painting
March 30, 2026 @ 4:30-6:30
Free community Event
Snack & drink provided

Democratic Executive Committee Meeting

The Tucker County Democratic Executive Committee will hold its 1st quarter meeting, Via ZOOM, Monday, March 30 at 6 p.m. Use this link to join this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86511980842?pwd=pwai4cmXIMFCGCIc9z6aVwtgLFzCDI.1>

Meeting ID: 865 1198 0842 Passcode: 853692

Easter Program

M&Ms of Easter will be the Hendricks Free Methodist Children's Church program. Come celebrate Easter with the children on Wednesday, March 25 at 6 p.m. Find out what the M&Ms stand for in Easter. Refreshments will follow.

On April 1 there will be a Passover Meal for the Children's Church.

Good Friday Services will be at noon on Friday, April 3.

Easter Services will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 5.

Dairyland Donkey Ball, LLC from Chippewa Falls, WI and the Tucker Community Foundation present:

WHAT: Donkey Basketball Fundraising Show

WHEN: Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m.

WHO: This Donkey Basketball Fundraising Show Benefits the Miranda Trader Maxwell Memorial Fund!

WHERE: TCHS Gym

Online Advance Ticket Sales end on Thursday, April 2 at 6 p.m. Scan QR Code for advance tickets. Advance tickets \$10, at door \$15. Show code at door or will call table. Children under 5 admitted free.

Corridor H Workshop

The Go North Alliance is hosting a Corridor H Public Information Workshop on April 7 at the Thomas Senior Center on Spruce Street. The event will run twice, once at 2 p.m. and once at 7 p.m. Come and learn what is going on with Corridor H and help us create a community-conscious Northern Route! Contact loki@saveblackwater.org for any questions.

Membership Workshop

EXCEL Training & Microsoft WORD Overview (presented by Tucker County Chamber of Commerce)

Tuesday, April 14th
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Davis Town Hall

Led by Mayor Alan Tomson Learn from an expert. Retired US Army, Senior Executive specializing in business transformation.

No Registration Necessary
Bring a laptop if you have one

Trip Committee

The Tucker County Senior Center Director is trying to form a committee to help plan fun and exciting trips. If you have interest in working on the committee please reach out to the Senior Center at 304-478-2423.

Lancaster, PA Trip

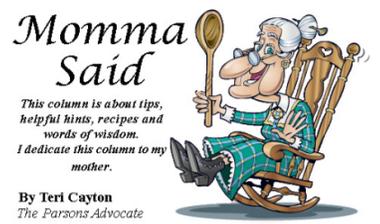
The Tucker County Senior Center is hosting a trip to Lancaster, Pa. on June 16, 17 and 18. We will be seeing a new production of Joshua, The trip features: two nights lodging, 2 breakfast meals, 2 dinners – a Smorgasbord Dinner and meal at an Amish House, countryside tour, film presentation of Jacob's Choice and other stops as well. The price is \$569 per person Double Occupancy. Call the Senior Center at 304-478-2423 to sign up.

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

The youth of today are regressing when it comes to everything I was taught in school. They are not taught to write cursive, they know nothing of geography, proper spelling of the English language or even how to make change from a purchase made with cash, those were the fundamentals of teaching. **Momma Said**, "How can a student graduate who can't even make change for a dollar?"

We were taught how to balance a checkbook, which doesn't exist anymore, world geography and penmanship. Now, the youth of today do everything on their phones, without cash being present, don't care what is going on in the world and don't write anything. If it can't be done through a text, they just don't communicate.

I will have to say, my typing teacher would be impressed at how many words they can type a minute but appalled by



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their spelling. I know I don't use every last little thing I learned in school but I have the brain to use it if necessary. There are a lot of things a person learns in life that may or may not be useful but there may come a time when just once it may save your life.

I would like to think that if the unheard of happens and we, as a nation, are under duress that there are still some, of a younger generation, that can stand tall and make me proud to be an American. **Momma Said**, "That statement can never be taken away from me and if you don't like America, I will buy the one-way ticket out for you. **STAND TALL AND BE PROUD!**"

Maple Glazed Salmon

Ingredients

- 4 salmon fillets
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¼ teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch
- Optional garnish: sesame seeds, chopped fresh parsley, or green onions

Instructions

- In a small bowl, whisk together the maple syrup, soy sauce, minced garlic, garlic salt, and black pepper until well combined.
- Wrap each salmon fillet individually in tin foil, creating a pouch. Place the fillets in a shallow baking dish and pour the maple syrup mixture over them, ensuring each fillet is well coated. Seal the pouches tightly to keep the marinade on the fillets. Marinate in the refrigerator for no more than 30 minutes.
- Preheat the oven to 400°F. Place the baking dish with the salmon pouches on a baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes.

- While the salmon is baking, prepare another baking sheet by lining it with tin foil and lightly greasing it with cooking spray.
- After 20 minutes, remove the salmon from the oven. Carefully open the pouches and transfer the fillets to the prepared baking sheet, reserving the liquid from the pouches.
- Pour the reserved liquid into a small saucepan and whisk in ½ teaspoon of cornstarch. Cook over medium-high heat for 2-3 minutes, stirring constantly, until the sauce thickens slightly.
- Increase the oven temperature to broil. Return the salmon fillets to the oven and broil for 5 minutes, or until the glaze is caramelized and the edges are slightly crispy.
- Remove the salmon from the oven and transfer to serving plates. Drizzle the thickened maple sauce over each fillet. Garnish with sesame seeds, chopped fresh parsley, or green onions, if desired. Serve with your favorite side dishes. Enjoy!



