

DC Shooting Suspect Arrested in Parsons

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. – A Washington, D.C., man who was wanted for assault with a dangerous weapon was arrested in Parsons today.

Romair McKnight, 30, was taken into custody without incident around noon near Overlook Drive. McKnight was wanted by the Metropolitan Police Department for assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence. McKnight was arrested by the U.S. Marshals Service Mountain State Fugitive Task Force with assistance from the Parsons Police Department, Tucker County Sheriff's Office, and the West Virginia Division of Corrections.

McKnight is alleged to have shot another man in the hand on February 24 near the McDonalds at 3901 Minnesota Ave. NE. The victim was waiting in the drive-thru line when McKnight is alleged to have exited the vehicle in front of him, stumbled toward his vehicle and began shooting at him. The victim drove away from the area to a local firehouse for assistance. McKnight also fled the area prior to law enforcement's arrival. The shooting was captured by a Shotspotter camera and can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di-46_ILshM

Investigative efforts led investigators to an associate's residence in the Overlook Drive area of Parsons. McKnight was located at the residence and taken into custody. Prior information provided by Metropolitan Police Detectives that McKnight had attempted to change his appearance by cutting his hair and shaving his beard were confirmed when McKnight was arrested.

McKnight will be scheduled to appear before a U.S. Magistrate for his initial appearance on the charges. If detained, he will be lodged at the Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

The Mountain State Fugitive Task Force is composed of multiple agencies in the area.

Tucker County Commission News



Linda Bates presents Commissioner Davis with a poster to thank him for coordinating the fly over for her son.



Opening Prayer was given by Rev. Steve Marrow followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

Mike Rosenau called to order the regular meeting of the Tucker County Commission at 9:00 a.m. on April 14,

2021, in the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom.

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

The minutes from the March 24, 2021 Commission Meeting were

approved by motion Moore/motion carried.

Attendance:

The following persons were present: Mike Rosenau, Lowell Moore, Fred Davis, Shelia DeVilder, Savannah Wilkins, Kevin White, Beverly Cantrell, Joe Long, Jake Kopec, Donna Snyder, Joseph Strait, Linda Bates, Steve Leyh, Judy Rodd,

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St. George Clinic Pharmacy Opening Soon



Bottom left to right: Brooke Sharp, Heidi Pite r
Top left to right: Cheyenne Lawrence, Amanda Lawrence, Dianna Kachmarek, Kathy Nichols

There seems to be a misunderstanding about the issues relating to Community Care Pharmacy and the new pharmacy at St. George Medical Clinic. SGMC gave a 60-day notice of termination for its contract with Com-

munity Care Pharmacy and the contract ends on April 30, 2021.

Community Care will be filling prescriptions for St. George Medical Clinic through the termination date. These prescriptions are being filled while St. George



prepares and transitions for the opening of its own pharmacy.

St. George Medical Clinic's had planned to begin filling prescriptions on April 1 at its own new pharmacy. The Clinic experienced delays in the application process and with credentialing, which has pushed back the expected start date. Another major hurdle was a request for patient data to be transferred from Community Care to St. George Clinic. We requested a data transfer file of St. George Clinic patients serviced by Community Care, but that request did not take place. St. George has been forced to recreate prescrip-

tion files for every patient who has had prescriptions filled at Community Care Pharmacy. We had expected a smooth transfer of data from Community Care Pharmacy's computer to our system, which would be a very short, and simple process, but that did not occur, despite our best efforts to support Community Care's transfer of data.

We apologize for the difficulties anyone is experiencing with prescriptions. We have people working overtime at the pharmacy to make certain that your inconvenience is short-lived. I can assure you that despite what you may have heard or have been

told, this issue was not caused by staff at St. George Medical Clinic. We have done all that we could do to make certain there was a smooth transition, but it did not go smoothly as we had planned. The previous CCP staff that has transferred to SGMC's new pharmacy is excited and ready to begin servicing SGMC patients at the new pharmacy. Please be patient with all staff during this transition process.

Once our pharmacy is operational, you will be pleased with the professional dedication and timeliness in which we can and will fill your prescriptions.

City Purchases New Playground Equipment for Mill Race Park



At the recommendation of the Parsons Parks and Recreation Commission (PPRC), the Parsons City Council agreed to purchase two new pieces of playground equipment for Mill Race Park. This playset and swing

will be installed where the wooden pirate ship use to be near Pavilion No. 2. This equipment was purchased from Cunningham Recreation at a price of \$26,000. The funding for this project was secured through the William Mahan Harman Memorial Fund.

"The paint scheme will match the playset and swing at the other end of the park near Pavilion No. 1," said PPRC President Kennetha Greenleaf. "Our plan is to have this equipment installed by the end of June 2021."

Springtime Rail Trail Clean Up Planned

A spring clean up event is planned on the Allegheny Highlands Trail April 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hosted by Highlands Trail Foundation, the Springtime Rail Trail Clean Up will help make the trail more enjoyable for running, walking and biking this spring and summer.

"The Allegheny Highlands Trail is one of the most used trails in the area. Many people use it for walking, biking, and exercising," said Taira Gainer, the City of Elkins Mon Forest Town representative. "With the large amount of use the rail trail gets, it's essential for us to have clean up events to pick up the trash and litter so it doesn't

accumulate. It's also the perfect opportunity to volunteer your time on a beautiful day!"

Groups and individuals are invited to volunteer their time to participate in the clean up event. Supplies, including gloves, vests, and "pickers," will be provided. To prevent duplication, volunteers will be assigned a section of trail.

To sign up, please message the HTF at facebook.com/HighlandsTrailFoundation or email HTF's AmeriCorps member, Jessica Black, at jessica.black@live.longwood.edu.

Supplies will be available for pick up April 22 and 23 at City Hall in Parsons. Parsons City Hall is located at 341 2nd Street.



News of Record

The following criminal complaint has been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

- Casey Leann Dravenstott**, Hambleton, was charged with one count Obstructing, one count DUI, one count no operators, one count no insurance and one count failure to maintain control. According to the complaint, on Saturday, April 10 in Hendricks at approximately 3:17 p.m. Officer C.A. Martin, of the Tucker County Sheriff's office, responded to a two vehicle motor vehicle crash. Upon arriving he noticed Dravenstott appeared to be disheveled, disoriented, unable to maintain her balance, slurring her speech and failing to follow basic instructions. He asked her if she had drunk any alcoholic beverages or used narcotics earlier in the day, she said she had not. All field sobriety tests were failed. The defendant had allegedly struck another vehicle from the rear and when asked if she had anything illegal in her vehicle she stated, "Nothing you need to know about." Upon searching the vehicle Martin found two used bowls with marijuana residue and a tin pan with white residue on its surface which is typical of the improper use of prescriptions medications. Dravenstott signed a medical release for the testing of her blood and urine and willingly signed an additional release provided by the hospital. She provided a sample of both at Davis Medical Center and Benzodiazepines and Cannibus was allegedly found in her system.
- Walter Burton Shaffer**, Eglon, was charged with one count Driving recklessly for DUI and one count Possession of Controlled Substance. According to the complaint on Friday, April 16 Sgt. C.A. Teter of the Tucker County Sheriff's office was sitting along WV32 in Davis observing traffic for traffic enforcement. He observed a green Chevrolet pickup drive by Walter Shaffer whom is known to the officer. The defendant made several turns and drove into a private drive, not the defendant's residence. Teter observed the registration to be expired and after a DMV check the plate did not belong on this vehicle. Also with this check it was confirmed that the defendant's right to operate a motor vehicle had been revoked for DUI, effective May 13, 2009. Teter asked for driver's license, registration and proof of insurance for the vehicle being operated and he stated he did not have any of the documents for the vehicle. He allegedly advised he did not have any insurance on the vehicle and the registration plate was at his house and he decided to just put the plate on and drive the truck even though it did not match up. The driver appeared to be very nervous and fidgety and the officer did a pat down searching for any weapons. The defendant kept trying to put his left hand into his waist line and left pocket area. Teter asked why he was moving around so much and if he had something on him that he was not supposed to have like drugs or something, he kept denying having anything on his person. Teter observed a clear plastic baggie of a crystal

like substance, suspected to be meth, at the feet of Shaffer on the sidewalk. Teter detained Shaffer, placed him in handcuffs and secured him in the back of the cruiser. Cpl. Zirk and K-9 Gabor were called to the scene. Shaffer was asked what was in the baggie and he allegedly replied that it was meth. K-9 Gabor performed an air search of the outside of the truck and a positive alert was observed but nothing was found inside the vehicle. The driver did state he tried to elude Teter in an attempt to avoid being stopped. Teter advised Shaffer he was under arrest for Driving recklessly for DUI and Possession of a controlled substance, Methamphetamine. He also issued citations for No Insurance and No registration. It should be noted that the driver was getting out of the vehicle as the officer was pulling in the drive behind the vehicle and came back to the officer after a direct order to do so.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Neil L. Parsons; Estate of Richard W. Parsons, Hambleton Corporation, Lots 50 and 51 to Neil L. Parsons, \$0.
- April H. Helmick Robert Scott Helmick Carol M. Hedrick Incorrectly Carol H. Helmick Dry Fork Lot 22 Canaan Vistas to April H. Helmick Robert Scott Helmick and Carol M. Helmick \$0.
- Benny and Snyder, D. and Teresa J Snyder, Dry Fork 1 acre to Steven Patrick Harman, \$150,000.
- Popcorn Properties LLC, Black Fork Surface only Lot 2 Porterwood 50x140 to Joshua A. Shahan and Heather D. Shahan, \$2,000.
- James S. Caterson and Evelyn S. Caterson, Dry Fork Lots 164 and 164-A Mountainside Timberline 3.85 acres and 4.35 Acres to Adam L. Goldsmith and Sarah M. Goldsmith, \$307,500.
- Thomas Walsh and Dawn Walsh, Dry Fork Unit F-2 Northwoods Condominium to Tracy Buchanan, \$145,000.
- Thomas Walsh and Dawn Walsh, Dry Fork Unit 88 Deerfield Village to Joseph M. Haverly, \$237,000.
- Golden Anchor Properties LLC, Dry Fork Tract 2 Phase 1 Wood Terrace 2.31 acres to Frederick S. Lamartin and Danielle D. Duff, \$100,000.
- Sandra Jean Breeding File; Sandra Jean Breeding/NOW File; Thomas Corporation, 3331 sq. ft. and Parcel Milk not Reserved/Plat to Shirley Michelle Berry, \$100,000.
- William J Yaeger, Jr./Exec.; Estate of Edna Annett E. Kinard, Dry Fork Tract 13 Cabin Mountain Timberline 8.039 acres to Michael Clark \$660,000.
- Dylan Johnson, Thomas Corporation, Exception #2 containing 0.02 acre to Daniel Messenger, \$0.
- Melvin D. Walston, Sr., Dry Fork Unit D2 Week 9 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Ralph Barile and Sandra Barile, \$0.

