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# Master Class Falconer loves to educate others about his passion



Collin Waybright and Ace taken in 2015.



Photo by Tiffany Waybright Collin Waybright and Hardy, a wild caught red-tailed hawk Collin caught with his friend and fellow falconer David Trenton. Hardy is in his second season (going on three years old).

Photo by Kate Parker

## By Helen E. McKinney Contributing Writer

Fairmont - From the time he trapped his first Red-Tailed Hawk, Ace, when he was only 14 years old, Collin Waybright has known what path he would take in life. Now at age 22, Collin is one of the youngest Master Class Falconers in the state of West Virginia.

In addition to this distinction, he is also Executive Director of the WV Raptor Center. The fascination with raptors began in 2012 when he attended West Virginia's Celebration of National Hunting & Fishing Days at Stonewall Resort State



By Natural Elements Photography Next photo is of Collin Waybright and a Barred owl named Charleston, who is a non-releasable educational ambassador. This photo was taken at the Thunder in the Mountains Pow Wow.

Park. Through various demonstrations and activities, the goal of the event was to "try to get people back into the outdoors," Waybright said. For him, it was a new avenue to explore.

While walking through the displays a falconry exhibit caught his eye. He immediately went home and began researching the trade. But at that time "you had to be 14 to pursue it and become licensed, so I let it drop and didn't think about it anymore after that," he said.

Two years later he went back to that same event. "I saw the demonstration and that re-kindled the flame." He started researching once again.

"I learned a lot on my own," Waybright said. By joining a few Facebook Falconry groups, he met people from other countries who shared the same interest. One of those contacts gave him advice on training and using telemetry, and how important it is to use when flying falconry birds. "It actually saved one of my birds by helping me locate him after he was separated from me overnight."

Waybright has spent over \$500 on books, DVD's and falconry materials to "make sure I gave it my best shot," he said. "It's still a learning experience every day."

In mid-December 2014, Waybright earned his falconry permit. A trek in the snow on January 10, 2015, during subzero temperatures, garnered him the thrill of a lifetime.

He left a rabbit as bait in a Swedish Goshawk trap that his sponsor had built and loaned him. The sponsor "never had caught a bird in it," he said. But Waybright caught "the exact bird I needed."

When he went to check the trap after dark that evening, he learned he had caught Ace, a small juvenile red-tailed hawk who was missing a talon. He could not have been more excited.

Waybright formed a special bond with Ace. It made him realize that falconry is "about the relationship with the bird. You're able to trap a wild raptor, condition it, train it, then hunt game with it."

But then Waybright ran into a major issue with Ace. "He kept losing weight, and I couldn't understand why." He and his mom, Marsha, contacted the West Virginia Raptor Rehabilitation Center (WVRRC) seeking advice on what to do for Ace. Unfortunately, the director of the center at the time told Waybright the center did not work with falconers.

Marsha explained to the Director that, See FALCONER page 4A

# WV spring fire season, burning restrictions return

CHARLESTON, W.VA. — The start of West Virginia's annual spring fire season recently marked the return of burning restrictions, including the pro- wildfires in West Virginia are caused by

Division of Forestry (WVDOF) and the state's fire supervisor.

Jones said more than 99 percent of hibition of open burns between 7 a.m. people and that burning debris accounts

# **Parsons City Council Donates to TCYB**



and 5 p.m.

"We've had a busy start to 2022, but if everything goes according to our predictions we'll have an average spring fire season," said Jeremy Jones, assistant state forester for the West Virginia

for 35 percent of all wildfires during the past 10 years.

Statewide burning restrictions will remain in effect until the close of the spring fire season on May 31. The Divi-See FIRE SEASON page 4A

# **Cortland Acres celebrates employees** for their years of service



Cortland Acres recently honored longtime employees with a special breakfast. This year the employees celebrated include, left to right, Alisha McCune (physical therapist), Robin Eye (director of nursing), Barb Shahan (RN), David Jolly (CNA), Pam Kosanic (LPN) and Karen Uffman (CNA).



Among the longtime employees honored by Cortland Acres are, left to right, Kristin Nestor (LPN), Robin Eye (DON), and Donna Mason (CNA). Not pictured is Debbie Berry (CFO). Cortland offers part-time and full-time employment with benefits and is always looking for new members of the team.

The service of its dedicated employees is the backbone of Cortland Acres. This month eight Cortland Acres employees were honored who have a combined 155 years of service.

Beth Clevenger, administrator of Cortland Acres, said that it is important to highlight the achievements of the employees and the compassionate care they provide daily to residents and their families.

"We want our employees to know how much we value them and give them an opportunity to be recog-See CORTLAND page 2A

**By Jennifer Britt** The Parsons Advocate

Eric Wamsley, President of Tucker County Youth Basketball, was presented with a \$1,000 check from the City of Parsons. The check was a donation to support the TCYB in efforts to renovate the Parsons Annex Gymnasium. One hundred eighty youth from the grades K-8 currently uses the gym.

The donation will go towards replacing the unsafe and outdated bleachers and new side rims to enhance the ability to maximize practice experience for each child. The current side rims are not adjustable and the original rims are from the 1970's.

In his letter to the city requesting a donation, Wamsley stated the cost of new bleachers and side rims to be approximately \$45,000. TCYB has set aside funds and will be contributing their own \$15,000 for the project. Wamsley also stated in his letter: "The goal of TCYB is to make a difference in the lives of Tucker County's youth by providing teamwork, character, courage, and loyalty through participation in youth sports." Mayor Judy while presenting the check said: "If I could give you the whole amount needed I would." Major Judy thanked Wamsley for a job well done and for all he did for the youth in the community.

Other business of the City Council meeting: the building known as The Paint Store will be demolished in the upcoming months. The Paint Store is Tucker County's oldest building and was built in 1891.

The building's owners and Woodlands Group have entered an extended agreement to demolish the old building and build a new structure. The new building will house commercial offices and four or five apartments. Those recently removed from the building may have the chance to move back in once the construction is completed.

The cost of the demolition would be roughly \$45,000. Woodland would secure a loan with the state through the demolish grant. Emily Wilson-Hauger and David Clark of the Woodlands Group were present at the city council meeting requesting an acquisition of funds from the city for \$26,500. The funds would be repaid to the city through a two-year program. Depending upon the approval of state funds will determine when the building will come down.

Daniel Flood of Highland Trail Foundation was present to discuss the Allegheny Highland Trail Kiosk Refresh project that runs through Parsons. Flood requested a funding of \$250 to match the grant funding for the sign in Parsons. The new and updated signs will be four-foot by fourfoot aluminum with full color and a trail map. Each town along the AHT will receive a new sign at the kiosk locations. Flood is hoping to get signs up in two to three months.

The next City Council meeting will be at 6 p.m., March 15, 2022 at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building. If you would like an item placed on the agenda contact the Parsons Business Office at 304-478--2311.



# Treasurer Moore announces Hope Scholarship application period began March 1

The Hope Scholarship is an educa-

#### Shuemake Adam named program director

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - State Treasurer Riley Moore today announced applications to use the Hope Scholarship education savings account program for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year will be available online beginning Tuesday, March 1.

"We're pleased to announce the opening of the application period for this program, which has generated significant public interest over the past year," Treasurer Moore said. "The Legislature passed the Hope Scholarship Act to help expand school choice options for West Virginia students and families, and we've been working tirelessly over the past year to ensure that vision becomes reality.

"I encourage anyone interested to visit HopeScholarshipWV.com to apply," Treasurer Moore said.

The application period for the upcoming school year will remain open through May 15.

## tion savings account program available for kindergarten through 12 grade students. It is designed to allow parents and families to use the state portion of their child's education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for their child.

To qualify for the Hope Scholarship, a student must be a West Virginia resident and be either:

Eligible or required to be enrolled in a kindergarten program.

Enrolled full-time in a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for the entire instructional term during the academic year immediately preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program.

