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Canaan Valley State Park to Receive Additional $1 Million in Snowmaking Enhancements

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Charleston – The office of Governor Patrick Morrisey announced on September 30th that Canaan Valley State Park would be receiving $1 million for snowmaking equipment enhancements.

The goal of the enhancements is to allow for higher volume of snowmaking throughout the skiable area of the park.

The announcement came as part of a larger $19.725 million statewide announcement of upgrades to State Parks and Forests.

"These investments are about building on our momentum," said Governor Morrisey. "When people visit West Virginia, they spend money in our communities, support our small businesses, and experience firsthand why this is such a great place to live, work, raise a family, and visit. We want to give them even more reasons to come back."

The West Virginia tourism economy reached record heights last year, the Governor's Office announced, with the State generating $9.4 billion in economic impact in 2025. Last year, West Virginia welcomed 78.4 million visitors who generated $6.8 billion in visitor spending to support 61,728 jobs across the State, it was reported.

The new investments include $9.725 million from the FY26 budget surplus and a proposed $10 million in proj-

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Crowds and vendors gathered along downtown Davis to celebrate all things Magical during the Sticks & Stones Festival October 16th.

Sticks & Stones 2026 Brings Appalachian Granny Magic to Davis

The 2026 4th Annual Sticks & Stones Festival in Davis was all about Appalachian Granny Witch Magic. The Top of the Mountain this year was alive with the spirit of the elders with people coming from places near and far to participate in this year's event October 16th and 17th.

The festival kicked off on Friday with a welcome party at the Billy Motel's Ish Kitchen.

Saturday saw the main event with magical mischief throughout Downtown from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

At 5 p.m. in the lawn beside East West, there was a performance of "The Witches' Dance." Witches shook their besoms to the joy of the crowd before a Spirited afterparty began at Stumptown Ales at 7 p.m. and ran well into the Witching hour.

Shops all along Downtown had their doors open to welcome visitors, with specialty shops such as Sister Witches and Emerald Boutique, who sponsored the festival as specific draws. Sister Witches even put together special items in preparation for the upcoming Samhain (Celtic Halloween) holiday in time for the festival.

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Road Work Information

County Route 35, Cortland Road will have a road closure, on Thursday, October 22, 2026, for a culvert replacement project.

TUCKER COUNTY, WV – County Route 35, Cortland Road, between milepost 0.00 and milepost 4.10, will have a full road closure from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2026, for a culvert replacement project. There will be no allowance for through traffic, all motorists including emergency vehicles and United States Postal Service must seek alternate routes.

County Route 219/4 (Mackeyville Road) will have a full road closure beginning Monday, October 19, 2026, through Friday, October 30, 2026, for work related to the Roaring Run Bridge project

TUCKER COUNTY, WV - County Route 219/4 (Mackeyville Road) will have a full road closure, at 7:00 a.m., beginning Monday, October 19, 2026, through Friday, October 30, 2026, for work related to the Roaring Run Bridge project. Work will begin at the intersection of US 219 and County Route 219/4 (Mackeyville Road) and will end approximately .30 miles south on Mackeyville Road. Road-closed signs will be placed at both ends of the work site. All traffic must seek alternate routes. There will be no special allowance for emergency vehicles, school buses or United States Postal Service. All traffic needing to access Mackeyville Road will have to enter from the Hambleton side.

Rosenau, Bush Debate Tucker County Future

By: Lydia Crawley
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Tucker County Commission candidates Mike Rosenau (I) and Jon Bush (R) met in front of a packed house at the Tucker County Senior Citizens Center in Parsons to discuss the issues facing Tucker County today ahead of the November elections in a debate was sponsored by Country Roads News.

Country Roads News contributing writer Mat Cloak acted as moderator for the debate. A three

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Tucker County Commission Candidates Mike Rosenau (I), left, and Jon Bush (R), right, debate the issues facing Tucker County on Saturday, October 17th.

Missing Ohio Hiker Swept Away By Swift Water in Dolly Sods Found Dead



Thomas Donnelly

By: Lydia Crawley
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A 21 year old Cincinatti, Ohio man who had been missing in Dolly Sods since October 11th. Thomas Donnelly was found the following day deceased by members of the West Virginia State Police. The discovery of Donnelly was made in the search area about 2 p.m. October 12th, according to an agency press release.

Donnelly had been hiking and camping in Dolly Sods with a group of eight mountaineers from the University of Cincinnati Mountaineering Club since October 9th.

It was while attempting to cross the swollen South Red Creek that the group encountered issues. While trying to cross the creek, Donnelly was swept away by the fast moving water after losing his footing. The area had seen heavy

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Former Tucker County Man Charged in 2016 Dolly Sods Killing

By: Lydia Crawley
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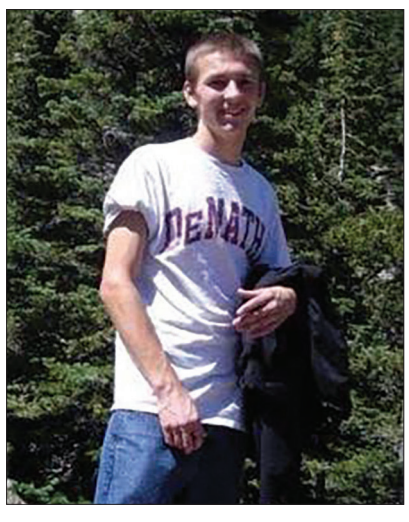
Ten years after the body of 25-year old Tucker County resident Ivan "Vanya" Perlis was discovered just over the county line in Grant County, an arrest has been made in the seemingly cold case. Richard William Nichols, 65, who at the time also resided in Tucker County, is charged with 1st and 2nd degree murder in the case as of September 11th, according to court records.

The Facts

On November 12, 2016, a hunter called Grant County 911 after discovering human remains in a remote area of Dolly Sods near Brushy Ridge Road. Officials from the West Virginia State Police Moorefield/Petersburg Detachment responded to the area and determined the remains to



Richard William Nichols



Ivan "Vanya" Perlis

be that of Perlis.

Troopers reported that they discovered "an intact human skull" with three "round holes" that were determined to be related to gunshots located in the back of the skull. In total, five bullet fragments were

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News of Record

The following criminal complaints have been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

- **John Travis Palmer,** was charged with one count driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs. On Thursday, Sept. 10 Trooper G.P. Hahn was dispatched to a call for a single vehicle MVC with property danger and entrapment. 911 advised that a truck had struck multiple vehicles and the laundromat on 258 Spruce Street in Thomas. He was advised that the driver of the vehicle was trapped and that the occupants inside the laundromat as well as residents of the apartments above the laundromat were stuck inside. He was notified that there was a strong gas smell and that the caller or callers believed that a gas line had been damaged.
  Hahn arrived on scene and observed a white Chevy Silverado had crashed into the front door of the building mentioned above and could see residents looking from their windows. He also observed another pickup truck with heavy rear end damage that appeared to have been plowed into a Subaru. He was advised that the truck and Subaru that were struck had been parked approximately 30 feet up the road and had been pushed down by the striking vehicle. Hahn spoke with fire units on scene who stated that the gas smell was coming from the striking vehicle and that the occupants of the building were not believed to be in damage from any form of gas line leak. Hahn allowed the fire units and other law enforcement from the Tucker County Sheriff's office to work on the crash scene while he located the driver of the vehicle.
  He located the driver in the rear of an ambulance that was on scene. The driver was identified as John Travis Palmer, accused). He made contact with the driver who was visibly intoxicated. He detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the accused and noticed that he was very disoriented and was heavily slurring his speech.
  He was Mirandized and gave Hahn verbal acknowledgment that he understood what was being read to him. The accused agreed that he had too much to drink and stated that he had made a mistake. Hahn asked the accused what he had to drink to which he stated, "Alcohol".
  After having spoken with the accused, Hahn followed the ambulance to Davis Medical Center in Elkins to serve a search warrant for the blood of the accused so that the blood alcohol content may be determined via the WVSP forensic Lab. The warrant was obtained by a Trooper out of the WVSP Elkins Detachment based on facts stated by Hahn and was granted by a Magistrate of Randolph County. While serving the warrant the accused repeatedly told Hahn that he was sorry for what had happened and that he had made a mistake. Hahn obtained the blood of the accused and the accused stayed in the hands of medical professionals as he was not under arrest at that time.
  The blood sample was transported to the WVSP crime lab in Charleston for analysis and Hahn received a return from the scene. He is reporting that the lab results show that at the time the sample was taken, his blood alcohol content was 0.217. The legal limit for an adult is 0.08. These results show the accused was well above an aggravated level at the time this incident occurred.
- **Laurie Kliewer Olson,** was charged with one count of Domestic Violence. On Monday, Oct. 12 Cpl. B.M. Gidley along with Chief Deputy Sigley responded to a battery that had taken place around 11:30 a.m. Officers arrived on scene and spoke with the victim. She provided officers with a handwritten and signed statement advising that her and the suspect, Laurie Olson, were playing cards and the suspect was getting mad and called the victim a petty bitch. The victim left, went downstairs to do a grocery list. She went back upstairs to finish it and the suspect started saying, "she was a sore loser". She then brought up the victim's family conflicts and said that she wasn't scared to hit her. That is when the suspect hit the victim in the face and the victim protected herself and covered her face. The suspect then grabbed the victim's hair and said, "Do you want me to keep going?" Once the suspect left, the victim went upstairs and called staff members using another person's phone. The victim advised she then spoke with staff members and her therapy counselor and was shocked at what happened and then called 911.

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

- **The City of Parsons,** Parsons Cemetery, Lot # S.E. Half 118 in Section B, 9x20 feet to Dwight E. Wolford and Carol A. Wolford.
- **Jeffery C. Helmick,** Black Fork District, Lot 62, Blackman Heights Subdivision to Kylei E. Helmick and Deborah D. Hatfield, Life Estate.
- **Polly Ann Porter,** Dry Fork District, Unit 1231, Building 2, Beech Lodge of Beaver Ridge Condo to Steven Dale Powell and Heather Lee Powell, $186,000.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Reports 2026 Third Quarter Earnings and Declares Quarterly Dividend

Petersburg, WV - Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (OTC: HBSI) announced unaudited earnings of $5,565,000 for the first nine-month period ended September 30, 2026. This represents an increase of 29% from the $4,326,000 earned during the same period in 2025. On a per share basis, net income was $4.26 for the first nine months of 2026, compared to earnings of $3.28 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2025.

