

Comm. Davis Calls Out Governor for Promised EMS Funds



Director of EMS Shelia Marsh addressing Commission with concerns about keeping the \$50 fee and relationships with the public

By: Jennifer Britt
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Commissioner Fred Davis seeks the money promised by Governor Jim Justice but has not yet been received by anyone. Gov. Jim Justice unveiled a \$10 million emergency management fund for West Virginia EMS agencies in his state of the state address on Jan. 27, 2022. The state lost 35 percent of its paramedics over two years, according to Boone County Emergency Ambulance Authority Director Bryan Justice.

According to an article by Leila Merrill published February 2, 2022, "We have done this to try to retain or recruit, you know, good, good, good people," Justice said. "These people



Tucker County Commissioners Fred Davis, Mike Rosenau, and Lowell Moore giving their report

have given so much. You talk about how they run to the fire, and they surely have."

Davis stated: "The Governor needs to do his job and get us money. He has all the money. He is sitting on the money, and he will not give it out. They are sitting on all that money for interest. They are sitting on it to make them look good. We are working for you guys (EMS) and we are going to make it just give us some time."

These needed funds are amid a crisis currently in not only Tucker County but all counties in West Virginia. To help with the crisis Commissioner Lowell Moore reported upon his retirement December 31, he personally will be going to Charleston to lobby for the Amusement Tax. Maurice Greaver addressed the

Commission concerned with the fact that the balloted levy tax has failed to pass.

Greaver stated, "Most people do not want more taxes. And so, it just strikes me that we are now in a position where it looks like we are going to significantly shrink the EMS staff and the number of stations. And that is not what people in age bracket want to hear about. Because we are not a big county, we are a mountainous county, and it takes time to get from one place to the other. If we are going to have one crew, that is concerning to people. It is also concerning to the EMS staff. So, that is my two cents and I hope that you (the Commission) will come up with something quickly to address that."

Commissioner Mike Rosenau
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Attention

The person who escorted Tammy Mook to and from the Courtroom was NOT nor ever has been involved in any legal proceedings.

The 32nd Annual Uncle Sam's Birthday Party Scheduled

The Tucker Community Foundation Annual Fundraising Event Scheduled for July 1st

Tucker Community Foundation's 32nd annual Uncle Sam's Birthday Party is scheduled for July 1st, 2022 at the Bear Paw Lodge of Canaan Valley State Park with doors opening at 5:15PM. Only 250 tickets are sold for the annual event that includes an elimination raffle, plated dinner, door prizes and additional raffle prizes. The tickets are \$150 each and entitle the purchaser to dinner for two and entry into the elimination dinner with a chance to win \$5000. The additional raffle with additional ticket purchase includes the popular Greenbrier Resort weekend package and the annual Total Tucker package of local gift certificates to skiing, golfing, food venues, and other activities, pieces of artwork, and other locally themed items. Purchase



your ticket early. Table reservations are available.

The Tucker Community Foundation uses the proceeds from the event to help fund their scholarship and grant programs. These programs issue over \$1,300,000 in grants and over 40 different scholarships to students in our region.

For tickets please ask any board member or contact the Foundation's office at (304) 478-2930. Additional information can be found on the Foundation's website: www.tuckerfoundation.net.

Intragovernmental Agreement Signed by Hamrick PSD

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The Intragovernmental Agreement with water interconnectability between Hamrick PSD and Parsons PSD has been signed by both entities. The first of its kind agreement will enable Hamrick and Parsons to purchase water from the other in the event of a catastrophic occurrence. Hamrick Board member Chris Michael stated that: "It seems like a fine thing to me. It is good for both places. We will be one of the first, if not the first in the state to do so."

There are still a couple of issues to work out pertaining to the training for both entities and gaining three rights of ways from individuals with property on the river. Both parties involved will write up an operational agreement and signed by both parties

stating each areresponsible for the training expenses of their employees.

John "Red" Lipscomb, of the Parsons water department, recommended cross training. Michael agreed saying: "Everyone knows the basics. There are just a couple little things different I imagine between each." Both PSDs use the same chemicals, the same products, simply different startups, and shut-downs.

Right of ways will have to be signed by Warren Judy on the Parsons side of the Blackfork River and on the Hamrick side of the river the James Grafton estate and Mike Evans' property where the pumpstation is going to be located.

The signing of the Intragovernmental Agreement allows for the construction of the project to

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EMS Hopes to Work with Commission to Keep Ordinance Fee in Place



Ambulance Authority board members working towards a solution that will hopefully benefit everyone, especially members of the community.

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Commissioner Lowell Moore went on record to say when he retires on December 31 he will continue to fight for the Amusement Tax. Moore reported to say that the Senators will be

placing the bill on the agenda for approval again during the upcoming work session. Moore said: "I intend to be in Charleston on my own in January and February as a lobbyist there. I stand by what I wrote in the paper (*The Parsons Advocate*).

Our county, as the residents, as a County Commission, if they do not value our EMS, we are not going to have an EMS."

Moore went on record to clarify a comment made about the ordinance not being legal.

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TCHS FFA Banquet

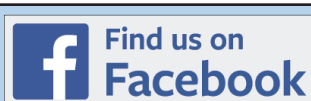


Awards and special recognition were presented at the annual banquet of the Tucker County FFA chapter on April 23rd 2022, at the TCHS cafeteria. The 2021-2022 Officer Team led by Haley Tuttle chapter president, opened the meeting; Vice-President Karlie Thompson proceeded with the roll of officers, Laney Burns at the post of treasurer; Kylee Neff at the post of reporter; Hannah Cussins at the post of secretary; and Owen Knotts at the post of sentry with all reporting that their stations were in order. The meeting continued with Jocelyn Burnside giving the blessing for the meal of steak, roasted potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, rolls, salad and desserts, that were enjoyed by all. There

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News of Record

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

- **Chad Richard Friend**, Friendsville, Md. was charged with one count of DUI Aggravated. The complaint states that on Saturday, May 7 at approximately 11 p.m. TFC J.J. Schmidle and Trooper C.A. Hawkins were notified of a vehicle crash on WV72 near St. George Bridge by Tucker County 911. Once on the scene, Hawkins observed a white Dodge Caravan crashed into the side of a hill. Hawkins made contact with the driver, Chad Richard Friend and could smell the distinct odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath. Sobriety tests were administered and all were failed. He then conducted a PBT test with the result of .197% BAC. Friend was placed into custody for DUI. He was then transported to Parsons Police Department to administer a second chemical test. Hawkins

explained the implied consent form and Friend signed it. The secondary test results were .157% BAC. Hawkins was transported to Tygart Valley Regional Jail.

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

- Stacey Jade Knick/Extrix; Estate of Paula Fay Curran, Dry Fork, 1 acre to Jeffrey S. Flanagan, \$0.
- Showker Ashby LLC, Dry Fork, Lot 51 Yoakum Run .499 acres to Brandon Stoddard Cole and Taylor Catwell Cole, \$805,000
- Lawrence Paul and Janelle L. Gainer, Dry Fork, 13.16 acre Tract A Flanagan Hill to Lawrence K. Paul, \$0.
- Great Improvements LLC, Fairfax District, Lots 27 and 28 to Maya Brooke Paul, \$0.
- David M. Hedrick, Black Fork, Holly Meadows 22.5 acres to Michael Carr and Tina M. Carr, \$130,000.

