

Tucker County Commissioners speak out on the denied Proposed Amusement Tax Amendment “Disappointed but determined!”



Commissioners from Left to Right: Fred Davis, Michael Rosenau, and Lowell Moore

By Jennifer Britt
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For the past 10 years the Commissioners of Tucker County have been working with several Delegates and Senators to amend an already in place law by amending the bill. This amended bill would allow the Commission to impose an Amusement Tax.

The proposed amendment for the Amusement Tax passed the Senate but failed in the House. To better explain the challenging work involved the Commissioners put forth the steps taken. The Commissioners were asked to answer a set of questions. These questions were to give the Commissioners a chance to tell their side of the story and the long journey they have been on to help the citizens of Tucker County.

First the Commissioners were asked: In your professional opinion how would the Amusement Tax benefit the citizens of Tucker County and EMS? The Commission was asked to explain the steps they took to submit the House Bill to the Senate and the House, and their personal experience with the process.

Commissioner Michael Rosenau explained it by saying “The law is already in effect; the County can impose but the Commission could not. The Commission is looking for the amendment to give the Commission a choice to impose the tax just like the cities.”

In a prepared statement Commis-

sioner Lowell Moore had this to say:

“The Amusement tax bill (8-13-6) was passed in 1937 for Municipality Corporations to charge up to 2% on amusement, entertainment admission tickets. I have worked for the past 6 years with State Representatives to try to get this bill amended to include County Commissioners. County Commissioners would have the option to use or not to use this fee. Last year 2021, Senator Smith along with other Senators presented this bill to the Senate, however it died in the Senate Gov Org., committee. This year Senators Smith, Sypolt, Swope and Hamilton presented SB 64, this bill was strongly supported by Delegates Phillips, Sypolt, Jennings and Hott. The Tucker County Commissioners Mike Rosenau, Fred Davis and myself, traveled to Charleston on (3) separate occasions, we met with many Senators and Delegates to ask for support as we explained the critical need for financial support for our EMS and (4) Volunteer Fire Departments. We have worked tirelessly to get the bill passed, however it failed Saturday night in the House. Tucker County is 420 sq. miles which is 17 people per sq. mile, with a population of 6900 citizens. Tucker County is the second smallest populated County in the State of WV, 50% (plus) of the County is owned by the Federal and State Government, 31% of the County is taxed at a reduced rate, agriculture, managed timber and etc., 19% of the County is taxed at the full rate. Tourism is at the front of economic

development in our County and I welcome the Tourist to our County, Tucker County has approximately 1.1 million Tourist each year that our first responders provide service for when needed. I feel this is a fair charge for the services our County first responders provide. This fee would take some of the burden off of the Tucker County tax payers. If passed this money will go to the Tucker County EMS and (4) Volunteer Fire Departments. My term will end this year, I still plan to work towards the goal of getting this bill passed for the betterment of Tucker County.”

Commissioner Fred Davis responded to the questions by stating: “My main concern is the services it will continue to help provide to the citizens of our county. We hope that there would be enough funding for all emergency services (fire, EMS and law enforcement). The money would provide much needed funds for the continued operation of 2 EMS stations in Tucker County, which helps the citizens as well as the tourists. Without the funding, we might have to cut services and get rid of a station due to a lack of available funds. This will hurt our citizens and could hurt tourism. If you’re a tourist, you want to go somewhere where you know that if you get sick or hurt that there will be emergency services to help you.

There has been a bill circulated for years before I became a commissioner. There is currently State code on the books since 1939 that has this same tax for cities. All we want to do is add AND COUNTIES so that anything outside of city limits could be charged the same way. I went to our State Senators and Delegates and lobbied them to introduce a new bill again this year.

I spent hours calling, texting, and emailing senators and delegates. I met with Senate and House Committees in Charleston 3 times lobbying for the passage of the bill.”

Commissioner Rosenau went on record to say: “Currently we have approximately 6,800 residents try-

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Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Awaits Approval from Commission

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The topic of conversation during the recent Tucker County Planning Commission meeting was whether the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance had met the Commissioners expectations. Patiently and anxiously waiting for approval so members of the Planning Commission can make the next necessary steps needed to implement ordinance.

One of the first steps needed would be to properly format the ordinance in its entirety. This format would include items such as typos, spelling corrections, etc. Members of the Planning Commission would then set up meetings for the public to answer any questions. These meetings will more than likely, providing an approval from Commissioners to take place sometime in May.

In the meantime, the Planning Commission members plan on speaking to individuals that may have questions in hopes of spreading a positive attitude towards the ordinance. Members will be speaking to others such as Dan Bucher, Director of Development, from Cortland Acres. Member Bill Shanan made the comment: “They (Cortland Acres) are a huge asset to this community. They bring in money and employ lots of people. They do a tremendous amount and we do not want to hinder their growth.”

Secretary, Robin McClintock, has been working a power point presentation to be presented at the meetings for the public. McClintock breaks down how the ordinance works for minor and major subdivisions. In the presentation McClintock set an example of what would happen if land were broken up into several lots and what would be needed to develop those properties.

For example, for a 200-acre farm that is not in Davis, Hambleton, Hendricks, Parsons, or Thomas and is divided into multiple improved deeded properties. Improved deeded parcels are explained as a single track of land developed by a person or company with houses, water, electric, sewer and roads. Once the landowner divides and sells to the public a parcel into five or fewer improved individually deeded parcels, they must file a minor subdivision application. If the landowner is dividing and selling to the public six or more land parcels, they must file a major subdivision application. All parcels must fill out the highway (driveway) permit and the septic permit regardless of minor or major.

Transferring to family members will not require filing an application with the Planning Commission for either minor or major subdivision. It does not matter how many land parcels a piece of property is split, but per code already in place the highway permit and septic permit must still be filed if the parcels are to be improved.

These are a couple of the examples presented but the ordinance in its entirety will be presented once the approval from the Tucker County Commission comes forth. The next Tucker County Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 11 at 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom located at 211 First St, Parsons.

Upcoming Race Events: Ready, Set, Go!

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Mike Moore with the Tucker Community Foundation requested funding for the “Run For It” annual race held in Davis. Since 2009 the race has been a successful event that has returned over 1.1 million back to the county. Last year there were 28 teams and 341 participants and a return of \$63,000 to the county. Moore’s requested \$5,000 was approved by the Tucker County Commission. The race will be held on Sept 24, 2022.

The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 130 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to 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 on Run For It or to learn about the foundation, visit www.tuckerfoundation.net.

The Annual Parsons VFD Cheat River Triathlon will be on May 21, 2022. There will be an online registration site coming soon. The course has been laid out and will be as follows. Mill Race Park in Parsons will be the starting point and race participants

will run 3.9 miles to Hendricks Park. At that point, racers will Kayak or Canoe three miles back to Mill Race Park. Then race participants will bike to Hendricks Park and back to Mill Race Park to complete seven-miles. Life jackets, helmets, and whistles are required on the river portion of the event. Bicycle helmets are required on the bike portion of the event.

On Saturday September 10, 2022, the Blackwater Canyon Half Marathon will take place on the Blackwater Canyon and Allegheny Highlands Trails running from Thomas to Mill Race Park in Parsons. This event is in support of the Highlands Trail Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to trail development in the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia. The Blackwater Canyon Half Marathon is a point-to-point race. The trail is made of pavement, dirt, and crushed stone. The race course will descend about 1400’. The 9 a.m. race start is located on the rail trail below First/Front Street in Thomas. The race finish is in Parsons. At 8 a.m., a bus will transport runners from Parsons to the race start in Thomas.

Information on these and other races in the Tucker County area can be found at website: RunningintheUSA.com.