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.wvenyclopedia.org.

March 25, 1878: Attorney General Armistead Abraham "Cousin Abe" Lilly was born at Jumping Branch, Summers County. Lilly appealed the Virginia Debt Suit to the U.S. Supreme Court; when settled, it was estimated that Lilly had saved the state a large sum of money.

March 26, 1851: Upshur County was

created from parts of Randolph, Lewis and Barbour counties, with Buckhannon as the county seat.

March 26, 1863: The state's first constitution was overwhelmingly ratified by the voters, by a majority of 28,321 to 572. The constitution was drafted during the state's first Constitutional Convention at the federal custom house in Wheeling.

March 26, 1920: Aviator Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins was born. She was the first Black woman to become a solo pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training Program at West

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Weather Totals

Mar. 10 - Mar. 17, 2026

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 78° F
Min 20° F

Precipitation

Week 0.82"
March 2.91"
2026 8.34"

Snowfall

New Snow 5"
Snow on ground 5"
Winter Total 45.5"

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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- ◆◆ Challenging
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Super Crossword MEAGER MEAL

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Colon's meaning in analogies	1 Caesar's "vidi," translated
5 Casino IOU	2 "Late Night" host Meyers
9 Honcho	3 Able to read minds
13 Fruits to bob for	4 Express a view
19 Flow slowly	5 Musical staff symbol
20 Jay of jest	6 One who saves the day
21 Sinful	7 Wild about
22 Artist Monet	8 Pomeranian, e.g.
23 Free	9 Deprived (of)
25 — avis (unusual thing)	10 Egg-shaped Assistant on iPhones
26 Ottawa's land	11 Assistant on iPhones
27 Start of a riddle	12 Pomeranian, e.g.
30 By means of	13 Accumulate, as interest
31 Response to a punch	14 Modeling compound for kids
32 Clunker	15 Twinge of guilt, e.g.
33 State whose cap. is Boise	16 Oahu feast
35 Riddle, part 2	17 Water whirl
46 Touch-me — (explosive plants)	18 Briny body
48 Cellphone game, often	24 Sharp remark
49 — Trapp family	28 Cry of Homer Simpson
50 Stable animal	29 Actor Byrnes or fielder
51 Riddle, part 3	30 State firmly
58 Locality	31 Variety
59 Squirms, as in pain	41 Like most musical works with five sharps
	42 Civil rights figure Parks
	43 Dentist's tool
	44 Lauder of cosmetics
	45 Oboe inserts
	47 Occupy, as a table
	52 More or enoki, informally
	53 Narrate
	54 Comply with
	55 City that's home to Tufts University
	56 As far as
	62 End of a college's URL
	64 Go very fast
	65 Earlier
	68 Language of Bangkok
	69 Infamous Idi Roush
	70 Ye — name for a general?
	71 Relaxation
	72 Met offering
	73 Cartoon
	74 Islamic God
	75 "Oro y —" (Montana's motto)
	79 Representing
	80 Often-twisted cookies
	81 French river or department
	83 "... some kind of —?"
	84 Ran in the wash
	85 Q7 or A8 carmaker
	86 Lead-in to care or gap, in health care
	87 Impose — on (illegalize)
	90 Gear tooth
	91 Owns
	93 Book of hymns
	98 From the distant past
	99 High degree
	100 Conquer
	101 That gal
	102 A-list groups
	103 Yummy
	108 Apt first
	109 Actress Skye
	110 Leave off
	111 — pot (congestion clearer)
	112 Cain's father
	113 Flower jar
	114 Lake abutting Ohio
	115 Thus
	116 Close tightly
	117 Lose vibrancy
	118 Spanish pot
	119 — Bator, Mongolia
	120 Mean mutt

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HISTORY

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Virginia State College (now University). She was prevented from joining the Tuskegee Airmen due to her gender.

March 27, 1826: Laura Jackson Arnold, the younger sister of Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson, was born in Clarksburg. During the Civil War, she was a staunch Unionist and opened her home to care for sick and injured troops.

March 27, 1917: Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. Vance was instrumental in negotiating the Camp David Accords and the Panama Canal Treaty.

March 27, 1950: During an eight-hour period, 191 wildfires destroyed 20,122 acres of forestland in Mingo County. Winds as high as 65 m.p.h. were recorded in the town of Sprigg.

March 28, 1870: State officials, with state records and property, boarded the steamboat Mountain Boy, one of six steamboats that moved West Virginia’s capital from Wheeling to Charleston.

March 28, 1941: Musician Charlie

McCoy was born in Oak Hill. One of the most significant harmonica players in country music history, his work can also be heard on rock ‘n’ roll albums, including several by Bob Dylan. He was musical director for the Hee Haw TV show.

March 28, 1943: Actress Conchata Ferrell was born in Loudendale, Kanawha County. She appeared in many films and TV shows, earning Emmy nominations for her work on L. A. Law and Two and a Half Men.