- Cary R. Butler and Susan H. Butler, Dry Fork, Lot #49 Section 2 to Jack D. Butler, \$0.
- Larry E. Pillow and Sharon K. Pillow, Black Fork, 0.60 acre to West Virginia Department of Transportation /Division of Highways, \$47,000.
- Benjamin F. White and Evelyn M. White, Black Fork, 1.00 acre access to right of way to West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways, \$62,100.
- Evelyn M. White, Black Fork, Access to right of way to West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways, \$112,815.
- Peter C. Johnson Davis, .08 acre to James Michael Kralec, Jr. and Jessica R. Kralec, \$50,000.
- Sheila Klusty, Licking, 4.67 acres to David M. Jean and Deborah P. Jean, \$28,000.
- William B. Hood and Donna J. Hood, Dry Fork, Lot 32 Mountain-side 2.29 acres to Rita J. Haverty, \$30,000.
- Kristy M. Blackburn, Davis, Town Lot to Eriks Brolis and Linda Brolis, \$275,000.

Davis

explained that the wording for the ballot had to state excess tax. This wording is per state code and the Commission can not change the wording. Rosenau stated: "We talked about putting the fee on the ballot but could not put the fee on the ballot. It had to be as a levy. The Commission can enact a fee but not a levy. The people can enact a levy but not a fee. That is why it had to be put on the ballot."

The next guest speaker was Angela Mitchell. Mitchell expressed concerns about the Commission removing the \$50 fee for EMS. Mitchell and the EMS crew present would like for the fee to remain in place to provide the needed funds to operate and crew members to keep their jobs. Mitchell said, "That is something you guys can do; we cannot do that."

Mitchell also expressed concerns about the removal of a sign at Station 2 that was in support of the levy tax by having the images that portrayed either life or death. Davis removed the sign after a complaint from a citizen that stated it was offensive. Mitchell responded by saying: "Do you know what offends me? It offends me that I have put 16 years into this, and you (the Commission) act like we are nothing. Do you think someone can just come in off the streets and do what we do and that we are disposable?"

Mitchell questioned whether the Commission was going to do away with the \$50 fee or where they going to meet and discuss their options. Davis said he had a few ideas that he was going to discuss with his fellow Commission members. Davis said, "Us three Commissioners are going to have to work together, and I have an idea I want to start with and go from there."

A better relationship with the EMS crew and the public is one of the ways Davis stated could help with issues. There have been problems mentioned and good things said about EMS. Davis would like to see going forward that everyone works together and get the relationships on a forefront. Mitchell suggested a once a month get together with the public where everyone could express their concerns.

Davis stated he would like to get a committee together that would include people that were against the levy and for the levy. The purpose of this would be to come to reason and to find out what has to be done going forward. Davis said: "If I do not get the people that disagrees in on these meetings, we are going to go nowhere."

Dakotta Pritt asked the commission: "Could you all sit there, as of today, and say that the majority of two out of three would vote to keep the fee of \$50? Can you say that today? That you would also back turning it over to the proper authorities, be it the Sheriff or whoever, to enforce that? Can you sit there today and tell us you will

make that happen? You all have the power to say this is the fee and this is what is going to happen. And you have the power to make it happen, so can you all sit there today and tell and if not, why can't you tell me?"

Mainly, Pritt was wondering if the Commission was going to do away the \$50 fee or where they are going to keep it. Davis was first to speak on the issue and said the public had spoken against the levy and in turn against the fee. Davis explained when he took on the position of Commissioner for Tucker County, he promised the public to do away with the fee. Davis expressed he will vote to do away with the fee. Rosenau also expressed he will be voting to remove the \$50 fee. Moore continues to stand for the fee.

Guest speaker Director of EMS, Shelia Marsh spoke her opinion on the failed support from the Commissioners and incidents where the Commission accused the EMS of abuse. Marsh stated: "I have been with EMS since 1979. This is the best EMS we have ever had since the fee was enacted. To move forward we have two crews on almost every day of the week. It is very rarely (for one crew to be on) until the last two weeks. Which that came for the County Commission's excess levy and the public attacking everybody. We cannot even go on a scene. It was not like this before. We can not even go scene with a patient without being cussed about the levy or the fee.

County Commissioners, two of you, have not really supported EMS. You have done things that have caused hard feelings with all of our EMS people. And you know that to be a fact. You have taken the word of a public person and you have persecuted us without even coming and asking for an explanation until it was so far out of hand that there was no way to stop it. And I have been one of those people that you have done that to.

I picked up a patient on Christmas day and that patient's family made a complaint. You all as County Commissioners shared letters and pictures all over. It was in the newspaper that I abused a patient that was not true. So, when I would go to a scene people were looking at me. Do you want an EMS person taking care of you that has been accused of abuse? Well, what do you think the other people think?

So, when you have a County Commission that does not support your

EMS, talks about us with other agencies, and downgrades us. We keep doing our job, cause that's what we are here for. My question to you is if you get rid of the \$50 fee that is in place right now and there is no money coming in except for our billing. I hope that neither one of you need an ambulance for your family. Cause once we lose some of these people that are employed here from other counties. Do you think they are going to stay here? We stay here because this is our county, this our people and they choose to come here because they want to be a part of EMS here.

But when there's consistent negativity from the County Commissioners toward EMS how long do you think they want to stay? I have already lost paramedics because of that and when we do not have to staff the ambulances it is not ok."

In other Commission business, Tucker County Sheriff Jacob "Jake" Kopec reported that the state will now take over the selling of properties that are behind in taxes. Kopec explained his department would go through the necessary training next Wednesday and his office will be closed that day. The training to help the Sheriff's department better understand the new rules and regulations. One of the new rules mentioned is the possibility of reducing the time allowed for a property owner to regain his property once sold from 18 months to 30 days. Kopec and his team will have more information upon completion of training.

Kopec reported he has one new officer that has completed certification to become a deputy and is hoping to fill a deputy position from 14 applicants. Kopec is administering testing in June. All testing is mandated by the state.

To become an officer, one would have to first pass a physical fitness test. Then a written test is administered the same day. An oral interview board is the next step upon completion of physical and written tests. A physical exam is then performed, followed by a polygraph examination. The testing is designed to get tougher as the participants go through the process. Once all tests are completed Kopec stated they decide which candidate they are going to hire.

The next Tucker County Commissioner meeting will be on May 25, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom. Meetings are open to the public and guest speakers are limited to three minutes.

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Friends of Blackwater Receives \$1.226 Million POWER Grant

The Appalachian Regional Commission awarded a \$1.226 POWER Grant to the Friends of Blackwater. The funds are going towards the completion of the Blackwater Loop Trail connecting the towns of Thomas and Davis, Blackwater Falls State Park and the Monongahela National Forest. This grant will also support an interstate initiative to create a new "West Virginia Mountain Railroad National Historic Trail" between Thomas, WV & Cumberland, MD.

Governor's Highway Safety Program Reminds Motorists to Look Twice, Save a Life

CHARLESTON, WV — The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) is partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to remind all motorists that May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The month of May brings warmer temperatures and the unofficial start of the summer road travel season with the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The GHSP reminds motorists, Look Twice, Save a Life.

Safe riding and driving practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways. NHTSA reports that in 2020, there were 5,579 motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes, an increase from 2019 (5,044). In contrast, an estimated 82,528 motorcyclists were injured, a 2% increase from 83,814 motorcyclists injured in 2019. Motorcyclist deaths accounted for 14% of the total highway fatalities that year.

In West Virginia, there were 38 motorcyclist fatalities in 2020, up from 28 in 2019.

Research also shows that motorcyclists are significantly overrepresented in traffic crashes and fatalities each year. In fact, in 2020, per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists were about 28 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash and were 4 times more likely to be injured.

Drivers need to understand that a motorcycle rider has different safety challenges on the roadway because of the motorcycle's size, visibility, and riding practices like downshifting and weaving to be able to anticipate and respond to motorcyclists' behavior. Motorcycles are among the most vulnerable vehicles on the road, putting riders at greater risk of death and serious injury in a crash.