TWO TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

The Division of Highways announced the temporary closure of Tucker County Route 11/2, also known as Relief Hill Rd., near St. George. The closure will occur at milepost 0.02, approximately 2.5 miles north of WV72. The roadway will be closed to all traffic beginning at 7 a.m. Wednesday, April 21 until Monday, April 26. The closure is required for a drainage structure replacement. The traveling public is advised to use an alternate route during this project.

Also a temporary closure of Tucker County Route 13, also known as Bull Run Rd near St. George. The closure will occur at milepost 2.47 approximately 2.47 miles north of WV72. The roadway will be closed to all traffic until Friday, April 23. The closure is required for a drainage structure replacement. The traveling public is advised to use an alternate route during this project.

Thank you for your cooperation during these projects.

Tucker County man sentenced for his role in a methamphetamine distribution operation

ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA – John Luther Boyles, of Parsons, West Virginia, was sentenced today to 78 months of incarceration for his role in a methamphetamine distribution operation, Acting United States Attorney Randolph J. Bernard announced.



John Luther Boyles, age 64, pled guilty to one count of "Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine" in February 2019. Boyles admitted to conspiring with others to distribute more than five grams of methamphetamine from December 2017 to March 2018 in Tucker and Randolph Counties and elsewhere.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brandon S. Flower prosecuted the case on behalf of the government. The Mountain Region Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force investigated.

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Tucker County Sheriff Office Monthly Activity

Month of March 2021

- Felony Arrests (charges or indictments) 2
- Persons Arrested on Felony charges 2
- Misdemeanor arrest (charges or indictments) 10
- Persons arrested on misdemeanor charges 6
- Misdemeanor citations issues 4
- Hazardous moving violations tickets issued 11
- Other traffic violations tickets issued 30
- Hazardous moving violations warning issued 36
- Other traffic violations warning issued 88
- DUI arrest (Driving under the influence) 1
- Motorist Assists ie. broke down vehicle 20
- Vehicle crashes where a crash report was generated 2
- Felony cases fielded resulting in a police report 3
- Misdemeanor cases fielded resulting in a police report 10
- Drugs confiscated in dollar street value amount

- \$60
- Other contraband confiscated \$10
- Domestic violence petitions served 6
- Job Tasks completed 275
- Calls for service either through 911 or walk ins resulting in Police action 258

Additional Notes : Training was completed this month for the tax deputies for online payment method and debit card machine. Formerly cash or check were the only accepted payment methods. Within the next month payment in the form of credit or debit card will be accepted with the additional option of an online payment. As with paying with a debit or credit card anywhere else; service fees for this method of payment will apply.

This monthly report has been prepared by Sheriff "Jake" Kopec for educating the public as to how their tax dollars are being put to use at the Tucker County Sheriff Office

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OBITUARIES

Amanda Faye Bohon

Amanda Faye Bohon, age 51, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 2:44am, at her home in Hampton, VA surrounded by most of her immediate family. She was born on Thursday, October 23, 1969, in Tucker County, WV, to Ray Delton Bohon and Lela Amanda Bohon.



Amanda was a 1987 graduate of Tucker County High School. She worked as a Property Manager at Mer-rimac Apartments in Hampton, VA where she was known by lots of residents by being a very nice, sweet lady who wouldn't think twice about giving you a second, third, or even fourth chance just to help others out!

Amanda truly lived her life happy by spending anytime she could with her family and friends and going above and beyond for anyone and everyone that came close to her. Amanda had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way.

Amanda is preceded in death by one sister; one brother; two grandmas and one grandpa.

She is survived by her companion, Steven Stone; three children, Donnie, Tiffany, and Kristi Poling; three in-laws, Sean Clem, Divine Simpson, and Abby; five grandchildren, Aubrey and Cohan Clem, Noah and Sophia Simpson and Kinsley; both parents, Lela and Ray Bohon; two brothers, Steven and Bernie Bohon; sister-in-law, Lucretia Bohon and lots of nieces and nephews and cousins.

She will truly be missed by many!!!
Visitation will be held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Thursday from 4 until 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held from the funeral home chapel on Friday, April 23, 2021, at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in Moore Family Cemetery in Moore. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Amanda Faye Bohon. Send online condolences to the family at: www.hostetler-funeralhome.com.

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of Edward Simmons. He was a son of Abraham and Iola Boggs Simmons. He was one of twelve children. Other children were: James Perry "Jim", Eva married a Kenny, John, Iva, Martin, Neil, Bertha married a Burkey, David, Edward "Eddie", Rose married a Luzier, Earl, Ernest. Ideas, comments, suggestions or photos to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.



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Helicopter Logging to Begin in the Span Oak Area on Monongahela National Forest

Elkins, W.Va., April 14, 2021 — Helicopter logging operations are nearly complete in the Heckart Ridge Helicopter Re-Ad Timber Sale area in Preston and Tucker counties. National Forest System lands in this area will soon re-open for public use. The helicopter is moving to the West Fork Helicopter Timber Sale, north of Bartow in Pocahontas county, and will begin lifting logs from the Span Oak area on or around

April 19. Once the helicopter starts flying, the Forest will close an area bounded by Span Oak Run and Elklick Run to all public entry. Forest Road 224 (Span Oak Road), which is typically open to Class Q hunters, is within this area and will be closed to all use. The Forest closes areas to public use during helicopter operations to provide for public safety. Please obey all posted signs.

Heavy log truck traffic is expected on County Route 250/4 (John's Run Road) during times of active logging operations. Use caution when driving in this area. For more information, contact the Greenbrier Ranger District at 304-456-3335. Additional information and a map of the closed area can be found under "Public Notices" at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/mnf/alerts-notice>.

Long Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA -- Abigail Long of Parsons, West Virginia, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Long was initiated at Shepherd University. Long is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also

qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others." More About Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards more than \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

We Get Letters

Dear Editor,

Think, think, think, there are even schools opening up just to get people to think! Think for example how can a few layers of cloth can filter out a microscopic virus? Do you think if one would throw salt and pepper through a screen that the pepper would be sorted out?

Don't you think God put the sun in place to kill germs, plus the rain and snow to purify the air? That is true science, so why would one wear a mask outside? Studies show a mask reduces the oxygen level thereby causing harm to the other organs.

Do you think the vaccines are going to protect us? Number one lie is that they are not vaccines at all. Did you think to look up the definition of a vaccine? The dictionary says they are attenuated germs to stimulate ones body to make its own antibodies. The present shots are to change ones genomes and gives one false security! Besides, how could a shot protect when there are millions of viruses in the air. Don't you think if another virus comes along other than COVID, we'd be protected? Think again!

CDC statistics show there were less deaths this year from the flu, including COVID, than any other year! Don't you think the media played it up to cause

people to fear. Why? People can be controlled by fear. Don't you think we have been very stupid for letting fear of dying take over? If we know Jesus personally, we should look forward to going to heaven! There are 365 "fear-nots" in the Bible. One for every day of the year. He say in Psalm 91:10 that no plague can come near our dwelling. Do we believe God or the false media?

Because our nation has been infiltrated with Communists over the past 50 years and have infiltrated every segment of society; they want to take control over America. Do you think this was a test to see how far they could go because people don't think things through?

Also do you think we could be patriotic enough to call our governor and senators to say enough is enough! Demand they check out voter fraud, true scientific evidence of the virus and not hyped up lies from the media (remove mask for example like some states have done), and get rid of big Pharma who is getting rich at our expense through the shots, because we don't think things through! Do you think you and I have the guts to stand up before it is too late and we lose all our freedoms? I am on it and hope you are too!

Dr. Donna Andes, Thomas, WV

Senior News

Some very encouraging news! As of this moment the arrangements for our trip to Lancaster have been made. The trip will be July 20 – 22, 2021. We have just a couple of openings for this trip. The price is \$500 per person based on double occupancy and \$620 for a single. If you are interested, please call 304-478-2423. We will be going to the Sight and Sound Theater to see "Esther", to the American Music Theater, Kreider Farms where they milk their cows on a carousel, Kitchen Kettle, and several other attractions.

A reminder to those who have signed up for the Caribbean Cruise February 5th through February 17th, 2022 that your first payment is due May 6th.

We still have some spaces available for this trip also so if you are interested, please call 304-478-2423. This is a 13 day/12 night Southern Caribbean Cruise. The ports include St. Croix, St. Maarten, St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Kitts & Nevis. We will leave out of Baltimore so there is no airline involved. The price is \$1500 per person for an inside cabin and \$1800 per person for an outside cabin.

Now for a little thought provoking humor.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED?

Even at my age, I have so many unanswered questions!! I still haven't found out Who Let the Dogs Out...Where's the beef...How to get to Sesame Street...Why Dora doesn't just use Google maps... Why do all the flavors of Fruit Loops taste exactly the same, or how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop...why eggs a packaged in a flimsy paper carton, but batteries are secured in plastic that's tough as nails, yet light bulbs too are in a flimsy paper carton...Ever buy scissors? You need scissors to cut into the packaging of scissors... I still don't understand why there is braille on drive up ATM's or why "abbreviated" is such a long word; or why there is a D in "fridge" but not in refrigerator...why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor yet dish-washing liquid is made with real lemons... Why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections... and why do you have to "put your two cents in", but "it's a penny for your thoughts." Where's the extra penny going... Why do the Alphabet Song and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star have the same tune...why did you just try to sing those two previous songs...and just what is Victoria's Secret?...what would you do for a Klondike bar and you know as soon as you bite into it, it falls apart...and Why do we drive on Parkways and park on Driveways?