On October 13, 2026, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of $0.48 per share to be paid on October 30, 2026 to all shareholders of record as of October 23, 2026. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.15%.

Jack H. Walters, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the holding company, stated "Earnings in Q3 continue to show marked improvement over the year ago period. We are pleased to report earnings that are favorable to the same period last year, a reflection of the hard work of our employees and the continued loyalty of the customers and communities we serve. We remain optimistic about our performance through year-end and are grateful for the ongoing confidence and support of our shareholders".

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. currently operates thirteen banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia through its two wholly-owned subsidiary banks, Highlands Bank and Capon Valley Bank, and offers insurance services through its wholly-owned subsidiary HBI Life Insurance Company. Capon Valley Bank opened their new Winchester North branch, located in Winchester, Virginia in June, 2026 and

Highlands Bank began construction of a new branch located in Falling Waters, WV in September, 2026.

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ects through the WV State Parks Endowment Fund Board. There have also been more than $96 billion in private sector investment and more than 19,000 projected jobs announced across the State in less than a year, according to the Governor's Office.

Other nearby Parks and Forests included in the larger announcement include:

- **Pipestem Resort State Park and Cass Scenic Railroad State Park** *will receive $150,000 for roof replacements on aging cabins and historic company houses.*
- **Statewide paving and repairs** *will receive $4 million for campsites, driveways, parking lots, and walkways throughout the State Park system.*
- **Statewide wastewater repairs** *will receive $2 million to replace aging sand filtration components and enhance wastewater treatment plants throughout the State Park system.*

"West Virginia's tourism industry is reaching new heights, and our state parks and forests are a big part of that success," said Governor Morrisey. "We're going to keep investing in the places that bring people here, support our local businesses, and show the rest of the country what makes West Virginia so special."

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recovered from the skull by authorities, which were later determined to be from three .22 caliber bullets fired from a rifled barrel.

Perlis was further determined by authorities to have died the month prior, between October 3rd and October 5th.

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Prior to his disappearance in October, Perlis had been living in a garage on a property in the Dry Fork area. On this same property, Nichols lived in a camper, according to the criminal complaint reported by WBOY News.

The complaint later states that in January of 2017, Nichols was interviewed about Perlis in which he described an altercation involving the theft of a bandana that Nichols claimed belonged to a dead friend. In the altercation, the complaint said Nichols allegedly picked Perlis "up by the neck" and shook him, an account that was collaborated by the owner of the land in November of 2016, the report states.

Two other key witnesses tied to the case also resided in Tucker County at the time, but have since moved to Virginia, according to reports.

Where It Stands

Nichols was arrested on September 2nd in Indiana and extradited to West Virginia to face charges of 1st and 2nd degree murder in the case.

Nichols, who is currently in the Potomac Highlands Regional Jail with no bond set, has a motion to set/reduce bond made October 8th by his attorney Harley Orrin Staggers, III. The motion is pending in West Virginia's 25th Judicial Circuit Court before Judge F. Cody Pancake, III. No hearing date has been announced.

Full investigative reports were published by the Grant County Press. The Parsons Advocate will continue to follow this story as it develops.

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SPORTS

Tucker Wins Homecoming Mud Bowl



Hyre gets the first down. (Photo by Brittany Channell)



Mt. Lion offensive line, Colton Teter, Isaiah Learly, Jonathan Tuttle, Asher Kisamore and Owen Helimick (Photo by Brittany Channell)

By: Adam Freeman

On what may have been the wettest, muddiest homecoming football game in recent memory, the Mt. Lions were able to grind out a big win over longtime rival the Southern Garrett Rams.

Tucker got off to an explosive start on its opening drive just a few plays into the game, as Cade Rapp found a seam on the right side of the offensive line and outran the defense for a 60-yard touchdown. Quarterback Branson Hyre added the two-point conversion, giving Tucker an early 8-0 lead.

The Rams answered before the end of the first quarter, plowing in for a touchdown on a one-yard quarterback sneak. The extra point was no good, leaving the Mt. Lions with an 8-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Tucker added a crucial score in the second quarter to extend its lead just before halftime, as Hyre scurried in from five yards out to make it 14-6 at the break.

With field conditions worsening in the second half, neither team found the end zone in the third quarter. By that point, there were no white or black jerseys, just brown from head to toe.

Late in the fourth quarter, as Tucker looked to drain the clock on a crucial fourth down, Sawyer Fansler broke loose for a 14-yard run to pick up a first down and keep the drive alive. The drive was capped off by a game-sealing four-yard plunge by Hyre for his second touchdown of the evening.

As time expired and the clock hit double zeros, Tucker celebrated a homecoming mud-bowl victory, 20-6. The win keeps the Mt. Lions' postseason hopes alive and improves their overall record to 3-4.

Hyre finished the night completing two of six passes for -5 yards while adding 42 rushing yards on 16 carries and two touchdowns. Rapp was productive on the ground, carrying the ball 20 times for 129 yards and one touchdown.

The Mt. Lions will now hit the road to Charmco, West Virginia, to take on the 5-2, top-10-ranked Cavaliers of Greenbrier West High School on Friday, October 23.



2026 Homecoming Queen, Peyton Hicks with escort Cayden Arnold (Photo by Brittany Channell)



Mt. Lions Volleyball Battles Through a Busy Week

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker Valley Mt. Lions volleyball team had a busy week on the court, facing Moorefield, Pocahontas, and Elkins while celebrating Senior Night with a tri-match against Pocahontas and Lincoln.

The week began with a matchup against Moorefield. The junior varsity team fell in two sets, 25–20 and 28–26. The varsity team battled through three sets, dropping the first set 26–24 before Moorefield rallied to win the next two, 25–13 and 25–15, securing the match sweep.

The Mt. Lions then celebrated Senior Night during a tri-match against Pocahontas and Lincoln. Tucker County started the evening strong with a victory over Pocahontas, winning both sets by scores of 25–11 and 25–9.

The varsity team followed with a competitive matchup against Lincoln. Tucker County dropped the first set 25–16 but responded with a convincing 25–10 win in the second set. The deciding set was a close battle, with Lincoln narrowly taking the victory, 16–14.

On Thursday, the Mt. Lions traveled to face Elkins. The junior varsity team fell in two sets, 25–7 and 25–12. The varsity team continued to fight through a four-set match, narrowly losing the first two sets, 25–23 and 25–23. The MT. Lions answered with a 25–21 win in the third set before Elkins closed out the match with a 25–14 victory in the fourth.

Despite a challenging week, the Mt. Lions will look to finish the regular season strong with several important matchups ahead. Tucker will host Pendleton on Tuesday at 6 p.m. before traveling to Elkins on Thursday for another 6 p.m. matchup. The team will then travel to Lincoln the following Monday for its final regular-season game.

Regional play is scheduled to begin Wednesday, October 28, as the Mt. Lions prepare for postseason competition.

Tucker Valley Wildcats Embrace the Challenge Against Class AAA Fairmont Polar Cubs



Wildcat offense



Braxton White secures the catch for a big-time play.

By: Adam Freeman

Sometimes, the biggest victories come from the challenges that make a team stronger. For the Tucker Valley Wildcats football team, this past weekend provided an opportunity to test its toughness, gain valuable experience, and compete against a level of competition that few teams encounter without hesitation.

The Wildcats were originally scheduled to face Shortline Middle School on Thursday, but the game was canceled due to an infectious outbreak. Rather than let the unexpected change derail their week, Tucker Valley went on the hunt for a replacement opponent. That search led them to the Class AAA West Fairmont Polar Cubs, setting the stage for an unforgettable Saturday afternoon matchup.

The two teams agreed to meet at noon Saturday at the historic old AB Battlers Stadium in Philippi, giving the Wildcats an opportunity to step onto a bigger stage and measure themselves against a formidable opponent.

The challenge was clear from the start. West Fairmont brought next-level competition, with speed, size, and offensive and defensive schemes that presented the Wildcats with looks they had not previously experienced. But Tucker Valley did not back down from the opportunity.

Although the Polar Cubs ultimately secured a 44-0 victory, the final score told only part of the story. The Wild-

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Wildcat Volleyball Splits Pair of Matches Against Bruceton and East Preston

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker Valley volleyball team hit the road to face Bruceton Middle School on October 12. The junior varsity squad suffered a tough defeat, losing both sets to Bruceton by scores of 25–19 and 25–5.

In the varsity match, Tucker Valley secured the first set with a narrow 25–21 victory. However, Bruceton responded by winning the next two sets, ultimately clinching the match with scores of 25–23 and 25–21. Mikenley Knotts stood out as a key player for the Wildcats, contributing 11 points.

On October 13, Tucker Valley hosted East Preston. In the junior varsity match, the Eagles emerged victorious, defeating the Wildcats by scores of 25–13 and 25–3. In the varsity match, Tucker Valley bounced back with a two-set victory over East Preston, winning the first set 25–21 and the second set 25–18.

Aleena Reed, Maci Owens, and Avery Decker each showcased their skills, contributing 11 points apiece for the Wildcats.

Looking ahead, Tucker Valley will travel to Tygarts Valley on Wednesday, October 21, before hosting Bruceton on October 23. Both matches are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

2026 Golf Season Comes to an End at State Match

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker County was well represented this season at the state golf match at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, as seniors Nate Davis and Drew Simmons individually qualified for the second consecutive season.