Or, enrolled full-time and attending a public elementary or secondary school program in this state for at least 45 calendar days during an instructional term at the time of application. In addition to filling out the application, state law also requires participating families to fill out a notice of intent to participate in the program with their local county superintendent. A sample template for that notice is also available online at HopeScholarshipWV. com.

Treasurer Moore also announced today his Office has hired Adam Shuemake of Oak Hill to serve as Director of the Hope Scholarship Program.

"A Southern West Virginia native, Adam has a tremendous amount of experience working in both public and private education, and I believe he will be an invaluable resource for this program and those it serves," Treasurer Moore said.

Originally from Beards Fork, Shuemake earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Concord University and a Master's in Education Leadership from Concordia University.

After working in the Fayette County public school system, he helped found Mt. Hope Christian Academy, where he served as principal and helped the school become fully accredited.

# **News of Record**

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

- Joy E. Phares-Troglia, Dry Fork, .371 acre to CE Properties, \$55,000.
- Mountain View Homes LLC, Dry Fork, Lot 29 Canaan Vistas to Brandon P. Byron and Johnna J. Bolyard, \$445,000.
- Kathleen A. Jackson, Dry Fork, 2.51 acres Lot 16 Flat Ridge to Ross A. Renfrow and Darcey P. Renfrow, \$45,000.
- Dave Podsiadlo and Elizabeth Podsiadlo, Dry Fork, Lots 28 and 29 to Leonid V. Gibiansky and Ekaterina L. Gibansky, \$529,000.
- Mark Milleker and Katie Milleker, Dry Fork, Lot 112 at Mountainside to Jason O'Brien and Christopher Range Ringenbach, \$650,000.
- · James Robert Gossess and Jacqueline Gossess, Dry Fork, Unit 1259 Beaver Ridge Condos to Jacquelyn Irwin Custer, \$159,000.
- Curtis L. Forsythe and Mae B. Forsythe, Dry Fork, Lot 34 Black Bear Woods Resort to McCord properties LLC, \$45,000.
- Scott Keough and Erika Keough, Dry Fork, Lot 24 at Winterset to Scott Keough, \$0.
- Ralph T. Roy, Dry Fork, 2.059 acres to Ralph T. Roy and Mark T. Roy, \$0.

## **Cont. From Front Page**

# Cortland

nized for their dedication and commitment in serving our community," Clevenger said. "Our employees are a blessing, and we are grateful for their contributions that help Cortland Acres stand above the rest."

As part of an annual tradition, Cortland celebrates people in five-year service increments. The following employees were recognized during the celebration: David Jolly (Certified Nursing Assistant) 30 years, Donna Mason (Certified Nursing Assistant) 25 years, Pam Kosanic (Licensed Practical Nurse) 25 years, Karen Uffman (Certified Nursing Assistant) 20 years, Barb Shahan (Registered Nurse) 20 years, Alisha McCune (Director of Physical Therapy) 15 years, Debbie Berry (Chief Financial Officer) 15 years, and Kristin Nestor (Licensed Practical Nurse) 5 years.

Director of Nursing Robin Eye thanked the employees for going the extra mile for the residents each and every day. "I appreciate vou making sure the residents are heard and taken care of," she said.

"I'm thankful for the professional heartfelt care you provide each resident at their bedside," Eye told the employees. "You are here for them and their families in good times and bad. I thank you for your years of service and value your dedication."

One employee recognized was Barb Shahan for her 20 years of service as a registered nurse. In reality, the years she spent serving the residents at Cortland Acres are much more.

"I left to work with the West Virginia Correctional System for a short time," she said with a smile recalling several stories. "I quickly realized that it wasn't the right move and

**TCF Scholarship Deadline is Friday March 11** 

found my way back to Cortland Acres. I'm very attached to the residents and love taking care of them in mind, body, and spirit."

Alisha McCune serves as the Director of Physical Therapy at Cortland Acres. She was honored for her 15 years of service by listening to 15 reasons why she is valued by the organization.

"My best memories come from the people I have had the opportunity to work with over the years," McCune said. "I've had the privilege of working with some great people whom I value and respect. We work as a team to provide the best care possible for our patients and to get them back home quickly and functioning normally."

David Jolly was honored for his 30 years of service as a certified nursing assistant. He cherishes every day he is able to work at

Cortland Acres. "It doesn't really feel

like it is a job," Jolly said. "It just kind of feels like one big family. You get to know the residents' families and it is just wonderful to be able to make them smile and have a good day."

Another employee honored was Pam Kosanic, who devoted 25 years of service as a licensed practical nurse (LPN).

"I always try to treat the residents like I would a family member and to be patient with them if they have concerns or anything," Kosanic said. "I'm always willing to sit down with them and listen to them."

Karen Uffman celebrated 20 years of working as a certified nursing assistant at Cortland Acres. She enjoys providing compassionate care to residents and their families.

"I care deeply for the

residents and my co-workers at Cortland Acres," Uffman said. "I consider myself fortunate that I have the chance to serve people in my community."

Cortland Acres recently implemented an organizational-wide wage increase for its employees. The increase went into effect in January.

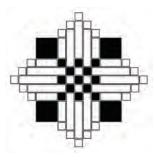
"We want our employees to know that we value the crucial work they do, each and every day in caring for our residents," Clevenger said.

Cortland offers part-time full-time employand ment with benefits and is always looking for new members of the team. The facility has openings for Registered Nurses (RNs). Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), Social Worker, Cook, Assistant Director of Maintenance and a Driver.

The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed longterm care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs, rental apartments in Pineview, and garden and patio homes in The Pines. For more information about available positions at Cortland Acres, visit www.cortlandacres.org or call 304-463-4181.



FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE VALLEYS



Michael Moore, Interim Executive Director, at the Tucker Community Foundation, wants to remind all local students that more than 40 scholarships from the Tucker Community Foundation are available for high school and college students in Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties, WV and Garrett County, MD. Scholarship awards will range from \$500 to \$10,000 with most in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range.

Students can go to www.tuckerfoundation. net/endowed-funds/scholarships/ to download an application and view the list of scholarships. The deadline to apply for a TCF Scholarship is Friday, March 11.

Applications are also available at the Foundation offices located in the Board of Education Annex at 100 Education Lane, Parsons. High School guidance counselors throughout the Foundation's service area also have applications for distribution to students.

Interim Executive Director Michael Moore encourages all high school and college students to apply even if their educational needs do not align with a particular fund.

High school seniors, college students, stu-

## dents attending technical schools and other nontraditional students (e.g., adults returning to school) are encouraged to apply for a Tucker Community scholarship Foundation regardless of their field of study.

The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 140 endowed S

nonprofits and charitable causes throughout the eight-county service area. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Foundation is to create opportunities for the communities we serve. For more information about scholarships contact the Tucker Community Foundation at 304-478-2930 or a-

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Each meal is an \$8.00 donation to St. John's United Methodist Men

# <u>Obituaries</u>

# **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.

We still have places for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. 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 as soon as possible. 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. At this point we only have 17 names on the list for this trip. <u>PLEASE CALL US SOON IF YOU ARE</u> <u>INTERESTED SO WE CAN CONTINUE OR</u> <u>CANCEL THE PLANS.</u>

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.** 

Just a reminder: Daylight Saving time begins on March 13, 2022. Spring your clocks forward!

We will begin having our Flanagan Hill Outposts on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. Please bring you favorite covered dish and join us for our delicious meal

and great fellowship.

We are looking for some local people either in the Parsons area or from the mountain area that would be interested in providing entertainment for our monthly Outposts. Our Outposts are covered dish dinners beginning with some relevant readings then the entertainment for approximately 30 minutes before we do door prizes and have a delicious meal. If you sing, play an instrument, dance, or something else to entertain our seniors please call Linda Bonner, Activities director, at 304-478-2423. We would love to have you share your talent with us.

Also, if you would like to teach a class in knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc. we'd love to hear from you. We've had a request for someone to do a writing class for us

## Fred Alan Myers, Sr.

Fred Alan Myers, Sr., of Davis, WV, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 3, 2022. He was born on July 6, 1938, in Benbush, WV, the son of the late Fred Edward and Bernadine Ruth (Helmick) Myers.