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and Rev. Marrow.

Audience/Guests:

Linda Bates presented a picture of the jet her son, Curtis Bates, flew in the Air Force and thanked Commissioner Davis for all of the work, support and preparation in organizing responders for Airman Bates' retirement flyover in the Davis/Thomas area and making it such a memorable experience. Commissioners thanked Mrs. Bates and thanked her son Curtis for his service.

Steve Leyh, Director of the Tucker County Development Authority, presented and briefly discussed the Tucker County Development Authority Annual Report. Some of the highlights included the County's overall economy and how it has actually improved despite COVID-19; actions taken to help businesses continue in a COVID-19 shutdown; the Thomas/Davis Wastewater Feasibility Study has been awarded to Potesta & Associates and the \$100,000 project is being totally funded by grant money with the goal of utilizing the study as an economic driver for the Industrial Park, Tuscan Ridge, National Youth Science Foundation, and surrounding areas; the progress of Corridor H with construction to start back in the near future; Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Auction Broadband award going mostly to Frontier, with one area going to CityNet; the opening of Timberline Mountain and the positive economic impact; and lastly, Virgin Hyperloop, which is mostly going to be in Tucker County and provide upon completion 150-200 permanent jobs.

Judy Rodd asked for a letter of support for in applying for grant money for a feasibility study, which in turn would allow them to request additional grant monies for the Blackwater Loop Trail and extend it north to Cumberland, which would help to re-deck the bridge at Douglas Falls, include parking in that area, and replace a bridge at Blackwater Falls along the trail. The goal is to connect Tucker, Grant, and Mineral counties in WV with Garrett and Allegheny counties in Maryland for a regional trail system. Commissioner Rosenau asked about the trail from Thomas to Hendricks and Rodd said she could do nothing with that as it was under the Allegheny Highlands Trail system. Commissioner Davis then spoke and stated that his comments were coming from the Thomas/Davis VFD's and local residents in Thomas, Davis and more specifically Douglas Falls area. As the voice of the people, they are not in favor of extending the trail right now. There are already too many issues with the area, including sani-

tation, parking, bridge safety, accidents and even deaths and he cannot support the request at this time. Davis also commented that the community felt that they could not support Friends of Blackwater because Friends of Blackwater does not support the community. Commissioner Rosenau then asked if they had received a letter of support from the City of Thomas, Town of Davis and Heart of the Highlands and Rodd said she had not. After further discussion, it was decided that upon additional research and presentation letters of support from the local communities, Commission would revisit the request.

Elected Official Reports:

Sheriff Jacob Kopec presented and discussed a report of activity for his department for the month of March. He then discussed recent raining regarding usage of credit cards in his office and also discussed the possibility of purchase of a drone for use by his office, one that does not require and certification per FCC guidelines. Commissioner Rosenau stated that matter could be brought up at a work session in the near future.

Employee Reports:

Joe Long reported that maintenance has removed the ramp from the jailhouse to prepare for the upcoming brick restoration project. He added that he was glad they did because the ramp was in bad condition and that after brick restoration, a chair lift will be installed for handicap accessibility. He then stated that the metal PPE storage building for TCHD/OEM should arrive sometime the 1st of May. He was questioned whether the building would be in the way or if it needed removed and it was decided that it was not an issue at this time. Commissioner Rosenau thanked him and crew for the floor repair work that they had completed in the basement of the Courthouse, not only saving the County money, but also removing the trip hazard of the old floor.

Shelia DeVilder stated that she is getting familiar with and taking online training for the new COVID-19 package—American Family Rescue Plan Act and that she has been in contact with ZMM regarding the status of the jailhouse restoration. She was informed by ZMM that they are awaiting approval from SHPO, since it is a historic building.

Beverly Cantrell reported that Micrologic should start construction by the end of the month. She also said that bids have closed on the driveway work, and security fence and cameras. The lowest bid for the

driveway work was Bull Run Construction for \$18,750; for fencing was Dan Neel and for security cameras and securing gate was \$60,720. Additionally, both she and Mike have completed required classes and have signed up for a conference in October. They are helping with one last COVID-19 drive-thru clinic this Friday.

Kevin White gave a prepared report and discussed the highlights of the same. The stream restoration is about to come to an end. They have applied for an extension, but otherwise they will be done by the end of the month. The last COVID-19 drive-thru clinic is this Friday. Tucker County is at an 80% vaccination rate and the clinics and pharmacy will be able to continue vaccinations for anyone else requesting one, unless they would get 100+ and then it may necessitate the re-opening of the drive-thru. It has been a long 14 months and White stated he appreciates the support from the team and the community. He recently received a large order of PPE from the State, which will be distributed out to responders, clinics, Cortland Acres and the Health Department. Tourism is picking up, they have already had to search for a lost hiker and the increased activity is putting a strain on first responders. White has been in touch with the USDA Forest Service discussing trail maintenance, signage, and Douglas Falls area and trying to be proactive with prevention. Commissioner Rosenau questioned the need for a drone program and White stated it absolutely would be a benefit and that he has been checking on the regulations and he would need a certified operator as well. It will be discussed further in the future at a scheduled work session.

All reports, if provided by employees, are filed in the Order Book accompanying the minutes of this meeting.

Correspondence:

Discuss/Approve None.

Unfinished Business:

Discuss/Approve: None.

County Board Appointments:

None.

Road Names/Addressing:

DLM Drive, Davis, WV was approved by motion Davis/motion carried.

Maple Street, Hambleton, WV was approved by motion Moore/motion carried.

New Business/Tabled Business:

- Opioid Litigation update was given by Commissioner Moore-Hunter Mullen canceled. Commissioner Moore stated that mediation is scheduled for tomorrow, April 15, 2021 at the offices of Mullens & Mullens in Philippi.
- Tucker County Development Authority Director, Steve Leyh gave an annual report.
- Friends of Blackwater, letter of support was tabled until further research was done by motion Rosenau/motion carried.
- Credit Card Account was approved by motion Moore/motion carried.
- American Rescue Plan Account was approved by motion Davis/motion carried.
- 911 Center bids for Bull Run Construction for fencing was approved by motion Rosenau/motion carried; bids for security fencing and cameras for Dan Neel and Micrologic was approved by motion Moore/motion carried.
- First and final waivers were approved by motion Davis/motion carried.
- Erroneous Assessment Nos. 32, 33, 49 and 50 were approved by motion Davis/motion carried.
- Payments were approved by motion Davis/motion carried—Commissioner Moore abstained due to payment to him.
- Commissioner Reports
- Commissioner Moore – Opioid Mediation tomorrow.
- Commissioner Davis – He wanted the public to know that there are many job openings—89 at Blackwater alone and they are looking for 16+ to fill the positions and also that everything is changing daily in our County and it's difficult to keep up with it all and give updates to the public, but he will continue to keep all informed when he knows anything.
- Commissioner Rosenau – He stated that there are many questions about what is happening in our county and he wanted everyone to know that Sarah Biller with WVU will be at the next meeting to explain to residents the relationship between WVU and Virgin Hyperloop.

Executive Session: None.
Commission work session: None.
Adjournment: There being nothing more, by motion Moore, meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. held in the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom.

Grants Available to Support Local Not-For-Profits

The Tucker County Giving Circle, a philanthropic organization working in collaboration with the Tucker Community Foundation, would like to invite local not-for-profit groups to

apply for a grant to support the needs of women and/or children in Tucker County. Applications may be obtained by emailing the Giving Circle at TCG-Cofcfs@gmail.com or by calling 484-

955-2649 or 703-328-1376. Application must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on May 5, 2021. Funds for the successful applicants will be awarded and disbursed by June 30, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS GENERATIONS SERIES

The Parsons Advocate is seeking businesses that currently have or have had two or more generations working, at the same business, to highlight in an upcoming series. Anyone with a suggestion of a business within Tucker County that meets the criteria can call Mikie Dumire at mikie@parsonsadvocate.com or at 304-614-5593.

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What's Happening

Parsons High School College Applications

The Parsons High School Alumni Association is accepting applications for college scholarships from Tucker County High School Students. The Alumni has extended the deadline to April 22 and must have applications turned in by then. The PHS alumni association is unable to have our annual alumni banquet this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic but hope to have it in 2022.

Ramp Dinner

There will be a ramp dinner from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at the Mt. Grove VFD. All you can eat \$10 seating will be limited and drive through dinners will be available. Elimination Dinner Tickets will be available for sale that day. Tickets purchased that day will be entered in an early bird drawing for the last Elimi-

nation ticket. Social distancing and masks are required.

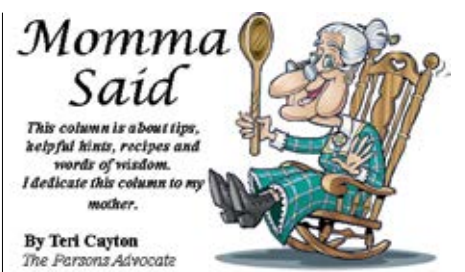
Revival

There will be a revival beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25 through Wednesday, April 28 at the Parsons Church of the Nazarene. Everyone Welcome.

History of Racist Policies and Its Impact on West Virginians Today

- Sponsored by Tucker County for Racial Equality
- Speakers—Kitty Dooley, Esq., Karen Jacobson and Sean O'Leary
- Pre-registration required.
- Contact via email: tuckercoforracialequality@gmail.com to request a registration form. A link will then be forwarded to you.
- Date is Wed. April 28 at 6:30

Is it so sad that even after 20 years when I do something I think is special that I want to call Mom and say "Hey look at this?" After Mom's death each season I make something to put on her grave. The same goes for Gran. Each Spring I make something to last until the fall season then I make something for Christmas.