"Due to a motorcycle's smaller profile, it's easy to

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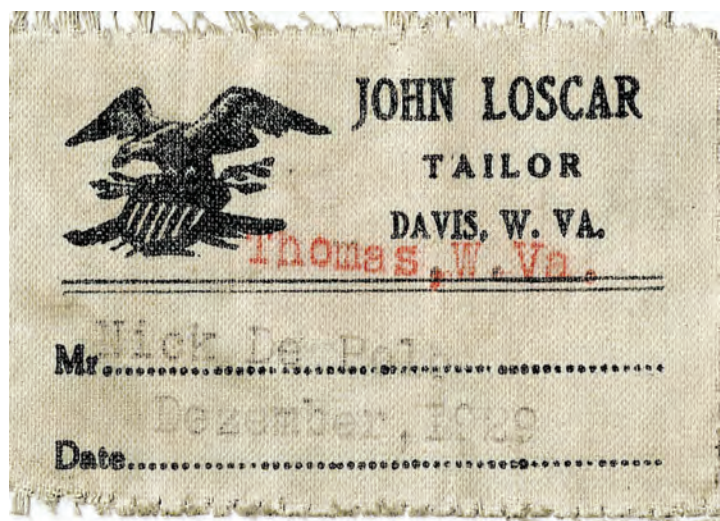
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TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a tag removed from a suit jacket that was made for Nick De Polo. The tailor was John Loscar. The tag indicates that he had a shop in Davis, a red stamp indicates that he had a shop in Thomas. The suit was made December 1929. I don't know about this tailor, but some tailors would travel by train to lumber camps. Once there, they would take measurements of the men who wanted suits. The tailor would return to the shop and make the suits. Then go back to the lumber camps and deliver the suits. I believe that John is the son of Joseph and Frances Mittermier Loscar. Joseph was born in Austria and his wife in Yugoslavia. In addition to John there were five other children: Johanna Loscar Belino, Elizabeth Loscar Liehr, Franz (Frank), Ernest, and Martin. Ideas, comments, suggestions, information to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

OBITUARIES

James Calvin Cooper, III

James Calvin Cooper, III, 91, formerly of Tucker County, WV passed away April 28, 2022 at Blue Ridge Christian Home, near Warrenton, VA. Jim was born in Thomas, WV on August 7, 1930 to James Calvin Cooper, II and Louise Johnson Cooper. He graduated from Thomas HS in 1948, and attended WVU. He received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, and graduated with the class of 1954. He proudly served his country for 27 years before retiring from the US Army as a Lieutenant Colonel. His service took him to various parts of the world, among them, Alaska, Korea, the Marshall Islands and Vietnam. He returned to Tucker County and worked for Coopers Insurance until his retirement at the age of 75. He served on the board of Tucker Community Foundation for many years, and was an active member of the Lions Club, and First Presbyterian Church of Thomas. He is survived by his wife, Loretta Vengen Cooper, of 67 years, and his daughter, Sally Marks Timberlake and her husband James Timberlake, V all of Warrenton, VA, as well as his sisters, Carol Stark of Spokane, WA, Ida Slezak and husband Donald of Bodega Bay, CA, Susan Wingfield and husband Michael of Bedford, MA and his daughter in law, Carmen Alfaro Cooper of Houston, TX. He is also survived by four grandchildren and one great granddaughter as well as many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, James and Louise Cooper and his son, James Calvin Cooper, IV. A memorial service was held Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 11 a.m., Warrenton Presbyterian Church, 91 Main Street, Warrenton, VA. Memorial contributions may be made to the Tucker Community Foundation, Cooper, Louise & Jim, Jr. Family Fund, P. O. Box 491, Parsons, WV 26287



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According to Moore it was what done accordingly with state code and 100 percent legal. Moore also clarified a remark made by a fellow Commissioner that the ordinance fee could not be collected by the Magistrate or the Sheriff's office because it would cost \$100 to file for action. Moore state this was simply not true because the Commissioners were exempt from filing fees.

Terence Silk Ambulance Authority board member gave his report, "I want to thank everyone for being here. And we now find ourselves with a serious dilemma. First of all, as many people have predicted the levy did not pass. I want to commend our two board members Chris Davis and Dennis Filler for the outstanding job they did preparing the budget and information they provided at the meetings. It was excellent work.

Almost half of our citizens voted for the levy as confusing as it was for many. That indicates to me that most people recognize the need for EMS 24/7. So, the logical action is to revert to the existing \$50 ordinance fee at least for the short term to continue to provide the needed funding for operating as close to two stations 24/7 as we can.

Our finance committee has briefly discussed a Plan B two or three times in the last four meetings that we have had. Ideas to improve the administration of the ordinance fee. However, when two of our County Commissioners publicly speak and say they are going to eliminate the ordinance fee it indicates they will be not be receptive to a Plan B. So, what are we do?

Second, giving our financial situation. I am very concerned about it and employee issues that surfaced this week. I want to know why and by whom. Some of our employees are being told not to worry that their jobs are secure. I do not know where that is coming from, and it would be interesting to know that.

That indicates a serious outside inference in our operation for which we are all responsible. Our employees look to us for leadership. It is also a great way to destroy employee morale. Without a doubt that has already happened.

Third, in last week's Advocate it was suggested to Mrs. Means that she contact Mark Joseph, CPA for any information she wished to acquire about our finances. That will not happen! It is a confidentiality issue. Our CPA is employed by this board to serve our EMS bookkeeping needs. He and his employees are not authorized in any manner or form to disseminate any information regarding Tucker County EMS. It has to come from our office.

Bottom line, in my opinion, is this, this board and our EMS employees have got to work together. That is not happening. Somehow we have got to get this corrected or we all lose especially the many people we are supposed to be serving. If we lose our medics and EMTs in this current environment we will not have anything to replace them. That would be a real crisis and we are too close to that right now than I think we should be."

Moore suggested to the Commissioners in their meeting that the Tucker County Commission and the EMS board come together and work things

out. Moore has not gotten an answer on that yet. Moore said to the EMS board members: "I'm hoping we all sit down and hash everything out."

Director of EMS, Shelia Marsh reported that EMS had 70 calls last month and 50 of those were on the lower end of Tucker County. EMS is getting ready for a state inspection of the trucks. Board member Diane Hinkle asked Marsh if they were running one or two crews at the current time. Marsh said it depended on how many were scheduled off for a week at time.

Marsh stated that the EMS crews are down on team members and running with a three people crew. One crew member stays in a station to take calls and the other two members go on the mountain. One member also listens for calls from home on standby to take any calls that may come in. This crew member comes to the station and goes with the member stationed at the station.

Scott Kennedy has turned in his resignation and according to Marsh a couple more may not be long behind Kennedy. And with Joseph Straight going

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on medical leave, the EMS crew is down on personnel. The crews currently work two 24 hour shifts per week.

Hinkle made the comment: "Our legislators need to understand that Tucker County is different from the other counties in the state. It is not just the geography. It is the amount of tourist that come through. It is our lack of having a critical care facility and not having a hospital. That can not be said enough. I think we just have to pull out all the plugs and at least get on paper or in public these statements. And then, see where the cards fall, but we should not just sit by and knowing the Commission stated that (referring to voting to remove the ordinance fee) and just allow this happen."

Going forward the EMS board members hope to have a sit-down work meeting with the Tucker County Commission. Hoping to achieve an understanding and come to a common ground that will benefit everyone especially the residents of Tucker County.

The next Ambulance Authority meeting will be announced at a later date.

