

# Parsons Partnering with DARRE



The starting stages of Pulp Mill Pond Restoration Project. Photo courtesy of City of Parsons Facebook page.

By Jennifer Britt  
*The Parsons Advocate*

Guest speaker Kaycie Stushek of WV Community Development HUB spoke with Parsons

City Council members via ZOOM about the Downtown Appalachia: Revitalizing Recreational Economics (DARRE) Program. Essentially what the three year program is designed

for is the deliberate and concentrated approach to supporting the development and revitalization of historic down towns. DARRE supports economic development in eight WV communities

surrounding the Monongahela National Forest. DARRE has been working with the City of Parsons through The Mon Forest Towns Partnership since October of 2021 and will continue to do

so until October of 2024. DARRE will assist Parsons in getting to know its downtown assets while enhancing business support, goals and opportunities. DARRE helps identify building redevelopment opportunities and connect those opportunities for the technical support needed. Technical support includes but is not limited to financial, broadband, and business design. After facilitating pre-development activities and assessments DARRE will showcase high potential projects for development considerations. DARRE is a partnership between the WV Northern Brownfields Assistance Center (NBAC), Woodlands Development & Lending, Partner Community Capital (formerly Natural Capital Investment), and the WV Community Development Hub. Past programs have included the HUBCAP and Blueprint projects. Janet Preston, Assistant Director from Woodlands Development Group, was present via ZOOM and stated: "I think you are very lucky to participate." in this program.

As much of the downtown buildings now house businesses the goal is to fill the remaining empty ones and bring in new business tailored to the community.

Councilman Timothy Auvil reported the Pulp Mill Bottom Pond Restoration Project is continuing to be closer to completion.

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## Cortland Acres receives 5-star rating



THOMAS, W.Va. — Cortland Acres received a 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Nursing Home Compare program. The rating places Cortland Acres among the best in West Virginia and the Potomac Highlands region.

"This above-average mark is a testament to the hard work of our employees, who dedicate every day to providing outstanding care for our short- and long-term residents," said Cortland Acres Administrator Beth Clevenger. "Receiving this recognition while operating during a pandemic is only made possible

by cultivating high patient care standards along with a tremendous amount of teamwork.

"We are thankful for each Cortland Acres staff member whose efforts have made this success possible."

The five-star rating for Cortland Acres, the highest possible rating obtained by CMS, is based on state-conducted health inspections, staffing and overall quality measures of medical care. CMS ranks nursing centers nationwide with the intent to help families and caregivers to compare nursing homes and make the best choice when deciding on care

for a loved one.

"We always strive to constantly improve and be the best we can be," Clevenger said. "We are focused on providing high-quality care and ensuring patient and family satisfaction. We also take pride in the compassion and caring shown by everyone who works at Cortland, and that makes the difference in residents' lives daily."

CMS decides their rulings by using regular inspections and data compiled from nearly 120 West Virginia long-term care facilities. Less than ten percent (10%) of the facilities achieve five-star status each year. To compare Cortland Acres' results to other facilities, visit [www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare](http://www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare).

The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs, rental apartments in Pineview, and garden and patio homes in The Pines. For more information about Cortland Acres, visit [www.cortlandacres.org](http://www.cortlandacres.org) or call 304-463-4181.

## Water/Sewer Committee to Finish Replacing Lines

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Parsons City Council Member and Chairman, Timothy Auvil, of the Water/Sewer Committee set forth a motion to request \$50,000 be allocated from the upcoming William M. Harman Memorial Fund distribution meeting to have the engineering done for a new water system improvements project. The project will replace water/sewer lines in the following areas: Center Street from Luffin Street to Sherman Street, Central Avenue, Buckhannon Street, Peachtree Lane, Billings Avenue including the trailer court, Pennsylvania Avenue, everything on Walnut Street and Main Street beyond 3rd Street. The project will also include a six inch extension from Smoky Hollow to the motel. Over the past 13 years 75% of the city's lines have been replaced. This project would nearly replace the remaining 25%. The Committee is meeting with the City of Parsons to figure the best course of action to cover the cost of new lines.

In addition to the water system improvement project, the Committee received a quote from Citco Water for \$209,400 for 840 "drive by" radio read transceivers

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## French Creek Freddie predicts six more weeks of winter for West Virginia

FRENCH CREEK, W.Va. — West Virginia will be getting six more weeks of winter, French Creek Freddie predicted on Wednesday during a Groundhog Day celebration at the state's Wildlife Center in Upshur County.

Freddie, the state's most popular weather-predicting groundhog, came out of hibernation on Wednesday to provide his annual forecast to fans and followers in attendance.

"Freddie was happy he could celebrate his special day with friends this year and is ready to nestle back in his burrow for a few more weeks of winter," said Trevor Moore, wildlife biologist for the West Virginia State Wildlife Center. "When spring arrives, Freddie hopes everyone will come back and visit him and enjoy a day at the Wildlife Center."

According to tradition, six more

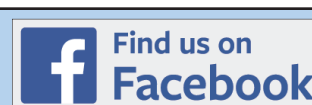
weeks of winter can be expected if skies are clear and a groundhog returns to its burrow after getting spooked by seeing its shadow. If skies are cloudy and a groundhog doesn't see its shadow, an early spring can be expected.

In the past 40 years, Freddie's forecasts have been accurate 50 percent of the time. Freddie predicted an early spring in each of the last three years.

The West Virginia Wildlife Center in Upshur County is home to French Creek Freddie and nearly 30 different species of West Virginia mammals, birds and reptiles. The center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., seven days a week through the end of March. Admission is free during this period. To learn more about the Wildlife Center and for directions, visit [wvdnr.gov/west-virginia-wildlife-center](http://wvdnr.gov/west-virginia-wildlife-center).