Fred served his nation in the United States Navy. He was the first commander for the Tucker County Veterans

and faithfully attended every veteran's event possible, especially military funerals. He proudly cared for the Davis Veteran's Monument which he was instrumental in the creation of. He worked for and retired from Laurel Run Coal Mines. Also, in his spare time, he enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Gloria (Sponaugle) Myers; two sons, Fred Myers Jr. of Culpeper, VA, Robert Myers and wife Mary of Phillipi WV; a daughter, Tena Richardson of Westlafayette, OH; eleven grandchildren, Aaren, Jessica and husband Tim, Tyler and fiancé Whittney, Brittany, Scott, Christopher, Alexandria and fiancé Ben, Julieann, Randal and wife Jess, Corey, and Alyssa; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

Friends were received Sunday, March 6, 2022, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home. A funeral service was held, 11 a.m., Monday, March 7, 2022, at the funeral home with Pastor John Callaway officiating. Military Honors was accorded at the Davis Cemetery. The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home was honored to be serving the Myers family at this time.

## Phyllis Jean Heckler Hebb

Phyllis Jean Heckler Hebb, a resident of Hendricks, WV went home to be with the Lord Friday morning, March 4, 2022, at her home. She had been in her usual health and death was unexpected.

She was born in Parsons, WV on December 6, daughter of the late William

"Weed" and Bessie Luzier Heckler. On April 27, 1957, she was married to Charles F. Hebb, who preceded her in death October 4, 1995.

Surviving are her children, Charles "Chuck" Hebb and wife Melondy, Sherry Cross and husband Omer, Danny Hebb and wife Michelle, Becky Alexopoulos and husband Charles, Liesa Propst, Susan Close and husband Jackie, Jeffrey Hebb and wife Donna, and Barbara Reynolds and husband Raymond; one brother, Bill Heckler; two sisters, Margaret Landry and Joyce Papadopulos and husband Steve; her grandchildren, Jason Hebb, Shanna Arman, Pamela Cassidy and husband Danny, AJ Shahan, Lesley Stemple and husband Derek, Jacob Hebb and wife Mary Beth, DJ Buchanan and wife Liz, Zeke Propst, Michael Close and wife Amanda, Shelly Simmons, Ashley Lipscomb and fiancé Dustin Summerfield, Zoey Hebb, Tessa Reynolds and fiancé Jimmy Simmons and Kendra Reynolds and companion, Matt Cassidy; her great-grandchildren, Erin Cassidy, Addyson, Isla and Carter Stemple, Dylan, Haidyn and Levi Arman, Caroline Hebb, Rocker Propst, Sarah Close, Liz and Bobby Tucker, Braylon Simmons, Caleb and Madi Britton, Hadley and Macey Lipscomb, Stella Summerfield, Hudson Simmons and Allie Cassidy; and step-grandchildren, Amber Hissam and Dustin, Daniel Michael, Stacey Canfield and Dylan, Elias Hissam and Aleecia Hissam. Preceding her in death is two sons, Tony and Michael Hebb; her son-in-law, Jimmy Propst, great-granddaughter, Rava Simmons and siblings, Geraldine Purnell, Betty Gibbs, David "Bud" Heckler and Steve Heckler. Phyllis was a homemaker and devoted Mother. She provided childcare for her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many others in the community, who she loved like they belong to her. She attended the Hambleton United Methodist Church. She was kindhearted and welcoming to anyone that came to her home. To know her was to love her. She never failed to tell you that she loved you. The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday at 12 Noon. Pastor Susie Metzner officiated and interment followed at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Phyllis Jean Heckler Hebb. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.



Naral Hotsinpiller, age 89, passed away on February 19, 2022 in Elkins, WV. Preceded in death by her husband Melvin, she is survived by son Randall Hotsinpiller, grandchildren Tristan Hotsinpiller and Kendal Hawkins, and brother James Calvert. Family and friends will meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 5 at Wright Funeral Home and Crematory 220 N. Walnut St. Philippi to proceed



to the Fairview Cemetery near Moatsville in Barbour County, WV for the graveside service.

## Robert "Bob" Jason Young, Sr

Robert "Bob" Jason Young, Sr., 75, of Thomas, WV, passed away March 5, 2022, at Garrett Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family. Born April 6, 1946, in New Martinsville, WV, a son to the late Ralph Parker and Ida Mae (Quinn) Young.



Bob was a life-long welder working for various

fabrication shops for mining equipment. He started working at Alpine mines and continued his career through various companies such as, Metal Craft Engineering, Standard Service, Fairfax Machine and Fabrication and Consumat Fabrication. He retired from his welding career and went to work for Canaan Valley Golf Course. Bob was a jackof-all trades, from building houses, rebuilding cars and raising cattle. He was a hard worker and took pride in taking care of his family.

Left to cherish his memories is his wife of 58 years, Sue Shupp Young, whom he married on August 22, 1964. Also surviving are two children, Donna (Wally) Young-Hebb and Robert "Moe" (Theresa) Young; three grandchildren, Tiffany (Josh) Hebb-Ward, Robert "Jason" Young II and Tyler L. (Danielle) Hebb; one great-granddaughter, Evelyn Ward.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Bob was cherished and loved by his family and will be greatly missed.

Friends will be received at Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home, Wednesday, March 9, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. A funeral service will be held, 11 a.m, Thursday, March 10, 2022, at the funeral home with Pastor John Callaway officiating. Interment will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery. The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Young family at this time.

## **Robert Carrington Hebb**

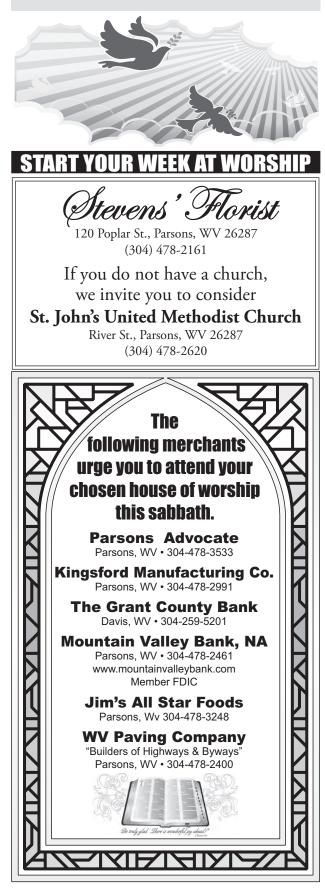
Robert Carrington Hebb, 85, a resident of the Location community of St. George, passed from this life Tuesday March 2, 2022, at Cortland Acres in Thomas. Robert was born on Tuesday, June 16, 1936, a son of the late June Hebb. On May 1, 1954, in Oakland, MD, he was married to the former

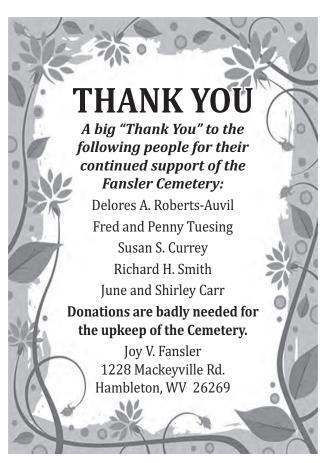


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Volunteering for a short time will help you and make our seniors happy. Please consider what you might do to help.





Velma Lorena Moreland, who survives. They had celebrated sixty-seven years of marriage. He had one sister Dawn Thorne of Pennsylvania.

Surviving along with his wife are three children, Robin with husband Rob, Crystal with husband Greg, and David with wife Jennifer, eight grandchildren, Josh with wife Kelly, Jeremiah with wife Tricia, Raime, Justin with wife Michelle, Zach with wife Jennifer, Lindsay with husband Ray, Daniel, Caitlyn with husband Jeremy, and twentyeight great grandchildren.

Preceding Robert in death was his brother-in-law, Jim and grandchild, Hunter.