Comments made in the year 1957 #3

Last little tidbits from the year of my birth:

It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work. Marriage doesn't mean a thing anymore: those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat.

I am just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.

There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel.

No one can afford to be sick anymore. \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood.

Momma Said, "And last but not least this is the kicker,"

Thank goodness I will not live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to Congress.

It is so easy to see evolution in progress when you live through it as most of us have. It is almost impossible to believe life was so simple then.

For some reason Mother's Day this year seems to have more meaning than before. I decided to go for broke and make something spectacular for her. As you can see from the picture I think it turned out alright. Mom, Gran and my sister used to make arrangements all the time and I started to dabble in it myself. I enjoy making these now for them because I hope I would get Mom's approval. I think she would say, "Good job kid."

I have an idea for Gran's wreath this year and next week I will show you how I have progressed. It is going to take some time for me to gather everything I need and I hope my idea results in something she would be proud of as well. I will explain how it came to be and what I did to make it. Momma Said, "Maybe some of you will get inspired to get your hands dirty as well."

I miss both of them and all the times we worked together. I just wish I had more time and any of you that have lost someone can relate to that. Spring is a time of renewal but it still hurts to know they are not here to experience it with me. Time is supposed to heal all wounds but the loss of a loved one never goes away. Seasons pass and so do friends and family it is inevitable that someday death will claim us all so live for the moment and enjoy life as much as possible



Charleston WV (April 2021) - The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

April 21, 1908: Traditional musician Phoebe Cottrell Parsons was born in Calhoun County. Parsons's traditional clawhammer banjo style, unaccompanied ballad singing, riddles and storytelling have influenced countless numbers of younger musicians.

April 21, 1936: President Roosevelt established the Jefferson National Forest. The West Virginia portion of this forest includes 18,530 acres in Monroe County.

April 22, 1908: Marshall "Little Sleepy" Glenn was born in Elkins. Glenn coached basketball at West Virginia University from 1934 to 1938 and football from 1937 to 1940. He was inducted into the WVU Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.

April 22, 2003: Activist Judy Bonds, a Raleigh County native, received the Goldman Environmental

Prize for her fight against mountaintop removal. Her efforts inspired thousands and turned a local issue in West Virginia into a national cause.

April 23, 1857: Andrew Summers Rowan was born in Gap Mills, Monroe County. Rowan, a military officer, was chosen as the messenger when President McKinley wanted to send a message to Cuban General Calixto Garcia. The 1899 pamphlet, *A Message to Garcia*, made the incident famous.

April 24, 1865: The McNeill's Rangers surrendered to Union troops at New Creek (now Keyser). The Confederate guerrilla force probably never numbered more than 100 men at any time, but they managed to do damage to Union operations.

April 25, 1863: About 1,500 Confederate soldiers under Gen. William "Grumble" Jones advanced through Greenland Gap, a deep pass through New Creek Mountain in Grant County. The Confederates encountered 87 Union soldiers who held off several assaults before finally surrendering.

April 25, 1923: Union leader Arnold Ray Miller was born at Leewood on Cabin Creek in Kanawha County. In December 1972 he defeated Tony Boyle to become president of the United Mine Workers.

April 26, 1816: General Alexander Welch Reynolds was born in Lewisburg. He served in the armies of the United States and the Confederacy. After the war, Reynolds accepted a commission as a colonel in the forces of the khedive of Egypt, the ruler of Egypt under the Ottoman Empire.

April 27, 1978: An accident at the Willow Island Power Station on the Ohio River killed 51 men. The scaffolding that had been erected for use in the construction of a new cooling tower collapsed, sending them plunging to the ground.

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

Summer Library Program

You must register to participate in person and also if not attending, you must register for a packet to pick up. Last day to register is may 20, 2021.

their summer library program. Wednesdays, June 9th, 16th, 23rd. You can choose a time 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. (If the time you requested is full you will be placed in the 2nd time slot) Activities may include crafts, games, and snacks! The 2021 Summer Reading Program is open to preschool through 5th grade, with programs, prize basket, reading time, and more.

For more information, call the library at 304-478-3880 or visit our website, www.fiverivers.lib.wv.us

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ACROSS	DOWN
1 Tribal emblems	1 Shooting marble
7 Sobbing	2 Cry of delight
14 Hunt for food	3 Stomped on
20 Of a big blood vessel	4 Kin of -ess
21 Church part near the altar	5 Japanese soup variety
22 Mistreating type	6 Investment bigwig
23 Start of a riddle	7 Hosp. section
25 Starts a PC session	8 Bruins' org.
26 Copies a cat	9 "I did it!"
27 Pop singer Grande, to fans	
28 Doctrine in copyright law	
29 Buy that can be deleted	
31 With 110-Down, decisive trial	
34 Hawk's nest	
37 Goldman's partner	
38 Riddle, part 2	
43 Fig and fir	
44 Foster	
45 Miner's strike	
46 Unruffled	
48 Plotting group	
51 Pastry variety	
57 Riddle, part 3	
62 Pieces of gig gear	
65 Bridle part	
66 Of a central point	
67 Perform wonderfully	
68 Buck mate	
69 Apple's apple, e.g.	
70 Miss.-to-Minn. dir.	
71 Foyer floor protectors	
73 Linking word in Leipzig	
74 Befogged	
76 1960s radical Hoffman	
78 Huge hauler	
79 February 14 deity	
80 Riddle, part 4	
84 Weeds on the fly	
85 University of - Dame	
86 Buddy from way back	
90 Group in a roundup	
93 Griffin who created "Jeopardy!"	
96 Debonair	
97 End of the riddle	
105 Helmsley with hotels	
106 Beau - detective	
107 Rebuke to Brutus	
108 "Hel-I-ol!"	
109 Divided into segments	
111 Cry of cheer	
113 Part of OTB	
116 Provoke	
117 Riddle's answer	
123 Fishing nets	
124 Vacillated	
125 Comic Boosler	
126 Most eccentric	
127 Cabbie's query	
128 More packed	
10 Bait	
11 More tender	
12 Mr. -! (old office scribe game)	
13 Foxy	
14 FDR's dog	
15 Wind section player	
16 Little kid	
17 "That being the case ..."	
18 Hostess in a kimono	
19 Boragnine of "Marty"	
24 Grouchy Muppet	
28 Familial fight	
29 Deeds	
30 Prune	
32 34th prez	
33 Priest's assistant	
35 Threw the dice	
36 Altar avowal	
39 Conducts	
40 In re	
41 "Darn it!"	
42 Relinquish	
47 The younger Saarin	
49 Grammy winner Tony	
50 State frankly	
52 Grows older	
53 Shoot down	
54 Rack up	
55 Old-style office scribe	
56 Clings (to)	
58 "Just Shoot Me!" actor George	
59 Mourner of myth	
60 Personal identifiers	
61 Pin it on	
62 Wise truism	
63 Roadhouse	
64 Basil-based sauce	
69 Overdue	
70 Boy, in Bolivia	
72 DVR pioneer	
75 Sci-fi power	
77 Family on "Married ... With Children"	
78 Jacket part	
79 Finish	
81 Court king Arthur	
82 Cookbook writer	
83 Snow queen in "Frozen"	
87 Openers of many locks	
88 Chevy debut of 2004	
89 Some watch displays, for short	
91 Leg up	
92 Pop's Carly - Jepsen	
94 Like a prof. emeritus	
95 Flashy Chevy, for short	
97 Texas city	
98 Got close to	
99 Doughnut-shaped figure	
100 Harmonious	
101 Hoists	
102 Took pains	
103 Physician, often	
104 Lay in concealment	
110 See 31-Across	
112 Roll call reply	
114 Proficient	
115 -Grape (Ocean Spray flavor)	
117 URL part	
118 "Take that!"	
119 Sweaty, say	
120 Old Tokyo	
121 Prop- or hex-ender	
122 The, in Vienna	

Weather Totals

Apr. 6 - Apr. 13

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

TEMPERATURE
Max 77° F
Min 37° F

PRECIPITATION
Week 0.99"
April 2.04"
2021 10.92"

SNOWFALL
New Snow 0.0"
Snow on Ground 0.0"
Winter Total 42.0"

U.S. Forest Service

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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Puzzle answers page 3B

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WVDNR announces winners of the 2021 Gold Rush Giveaway

SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) today announced the winners of this year's Gold Rush Giveaway.

The Gold Rush event included two ways to win giveaway prizes. Numbered tags were placed on 100 stocked golden trout. Anglers who caught a trout with a numbered tag could complete the submission form online at GoldRushWV.com. Anglers who didn't reel in a tagged golden rainbow trout still had opportunities to enter a giveaway by signing up to receive travel tips and information from the WVDNR.

"Gold Rush was a big success this year and I want to congratulate the winners of these great prizes," said WVDNR Director Stephen McDaniel. "Thank you to everyone who got out there and cast their lines for golden rainbow trout. We look forward to providing more exciting opportunities to enjoy our state's natural resources."

One lucky angler won the grand prize of a three-night cabin stay at Blackwater Falls State Park. Other prizes include one-night cabin stays at various West Virginia state parks or forests, West Virginia State Parks gift cards and exclusive Gold Rush merchandise.