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## News of Record

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

• **William Henry Cole III**, Buckhannon, was charged with one count obstructing/resisting an officer. According to the complaint, on Sunday, Jan. 30 at approximately 7 p.m. Tucker County Sheriff's office Corporal B.T. Zirk was contacted by Tucker County 911 in reference to a domestic dispute in Davis involving an intoxicated male. Zirk received further directions and responded with TFC J.J. Schmidle of the West Virginia State Police. When they arrived at the residence they were met on the porch by the suspect. He advised the officers that they were not going inside the residence. They told him that they needed to make contact with the 911 caller and to make sure everyone was alright. Cole then stepped in front of the doorway and refused to let the officers into the residence. They tried to reason with Cole and asked

him to stand to the side so they could speak with the 911 caller. He became aggressive and refused to follow the officer's instructions. They told him he was going to be detained for everyone's safety. He resisted instructions and pulled away from Zirk. He was placed on the ground and taken into custody for obstruction. Cole allegedly continued to resist and obstruct while the officers attempted to place him into Zirk's patrol vehicle. Cole was then transported to TVRJ without further incident. All suspects 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:

- Frank X. Hiergeit and Judith Ann Hiergeit, Dry Fork, Lot No. 1 to Carline Properties LLC, \$115,000.
- Eric Price and Lauren Price/NKA/Lauren Nicole O'Brien, Dry Fork, 0.266 acre to Eric

Price, \$0.

- Frank Brooke, Dry Fork, U 9A 2510.6 sq. ft., U B 2510.61 sq. ft., U 13B 2071 sq. ft. to Inka Properties, \$0.
- Purnell Enterprises LLC, Black Fork, 90 x 100 Merrill Avenue, Pifer Addition to Lisa Bohon, \$4,500.
- The John W. and Jean R. Smith Revocable Trust, John W. Smith and Jean R. Smith, Dry Fork District, Lot 142 North Point Woods .54 acre to Benjamin F. Cruzan and Jonathan F. Paolini, \$32,000.
- Carol Prester McFadden Executor of Estate, Dry Fork, 17 acres Mill Run to Carol Prester McFadden Estate of William John McFadden, \$0.
- Donald E. Wortman and Maria Wortman, Dry Fork, Lot 26 Pointy Knob to Donald E. Hill and Margaret Nate, \$78,000.
- Matthew D. Evans, Mathew D. Evans and Autumn J. Evans, Dry Fork, Lot 68 Winterhaven to Cameron L. Taylor and Susan G. Taylor, \$150,000.
- Donna J. Davis, Davis Corporation, Lot Z, Part Lot Y and Lot AA to Eric Seachrist and Katherine Seachrist, \$211,000.

## Senior News

The exact dates for the Lancaster trip are July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$320 per person based on double occupancy. We will collect \$160 on April 14, 2022 and the other \$160 on May 19, 2022.

PML has notified us that the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is available for us. This includes airfare, 6 nights hotel, 6 breakfasts, fully escorted trip, exclusive access to a special VIP area of the site, the International Balloon Museum, a train ride around part of the Grand Canyon, White Sands National Park, and tours of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona. The dates for this trip are September 30, 2022 to October 6, 2022. The total cost will be \$2400 per person based on double occupancy. We will take a nonrefundable deposit of \$50 plus your first regular payment of \$470 for a total of \$520 on February 24, 2022. The March through June payments will each be \$470.

For the Tygart Lake cruise we decided to do this trip somewhere between July 25<sup>th</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>. We must take names now because there is a minimum of 30 people so we need to know if we have enough interest.

We want to go to the Mountain Playhouse in August to see a comedy play titled "Popcorn Falls" but we are awaiting an exact date from the theater.

We will get a schedule of performances at the Gandy Dancer as soon as it is available. We will do that for a Christmas trip as well as try to do at least one of their regular shows probably in May and/or September.

If you have any questions about these trips, feel free to contact Linda Bonner at the Parsons Center at 304-478-2423. If you are interested in any of these trips, please call as soon as possible to get your name and phone number on the list so we know if enough people are interested.

Please remember that February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day. Please do something special for someone you know. It doesn't have to be anyone in your family.

February 21, 2022 is Presidents' Day. The Tucker County Senior Centers will be closed then. They will reopen on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the regular hours.

### TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is an advertisement card/business card. Reed Raines and his Orchestra will be playing in Hotel Imperial at Thomas. Music as you like it, dance music. The Hotel Imperial was evidently built after 1906 as it is not listed in Nutter's book of Thomas History. I have not been able to find any information on Reed Raines and his Orchestra. None the less the card is a nice piece of history from Thomas. Ideas, comments, suggestions or photos to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.



## Tell Your Delegate you oppose House Bill 4260

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# OBITUARIES

## Roy William Mullenax

Roy William Mullenax, 94, of Windy Acres Lane, Horse Shoe Run, WV, passed away peacefully, Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at Davis Memorial Hospital, Elkins, WV, surrounded by his wife and children. Born December 10, 1927 in Sugarlands, WV, he was the son of the late William Carter and Cora Ethel (Knotts) Mullenax.



He was preceded in death by a daughter, Janet Lea Gillespie, a grandson Trinity Scott Gillespie, a great-grandson, Rylee David Friend, son-in-law Mike Filsinger, brothers Homer, Lawrence, John and Ray, and sisters Ellen Stewart and Leota Fultz.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Rose Marie (Bohon) Mullenax, daughters Lona Filsinger, Swanton, MD, Debra Wagner (Larry), and Trish Rumer (Dave) both of Oakland, MD; and son Roy Wayne Mullenax (Melissa) of Horse Shoe Run. Grandchildren included, Stephanie, Lorrie and Carrie Filsinger, Leslie, Brandon and Joshua Peck, Phillip Rumer and Heather and Kelsey Mullenax. Great-grandchildren included, Taylor and Evan Swiger, Jarrett, Jett, Jaxton and Jaggard Miller, Rebecca and Rachel Peck, Liam and Kinsley Rumer and Mylan and Mia Matlick. He has one surviving sibling, Jean Toothman, Shinnston, WV and his beloved cat, Peek-a-boo.

In 1956 Roy and Marie purchased their farm, working the farm with a team of horses for over 10 years before upgrading to a Case tractor. He loved farming and milking cows, by hand, with his beloved sidekick, Jan, for many years. He was employed at the age of 16 by Cecil Evans to work in the woods cutting timber. From there he went to work on the sawmill for Sam Frazee. He ended his timber career in 1991 after retiring from Coastal Lumber, where he was a dedicated and loyal employee for over 40 years.