After graduating from Parsons High School, Bob started working in 1953, starting on local farms in Eglon, the nearby stockyard, the Exxon station in Parsons, raising turkeys for the Sterling Corporation, then the Sterling Facet Company, a carpenter in NC, then worked at the shoe plant in Parsons, and went on working at Blackwater State Park, then finished his career at Kidwell's Auto Parts in Thomas.

He attended the Good Tidings Assembly of God Church on Location Road and was Baptized in the Cheat River. A true outdoorsman, known for his love of hunting and fishing, he continued to hunt and fish with a passion, until he obtained a severe leg injury while hunting. His knowledge and love of the outdoors will live on in his children and grandchildren, he will be sorely missed.

Robert's request for cremation was honored, and a Celebration of Life will be held at the Good Tidings Assembly of God Church at a later date. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Robert Carrington Hebb. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



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## NRCS in West Virginia Announces Conservation Stewardship Program Signup

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting applications from agricultural producers and forest landowners from West Virginia for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). Agricultural producers and forest landowners looking to build on conservation efforts while strengthening their operation can apply for technical and financial assistance through CSP.

While USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) accepts CSP applications yearround, West Virginia producers and landowners should apply by March 31, 2022, to be considered for funding in the current cycle.

State Technical Committees, composed of conservation and agricultural-related agency and organization representatives, work with NRCS to identify resource priorities and how best to address them. NRCS then sets statespecific, ranking dates to evaluate applications for funding that account for producer needs, staff workload and ensure potential participants have ample opportunities to apply. Find West Virginia's ranking dates for CSP and other conservation programs at www.nrcs.usda.gov/staterankingdates.

NRCS offers CSP in all 50 states and the Pacific and Caribbean areas through continuous signups. The program provides many benefits, including increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife habitat improvements and increased resilience to adverse weather. CSP is

Fire season

for working lands, including cropland, pastureland, rangeland, nonindustrial private forest land and agricultural land under Indian tribe jurisdiction.

Additionally, existing CSP participants may have an opportunity to renew their contracts in the first half of the fifth year of their five-year contract through a competitive application process.

Special provisions are available for historically underserved producers, which include those considered beginning, socially

resource as well as military veterans. These producers are targeted funds. Find eligible practices in

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West Virginia and practice payment amounts. Payment rates for conservation practices are reviewed and set each fiscal year for the state.

To apply for CSP, contact NRCS at your local USDA Service Center. Find your local Service Center at www.farmers.gov/servicelocator.

Service Center staff continue to work with agricul-

tural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. Because of the pandemic, some USDA Service Centers are open to limited visitors. Contact your Service Center to set up an in-person or phone appointment. On farmers.gov, you can create a secure account, apply for NRCS programs, electronically sign documents and manage your conservation contracts. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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# Senior Center Holds Outpost

The Tucker County Senior Citizens held their monthly Outpost at the Parsons Center on March 1, 2022. Evelyn Moore welcomed everyone. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and sang "God Bless America".

Those having March birthdays were recognized and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to them. Those present were: Betty Sturm, Virginia Popio, Evelyn Moore, Junior Mason, Earl Moore, and Mary Grado.

Ken Knotts read "One of These Days" then Arlene Ramsey read "A Dozen Roses". Our thoughts then turned to March happenings. Patty Wilfong read "Legend of the Shamrock" and Linda Bonner read "Daylight Saving Day".

Since there was no other entertainment for the day Linda Bonner showed a DVD of the Center's recent trip to the Southern Caribbean. She showed beautiful vegetation and bright blue oceans. Some of the people that were on the cruise rode on a submarine so a few of the pictures were from inside the submarine. There were many different flowers, cacti, and other plants. They visited the islands of St. Croix and St. Maarten (the Dutch side of the island) and the French side of the island is St. Martin. The next island they visited was St. Lucia. Linda said they were amazed by the roads. She said they went around about 25 hairpin turns in about 30 or 35 miles! The next island they visited was Barbados then they cruised back north stopping at the island of St. Kitts. Everyone enjoyed this cruise and wanted to know if they could do one next year. Linda said to start saving money and maybe in 2024 we'll do another cruise.

Door Prizes were won by: Junior Mason, Patty Wilfong, and Raymond Collins

Ken Knotts asked a blessing on our food and we enjoyed a delicious meal.

## **March Library Newsletter**

Fall/Winter Hours, Sept. - May Monday 8:30 a - 6:30 p Mobile Hotspots now available for check out at the Library. \*You have to have cell service available to use these at your home. Loan period 3 weeks. Check with Library staff for more information. *Hotspots made available through a Connected Device grant.*  sion of Forestry has issued burning guidelines on its website at wvforestry.com/fire-laws. Regulations

include:

• Burning is prohibited during fire season from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. If burning has occurred during permitted hours (5 p.m. to 7 a.m.), the fire must be completely extinguished by 7 a.m.

• All fires must have a ring or safety strip.

• The safety strip itself must be cleared of burnable material and be at least 10 feet wide.

• Fire must be attended until completely extinguished.

## Falconer

"If you really care for the birds you will help him." It was at that point that Waybright's relationship began with the WVRRC. The director decided to help him and after listening to the situation his answer was to, "feed it more." It was as simple as that.

With Ace, Waybright learned an important lesson. "Weight control is a big factor," he said. If a bird has an appetite it will be ready to catch prey. "If it's not hungry, it won't hunt because it doesn't need to hunt. But it also can't be starving; if it is, it will not have the energy to hunt."

Because of his interest in falconry, Waybright decided to volunteer at the WVRRC. He has been "the only falconer to work with the center," he said. He wanted experience in other aspects such as bird husbandry, rehabilitation and training to "make sure I did everything correctly."

His good friend, David Trenton, was "a huge help. He's a friend I met through falconry." Even though they were both beginners, they helped each other. When one learned something he would share his findings with the other. Waybright has since used his experience to give programs as the Laurel Fork Falconer at the Laurel River Club B&B his parents manage in Jenningston, WV. Marsha said one of her B&B guests commented, "Collin took all the guests on a walk with his red-tailed hawk. It made the beautiful countryside come alive as the graceful hawk flew overhead." Through his presentations, Waybright teaches his audience about the natural history and environment of these special birds of prey, hoping listeners will gain a new respect for the birds. "Growing up, I only knew

• Only vegetative materials such as leaves, brush and yard clippings are permitted to be burnt.

• Spark-throwing machinery such as power shovels or sawmills operating on land subject to fire must contain an adequate spark arrestor.

• Inflammable waste disposal areas must annually remove all grass, brush, debris, and other inflammable material adjacent to disposal areas to provide adequate protection, preventing the escape of fire to adjacent lands.

"Our fire laws protect one of West Virginia's most valuable resources: our forests," Jones said. "We urge

about red-tailed hawks and owls that were known as hoot owls. There are so many species just in West Virginia, not counting the US," he said.

Waybright has presented programs to schools and loves the reaction he gets from children. Christina Storrick, a Guidance Counselor at North Elementary School in Elkins, WV said, "Collin is a tremendous role model for young students."

Storrick became acquainted with Waybright in 2017 when an injured hawk was found on her property. "In assessing the hawk's injuries, Collin seemed to instinctively know how to handle the bird and was truly concerned with its welfare."

After the hawk was nursed back to health by the WVRRC, Waybright asked if he could visit North Elementary and share educational information with the students. When he had finished his presentation, Waybright went outside with the students and staff and released the hawk. Storrick called it "an emotional experience as we all witnessed this process. Collin has a true gift for handling birds." everyone who burns anything outside to be completely familiar with the guidelines available on our website." Commercial burning during prohib-

commercial burning during prohibited periods requires a permit, which are issued by local WVDOF offices. A permit is required for each commercial burning site.

Any person or company who causes a fire on any grass or forest land must reimburse the state for costs to suppress the fire. Fines for forest fires caused by negligence range from \$100 to \$1,000 with an additional civil penalty of \$200.

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ginia Raptor Rehabilitation Center is a 501c3 non-profit currently going through a restructuring process and relocating its headquarters to Tucker and Randolph Counties in WV. Waybright volunteered for seven years for the facility before becoming its Executive Director.