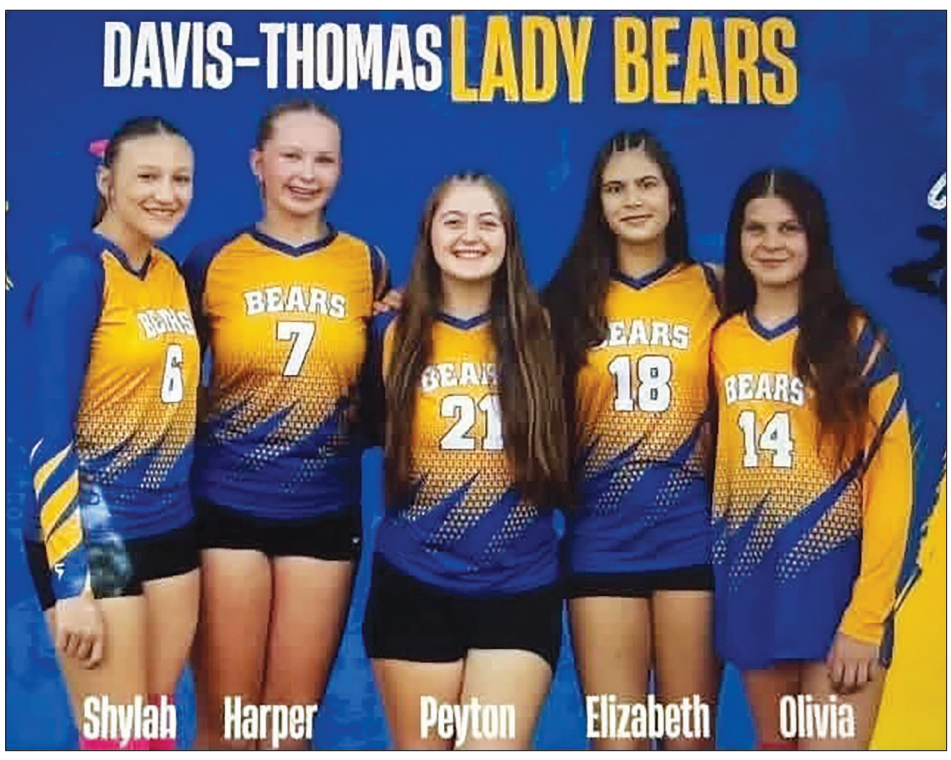
After the first day of play, Davis found himself in fifth place with a round of 86 (+15), while Simmons sat in 33rd place with a score of 101 (+30). Jude Walker of Wirt County High School topped the leaderboard with a round of 74 (+3).

Unfortunately, on the second day of the match, Davis fell out of the top 10 and missed out on first-team All-State honors. He finished 13th overall with a two-day total of 179 (+37). Simmons moved up five spots from his first-day position to finish 28th overall, shooting a two-day total of 194 (+52).

Walker maintained his position atop the leaderboard to claim the Single-A championship with a two-day total of 154 (+12).

With the season's conclusion, a chapter in Tucker County golf comes to a close, as both Davis and Simmons are seniors. The team will look to continue its tradition of qualifying for the state match at Oglebay next season with the next generation of golfers.

Bears Volleyball Faces Moorefield and South Preston



DTMS Volleyball 8th Graders

By: Adam Freeman

The Davis Thomas Lady Bears volleyball team played two matches this past week. On October 13, DT faced Moorefield. Despite their best efforts, the junior varsity (JV) team fell short in both sets, losing 25–15 and 25–17. Audri Mullenax stood out with four points. In the varsity match, the Bears continued to fight but were defeated in two sets, 25–12 and 25–21. Harper Wilt led the team with eight points.

On October 15, DT faced South Preston. The JV team secured a commanding victory in the first set, winning 25–14, with Avery Eichelberger contributing nine points. The second set was a closer contest, but Davis Thomas prevailed 26–24, with Audri Mullenax adding another nine points.

In the varsity match, the Bears maintained their momentum, winning both sets, 25–18 and 25–22.



Annisten Evans

Annisten Evans and Shylah Wolfe each contributed four points in the first set, while Peyton Shaffer led the team in the second set with five points.

The matchup against South Preston also served as the Lady Bears' eighth-grade recognition night. Davis Thomas celebrated five eighth-grade players: Olivia Harper, Elizabeth DelSignore, Peyton Shaffer, Harper Wilt, and Shylah Wolfe.

The Bears will return to the court on October 19 as they travel to East Preston Middle School.

Mt. Lions XC Takes Fifth at PVC Championship

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker's cross-country team traveled east last week to Hampshire County High School for the Potomac Valley Conference (PVC) Championship. The boys' team placed three runners in the top 25, with Draven Bunnell leading the way with a 21st-place finish and a time of 20:52.19. Landon Wilfong and William Gilligan crossed the finish line back-to-back, placing 24th and 25th with times of 21:31.84 and 21:33.65, respectively. Rounding out the boys' team, Riley Coffman finished in 50th place, while Evan Spencer placed 53rd.

The results earned the Mt. Lions fifth place overall out of six teams. Frankfort took first, followed by Hampshire County in second, Keyser in third, Berkeley Springs in fourth, Tucker in fifth, and East Hardy in sixth.



Landon Wilfong

Juniper Judy continues to be TCHS's only female runner. She earned an 18th-place finish with a time of 29:13.48.

With the PVC Championship behind them, the team will turn its attention to the regional championship on Saturday, October 24.

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cats showed determination, competed through adversity, and continued to battle until the final whistle.

The Wildcats showed flashes of offensive potential, putting themselves in first-and-goal situations on three separate occasions. Each opportunity demonstrated the team's ability to move the football against a talented opponent and put itself in position to make something happen. A dropped catch in the end zone proved to be a missed opportunity to turn one of those promising moments into points, but the fact that Tucker Valley repeatedly reached the doorstep of scoring against such stiff competition is an encouraging sign.

The Wildcats did not get the result they wanted, but they gained something important: a clearer picture of where they can improve and develop from the challenge.

For the Wildcats, this matchup was about more than wins and losses. It was about growth.

The willingness to find a replacement opponent on short notice and accept a matchup against a Class AAA program speaks volumes about the competitive spirit surrounding Tucker Valley football. Instead of shying away from a difficult opportunity, the Wildcats embraced it.

As the team moves forward, the lessons learned at the Old AB Battlers Stadium in Philippi will serve as another building block in its development.

Wildcat pride remains strong and the hunt continues as they travel to face Class AAAA Morgantown South, Tuesday October 20.



TCHS Marching Band in the in the 10th annual Autumn Glory Parade

TCHS marching band represented Tucker County in the in the 10th annual Autumn Glory Parade in Oakland on Saturday. The band then went on to preform at the Autumn Glory Tournament of Bands at Southern Highschool. Directed by Erika Osborne, these boys showed tremendous courage to step out as the smallest band in attendance. They played their hearts out! They earned third place in their division and received a plaque. The marching band has been assembled for three years after a 15 years hiatus.

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Super Crossword

Answers

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What's Happening

Retired School Employees Meeting Wednesday October 21

Tucker County Retired School Employees meeting is Wednesday, October 21 at 12:00 noon at the Parsons Senior Center. Lunch is available at 11:30 if you wish. All retirees are welcome.

Free Clothes Closet

The Southern Baptist Church of Rowlesburg will have a free clothing giveaway on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10AM – 2PM.

Trunk N Treat

Saturday, October 31, 2026 | 4:30PM to 6:30PM | 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836. A family-friendly event, Trunk N Treat on the campus of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College provides a safe environment for children to trick or treat. Trunkers (participants handing out candy) should RSVP to Monica Wilson, Vice President of Academics and Student Services at monica.wilson@easternwv.edu by Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

College & Career Fair

Get Hired or Prepare for Your Next Move at the College & Career Fair! Thursday, November 5, 2026 | 10AM to 3PM | 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836. Job seekers do not need to register for the event. Employers/College Recruiters: Please reserve your free spot by clicking here: Fall 2026 College & Career Fair. FREE & Open to the Public. Connect with 50+ employers and 20+ colleges and universities from across the tri-state area. Explore job opportunities, career pathways, education, and transfer options—all in one place. Contact Dixie Heavener, Career Counselor with any Questions: Call: 304-434-8000 ext. 9239 Email: Dixie.Heavener@easternwv.edu. Learn More About Career Services at Eastern WVCTC: Visit: easternwv.edu/career-services.

Wednesday Community Fellowship

November 4th, 6PM at St Pauls UMC, 203 Central Ave, Parsons. "Breakfast for Dinner" theme.

Gospel Sing

Saturday, November 7th at 7PM. St Paul's UMC. All singers welcome. Come praise the Lord and enjoy local talent. Light refreshments available after music. More info 304-614-3768.

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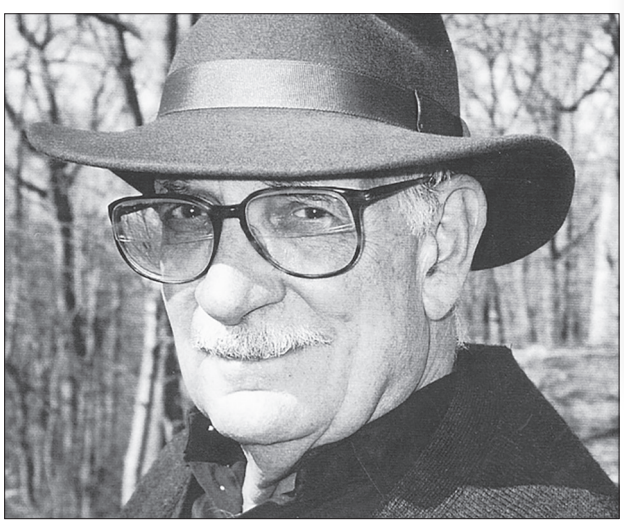
6:30PM - Chuckwagon Light Fare Refreshments

7 PM - Square Dance With Live Music.

Free event open to all! Come celebrate our birthday with us!!!

e-WV The West Virginia Encyclopedia

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



Oct. 24, 1929: Composer George Crumb was born in Charleston. In 1968, Crumb was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Echoes of Time and the River: Four Processionals for Orchestra.