After retirement he found great pleasure in spending time at the Terra Alta Stockyard, buying and selling and enjoying time being spent with the "old timers" there. He would also make numerous trips into Sugarlands in his Dodge pickup to check on the cattle grazing on his homeplace. He will be remembered as being a hardworking and honest man along with being an awesome Pop-Pop to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a man of few words but you knew where you stood in his life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bethel United Methodist (Texas) Church and/or cemetery fund, c/o Jack Cassidy 726 Maple Spring Hwy, Eglon, WV 26716.

A funeral service was held, 1 p.m., Sunday, February 6, 2022, at Bethel Texas United Methodist Church, Horse Shoe Run, WV, with pastor Sabrina Tenney officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service. The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Mullenax family at this time.

# Tucker Community Foundation awards over \$96,000 in grants to nonprofits

A total of 47 nonprofit organizations were recently awarded over \$96,000 from the Tucker Community Foundation through its annual Grant Program.

The awards were made possible by resources from the Foundation's designated and unrestricted endowment funds, agency funds and donor advised funds. The grants support for arts and culture, education, emergency assistance, community and economic development, senior services, recreation and youth.

"Every year it is exciting to distribute the grants that come from people helping people in communities throughout the region," said Mike Moore, executive director for the Tucker Community Foundation. "We create opportunities for the everyday donor to give 'bigger' as a group than what they could achieve and fund on their own. This is what our community foundation is all about."

Tucker Community Foundations' Grant Program is open to any 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit or public agency in one of the eight counties served by the foundation, Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties, W.Va. and Garrett County, Md. The grants can support specific projects or general operations for programs that make a positive impact in their communities. The next grant cycle will begin October 1, 2022.

### This year the Foundation received various applications, the following nonprofits are the 2022 recipients:

- American Red Cross - Disaster Response
- Appalachian Expeditions - Curriculum & Field Guide and Staff Training
- Aurora Middle School - Igniting the Love of Reading
- Blackwater Ministerial Association - Food Pantry
- CASA of Monongalia & Preston Counties - Court Appointed Special Advocates Program
- Catholic Charities of West Virginia - Emergency Utility Assistance

- City of Belington - City Park Facilities Playgrounds
- City of Thomas - Parks & Recreation - Picnic Table Project
- Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School - Expand Arts Program
- Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School - Audio & Video Design Materials
- Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School - High Tunnel Materials
- Davis Volunteer Fire Department - Hurst Tools
- Davis Volunteer Fire Department - Handheld GPS
- George Ward Elementary - Jump Rope Ninjas: Heart Health
- George Ward Elementary - Totally Gnarly 1980 Challenge
- George Ward Elementary - Safety First Playground Project & Pavillion
- Hospice Care Corporation DBA WV Caring - WV Caring Patient Support Fund
- Kenneth Honey Rubenstein Center - Hovatter Zoo Experience
- Kump Education Center - Targeted Tutoring
- Literacy Volunteers of Monongalia & Preston Counties - Learning Materials for Adult Learners
- Mountain Hospice Inc. - Camp Good Grief
- Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative Inc. - Fire Safe Metal Entrance Doors
- New Vision Renewable Energy - Chestnut Ridge Epicenter Field of Dreams
- North Central WV Community Action Assoc. Inc. - 2022 TCEFF Program
- Ohio-West Virginia Youth Leadership Association - Outfitting Youth for SummerCamp and Life Beyond
- Parsons Ministerial Association - North Central Community Action
- Philippi Public Library - Philippi Public Library LED Lighting Upgrade
- Preston County Victim Advocate - Preston County Victim Advocate
- Awareness Project

- Randolph County Community Arts Council - Concert Sound Reinforcement Project
- Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation - New Stories for an Old Battlefield
- St. George Academy Preservation Society - Roof Project, St. George Academy
- St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Save the Big Green Church
- The Hinkle House Food Pantry - Additional Food
- Tucker Community Foundation - Composition of Musical Piece 'Canaan Valley Suite'
- Tucker County Family Resource Network - Back Pack Buddies
- Tucker County Family Resource Network - Parents as Teachers Training
- Tucker County Schools - Physical Education Equipment
- Tucker County Schools - Build an Art Program
- Tucker County Schools - Development of the Esports Lab
- Tucker County Schools - Aquaponic System for Greenhouse
- Tucker County Schools - Supplies for Special Education
- Tucker County Schools - Replacement of Old Chemicals in Chemistry Dept.
- Tucker County Schools - Volleyball Team Equipment Needs
- Tucker County Schools - Gifted Classroom Improvements
- Tucker County Schools - Movement Breaks Equipment
- Tucker County Senior Center, Inc. - Mt. Top Nutrition Site Longevity & Expansion
- Tucker Valley Elementary/Middle School - Baseball & Softball for PE Class

Tucker Community Foundation manages 140 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to nonprofits and charitable causes in Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph, and Tucker counties in W.Va. and in Garrett County, Md. To learn more about establishing an endowment or supporting an existing one call 304-478-2930 or visit [www.tuckerfoundation.net](http://www.tuckerfoundation.net)

## Water

for all water meters including installation, computer and software support. The new meters will conserve resources for the

City of Parsons allowing fast and accurate readings. Funds for this project will come from the monies left from the allocation of the



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VacnTruck with the American Rescue Plan.

In the matters concerning the Parsons Emergency Water Preparedness and Resiliency Project, Chief Water/Sewer operator John "Red" Lipscomb explained an alternate location for the booster station suggested by WVDOH is suitable for the city's needs. The location is on the Bretz side of the Blackfork River with a shorter distance to bore under than the original location. A written agreement for purchase or lease will need to be signed by WVDOH and all parties necessary.

The committee is awaiting a \$1.6 million Senator Manchin Appropriations fund to coincide with other grants, loans, and contributions for the Sewer Systems Improvement Project. The committee will research and discuss at length the best way to utilize the \$1.6 million additional funding and combine it with the original project once funding is approved.