Gov. Justice announces over \$3.9 million in grant funding for broadband improvement projects across West Virginia

Second round of grants awarded as part of Governor’s Billion-Dollar Broadband Strategy; to provide connectivity to 650 homes and businesses

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice today announced the preliminary approval of over \$3.9 million in Line Extension Advancement and Development (LEAD) program funds for various broadband infrastructure projects throughout the state.

This marks the second round of grants awarded as part of Gov. Justice’s Billion-Dollar Broadband Strategy, also known as the West Virginia Broadband Investment Plan (WVBIP).

Grant recipients were selected among applicants in the LEAD program’s second application round, which closed on Dec. 30, 2021.

This allocation of state funding, in the amount of \$3,922,732 will leverage \$872,500 in additional funds, for a total broadband infrastructure investment of \$4,795,232.

The investment will result in approximately 55 miles of new fiber infrastructure and will provide broadband connectivity to approximately 650 homes and businesses in West Virginia.

“My Billion-Dollar Broadband Strategy is really on the move. I could not be more proud of this announcement today,” Gov. Justice said. “By providing more and more of our communities with access to high-speed internet, West Virginia will be able to truly compete on the world stage. Businesses will be able to get a leg up by utilizing all the most cutting-edge technology at their disposal and residents will be able to tap into the benefits that broadband gives all of us. It’s a win-win for everybody.

“We are opening the door to a bright new future,” Gov. Justice continued. “All West Virginians should be incredibly proud and excited for the advances that this program will inspire and the goodness it is going to bring to our state.”

Gov. Justice previously announced the preliminary approval of another \$17.4 million in LEAD program funds in the first round of grants awarded as part of his Billion-Dollar Broadband Strategy. With today’s announcement, the total amount approved through the program to date now exceeds \$21.3 million.

The LEAD program includes one additional application round, which closed on

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News of Record

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

• **Naomi Luiccle Yelich**, Hambleton, was charged with two counts of Obscene, anonymous, harassing and threatening communications. According to the complaint on Saturday, March 5 at approximately 11:10 a.m. Cpt. J.J. Cornelius received a walk-in complaint in reference to harassment from Jessica Long. In a signed, handwritten statement, the victim advised yesterday at approximately 3:42 p.m. Naomi Yelich called her phone and threatened her. She advised her employer, Walgreens, called her today at approximately 10.25 a.m. and advised her “Naomi” called them and indicted she was threatening to come and slit her throat at work. She advised her aunt, Kathleen Coberly, received a voice message on her phone that also threatened the victim.

She indicated the message left on her phone advised, “Wait till I get ahold of you.” She advised she know Ms. Yelich and is distantly related to her. She stated Yelich lives with her uncle. Cornelius questioned if the victim advised Yelich to stop contacting her. She advised she had not talked to Yelich. He questioned why the victim felt Yelich would threaten her, and she stated because Yelich feels the victim turned her in for being a ‘meth house.’

The victim played the message received on her phone and the female caller allegedly advised “Wait till I get ahold of you **** ***** *****” along with another brief statement.

On the same date at approximately 11:15 a.m. Cornelius obtained a statement from Kathleen Coberly who advised she received a message at approximately 10:33 a.m. on the same date. She advised the message was threatening in nature to the victim. He questioned if she knew who sent the voice message and Coberly allegedly indicated Naomi Yelich and she knows her because she is a distant relative.

Coberly played the voice message for Cornelius and a female voice advised, “Ask Jessica if she wants to meet me somewhere now or she wants to slit her throat at work because I ain’t doing it on your property, done called her work.” The voice is consistent with the previous call received by the victim.

On the same date at approximately 11:45 a.m. Cornelius contacted Walgreens and spoke with Caroline Funk. She advised she works at Walgreen and was advised by a co-worker, Elizabeth Williams, that a threatening in nature phone call was received. Funk identified the caller as “Naomi” and advised she stated to be ready at 3 p.m. and threatened to slit the victim’s throat in the parking lot.

• **Naomi Luiccle Yelich**, Hambleton, was charged with one count, Obscene, anonymous, harassing and threatening communications. The complaint states that on Sunday, March 6 at approximately 1:24 p.m. Kenneth Smith made a complaint at the Parsons Detachment of the West Virginia State Police in reference to a threatening voice message received on his phone by Facebook Messenger. In a signed handwritten statement,

he advised Naomi Yelich was traveling on Rabbit Run Road at a high rate of speed. He indicated his son and a friend advised her to slow down. Smith advised a little later Yelich sent a voice message to his phone threatening to cut his throat.

He provided a copy of the message in which a female voice can be heard advising, “If your son runs his mouth to me again I will slit his f***** throat as well as I would the next one.” The message was received on Smith’s phone by Facebook on March 6 at approximately 12:03 p.m. The Facebook associated with the message is “Naomi Yelich.” While speaking with Smith he advised he received the message at his residence on Rabbit Run Road and he stated he is familiar with Yelich and she lives near him.

• These crimes occurred in Tucker County and all individuals are considered innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Burley F. Hedrick and Barbara A. Hedrick, Black Fork, Partial Take to WV DOT WV Division of Highways, \$0.
- Peter G. Haller and Oxana Haller, Dry Fork, Lot #86 Winterhaven 0.431 acre to Oxana Haller, \$0.
- Peter G. Haller, Dry Fork, Lot 1 to Peter G. Haller, \$0.
- Peter G. Haller, Dry Fork, Lot 2 to Peter G. Haller, \$0.
- Peter G. Haller, Dry Fork, Lot 3 to Peter G. Haller, \$0.

- Howard S. Weitzman and Jodene C. Weitzman, Dry Fork, Lot 116 Mountinside Section B 2.09 acres to Stephen Haley Mullen and Beth E. Mullen, \$87,500.
- Eric W. Carlson, Dry Fork, Lot #1, 3.00 acres to Chad Jenkins, \$340,000.
- John Patrick McCann, II and Anne Randolph Farmer, Thomas, Lot #74 to Elizabeth Moore and Cristal A. Moore, \$168,000.
- Jacquelyn Custer, Dry Fork, Unit #1259 Building 2 Beech Lodge of Beaver Ridge Resort Condo to Scott Custer, \$0.
- Sherry G. Stiles, Davis, Lot #350 to Jerry Viars, \$100,000.
- Richard Simmons, Parsons, Lot 214 and ½ acre to Benny Pennington and Kelly Pennington, \$20,000.
- Karen Bolinger/FKA/Karen Stone, Parsons, Lots 15 thru 18 Coffman Addition to William Day and Kimberly Day, \$22,228.00
- Veron A. Betler and Wilma A. Betler, St. George, 1.1 acre; 1.84 acres; 1.86 acres; .9 acre; .289 acre to Michael Betler, \$175,000.
- Earnest L. Snyder and Erma C. Snyder, Black Fork, 2 Tract to WVDOH, \$32,000.
- Rick L. Liller, Black Fork, 17.452 sq. ft., .40 acre to Alec Cummings, \$34,000.
- Jeremy Noel and Courtney Nellis, Davis, Lot 190, 191, 211, 212, 213, 214 Tuscan Ridge to Bradyn Investments LLC, \$54,000.
- Brian Shellum and Paula Demuth, Dry Fork, Lot 39 at Winterset to Bradyn Investments, LLC, \$650,000.
- Mary L. Deprez, Davis, Tract 12 Black Bear Woods 2.03 acres to Blackbear Falls LLC, \$0.

Gov. Justice issues statement on calls to suspend gas tax

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice issued the following statement after the Minority leaders from the West Virginia Legislature sent a joint letter, calling on the Governor to suspend the 37.5 cent state tax per gallon of gas:

“I would absolutely love to suspend this tax and provide at least a little bit of relief for hard working West Virginians who are paying the price for rampant inflation and soaring energy costs. However, I cannot legally suspend this tax, only our Legislature can.