In total, there are 36 giveaway prizes. Winners will be contacted to confirm information and their prizes will be delivered via mail or email. A list of winners can be found here:

- Grand Prize: Three-night cabin stay at Blackwater Falls State Park**
 - Ben Thompson
 - One-Night State Park Stays:
 - One-night cabin stay at Lost River State Park (1)**
 - Andrew Neill
- One-night cabin stay at Watoga State Park (1)**
 - Richard Logan
- One-night cabin stay at Kumbrabow State Forest (2)**
 - Emilee Thorn
 - Kaegun Jackson
- One-night cabin stay at Greenbrier State Forest (2)**
 - Travis Waybright

- Toan Nguyen
- One-night cabin stay at Seneca State Forest (2)**
 - Sam Hull
 - Tanner Bolyard
- One-night cabin stay at Cabwaylingo State Forest (2)**
 - Josh Darby
 - Samuel E. Bivans, Sr.
- \$25 West Virginia State Parks Gift Card:**
 - Brian Masters
 - Dannie Lee Warden
 - Erik Cantrell
 - Hunter Taylor
 - Jonathan Toll
 - Jonathan Wratchford
 - Steven Stafford
 - Thomas Vandevender
 - Barbara Seckman
 - Ethan Odell
- Exclusive Gold Rush Merchandise:**
 - Bob Toye
 - Donna Moses
 - Ellen Cook
 - Kenyon Warner
 - Mark Harris
 - Tyler Brunton
 - Sharon Heckstall
 - Robert Halloran
 - Rhonda Richardson
 - Renee Hoyman
 - Paula Drake
 - Pamela Smarr
 - Nathan Zerwig
 - Nanett Kelly
 - Megan Guan

Planting Tips for Growing Success

By Melinda Myers

Increase your growing success by giving your transplants a good start with a few simple planting techniques. Preparing them for the transition outdoors and planting properly will help you grow your best garden yet.

Transplants started indoors from seed or purchased at a local garden center or greenhouse need time to prepare for their outdoor home. Gradually toughen them up with a procedure called hardening off. This process helps them adjust to the outdoor growing conditions, so plants will suffer less transplant shock and establish more quickly.

Start by moving the plants outdoors to a sheltered shady location about one to two weeks before the recommended planting date. Stop fertilizing and water thoroughly when the planting mix is starting to dry. Move plants into an hour of direct sunlight the first day, increasing the time by an hour each day. Make this easier by placing transplants in a wagon, old saucer sled or Gardener's Supply Garden Cart (gardeners.com). Keep frost protection handy or move plants indoors when frost is in the forecast.

Once the plants are hardened off, move them into the garden. Water the planting mix thoroughly the night before planting. If possible, plant in the morning or on a cloudy day to reduce moisture loss and stress on the plants.

Follow spacing recommendations on the plant tags to save money and time. You will need fewer plants to fill the space and allow each plant to reach its full potential.

Press on the sides of the pot to loosen the roots and carefully slide the plant out of the container. Do not pull the plant out by the stem or you may end up with all stem and no attached roots.

Gently loosen any encircling and tightly bound roots. This encourages the roots to explore the surrounding soil and establish a strong root system. Use fingers to tease apart the roots or a sharp knife to slice through the surface roots in a few places.

Plant tomato transplants several inches deeper or set long leggy plants in a trench. This encourages roots to form along the buried stem. Remove the lowest leaves that will be covered by the soil and loosen the roots on the hardened-off transplant.

Dig a shallow trench two to three inches deep. Lay the leggy tomato in the trench and carefully bend the stem so the upper portion remains above ground. Cover the stem with soil and water.

Set stakes and towers in place at the time



Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company
Set tomato stakes or towers in place at the time of planting and make sure they are strong and tall enough to support the mature plants.

of planting to reduce the risk of damaging roots and stems when trying to secure tall plants. Make sure the support is strong and tall enough for the plants. Gardener's Supply Vertex tomato cages and supports are flexible, lightweight and can be installed around established plants without damage.

Remove any flowers and fruit on the transplants at the time of planting so plants can direct energy into forming roots, resulting in more flowers and fruit over time. If you cannot bring yourself to do this, try removing flowers on every other plant or row at planting. Do the same to the remaining flowers the following week.

Water new transplants often enough to keep the soil moist, but not soggy wet. Water thoroughly and gradually extend the amount of time between watering to encourage deep, more drought-tolerant roots. Adding a layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic mulch will help conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and improve the soil as it decomposes.

Implementing these strategies will help increase your enjoyment and reduce maintenance throughout the growing season.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series* and the *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

April Yard of the Month 2021



The Mountaineer Garden Club went Spring sightseeing and found a beautiful residential Yard of the Month on 6th Street at the home of Yvonne Parsons. She has stacked stone accent encircling her front yard with various colors of creeping Phlox draping artfully over the stone. An aluminum tub of purple and yellow pansies is the accent for spring.



The Parsons Advocate office was designated as Business Yard of the Month for April 2021. Beautiful daffodils are in full bloom surrounding a dogwood tree and accented by a wagon wheel.

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SPORTS

Lady Mt. Lions win Sectionals over Union 74-50



Photo by Becky Moore

2021 Sectional Champions – TCHS Girls' Basketball Team, Front Row(L-R): Rachel Felton, Jayden Moore, Brylee Wetzell, Ericka Zirk, Back Row(L-R): Head Coach Dave Helmick, Avery Colebank, Macy Helmick, London Hood, Nevaeh Nichols, Gracie Rapp, Kadie Colebank, Corrinia Lipscomb, Jacey Davis, Assistant Coach Brittany Taylor.

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team hosted Union on Thursday April 15th for the Sectional Championship. The Lady Mt. Lions jumped out to an early lead and never looked back in route to a 74-50 victory.

Tucker County controlled the game early as they led after one quarter of play 19-8. The Lady Mt. Lions also controlled the second quarter as they outscored the Lady Tigers 21-14 to put the Tucker County lead at 40-22 at the half-time break.

Union showed some life in the third as they lost the third by a slim 17-16 margin to make

the score 54-38. The Lady Mt. Lions then made a run in the fourth quarter to increase the lead to 68-38 with 5:20 left in the game. The Tucker County reserves then finished the game as the Lady Mt. Lions got the win by the final score of 74-50.

London Hood led Tucker County with 23 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists, 5 steals and Kadie Colebank added 17 points, 8 rebounds for the Lady Mt. Lions in the win. Macy Helmick reached double figures for Tucker County with 12 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists and Jacey Davis had 8 points, 4 rebounds off the bench. Gracie Rapp and Brylee Wetzell added 5 points each for the Lady Mt. Lions.

The win gave Tucker County the Sectional Championship and the victory also allows them to host the Co-Regional Final on Wednesday April 21st against Pocahontas County. The winner of the April 21st game will advance to the WV Girls' Basketball State Tournament in Charleston on April 27th.

Tucker County(15-4) will host Pocahontas County tonight Wednesday April 21st for the Regional Championship. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday April 21st
• Tucker County Girls' Basketball – Regional Championship vs Pocahontas 7pm

Thursday April 22nd
• Tucker County Boys' Basketball – Sectional Championship vs TBA @ Home 7pm

Friday April 23rd
• Tucker County Baseball vs Petersburg @ Home 5pm

Saturday April 24th
• Tucker Valley Softball @ Gilmer County(DH) 1pm/3pm

Monday April 26th
• Tucker County Baseball @ Philip-Barbour 5pm

Tuesday April 27th
• WV Girls' Basketball State Tournament - TBA
• Tucker County Track @ Buckhannon-Upshur 4pm

Wednesday April 28th
• Tucker County Boys' Basketball – Regional Championship - TBA

Davis-Thomas Girls' finish season with 3 road games

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PETERSBURG – The Lady Bears traveled to Petersburg for a Varsity only game on Tuesday April 6th. Petersburg pulled away for the win over Davis-Thomas by the score of 25-17. The Lady Bears were led by Raven Matthews with 9 points and Isabella Bennett added 5 points in the Davis-Thomas loss.

MILL CREEK – The Davis-Thomas Girls' took to the road to face Tygarts Valley on Wednesday April 7th. The Lady Bears fell in a close contest by the final score of 29-25. Kelsyn Whitehair led Davis-Thomas with 9 points and Isabella Bennett chipped in with 7 points in the Lady Bears loss.

BAKER – The Lady Bears ended their season with a road game at East Hardy on Friday April 9th. East Hardy took the victory over Davis-Thomas 37-23. The Lady Bears were led in scoring by Raven Matthews with 12 points. Isabella Bennett added 4 points in the Davis-Thomas loss. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Davis-Thomas Boys' fall in PVL Championship game

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PETERSBURG – The Bears Boys' Basketball teams traveled to Petersburg on Wednesday April 14th to compete in the PVL Tournament. Davis-Thomas faced off against Pendleton County in the Semi-Final game. The Bears edged Pendleton County by the final score of 58-57.

Trevar Bonner led the Bears with 21 points and Cole Carr added 14 points. Keelyn Eichelberger chipped in with 12 points and Carson Dearborn had 11 points in the Davis-Thomas win.

PETERSBURG – Davis-Thomas matched up against Warm Springs at Petersburg on Thursday April 15th for the PVL Championship. The Bears fought hard, but Davis-Thomas could not get the win in a close game as Warm Springs took the game 55-51. The Bears finished as PVL Runner-Up as they were led in scoring by Trevar Bonner with 29 points and Carson Dearborn added 10 points for Davis-Thomas in the loss. Davis-Thomas finished the season with a 11-5 overall record. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker County Boys' basketball drop 3 games in busy week

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Mt. Lions hosted Class "AAAA" Preston on Tuesday April 13th. Tucker County battled the Knights all evening, but the Mt. Lions could not get the win as Preston picked up the road victory 62-57.

The first quarter was close in scoring as both teams went back and forth as Tucker County held a slim 15-14 lead after one. The second quarter was just as competitive as neither team developed a big advantage as Preston edged the Mt. Lions in scoring 14-12 during the second quarter to make the score 28-27 Preston at the half-time break.

The Knights started to pull away in the third quarter as Preston outscored Tucker County 21-14 in the third to put the score to 49-41 Preston after three. The Mt. Lions battled back in the fourth quarter as they cut the Knights lead to 60-57 late in the contest, but Tucker County could not complete the comeback as they fell in the contest 62-57.

Zack Colebank led Tucker County with 14 points, 5 rebounds and Ashton Lycliter added 12 points, 8 rebounds. Trenton Wilfong chipped in with 11 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists and Maddox Anderson dished out 5 assists in the loss for the Mt. Lions. The Tucker County JV team picked up the win over Preston 59-54.

MILL CREEK – Tucker County traveled to Tygarts Valley on Thursday April 15th for a Varsity only contest against the Bulldogs. The Mt. Lions struggled to score in the second quarter and Tygarts Valley held off the Tucker County in the second half to get the win 54-42.