# West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History Seeks Nominations for Governor's Arts Awards

## Presentations to be made during March 1 Governor's Arts Awards Event

CHARLESTON, W. Va. - The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) is seeking nominations for the 2022 Governor's Arts Awards. This biennial awards program celebrates the best of the Mountain State by recognizing artists, art educators, and arts organizations whose contributions to the state's arts community provide vital examples of how important the arts are to West Virginia and its residents. A public awards presentation will be held on March 1 beginning at 6 p.m. at The Culture Center in Charleston.

The Governor's Arts

Awards include 11 categories with individual and organizational components. Nominees must be residents living in West Virginia and organizations based, or doing the majority of business, in the state. Nomination forms and complete descriptions of award categories are available online at <https://bit.ly/GovArtsAwards2022>.

All nominations must be submitted to the State Arts Office by Feb. 18, 2022. Mail nominations to Governor's Arts Awards Nomination, The Culture Center, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, WV 25305 or email nominations to [Paul.R.Neil@wv.gov](mailto:Paul.R.Neil@wv.gov) with the subject line Governor's Arts

Awards Nomination. For more information contact the State Arts Office at (304) 558-0240.

Award categories include:

- Susan S. Landis Distinguished Service to the Arts - Individual
- Susan S. Landis Distinguished Service to the Arts - Organization
- Artist of the Year
- Arts Organization of the Year
- Arts in Education - Individual
- Arts in Education - Organization
- Folk Arts - Individual
- Folk Arts - Organization
- Resiliency in the Arts - Individual
- Resiliency in the Arts - Organization
- Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement

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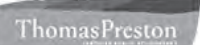
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tion. The completion of the grubbing removal process is near finished, leaving only the removal of trees by April 13. Auvil is working with Tygart Valley Soil

District in trying to use a hydro-seeder to seed the area. A ditch line will have to be dug away from the river to help with overflow and flooding. A batch of trees will

have to be cleared out along the trail and the beach area cleared out as well. Afterwards a well can be added to the property at the cost of \$11,000.

The Police Office has received six applications for the Code Enforcer Officer and will start the process of interviews in the upcoming week. The code enforcer officer ensures that the businesses and people are in compliance with public health, safety, public works, consumer protection, business activities, building standards, municipal affairs, and more. In short, code enforcement protects the community by regulating entities that are breaking laws and city ordinances.

The Code Adoption Ordinance had the third and final reading. A motion to approve was accepted and motion was granted. Upon adoption, the ordinance will become effective and enforceable on March 1, 2022. A copy of the Code of Ordinances can be found in the Office of the Clerk.

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons. If you would like an item placed on the agenda, contact the Parsons Business Office at (304) 478-2311.

## WVDEP receives wetland program development grant from U.S. EPA

**The grant will allow the WVDEP to update wetland mapping for 23 counties in West Virginia and develop public outreach programs**

Charleston, WV – In honor of World Wetlands Day, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Program (WVDEP) is announcing it has received a wetland program development grant of \$322,702 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The grant will allow the WVDEP to update wetland mapping for 23 counties in West Virginia and develop public outreach programs to encourage community involvement in citizen science and wetland protection.

Wetlands are some of the most productive ecosystems in the world – comparable to rain forests and coral reefs – and can be thought of as "biological supermarkets." They provide great volumes of food that attract many animal species, such as small insects, shellfish, fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals. Many species of birds and mammals rely on wetlands for food, water and shelter, especially during migration and breeding.

In addition to providing a natural habitat to fish and wildlife, wetlands function as natural sponges that trap and slowly release surface water, rain, snowmelt, groundwater and flood waters. Trees, root mats and other wetland vegetation also slow the speed of flood waters and distribute them more slowly over the floodplain. This combined water storage and braking action lowers flood heights and reduces erosion.

Wetlands also act as natural water purifiers, filtering sediment and absorb-

ing many pollutants in surface waters. Wetlands are vital to the health of our communities and perform valuable ecosystem functions, including water purification, shore stabilization, floodwater retention, groundwater recharge, and more. West Virginia is home to numerous types of wetlands, such as swamps, fens, marshes, and vernal pools, and can be found in

every county in the state.

To learn more about West Virginia wetlands and how you can help to protect them, WVDEP's wetlands video playlist on YouTube or its Wetland Resources web page.

For more WVDEP news and information, go to [www.dep.wv.gov](http://www.dep.wv.gov). Also, connect with the agency on all social media platforms. Follow @DEPWV on Twitter, Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/depwv/>, and find us on YouTube at Environment Matters.

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# Morrisey Leads Effort to Protect West Virginia Oil, Natural Gas Jobs

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey led a 24-state coalition in writing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday regarding a job-killing oil and natural gas rule proposed by the agency.

The letter, sent to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael Regan, expressed concerns raised by the attorneys general about the rule, which would establish new standards of performance under the Clean Air Act for new and modified sources of methane in the oil and natural gas sector.

These states argue that EPA's proposed

rule incorrectly reinstates legal deficiencies of the 2016 Clean Air Act rule, reflects an unbalanced view of EPA's prior regulations and improperly preserves duplicative and costly regulation.

"The proposed rule's costs are especially damaging given that EPA intends to impose them in the midst of a tightening energy market," Attorney General Morrisey led the coalition in writing. "Consumers are already facing some of their highest heating bills in years because of spiking energy prices and brutal temperatures. With recent international tensions in key energy-producing areas, market

conditions might only worsen in the near- and medium-term. And across the board, American consumers and businesses are paying more money for essential goods and services. EPA should be especially reluctant to impose high costs in conditions like these—at least without even more compelling benefits on the other side of the scale. Yet the proposed rule does not appear to acknowledge these relevant conditions at all."

Instead, the coalition says the EPA should once and for all fix the foundational error that the Obama administration used to claim such regulation was authorized in the first place. Doing so would enact a stricter approach that would require more rigorous study and keep with the intent of the Clean Air Act.

The Attorney General was active in leading coalitions that challenged the initial rule in August 2016 and then defended the Trump Administration's authority to reconsider and administratively stay its implementation.

The August 2016 challenge argued the Obama-era rule was in excess of the agency's statutory authority. Additionally, it would have raised production and distribution costs and, in turn, forced an increase in consumer utility bills.