When the doors were in danger of closing in July of 2021 for good, he asked the center founder Mike Book what the odds were of Waybright starting his own small rehab center in Tucker County. Book replied with "great. All it takes is desire; you have the experience. You can have our facility."

Waybright took on the daunting challenge of keeping the center operational. He sees nothing but promise in its future.

"We will still use the Fairmont location during the summer months after renovation," said Marsha, who is also Chairman of the Board for the WVRRC (now the WV Raptor Center). "But it's just too hard to run two locations at this time."

She said, "we are ready to not only

Tuesday – Friday 8:30 a - 5:00 p Saturday 9:00 a – Noon

## Closed all Legal Holidays

## **March Happenings**

- 9 Toddler Time @ 10:00am (in person)
- 16 Book Club Discussion Group @ 1:30 pm
- 16 Toddler Time @ 10:00am (in person)
- 23 Toddler Time @ 10:00am (in person)
- 25 Closed Staff Training
- 30 Toddler Time @ 10:00am (in person)

## **Book Donors**

• Debbie Gutshall; Sherry Burns

## **Toddler Time**

- Wednesdays: March themes are Dr. Seuss; Weather; St. Patrick's Day; Spring & Lady Bugs. (In Person)
- At this time masks are required. (Depends on CDC/State guidelines)
- Sign up your preschooler up for Toddler Time by contacting the library by phone or facebook.
- Reminder: When there is no county school due to weather & holidays, there will be no Toddler Time.

# Book Club Discussion Group

- Meets the third Wednesday monthly at 1:30 p.m.
- Book for March "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter.

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He has also given many programs at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, WV. Kelsey Jefferies, Recreation & Events Supervisor for Canaan Valley Resort, said "we try to have Collin a couple of times a year. Summer programs are held in the resort's pavilion and spring and fall programs in the conference center." The programs are free to everybody, not just guests.

"He usually brings three birds to show," for a program, she said. "He tells interesting facts about each bird and goes over the history of falcons and how he got started. They are really informative programs."

Established in 1983, the West Vir-

help the raptors in our area get the medical attention and care that they need, but we are very excited to move forward with educational programs, demonstrations, and scientific study in our great state of West Virginia."

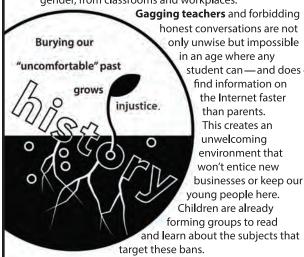
Throughout his journey to achieve the rank of Master Class Falconer, Waybright's goal has been to "try to help people get to the point where they start looking up."

For anyone interested in contacting Waybright for a program please call (304) 366-2867 or email raptor@ wvrrc.org. More information can be found at wvraptorcenter.org or on Facebook at WV Raptor Center.

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## Paid internships and college scholarships of up to \$4,000 available for 2022

Interested in being a journalist or working in the media industry?

The West Virginia Press Association Foundation is accepting student applications for

2022 Summer Internships and 2022 Scholarships If awarded, the WVPAF provides paid and unpaid internships at West Virginia newspapers and college scholarships up to \$4,000. Programs are open to journalism majors and students in related fields such as business management, human resources, advertising, social media and marketing, with preference given to students in at least their sophomore year of college.

### Application deadline is March 31, 2022. Applications may be downloaded from wvpress.org

For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director **Don Smith at donsmith@wvpress.org**, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302. *Newspapers with a candidate for an internship or interested in having an intern should contact Don Smith*.



Charleston WV - The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at <u>www.wvency-</u> clopedia.org.

March 9, 1832: George Robert Latham was born. At the onset of the Civil War, Latham turned his Grafton law office into a recruiting station, and he led the first Union troops in north-central West Virginia.

March 9, 1953: Football player Dennis Harrah was born in South Charleston. Harrah played in 168 games and one Super Bowl before retiring from the NFL.

March 10, 1920: West Virginia became the 34th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guar-

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anteed the right of women to vote.

March 11, 1847: Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha, and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

March 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason, and Cabell. The new county was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, who commanded the Continental Army at Bunker Hill.

March 11, 1856: Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson, and Gilmer counties. The new county was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

March 12, **1850**: Wheeling Hospital was chartered. During the Civil War, the institution was used as a general mil-



## Lenten Fish Fry

Lenten Fish Fry, Friday March 11, Our Lady of Mercy Social Hall, in Parsons and St Thomas Center, in Thomas from 4 to 6 p.m. 8oz. Fish Fillet, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll, Fruit Salad, coffee and punch for \$10. Eat in or carry out, at both locations.

## **Lenten Services**

The Parsons Ministerial Association will be hosting Lenten Services Thursday, March 10 at noon, luncheon 12:30 at the Parsons Presbyterian Church.

## **Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Dinner**

Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Dinner, Saturday, March 12 from 4 - 7 p.m. \$8 donation. St. John's Church Parsons. Sponsored by St. John's United Methodist Men. Eat in or carry-out.

TURNER'S TIDBITS

itary hospital. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were hired as army nurses, treating wounded Union and Confederate soldiers side by side.

March 13, 2002: Herbalist and folk doctor Catfish Gray died in Huntington. Gray was known for his vast knowledge of traditional plant lore and for his quaint and engaging personality. At the height of the folklore revival of the 1970s, Gray was a frequent newspaper and television interview subject.

March 14, 1931: Noting the interest in the annual reunion of Carnifex Ferry battle veterans, the legislature created the Carnifex Ferry Battlefield Park Commission.

March 15, 1882: Union leader Frank Keeney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Keeney, who went to work in the mines as a boy, became a rank-and-file leader during the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912–13.

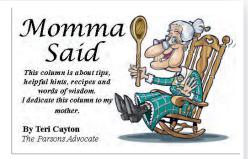
March 15, 1952: Governor Earl Ray Tomblin was born in Logan County. He was elected as a Democrat from Logan County to the House of Delegates in 1974, when he was only 22 years old and still a senior at West Virginia University.

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.

Power is very dangerous in the wrong hands. What is power; the need to feel superior, to hurt innocent people including children that have done nothing, to elevate yourself above everyone else? I just don't understand the need for MORE of everything. Why is Russia doing this to the people of Ukraine? Why destroy something that you covet? What good is it going to do to conquer a place and its people after blowing it up? Momma Said, "Too many questions and not enough answers."

Throughout history, man has destroyed entire civilizations, the Mayans, the Incas and the American Indians. There is still evidence of their existence but it was greed that brought these great people to the brink of non-existence. We have lost so much culture to man's need to conquer. I just do not understand why so many peaceful people have been killed just for the sake of another's need for power.

What Russia is doing to the people of Ukraine is a sure case of genocide in my eyes. What did these people do



to Putin? I am not really up to date on the cause of him doing this but I think he is just a paranoid crazy man. There has been a mass exodus of over a million people, what are they going to do when their homes and workplaces have been destroyed.

I am just at a loss for words for the people of Ukraine. Putin is claiming that they are under Nazi control and his goal is to cleanse the country and President Zelensky is number one and his family is number two on his list. How can Zelensky be a Nazi when he is Jewish? Momma Said, "May God shed his light on the people of Ukraine and keep them safe."

## **Condensed Milk Cookies**

## Ingredients

- 1 stick of butter, cubed
- One cup of all-purpose flour 4 Tablespoons condensed milk, plus extra

### Directions

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1. To a medium bowl, add cubed butter and flour and mix until you have a crumbly mixture. Add condensed milk to the mixture. Using a spatula, mix up the ingredients thoroughly.

2. Using your hands and form the mixture into a dough. Flour your surface and knead your dough on the surface. Take your rolling pin and roll until about 1/4 inch thick. Using a cookie cutter or template.

3. Cut out your cookies and place them onto a baking tray lined with parchment paper. Take a smaller template and cut out the centers on half of the cookies.

4. Pop your baking tray in a 320F (160C) preheated oven for 13 minutes until golden around the edges.

5. Remove Cookies from the oven and allow cookies to cool.

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6. Take condensed milk and swirl a layer into the middle of the cookie base and then add the cut out on top to form a sandwich.