Oct. 21, 1865: Bishop Matthew Wesley Clair Sr. was born in Union. He was one of the first African Americans elected as a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Oct. 21, 1918: Governor Hulett Smith was born in Beckley. In the 1964 gubernatorial primary, Smith carried 53 of the state's 55 counties, receiving more votes than his three opponents combined.

Oct. 21, 1935: Country musician Mel Street was born in Virginia and died by suicide on his 43rd birthday. He gained much of his early experience on radio and TV in Bluefield before making hit recordings such as "Borrowed Angel," "Lovin' on the Back Streets" and "Smokey Mountain Memories."

Oct. 22, 1693: Lord Thomas Fairfax was born in Kent, England. He inherited five million acres in Virginia, land that included much of present West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle.

Oct. 22, 1734: Frontiersman Daniel Boone was born in Pennsylvania. In 1788, Boone and his family settled near the mouth of the Kanawha River at Point Pleasant. He represented Kanawha County in the Virginia General Assembly in 1791.

Oct. 22, 1821: Collis P. Huntington was born in Connecticut. In 1869, he purchased the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway and set about extending its tracks from Richmond across southern West Virginia to the Ohio River. There, in 1871, he established a new city bearing his name.

Oct. 22, 1922: Fiddler Wilson Douglas was born in Clay County. Influenced by fellow old-time musician French Carpenter, Douglas developed a unique style of playing that continues to inspire younger generations. In 1992, he received the Vandalia Award, West Virginia's highest folklife honor.

Oct. 22, 1977: Construction of the New River Gorge Bridge was completed after three years of work. The Fayette County bridge is one of West Virginia's best-known landmarks. It is the third-highest bridge in the United States and has the longest steel span in the Western Hemisphere.

See HISTORY page 9

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Weather Totals Oct 6 - Oct 13, 2026

Nursery Bottom Parsons

Temperature		Precipitation	
Max	75° F	Week	2.38
Min	36° F	October	3.21"
		2026	54.05"

Snowfall
Winter Total 46.5"

U.S. Forest Service

Momma Said

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



By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

We have an ongoing problem not only in our area but across the US concerning Elder Abuse. The health care industry is so overtaxed that number one we can't keep enough staff on duty and number two, finding qualified individuals to do the work.

Back in the day, elders were not shipped off to institutions for someone else to take care of, they were taken care of in the home, but then we did not need five jobs to keep our heads above water. The wife didn't have an outside job, her jobs consisted of housekeeping, child care and looking after the elders of the family. ***Momma Said,*** "Not bashing the wife, her hands were full with everything on her plate."

The husband was considered the bread winner and the wife was the Queen of the Household. Her jobs were just as, if not more, important than the husband. In today's society, things are a lot different, not to mention more expensive. But that does not excuse the abuse and suffering of our elders.

Long term facilities for care of our elders does not mean it has to be substandard by any means. Some of the people that work in these facilities are not as sympathetic as they need to be. ***Momma Said,*** "Just because they are old does not mean they don't have feelings." They are stuck, intimidated, ignored and abused. There are a lot of patients that are there just because of a physical inability not a mental one and it is not like the institutions are not getting paid enough, far from that. The price far exceeds the care that is provided in some places.

Crabbies

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 stick of butter, softened
- 1 (6-ounce) jar cheese spread (i.e. Kraft Old English Cheese)
- 1 1⁄2 teaspoons mayonnaise
- 1⁄2 teaspoon garlic salt or garlic powder
- 1⁄2 teaspoon salt
- 1 (8-ounce) can lump crabmeat, drained
- 6 English muffins, split

DIRECTIONS:

- If you're serving right away, preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- In a large bowl, beat together the softened butter, cheese spread, mayonnaise, garlic salt, and salt at medium speed until well-combined. Gently toss in the crab meat with a fork.
- Spread the mixture on top of the muffins, yielding 12 crabbies total.
- For make-ahead instructions, skip to the next step. If you're serving them right away, place the crabbies on a baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes, or until bubbly and crisp. Serve and enjoy!

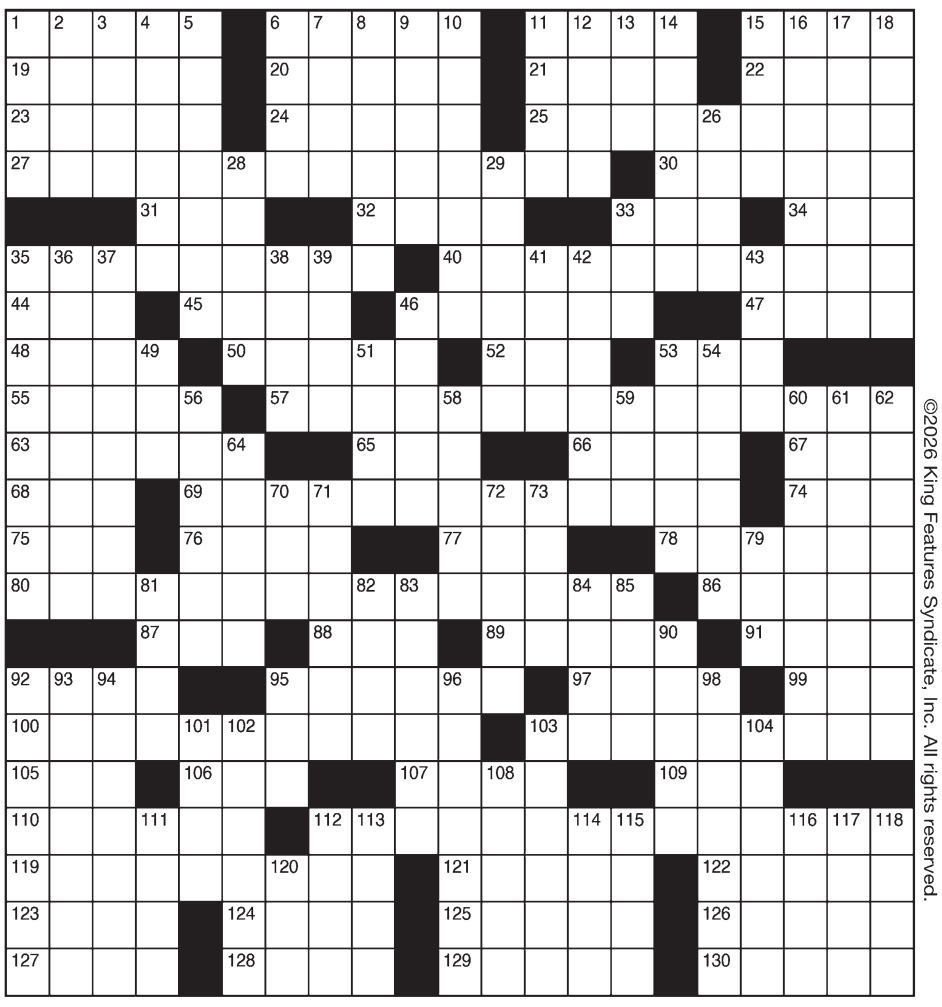
Make-Ahead Directions:

- Place the sliced muffins on a baking sheet. Freeze them for 1-2 hours, or until frozen solid.
- Transfer the crabbies into freezer-safe bags, squeezing out as much air as you can to prevent freezer burn. Freeze until ready to use.
- To reheat, place the crabbies on a baking sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit or broil for 5 minutes, or until crispy and bubbly.

Super Crossword — TITLEHOLDERS

ACROSS
1 Perp's excuse
6 Bee-related
11 Lipids
15 In addition
19 "Cheers!," in Spain
20 Cousin of largo
21 Concept
22 Geometry, e.g.
23 Photo-sharing app, casually
24 Be finished by
25 "Shakespeare in Love" Oscar winner
27 "A Pocket Full of Rye" novelist
30 Device connecting to a computer port
31 "Alley —!"
32 High mountain peaks, in Italy
33 "J to — L-O!" (2002 album)
34 Put on
35 Portrayer of Emma Peel on "The Avengers"
40 Longtime editor-in-chief of Vogue
44 Purported psychic gift
45 Reebok rival
46 One-celled swimmer
47 — 500 (auto race)
48 Ren or Stimpy, e.g.
50 "Peanuts" blanket toter
52 Cherry-hued
53 "Dr." of rap
55 Gazes at creepily
57 "Rebecca" novelist
63 Fee-free, as a mutual fund
65 Come — halt
66 Succotash ingredient
67 Kung — chicken
68 12-month period, in Rio
69 Longtime Royal Ballet luminary
74 Sick-dog link
75 Levy
76 Conical-bore woodwind
77 Wed.-Fri. link
78 Kind of gas that's banned for autos
80 Best Actress winner for "BUtterfield 8"
86 Large-eyed primate
87 — jiffy
88 Cattle call
89 Presley called "The King"
92 Trotsky of Russia
95 Copier clogs
97 Free-for- — (melees)
99 Eggy drink
100 "The Good Apprentice" novelist
103 1986 Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance
105 La Paz's country: Abbr.
106 Tee preceder
107 See 53-Down
109 Cut the lawn
110 Old Jewish ascetic
112 With 119-Across, "South Pacific" song ... or a declaration about the nine women featured in this puzzle?
119 See 112-Across
121 Mann of pop
122 Apple drink
123 Pernicious
124 British trolley
125 Atlantic, e.g.
126 Siri's cousin?
127 Bears' lairs
129 Quickness
130 Catnaps, e.g.