March 28, 1945: Clinton M. Hedrick of Pendleton County was killed in action near Wessel, Germany, shortly before the end of World War II in Europe. His actions at Lembeck Castle earned him a posthumous Medal of Honor.

March 29, 1834: Henry Mason Mathews, the fifth governor of West Virginia, was born at Frankford, Greenbrier County. During his administration, riots and strikes occurred, including the national railroad strike of 1877, which began at Martinsburg.

March 29, 1858: Clay County was created from parts of Nicholas and Brax-

ton counties and named for Henry Clay, U.S. senator from Kentucky.

March 30, 1837: The Virginia legislature granted a charter to establish a private academy at West Liberty in Ohio County. The first class of 65 students met in the home of the Rev. Nathan Shotwell in 1838. That school is now West Liberty University.

March 31, 1919: Governor John Jacob Cornwell signed legislation that created the West Virginia State Police. He appointed Jackson Arnold, grandnephew of Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson and former executive officer of the 1st West Virginia Infantry, as first superintendent.

March 31, 1943: The first synthetic rubber was shipped from the U.S. Rubber Company plant in Institute, Kanawha County. The U.S. government worked with Union Carbide to make the material during World War II because the nation had been cut off from 90 percent of its natural rubber supply.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Human-



March 30, 1926: Actor, singer and game show host Peter Marshall was born Ralph Pierre LaCock in Clarksburg. His career included Broadway, television and more than 5,000 episodes as host of The Hollywood Squares.

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

GC, GCPS partnering on teacher education

New ‘1+1’ program sets up students for early associate’s degree



Nevaeh Gank instructs during one of her teacher education courses at Garrett College. Gank graduated in December 2024 with an Associate of Arts in Teacher Education/Elementary Education concentration. Garrett College and Garrett County Public Schools are entering into a “1+1” partnership that will permit GCPS seniors to take a full year of college coursework toward a teacher education degree.

McHenry, MD – Garrett College and Garrett County Public Schools are partnering on a “1+1” initiative that will provide local students the opportunity to complete associate degree programs in teacher education in an accelerated time frame.

Students in the program, which starts this fall, will be part of the College’s

teacher education cohort as high school seniors. They will then complete their associate degree in the year following high school graduation.

“The advantage is we’re able to provide programming and opportunities we wouldn’t be able to provide on our own,” said Paul Edwards, GCPS director of secondary education. “Providing

greater opportunities for kids – that’s what we’re all about.”

Professor Christa Bowser, Garrett College’s chief academic officer, said students will be able to choose from among six teacher education pathways. The program includes four Associate of Arts concentrations – secondary education, elementary education, early childhood education, and health/physical education – as well as Associate of Arts in Teaching pathways in elementary/special education and early childhood/early childhood special education.

“I am so excited to have those students in our classes,” said Dr. John Taylor, professor of education at Garrett College, referring to the GCPS students. “One of the benefits for these students is they’ll be in the public schools working with students from the first education course they take. We provide ample opportunities for them to get hands-on experience.”

Edwards said the program is likely to start out with a small number of students, but that isn’t a barrier since GCPS participants will be part of a larger College cohort.

“What may start out as two, three, or four students could easily grow to eight or 10 in a year or two as students and parents realize the opportunity that’s available,” Edwards said.

The pathways permit students to take a one-credit First-Year Experience (FYE) college course as high school sophomores and one or two General Education courses, depending upon the pathway selected, as juniors. Bowser said the semester-by-semester plan, including specific courses taken each semester, provides students with a clear road map to an associate degree.

“We’d like to get information about this program in the hands of eighth-graders and their parents so that we can show how this plan can fit into each student’s future,” added Bowser.

Dr. Taylor noted that Garrett County Scholarship Program funding covers virtually all of the cost of the students’ associate degrees.

“This gives students a chance to get two years of free education, in addition to all of the other benefits of the program,” said Dr. Taylor.

Edwards said the program has the potential to help address a teacher shortage that is projected to get worse down the road, both locally and nationally.

“We’re going to be faced with an exodus of experienced teachers over the next five or six years,” said Edwards. “There are going to be more vacancies than we can fill. Anything we can do to develop and support aspiring teachers will be helpful.”

Garrett College Workforce Training to Host Third Annual Open House

Workforce Development Programs to be Highlighted in Event

Accident, MD – Garrett College Workforce Training will host its third annual open house at the Beitzel Career Technology Training Center on March 26th from 2-6 p.m.

“People can preview our new kitchen space, test out our welding simulators, and check out the new ambulance we recently acquired for our EMT and paramedic programs,” said Donna Bittinger, GC’s director of workforce training. “We really just want community members to stop by and see what goes on at the CTTC.”

Bittinger said attendees will be entered into a raffle for a family day pass to the Edwards Community Aquatic & Recreation Complex (CARC).

Workforce Training, a department within the Continuing Education & Workforce Development division of Garrett College, offers a range of programs

leading to certifications and credentials in key industry sectors.