Senior News

We need some more people to go with us on June 2, 2022 to Johnstown, PA to see a play titled "Popcorn Falls." Broadway World called it "laugh-out-loud, comedic genius." Popcorn Falls is a small town whose only claim to fame, their namesake waterfall, had dried up. Now bankrupt, their only chance for survival is a large grant that can only be used if the town produces play in a week. One big problem: no playhouse. Another problem: no play. Led by the mayor and the local handyman, the enterprising townspeople try to rise to the challenge and prove that art can save the world. **Oh and did I mention that the 20 citizens of Popcorn Falls are played by just 2 actors?!** The price is \$125 for the play and the bus. You will be responsible for the cost of your own dinner. Payment must be made by May 19th.

The dates for the Lancaster trip are July 19th and 20th. The cost will be \$320 per person based on double occupancy. If you have not made your first payment, the full payment is due 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. 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.

The first scheduled date for a performance at the Gandy Dancer Theatre is the Legends show on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. on July 15, 2022. The price is \$38 if you provide your own transportation and \$45 if you ride the van. Please call and get your name on the list so we know exactly how many tickets we have to hold. We will begin collecting for the July show on June 9th.

The trip to Tygart Lake has been changed to Stonewall Lake near Weston. Their trip is 2 hours and includes a taco bar lunch. We have reserved a bus for August 23, 2022. The price will be \$90. If your name is on the Tygart Lake list and you are unable to go to Stonewall on August 23rd please let us know as soon as possible.

Dr. Alexander "Al" Matthew Waitkus

Our beloved father, Dr. Alexander "Al" Matthew Waitkus, son of Mollie Theresa Korosec and Alexander Victor Waitkus; grandson of Alexander Jasper Waitkus and Matthew Mike Korosec, passed away on May 2, 2022; his wife, Dr. Nancy Ann Burton Waitkus preceding him on January 23, 2002. Born May 10, 1937 in Coketon, WV, he grew up with his parents and younger brother, Robert Lee Waitkus. He excelled in academics and sports at Thomas High School, leading his basketball team to a county championship, graduating with honors in 1955. He joined the U.S. Army, earning the rank of Sergeant as a radar instructor at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He earned an Electrical Engineering degree in June 1962 at West Virginia University, where he met his future wife, then dental student Miss Nancy Burton, who provided his dental care. Married in April 1963, he and his wife, now Dr. Nancy Ann Burton Waitkus, moved to Roanoke, VA, where he worked at General Electric and his wife practiced dentistry. Later that year, they had their first child. His ambitions and the encouragement of his wife inspired him to enter the West Virginia University School of Dentistry, graduating in May 1970. He, his wife, and three children moved to Rochester, NY in 1972, earning a certificate in the specialty of Orthodontics in June 1974 at the Eastman Dental Center; his wife earned a specialty certificate in Pediatric dentistry. He earned a Master of Science from the University of Rochester in 1976 and researched a treatment for cleft palate, presenting his findings at the Conference for the International Association for Dental Research in Copenhagen, Denmark, winning the Hatton Award, First Place, Graduate Division. The family next moved to Chester, VA, and he opened a solo orthodontic practice. Years later, he opened a joint practice with his wife in Colonial Heights, VA, circa 1985. Based on the body of his work, the American Board of Orthodontics certified him as a Diplomate of the Board of Orthodontics. In his latter career, Dr. Waitkus practiced orthodontics in Virginia Beach, VA until his retirement, returning to Chester to be near his family. Dr. A.M. Waitkus is survived by his children, Alexander Paul Waitkus, Pamela Ann Waitkus and Mark Daniel Waitkus; his caring daughter-in-law, Alyssa Waitkus; his grandchildren, Alexandra Riley, Veronica, Nancy Jane, and Jack, his youngest best buddy; his cherished companion, Blackie the cat; and his most dedicated staff of "assistants" who watched over him in his final days with such skill and care to earn his deepest appreciation. He was a devoted father and a really good dad. He was a dedicated dentist, committed to improving the lives of his patients one smile at a time. He was active in his community serving as a President of the Chester Lion's Club, a Civil War and World War II history buff, a music lover, an art collector, and a skilled research scientist. He also enjoyed recreational sailing, astronomy, restoring antiques and old houses, combining his artistic side and engineering mindset. When it is all said and done, his children were his proudest accomplishment. We will miss our dad more than he could have imagined and we take solace in the belief that he will know we love him as much as he loved us. Keep him well. He appreciated both flowers and practicality, if you choose the latter donations may be made in lieu



of flowers to the Legacy Hospice of Richmond, the Chesterfield County Fire Department, or the St. Ann Catholic Church. The family received friends at the Chester Chapel of J.T. Morris & Son Funeral Home, 3050 W. Hundred Rd, Chester, VA 23831, on Friday, May 13, 2022 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Funeral services were held at the funeral home on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. with burial at Sunset Memorial Park, Chester, VA.

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Solar Co-op Launches, Helping West Virginia Families Discover the Benefits of Solar

West Virginia – Solar advocates announced the launch of the Tucker, Randolph, and Upshur (TRU) Solar Co-op. The co-op will help West Virginia families discover and access the benefits of solar.

“Solar provides energy freedom for West Virginians who are burdened by constant rate hikes,” said **Leah Barbor, West Virginia Program Director for Solar United Neighbors**. “Our co-ops help families and businesses join together, go solar, and fight for their energy rights.”

The nonprofit Solar United Neighbors (SUN) is partnering with West Virginia Rivers Coalition, West Virginia Highland Conservancy, West Virginia Chapter Sierra Club, West Virginia Environmental Council, and West Virginia Citizens Action Group to support this co-op.

“We are glad to work with WV SUN to expand solar access, create a more equitable energy future, and fight for the rights of WV residents to have fair laws regarding renewable energy,” said **Cory Chase, Director of West Virginia Highlands Conservancy**.

The co-op makes it easy for homeowners to learn about solar energy and install rooftop solar on their homes. The co-op is free to join. Joining is not a commitment to purchase and install a system.

“Going solar was one of the best decisions I have made,” said **Autumn Crowe, a previous co-op member and Program Director for the West Virginia Rivers Coalition**. “Not only am I helping to mitigate the impacts of climate change, but I also reduced my electricity costs. It’s a win-

win! Joining the West Virginia Solar United Neighbors co-op helped make that possible.”

After a competitive bidding process facilitated by SUN, which remains vendor neutral, co-op members will select a single solar company to complete the installations. Members will have the option to purchase panels based on the installer’s group rate.

“SUN’s solar co-op model gives consumers the best buying power when exploring options for moving to renewable solar to power their homes,” said **Gary Zuckett, Executive Director for West Virginia Citizen Action**.

“We are excited to partner with Solar United Neighbors,” said Lucia Valentine, Outreach Coordinator for West Virginia Environmental Council. “Solar co-ops present opportunities for

participants to save money, go solar, and help expand access to renewable energy.”

SUN will host several free information sessions to educate community members about solar energy and the co-op. Individuals interested in going solar can sign up for the co-op or one of the upcoming information sessions at the co-op web page www.solarunitedneighbors.org/TRU.

Informational meetings are planned for:

- Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 PM:
- Thursday, May 26 at 5 PM:
- Wednesday, June 22 at 7 PM:
- Wednesday, July 13 at 7 PM:

About Solar United Neighbors

Solar United Neighbors is a nonprofit organization that works in West Virginia and nationwide to represent the needs and interests of solar owners and supporters. Solar co-ops are part of the organization’s mission to create a new energy system with rooftop solar at the cornerstone. Solar United Neighbors holds events and education programs to help people become informed solar consumers, maximize the value of their solar investment, and advocate for fair solar policies.

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Hamrick

Cont. From Front

proceed as soon as possible. With prices sky rocketing including a 10 percent raise in costs on July land the potential for not having a contractor available it is essential to start work immediately. Once Parsons obtains the three easements the bidding for the construction can begin.