“The Democrats absolutely know I don’t have this authority, so I guess what they are really asking me to do is to call a Special Session and ask the Legislature to suspend the gas tax. The Legislature just adjourned their 60-day session a few days ago, why didn’t the Democrats introduce a bill at that time? Gas prices were just as high last week as they are now. The answer is this is nothing but a political stunt, designed to get their names in the headlines and make me look like the bad guy. They probably figured

I wouldn’t call them out for setting me up to supposedly be against lowering the cost of gas. They were wrong. I would absolutely be in favor of temporarily suspending the state’s gas tax if that was the wish of the Legislature.

“I think it is despicable that these Democrat politicians – whose mothership in Washington DC has gotten us into this mess, placing us on the brink of World War III – are now rushing to climb onto the biggest soapbox they can find to flap their arms around and say, ‘Look what I’m doing to help you.’ This is the same political party that has thrown dirt on our fossil fuels at every turn. And now, suddenly, they’re concerned about the financial strain rapidly increasing energy costs are having on our families? They must be nervous about gas prices being so high during a mid-term election year.

“Where were these same Democrats when I submitted a plan that would have seized a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform West Virginia’s tax structure by repealing our personal income tax; tiering

our severance tax, raising wages, raising home values, bringing in more businesses, more people, and making life better for all West Virginians? They were sitting on the sidelines saying, ‘Now isn’t the time.’ But now that it’s politically convenient for them, they suddenly want to cut taxes so badly they want me to break the law to do it.

“Where were these same Democrats when I gave a very important speech just last Friday on energy independence for America? I laid out the blueprint for exactly how we can tap into West Virginia’s rich natural resources to save the world, while at the same time standing united with God and the people of Ukraine.

“Finally, where were these same Democrats in December when I proposed the Inflatocine, a one-time 2.5% bonus to combat the rising costs of inflation?”

“Keep in mind that 100% of our gas tax goes directly to our state Department of Transportation for use building and maintaining our roads. Thanks to my Roads To Prosperity program and our renewed focus on secondary roads, we’ve broken the all-time record for road maintenance three years in a row. Our roadways and bridges got to the condition they were in due to decades of underinvestment. But now, through the mechanisms we’ve put in place, we have made miraculous progress in fixing our roads once and for all.

“Let’s just be blunt and honest: West Virginians know all too well that, during the previous Washington DC administration, America and West Virginia were finally reaping the rewards of energy independence. Our coal miners were back to work, gas prices were at historic lows, and America’s econ-

omy was reaching new heights.

“Regardless, the out-of-control gas prices aren’t going to be fixed by us giving a tax break for one month. Gas prices have risen almost 60% since this time last year thanks to the Biden Administration’s

determination to reverse America’s energy independence. I’ve said it a thousand times, the only real solution here is to tap into the rich natural resources we have in this state and this nation to make America energy independent again.”



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OBITUARIES

Mabel Agnes Canfield Fulton

Mabel Agnes Canfield Fulton, 70, formerly of Parsons, and for the past several years, a resident of Elkins, passed from this life Friday, March 11, 2022, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

Agnes was born Tuesday, April 17, 1951, in Hendricks, a daughter of the late Charles Canfield and Mabel Huffman Moyers.

On August 30, 1968, at Oakland, Md., she was married to Howard Franklin Fulton who preceded her in death on January 19, 2008.

Left to cherish Agnes' memory is three children, Lee Fulton and wife, Courtney, Becky White and husband, Kevin, and Daniel Fulton, all of Elkins, three half-brothers, Ronnie and Donnie Canfield, Danny Johnson, three half-sisters, Elma Fulton, Catherine Gatto, and Martha Lipscomb, three grandchildren, Katie Fulton, Shaneah Fulton, and Emily White, five great grandchildren, Daniel Worles, Lukas Worles, Addie Worles, Noah Worles, and Ellissa Phillips, and a special friend, Larry Mitchell.

Preceding Agnes in death besides her parents and husband was two daughters, Tammy Fulton and Hazel Lansberry.

Agnes attended the schools of Tucker County. She had previously worked at CJ Maggies and the Parsons Nursey.

She enjoyed reading her Bible, family dinners, and spending time on her phone playing games and spending time on social media. She was a member of Full Gospel Fellowship.

Visitation was held at Full Gospel Fellowship in Glenmore on Saturday, March 18, 2022, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., the funeral hour. Rev. Jerry Helmick officiated and the family's request for cremation was then be honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Mabel Agnes Canfield Fulton. Send online condolences to the family at: www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



Glen Jason "Buck" Thompson

Glen Jason "Buck" Thompson, age 84 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life Thursday evening, March 17, 2022, at the West Virginia Caring Hospice Center at Elkins, WV, with his family by his side.

He was born Friday, April 9, 1937, at Whitmer, WV, a son of the late Branson Thompson and Mae Marie Nelson Cunningham Carr. He was raised by William "Bill" Cunningham until his death in 1956, and then by Emory Carr. On August 21, 1961, at Oakland, MD, he was married to Elva Lydia Ann Fulton, who preceded him in death in 2009.

Surviving are three sons, Jason James Thompson, William Lloyd Thompson and Jeffrey Alan Thompson all of Parsons; one daughter, Mary Ann Thompson Griffith and husband Mike of Hambleton; two sisters, Violet Grace Nestor and husband Murle of Hendricks and Shirley Ann Carr Surguy of Pheasant Run, Parsons; two grandchildren, Sarah Ann Harper and husband Adam Scott Harper of Hendricks and Eric Michael Griffith and wife Mistee Dawn of Parsons; three great grandchildren, Savannah Brooke Harper, Easton Michael Griffith and Parker Scott Griffith.

He attended the schools of Tucker County. He worked several positions at the Hinchcliff Lumber Company and at Kingsford Charcoal Company. He attended the Pentecostal Church of God of North America in Hambleton, WV. He enjoyed woodworking and mechanic work. He loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren very much.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 1 p.m. William Emery Surguy and Pastor J.R. Mayle officiated and interment followed at the Mountain State Memorial Gardens at Gilman, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Glen Jason "Buck" Thompson. Condolences may be expressed to the family at: www.lorhbarbfuneralhome.com.



Senior News

The dates for the Lancaster trip are July 19th and 20th. 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. 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. At this point if you have not made a payment, each will be \$600 for March through June. These payments are due around the 15th of each month. Final payments must be made by June 15, 2022. We will be taking a bus to the airport so you don't have to worry about that.

For the Tygart Lake cruise we decided to do this trip somewhere between July 25th and July 29th. 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. **PLEASE CALL US SOON IF YOU ARE INTERESTED SO WE CAN CONTINUE OR CANCEL THE PLANS.** We will wait until March 31st and if we don't get enough interest, we will cancel this and see if we can do something else.

We want to go to the Mountain Playhouse in JUNE to see a comedy play titled "Popcorn Falls" but we are awaiting an exact date from the theater. Please note the date change. We will give you the exact date after the travel committee meets. It will be the first part of the month.

We have scheduled the dates for the performances at the Gandy Dancer Theatre. We will see the Legends show on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. on July 15, 2022. We have seats reserved for Saturday, October 22, 2022 for the premier show at 6:00 p.m. We have seats reserved for the Christmas show on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at noon.

When you call to get your name on the list, please tell the ladies which trip you are interested in so we can keep them straight. The price at this time for each of these trips is \$38 if you provide your own transportation and \$45 if you ride the van. We're trying to keep the prices down but as you all know, the price of gas has gone up greatly.