Garrett College offers workforce training programs in Allied Health & Emergency Services (paramedic, certified clinical medical assistant, phlebotomy technician, medical billing and coding, and veterinary assistant), the skilled trades (diesel mechanic, construction trades, manual and CNC machining, culinary arts, marine technician, and welding), the Mountaintop Truck Driving Institute (Class A and Class B commercial licenses), electrical apprenticeship, and several online training programs (child care provider, cyber workforce accelerator, and online technician training).

For more information on Garrett College’s Workforce Training Open House, or any of the programs offered, please contact Donna Bittinger at 301-387-3750 or donna.bittinger@garrettcollege.edu.



Eliza Wilhelm, right, pictured with instructor Al Vansickle, was a member of the first graduating cohort of Garrett College’s diesel mechanic program. Diesel mechanic is one of many workforce training programs that will be featured at the Garrett College Workforce Training Open House on March 26th from 2-6 p.m. at the Beitzel Career Technology Training Center.

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Carl T. Hasselman, MD
UHC Orthopaedics; Foot and Ankle Specialist



Postoperative X-ray demonstrating the I-Beam plate used for 3D bunion correction.



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Bridgeport, WV — WVU Medicine United Hospital Center (UHC) has achieved a significant medical milestone as the first hospital in the world to utilize the I-Beam Plate in a clinical procedure. The I-Beam plate features a distinctive three-dimensional form inspired by the classic I-Beam—an engineering breakthrough from more than a century ago that made modern skyscrapers possible by combining high strength with relatively low weight. This advancement highlights WVU Medicine’s and UHC’s commitment to delivering cutting-edge surgical technology and elevating care for patients across North Central West Virginia.

The I-Beam Plate represents a breakthrough in orthopedic fixation, designed to offer superior structural stability and strength for complex bone repairs. Its unique geometry is engineered to withstand higher mechanical stress than traditional plating systems, potentially leading to improved patient outcomes and faster recovery times. After its initial implantation at United Hospital Center, the I-Beam will be launched worldwide by Arthrex Inc., the manufacturer of the I-Beam plate.

“The introduction of the I-Beam Plate at United Hospital Center marks a step forward in how we approach challenging reconstructive cases,” said Carl T. Hasselman, MD. “Being the first to utilize this technology allows us to provide our patients with a level of stability and precision that

was previously difficult to achieve. This innovation is about more than just a new tool; it’s about improving the quality of life for our patients through enhanced surgical reliability.”

Dr. Hasselman is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon at United Hospital Center specializing in foot and ankle surgery. He is a graduate of Duke University School of Medicine and an Army Veteran of Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo. He was a part of the team at Arthrex which designed and created the I-Beam’s three-dimensional design. This latest achievement aligns with WVU Medicine’s and UHC’s ongoing mission to integrate high-level technology into its orthopedic and spine services. His surgical team will be the first to use the I-Beam plate at UHC.

“This really has been a collaborative team approach from the very beginning. It’s a true testament of WVU Medicine/ United Hospital Center’s commitment to accomplish this goal and affirm its place on a national level. Several teams contributed to this achievement—from Arthrex’s design and manufacturing experts to my own team and the UHC surgical services professionals who will work with the technology every day. I believe this is an excellent reflection of the teamwork and dedication we see every day throughout WVU Medicine and here at UHC” said Dr. Hasselman.

During the design phase of the I-Beam plate, Dr. Hassel-

man lost his daughter, Ciara Joyce Hasselman, in a tragic accident. In response to this, Arthrex dedicated the plate’s part number, CJ1/6/99, honoring her initials and date of birth. In memory of his daughter, Dr. Hasselman is donating his royalties from this plate to West Virginia charities through the United Hospital Center Foundation.

WVU Medicine UHC Orthopaedics is located at 227 Medical Park Drive, Suite 101, in Bridgeport. For more information, please call 681-342-3500.

About WVU Medicine United Hospital Center
United Hospital Center (UHC) is the result of a merger between St. Mary’s and Union Protestant hospitals in 1970. This bold move provides North Central West Virginia with a regional community hospital that offers a vast array of services. The new UHC opened in 2010 and is located along I-79 in Bridgeport. The 736,403 square foot structure rises eight stories. It is designed around the environment with patients, family, employees, and community in mind, which includes enhanced patient privacy, a high level of technological integration, and improved access to care. The acute care facility has 292 private inpatient rooms and a medical staff that consists of more than 366 physicians, advanced practice providers, and allied health professionals. UHC has more than 2,613 employees and is a member of WVU Medicine (West Virginia United Health System). For more information about UHC, please visit uhcwv.org.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Announces Year End 2025 Results

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (OTC: HBSI) announces results of operations for the year end 2025.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc., the parent company of The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, posted year ended 2025 earnings of \$5,905,000 or \$4.48 per share of common stock outstanding (EPS), compared to \$4,853,000 or \$3.63 EPS for the same period of 2024.

On February 10, 2026, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of \$0.47 per share, representing a 4.5% increase over the prior quarterly dividend. The dividend was payable to all shareholders of record as of February 21, 2026, and was paid on or about February 27, 2026. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands’ current dividend yield is 4.32%.

Return on average assets (ROAA) increased in 2025 to 0.93%, as compared to 0.86% in the same period of 2024. The return on average equity (ROAE) increased to 8.73% at December 31, 2025, as compared to 8.31% at December 31, 2024.