The project will be underground sub level with a generator pump that ties into both sides. The pump will meter the usage of the water for both sides with directional valves. Parsons PSD shop will store and maintain the pump.

To cover the cost of this project a grant for \$676,000, which is up from the \$525,000 when Parsons City Councilman, Tim Auvil, first applied for the grant, will be used. Parsons put another \$50,000 of funds in for the engineering. Thrasher Engineering is concerned this may not be enough to cover the expenses but explained there is another

program where they can apply for a supplemental addition to the current grant if necessary.

In other Hamrick PSD Board business, the board members have the Public Service Commission making recommendations on a rate increase. The auditors have recommended for the last three years. The last increase was three years ago. With the cost of materials, chemicals, and products needed the cost to produce quality water has doubled. It may be required to offset these costs with a raise in rates.

Michael stated, “We have tried to hold off for the people who are our customers for at least three years. Cause everyone is having a rough enough time the way it is. But, now in the last two years everything we buy, and use has doubled. We are leaving it up to the Commission to make a recommendation, but we have held off for at least three years.

We have held our own, but we are not making any money by any means. We do have some money saved up for emergencies and what not, but we do not have extra. We are working basically paycheck to paycheck.

We are evolving and learning too. We have not had very many emergency type situations. So, as we have had a couple now, and we have gotten better on each one of them. The last one I thought it was excellent how we handled that. We talked to everyone and provided water and that kind of stuff.

We have had two people retire and have lost about 50 years’ worth of experience and you just do not replace 50 years’ worth of experience. We have had to learn and grow and that is what we are doing. We do produce a good and safe product and for the most part we really don’t have any problems.”

Hamrick PSD obtained \$6.2

mil in grants for the new water plants infrastructures and added 50 more families on the line. There is \$250,000 grant money set aside for new lift stations for Hambleton and Hendricks. The schools already have lift stations in place done with grant money that customers do not have to pay back. Part of the grants including funds for a new work truck. Hamrick PSD also has emergency funds set aside that have not been touched in the last 10 years.

The board members approved to have the Public Service Commission to examine the possible need for pay and benefits for the Hamrick PSD to have a competitive package for employees. Currently, Hamrick PSD employees are paid below the average of surrounding areas.

Board member Robert “Bob” Summerfield said: “We have done a good job keeping rates where they are at. I recall a time

30 years ago the Public Service Commission recommended we raise our rates. We were having a problem keeping employees. Some people objected to it, and I asked them if they had insurance. They said yes, I said you answered the question. We cannot get people plus we cannot provide insurance on them. So, we did a rate increase to provide insurance and benefits for our employees. We do not have the turnover we use to have, and we are doing a good job. Salary wise, we still are not competitive with other public services.”

Jason Lipscomb, of Hamrick PSD, commended new employee Matt Philips for doing an excellent job. Philips is a Master Electrician and a Master Plumber.

The next Hamrick PSD meeting will be held on June 13, 2022, at 4 p.m. in the office located at 76 2nd Street, Hendricks, West Virginia, 26271.



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What's? Happening

Veteran Town Hall

There will be a Veteran Town Hall Meeting from Noon - 1 p.m. on June 3, at Tucker County Senior Citizens Center. Open to the Public.

Ascension Celebration.

Union Chapel church, on the St. George United Methodist charge, will be hosting an Ascension Celebration. on Thursday, May 26 at 7 p.m. We will be celebrating our Lord's ascension into heaven 40 days after Easter. This will also be our monthly singAll are welcome

Cake Walk

Hambleton park cake walk will be May 20 at 6 p.m. at the park. Hot dogs, fried bread will be available.

Eastern's nursing deadline June 1

The application deadline for the 2024 nursing cohort at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is

4:30 p.m. ET on June 1. Applicants must complete an application to the college as well as a separate nursing program application. Program admission requirements are available on the college website at <https://easternwv.edu/academics/nursing-program>.

Democratic Executive Committee Meeting

The Tucker County Democratic Executive Committee will hold a meeting on Monday June 6 at 6 p.m. Hosted by M. McClintock at 6821 Dry Fork Road, Hendricks. Call 304-478-1046 for more information.

Nature Stroll at Canaan Valley Resort

Join Canaan Valley Master Naturalists for a spring stroll in the Canaan Valley Resort State Park on May 21 This Bird Walk is a 1-2 hour walk that will involve 1-2 miles of slow ambling on mostly grass and dirt trails. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at the Recreation Center close to the park entrance at 9 a.m..



e-WV 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.

May 18, 2012: Ice Mountain in Hampshire County was named a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior at a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the program.

May 19, 1920: Ten people were killed in what became known as the Matewan Massacre. Baldwin-Felts detectives came to Matewan to evict striking miners and their families, but Police Chief Sid Hatfield tried to stop the evictions as being unauthorized by law.

May 20, 1949: Nick Joe Rahall II was born in Beck-

ley. When Rahall entered Congress in 1977, he was its youngest member.

May 21, 1853: William M.O. Dawson was born in Bloomington, Maryland, just across the Potomac River from what is now the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. He became the 12th governor of West Virginia.

May 22, 1947: Supreme Court Justice Margaret "Peggy" Workman was born in Charleston. In the election of November 1988, she became the first woman on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and the first woman to be elected to statewide office in West Virginia.

May 23, 1862: In what became known as the Battle of Lewisburg, Union troops repelled a Confederate advance, killing 38 and wounding 66, while

losing only 13 men.

May 23, 1941: Rod Thorn was born in Princeton. Thorn attended West Virginia University, where he was an All-American guard. Thorn has had an extended and distinguished career in the National Basketball Association.

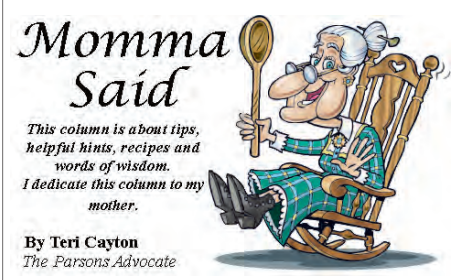
May 24, 1896: Confederate General John Echols died in Staunton, Virginia. Echols served in the Kanawha Valley in 1862 and commanded Confederate forces at their defeat at the Battle of Droop Mountain in November 1863.

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.

One of my really frustrating pet peeves is when people do not put the cart back in the cart return at the store. It is really madding when the cart is close to where they left theirs. It is not that hard to walk ten or so feet to put the danged thing where it belongs. **Momma Said,** "Just take a minute to think of others."

That is really one of the big problems in this country, so many people do not think of anyone but themselves. We need a little more compassion in all our lives. So many of this generation expect to be taken care of like children when, in fact, they are grown adults. **Momma Said,** "Don't expect someone to always be there to pick up you mess, grow up and accept responsibilities"

When I was growing up if you used it, you put it back. If it was your toys, they had a place to go so put them back when you are done, if not they were not



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

around anywhere when you wanted to play with them again. Mom was tough but she taught us so many life lessons that I still practice to this day.

Too many pampered people in this world today that expect to be taken care of hand and foot. It is hard enough these days to take care of ourselves. I can't afford to take care of other people who feel entitled. I say to them, "Grow up and take care of yourselves that is what it means to be an adult!!"