7. Fill up with additional condensed milk if required. Enjoy!

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the rules of etiquette, he/she would be committing social suicide. Folding a corner of the card could mean congratulations or could express condolences. There were other ways to send a crypted message. Ideas, comments, suggestions, photos to share, contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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Puzzle answers page 4B

# New Equipment Means Cleaner, Safer Gear for Four Area VFDs

Four local volunteer fire departments now have access to a special washer and dryer designed to clean harmful chemicals and other residue from their fire-fighting equipment. Companies in Harman, Whitmer, Canaan Valley and Davis welcomed the arrival of the new equipment last week, marking the end of a two-year effort.

Firefighters face any number of dangers when fighting fires and responding to other emergencies, including exposure to toxic and cancercausing carcinogens. These chemicals can contaminate personal protective equipment (PPE), including the distinctive, heavy "bunker gear," leaving a lethal legacy long after the call.

To help reduce long-term health risks, PPE must be cleaned regularly without compromising the safety properties of its high-tech construction. This typically requires more water and a gentler cycle than most washing machines, along with a way to capture and hold any chemicals released during the cleaning process. Special units, known as "washer-extractors," paired with heated drying cabinets, are designed to deep clean gear quickly, safely and efficiently.

In 2020, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) updated its standards for cleaning PPE, requiring all fire departments to deep clean equipment twice a year, rather than once, and whenever it is exposed to smoke and other contaminants. Additionally, the NFPA requires that PPE cleaning be done either in-house or by a verified ser-



Photos courtesy of CVVFD

CVVFD Chief Robert Metzger and Company 30 firefighter Diane Beall checked the specifications of the new units as they were installed last week.

## vice provider.

Both options create challenges for volunteer departments balancing the need to comply with the regulations against having enough PPE on hand and ready to go. No local department had the budget to buy a washer-extractor and dryer. And no verified service provider exists within the state of West Virginia or within a 3-hour drive of Tucker County.

To find a solution, a small team from the Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department (CVVFD) approached other VFDs in the area to gauge interest in a project to buy the necessary equipment and share it. A partnership was formed between CVVFD, Davis VFD, and the neighboring Randolph County fire companies in Whitmer and Harman, and a decision was made to pursue grant funding for the new equipment.



CVVFD Chief Robert Metzger inspected the new drying cabinet designed to get clean gear back in service as quickly as possible. The new, high-tech washer and drying system will make gear safer for first responders by removing harmful substances.

## The CVVFD team took the lead in coordinating with partners and preparing and submitting grant proposals designed to tap local, community and state funding opportunities. A grant from the Oakland Foundation in mid-2020 primed the pump for other grants, including from Tucker Community Foundation and the WV State Fire Marshal's Office.

With the money pieced together, the equipment was ordered in July 2021. The four participating fire departments signed an MOU outlining the shared responsibilities for using and maintaining the equipment, which was delivered and installed at the CVVFD on Feb. 25, almost two years to the day since work on the project began. CVVFD Chief Robert Metzger was running. "This would not have been possible without the support of a lot of different groups and organizations," Metzger said. "I know I speak for the Chiefs in Davis, Harman and Whitmer in thanking the Oakland Foundation, the Tucker Community Foundation and the State Fire Marshal's Office for helping to make this happen. And I would like to give a special shout-out to Aimee Verdisco, our very own Company 30 grant-writing guru, who worked on this from conception to delivery and did an outstanding job in coordinating all the moving parts. This may not seem like the most exciting equipment in the fire house, but it is absolutely essential for the safety and well-being of our teams."

delighted to have the new machines up and

# The 10th Annual Cardboard and Duct Tape Race







# Long Hosted Mountain Garden Club

Jean Long hosted the March meeting of the Mountaineer Garden club. A thank you card was received from Parsons On Trac for the Club's participation in the Christmas tree contest.

Plans were confirmed for the annual Easter display at Mountain Valley Bank.

The theme will be A Tisket, An Easter Basket.

A lecture and demonstration was presented by Master Gardener, Faith Moore, on winter sowing. The club welcomes new members . Contact any member for more information.

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The 10th Annual Cardboard and Duct Tape Race occurred at Blackwater Falls State Parkrecently. Thirty teams participated in theHarry Potter theme. Awards were given for speed, team spirit, and theme creativity. All ages participated.



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# Mt. Lion Boys' win Sectional Championship over East Hardy 40-31



Photo by Brittany Channell

2022 Sectional Champions, Tucker County Mt. Lions, Front Row(L-R): Riley Rohrbaugh, Brok Bennett, Justin Robeson, Trevan Bonner, Blaike Adams, Ethan Rosenau. Back Row(L-R): Head Coach Daniel Helmick, Aaron Quattro, Maddox Anderson, Owen Knotts, Haden Wamsley, Zach Long, Ashton Lycliter, Levi Bennett, Cole Carr, Rory Nestor, Assistant Coach Nathaniel Goldstein.

**By Dave Helmick** TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON - The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team hosted the Sectional Championship against East Hardy on Thursday March 3rd. The visiting Cougars played hard and kept the game close, but Tucker County pulled away late to capture the win and the Region 1 Section 1 Championship by the score of 40-31.

The first quarter was a backand-forth affair as the Mt. Lions held the slim lead after one quarter 9-8. The second quarter was also close as neither team could sustain offense as Tucker County outscored the Cougars 9-8 in the second to make the halftime score 18-16 Tucker County.

The Mt. Lions built a little lead in the third as Tucker County outpaced East Hardy 10-7 to put the score to 28-23 after three quarters. East Hardy then responded in the fourth as they fought back to get within 1 point at 30-29 with 3:30 left in the game. The Mt. Lions then responded with a 6-0 run with under 2 minutes to play and Tucker County made their foul shots to get

the win by the final score of 40-31. The win by the Mt. Lions gave them the Sectional Championship and allows them to host the Co-Regional game tonight Wednesday March 9th.

The Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Haden Wamsley with 10 points, 7 rebounds and Maddox Anderson added 9 points, 5 assists. Ashton Lycliter led Tucker County in rebounds with 8 boards and she chipped in with 6 points for the Mt. Lions in the win.

Tucker County (22-2) will host the Co-Regional Championship tonight Wednesday March 9th against Tygarts Valley at 7pm. The winner of this game will advance to the State Tournament on March 15th. For more info go to Tucker-CountySports.Com.

# Tucker County Girls' earn trip to State Tournament with win





Tucker County's Zach Long takes a shot against East

Hardy on Mar. 3rd. The Mt. Lions got the win 40-31.

Photo by Becky Moore

Tucker County's Ericka Zirk takes a shot over a Tygarts Valley defender on Mar. 2nd. The Lady Mt. Lions won the contest 56-31.

# **AREA SCHEDULE:**

## Wednesday March 2nd

• Tucker County Boys' Basketball - Regional - vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 7pm

## **Thursday March 10th**

- WV Girls' Basketball State Tournament:
- Tucker County Girls' or Tug Valley vs Cameron or River View @ Charleston 11:15am

## Saturday March 12th

• WV Girls' Basketball State Tournament – Class "A" Championship 10am

## Tuesday March 15th – March 19th

• WV Boys' Basketball State Tournament - Charleston Coliseum

## See Parsons Basketball Youth League division Winners on Page 4B

## Photo by Becky Moore

2022 Regional Champions - Tucker County Girls' Basketball Front Row(L-R): Addie Hicks, Avery Colebank, Macy Helmick, Jayden Moore, Katie Hicks. Back Row(L-R): Head Coach, Dave Helmick, Hannah Cussins, Ericka Zirk, Kadie Colebank, Jayden Kuhn, Brylee Wetzel, Jacey Davis, Tabitha Adams and Assistant Coach Carrie Colebank.

**By Chris George** TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON - The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Tygarts Valley on Wednesday March 2nd for the Co-Regional Championship Tucker County game. used a big second half to run away from Tygarts Valley to capture the 56-31

victory.