DOWN
1 China's home
2 Singer k.d. —
3 "Casablanca" woman
4 Part of a blouse or a mouse
5 Boise native
6 A Baldwin brother
7 Phnom —, Cambodia
8 How RuPaul performs
9 "Garfield: — of Two Kitties" (2006 film)
10 "Move to inbox" email phrase
11 Pacific island nation
12 In unison, in music
13 TV coach Lasso
14 Voiced a quick greeting
15 "That's for sure!"
16 "Arnie" actress Sue Ane —
17 City NW of Minneapolis
18 Classic chocolate candy bar
26 — about-face (flip-flop)
28 May preceder
29 Unrefined source of element #50
33 Pan Am rival
35 Explode, as a bomb
36 Having equal angles
37 Moon-landing mission
38 "Just jokin' with you"
39 Actress Rowlands
41 Must-have
42 Carry off illegally
43 Arena level
46 Take — at (try)
49 Prefix with colonial
51 As many as
53 With 107-Across, he had many hit songs with John Oates
54 Small stream
56 Apia native
58 Three-nation pact of '94
59 Skier Tommy
60 Small tablet from Apple
61 De-intensify
62 Driver's fit of anger
64 "Yabba — doo!"
70 Fish eggs
71 Become irate
72 "That's for sure!"
73 — and void
79 — Lingus
81 California wines, in brief
82 — sapiens
83 "Ooh, good comeback!"
84 Circle relative
85 Irritate
90 Replay mode, for short
92 Defamed in print
93 Causing to wear down
94 Raincoat fabric
95 Srs., last year
96 Ancient Egyptian king
98 Toy racer
101 Actress Suvari
102 In the habit of
103 Regions, weatherwise
104 For a bit
108 Camera brand
111 Morays, e.g.
112 IRS guy, e.g.
113 Half: Prefix
114 Chair part
115 Hawaiian goose
116 — of March
117 Following
118 Mardi —
120 Chair part



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Puzzle answers page 5

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(2025-C-000002 - TUCKER COUNTY - GARY LUZIER OR MARGARET LUZIER)

To: ADAM ANDREWS, ADAM ANDREWS, HEIRS OF ANDREW ANDREWS, HEIRS OF TAMMY WHITE, HEIRS OF AARON ANDREWS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT BLACK FORK MAP 304 PARCEL 0065 0000 0000

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 45.	$	112.43
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 45.	$	231.79
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	836.14
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**1,391.41**

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Given under my hand September 21, 2026

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DISTRICT DAVIS CORP MAP 2 PARCEL 0110 0000 0000

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 3413.	$	1,095.46
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 3431.	$	1,225.19
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	911.83
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**3,443.53**

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand September 21, 2026

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

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

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(2025-C-000036 - TUCKER COUNTY - KARL B. MYERS)

To: DINAH BROWN, ADAM CHRISTOPHER BROWN, ADAM CHRISTOPHER BROWN, ASHLEY REBROOK, ASHLEY REBROOK, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LICKING **MAP** 9999 **PARCEL** 0090 0059 0000

You will take notice that KARL B. MYERS, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2025-C-000036, located in LICKING District, 1/2 49 M (2 TR) LICKING CK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BROWN THOMAS E & PATRICIA A, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 5, 2026. KARL B. MYERS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024-8186	$	87.14
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025-8224.	$	3.58
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	136.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service,	$	901.22
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**1,128.54**

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned check.
If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand October 6, 2026

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(2025-C-000035 - TUCKER COUNTY - KARL B. MYERS)

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DISTRICT LICKING **MAP** 9999 **PARCEL** 0090 0058 0000

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024-8185	$	97.67
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025-8223.	$	3.58
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	136.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service,	$	901.22
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**1,139.07**

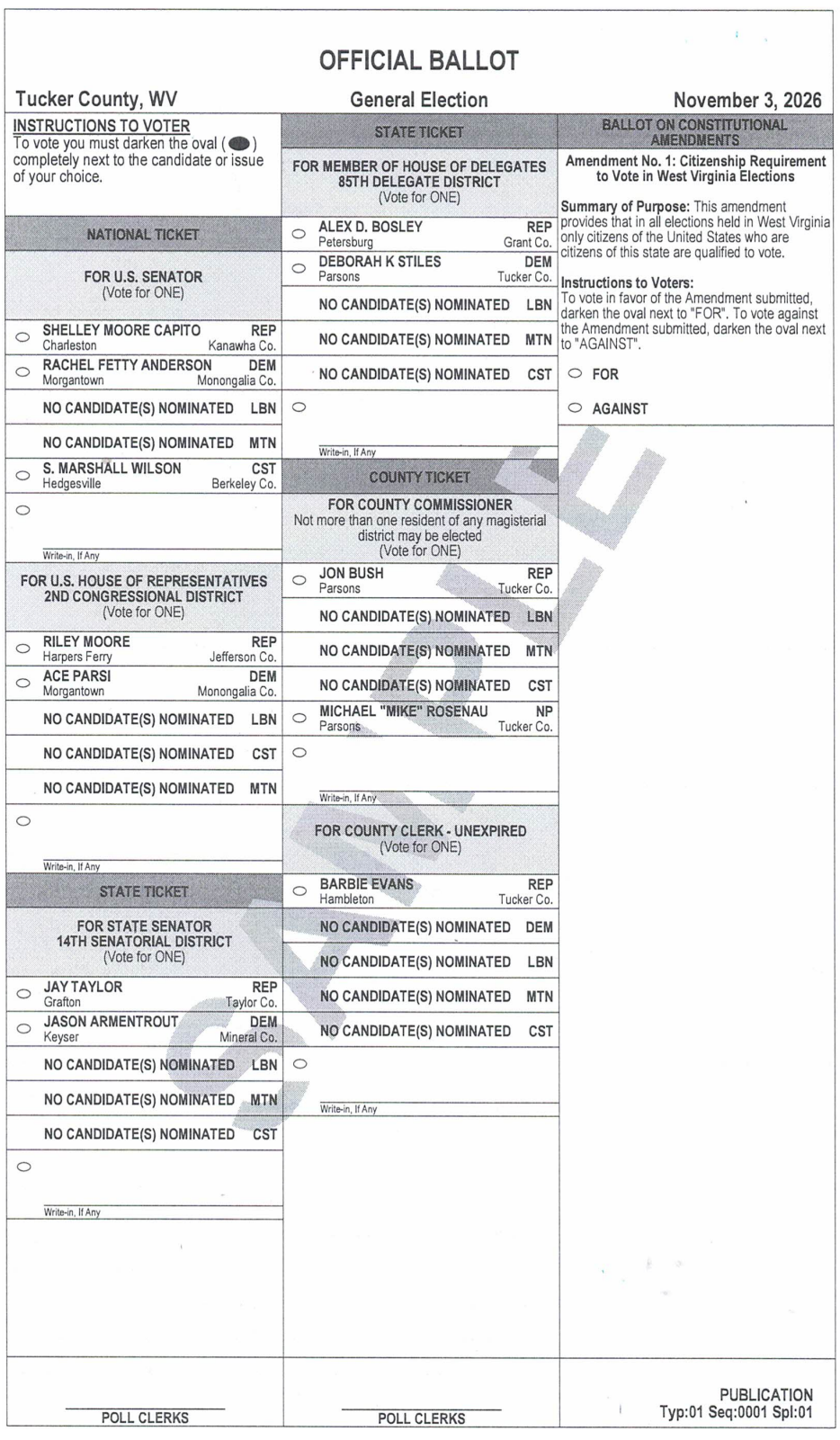
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OFFICIAL BALLOT

Tucker County, WV — General Election — November 3, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER
To vote you must darken the oval ( ) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.

NATIONAL TICKET

FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)
- SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, REP, Charleston, Kanawha Co.
- RACHEL FETTY ANDERSON, DEM, Morgantown, Monongalia Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, MTN
- S. MARSHALL WILSON, CST, Hedgesville, Berkeley Co.
- Write-in, If Any

FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
- RILEY MOORE, REP, Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co.
- ACE PARSI, DEM, Morgantown, Monongalia Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, CST
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, MTN
- Write-in, If Any

STATE TICKET

FOR STATE SENATOR 14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
- JAY TAYLOR, REP, Grafton, Taylor Co.
- JASON ARMENTROUT, DEM, Keyser, Mineral Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, MTN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, CST
- Write-in, If Any

STATE TICKET

FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 85TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
- ALEX D. BOSLEY, REP, Petersburg, Grant Co.
- DEBORAH K STILES, DEM, Parsons, Tucker Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, MTN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, CST
- Write-in, If Any

COUNTY TICKET

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected (Vote for ONE)
- JON BUSH, REP, Parsons, Tucker Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, MTN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, CST
- MICHAEL "MIKE" ROSENAU, NP, Parsons, Tucker Co.
- Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY CLERK - UNEXPIRED (Vote for ONE)
- BARBIE EVANS, REP, Hambleton, Tucker Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, DEM
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, MTN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED, CST
- Write-in, If Any

BALLOT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendment No. 1: Citizenship Requirement to Vote in West Virginia Elections

Summary of Purpose: This amendment provides that in all elections held in West Virginia only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state are qualified to vote.

Instructions to Voters:
To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "AGAINST".

- FOR
- AGAINST

SAMPLE

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until December 08, 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
016	2026470012	S347-219- 4.50 00	NHPP-0219(443)D	ContWrkTyp Moore - Parsons Starting Point of Project **COUNTY:** TUCKER

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for $500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com

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

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING / ARCHITECTURAL QUALIFICATIONS

The Town of Davis (Town), West Virginia is accepting statements of qualifications from qualified professional engineering consulting firms detailing the firm's qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, and related prior experience for project on call services related to proposed projects that may be undertaken by the Town.

Professional services may include, but are not limited to, preliminary engineering, environmental review, cost estimate, design, preparation of bidding and contracting documents, evaluation of bids and construction monitoring and inspection services. Possible projects include but not limited to streets and grounds, technical document review, design of the own's new water plant, design of the Town of Davis Riverfront Park masterplan, etc.

The Town's intent is to enter into a General Services Contract with the selected firm which allows the Town to issue task orders for specific projects and/or services as identified by the Town. The Town anticipates that the contract with the chosen firm will be for a period of five (5) years with annual renewals thereafter with the mutual agreement of the consultant and the Town.

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with West Virginia Code 5G-1-3. Interested firms must submit three (3) copies of all requested Information by mail to the Town of Davis, Attention: Alan Tomson, PO BOX 207, Davis, WV 26260 AND one (l) electronic copy of all requested information to davistownhallwv@gmail.com by **4:00 PM on November 13, 2026**. In the alternative to mail, copies of Statements of Qualifications also may be hand-delivered to Town of Davis, Attention: Alan Tomson, 505 William Ave., Davis, WV 26260 by **4:00 PM, November 13, 2026**. It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure receipt of the proposal by the date and time specified.