Strawberry Cheesecake Chimichangas

- ### Ingredients
- oil for frying
 - 8 oz. cream cheese (plain or strawberry)
 - 1/4 cup sour cream
 - 1 tbsp. sugar
 - 1/2 tsp. lemon zest
 - 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 - 1 3/4 cups strawberries, sliced
 - 6 8-inch flour tortillas
 - 1/4 cup cinnamon sugar



Strawberry Cheesecake CHIMICHANGAS

How To Make Strawberry Chimichangas

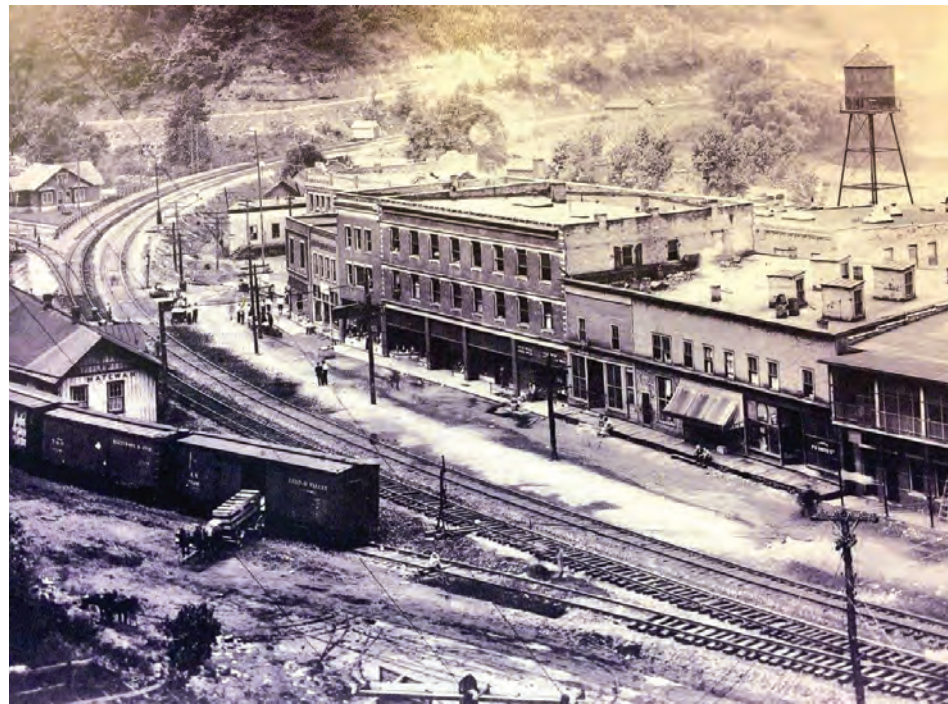
- In a saucepan or deep fryer on your stove, preheat around 2 inches of frying oil. You want the temperature to reach 350F (180C).
- Line a plate with paper towels and set it aside. This will be where you place your chimichangas after they have been deep-fried.
- In a bowl combine your cream cheese, sour cream, sugar, lemon zest, and vanilla. Beat your ingredients until you have achieved a nice smooth consistency and then fold your strawberries through the mixture.
- On a clean work surface, lay out your tortillas (6 inches) and on the lower part of your tortilla, spread a good amount of the mixture.
- Roll up your tortilla and secure it with a toothpick. Repeat with the remaining tortillas.
- Now it's time to deep fry. In order to achieve a nice golden brown color, lower carefully into the oil and deep fry for 3-4 minutes.
- Remove carefully and pop on the paper towel-lined plate. Allow excess oil to be absorbed and then dip and roll in Cinnamon Sugar.



Super Crossword

COUNTRY MUSIC

ACROSS	1 Charbusters	8 Farthest point in an orbit	14 Uncommon	20 Salary reductions	21 Child raiser	22 Add insult to injury, maybe	23 Question in 1 Corinthians 15:55	26 Europe-Asia border river	27 Wood splitter	28 Ski lift part	29 Prefix with lock	30 Supplicate on behalf of	35 — polloi (commoners)	37 Sermon topic	38 Suffix with Sudan	39 Massage	40 Old booming jet, for short	41 "— changed man!"	43 Designer Geoffrey	45 Salon colorists	47 "Is this actually happening?"	50 Oviedo locale	53 Situated over	56 Brine source	57 New Hampshire academy	58 "I'm going through the same thing!"	61 Shipping charge, e.g.	62 Steering part on a ship	63 Long (for)	64 Vikings' org.	66 Refusing to be cheerful	71 Regarding	72 Agree	76 Pop's mom	77 Actress Amy	79 SSNs, e.g.	80 Pressing tool	81 Fig treat from Nabisco	83 Seeming eternity	85 DNA-studying partner of James Watson	87 "My turn is coming right up"	91 He KO'd many rivals	93 Ball — hammer	94 Forrest Gump player	95 "Quantum Leap" actor	98 Bend down	100 Abrupt	101 Body pouch	102 Secretive U.S. gp.	105 She bleats	106 Part of UCLA	109 33rd prez	110 Restaurant bill addition	112 Crucial component	116 Long (for)	118 Boyfriends, in Paris	120 Dir. opposite 7-Down	121 Viking org.	122 Tune whose opening lyric, and lyricist, begin eight answers in this puzzle	128 Motion detector part	129 Agee of the old Mets	130 Small eating alcove	131 Waiters take them	132 Like training at the location itself	133 Occupy fully	4 La — (Milan opera house)	5 Crude abode	6 Biblical verb suffix	7 NYC-to-Miami dir.	8 High points	9 Peeling tools	10 Raw metal	11 Allstate rival	12 Put into a hall of fame	13 Kett of old comic strips	14 — Gyra (jazz fusion band)	15 Prefix with gender	16 Utah ski spot	17 Slide in again	18 Go on with	19 Train operator	24 Barn feed	25 Cymbal pair in a drum kit	31 Nathaniel Hawthorne's Hester	32 Feel remorse over	33 James — Garfield	34 Consumer protection agcy.	36 Wild Alpine goats	42 Soccer great Hamm	44 Summer, in Soissons	45 Royal crown	46 Worried	48 E-cig's lack	49 Busy insect	50 Its capital is Damascus	51 16 ounces	52 Lindley of "The Ropers"	54 NYC stage awards	55 Small bunch of flowers	59 Spock and Seuss: Abbr.	60 Alternative to "his" or "her"	61 Go by plane	64 Nary a soul	65 Backyard borders	67 Open, as a present	68 Language of "mea culpa"	69 Be a rapper?	70 BoSox rivals	73 Freud's "one"	74 Ensnares	75 "Cannon" has three	78 The Brady kids, e.g.	82 Restated	84 Gambling parlor, briefly	85 Chick — -A	86 Prefix with lock	87 "No kidding?"	88 Artist known for illusions	89 Boston area with the Paul Revere statue	90 UFO crew	91 Alias abbr.	92 Find by chance	96 In line with	97 One or more	99 Be indebted	103 "Belt out that tune!"	104 She founded the U.S. Shakers	106 Crude abode	107 First phases	108 Long looks	111 Letter-shaped girders	113 PSATs, e.g.	114 "No kidding!"	115 Deep-seated	117 To be, to Claudius	119 Regarding	123 Blue Jays, on scoreboards	124 Abbr. for someone with only one given name	125 34th prez	126 Firewood box	127 Repub. west of Zambia
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
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- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Weather Totals

May 3 - May 10

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

TEMPERATURE

Max 85° F
Min 30° F

PRECIPITATION

Week 3.35"
May 3.83"
2022 18.69"

SNOWFALL

Snow on Ground 0"
Winter Total 36"

U.S. Forest Service

Young Writers Contest, Math Field Day, and Golden Horseshoe Winners

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County schools held a Young Writers Contest with the students of grades three through eight. The contest is a collaborative effort with the Central West Virginia Writing Project (CWVWP). The winners were announced during the Board of Education meeting and the awards were presented by Tucker County School Superintendent Alicia Lambert. Awards for Math Field Day and Golden Horseshoe winners were also presented.