Experts estimate that in West Virginia alone, implementation of the proposed rule under EPA's preferred two-year timetable could cost that state's environmental regulatory agency more than \$278 million each year.

On the same day as he sent the coalition's letter to the EPA, Attorney General Morrisey signed onto a Louisiana-sponsored letter that primarily addresses how EPA is quantifying the "social cost of carbon" used to calculate the costs and benefits of the rule.

West Virginia is a leader in natural gas production. The natural gas, pipeline and construction sectors provide thousands of jobs to hard-working West Virginians. Reintroducing unnecessary and costly regulations would jeopardize those jobs.

Joining the West Virginia-led letter were Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming.

Read a copy of the letter at <https://bit.ly/3rrBqw9>.

## Chambers Named to Glenville State College Honor Roll

GLENVILLE, WV – Christopher Chambers of Parsons has been named to the Glenville State College Provost's Honor Roll for the Fall 2021 semester. To be named to the Provost's Honor Roll, students must have grade point averages between 3.5 and 3.9 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

## Kachmarek Named to Dean's List at Frostburg State University

FROSTBURG, MD - Edward Kachmarek, of Kerens, has been named to the dean's list at Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD, for outstanding academic achievement for the fall 2021 semester.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours and earn a cumulative semester grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

## Opiate Epidemic Ongoing

The opiate epidemic is an ongoing issue that doesn't seem to be going away any time soon. Fentanyl is being laced in drugs, including marijuana, in order to get the consumer addicted and returning to the supplier for more. Pills are being sold as if they are produced by a legal manufacturer when they are in fact pressed Fentanyl pills. People are overdosing and dying due to the intense potency of Fentanyl. It is important to seek help before it's too late and you buy and consume a lethal

dose of Fentanyl.

If you or a loved one are struggling with Fentanyl addiction, reach out for help as soon as possible. To learn more about the growing opiate epidemic, visit:

<https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/how-fentanyl-is-accelerating-the-opioid-epidemic.html>

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## Gas Prices Unchanged in West Virginia; Crude Oil Nears \$90 Per Barrel

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is steady at \$3.113 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices: Northern WV Average \$3.113  
Average price during the week of January 24, 2022 \$3.113  
Average price during the week of February 1, 2021 \$2.350

The following is a list of the average prices in several West Virginia locations:

\$3.097	Bridgeport
\$3.124	Clarksburg
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\$3.249	Martinsburg
\$3.036	Morgantown
\$3.083	Parkersburg
\$3.080	Weirton
\$3.116	Wheeling

### Trend Analysis:

Crude oil prices continue their upward climb this week, closing in on \$90 per barrel. Higher oil prices typically lead to higher pump prices for motorists and today's average is no exception. The national average for a gallon of gas has risen to \$3.36, three cents more than a week ago. Uncertainty over Russia's intentions toward Ukraine is contributing to higher crude oil prices and any sanctions based on their actions toward Ukraine may cause Russia to withhold crude oil from the global market.

At the close of Friday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased by 21 cents to settle at \$86.82. The cost of crude oil rose last week despite the Energy Information Administration (EIA) reporting that total domestic crude stocks increased by 2.4 million barrels to 416.2 million barrels. The current crude stock level is approximately 13 percent lower than in mid-January 2021, contributing to pressure on domestic crude prices.

According to new data from the EIA, total domestic gasoline stocks grew by 1.3 million barrels to 247.9 million barrels last week. On the other hand, gasoline demand rose slightly from 8.22 million barrels per day to 8.51 million barrels per day. The increase still puts gas demand in a typical range for the winter driving season, which pre-COVID was 8.8 million barrels per day in mid-January 2020. Continued growth in crude oil prices has helped maintain elevated pump prices. If oil prices continue to climb toward \$90 a barrel, pump prices will likely follow suit.

Today's national average of \$3.36 is eight cents more than a month ago and 94 cents more than a year ago.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and countywide at [GasPrices.AAA.com](http://GasPrices.AAA.com).

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## This Week's Submitted Photos



This week's photo of the walking trail off of Mt Zion Road, was submitted by Laurie Rabeneck

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# SPORTS

## Tucker Valley Boys' Win JV and Varsity games at Petersburg

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

PETERSBURG – The Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball team traveled to Petersburg for a pair of games on Thursday February 3rd. In the JV game the Wildcats JV team got the win in a close contest 41-39. Ethan Cummings and Isaac Knotts led the Tucker Valley JV with 11 points each in the victory.

In the Varsity contest Tucker Valley jumped out to a 15-10 lead after one quarter. The Wildcats then led 25-16 at halftime. Tucker Valley then had a 34-21 advantage at the end of three. The Wildcats controlled the fourth quarter to take home the 55-33 road win to remain undefeated on the season.

Xander Lambert led Tucker Valley with 17 points and Mikey Mitchell added 15 points for the Wildcats in the win.

Tucker Valley will return to action



Photo by Susan Marks

**Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball 8th graders: Back Row(L-R): Mikey Mitchell, Sam Marks, Xander Lambert, Nate Ricotilli, Front Row(L-R): Cameron Judy, Link Suesli, Parker Ledden. Not pictured Jonathan Black.**

on Thursday February 10th at home against East Hardy. The Wildcats will then travel to Capon Bridge on

Friday February 11th for their last game of the regular season. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

### AREA SCHEDULE:

#### Wednesday February 9th

- Davis-Thomas Girls' Basketball vs Pendleton @ Home 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Boys' Basketball @ East Hardy 6pm

#### Thursday February 10th

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs Petersburg @ Home 5:45pm
- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball – PVL Playoff vs Pendleton @ Home 5pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball vs East Hardy @ Home 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' Basketball – PVL Playoff @ Capon Bridge 6pm

#### Friday February 11th

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Pocahontas County @ Home 5:45pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball @ Capon Bridge 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Boys' Basketball JV only vs Aurora @ Home 6:30pm

#### Monday February 14th

- Tucker County Boys' vs Preston @ Home 5:45pm
- Davis-Thomas Boys' Basketball vs Pendleton @ Home 6pm

#### Tuesday February 15th

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ Gilmer County 5:45pm

## Tucker Valley Girls' get win over Tygarts Valley 32-26

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Lady Wildcats hosted Tygarts Valley for a JV and Varsity contest on Wednesday February 2nd. In the JV game Tucker Valley fell as Tygarts Valley hit a shot at the buzzer to give the Lady Bulldogs JV the win 22-20. Ava Wilfong led the Tucker Valley JV with 10 points and Lela Wright added 6 points in the Lady Wildcats JV loss.