The Mt. Lions got off to a good start in the first quarter as they led Tygarts Valley after one 16-7. The Bulldogs battled back in the second quarter as they outscored Tucker County 19-3 in the period to give Tygarts Valley the 26-19 halftime lead.

The third quarter showed both teams offense as the Bulldogs edged the Mt. Lions 14-13 in scoring to make the score 40-32 after three quarters. Tygarts Valley then pulled away in the fourth quarter as they outpaced Tucker County 14-10 in the final period to give the Bulldogs the home victory by the final score of 54-42.

Zack Colebank led Tucker County with 14 points, 18 rebounds and Ashton Lycliter added 8 points, 6 rebounds in the Mt. Lions loss. Maddox Anderson chipped in with 8 points and Levi Bennett had 7 points for Tucker County.

HAMBLETON – The Mt. Lions hosted PVC Rival Pendleton County on Friday April 16th for the last game of the regular season. Pendleton County held Tucker County to just 3 points in the fourth quarter to pull away for the 51-34 victory.

The first quarter went



Photo by Brittany Channell

Tucker County's Gus Mullenex takes the ball to the basket against Preston on April 13th. Tucker County fell in the contest 62-57.

back and forth as the visiting Wildcats held a slim 15-14 lead after one quarter of play. Pendleton County then pulled away slightly in the second as they outscored Tucker County 14-6 to make the halftime score 29-20 Pendleton County.

The third quarter was played even as the Wildcats edged the Mt. Lions in scoring 12-11 in the third to put the score to 41-31 Pendleton County after three. The fourth quarter would belong to the Wildcats as they outpaced Tucker County 10-3 in the final period to give Pendleton County the vic-

tory by the score of 51-34.

Zack Colebank led Tucker County with 17 points, 8 rebounds and Levi Bennett added 8 points for the Mt. Lions. Ashton Lycliter pulled down 6 rebounds and collected 3 blocks for Tucker County in the loss. The Mt. Lions JV team also fell in the first game of the night by the score of 45-42.

Tucker County (10-5) will host the Sectional Championship against East Hardy or Union on Thursday April 22nd at 7pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

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WV Division of Forestry urges the public to practice fire safety and burning precautions to prevent wildfires

CHARLESTON, W.VA. — The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WVDOF) reminds the public to be cautious throughout spring fire season and follow safe burning laws.

Between Jan. 1 and March 25, 2021, the state has reported 312 fires and nearly 3,000 acres burned. During the same period in 2020, the state counted 158 fires and 632 acres burned. Debris burning accounts for more than 35% of all wildfire occurrence over the past 10 years.

Spring fire season extends from March 1 through May 31. During this period, burning is prohibited from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The WVDOF provides Forest Fire Laws on their website.

Reasons for fire seasons

The weather conditions and the care people take with their fires play important roles in preventing

wildfires.

“The slight increase in fire activity this spring can be attributed to drier weather conditions during the month of March,” said Jon T. Wilson, service forester for Tyler and Doddridge Counties. “The precipitation experienced over most of the state during February did little to decrease forest fires this spring. Just as wet clothes hung outside will dry in an afternoon, so will forest leaf litter and vegetation. One dry and windy March afternoon can dry the fuels in the forest and ready them for combustion.”

The daylight burning ban from 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. is based on the presence of dead vegetation and low relative humidity. In spring and fall fire season, relative humidity levels are typically lower than in summer, but increase toward evening. Leaf litter absorbs the moisture overnight, making the material less flammable.

“If residents carefully follow the fire laws, we can reduce the numbers of fires,” said Wilson. “The seasonal regulations have been in place for many years and they are very effective in preventing forest fires.”

Consequences of uncontrolled fire

Losing control of a debris fire can endanger property, wildlife and people.

“In a recent incident, the Division of Forestry unit in command of a wildfire discovered a power pole that was actively burning,” Wilson said. “This power pole carried large transmission lines and would have been lost had Forestry not extinguished it quickly.”

The WVDOF makes the initial response to forest fires and is in command of the fire until it is completely extinguished. Forestry coordinates the suppression efforts using its own and local county resources.

In many areas, local volunteer fire departments may be called to join fire suppression efforts.

“When these local first responders are busy fighting forest fires, they are out of service to the local community,” he said. “Any

county emergencies that occur during this time will have a delayed response from the fire department. It could be the difference between life and death in some cases.”

All Division foresters have authority to issue citations for fire code law violations. Any person or company that has caused a fire on any grass or forest land must reimburse the state for the costs incurred in the suppression of the fire. Fines for forest fires due to negligence range from \$100 to \$1,000 with additional civil penalty of \$200.

Arson fires

Arson accounts for approximately 22% of West Virginia wildfires.

The WVDOF is responsible for investigating wildland arson fires. The Division's Special Operations Unit uses certified search dogs and meticulous arson investigation techniques to pursue arsonists. Forestry also enlists the eyes and ears of members of the public.

Anyone with information about arson fires can contact Forestry's Special Operations Unit by calling the arson hotline at 1-800-233-FIRE or by reporting online at wvforestry.com/report-a-violation. Additional contact information for WV Forestry's regional offices can be found at wvforestry.com/contact-us.

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The City of Thomas

The City of Thomas is seeking a city clerk with strong organizational skills and basic bookkeeping skills. This is a full-time position with benefits. To apply please send a resume with a cover letter to cityofthomas@frontiernet.net
Deadline to apply is April 30, 2021.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under authority of that certain Deed of Trust dated August 22, 2013 from Charles K. Phillips, aka Charles Phillips, and Paula I. Phillips, aka Paula Phillips, to Marc B. Lazenby, Trustee, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 264, at page 522, securing a promissory note in the principal amount of \$66,852.31, payable to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., and default having been made under the promissory note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust and sale requested by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at the front door of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons, West Virginia, on April 28, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., subject to all reservations, exceptions, easements and other matters which appear of record, and subject to all unpaid taxes, if any, the following two (2) pieces or parcels of real estate, together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Town of Hendricks, Tucker County, West Virginia, described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL ONE: Beginning at the Jeff Fraley N.E. corner on which his building stood, thence with his line S. 18 W. about 30 feet to the right of way of the now Western Maryland Railway Company, thence with the right of way of said road westerly to the west side of the first big run known as the school house run, thence up the west side of said run with the meanders so as to include the water to a point where the grantors western line of Jacob Woodruff's one acre lot intersects said run, thence from this point with the center of said run with the meanders to George Allender's northwest corner in said run as sold to him by J. W. Bowman, thence with Allender's line N. 39 E. 180 feet to the line of North Street, thence with said street line S. 56 W. 250 feet and if North Street is ever discontinued, said street is to fall to the parties of the second part, mentioned in this deed, crossing the end of Main Street to the South side street line, thence with the south line of Main Street S. 72 E. 125 feet to the beginning, containing about 3.26 acres, more or less.

The above parcel of real estate is subject to an outsale of 5,760 square feet to Junior Harper and Evelyn Harper, husband and wife, by deed dated November 6, 1997 and of record in the said Clerk's Office in Deed Book No. 157 at page 187 and to an outsale to Dale K. Hedrick and Frances M. Hedrick, husband and wife, containing 32,767 square feet or 314 of an acre, more or, less, bearing date of May 8, 1980 and of record in Deed Book No. 96 at page 340. This leaves a balance of 2.51 acres, more or less, in the above described parcel.

PARCEL TWO: Beginning at the Jeff Fraley N.E. corner on which his building stood, thence with his line S. 18 W. about 230 feet to the right of way of the now Western Maryland Railway Company, thence with the right of way of said road, westerly about 150 feet to an iron stake in right of way, thence N. 18 E. about 230 feet crossing the end of main street to the south side street line, thence with the south line of main street S. 72 E. 150 feet to the beginning, containing about 314 acre or 32,670 square feet.

Being the same property conveyed from Dale K. Hedrick and Frances M. Hedrick, husband and wife, to Charles Phillips and Paula Phillips, husband and wife, by Deed dated May 20, 2010, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 200, at page 348.

Terms of sale: Ten percent nonrefundable cash deposit due at sale. Ninety percent balance of purchase price due within thirty days of date of sale.

Given under my hand this 25th day of March, 2021.

/s/ Marc B. Lazenby
Trustee

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

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

APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: L-41-21 Public Notice Date: April 21, 2021

Paper: *Parsons Advocate*

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

Appl. No.: WV0071315
Applicant: KINGSFORD MANUFACTURING COMPANY
PO BOX 464
PARSONS, WV 26287
PARSONS, TUCKER COUNTY

Location: 39:04:41 Longitude: 79:41:27

Receiving Stream: SHIVERS FORK OF CHEAT RIVER

Activity:

To operate and maintain disposal systems and best management practices for the direct discharge of treated industrial wastes (stormwater, plant wash down, and coal pile runoff) via Outlet 001, and treated industrial wastes (stormwater, boiler blowdown, plant wash down, and wood chip pile runoff) via Outlet 002 into Shavers Fork, a tributary of the Cheat River, a tributary of the Monongahela River. An antidegradation review has been conducted and Tier I protection is provided for the uses specified in Title 47, Series 2, Section 6.

Business conducted:

Manufacturer of charcoal briquettes.

Implementation:

N/A

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

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

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins April 21, 2021 and ends May 21, 2021.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water & Waste Management
Office of Waste Management
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, WV 25304
(304) 926-0465

APPLICATION FOR WEST VIRGINIA SOLID WASTE LANDFILL PERMIT RENEWAL

Permit Notice No.: SW-06-21 Paper: **The Parsons Advocate**
Public Notice Dates: April 14, 2021 P.O. Box 345
April 21, 2021 Parsons, WV 26287

The following has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for a permit renewal of its solid waste landfill NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit.

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

Application No.: SWF-8295/WV0109126
Location: **0.3 Miles Northwest of the Intersection of Route 32 and Route 93, between Thomas & Davis, Tucker County, West Virginia**
Activity: **Class B Landfill**

The applicant may receive a maximum of 9,999 tons monthly of the following types of waste: solid waste as defined in W. Va. Code Chapter 22, Article 15, Section 2(27) and as listed in 33CSR 1 Section 2.114. Wastewater treatment plant solids, nonhazardous industrial process solid wastes, and non-hazardous sludge will only be accepted after approval by the Division of Water & Waste Management. Tires may be used in the landfill in accordance with W. Va. Code and 33 CSR5.