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project(s) may be undertaken with a variety of Federal, State and Local funds and that all work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by such agencies and the State of West Virginia pertaining thereto.

The Town shall evaluate the statements of qualifications and performance data and other material submitted by interested firms and select a minimum of three firms which, in their opinion, are best qualified to perform the desired services. Interviews with each firm selected shall be conducted, which may include discussions regarding anticipated concepts and proposed methods of approach. The Town shall rank, in order of preference, these three professional firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required and shall commence scope of services and price negotiations with the highest qualified professional firm for engineering services.

Should the Town be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the professional firm considered to be the most qualified, at a fee determined to be fair and reasonable, price negotiations with the firm of second choice shall commence. Failing accord with the second most qualified professional firm, the Town shall undertake price negotiations with the third most qualified professional firm. Should the Town be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected professional firms, it shall select additional professional firms in order of their competence and qualifications, and it shall continue negotiations in accordance with these procedures until an agreement is reached.

The Town of Davis will afford full opportunity to women-owned and minority business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this request and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in the award of this contract.

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2026 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

EARLY VOTING

Tucker County Courthouse Annex - Room 202

OCTOBER 21, 2026 - OCTOBER 31. 2026

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SATURDAYS

OCTOBER 24, 2026 AND OCTOBER 31, 2026

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 IS THE LAST DAY FOR EARLY VOTING

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 §3-1-31

POLLS OPEN AT 6:30 AM

POLLS CLOSE AT 7:30 PM

TUCKER COUNTY CLERK 304-478-2414

BARBIE EVANS

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(2025-C-000039 - TUCKER COUNTY - KARL B. MYERS)

To: DINAH BROWN, ADAM CHRISTOPHER BROWN, ADAM CHRISTOPHER BROWN, ASHLEY REBROOK, ASHLEY REBROOK, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT LICKING **MAP** 9999 **PARCEL** 0090 0195 0000

You will take notice that KARL B. MYERS, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2025-C-000039, located in LICKING District, 1/2 367 1/2 65 20 MINERAL, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BROWN THOMAS E & PATRICIA A, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 5, 2026. KARL B. MYERS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2027 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024-8189	$	128.47
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025-8227.	$	3.58
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service,	$	901.60
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**1,244.87**

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2027 by paying the above total less any unearned check.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand October 6, 2026

Christal G. Perry

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

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IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Laird Knight DBA Lairdland Properties, LLC
Plaintiff
v. Civil Action No. 26-M47C-00120
John Curry
Defendant

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above entitled action is a Wrongful Occupation was filed against the above named defendant. John Curry, for unpaid rent and late fees in the amount of $5,495.00 plus courts costs and interst. A copy of the complaint can be obtained in the Tucker County Magistrate Office.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the defendant was not served, either personally or by way of service upon an appropriate family member, after service was twice attempted by the Sheriff of Tucker County in which the defendant's resides or is located.

It is ordered that John Curry do serve upon Laird Knight, Plaintiff, at 2554 River Rd., Morgantown, WV 26501 and the Honorable Riley H. Barb, magistrate, whose address is Tucker Co Magistrate Court, 211 First St. Ste. 303, Parsons, WV 26287 an answer or other defense to the complaint tiled in this action on or before November 30, 2026 otherwise judgment by default will be taken against John Curry 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 Couunty Magistrate Court.

Brenda J. Arnold
Magistrate Court Clerk

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IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Laird Knight DBA Lairdland Properties, LLC
Plaintiff
v. Civil Action No. 26-M47C-00120
Christina Paugh
Defendant

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above entitled action is a Wrongful Occupation was filed against the above named defendant. Christina Paugh, for unpaid rent and late fees in the amount of $5,495.00 plus courts costs and interst. A copy of the complaint can be obtained in the Tucker County Magistrate Office.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the defendant was not served, either personally or by way of service upon an appropriate family member, after service was twice attempted by the Sheriff of Tucker County in which the defendant's resides or is located.

It is ordered that Christina Paugh do serve upon Laird Knight, Plaintiff, at 2554 River Rd., Morgantown, WV 26501 and the Honorable Riley H. Barb, magistrate, whose address is Tucker Co Magistrate Court, 211 First St. Ste. 303, Parsons, WV 26287 an answer or other defense to the complaint tiled in this action on or before November 30, 2026 otherwise judgment by default will be taken against Christina Paugh 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 Couunty Magistrate Court.

Brenda J. Arnold
Magistrate Court Clerk

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DONNELLY

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rainfall during the group's visit that had elevated water levels and caused swift currents and flash flooding in the area, leading to the dangerous and unstable conditions.

At approximately 11:39 a.m. Tucker County 911 received the initial call of a lost hiker in the area of Red Creek Trail and Fisher Springs Trail. Members of the West Virginia State Police and the Harman Volunteer Fire Department assisted with the search.

However, Donnelly was not found during initial search efforts and due to incoming inclement weather and diminishing daylight, search efforts were suspended, according to the release.

Donnelly's family were notified of the disappearance and circumstances surrounding the incident following the initial search.

Operations resumed the next morning, with the discovery of Donnelly's remains that afternoon.

Donnelly was a fourth year Industrial & Systems Engineering student at the University of Cincinnati. He was studying for a certificate in computer science, according to his Linkedin page, with experience in logistics, manufacturing and analytics in the automotive industry.

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(2025-C-000038 - TUCKER COUNTY - KARL B. MYERS)

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Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025-8226.	$	3.58
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service,	$	901.22
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**1,214.52**

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Tucker County Development Authority, Tucker County, West Virginia is in the process of obtaining statement of qualifications from qualified engineering firms to provide a variety of services for the Tucker County Business Park located at Davis, West Virginia, on an as-needed basis.

Professional services to be provided may include, but not limited to:

- Property analysis including impediments to development and plans for mitigation
- Review of protective covenants and restrictions
- Survey and mapping of property and related visuals
- Preparation of site plan
- Environmental site assessments, wetlands delineation, geotechnical assessment, archaeological/ cultural resources
- Utilities & infrastructure planning and development
- Roadway & site access planning and development
- Development of engineering and cost estimates for infrastructure expansion to serve the industrial park to include roads, utilities and other amenities as may be identified
- Review of private development site plans
- Provide materials suitable for marketing the property to potential tenants
- Design & development of additional buildings on the property

Additional engineering services required for implementation may include, but will not be limited to, the following: preliminary engineering report; project design; preparation of all necessary permit applications; preparation of construction plans, specifications, and bidding documents; assistance during bidding; construction administration services; and construction inspection services.

Sources of funding for these projects may include, but not limited to, the Appalachian Regional Commission, U.S. Economic Development Administration, WV Economic Development Authority, WV Department of Economic Development, USDA Rural Development, WV Division of Highways and WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council.

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with WV Code Chapter 5G and 2 CFR 200. All firms interested in being considered for this selection must submit by e-mail a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management, and staffing capabilities, related prior experience, and professional references.

The goal of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm that will provide the highest quality service. Accordingly, technical expertise and related experience will be weighed heavily. The candidates judged most qualified based on a review of the statements of qualifications will be interviewed. The firm determined to be the most qualified based on an evaluation of the interviews will be asked to prepare fee proposals for engineering services as project scopes are finalized.

Please submit proposals by e-mail to: Mr. Steve Leyh, Executive Director, Tucker County Development Authority, at steve@tuckerwv.com. Proposals will be accepted until 3:00 pm on Friday, November 13, 2026.

All work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by State and Federal agencies relative hereto. The selected candidate will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban

Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement, and the Access to Records provisions. The Authority shall ensure, to the fullest extent possible, that positive efforts are made to utilize small businesses, including those in rural areas, minority owned firms, and women-owned business enterprises. The Authority will afford full opportunity to women and minority owned business enterprises to submit a show of interest and response to this request and will not discriminate against any interested individual or firm on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in an award of the contract.

The Tucker County Development Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all submissions.

Steve Leyh
Tucker County Development Authority

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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)
Fred Harvey Tuesing	Jacinda Zeiders
1st publication 10/21/2026	2810 Shutt Mill Rd
2nd publication 10/28/2026	Harrisburg, PA 17110

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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Five Rivers Public Library

Five Rivers Public Library will have a vacant board of trustees' position open. The first position opens as of October, 2026, filling an unexpired term ending in 2031. If you are qualified and are willing to serve, please submit a letter of interest to the Library by mail or drop it off at the library, by Wednesday, October 28, at 4:00 PM.

Five Rivers Public Library
301 Walnut Street
Parsons, WV 26287
(304) 478-3880

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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 Margaret Cangley	Lisa Huffman
1st publication 10/14/2026	PO Box 53
2nd publication 10/21/2026	Thomas, WV 26292

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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DEBATE

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minute limit on responses was established and adhered to throughout the hour and half debate period.

During his opening remarks, Rosenau talked about his background and family. He spoke about his generational ties to the community through this ancestors and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also spoke about the influence his father, the former Mayor of Parsons, had on his view of public service.

"I've been asked a question, 'Mike why did you run for County Commission?' I'll tell you why I ran for County Commission, public service is in my family. I've talked about my family a lot. That's a lot of respect. My father was the Mayor of the community for years and he said. Don't complain about something unless you're willing to work toward it to make it better." - Mike Rosenau

Bush also spoke about family in his opening remarks. Bush owns and operates a variety of family businesses that have employed young people throughout Tucker County for over 37 years, he said. He went on to say that his companies employ approximately 750 young people throughout the area.

"Why I'm running for Tucker County Commission, one of the things running business both in Parsons and in Canaan Valley, is that there is this separation that continues to exist between the mountain county part of the mountain and the lower part being Parsons. This has existed for a number of reasons, obviously." - Jon Bush

Bush went on to say that a lot of the separation is economic. The businesses on the mountain rely on tourism to drive their economy, while the lower half of the county is more manufacturing and industrial based.