In the Varsity game Tucker Valley trailed 5-0 after one quarter, but the Lady Wildcats pulled ahead to a 10-9 lead at the halftime break. Tucker Valley also led 20-18 after three quarters and the Lady Wildcats pulled away in the fourth to capture a 32-26 victory. Makenna Evans led Tucker Valley with 22 points and Peyton Hicks added 6 points in the Lady Wildcats win.

Tucker Valley will open PVL Tournament play on Thursday February 10th at home against Pendleton County at 5pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## Tucker County Girls' Basketball Play 3 Games In Busy Week

By Chris George  
TuckerCountySports.Com

BAKER – The Lady Mt. Lions Basketball team traveled to East Hardy on Tuesday February 1st. Tucker County pulled ahead in the second quarter and the Lady Mt. Lions never looked back as they picked up the road win 45-23.

The first quarter was highly contested as East Hardy held a slim lead after one quarter 6-4. Tucker County then got their offense going in the second quarter as they outscored the Lady Cougars 14-4 in the period to make the halftime score 18-10 Lady Mt. Lions.

Tucker County took complete control of the game in the third quarter as the Lady Mt. Lions outpaced

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## Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball Update



Photo by Amanda Kisamore

**Davis-Thomas Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball and Cheerleader 8th grade athletes that were honored on Feb. 5th. Back Row(L-R): Logan Shahan, Keelyn Eichelberger, John Rivera, Hailey Supak, Emma Cooper, Nitehi Long. Middle Row(L-R): Gaddy Gross, Jaden Cross, Josh Crossland, Grayson Sypolt, Reid Kisamore, Emmy Cangley. Front Row(L-R): Carson Dearborn, Mayah Gross, Isabella Bennett.**

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

THOMAS – The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams hosted Union on Monday January 31st. In the Girls' game Davis-Thomas picked up the win by the final score of 34-8. Izzy Kitzmiller led the Lady Bears with 10 points and Isabella Bennett added 9 points in the Davis-Thomas win.

In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas got the win over Union by the score of 46-17. Carson Dearborn led the Bears with 15 points and Logan Shahan added 8 points in the win for Davis-Thomas.

BAKER – The Lady Bears traveled to East Hardy on Tuesday February 1st. Davis-Thomas picked up the road win by the final score of 28-24. Emmy Cangley led the Lady Bears with 10 points and Mayah Gross added 7 points in the win for Davis-Thomas.

THOMAS – The Davis-Thomas Girls' Basketball team hosted Romney on Thursday February 3rd. In the game the Lady Bears fell to Romney. Isabella Bennett led Davis-Thomas

with 7 points and Mayah Gross added 6 points in the loss for the Lady Bears.

THOMAS – The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams hosted Warm Springs on Saturday February 5th. In the Girls' game the Lady Bears took the game by the score of 28-8. Isabella Bennett led Davis-Thomas with 10 points. Mayah Gross and Zoe Davis chipped in with 6 points each for the Lady Bears in the win.

In the Boys' JV game Davis-Thomas picked up the win by the score of 60-35. Cayden Arnold led the Bears JV with 20 points and Gabe Oliver added 19 points for the Davis-Thomas JV in the win. In the Boys' Varsity contest the game was intense and came down to the last possession. Keelyn Eichelberger of Davis-Thomas hit the shot at the buzzer to give the Bears the 34-32 win over Warm Springs in dramatic fashion. John Rivera and Carson Dearborn led Davis-Thomas in scoring with 10 points each for the Bears in the win. Davis-Thomas recognized their Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball and Cheerleader 8th grade athletes before the game Saturday.

The Davis-Thomas Girls' will host Pendleton County tonight Wednesday February 9th. The Lady Bears will then travel to Capon Bridge for the first round PVL playoff game on Thursday February 10th. The Davis-Thomas Boys' Basketball teams will return to action tonight Wednesday February 9th at East Hardy. The Boys' teams will then host Aurora on Friday February 11th and then host Pendleton County on Monday February 14th. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## Mt. Lions get road wins over Gilmer County and Petersburg

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

GLENNVILLE – The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team traveled Gilmer County on Wednesday February 2nd. The Mt. Lions used a big fourth quarter to pull away from Gilmer County for a

45-31 victory on the road.

The first quarter was even as Tucker County held an 11-9 edge over the Titans after one quarter. The Mt. Lions would then outscore slightly 9-8 in the second quarter to make the halftime score 20-17 Tucker County.

Gilmer County tried to

respond in the third quarter as the home team edged Tucker County 7-6 in the period to put the score at 26-24 Mt. Lions after three quarters. Tucker County then pulled away in the fourth quarter as they outpaced Gilmer County 19-7 in the final quarter to take the


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road victory by the final score of 45-31. Haden Wamsley led Tucker County with 11 points and Aaron Quattro added 9 points for the Mt. Lions in the win. Maddox Anderson added 8 points and Zach Long had 7 points for Tucker County. The Tucker County JV team also picked up the win 63-29. PETERSBURG – The Mt. Lions traveled to Petersburg on Friday February 4th. Tucker County jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter and never looked back as they picked up the win by the final score of 67-35.

The Mt. Lions controlled the first quarter as they exploded for a 21-8 lead over Petersburg after one quarter. The Vikings responded in the second quarter as they outscored Tucker County 12-11 in the second to make the halftime score 32-20.

The Mt. Lions would then control the

third quarter as they edged Petersburg 12-10 to push the Tucker County lead to 44-30 after three quarters. The Mt. Lions then took full control pf the game in the fourth quarter as Tucker County outscored the Vikings 23-5 to give them the big 67-35 road win. Levi Bennett led Tucker County with 15 points and Aaron Quattro added 13 points for the Mt. Lions. Maddox Anderson also had 12 points and Owen Knotts led Tucker County with 10 rebounds and 5 blocks in the win. The Mt. Lions JV team also picked up the win by the score of 63-38.