The waste will originate from the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia, and Canada.

The facility is located along an unnamed tributary of Pendleton Run. The center of the site is 39°08'32"N Latitude, and 79°28'20"W Longitude. The storm water discharge points are 39°08'36" N Latitude and 79°28'22" W Longitude; 39°08'36" N Latitude and 79°28'34" W Longitude; and Latitude 39°08'44.64" N and Longitude 79°21'38.61" W.

All leachate will be collected and trucked to the City of Fairmont's, the City of Thomas', the City of Weston's, the City of Elkin's, the City of Petersburg's, the City of Clarksburg's, and the Upper Potomac River Commission of Westport, Maryland Wastewater Treatment Plants.

On the basis of review of the application, the Solid Waste Management Act, Chapter 22, Article 15, Sections 5(b) and 5(c); and the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Rule 33CSR1, the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

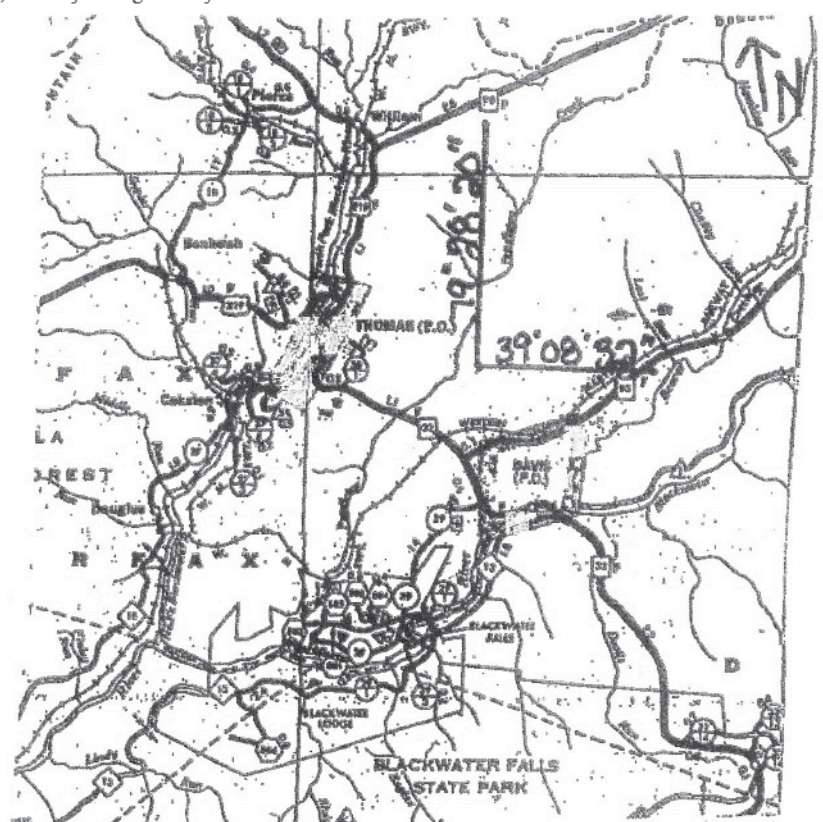
Interested persons may submit written comments during the 30-day public comment period, which begins on April 14, 2021 and ends on May 14, 2021 to the following address:

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water & Waste Management
Office of Waste Management
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Attention: Dawn Jones

Comments received within this time period will be considered prior to any state action on the subject application. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues addressed.

A public hearing may be held if the state identifies a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the permit application. To obtain further information concerning the subject application or to request a public hearing, you may contact the Division of Water and Waste Management during the public comment period at the above address.

The draft permit will be on file for public review during the comment period at the DEP Regional Office located at DMV Building, Route 50, Food Lion Plaza, Romney, WV 26757, (304) 822-7266 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To receive a copy of the permit application or draft permit, please contact Dawn Jones at the Division of Water and Waste Management, Office of Waste Management, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304, (304) 926-0499, extension 43854, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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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)
Darlene C. Sedmock	Pamela K. Caruthers
1st publication 4/14/21	25175 Justice Drive
2nd publication 4/21/21	Chantilly, VA 20152

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before the Tucker County Commission at 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV 26287.

That no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the following decedent has been filed with the Tucker County Commission and is of record in the Tucker County Clerk's Office.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must be filed with the County Commission within 60 days after the first publication date or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

1st Publication Date: April 14, 2021 Claim Deadline: June 7, 2021
Decedent: James Ashton Carr

Filed By: Rita N. Carr
12337 Brookeforest Circle NW
Pickerington, OH 43147

Relationship: Spouse
Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 7, 2021
Sherry Simmons
Tucker County Clerk

LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Edward C. Knotts	Beverly Slatton
1st publication 4/21/21	87 Hogback Rd.
2nd publication 4/28/21	Parsons, WV 26287

And
Barbara Hottle
71 Flat Branch Rd.
Parsons, WV 26287

Cheryl A. Clark
227 Superior St.
Louisville, OH 44641

Steven L. Johnson
7842 W. Orange Ave.
Delaware, OH 43015

Douglas Martin
PO Box 162
Davis, WV 26260

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK



JOB POSTING CITY ADMINISTRATOR/TREASURER

Position Available
Monday, April 19, 2021 - Posting Date

Position: The City of Parsons is seeking qualified candidates for a full-time City Administrator/Treasurer Position.

Job Description: Plan, direct, coordinate, and exercise general supervision over the work of all departments, including the activities of the Business Office, Public Works, Water, Sewer, Garbage, Parks and Recreation, and Cemetery Departments. • Serve as a liaison between City staff, the Mayor, and the City Council: attend all meetings of the City Council; brief Council Members on pending agenda items and other City issues. • Direct city operations through subordinate department heads: coordinate city-wide management activities and facilitate implementation strategies; apprise city council members of emergencies. • Recommend and implement organizational structure and control system for the business departments of the City and to ensure that processes are in place to conduct the City's business within the legal and policy framework. • Maintain constant focus on the municipal needs of the residents of the City and respond to citizen inquiries and requests for service as well as media requests in a professional and customer service oriented manner. • Supervise and prepare the annual budget and budget amendments. • Coordinate special projects for the City, including the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of construction/renovation projects, management studies, introduction of new programs, and various professional services. • Determine work procedures, prepare work schedules, and expedite workflow; research and standardize procedures to improve efficiency and effectiveness of operations. • Designate an appropriate department head or City employee to prepare items for inclusion in the official agenda of all City Council meetings and meetings of all boards and commissions. • A complete job description for this position is available upon request. • Please note that this job description does not constitute an employment agreement with the employer, and requirements of the job may change at the discretion of the City Council.

Selection Guidelines: Formal application by resume, rating of education and experience; oral interview and reference check; job related screening and tests will be required.

Education/Experience: Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Accounting, Public Administration, Business Administration, or related field; OR an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Required Licenses/Certifications: Must possess a valid West Virginia Driver's License with clean driving history.

Candidates should have knowledge of: City operations, policies, and procedures. • Federal laws, state laws, and local ordinances. • Principles and practices of financial administration. • Regulations governing municipal finance activities. • Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. • Financial systems, records, and reports. • Processes for preparing and administering budgets. • Principles of benefits administration and labor negotiations. • Supervisory principles, practices, and methods.

Physical Demands/Work Environment: Work is performed in a standard office environment. • Subject to sitting for extended periods of time, standing, walking, bending, reaching, and occasional lifting of objects up to 25 pounds. • Occasional outdoor job-site supervision.

Compensation/Benefits: The annual base salary for this position is \$45,000; however, this salary can be adjusted based upon education and experience. • The benefit package includes health insurance, life insurance, retirement plan, wellness program, holidays, employee's birthday, vacation days, sick leave, and personal days.

Residency Requirements: It is required that the individual serving in this position be a resident of Tucker County, West Virginia. • It is preferred (not required) that the individual reside in Parsons, West Virginia or within a reasonable commute or response time.

To Apply: Resumes can be hand-delivered to the Parsons Business Office from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (EDT), Monday through Friday, except holidays, or mailed to the City of Parsons, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287. All resumes must be received by 5:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, May 14, 2021.

Legal Disclosure: The City of Parsons does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy or gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor.

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Garage Sale

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Tucker County track compete in meets at Keyser, Bridgeport

By Dave Helmick
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KEYSER – The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Track teams traveled to Keyser on Tuesday April 13th for the first meet of the season. The Tucker County Girls' team took 1st place in the meet with a score of 106 total points. The Tucker County Boys' team finished 6th in the meet with a score of 36.

Girls' Results: **100m:** 7th-Kandace Nestor(17.10), 10th-Tessa Jolly(20.20). **400m:** 3rd-Addie Buckley(1:10.23), 8th-Karlee Smith(1:15.54), 14th-Zoe Nestor(1:21.02). **800m:** 3rd-Kate Falls(2:47.06). **1600m:** 2nd-Erin Chambers(6:17.34). **3200m:** 4th-Hannah Hardy(14:08.03). **100m Hurdles:** 4th-Lilly Callaway(21.49). **300m Hurdles:** 2nd-Lilly Callaway(1:01.17). **4x100m:** 3rd-Z.Nestor, K.Nestor, O.Myers,E.Chambers(1:04.07). **4x200m:** 2nd-K.K.Smith, A.Buckley, Z.Nestor, K.Falls(2:06.36). **4x400m:** 2nd-K.Smith, A.Buckley, E.Chambers, H.Hardy(5:05.35). **4x800m:** 1st-K.Smith, H.Hardy, K.Falls, E.Chambers(11:42.57). **Shuttle Hurdle Relay:** 2nd-K.Smith, O.Myers, A.Buckley, L.Callaway(1:24.76). **Pole Vault:** 2nd-Zoe Nestor(6'06"). **Long Jump:** 1st-Zoe Nestor(13'09"). **Shot Put:** 5th-Kandace Nestor(24'09.5"), 9th-Tessa Jolly(17'11"). **Discus Throw:** 3rd-Kandace

Nestor(73'00"), 4th-Olivia Myers(66'04"), 6th-Lilly Callaway(62'10"), 10th-Tessa Jolly(47'06"). **Overall Team Rankings:** 1st-Tucker County(106), 2nd-Petersburg(105), 3rd-Berkeley Springs(102), 4th-Southern, MD(73), 5th-Keyser(57), 6th-St Maria Goretti(30).