Total assets, as of December 31, 2025, increased \$52,236,000 to \$631,796,000 compared to December 31, 2024. Total liabilities increased \$45,876,000 as of December 31, 2025, to \$564,154,000 compared to December 31, 2024, as a result of deposit growth.

Shareholders’ Equity at December 31, 2025, was \$67,642,000 or \$51.27 per outstanding share, compared to December 31, 2024, of \$61,282,000 or \$45.84 per outstanding share.

Jack H. Walters, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the holding company, stated, “2025 was a record setting year for the company. Highlands achieved record levels of net income for the year while also continuing to build on record levels of loans and deposits. Net interest margins continued to improve throughout 2025 due to increases in rates and volume of loans as well as stabilizing deposit costs. Our success is in large measure a testament to the effort our team members put in every day to provide the best banking products and services to our communities while providing the type of customer experience that has propelled our success for over a century at each of our banks.”

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. is listed on the OTC market under the symbol HBSI (<http://www.otcmrket.com>) and is the holding company for The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank. Highland’s subsidiary banks operate twelve banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia and offer credit insurance through its wholly owned subsidiary, HBI Life Insurance Company. Capon Valley Bank will be opening their new Winchester North branch, located in Winchester, Virginia in early 2026. The Grant County Bank also plans to start construction of a new branch located in

Falling Waters, WV in early 2026.

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Dr. Matthew A. Davis Named to University of Tennessee's "Volunteer 40 Under 40" Class



Lewisburg, WV — Dr. Matthew A. Davis, DO, MBA, MHA, a state-wide physician leader and employed by WVU Medicine, has been named to the

University of Tennessee's prestigious "Volunteer 40 Under 40" Class of 2026, recognizing outstanding alumni who demonstrate exceptional professional achievement, leadership, and service.

Dr. Davis is a graduate of the University of Tennessee Haslam College of Business Physician Executive MBA program and is being recognized for his leadership across West Virginia's healthcare landscape. He currently serves in senior leadership roles within several major statewide medical organizations, including

the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians, West Virginia Chapter of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, West Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association, and West Virginia State Medical Association.

In addition to his leadership roles, Dr. Davis actively practices in numerous Emergency Departments within the WVU Medicine system, providing care to patients across the state. He also serves as a Clinical Professor at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, where he is involved in training and mentoring the next generation of physicians, and is the Seneca District Chair for the Buckskin Council, Scouting America, supporting youth programming and development in six West Virginia counties.

The University of Tennessee's Volunteer 40 Under 40 program highlights alumni who embody the Volunteer spirit through leadership, service, and impact in their communities and professions. Dr. Davis was selected among a distinguished group of honorees, including nationally recognized figures such as Trey Smith, offensive guard for the Kansas City Chiefs; Ramon Foster, former offensive lineman for the Pittsburgh Steelers; and Rachel Cruze, #1 New York Times bestselling author and nationally recognized financial expert, to name a few.

"I am deeply honored to be recognized by the University of Tennessee," said Dr. Davis. "This award reflects the principle of servant leadership, giving back to the profession and the communities we serve. Throughout my career, my focus has been on supporting my colleagues, advocating for my patients, and strengthening the healthcare organizations that care for our communities. I share this recognition with the many mentors, peers, and team members who make that work possible every day."

Dr. Davis's recognition reflects not only his professional accomplishments but also his ongoing dedication to advancing physician leadership, improving access to care, and serving communities throughout West Virginia.

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Tucker County Chamber Seeks Nominations

Davis, WV. The Tucker County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the 48th Annual Awards Banquet. The categories include but are not limited to.

- **Educator of the Year:** The nominee should be someone in the educational community who has gone the extra mile to educate and prepare our students.
- **Student of the Year:** This student should be someone that shows leadership qualities and compassion to their community and fellow students.
- **Employee of the Year:** This award is intended for someone who is committed and dedicated to a business or place of employment as if were their own.
- **Business Person of the Year:** This person should be an outstanding businessperson from our community. They should own or operate a business in Tucker County.
- **Community Service Award:** The award is intended for an individual that strives to make the county a better place through service to the community.
- **Cultural Heritage and Arts:** This award is intended to highlight a person or organization within the arts and/or historical preservation within community.

• **Tuckineer:** This secret award is for someone who is outstanding in his/her field and goes above and beyond the call of duty to make Tucker County a better place to live, work and own/operate a business through their public service to this community. The term “Tuckineer” is derived from “Tucker” and “Mountaineer”.

In years past “special awards” have been given to outstanding citizens or groups. Examples: Travel and Tourism Award, Athlete of the Year, Agriculture Award, Humanitarian and Friend, Outstanding Youth, Good Samaritan, Public Employee of the Year. Consider nominating outside the usual categories.

All Nominations are due by April 15th! Please submit nomination to jessica@gettuckered.com or Po Box 565 Davis, WV 26260. You can also drop them off at our office, 410 William Ave. Davis, WV 26260.

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

“They will use these nominations to make their final decision.”

For the last 47 years, we’ve celebrated the best of Tucker County and this year is no exception. This banquet is held to recognize the outstanding Tucker Countians, that make Tucker County a better place to live, work and operate a business. Consider nominating someone for each category and encourage your friends. The more individual nominations, the better! Nominations for these awards are due to the Chamber office no later than the end of business on April 15th!