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.**

We will begin having our Flanagan Hill Outposts on Wednesday, March 23rd at noon. Please bring your 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.

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

Commission

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ing to provide Emergency services to over 1,000,000 guests a year. The commission was asking for a 2% Amusement Tax for tickets sold. Which would be \$2.00 for \$100.00 spent on a ticket like ski lift ticket, tubing, sledding etc...this would help with the cost of running EMS. This fee would generate and estimated revenue of 260,000 to 300,000 a year. Currently the State of WV estimates the costs of running 1 ambulance 24 hours a day 7 days a week to be 510,000.

This bill was generated in the Senate. Randy Smith and David Sypolt worked very hard in getting it passed on the Senate Side. A Bill to get a tax put on amusement has been worked on for over 30 years in our county. This Bill was just a add on to an existing law that allows municipalities to charge this fee but does not mention County Commission. This law has been in effect for 80 years! After it passed the Senate, it was sent to the House and could not get out of committee. The chair of the finance committee would not put it on the agenda. That is just one way they avoid making decisions in Charleston. After Finance Chairman Householder did not put it on the committee agenda to be discussed and sent to the house floor. Senators Smith and Sypolt attached it to another Bill and sent it to the House for vote and debate on the floor. It failed. I got quite a few surprises from several delegates. One example was from Del. Cody Thompson from our neighboring County stood on the House Floor and was against the Bill."

Next the Commissioners were asked what they would do differently, or change given the opportunity; what their plans are going forward, and do they plan to re-submit, etc.

Davis said: "I would start the process sooner, before the legislative session begins, trying to explain and educate lawmakers on the importance of its passage. Moving forward, I

would vote to have the bill re-submitted during the legislative session. I think we are trying to fix the funding problem before it's unfixable and at some point the State will have to step in if counties don't have a way to do it by themselves or we can't provide services."

Moore answered by having this to say: "Educate more Legislatures and the public about the financial needs facing the first responders of Tucker County. My plan is to continue to pursue and achieve financial support for our first responders; the alternative is little or no coverage for our Tucker County Citizens."

Rosenau stated: "This has been a learning curve going back ten years to now. We plan to continue to fight. This whole experience has been such a revelation as to how the whole Senate and House thing works. As to how the bill passed the Senate and sent to the House but Householder Chairman would not put it on the agenda to get passed. So, with the help of some Delegates the bill was attached to another bill. So disappointed it did not go through."

The Commissioners were then asked to explain how the proposed Levy Tax could be effective for Tucker County and its citizens and EMS.

Moore said: "At the present time the Tucker County EMS is operating on a \$400,000.00 deficit, they lack (2) drivers, (6) EMT'S and (2) Paramedics, this is due to lack of funding and low wages, because of these shortages 24/7 service at the (2) stations is impossible."

Rosenau answered: "It takes half a million dollars yearly to run one crew for a 24 hour service shift and 1.2 to 1.3 million for two crews. These are statistics provided by the State. Currently Tucker County EMS is budgeted \$460,000 with \$210,000 provided by the Commission. The difference must be covered by the current ordinance fee or the proposed

Levy Tax.

I do not believe the ordinance fee was fair to everyone. On the May ballot, the proposed Levy Tax would make it to where those with less would pay less and those with more would pay more. It is for the people to decide whether they want one or two crews."

Davis had this to say: "We don't have a levy now, we have an ordinance fee. To compare, most lower income and elderly residents would benefit with everyone paying their fair share. Also, everyone will have a say in whether or not they want it."

Lastly the Commissioners were asked if they wished to express anything to their fellow citizens and how this denial of the House Bill affected them on a personal level.

Davis was quoted as saying: "The amusement tax was not all about EMS funding. It was to be able to support all of our emergency services, including fire and law enforcement, with much needed funds. The bottom line, funding or lack of funding for emergency services affects everyone in Tucker County"

Moore had this to say: "EMS as a paid service is plagued with low wages and poor benefits in a time when every business is having trouble finding employees. Fire departments in our county are volunteer and our state is made up of, almost exclusively, volunteers. These volunteers work a 40-50 work week to provide for their families and they run several emergency calls a week. It is becoming too much to expect them to work fundraisers to provide a service on top of their other responsibilities."

And lastly Rosenau stated: "I'm just so disappointed but will continue to fight for what's best for the citizens of Tucker County." Rosenau would like to remind everyone to vote on the upcoming ballot.

Moore best described the experience for the Commissioners by saying: "Disappointed but determined."

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Urgent Action Needed!

The U.S. Forest Service has devised a plan to target several thousand acres of older growth timber in the Cheat district for clear-cutting, including around Saint George, Horseshoe Run and other streams to the Cheat River.

We are concerned about flooding, invasive species, supplies of drinking water, and warming of cold-water streams (necessary for trout!).
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58364>

Please join us in asking for more time to review the Upper Cheat Timbering Project!

Right now comments are due by the 31st of March. Ask for an extension or send comments to Mr. Morgan, or even better both.

Email or call the Forest Service!
(jonathan.morgan@usda.gov)
304-257-4488-ext. 7113
For more info. email:
FriendsUpperCheat@gmail.com

United Way Elects New Board Members and Presents Awards

The Tygart Valley United Way held their annual meeting of the membership virtually on March 15, 2022. During the meeting, leaders elected the officers and new members of the organization's 2022-2023 Board of Directors.

Christine Miller of Taylor County Schools will serve as President, Christina Gouzd of Keystone Realty, Vice President, Rebecca Miller of ND Paper, Secretary, Jennifer Wade of Conley CPA, Treasurer. The board recognized outgoing President Dani DeVito for her two years in the role during a global pandemic.

The board elected new members, including: Jennifer Wade of Conley CPA, Donna Hage of Marion County Schools, Jim Myers of Mon Power, Robert Bolton of Robert Bolton Law

Office, Mike Bell of Davis Health System, Aaron Yanuzo of WVU Medicine, Lisa Wood of Randolph County Chamber of Commerce, Kelly Stadelman of Stadelman Consulting, and Tiffany Mitchell of Freedom Bank.

Retiring Board members were honored for their service and include: Mike Lawson, Kristen DeVault, Michael White, Sally Morgan, Mike Haines, Devanna Corley, Michael Angelucci, and Blaire Nuzum-Wise.

"United Way's Board of Directors is filled with dedicated individuals who are passionate about helping our community," said Brett White, Chief Executive Officer. "In particular, United Way has benefited from the tremendous lead-

ership of our retiring board members. They have given countless hours to help United Way continuously improve and grow. On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, I want to give a heartfelt thank you to all of them!"

White presented the 2021 Annual Report, which highlights the activities

and programs of the past year. To view the report, visit <http://tvuw.us/report>.

Campaign Co-Chairs Rosemary Thomas and Blaire-Nuzum wise presented the annual Campaign Awards to individuals and companies that went above and beyond to make the campaign successful.

Davis Academy Applications Available to High School Seniors

Elkins, WV-Davis Medical Center's (DMC) "Davis Academy" is currently taking applications for the 2022-2023 internship program. The Academy targets high school graduates who are undecided about a career path or who are not planning to go to college.

The Academy provides paid, job-related education and coaching to create workers fully competent for a healthcare career. During the 10-month program, workers cycle through the following DMC departments: Outpatient Clinics, Patient Registration, Surgical Services, Medical Lab, Nursing, and Information Technology. Each department has a designated mentor to ensure performance competencies are successfully completed.

"It's an ideal way to earn as you learn," said Academy Director, Melissa "Dulane" Casto, RN. "Not a lot of internship programs offer an hourly wage and benefits. It's one of the ways our program is uniquely different."

In May 2022, The Academy will have concluded its first year with two interns prepared to enter the healthcare workforce.