According to the Young Writers website: Young Writers was established in 1991 in a small warehouse in Eastern England and has grown into a worldwide brand. Today, Young Writers is still a modest family-run business, but on a much bigger scale than its humble beginnings. Young Writers is also a part of the award winning Bonacia family.

"We pride ourselves on encouraging young writers to read, write, and enjoy poetry as well as creative writing. Having work published boosts confidence, nurtures creative talent and showcases creativity.", according to Young Writers web page.

County winners for the Third and Fourth grade students were: First place - Greyson Brown of DTEMS. Second place - Hunter "Jack" Rawlings of DTEMS, and Third place - Gio Maniscarco of

DTEMS.

County Winners for the Fifth and Sixth grade students were: First place - Owen Helmick of DTEMS and Third place - Adelaide Gregory of DTEMS.

County winners for the Seventh and Eighth grade students were: First place - Lily Snider of DTEMS, Second place - Madison Helmick of TVEMS, and Third place - Aston Shaffer of DTEMS.

TVEMS Young Writers school winners were: Eighth grade students Sam Marks, Ethan Woodyard, Madison Helmick, Celina Shahan, Jordyn King, Brock Hovatter, Emmalyn Wilfong, Peyton Hicks, Shilah Jones, Kia Keller and Lela Wright. Sixth grade students: Samara Scott, Parker Newman, Rachel Hile, Alaina Owens, Baylee Lewis, Tyler Ricottilli, Ava Wilfong, and Joshua Moore. Fifth grade students: Olivia Tobias and Madison Carr.

DTEMS Young Writers school winners were: Fourth grade students Gio Maniscarco, Greyson Brown and Hunter "Jack" Rawlings. Fifth grade students: Juniper Judy, Emilija Arnold, and Isabelle Rawlings. Sixth grade students: Brody Bennet, Adelaide Gregory, Owen Helmick, and Jade McClurg. Seventh grade students: Ajila Long, Haley Nester, and Ashton Shaffer. Eighth grade students: Isabella Bennett, Isabella Emerson, Gabby Gross, and Lily Snider.

Math Field Day winners



DTEMS 5th and 6th Third Place winner Adelaide Gregory



DTEMS 3rd and 4th Grade First Place winner Greyson Brown



DTEMS 3rd and 4th Grade Second Place winner Hunter "Jack" Rawlings



TVEMS 7th and 8th Grade Second Place winner Madison Helmick



DTEMS 7th and 8th Third Place winner Aston Shaffer

ners were Lynk Suesli from TVEMS and Lela Wright from TVEMS. The Math Field Day is designed to stimulate greater interest in mathematics and recognize stu-

dents who excel in mathematics.

Golden Horseshoe awards were given to Xander Lamber from TVEMS and Grayson Sypolt from DTEMS. According to

the Golden Horseshoe web page: "The Golden Horseshoe Test has been administered in West Virginia each year since 1931 and is the longest-running program of its kind in any

state. The top-scoring students in each county receive the prestigious award and are inducted as "knights" and "ladies" of the Golden Horseshoe Society."

Eastern holds 2022 graduation; AFNHA among honorees at ceremony



Phyllis Baxter of Tucker County accepts the 2022 APEX Award on behalf of the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area (AFNHA), during Eastern's graduation ceremony May 7 in Moorefield.

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College honored 80 students as Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 graduates at the college's commencement ceremony May 7 in Moorefield.

Thirty-five of the graduates participated in the ceremony, including all 14 graduates of the 2022 nursing program cohort. The nursing graduates had participated in the nursing program's Pinning Ceremony the night before, where Kari Evans of Grant Memorial Hospital had served as keynote speaker.

Speakers for the graduation ceremony included President Thomas Striplin, Ed.D.; Board of Governors chairman Greg Greenwalt; student Shayla Hartman; and Hardy County Schools Superintendent Sheena

Van Meter, who delivered the commencement address. Van Meter told the graduates and those in attendance that their families and communities were better and stronger because of the efforts and achievements of the graduates.

Two awards were given at the ceremony. The APEX Award honors organizations serving citizens, employers, and communities of the Potomac Highlands. Phyllis Baxter, executive director of Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area (AFNHA), accepted the award on behalf of the organization. AFNHA works to conserve, interpret, and promote forest heritage to enhance the landscapes and communities in the region.

The Harold K. Michaels

Founders Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the college, and this year college employees Michael O'Leary and Curtis Hakala were both recognized.

A complete list of the area's Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 Eastern graduates will be released later this month.

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Thank you from the Tucker Co High School Class of 2023

The Class of 2023 and I would like to extend our gratitude to the few parents who have given their time and those who have made multiple donations to help make prom possible.

Thank you to the PVFD, Ladies Auxiliary and Kevin and Debbie White for the use of the fire hall and many decorations they provided.

Thank you to all of our local businesses; St. George Medical Clinic, MR. Pizza, Depot Diner, Fat Olives, Adkins Home Center, and Stevens Florist that have also made generous contributions.

Thank you to James and Kim Snyder and Crystal Nelson for their time, devotion and many donations.

This year's prom could not have happened without the efforts and cooperation of great community members like these.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,
David Nelson and the Class of 2023

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Public invited to comment on two proposed legislative rules relating to conservation district elections and accounting/auditing requirements

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- The State Conservation Committee (SCC) is seeking public comment on two proposed legislative rules stemming from the passage of Senate Bill 264 during the 2022 legislative session.

The 30-day comment period on 63-CSR-1, and 63-CSR-4 began Monday, May 16, and concludes on Thursday, June 16, at 4 p.m. As part of the comment period, the agency will hold public hearings on both proposals on Thursday, May 19, at the Natural Resources Conservation Service's conference room, 1550 Earl L. Core Road,

Morgantown, WV.

A hearing for 63-CSR-1 will begin at 11 a.m. The hearing on 63-CSR-4 will begin at 1 p.m. Participants may appear in person or online.

Proposed rule 63-CSR-1 amends an existing rule and incorporates changes relating to the election of West Virginia's 114 conservation district supervisors. The rule details candidacy qualifications and procedures districts must follow when there are no candidates filing for the office, or when a vacancy occurs. The proposal also makes minor modifications to the pro-

cess for spending watershed improvement funds.

The proposed rule 63-CSR-4 is a new rule relating to accounting and auditing procedures West Virginia's 14 conservation districts must follow.

Copies of either rule may be obtained from the Secretary of State's Office by using the following:

63CSR1 - <https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/ruleview.aspx?document=17638&Keyword=63CSR4>
63CSR4 - <https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/ruleview.aspx?document=17637&Keyword=>

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Governor Jim Justice signed SB264 in March. The bill makes several changes to West Virginia's Conservation District law and authorized the SCC, and its administrative office, the West Virginia Conservation Agency, to amend or draft new rules to facilitate the legislative action.

Comments to both rules may be submitted to: Belinda Withrow, 1900 Kanawha Blvd, East, 25305, or bwithrow@wvca.us. Please write "Proposed Rule 63-01 or Proposed Rule 63-4" and the number in the subject line of the email comment.

West Virginia Humanities Council Seeks Grant Applications

Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council is seeking proposals from nonprofit organizations for its upcoming June 1 minigrant deadline.

Humanities Council minigrants support projects that request \$1,500 or less, including small projects, single events, lectures, small museum exhibits, brochures, consultation needs, and planning for more complex projects. Minigrants are offered four times per

year by the Humanities Council.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

The West Virginia Humanities Council is a nonprofit corporation governed by a board of directors

whose members are drawn from all parts of West Virginia. It is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and by contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.

DHHR Extends Application Period for Emergency Energy Assistance Program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) today announced applications for the Emergency Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) have been extended to May 27, 2022, or until funds are exhausted. The federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home heating bills.