The Lady Mt. Lions controlled the first period as Tucker County led after one quarter 17-12. The second quarter was even as both teams scored 12 points in the frame to make the halftime score 29-24 Tucker County.

Tucker County then turned up the defense in



the third as the Lady Mt. Lions scored 16 points in the third and held the Lady Bulldogs to 7 points to push the Tucker County lead to 45-31 after three. The fourth quarter was then dominated by the Lady Mt. Lions as they outscored Tygarts Valley 16-0 in the final quarter and Tucker County ended the game on a 21-0 run altogether. The game would end with the Lady Mt. Lions victory by the final score of 56-31.

Senior, Jayden Kuhn led Tucker County with 19 points, 6 steals and Junior, Kadie Colebank added 10 points, 8 rebounds for the Lady Mt. Lions. Brylee Wetzel chipped in 9 points

in the win for Tucker County and Macy Helmick pulled down a team high 9 rebounds. Jacey Davis and Avery Colebank also pulled down 7 rebounds each for Tucker County in the win. Tucker County(18-6)

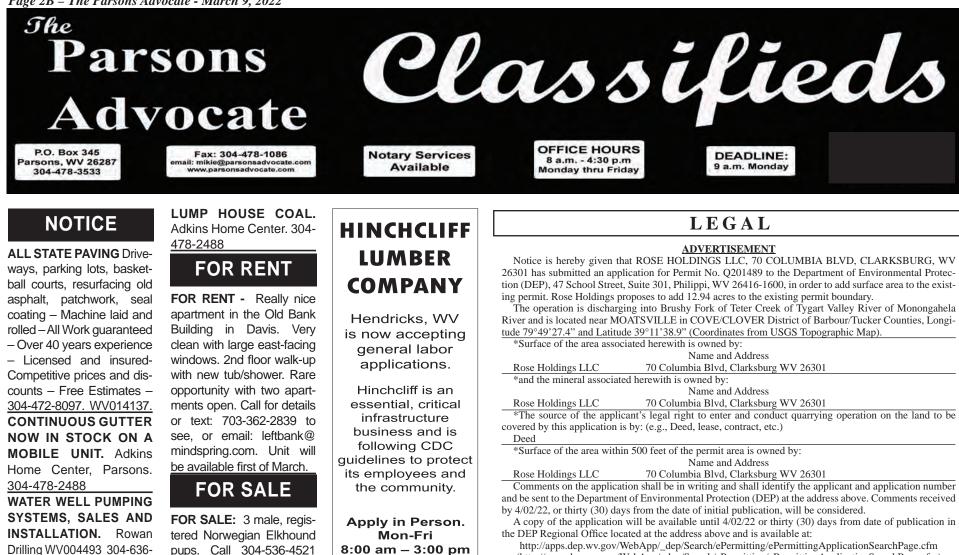
was scheduled to play Tuesday March 8th against Tug Valley in Charleston at the WV Girls' Basketball State Tournament. The winner of that game will play on Thursday at 11:15am. The Class "A" Championship game will be Saturday March 12th at 10am. All games will be broadcast online at WVMetronews.com. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.





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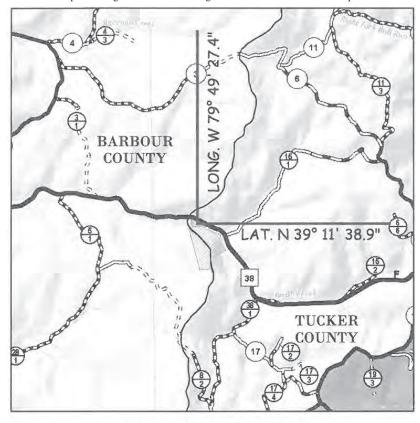
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# **APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR CITY COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Parsons City Council is seeking letters of application to fill a vacancy on City Council for the position of Council Member in Ward Two with a term expiring June 30, 2022.

Applicants shall at the time of appointment and throughout the term of office reside in Ward Two, Parsons, West Virginia. This territory is located in the area of said City lying between the Shavers Fork and Black Fork Rivers. The applicant must also be a qualified voter of the State of West Virginia.

All members of City Council are expected to attend City Council meetings; regularly scheduled on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, starting at 6:00 P.M. (EDT). Attendance to special meetings and committee meetings are also necessary. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, located at 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia. Council Members receive a salary of \$100 per month for their services.

Interested persons are asked to submit a letter of application addressed to:

> Mrs. Dorothy L. Judy, Mayor City of Parsons 341 Second Street Parsons, WV 26287

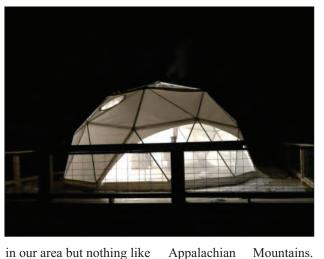
All letters must be received by 5:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, March 4, 2022. For more information, contact Mrs. Stephanie L. Murphy, City Administrator/Treasurer by phone at (304) 478-2311 or e-mail at cityofparsons@ frontiernet.net.



# Stargazing Glamping Dome Adds Extra Amenities to Laurel River Club B&B

Whether you prefer Stargazing, Outdoor Adventures, or a Romantic Getaway for two, the Laurel River Club B&B (LRC **B&B**) in Bowden, now offers a glamping dome perfect for all of these activities and more. For any traveler who wants to spend time outdoors, but doesn't want to camp in the traditional way, this is a fun alternative option while enjoying nature at its finest.

Experience the outdoors in comfort. "The glamping dome is clear on the top so people can sleep under the stars, it also gives that rugged outdoors feel that so many people want with a tent but not the hassle," said Marsha Waybright, property manager. "There are a lot of outdoor options



this. People love the atmosphere. It's not quite as rugged as camping, but it still gives you that one with nature feeling."

West Virginia is home to a wide variety of outdoor adventures geared for any age: rock climbing, hiking, whitewater rafting, fishing, skiing and more in the

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### LEGAL NOTICE STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING

A meeting of the Stockholder's of Miners & Merchants Bank of Thomas, West Virginia, will be held at the Bank's Main Office Building located at 16000 Appalachian Highway, Thomas, West Virginia, on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, beginning at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting. Given under my hand this 14th day of February 2022.

Jennifer Newland

## CEO

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### **Request for Proposals** WAN

The Tucker County Board of Education, Parsons, WV, invites proposals for Wide Area Network for Tucker County Schools. Proposals must comply with the Universal School and Library Program of the Universal Service Fund, or E-Rate requirements. The scope of service, submission requirements and the basis for the award is contained in the request for proposal. No proposal may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for at least ninety days. No responses will be accepted after the posted closing time. Other requirements are detailed in the RFP. Proposals will be publicly opened on March 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tucker County Board of Education Office, 100 Education Lane, Parsons, WV 26287. Proposals may be obtained by contacting Jonathan Hicks at 304-4782771

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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)

Roscoe W. Nestor 1st publication 3/9/22 2nd publication 3/16/22

Marilyn Holler 499 Stoney Brook Dr. Point Pleasant, WV 25550

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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All of this surrounds the LRC B&B and its glamping dome. Sit and gaze at the stars while relaxing in a heated dome after a long day of exploring nearby recreational sites which include Canaan Valley State Park, Blackwater Falls State Park, Seneca Rocks State Park, Dolly Sods Wilderness Area and Spruce Knob. The Dome and B&B are located on a 200-acre educational farm nestled in the middle of the Monongahela National Forest, which boasts over 920,000 acres of outdoor fun. The Dry Fork River runs along the edge of the property, affording even more recreational opportunities. Marsha and her hus-

band Kendall got the idea to add the 16 foot stargazing glamping dome to their B&B offerings because "this part of WV is known for its low light pollution and people flock here for night time photography. Our guests always commented on how dark it is here and how bright it made the stars," said Marsha. "People would ask for blankets in the summer time and lay in our freshly

cut hayfields or just sit for hours and watch the stars." She thought "wouldn't it be great if we could do something that would allow people to not only stargaze as long as they wanted, but also have that opportunity year round? So I began to look at different structures for stargazing and the domes seemed to be the right fit. The bed and breakfast stays really busy; we just wanted to provide a different experience."