"Tourism continues to grow, but we seem to have a distance in what's going on here and what's going on, on the mountain. People have a lot of things that concern them and why I'm running for County Commission is hopefully bring those groups together and show that we can work together. That not only can we increase tourism, but we can increase manufacturing throughout the county." - Jon Bush

Education

Both candidates stressed the importance of education. The subject of education came up at a couple of points during the debate during the opening remarks and during questions and answers from the moderator and audience, as well.

Bush proposed more trade education for young people in order to keep them in the community. He also spoke of funding parallel education programs.

Rosenau spoke about working together with the school system, as well as establishing relationships with outside education organizations such as local colleges to bring in training programs for locals.

On the subject of funding, when HB 2014 was brought up, the matter of why none of the funding was directed to education was asked. Rosenau said that it was explained to him that funding was filtered through the counties and counties could direct as much of that funding to education as they liked with no impact on their existing state funding dollars.

Both candidates agreed that biggest crisis the county faces in education is the need to train students for jobs that will keep them in the area, as too many of the county's youth are leaving after high school due to a lack of opportunities at home.

Corridor H

The first question posed to the candidates was on their viewpoints on Corridor H and choice of routes. Bush was the first to speak on the project, saying he was in favor of finishing it as soon as possible.

Bush said that he felt that the West Virginia Department of Highways has mostly settled on their planned route and it will likely not be the Go North alternative.



A full house awaited Tucker County Commission Candidates Mike Rosenau (l) and Jon Bush (R) at the Tucker County Senior Citizens Center in Parsons Saturday as they debated the issues facing the County.

Bush stressed the need for Tucker County citizens to come together and discuss what alternatives will best serve the needs of them with the WVDOH civilly and come to an equable compromise. He said that the road will bring many economic opportunities to the county when it is completed.

Rosenau said, "Let's build it and get it done." He said one of the main reasons he was against the northern route was because of the potential danger it posed to the seven springs north of Thomas that feed the town's water supply. Rosenau also said that the longer the project is delayed, the more of a bottleneck of traffic will cause traffic hazards in the area, especially in ares such as Thomas and Davis where traffic congestion causes issues with EMS access.

EMS Funding

The subject of the County's contested 2% EMS Fee was the second topic of debate. Bush said that he disagreed with the County's fee on the grounds that it only targeted "a certain sector of society" and he found it "not fair and equitable." While he understands that EMS needs funded, he said he felt a 1% flat fee across the board on everything except groceries and gas would better suit the need. Bush said that the businesses will survive regardless to whether the fee is in place, but "the issue is that we are doing it at all."

"It is not a broad tax or a broad fee. It is targeted at a certain group of people and that to me leads to socialism," Bush said. "

Rosenau said due to State code, a fee can be directed at one specific item, as opposed to more broadly, like taxes are. The current fee in place, he said, is based on a law passed in the 1970's.

"The Commission felt that if we have 6500 people in our county and a million plus guests a year, everyone is a potential user. So we tried to do how it was fair for everybody," Rosenau said.

Rosenau said that residents pay the same fee as guests do when they use services in the area and there was no discount or reduction in fee for locals.

There had twice been attempts in the past at local measures to pass Ambulance Fees and they were struck down by voters and never made it to the ballot box.

"We wanted ambulance service for everybody that came to the county, but didn't feel that it was fair for 6500 people to bear the cost of everything," Rosenau said.

When asked why business owners were not consulted about the Fee prior to passage, Rosenau said the measure had been announced on the Commission agenda. Rosenau said the public is welcome to attend and voice their concerns about any agenda items and the Commission would have welcomed any input local businesses would have had.

"Randolph County put a .4% fee on purchase throughout the county. The State Tax Department said that was too much like the 1% tax that's been voted down on the State level for years. Cities can do it, but counties can not. That's State Code. They said, well how's Tucker County doing it? The State told them, the Commission President told me himself, its because Tucker County has it for a specific thing, going back to amusement." - Mike Rosenau

Bush rebutted Rosenau's statements by saying that 95% of the County's 2% fee is paid from out of state guests and only 5% of those guests use the service. Rosenau said that he disputed the statistics.

Data Centers/Power Plants

The hot topic of Data Centers and the Ridgeline Power Plant Project of course was brought up during the debate. The candidates were asked what their view of the County's responsibility was in shaping the future of power plants in the area.

Rosenau, who worked at Dominion Energy for over 30 years, said that Fundamental Data, the company behind the Ridgeline Project had stated at a public meeting that the new plant was estimated to bring 80 plus permanent jobs to the area, not including the jobs in other industries that would be fueled by the industry. However, he did say he certainly would not have chosen the location.

Bush said that at the current industry rate, the plant, should it happen, is likely seven to 10 years from happening and would likely bring outside jobs. He said he is "against the power plant, period." He said he would rather see Mt. Storm expand and bring in hybrid technologies.

The candidates differed on their opinions of coal. Bush said that "coal is not dead" and that "coal was the cleanest." Bush went so far as to claim Mt. Storm to be the cleanest facility in the world.

Rosenau differed in opinion of coal. He claimed coal to be the dirtiest and new restrictions make burning coal harder. He said Mt. Storm has plans to build a gas fired plant that "is supposed to be the cleanest."

Tourism

Bush said that he saw tourism as a vital part of Tucker County's future. He used his own success as a business owner as an example of how a living wage can be accomplished in a Tourism based economy. He said that none of his companies pay minimum wage.

Rosenau said that he applauds tourism, what he does not applaud are the "traffic jams" and "low wages." Another negative factor to tourism that Rosenau spoke on was the cost of homes from second and vacation home buyers during COVID. Rosenau said the average (sold) home cost in Tucker County was $255,000.

However, all the County Commission had do to help homeowners combat rising tax bills from the skyrocketing home prices is try to keep the levy rates one of the lowest in the state. Rosenau admitted the County Commissioners have no control over wages or the cost of homes. He also said the county needs both tourism and industry to survive.



Dear Recycle Lady,

Several non-profit organizations are sending coins glued to their letters requesting donations. After removing the coins there are globs of glue left on the letter. Must this glue be removed before recycling the letter? *Avid Recycler*

Dear Avid Recycler,

Yes, the glue dots that hold these coins on the letter must be removed as the glue can cause problems for the paper shredding machine during the bailing process. After the glue dots are removed put the letter in with office paper or magazines. Most glue dots can be removed simply by rubbing your thumb over them, or they can be cut out.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What are orphan wells and why are they a concern? *Learning About the Environment*

Dear Learning,

Orphan wells are oil or gas wells that have been abandoned by the industries that extracted the oil or gas. These wells have no known legal owner responsible for their care or closure, and they are polluting the air with climate-warming methane and contaminating groundwater. They also can leak benzene and other cancer-causing toxic chemicals into the air, surface water and ground water. They are a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. According to Wikipedia, the Interior Department has documented the existence of 130,000 orphaned wells nationwide and an EPA study estimated that there are as many as two to three million orphan wells nationwide. The nation's first commercial oil well was drilled in Pennsylvania in 1859. The Department of Environmental Protection has used old paper coal-mine and farm maps in their attempt to locate these orphan wells. They have been found in 27 states under schools, homes, retirement communities and convention centers. Currently, drones are being launched in northwest Pennsylvania to hunt for these wells. The drones are outfitted with magnetic sensors that can detect metal underground, and special detectors to identify leaking methane emissions. However, according to planetizen.com, finding them is "just the beginning of a costly and urgent cleanup effort."

Dear Recycle Lady,

Can extra-large colored plastic laundry detergent jugs be recycled? *Laundry Lady*

Dear Laundry Lady,

Yes, these jugs are recyclable. Be sure they are clean and dry before placing them in the bin with #2 colored plastics. Each year, 900 million jugs are used in the U.S. alone and unfortunately, only about 30% of plastic laundry detergent jugs are recycled—most end up in landfills contributing to long-term plastic waste. Have you tried the new laundry detergent sheets or tablets? They are Eco-friendly, plastic free, non-toxic and made with clean ingredients. They are also fragrance-free and you'll have no heavy jugs to carry home from the store!

Good News: According to the Environmental Performance Index by Yale and Columbia Universities, Europe is leading the way in caring for the environment. Estonia ranks first out of 177 countries. The United States ranks 27th.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests recycleladywv@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

HISTORY

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Oct. 23, 1890: The Fast Flying Virginian passenger train wrecked due to a rockslide near Hinton, killing engineer George Alley. It became the source of a folk song known variously as "The Wreck on the C&O," "Engine 143," and "The FFV," among other titles.

Oct. 23, 1908: Old-time musician Sylvia O'Brien was born in Clay County. She learned the clawhammer banjo style from her brother Jenes Cottrell and gained recognition during the late 20th-century folk revival. In 1989, she received the Vandalia Award, West Virginia's highest folklife honor.

Oct. 23, 1913: In 1975, newspaper journalist Jack Maurice became the first West Virginian to earn a Pulitzer Prize for Journalism for his coverage of the Kanawha County Textbook Controversy.

Oct. 23, 1943: German prisoners arrived at Camp Ashford in White Sulphur Springs. Built by the U.S. War Department, Camp Ashford was one of two camps in West Virginia that housed prisoners of war during World War II.

Oct. 25, 1918: Athlete Marshall "Biggie" Goldberg was born in Elkins. He led the Chicago Cardinals to the 1947 NFL championship (its last to date) and was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1958 and the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 1980.

Oct. 25, 1926: Professor Roy B. Clarkson was born and raised in Cass. He was considered West Virginia's leading historian on the timber industry, particularly through his book Tumult on the Mountains. He also was one of the state's most prominent botanists.

Oct. 25, 1951: Writer Denise Giardina was born in Bluefield and raised in neighboring McDowell County. She is best known as a novelist and also has a long history of community activism, including a run for governor.

Oct. 26, 1801: Jefferson County was established from a portion of Berkeley County by the Virginia General Assembly and named for Thomas Jefferson.

Oct. 26, 1888: Baseball player Dick Hoblitzell was born in Waverly, Wood County. Despite earning two World Series rings outright, Hoblitzell is best known today for being "Babe" Ruth's roommate with the Boston Red Sox and also for his rare T-205 baseball card.