"I'd really like to thank Davis Medical Center for the opportunity. Without the Academy, I wouldn't have discovered a love for the medical field, be up to my neck

in student loan debt, and still unsure of what I want to do. This program truly gave me the identity I was searching for," said Intern Natalie Phillips.

Glyserine Raboy, another intern was also thankful for the experience. "Being a part of this program is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Having the chance to experience new things and learning at the same time was so valuable and I really am excited to see what the future holds," Raboy commented. "Without the Academy, and the people behind it all, I really don't know where I would be right now."

Both interns agree that rotating through different departments took them beyond their "comfort zone" at times. "The department mentors provided such great guidance, and helped me develop clinical skills I had never considered," added Ms. Phillips.

Dulane Casto said the Academy's first year was a great success, and looks forward to expanding the number of interns in 2022.

Information and applications about the DMC Academy are available on the website <https://www.dhsacademy.com/>, or by calling Dulane Casto, RN 304.637.3523 or email casto.dulane@davishealthsystem.org.

The application deadline is April 25, 2022.

Fairmont State University to host SkillsUSA State Competition March 25 - 26

The future workforce of West Virginia will be on display at the SkillsUSA West Virginia Championship hosted at Fairmont State University Friday, March 25 - Saturday, March 26. SkillsUSA aims to provide solutions to the current and future demand for a skilled workforce by preparing career and technical students for jobs available within the state.

Throughout the weekend hundreds of career and technical education students from high schools and higher education institutions from across the state will compete in contests demonstrating their skills in areas including manufacturing, transportation, construction, hospitality and human services.

"These students are demonstrating more than just their skills; they are proving that our workforce is prepared to lead the way in every technical area our country needs to maintain a strong global economic presence," said Melissa Wilkinson, SkillsUSA WV State Director. "CTE is learning that works for America, and we are very proud of this talented group of students who are true champions dedicated to excellence in their trades."

During the competition, students will work against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations such as electronics, computer-aided drafting, precision machining, automotive service, medical assisting and culinary arts. All contests are run with the help of industry experts, trade associations and labor organizations, with all test competencies set by professional industry standards.

"West Virginia is packed with talent, and this SkillsUSA event is proof of that," said Fairmont State University President, Mirta M. Martin. "If this year is like years past, the winners crowned here will do West Virginia proud as they represent this wonderful state in national competition later this year. The job market is shifting more than ever, but these young men and women will dem-

onstrate to everyone during this competition that they are more than capable of navigating whatever challenges they may face, and finding a rewarding career in a field they love. And with the skills they develop through events like SkillsUSA, they will be equipped to take the lead in defining what those future jobs and industries might look like.

Winners of the state competition will compete in the National SkillsUSA Championships this June in Atlanta, Ga.

A list of the 800 registered attendees and competition categories, along with the schools and towns participants will represent is available at www.skillsusawv.org/state-conference.

About SkillsUSA
SkillsUSA is a nonprofit partnership of education and industry founded in 1965 to strengthen our nation's skilled workforce. Driven by employer demand, SkillsUSA helps students develop necessary personal and workplace skills along with technical skills grounded in academics. This SkillsUSA Framework empowers every student to succeed at work and in life, while helping to close the skills gap in which millions of positions go unfilled. Through SkillsUSA's championships program and curricula, employers have long ensured schools are teaching relevant technical skills, and with SkillsUSA's new credentialing process, they can now assess how ready potential employees are for the job. SkillsUSA has members nationwide in high schools, colleges and middle schools, covering over 130 trade, technical and skilled service occupations, and is recognized by the U.S. departments of Education and Labor as integral to career and technical education. We have served 13.9 million members since 1965. For more information: www.skillsusa.org. For more information about SkillsUSA West Virginia, please visit SkillsUSAWV.org.

WVDA Announces Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Grant Program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has announced Request for Applications for FY22 Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture Grant Program (VHAGP). Grant recipients have one year to plan, implement and gather data on their respective projects. The total grant funding available is \$24,000. Applications are due April 1, 2022.

"As we continue to see the age of the farmer rise, we need to identify the next generation of those who will grow our food.

Active or retired veterans and emergency response personnel are the perfect group to target as they often seek hands-on careers," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "We hope to provide some support to those organizations who seek to help these groups through agriculture."

The purpose of the VHAGP is to provide funding to organizations around the state who work directly with or provide support to law enforcement, fire fighters, emergency medical service, first responders, veterans, active-duty military and/or their spouses and family within an agricultural capacity. The grant program provides

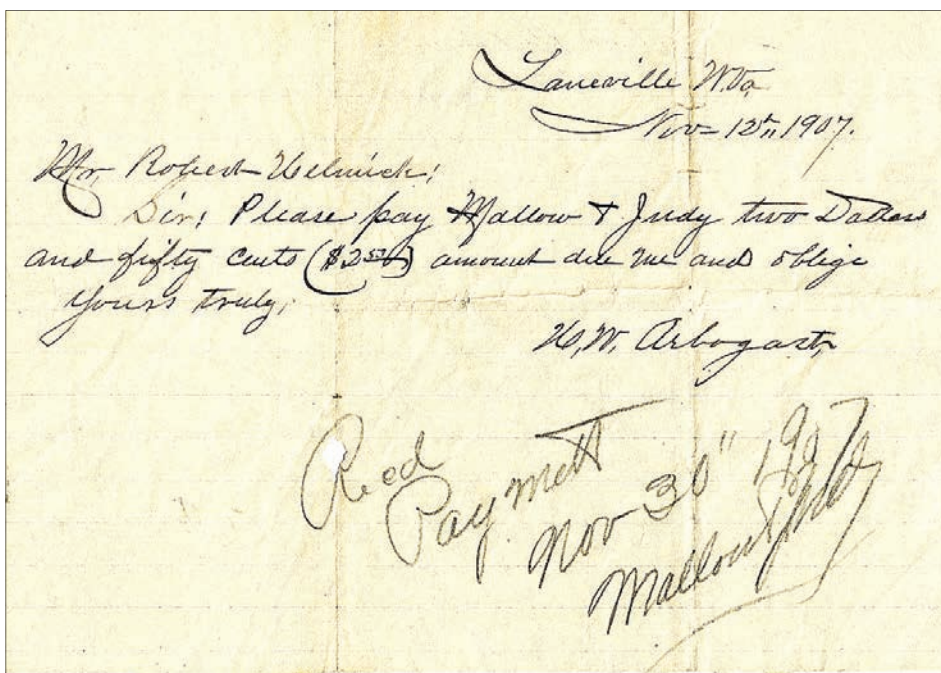
an opportunity for organizations to develop and enhance programs and activities targeted at our veterans and heroes entering or currently working in agriculture to benefit their health and welfare, as well as the state's agricultural economy. The program also seeks to further promote the development of agricultural industries, products, and marketing opportunities across the state.

Applications can be found at Veterans & Heroes to Agriculture : West Virginia Department of Agriculture (wv.gov)

For more information, contact Crescent Gallagher at cgallagher@wvda.us or 304-558-3708.

TURNER'S TIDBITS

This is a request for payment dated November 12, 1907. The request was written from Lanesville by W. W. Arbogast asking Robert Helmick to pay an amount that Mr. Arbogast owes. The amount due was \$2.50 to Mallow & Judy, merchants. The writing at the bottom states that Mallow & Judy received payment on November 30, 1907. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.



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The Town of Davis Commission Meeting Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Davis Planning Commission will present the Town's Comprehensive Plan on April 23rd, 2022. The meeting will be in the Davis Fire Hall and is scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00.