Tucker County (13-2) will return to action on Friday February 11th at home against Pocahontas County with the JV game starting at 5:45pm. The Mt. Lions will then host Preston on Monday February 14th. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

**Girls**

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East Hardy 15-7 in the quarter to push the Tucker County lead to 33-17. The fourth quarter was also won by the visiting Lady Mt. Lions 12-6 to make the final score 45-23 Tucker County.

Jayden Kuhn led Tucker County with 11 points, 4 steals and Kadie Colebank added 10 points, 8 rebounds, 5 blocks. Brylee Wetzel added 7 points, 5 rebounds and Macy Helmick had 7 points, 4 assists for the Lady Mt. Lions in the win. The Tucker County JV team got the win in the first game 28-18.

MILL CREEK – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team traveled to Tygarts Valley on Thursday February 3rd. In a close contest the homestanding Lady Bulldogs held off a late charge from Tucker County to capture the 60-58 win.

The first quarter was back and forth as the Lady Mt. Lions held a slight 17-16 lead after one quarter. Tygarts Valley would build a lead in the second quarter as the Lady Bulldogs outscored Tucker County in the quarter 12-6 to give Tygarts Valley the 28-23 lead at the halftime break.

Tucker County fought back in the third quarter as they outpaced the Lady Bulldogs 16-13 to make the score 41-39 Tygarts Valley after three quarters. The fourth quarter was a back and forth battle throughout as the game was tied late in the contest. Then with the game tied under 20 seconds to play a foul was called on Tucker County to send the Lady Bulldogs to the foul line. Tygarts Valley made the free throws and the Tucker County shot at the buzzer did not fall to give the Lady Bulldogs the upset win 60-58.

Jayden Kuhn led Tucker County with 20 points and Kadie Colebank added 17

points, 15 rebounds. Brylee Wetzel added 10 points for the Lady Mt. Lions and Macy Helmick chipped in with 8 points. The Lady Mt. Lion JV team picked up the win over Tygarts Valley 67-9.

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Pocahontas County on Saturday February 5th. Tucker County got a good lead in the first quarter and built on that throughout the game to capture a 57-31 victory.

The first quarter belonged to the Lady Mt. Lions as they pulled away from the Lady Warriors for a 15-6 after one. Both teams played even in the second quarter 11-11 to put the halftime score to 26-17 Tucker County.

The defense for the Lady Mt. Lions then took over in the third as they held Pocahontas County scoreless. Tucker County scored 12 points in the third to push the Lady Mt. Lions lead to 38-17 after three. In the fourth quarter Tucker County outscored the Lady Warriors 19-14 to give the Lady Mt. Lions the victory by the score of 57-31.

Kadie Colebank led Tucker County with 17 points, 16 rebounds, 4 steals and Jacey Davis added 12 points, 5 rebounds. Macy Helmick chipped in with 9 rebounds in the win for the Lady Mt. Lions. The Tucker County JV team got the win also by the final score of 50-11.

Tucker County(13-5) will return to action on Thursday February 10th as they host Petersburg. The Lady Mt. Lions will then travel to #1 Gilmer County on Tuesday February 15th. The JV game for both games will start at 5:45pm with the Varsity game to follow. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

**60 waters stocked with trout during month of January, stockings continue through spring**

SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV — In the month of January, 60 waters were stocked with trout throughout West Virginia. Trout stockings will increase in February and continue through spring. Updates are posted online at wvdnr.gov/fish-stocking.

**Waters stocked this month are listed below:**

- Week of Jan. 3:
- Chief Logan Pond
  - Curtisville Lake
  - Gandy Creek
  - Greenbrier River (Marlinton section)
  - Huey Lake
  - James P Bailey Lake
  - Larenim Park Lake
  - Laurel Fork (Randolph)
  - New Creek
  - North Fork Patterson Creek
  - North Fork South Branch
  - Pennsboro Reservoir
  - Shavers Fork (upper)
  - South Branch (Franklin)
  - Spruce Knob Lake
  - Tracy Lake
- Week of Jan. 10:
- Anthony Creek
  - Barboursville Lake
  - Bullskin Run
  - Cacapon Park Lake
  - Cedar Creek Lake
  - Chief Cornstalk Lake
  - Deegan Lake
  - Elk River
  - Elk River (C&R)
  - Evitts Run
  - Fitzpatrick Lake
  - Hinkle Lake
  - Howards Creek
  - Hurricane Reservoir

- Knapps Creek
  - Krodel Lake
  - Laurel Fork Lake
  - Lick Creek Pond
  - Little Beaver Lake
  - Middle Creek (Berkeley)
  - Miletree Lake
  - Mill Creek (Berkeley)
  - Mountwood Park Lake
  - North Bend Tailwaters
  - Opequon Creek
  - Pendleton Lake
  - Rocky Marsh Run
  - Thomas Park Lake
  - Turkey Run Lake
  - Watoga Lake
  - Wayne Dam
- Week of Jan. 17:
- Kings Creek
  - Tomlinson Run
  - Tomlinson Run Lake
  - Week of Jan. 24:
  - Conaway Run Lake
  - Lost River
  - Middle Wheeling Creek (delayed harvest)
  - North Fork Fishing Creek
  - Rollins Lake
  - South Branch (Catch & Release)
  - South Branch (Smoke Hole)
  - South Fork Fishing Creek
  - Trout Run
  - Waites Run

While fishing for trout in West Virginia, all anglers 15 and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license, trout stamp and valid form of identification. To learn more about West Virginia's fishing regulations, visit WVdnr.gov. To purchase a fishing license and trout stamps, visit WVfish.com.



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# Pancreatic Cancer's Survival Rate Increases

Annette Fetty-Santilli, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network's Community Partner for West Virginia, is excited to announce that the five-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer has increased from 10% to 11% according to the

American Cancer Society's *Cancer Facts & Figures* released in early January 2022. This means that 622 more loved ones will make it to five years after their pancreatic cancer diagnosis. However, much more work needs to be done.