Oct. 26, 1934: Athlete Rodney Clark "Hot Rod" Hundley was born in Charleston. Hundley earned first team All-American recognition his senior year at West Virginia University. He averaged 24.5 points per game and scored 2,180 points over his college career, ranking second in WVU history.

Oct. 27, 1879: Howard B. Lee was born in Wirt County. He was elected state attorney general in 1924 and served for eight challenging years. His term saw the impeachment of a state auditor, the lawlessness of Prohibition and labor troubles in the coalfields.

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DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

STICKS AND STONES

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The public ventured along downtown Davis enjoying games and goods.



Even the otherkin were in on the fun during the Sticks & Stones Festival, with this scarecrow providing the musical accompaniment to the festivities.

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Open House Schedule
Valley North Transmission Project

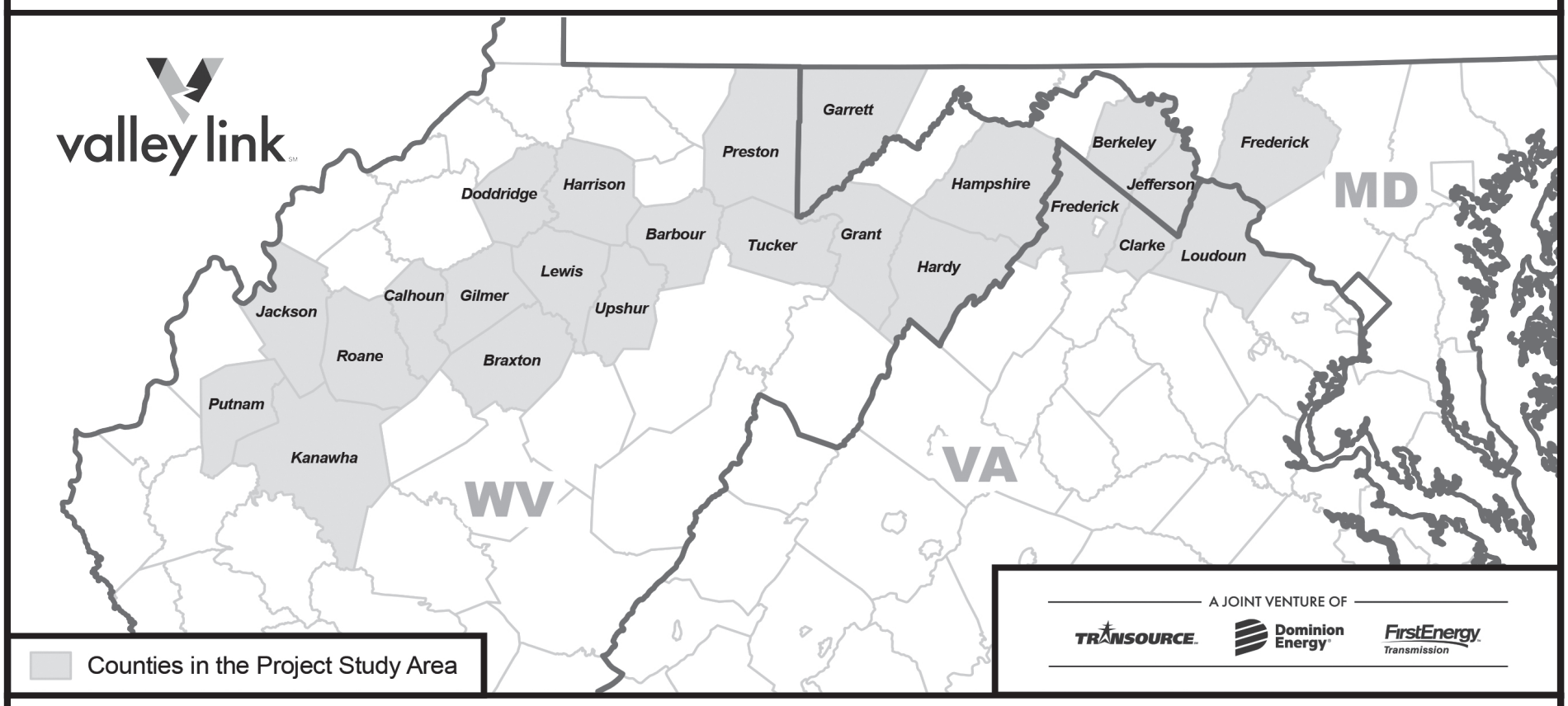
PJM Interconnection LLC, the federally regulated regional transmission operator, selected the Valley North Transmission Project to strengthen the region's electric transmission backbone, support long-term reliability and help meet growing energy needs across the Mid-Atlantic region. Valley Link Transmission LLC - a joint venture of Dominion Energy, FirstEnergy Transmission and Transource Energy - plans to build approximately 260 miles of new 765kV electric transmission line between Putnam County, West Virginia, and Frederick County, Maryland, along with two new substations in Hardy County, West Virginia, and Frederick County, Maryland.

We invite landowners and community members to attend a new series of open houses before a final route is selected for the proposed Valley North Project. The project team will share potential routes developed using feedback received during the summer open houses. Input from landowners and the community can help identify property-specific considerations as the route evaluation process moves forward.

During our summer open houses, landowners and community members shared information about homes, farms, businesses, local resources and other considerations. The project team used that input to develop potential routes for additional review. If you have not yet connected with the project team, please use this opportunity to review the updated information and share details about your property or community.

Please attend the open house that works best for you. Each open house will include project information, updated potential routes and opportunities to speak one-on-one with project team members. The open house format does not include a formal presentation, so you may arrive at any time between the scheduled hours, move through the information stations at your own pace and have one-on-one conversations with project team members.

There is an open house near you. Please join us!



Please stop by anytime between the scheduled hours listed below - there is no formal presentation. You are welcome to attend any of the open houses that are most convenient for you.

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026
4 - 7 p.m.
Misty Mountain Event Barn
430 Misty Mountain Road
Fisher, WV 26818

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026
5 - 8 p.m.
Tucker County High School
116 Mountain Lion Way
Hambleton, WV 26269

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2026
5 - 8 p.m.
Frederick County Middle School
Cafeteria
4661 North Frederick Pike
Winchester, VA 22603

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2026
5 - 8 p.m.
Sissonville Middle School
100 Middle School Lane
Charleston, WV 25312

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026
4 - 7 p.m.
Lovettsville Game Protective Association
16 South Berlin Pike
Lovettsville, VA 20180

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026
4 - 7 p.m.
The Event Center at Brushy Fork
929 Brushy Fork Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026
4 - 7 p.m.
Spencer Armory
206 East Main Street
Spencer, WV 25276

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026
4 - 7 p.m.
Old Capon Bridge Middle School
(Capon Bridge Community Complex)
195 Capon School Street
Capon Bridge, WV 26711

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026
4 - 7 p.m.
Stonewall Resort - Roanoke Event Center
940 Resort Drive
Roanoke, WV 26447

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026
4 - 7 p.m.
Ranson Civic Center
432 West 2nd Avenue
Ranson, WV 25438

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026
4 - 7 p.m.
Gilmer County Recreation Center
1365 Sycamore Run
Glenville, WV 26351

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026
4 - 7 p.m.
Brunswick Fire Hall
1500 Volunteer Drive
Brunswick, MD 21716

Can't attend in person? Participate through the virtual open house.

Visit ***vltransmission.com/valley-north*** for project materials, schedule updates and virtual open house information.

Your Input Can Help Inform the Next Steps

Please review the updated potential routes and share information about your property, planned development, access needs, agricultural operations, natural or cultural resources, or other local considerations. **Submit comments by December 18, 2026.**

Learn More and Stay Connected:

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Blue Star Memorial Highway



CORRECTION: Gary NESTOR was misidentified as Gary Nelson in the picture of workers in this last week's Advocate.

Landscaping has been completed around the Blue Star Memorial with many thanks to David Simmons, volunteer who did the stone work with the able assistance of Gary Nestor. Also pictured l-r. Bonnie Watkins Smith MGC president, members Linda Shahan-Sherman , Faith Moore , Crystal Bilby Nelson , Glenda Lipscomb and Sandra Hockman.

Bonnie's Buses to offer mammograms in Bluefield, Gary, Hamlin, Romney, Mt. Storm, and West Milford



MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – Bonnie's Bus mobile mammography will visit Mercer, McDowell, Lincoln, Hampshire, Grant, and Harrison counties offering three-dimensional (3D) digital screening mammograms and breast care education to women.

A service of WVU Medicine-WVU Hospitals and the WVU Cancer Institute, Bonnie's Buses will be at:

- Bluestone Family Practice in Bluefield from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 9. For an appointment, call 304-800-5413.
- Tug River Health Association Gary Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 10. For an appointment, call 304-448-2101.
- Southern West Virginia Health Systems at Lincoln Primary Care Center in Hamlin from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 11 and 12. For an appointment, call 304-756-1500, ext. 2335.
- E.A. Hawse Health Center Inc. of Romney from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 11. For an appointment, call 304-897-5915, ext. 99644.
- Mt. Storm Health Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 12. For an appointment, call 304-693-7616.
- Community Care of West Milford from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 13. For an appointment, call 304-745-4568.

The screening mammograms are billed to private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare, if available. Patients who are underinsured or uninsured and meet enrollment criteria will be assisted in enrolling in the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP) to cover the cost of their screening mammogram.

Uninsured women living in West Virginia who are 40 and older can receive a free screening mammogram on the Bus through the generosity of grant funding and donations. A physician's order is needed for a mammogram.

Bonnie's Bus has provided more than 34,000 mammograms for women through the Mobile Screening Program and has led to the detection of more than 202 cases of breast cancer since 2009. Many of those screened are underinsured or uninsured and qualify for screening through the WVBCCSP.

Bonnie's Bus works in collaboration with a statewide partnership of clinicians, public health professionals, women's groups, and other community leaders working to help reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer in West Virginia.

For information on Bonnie's Bus, see WVUCancer.org/Bonnie.

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