This year’s Award Banquet will be held at Canaan Valley Resort State Park on Thursday, May 21st in Bear Paw Lodge. During the banquet, we will recognize the 2025 winners! Award recipients, family and friends are invited. Community members are all welcomed and encouraged to attend. Tickets and tables need to be reserved in advance by contacting the Chamber office at 304-259-5315.

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

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It, the Randolph-Tucker Children’s Advocacy Center, The Tucker County Ambulance Authority, Mountain Top Library and Five Rivers Library.

Angie Pase represented the Tucker Community Foundation. The Foundation was started from the Harman Fund in Parsons following the 1985 Flood and has grown to serve 10 counties in all. The Foundation requested a pledge for the annual Run-for-It fundraiser race. In 2025, the Tucker County Commission pledged \$5,000. In turn, Run-for-It raised over \$60,000, Pase said.

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau made a motion to pledge \$5,000 as seed money for investments in Tucker County. The motion was unanimously approved.

The 2026 campaign is slated to begin April 1st, Pase said. The 2026 Run-for-It race will be held in Davis September 26th during the Leaf Peepers Festival.

Margot Evick from the Randolph-Tucker Children’s Advocacy Center presented an annual report to the Commission along with a request for \$15,000 in funding. The County also provides office space to the Center at no charge.

Among the services that the Center provided in 2025, staff provided education to High School staff, as well as conducted a variety of services to children and families. In Tucker County alone, the Center served 96 new children in 2025 with 60% the victims of sexual abuse. Evick said 19% of children served by the Center were victims of drug endangerment, a statistic much higher than the 4% National average, with most victims male between the ages of 7 and 12 years of age. Beyond this, the Center provided 84 forensic interviews, 33 mental health referrals, referred 23 victims for medical exams, provided 757 individuals with prevention in classrooms training and 38 adults with prevention services. In total, 30 indictments were



Debbie Williams of the Mountain Top Library, left, and Angela Johnson from the Five Rivers Public Library, right, gave an annual report and request for funding to the Tucker County Commission March 11th.

filed with 17 convictions and nine charges filed.

“Crimes against children take a long time to move forward,” Evick said.

The largest uptake in endangerment to children comes online, Evick said. According to her, 1 in 12 children will report to be exploited online and 1 in 10 will be sexually exploited by the age of 18. Evick said that the Center has been providing a lot of screening and education to parents on the dangers of online solicitation.

A motion was made by Tucker County Commissioner Tim Knotts to approve the \$15,000 funding request and provide office space. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Randolph-Tucker Children’s Advocacy Center will be hosting their annual Champions For Children Fundraiser Lasagna Dinner at the Parsons Fire Hall April 17th.

The Tucker County Ambulance Authority requested a \$110,000 draw from the General Fund to assist with ongoing expenses. Director Amanda Simmons appeared before the Commission to present an update on the Service and formally request the funds.

For most of the year, the Service has tried to keep two crews on 24/7 with the assistance of

part time employees with a third crew assigned to Timberline during the ski season. The Service has also employed four full time medics on call at all times. Simmons said that while the Service has had a third crew at Timberline for the ski season, they have managed to secure every call that has come in for service. At one point this winter, Simmons said, ambulance crews had five back to back calls and managed to handle every-one unassisted.

“Whenever you have two calls back to back, the percentage, I believe that they came out with, was like 75% chance that we are going to have a third call, whenever we have two calls back to back,” Simmons said. “We actually had, several months back, where we had five back to back. We were able to hit all five.”

The cost of Ambulance maintenance was outlined during the meeting. Simmons said that the service was currently down two ambulances of the five in their fleet and that generally there was at least one rig in the shot every month for work of some kind. The minimum cost of upkeep for an ambulance for licensure and other

routine maintenance Simmons estimated at \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year before any unforeseen maintenance expenses or medical necessities required. Current estimates for maintenance of the fleet Simmons estimated at around \$70,000 so far in 2026.

“One of the trucks last year had to have a new transmission and rear differential, all within like six months time,” Simmons said.

The cost of medications have doubled this year alone, Simmons said, along with the cost of medical supplies necessary for the crews. Costs have risen 110% since Covid. To try to mitigate the rising costs, Simmons said the Service purchases in bulk and seeks out the most cost effective suppliers.

Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis made a motion to approve the request for \$110,000 from the General Fund. The motion was unanimously approved.

There will be an EMT class for Company 30 in Canaan Valley. It will be open to the General Public. The Tucker County Ambulance Authority also has FEMA Grant funding available for EMT train-



Margot Evick of the Randolph-Tucker Children’s Advocacy Center presented the Tucker County Commission with an annual report and request for funding March 11th. The Center serves 10 Counties, but was started in Tucker County out of the Harman Fund following the 1985 Flood.

ing. Funding is available for those who sign on with the Service for PRN status, training will be provided for free. Simmons said normally classes are normally \$650.

Debbie Williams from the Mountain Top Library and Angela Johnson from Five Rivers Public Library jointly presented their requests for funding for their libraries. Mountain Top Library requested \$15,250 and Five Rivers Public Library requested \$13,000 in funding, respectfully.