Ms. Santilli says, "This is such an important and significant milestone for pancreatic cancer. When I first started volunteering with PanCAN, the five-year survival rate was only 6%. Even though this is such a great accomplishment, we must continue to work to raise the survival rate even more." She lost her brother Jim Fetty in 2007 to this horrible cancer. Jim was diagnosed just 18 months earlier and passed away at the age of 38.

Julie Fleshman JD, MBA, "CEO of PanCAN says, "A five-year survival rate of 11%, and the increase of five percentage points over the last decade, tell us that our efforts are working," she says. "PanCAN's initiatives are more important than ever to improve outcomes for pancreatic cancer patients."

Despite the promising trend in five-year survival, the Facts & Figures report also reveals that more people than ever before will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. In 2022, an estimated 62,210 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. According to the report, while pancreatic cancer is currently the 10th most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States, it remains the third-leading cause of cancer-related deaths. Pancreatic cancer remains on track to become the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths before 2030. Approximately 49,830 Americans are expected to die from the disease in 2022, including over 350 in West Virginia.

Since its founding in 1999, PanCAN has taken a comprehensive approach to creating a world in which all pancreatic cancer patients thrive. "From our research and clinical initiatives to our innovative programs for patients, our donors continue to fuel progress on all fronts," says Fleshman.

PanCAN's Know Your Tumor® precision medicine service is one example of a program improving outcomes. Launched in 2014, the service matches patients with treatment options tailored to their tumor's biology. This approach pays dividends: Research has shown that patients who go on therapy that matches their biological characteristics live longer. PanCAN is also working to improve survival rates through its large-scale research initiatives like PanCAN Precision Promise<sup>SM</sup>, a clinical trial designed to accelerate progress for new treatment options, and PanCAN Early Detection Initiative, aiming to find an early detection strategy for the disease.

Treatment advances are also made possible by patients participating in clinical trials. PanCAN strongly recommends clinical trials at diagnosis and during every treatment decision – throughout January, which is Pancreatic Cancer Clinical Trials Awareness Month – and year-round.

Dr. Brian Boone, a pancreatic surgeon and researcher at West Virginia University is encouraged by recent progress, but knows we need to do much better. "It is great to see continued progress in the survival rate for pancreatic cancer, which has come about as a result of research that improves our understanding of the biology of this cancer, resulting in earlier detection and development of better treatments," said Dr. Boone. "The improvement in survival in recent years reaffirms how critically important research is to saving lives from this disease."

Dr. Boone and colleagues at WVU are doing their part by exploring new treatments in the laboratory and translating these to patients through investigator led clinical trials. "We are always striving to provide better treatments for our patients and move the field forward", said Dr. Boone. "This research is only possible through continued efforts to increase awareness, advocacy and funding for this devastating disease and that is why organizations like PanCAN are vital to this mission."

For more information about pancreatic cancer or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, persons may refer to [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org) or West Virginia's Facebook Group Page: West Virginia - Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Persons can also connect Annette Fetty-Santilli at 304-621-3648 or [asantilli@pancanvolunteer.org](mailto:asantilli@pancanvolunteer.org)



Runners enjoy a cool, foggy race morning at the 3rd Annual Canaan Valley Half Marathon, 10k, and 5k.

## Canaan Valley Running Company Issues Call for Sponsors for Upcoming Race Season

DAVIS, W. VA - The Canaan Valley Running Company 2022 season will commence on April 30.

"As we prepare to launch our fourth racing season, we are issuing a call for sponsors to help us make this the best one yet," said Robby McClung, owner and founder of the Canaan Valley Running Company. "As a race sponsor, you will not only help us ensure that our races remain cutting edge, but as a sponsor, your brand will be seen not only by runners across West Virginia, but across the country, and even around the world."

If a business or individual is interested in sponsoring a race, you may contact Robby McClung at [robby@canaanvalleyhalfmarathon.com](mailto:robby@canaanvalleyhalfmarathon.com).

To learn more about the Canaan Valley Running Company or to reg-

ister to participate in the upcoming race season, visit [canaanvalleyhalfmarathon.com](http://canaanvalleyhalfmarathon.com).


### The 2022 race schedule includes:

4th Annual Canaan Valley Half Marathon, 10K and 5K  
Canaan Valley Resort, Canaan Valley  
April 30-May 1

The Inaugural Canaan Valley Trail Run  
June 25  
Canaan Valley Resort, Canaan Valley

Moonlight on the Falls Marathon  
August 27-28  
Blackwater Falls State Park,  
Davis, WV

Founded in 2018, the Canaan Valley Running Company is an outdoor adventure and lifestyle company located in Tucker County, West Virginia. The Canaan Valley Running Company hosts several annual events, which include the Moonlight on the Falls Marathon, Canaan Valley Trail Run and the Canaan Valley Half Marathon, 10K and 5K, to introduce individuals to the beauty of West Virginia. They also provide runners and outdoor adventurers resources and information on their blog. In addition, the Canaan Valley Running Company is in the process of producing a premium apparel line, which will fit the needs of runners and casual hikers alike. For more information, visit [canaanvalleyhalfmarathon.com](http://canaanvalleyhalfmarathon.com).



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## You're invited to the WVPA Legislative Breakfast

**WHERE: Culture Center**

**WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 17**

**7:30 -11 a.m.**

**Coffee and breakfast available at 7:30**

**Panels begin at 8**


West Virginia Press invites media, legislators and guests to a morning update on legislative issues. Learn about key topics and bills in the current session directly from legislative leaders.

**8-9 a.m.: Legislative Panel**

**9:30-11 a.m.: Informational Panels**

Panels will be presented by the WVPA and moderated by Don Smith, executive director.

Register online at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-west-virginia-press-association-legislative-breakfast-and-media-social-tickets-257044114867?aff=ebdssbdestsearch) (link below) or RSVP to Don Smith at [donsmith@wvpress.org](mailto:donsmith@wvpress.org) or 304-342-1011



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**WHERE: WV Press Office, 3422 Pennsylvania Avenue, Charleston**

**WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 16, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.**

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