Boys' Results: **100m:** 11th-Trent Eure(12.62), 23rd-Conner Evick(14.31). **200m:** 12th-Haden Wamsley(26.11), 24th-Conner Evick(29.08), 25th-Ethan McCrum(29.55), 27th-Grant Poling(29.66), 28th-Gavin Mullenax(29.86), Hayden Smith(30.22). **400m:** 10th-Haden Wamsley(1:01.04), 11th-Grant Poling(1:05.75), 13th-Conner Evick(1:06.88), 14th-Ethan McCrum(1:07.67), 15th-Hayden Smith(1:09.99), 17th-Gavin Mullenax(1:12.93). **800m:** 8th-Clay Poling(2:28.56), 11th-Ethan McCrum(3:08.73). **1600m:** 10th-Wesley Strawderman(5:40.53). **4x100m:** 4th-D.Witemore, T.Eure, E.McCrum, J.Knotts(53.55). **4x200m:** 5th-T.Eure, C.Poling, D.Witemore, J.Knotts(1:49.04). **4x400m:** 4th-D.Witemore, H.Wamsley, C.Poling, W.Strawderman(4:14.23). **4x800m:** 2nd-W.Strawderman, C.Poling, T.Eure, D.Witemore(9:58.10). **Long Jump:** 10th-Conner Evick(12'07.5"). **Shot Put:** 1st-Tate Mullenax(39'10), 7th-Gavin Mullenax(33'06"), 9th-Hayden Smith(31'07"), 10th-Owen Porter(30'04.5"), 13th-



Photo by Lisa Smith

Tucker County's Addie Buckley competes in the 200m event at Bridgeport on April 17th.

Tyler Collar(29'03"), 15th-Isaac Wagner(28'07.5"). **Discus Throw:** 2nd-Tate Mullenax(109'00"), 10th-Hayden Smith(80'05"), 11th-Owen Porter(75'02"), 12th-Gavin Mullenax(75'01"), 13th-Tyler Collar(72'07"), 16th-Grant Poling(68'00"), 18th-Isaac Wagner(61'02"). **Overall Team Rankings:** 1st-Keyser(162), 2nd-Southern, MD(157), 3rd-St. Maria Goretti(77), 4th-Petersburg(39), 4th-Berkeley Springs(39), 6th-Tucker County(36).

BRIDGEPORT – The Mt. Lion Track teams competed on Saturday April 17th at the Annual Connect-Bridgeport Invitational at Bridgeport High School. The Boys' team and Girls' teams finish 3rd in the event.

Boys' Results: **100m:** 3rd-Trent Eure(12.35). **400m:** 4th-Haden Wamsley(1:01.70), 6th-Ethan McCrum(1:06.40), 7th-Conner Evick(1:08.50). **800m:** 5th-Wesley Strawderman(2:20.63). **4x100m:** 2nd-D.Witemore, T.Eure, E.McCrum, J.Knotts(51.45). **4x200m:** 2nd-T.Eure, J.Knotts, W.Strawderman, D.Witemore(1:51.30). **4x400m:** 3rd-D. Witemore, H.Wamsley, E.McCrum, W.Strawderman(4:10.66), 4th-G.Mullenax, G.Poling, H.Smith, C.Evick(4:47.25). **4x800m:** 3rd-W.Strawderman, H.Wamsley, T.Eure, D.Witemore(10:03.16). **Long Jump:** 3rd-JJ Knotts(16'01.25"), 7th-Grant Poling(11'09.75"). **Shot Put:** 1st-Tate Mullenax(40'00), 2nd-Dominic Mullenax(38'01"), 5th-Gavin Mullenax(33'06"), 9th-Hayden Smith(29'11.5"), 10th-Owen Porter(29'08.5"), 12th-Tyler Collar(25'11.5"), 14th-Isaac Wagner(24'11.5"). **Discus Throw:** 1st-Tate Mullenax(111'11"), 3rd-

Dominic Mullenax(102'01"), 6th-Tyler Collar(94'08"), 7th-Owen Porter(75'03"), 8th-Gavin Mullenax(71'01"), 11th-Isaac Wagner(67'06"). **Overall Team Rankings:** 1st-Bridgeport(178), 2nd-Lewis County(95), 3rd-Tucker County(94), 4th-Liberty Harrison(34), 5th-Notre Dame(22).

Girls' Results: **200m:** 4th-Addie Buckley(30.18). **800m:** 3rd-Kate Falls(2:49.54). **1600m:** 2nd-Erin Chambers(6:15.19). **3200m:** 2nd-Hannah Hardy(13:48.90). **100m Hurdles:** 3rd-Lilly Callaway(19.90). **300m Hurdles:** 4th-Lilly Callaway(59.19). **4x100m:** 3rd-K.Nestor, O.Myers, E.Chambers, Z.Nestor(1:05.42). **4x200m:** 2nd-K.Smith, Z.Nestor, K.Falls, A.Buckley(2:05.41). **4x400m:** 2nd-K.Smith, E.Chambers, K.Falls, A.Buckley(4:57.57). **4x800m:** 1st-K.Falls, H.Hardy, K.Smith, E.Chambers(11:43.07). **Shuttle Hurdle Relay:** 1st-K.Smith, O.Myers, D.Pennington, L.Callaway(1:23.57). **Pole Vault:** 2nd-Zoe Nestor(6'06"). **Long Jump:** 5th-Zoe Nestor(13'04.5"). **Shot Put:** 4th-Kandace Nestor(25'10.5"), 9th-Olivia Myers(17'09.5"), 11th-Tessa Jolly(17'04"). **Discus Throw:** 2nd-Kandace Nestor(77'07"), 6th-Olivia Myers(70'09"), 7th-Lillian Callaway(66'05"), 11th-Tessa Jolly(49'05"). **Overall Team Rankings:** 1st-Bridgeport(114), 2nd-South Harrison(111), 3rd-Tucker County(98.5), 4th-Lewis County(91), 5th-Liberty Harrison(73.5).

The Track team will travel to Buckhannon-Upshur on Tuesday April 27th to compete in a Girls' and Boys' meet at 4pm. For more info and complete schedules visit TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker Valley Boys' finish season with loss to Elkins

By Dave Helmick
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PARSONS – The Wildcats Middle School Boys' Basketball team finished out their season with 2 games against Elkins on Tuesday April 13th. In the first game of the night Elkins took the win by the score of 43-22. Luke Barb led the Tucker Valley JV with 8 points and Nate Davis added 6 points for the

Wildcats JV in the loss. The Varsity contest was a close battle that did not turn out good for the home team. Elkins got the lead with a little over 7 seconds remaining and the visiting Hornets held on for the 43-42 victory. Nate Ricottilli led Tucker Valley with 11 points and close behind in scoring was Garrett Wilfong with 10 points in the Wildcats loss. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com

Tucker County baseball team opened season at Pendleton

By Dave Helmick
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FRANKLIN – The Mt. Lions Baseball team traveled to Pendleton County on Saturday April 17th for the first game of the season. Tucker County battled with the Wildcats, but the Mt. Lions fell in the contest by the final score of 5-2.

Taking the field for the first time in just over 2 years, Tucker County found themselves with

only 2 players returning (Senior Zack Colebank, and Junior Blake Anderson) with High School Baseball game experience. Tucker County took the lead early as Mason Kisamore walked, stole second and third base and scored on a defensive error by Pendleton County. Mason Kisamore would then single in the second inning to drive in Ethan Rosenau to give the Mt. Lions a 2-1 Lead.

The homestanding Wildcats would tie the score 2-2 on a 2 out error in the bottom of the third. Tucker County then worked out of a jam in the third leaving 2 Pendleton County runners stranded. Pendleton would take the lead in the bottom of the fourth with two outs, after a walk and an infield error, as Isaiah Johnson dropped a hit in front of Mt. Lions left fielder Logan Husk to make the score 4-2 Wildcats.

Pendleton County then added another run on an infield error before Tucker County's Mason Kisamore could strike out the side. Pendleton County's Clayton Kisamore was on the mound for the Wildcats. Clayton went two innings and allowed 2 runs on 0 hits. Pendleton County used two

other pitchers out of the bullpen allowing 1 hit and 0 runs.

Mason Kisamore toed the rubber on the mound for Tucker County as he went 4 innings striking out 9 Pendleton County Batters and Kisamore allowed 5 runs on 2 hits for the Mt. Lions. Zack Colebank threw two innings of relief out of the bullpen for Tucker County and gave up 0 hits, while striking out 3 batters. The Mt. Lions were led at the plate by Mason Kisamore with 1 of 3 and a walk. Ethan Rosenau and Mason Kisamore both had multiple stolen bases, while Logan Husk, Aaron Quattro each added had one stolen base each.

After the game Head Coach Steelie Kisamore had these comments, "For the limited time we have had to practice, having 9 out of 12 players playing basketball, we played a pretty solid game. This was only the second time most of our team has been on a field and the first time for most playing high school baseball and seeing a varsity pitcher." Kisamore added, "I want to give credit to this young guys. Most played 3 very tough basketball games this past week, drove to Pendleton County and gave their best with little preparation and found themselves in the game with a chance to retake the lead in the 7th inning. I feel this team realizes their potential moving forward."

The Tucker County Baseball team will return to action Friday April 23rd at home against Petersburg at 5pm. The Mt. Lions will then travel to Philip-Barbour on Monday April 26th for another 5pm contest. For a complete schedule and more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

This Week's Submitted Photos

This week's photo of Pot O Gold in Canaan was submitted by Bret Rosenblum.

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