Marsha promises, "All the comforts of home, but in a camping setting." Amenities include: the ready-to-go dome (versus traditional camping where you have to set up your own tent), firewood, gas grill, cozy deck, comfortable queen size bed and wood stove. Water, sheets, blankets, pillows and basic cooking utensils are provided.

A recent guest, Samuel

from MD, had this to say

about his stay, "Great loca-

(I think 8 miles from White Grass) and state parks. There was a lot to look at on the farm, including horses, pigs, cows, as well as some chickens. For an additional fee you can get breakfast if you ask ahead. Marsha and her husband were warm and responsive to all of our questions and we will definitely go back next season."

tion on a B&B near skiing

Glamping is the new way to camp - it's all about luxury, comfort, and style when compared to traditional camping. Glamping is really about an experience and you'll have many memorable experiences and create unforgettable memories under the stars after a stay in the stargazing glamping dome at the LRC B&B.

With so many great places to stay in West Virginia, such as the glamping dome at LRC B&B, it's no wonder the

state was named a Top 10 World Travel Destination For 2022 by numerous publications. World-wide travel brand Lonely Planet included West Virginia in its Lonely Planet's Best In Travel 2022. The book lists the best 10 countries, regions and cities to visit on the entire planet and of 30 featured destinations, only three are in the United States including the wonderful state of West Virginia! West Virginia was also selected as one of the Best Places to Go by national travel publishers Frommers and USA Today. Condé Nast Traveler and TIME Magazine rank West Virginia as a leading global destination for travel in 2022.

For rates, more information or to make a reservation for the glamping dome please visit http:// lrcbnb.com, call (304) 402-7095 or visit the Facebook page at Laurel River Club BnB.

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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Town of Davis is accepting sealed bids for the following vehicles and equipment:

Snow Plows (do not include mounting brackets or wire harnesses):

#1 Pickup Truck Boss V Plow #2 Pickup Truck Boss V Plow

#3 Pickup Truck Boss V Plow

#4 Pickup Truck Boss Straight Blade Plow

#5 Pickup Truck Boss V Plow

Vehicles/Equipment:

#6 1996 Chevy Blazer w/ 89,5xx miles VIN#: 1GNDT13W4TK238478 #7 1999 Chevy Truck w/ 127,5xx miles VIN#: 1GCGK24R1XR715033 #8 John Deere Backhoe w/ 4,552hrs Serial #: \*T0310CA753047\* Bids are due to Town Hall by April 12th, 2022 by 4 p.m. Inspection of equipment/vehicles can be facilitated on the following

dates: March 31st, 2022 and April 7th, 2022 Please contact the Davis office at (304) 259-5302 or davistownhallwv@gmail.com to set up inspection or to submit a bid. Bids can also

be mailed to: Town of Davis

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Please be aware that they must be received by April 12th, 2022 regardless of post mark date.

All equipment/vehicles purchased are to be sold as-is, where-is. Removal of equipment/vehicles is the responsibility of the buyer and must be removed from town property within 30 days of sale. The Town of Davis reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

## LEGAL

### STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF SPECIAL RECLAMATION PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, West Virginia Code Chapter 22, Article 3, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Special Reclamation, shall facilitate and engage in an acid mine water treatment project known as the Buffalo Coal Permits. Permit Numbers S-2001-86, S-5280, S-2003-03, S-5380, and S-2011-87. Project will occupy and/or utilize properties owned by Western Pocahontas Properties, Limited Partnership and Virginia Electric and Power Company. Lands located in Union District, Grant County, West Virginia, and situate on a tributary of the Stoney River Watershed. Said project shall include the construction of a pipeline system and necessary utilities for transporting acid mine drainage to a newly proposed acid mine drainage treatment facility.

In accordance with West Virginia Code Chapter 22, Article 27, notice is hereby provided of this project and that it shall employ the West Virginia Environmental Good Samaritan Act. Project plans and specifications are on file with the Department. Written objections may be filed with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Special Reclamation, 601 57th Street S.E., Charleston, WV 25304-2345.

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## Eastern brings MakerSpace technologies to local schools in the Potomac Highlands



Maya Paul instructs local teachers on how to use new technologies in their classrooms.

M O O R E F I E L D, W.Va.—This winter, over the course of four days, Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College hosted a fourday event at the National Youth Science Center in Davis, West Virginia, to teach educators how to use a variety of new and exciting technologies in their classrooms.

The MakerSpace proj-

ect is a collaborative effort between Eastern and the National Youth Science Foundation aimed at providing equipment and tools to enhance Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) education curriculum.

Educators from across the Potomac Highlands convened at the National Youth Science Center to learn how to use the MakerSpace equipment purchased with funding from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. St. George Medical Clinic also supported the effort by conducting on site COVID-19 tests to participants to ensure safety during the event.

By participating in the program, educators from Grant, Hampshire, Hardy,

Mineral, Pendleton, and Tucker counties are being provided with technology of their choosing free of charge. The options include a combination 3D printer/laser engraver, a computer numerical control (CNC) router, coding robots, drones, and a kit demonstrating different kinds of renewable energy. "This is the type of

hands-on opportunity the students need to understand why it's important to learn the other stuff," stated a Hampshire County Educator. "Hardy County Schools do not have enough staff to do the Makerspace, so this equipment will be the 1st exposure most students have had to robotics and 3D printers."

The trainings are being led by AmeriCorps Maker Fellow, Maya Paul, a recent graduate from Eastern and a Tucker County native.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to provide STEM technology to schools in rural West Vir-

to educate teachers and librarians in the region about how to use Maker-Space technology in their classrooms and libraries. In addition to providing the technology to educators, Paul is also establishing a permanent MakerSpace at the National nity, and will be one of the most advanced facilities of its kind in the region, but one with a specific focus on meeting the needs of a rural community with special emphasis on agricultural and entrepreneurial applications. "We are so excited to

resource for the commu-

be working with Maya on this project. Her enthusiasm is infectious and she's great at helping the teachers learn how to use this technology and brainstorm ideas for fun and creative ways to engage with their students." Said Dr. Ryan Haupt, the Director of WV STEM Programming for the National Youth Science Foundation.

On May 6th, students from participating schools will have the opportunity to present projects they've developed with the equipment at the Breakthrough, Revolutionary, Innovation, Technology, Excitement (BRITE) Challenge hosted by Eastern and the National Youth Science Center. STEAM professionals will judge the projects to determine which students will receive monetary prizes to further their inventions.

To learn more about the BRITE Challenge and the Makerspace equipment issued in the Potomac Highlands participating

# **Parsons Basketball Youth League 4th-6th Grade Division - Champions: Kings**



(L-R): Brooklynn Howard, Zane Bright, Coach Chris Bright, Titus Bowley, Johnathan Tuttle, Rhy Hovatter, Alexander Leary, Isaiah Leary, Jacey Helmick and Assistant Coach Blake Helmick.

# **Parsons Basketball Youth League 2nd-3rd Grade Division - Champions: Pacers**

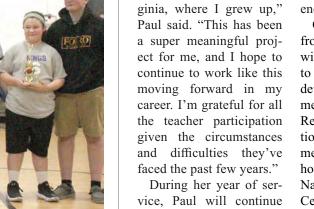




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(L-R): Rece Lambruno, Malik Dillard, Will Bolyard, Cianna DiBartolomeo, Izabella Stemple, Alleigh Lipscomb, Norah Griffith, Gunner Lester and Coach Mallory Hardy.



# **New Temporary School-Based Clinic Hours**

## Effective March 1st - April 1st St. George School-Based clinic will be reducing hours.

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 6pm

Saturday 8am - Noon

School-Based clinic will resume normal evening hours on Monday, April 4th.



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Youth Science Center. Once completed, the MakerSpace will be open to the public, serving as a

schools and libraries, contact Maya Paul at maya. paul@easternwv.edu.

# **Tim Knotts For County Commissioner**

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