The Town of Davis Comprehensive Plan is designed to provide information and to serve as a valuable resource to plan for the future of Davis. The Comprehensive Plan is the Town's official guide for land use, housing, transportation, economic development, infrastructure, public services and community character. The Plan will serve as the Town's guiding document for 10-20 years into the future, protecting and enhancing the unique character of our community.

What's? Happening

Retired School Employees Meeting March 30

Tucker County Association of Retired School Employees meeting is at noon on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at The Depot Diner. All retirees are invited to attend.

Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Dinner

Maple Spring Church of the Brethren will host a dine-in or take out buckwheat cake and sausage dinner from 3- 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 2 in the Family Life Center. Donations are \$10; children 6 – 10 years \$5 and children five and under eat free. Proceeds benefit The Family Life Center contact 304-735-5202.

Easter Pie Sale

Our Lady of Mercy Church Guild is taking orders for coconut cream, lemon meringue and chocolate pies for \$12 each. Place orders by March 30 by calling Cindy at 304-478-3304. Pick up pies on Friday, April 15 between 3 - 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church Social Hall in Parsons.

Lenten Fish Fry

Lenten Fish Fry, Friday March 25, 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 donation of \$10. Eat in or carry out, at both locations.

The West Virginia Encyclopedia
www.wvencyclopedia.org

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



March 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

March 24, 1890: Confederate General William Lowther "Mudwall" Jackson died in Louisville. Jackson, who was born in Clarksburg, joined the Confederate Army as a private. After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel. He served on the staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and was jokingly nicknamed "Mudwall."



March 25, 1878: Attorney General Armistead

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

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



March 26, 1920: Aviator Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins was born. She was the first black woman to become a solo pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training Program at West Virginia State College (now University).

March 27, 1917: Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. In 1978, Vance was instrumental in the Camp David peace accord between Egypt and Israel and in negotiating the Panama Canal Treaty.



March 28, 1870: State officials, with state records and property, boarded a

steamboat called *Mountain Boy*, one of six steamboats that moved West Virginia's capital from Wheeling to Charleston.



March 28, 1941: Musician Charlie McCoy was born in Oak Hill. One of the most significant harmonica players in country music, his work can also be heard on rock 'n' roll albums. He was the musical director for the television program *Hee Haw*.



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

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.

Spring has sprung and I am so happy. I know we will still get some winter weather but just on the horizon is warmth and sunshine. We have some flowers blooming already and they are a breath of fresh air. *Momma Said*, "Every day is a good day but tomorrow is always a chance to have a better one."

You always have a chance in life to make things better, if not for yourself maybe someone else. If it is for someone else and what you do is unexpected it is even better. Hold open a door for a stranger, help your neighbor with yard work or just say hello to a passerby.

I get frustrated sometimes when I do that and there is no response, but people today are not the same as when I was growing up. If you spoke to someone, they answered, but people are so introverted today that they probably think I am a nut job speaking to a total stranger.

Momma Said
This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.
By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

Momma Said, "Manners never go out of style they are just not utilized anymore."

We were raised with the philosophy that you are not better than anyone else, everyone is equal. I know we didn't have all the best things but we had each other. I couldn't count the times I got in fights with the neighborhood boys to protect my little brother. It was short and sweet but they always let him join in afterwards. *Momma Said*, "Family is number one and always should be."

Spinach and Feta Triangles

Ingredients

- 6 medium sheets of **Phillo Pastry**
- 300g/10 oz. boiled and squeezed or fresh spinach
- 1/2 cup feta cheese, crumbled
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon dried dill
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- half cup melted butter
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley for garnish

Directions

1. Add the spinach, feta, dill, garlic, and pepper to a bowl. Mix until well combined.
2. Lay 6 sheets of phyllo dough out (10 inches by 13 inches stacked together) and cut them into 3 equal sections.
3. Next, lay one section out and brush some melted butter over it. Lay another section over it and brush more butter.
4. Scoop up a heaped tablespoon of the mixture and place it on the bottom of the strip of dough. Fold it over so a triangle forms.
5. Continue folding back and forth into triangles until you reach the end of the strip. Brush some more butter over the top.
6. Repeat the above process for the remaining strips and mixture.
7. Place the triangles into a 375F pre-heated oven for about 20-minutes until browned.



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Super Crossword

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ACROSS

1 "Rabbit food"
6 Back-and-forth talk
12 Cold case solvers, often
20 Oven maker
21 Source of weather upheaval
22 This instant
23 MTV's first Latina video jockey
25 "Don't go anywhere"
26 Dresses up
27 Cubs' and Eagles' gp.
29 Mazda two-seater
30 Common conjunction
31 Social-climbing snob on "Keeping Up Appearances"
37 Gp. in the Arab League
40 Funny Conan
42 Blends to mush
43 35th president's mother
46 Banjoist Fleck
47 Inking
51 Carve — career
52 Post-Q string

53 "The Sea, the Sea" novelist of 1978
56 Highway jam
58 Adhesive rolls
60 German king called "the Great"
61 Verb suffix in London
62 When Hamlet's soliloquy is recited
66 — New Guinea (island nation)
69 Li'l Abner's mother
71 Friend of Lucy van Pelt and Patty
76 Beef up
77 Clout
79 Gold, in Peru
80 "You can't — train"

83 Actress Dianne
84 Famed killer whale
86 "Lost Souls" novelist of 1992
90 Penpoint
93 Siberia locale
94 Chichi
95 Tehran locale
96 Vampire TV housewife

100 Shorthand whiz, in brief
102 Poe's "radiant maiden"
103 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.
104 Aunt of Harry Potter
109 DJ's platters
111 Level, grassy plain
112 Pub fixture
113 Ball-shaped blooms
117 Aim for
121 Hippies (and an alternate title for this puzzle)
125 Tied up
126 Novelist Gay
127 Trashed stuff
128 Declared
129 Declared
130 Busybody

DOWN

1 "Smooth Operator" singer
2 "Walk Like a Man"
3 Woody den
4 Actor Williams
5 Diary
6 God, in Latin
7 — -de-France
8 Actress Sheridan
9 Ignited
10 Last year before the first century
11 Busybody
12 HMO VIPs
13 Petty peeve
14 — Khan
15 Lymphoid organ in the neck
16 Moral code
17 Sort not to be trusted
18 Eggy cake
19 Elbow grease
24 "Giant" novelist Edna
28 Wolf-headed Egyptian god
31 Inking
32 "— -haw!"
33 Common conjunction
34 Uno plus dos
35 Ship's wheel
36 Romeo
37 Bit of expert advice
38 Writer — May Alcott
39 "Your Best Life Now" author Joel
41 ICU figures
44 Water, to Watteau
45 "Gadzooks!"
47 Dog collar attachment
48 Part of many an emotion
49 Friendly introduction?
50 Sushi tuna state: Abbr.
54 Keanu of the screen
55 Driving paths
57 Check-giving time at work
58 Fri. follows it
59 Arid target
63 Film dancer Charisse
64 Wee kid
65 Ring victory, for short
66 Cooking vessels
67 Muhammad —
68 Guitar piece
70 Overly sweet
72 Suffix with journal
73 Celebrity tributes
74 Fighting forces
75 1983 Lionel Richie hit
78 Film holder
80 Health club
81 Blue Jays, on sports tickers
82 Decide
83 Triumph in the end
85 Keeps
87 Tube-shaped pasta
88 La — Tar Pits
89 Senator Paul
90 Big Apple's city and state: Abbr.
91 "I'd say," in a text message
92 Coarse sack material
97 Unwell
98 Spike of films
99 They may cry "Uncle!"
100 One napping noisily
101 Inserted plant shoots
104 Main course of action
105 Nobody — (mine alone)
106 Spanish bar appetizers
107 Link up
108 Messy impact sound
110 MIT business school name
113 Historical slave Scott
114 — facto
115 Countertenor
116 Filter slowly
118 Strep doc
119 Golf prop
120 Singular
122 Ending for Motor
123 Soggy
124 Suffix with journal

Weather Totals

Mar. 7 - Mar. 14

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

TEMPERATURE

Max 68° F
Min 9° F

PRECIPITATION

Week 0.89"
March 1.46"
2022 10.57"

SNOWFALL

New Snow 3"
Snow on Ground 0"
Winter Total 32.5"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Potomac State College faculty to offer more fun, engaging, hands-on presentations during upcoming STEM Festival

KEYSER, WV— Students attending the upcoming Mineral County STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Festival, will get the opportunity to learn how simple geometry can form never ending patterns, to try maple cotton candy and to produce bubbles of all sizes.