Johnson said that the Five Rivers Library has been hosting many successful programs such as the Candle Wax Painting program scheduled for March 30th. Johnson said the event was already full. She also wanted to remind the public that the library has hot spots available free for three week check-outs for those with active library card memberships.

Five Rivers Public Library hours will change in June. Beginning June 1st, the library will close at 4 p.m.

Mountain Top Library had a Seed Exchange planned, according to Williams. Currently, the

library is only open Tuesdays and Thursday until 7 p.m., but Williams said there are plans to open more once the library is complete and open. The new library is slated to have a meeting area and children’s area.

The cost of supplies are increasing, according to the librarians. Book prices are increasing and Williams said that the cost for shelving for the new building alone is estimated at \$150,000.

“There’s not many grants for libraries,” Williams said.

The Commission offered letters of support for grant applications.

Both libraries said that their clientele has been expanding and they have seen more visitors from outside the area. Both librarians have reported visitors from out of state just stopping by to see what the area libraries had to offer and what they looked like.

Commissioner Fred Davis made a motion to approve \$15,250 for Mountain Top Library and in a separate motion \$13,000 for Five Rivers Library. Both motions passed unanimously.

Mountain State’s roads and bridges improve from 33rd to 30th, according to annual national road survey

Charleston, WV – West Virginia’s highway system ranks 30th in the nation for overall condition of its roads and bridges and the cost-effectiveness of its highway program, according to a just-released report by the nonprofit Reason Foundation. The rating is a bump up from 33rd, where the state ranked last year.

“That just goes to show what happens when you focus on maintaining your roads and bridges,” said West Virginia Transportation Secretary Todd Rumbaugh, P.E. “Thanks to the leadership of Gov. Patrick Morrisey in allowing us to do that, we expect to see those numbers jump again next year.”

When Rumbaugh was appointed transportation secretary in 2025, he shared Governor Morrisey’s priority to get “back to basics” and focus on maintenance and upkeep of existing roads and bridges over expanding highway systems. The program includes replacing and upgrading aging bridges all over the state to extend their useful lives.

Compared to its neighbors, West Virginia’s performance is better than Maryland’s and Pennsylvania’s but worse than Virginia’s, Ohio’s, and Kentucky’s.

The state improved most over last year in rural arterial pavement condition, moving from 45th to 36th; and urban congestion, moving from 10th to fifth.

The Mountain State remains 50th in the nation in its

number of structurally deficient bridges.

A structurally deficient finding does not mean a bridge is unsafe, but does indicate that a bridge has one or more structural issues that need to be addressed. Rumbaugh believes the new emphasis on statewide bridge maintenance, including smaller, short span bridges, will reduce the number of structurally deficient bridges in coming years.

The Reason Foundation’s “29th Annual Highway Report” ranks state highway systems on cost verses quality, according to the foundation’s website.

“Since states have different budgets, system sizes, and traffic and geographic circumstances, their comparative performance depends on both system performance and the resources available,” the Reason Foundation said. “To determine relative performance across the country, state highway system budgets (per mile of responsibility) are compared with system performance, state by state. States with high rankings typically have better-than-average system conditions (good for road users) along with relatively low per-mile expenditures (good for taxpayers).”

With work continuing in all 55 counties across the state, the West Virginia Division of Highways and the West Virginia Department of Transportation remind the public of the importance of keeping everyone safe in work zones. “Respect the zone; let’s all go home!”

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Fundamental Data, LLC, the company behind the Ridgeline Project. In separate news out of Charleston related to the Project, the Governor's Office has released a "Fact vs. Fiction" sheet on what it is terming "Intelligence Centers" outlining what it is viewing as the facts surrounding Data Centers.

Hanshaw, a Republican, it has been reported, along with two other attorneys with his firm, informed the Court of their intent to represent Fundamental Data, LLC in paperwork filed with the Court dated March 16th, just days following the end of the 2026 legislative session.

Citizen action groups have spoken out against Hanshaw's representation of the company, but admit that it appears to be legal, if ethically ambiguous. Representatives of various organizations have spoken out against Hanshaw, claiming the act to be a blatant conflict

of interest in opposition of the best interest of the people of West Virginia and regardless of legalities surrounding the decision, "it looks really bad."

Tucker United along with the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy and The Sierra Club filed a Notice to Appeal with the West Virginia Intermediate Court of Appeals March 6th to challenge the February 5th decision by the West Virginia Air Quality Board regarding the proposed Ridgeline Power Plant Project that upheld a decision approving the project's Air Quality Permit.

Fundamental Data is a Delaware-chartered entity registered on April 18, 2024 authorized to do business as a foreign limited liability company in West Virginia on July 16, 2024. Its main offices appear to be in Virginia and it seems to have been established solely with the purposes of constructing the proposed Ridgeline Power Plant slated

for construction between Davis and Thomas near the Landfill.

In other news out of Charleston, the Governor's Office has released a document on Data Centers it titles "Intelligence Centers: Fact vs. Fiction." The document provides what it describes as "quick, clear answers to the most common concerns" such as water usage, environmental standards, local control, electricity costs, where does the money go? and the bigger opportunity.