This event will be held Saturday, March 26, from noon to 4 p.m., on the campus of West Virginia University Potomac State College, in Keyser, W.Va. This free event is open to students, K-12, their families and to members of the community.

Potomac State faculty and students will make the following thought-provoking presentations and offer hands-on presentations during the event:

The Science of Sugar – Science can be sweet! Forestry Professor Jeff Jones and David Miller, SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture Entrepreneurship) Innovation Lab Coordinator, will explain the science behind what it takes to turn sap from the maple tree into sugar. Guests will get to sample maple cotton candy from the College's maple syrup operations.

The Brown Cow Chow Down! – Strap on your boots and get ready to feed the cows. Watch and learn as Eugene, the

mechanical cow, eats bucket after bucket of feed. David Miller, SAGE Innovation Lab Coordinator, will explain the process and how cows turn feed into energy to grow healthy and strong.

Infinity Tiles – Mathematics Professor Richard Petersen, Ph.D., will show how simple geometry can be combined to form extremely complex, never-ending patterns.

Bubbles, Bubbles, Bubbles – Ruth Upton, Education, Child Development and Family Studies Professor, will demonstrate how to make a solution that will allow participants to blow bubbles of all sizes. She'll even send some bubbles and a recipe home with guests.

Demonstration of Healthy Lungs and Simulated Smoker's Lungs – This hands-on activity demonstrates the significant difference between a healthy pig's lungs and a simulated smoker's lungs. The simulated smoker's lungs represent the lungs of a person who has smoked a pack of ciga-



One of the many presentations will be the demonstration of Healthy Lungs vs. a Simulated Smoker's Lungs during the Mineral County STEM Festival to be held Saturday, March 26, from noon to 4 p.m., on the campus of WVU Potomac State College, in Keyser, W.Va. This free event is open to students, K-12, their families and to members of the region. Pictured is Potomac State College Biology Professor Gerald Wilcox, far right, explaining to guests the differences between the healthy and diseased lungs during a previous STEM Festival.

rettes per day for 20 years. Biology Professor Gerald Wilcox, Ph.D., will explain and lead the discussion.

The mission of the STEM Festival is to re-invigorate the interest of our youth in STEM activities and careers by producing and presenting compelling, exciting, educational, and entertaining science gatherings.

The Mineral County STEM Network's purpose is to increase communication

among individuals, business/industry and organizations interested in encouraging our youth to consider the different STEM fields for careers.

For more information on the Mineral County STEM Network visit <http://mineralstem.com/> and for regular updates on the STEM Festival "Like" our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MineralCountySTEM>.

Broadband

Cont. From Front Page

Jan. 30, 2022. The third round of approvals will be issued in the coming weeks.

Funding for the WVBIP's LEAD program is provided through the West Virginia Legislature's allocation of \$100 million to create the West Virginia Broadband Development Fund. The Fund includes \$90 million in funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and \$10 million in state general revenue funds. Funds are also derived through the ARPA Capital Projects Fund, which includes \$136 million for broadband development in West Virginia. The West Virginia Department of Economic Development's Office of Broadband will administer program funds.

Under the WVBIP, projects selected for award will receive a Preliminary Approval Announcement, which will be published on broadband.wv.gov. Internet Service Providers other than the applicant will receive an opportunity to submit data to the West Virginia Department of Economic Development demonstrating that the ISP currently offers broadband service at 25/3 Mbps or greater to addresses within the Proposed Project Funded Service Area. Data submitted must meet all the requirements described in the Process for Soliciting Information Regarding Unserved Areas, which the Department published on July 12, 2021.

Broadband projects receiving LEAD program funds listed below:

Citynet: Shavers Fork, Helvetia, Crestview

LEAD Program Funds: \$788,522
Matching Funds: \$197,000
Total Project Cost: \$985,522
Estimated Fiber Mileage: 10
Targeted Addresses: 278

Project Summary: WVBIP LEAD funds will be awarded to Citynet for the expansion of broadband service to 278 targeted addresses in Taylor and Randolph Counties. The project will include the installation of approximately 10 miles of fiber infrastructure to provide broadband service in the project area.

Shenandoah Cable Television Shenandoah Cable Television: North Fork Highway, Sunrise Drive and Corners Road, Grant County
LEAD Program Funds:

\$420,630

Matching Funds: \$238,500
Total Project Cost: \$659,130
Estimated Fiber Mileage: 9
Targeted Addresses: 141

Project Summary: WVBIP LEAD funds will be awarded to Shentel for the expansion of broadband service to 141 targeted addresses in Grant County. The project will include the installation of approximately 9.5 miles of fiber infrastructure to provide broadband service in the project area.

Lingo Networks: Eastern Pendleton County, Phase I

LEAD Program Funds: \$2,296,596
Matching Funds: \$297,000
Total Project Cost: \$2,593,596
Estimated Fiber Mileage: 31
Targeted Addresses: 106

Project Summary: WVBIP LEAD funds will be awarded to Lingo Networks for the expansion of broadband service to 106 targeted addresses in Pendleton County. The project will include the installation of approximately 31.5 miles of fiber infrastructure to provide broadband service in the project area.

Hardy Telecommunications: South Mill Creek Road, Grant County

LEAD Program Funds: \$416,984
Matching Funds: \$140,000
Total Project Cost: \$556,984
Estimated Fiber Mileage: 5
Targeted Addresses: 117

Project Summary: WVBIP LEAD funds will be awarded to Hardy Telecommunications for the expansion of broadband service to 117 targeted addresses in Grant County. The project will include the installation of approximately 5 miles of fiber infrastructure to provide broadband service in the project area.

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Lower Crude Oil Prices Could Ease Recent Spikes at the Pump

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is 24 cents higher at \$4.099 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

- **This week's average prices: Northern WV Average \$4.099**
- **Average price during the week of March 7, 2022 \$3.853**
- **Average price during the week of March 15, 2021 \$2.841**

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

- **\$4.099** Bridgeport
- **\$4.113** Clarksburg

- **\$4.085** Huntington
- **\$4.106** Martinsburg
- **\$4.097** Morgantown
- **\$4.103** Parkersburg
- **\$4.095** Weirton
- **\$4.091** Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

After cresting above \$123 per barrel shortly after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the price of crude oil has gradually fallen below \$110. If this trend holds, it may remove some of the extreme upward price pressure consumers have found at the pump. The national average price of a gallon of gas hit \$4.33 on Friday, March 11, before falling a penny

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SPORTS

Mt. Lions beat Pendleton, fall to Greater Beckley at States



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Tucker County players during the National Anthem before the game against Pendleton County on Mar. 15th. The Mt. Lions won the game 59-45.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

CHARLESTON – The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team played #6 Pendleton County in the first round of the State Tournament on Tuesday March 15th. The Mt. Lions pulled away in the third quarter to get the win over Pendleton County 59-45 to earn a spot in the Semi-Finals.