The fact sheet aims to target many of the concerns raised by such community action groups as Tucker United, The West Virginia Highlands Conservancy and the Sierra Club, who have maintained that the Ridgeline Project will drain the local aquifer, pollute the air, land and water and impact the area's vital tourism economy. The groups have also been vocal opponents of House Bill 2014 that many both in and out of government have claimed strips local governments and communities of power.

While the document is a "fact sheet," it does not provide sources for the facts it provides. It provides many statistics for various industries, but does not provide where those numbers came from. It also does not provide references to

where within HB 2014 collaborating sections can be found in sections where mention to the legislation is made to further validate any claims made.

On the issue of water usage, the document states that "Many facilities use little to no water." It goes on to list air cooling systems that use no water, closed loop systems that reuse the same water and systems that use recycled and non-potable water sources.

The document gives estimates that high end 1-GW facility can use 1.09 billion gallons of water per year. It compares that number to the Thermoelectric industry that uses 375.7 billion gallons annually, the Chemical industry that uses 131.7 billion gallons annually and Mining that uses 13.5 billion gallons annually.

"A mid-sized intelligence center using roughly 300,000 gallons per day uses LESS water than a typical 18-hole golf course," the document claims.

The Environmental Standards section of the document is the first inclusion of HB 2014 the document sources.

"Nothing in HB 2014 or its rules exempts intelligence centers from state or federal environmental laws," the document states.

The document goes on

the state that air quality standards still apply, water discharge permits are required, Federal Clear Air Act and Clean Water Act standards still apply and state environmental permitting and enforcement remain in place. The document even states, "This is not deregulation," due to these factors.

HB 2014 is further addressed in the Local Control section of the document. The section claims that it is a myth that the state is forcing intelligence centers on counties and eliminating local control.

"HB 2014 provides siting certainty because billion-dollar projects will not come to a state where the mix of overlapping and different local ordinances can delay or hinder development," the document claims.

The document further justifies that large scale investments require predictable rules and that companies have been investing elsewhere due to approvals being overturned by shifting local politics. The document claims this has led to other states profiting from billions in private investment, expanding tax bases and strengthening schools and upgrading infrastructure while less competitive states fall behind.

"Without regulatory

certainty, these projects do not come – and neither do the jobs, revenue, tax relief or infrastructure investment," the document claims, but does not go into concrete specifics on jobs, tax relief or revenue. The document does state "many communities want the statewide tax relief and shared revenue" and credits statewide authority with providing consistency and stability for large scale investment.

On the subject of electricity costs, the document claims that large, stable customers will help to lower costs and will be required to pay for their own build-out. It is claimed that the utilities will recover grid costs regardless of demands, more electricity sold will equal costs spread over more kilowatt hours and per-unit cost pressure would decline.

Again HB 2014 is mentioned as it pertains to the subject of electricity. The document claims that utilities cannot pass microgrid construction costs to existing customers, transmission upgrades must be borne by the intelligence center, generation infrastructure must be funded by the project, and grid interconnection costs cannot be shifted to households. In short, the document says, "If new electricity infrastructure is required, the project pays – not families or small businesses."

Perhaps one of the largest points of debate when it comes to HB 2014 is the matter of Where Does The Money Go? The document claims that it is a myth that 75% of the money generated is kept by the State. The Governor's Office document claims the following:

- * 50% to Personal Income Tax Reduction (benefits ALL taxpayers statewide)
- * 30% to the Host County
- * 10% to All Other Counties
- * 5% each to Economic Enhancement Grants and Electric Grid Stabilization Fundamental"

The document claims that in the end, 40% goes to the counties, 50% goes to the taxpayers and 10% is invested in to infrastructure and economic development and names such projects as water and sewer upgrades, industrial site development and community infrastructure projects. The Electric Grid Stabilization Fund is listed as supporting grid planning and reliability, infrastructure upgrades and long term system resilience.

In the end, the document claims that "Intelligence Centers" will provide the following:

- * Pathway to eliminate personal income tax
- * Hundreds of permanent high-wage jobs (~\$100,000 average)
- * Thousands of construction jobs lasting years
- * Economic diversification beyond legacy industries
- * Modernized grid and infrastructure investment.

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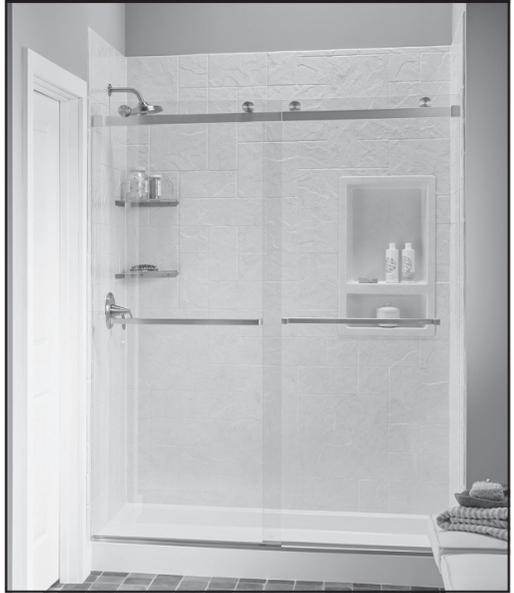
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