The first quarter went back and forth as Tucker County built a lead of 13-10 after one quarter of play. The Mt. Lions came out firing in the second as they lead by as many as 8 points 25-17 with 3:19 left in the second. The Wildcats of Pendleton County then fought back as they ended the quarter on an 8-0 run to outscore Tucker County in the quarter 15-12 to tie the score at halftime 25-25.

The Mt. Lions then outpaced Pendleton County in the third 15-9 to put the score to 40-34 Tucker County after three quarters. In the fourth quarter the Mt. Lions connected on 3 consecutive 3 point baskets by Haden Wamsley, Levi Bennett and Maddox Anderson to push the Tucker County lead to 53-39 with 3:51 left in the game. The Wildcats would cut the lead to 11, but the Mt. Lions responded to pull away for a 59-45 victory.

The Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Haden Wamsley with 17 points and Owen Knotts added 12 points, 10 rebounds. Ashton Lycliter chipped in with 9 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and Levi Bennett had 6 points, 6 rebounds for Tucker County in the win.

CHARLESTON – The Mt. Lions returned to the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center on Thursday March 17th for a Semi-Final game against #7 Greater Beckley Christian. Tucker County fought hard throughout the game, but Greater Beckley held off the Mt. Lions for a 48-40 victory.



Photo by Brittany Channell

Tucker County's Trevan Bonner dribbles the ball against Greater Beckley on Mar. 17th. Tucker County fell in the contest 48-40.

The first quarter belonged to Greater Beckley as they raced out to an 11-2 lead with 1:50 left in the quarter, but Tucker County scored the next 4 points to put the score to 11-6 Crusaders after one quarter. The Mt. Lions fought back early in the second as they cut the lead to 11-8 with 6:12 left in the second. Greater Beckley responded as the scoring in the quarter ended at 9-9 to make the halftime score 20-15 Crusaders.

The offense got going for both teams in the third as Greater Beckley edged the Mt. Lions in scoring in the third 19-16 to put the score to 39-31 Crusaders after three. In the fourth quarter Tucker County cut the Greater Beckley lead down to 4(43-39) with 3:56 left in the game. However, the Mt. Lions never got any closer as Greater Beckley held off Tucker County for the 48-40 victory. The win put Greater

See BOYS page 2B



Photo by Brittany Channell

Mt. Lions player Haden Wamsley goes up for a shot against Pendleton County on Mar. 15th. Tucker County won the game 59-45.



Photo by Eddie Ferrari

Tucker County's Maddox Anderson takes the ball to the basket against Pendleton County on Mar. 15th. Tucker County won 59-45.



Photo by Brittany Channell

Mt. Lions player Ashton Lycliter takes a shot over the Greater Beckley defender on Mar. 17th.



Photo by Eddie Ferrari

Tucker County Head Coach Daniel Helmick encourages his team against Greater Beckley on Mar. 17th.

Tucker County softball team falls at Gilmer in opener 6-5

By Dave Helmick
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GELNVILLE – The Lady Mt. Lions Softball started the season with a road contest at Gilmer County on Friday March 18th.

Tucker County got the bats going in the top of the 3rd inning as Addie Hicks hit a single and then Kristen Hicks followed with another single for the Lady Mt. Lions. Paige Shaffer then hit a triple off the right field fence to drive in

2 runs. Cheyenne Gooden then hit a single to score Shaffer to make the score 3-0 Tucker County. Gilmer County then answered with 2 runs in the bottom of the 3rd inning to put the score to 3-2 Lady Mt. Lions. Tucker County then added another run in the 4th inning as Kristen Hicks scored a run. Ava Shaffer then doubled and scored a run for Tucker County in the 5th inning to push the Lady Mt. Lions lead to 5-2 after 5 innings. The Lady Titans then scored 4 runs in the bottom of the 6th inning to take the lead and the vic-

tory over Tucker County. Paige Shaffer pitched 6 innings and Shaffer led Tucker County at the plate with 3 hits and 3 RBI's. Kristen Hicks, Addie Hicks and Autumn Russell added 2 hits each in the contest.

Tucker County will return to action on Friday with a game at Wahama at 5:30pm and then the Lady Mt. Lions will play two games on Saturday at Ravenswood against Ravenswood at 12pm and then against Roane County at 2pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.

Colebank and Lycliter make State All-Tournament

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CHARLESTON – Kadie Colebank and Ashton Lycliter earned All-Tournament Selections at the Girls' and Boys' State Tournaments. Colebank helped her team reach the Semi-Finals with 16 points, 25 rebounds in a win over Tug Valley. Kadie then finished with 11 points, 13 rebounds in the Final Four loss to Cameron.

Lycliter then had a great showing a week later as Tucker County picked up a first round win over Pendleton County. Ashton scored 9 points and pulled down 8 rebounds. Lycliter then scored 14 points and collected 10 rebounds in the Semi-Final loss to Greater Beckley.

The State Tournament All-Tournament teams are selected by the working Press and Media members of the State Tournament.

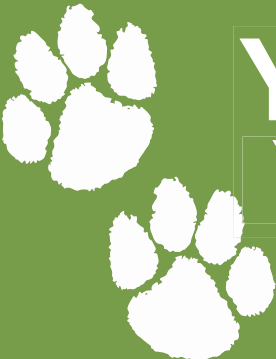


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Kadie Colebank (left) with her All-Tournament Plaque on March 12th. Ashton Lycliter (right) with his All-Tournament Plaque on March 19th.

AREA SCHEDULE:


- Wednesday March 23rd**
 - Tucker County Baseball @ Moorefield 6pm
- Thursday March 24th**
 - Tucker Valley Baseball vs Buckhannon Middle @ Home 6pm
 - Tucker Valley Softball @ Terra Alta-East Preston 6pm
- Friday March 25th**
 - Tucker County Softball @ Wahama 5:30pm
 - Tucker County Baseball @ Philip-Barbour 5:30pm
- Saturday March 26th**
 - Tucker County Softball @ Ravenswood 12pm
 - Tucker County Softball vs Roane County @ Ravenswood 2pm
- Monday March 28th**
 - Tucker County Baseball vs Pendleton County @ Home 6pm
 - Tucker Valley Softball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 6pm
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CANDIDATE FILING FOR PARSONS MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The filing period for local residents interested in running in the upcoming Parsons Municipal Election will open at 8:00 A.M. (EDT) on Monday, April 4, 2022 and continue through midnight (EDT) on Friday, April 8, 2022. This year's Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

The following positions will be open:

Position	Ward	Vacancies	Term of Office
Mayor (Four Year)	N/A	1	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2026
Recorder (Two Year)	N/A	1	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024
Council Member (Two Year)	One	1	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024
Council Member (Four Year)	One	1	07/01/2020 - 06/30/2026
Council Member (Two Year)	Two	1	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2024
Council Member (Four Year)	Two	2	07/01/2022 - 06/30/2026

Candidates must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a registered voter in the City of Parsons, and reside in the ward that he or she wishes to represent.

Candidate filing packets may be picked up at the Parsons Business Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. (EDT) to 4:00 P.M. (EDT).

Early voting by mail for the Parsons Municipal Election begins Wednesday, June 1, 2022 and ends Saturday, June 11, 2022.

For additional information, please contact the Parsons Business Office at (304) 478-2311.

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2021-2022

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2021-2022 Tucker County Boys' Basketball Team, Front Row(L-R): Maddox Anderson, Justin Robeson, Cole Carr, Trevan Bonner, Blaike Adams, Ethan Rosenau. Back Row(L-R): Levi Bennett, Owen Knotts, Ashton Lycliter, Zach Long, Haden Wamsley, Aaron Quattro, Brok Bennett, Rory Nestor. Not pictured Head Coach Daniel Helmick and Assistant Coach Nathaniel Goldstein.



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