Residents whose primary source of heat is either gas or electricity must provide their shut-off notice or past due utility bill when applying for Emergency LIEAP. Those using other primary heating sources or bulk fuel may qualify for assistance if their heating fuel is at a low level during the application period.

Households that received direct payment of regular LIEAP benefits must verify that the payment was used for home heating by submitting a current receipt with the Emergency LIEAP application. Failure to submit verification of payment may result in a denial of the application.

Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on income, household size and whether the household is responsible for paying its heating bill. The income limit is 60% of the state median income. In these situations where a heating emergency exists, applicants must be seen by a DHHR worker.

To qualify, households must meet all program guidelines and be in an emergency that will disrupt the primary heating source if not addressed.

The maximum allowable gross income levels for Emergency LIEAP FY 2022 are listed below:

Household Size	Monthly Allowable Income
1 Person	\$2,005
2 Person	\$2,621
3 Person	\$3,238
4 Person	\$3,855
5 Person	\$4,472
6 Person	\$5,088
7 Person	\$5,204
8 Person	\$5,583
9 Person	\$6,150
10 Person	\$6,718

*For each additional person, add \$567. Households whose income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible; however, some types of income may be excluded for LIEAP. Social Security and Veterans income will be excluded for the current LIEAP application period.

State residents must go to their local DHHR office to apply. A list of local offices is available online at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Documents/DHHR.BCF.LocalOffices.pdf>.

Life

misjudge their speed and distance from a vehicle," said Bob Tipton, GHSP Director. "Intersections are especially dangerous for motorcycles. Watch for turning motorcycles before you turn."

Safety on the roadways requires that everyone do their part. While driving, please follow these tips to keep motorcyclists safe:

- Allow adequate following distance
- Always check your blind spots
- Be cautious when passing
- Do not high beam motorcycles at night
- Do not tailgate a motorcycle
- Help keep riders safe in the dark by increasing your following distance and refrain from passing
- Inform motorcyclists of your intention to turn
- Motorcycles cannot stop as quickly as a car
- Remember that motorcycles react more quickly than cars

- Stay in your lane
- Take a second look at left turns and intersections
- Weather warning – bad weather can reduce your visibility

Motorcyclists need to take precautions as well, so they are as safe as possible. One of the primary contributing factors to motorcyclist fatalities is speeding. According to NHTSA, 34% of all motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2020 were speeding, compared to 22% for passenger car drivers, 16% for light-truck drivers, and 7% for large-truck drivers. Motorcycle riders 25 to 29 years old involved in fatal crashes had the highest speeding involvement at 45%.

"First of all, the best advice I can give motorcyclists, whether new or experienced, would be to take a safety course," said Mary Jarrell, GHSP Motorcycle Safety Training Coordinator.

"Some people think that if they rode a dirt bike or bicycle as a kid,

they can ride a motorcycle. Operating a motorcycle requires a great deal of knowledge, skill, and practice," Jarrell continued.

Jarrell shared the following tips to help motorcyclists be safe on our roads:

- Take a safety course
- Ride sober
- Get to know your motorcycle
- Wear proper motorcycle gear – a DOT-approved helmet is a must
- Inspect your motorcycle before each ride
- Obey traffic laws, use signals, and obey the speed limit
- Check the weather before leaving
- Be visible
- Be observant and watch for road hazards
- Stay a safe distance behind other vehicles

Jarrell added that grass clippings left on roadways can be especially dangerous for motorcyclists because the clippings can reduce the traction a motorcycle's tires have on the road surface.

To learn more about motorcycle safety, visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycle-safety>. For more information about the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program, visit www.highwaysafety.wv.gov or call 304-926-2509.


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ArtSpring Festival Returns Memorial Day Weekend

The annual ArtSpring Festival which celebrates Tucker County arts returns this Memorial Day weekend. Activities in Canaan Valley, Davis, Parsons, and Thomas will include live music, a local artisans market, gallery openings and receptions, artist demonstrations and activities for all ages, and open studios. The Front Street ArtWalk in Thomas will also return from 6-9 pm on Saturday.

In addition to art and art activities, there will be guided history walks, wine tastings, and distillery tastings. There will be dining specials at many local eateries including an all-you-can eat country breakfast at the IOOF lodge in Davis from 7am to noon on Saturday. Look for program information at artspringwv.com, Facebook, or Instagram.

ArtSpring began in 2011 as an informal weekend Tour of Tucker County Arts, aided by the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Tucker County Commission and the Alpine Festival. Over the years, ArtSpring's mission evolved to support the arts in Tucker County and to help stimulate local economic growth. As its growth continued, ArtSpring became a 501(c)3 nonprofit. With generous support from many local businesses and individuals, the ArtSpring Festival expanded into a two and a half day event.

After the covid-19 hiatus of 2020 and 2021, ArtSpring was happy to partner with Timberline Mountain to produce ArtOber Fest in October, 2021. Preparations are underway for ArtOber Fest2022.



ArtSpring Lantern Parade preparing to start

FFA

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was a slideshow high lighting the events from the past year compiled by Kylie Neff.

Mr. Delbert "Paul" Pennington, Jr., the Vocational Agricultural Teacher at TCHS, greeted everyone and thanked all for their support of the FFA program.

The FFA creed was presented by Marky Philips, Trinity Thompson, Emily Snyder, Alisha Barb and Zada Carr. Presentation of the FFA motto was given by Kiley Hebb and Kaiden Hebb.

WV Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt, State Senator Randy Smith, West Virginia State FFA officers Shayla Bourn and Gabby Wolfe, National Office candidate Emily Yates and TCHS Principal Mr. Alex Cork were all in attendance and spoke of the important and the effect that the FFA Program has and will have on all attending.

Green Hand pins were received by Holly Myers, Emily Snyder, Kiley Hebb, Kaden Hebb, Zada Carr, Nick Lawrence, Preston

Evans, Marky Phillips, Kelslynn Whitehair, Alyssa Darby, Chris Donnellan, Michael Hartsell, Trinity Thompson, Alicia Barb, and Nico Zepeto.

Chapter degrees were received by Teyha Smith-Maize, Owen Knotts, Laney Burns, Kylee Neff, Jocelyn Burnside, Jaden Stanley, Hannah Cussins, Bryson Watts, Abigail Wilfong, and Abigail Kitzmiller

2022 Honorary Tucker County FFA members were: Robbie and Lori Bennett with Grace Snyder from the TCHS cafeteria for their help throughout the year with the basketball concession stand fundraiser and the Tucker County commissioners, Lowell Moore, Fred Davis and Mike Rosenau for their help with the purchase of the chicken processing trailer for use at the school and throughout the county. J & K Nelson Trucking for help with the purchase of backup heating for the TCHS greenhouse and the Preston County High School meat processing,

for butchering, and packaging the donated animals from the TC fair.

Retiring addresses of the 2022 FFA chapter seniors were given by Robbie Shupp (student adviser), Teyha Smith-Maize, Karlie Thompson (vice president) and Haley Tuttle (president).

With the announcement of the new Officer Team for the 2022-2023, President - Kyle Neff, VP - Hannah Cussins, Treasurer, Zada Carr, Secretary - Laney Burns, Sentinel - Alicia Barb, Reporter - Kiley Hebb, Student Advisor - Mark Phillips, Historian - Nick Lawrence, Chaplin - Emily Snyder closed the 2022 Annual Meeting/Banquet of the Tucker County FFA Chapter.

The Tucker County FFA Chapter is open to all students at TCHS who are taking Vocational Agricultural Education classes through the CTE program. For additional information on the chapter, please speak with Mr. Paul Pennington, FFA Advisor or any current FFA member.



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SPORTS

Mt. Lions Baseball Wins Sectional Game at Pendleton

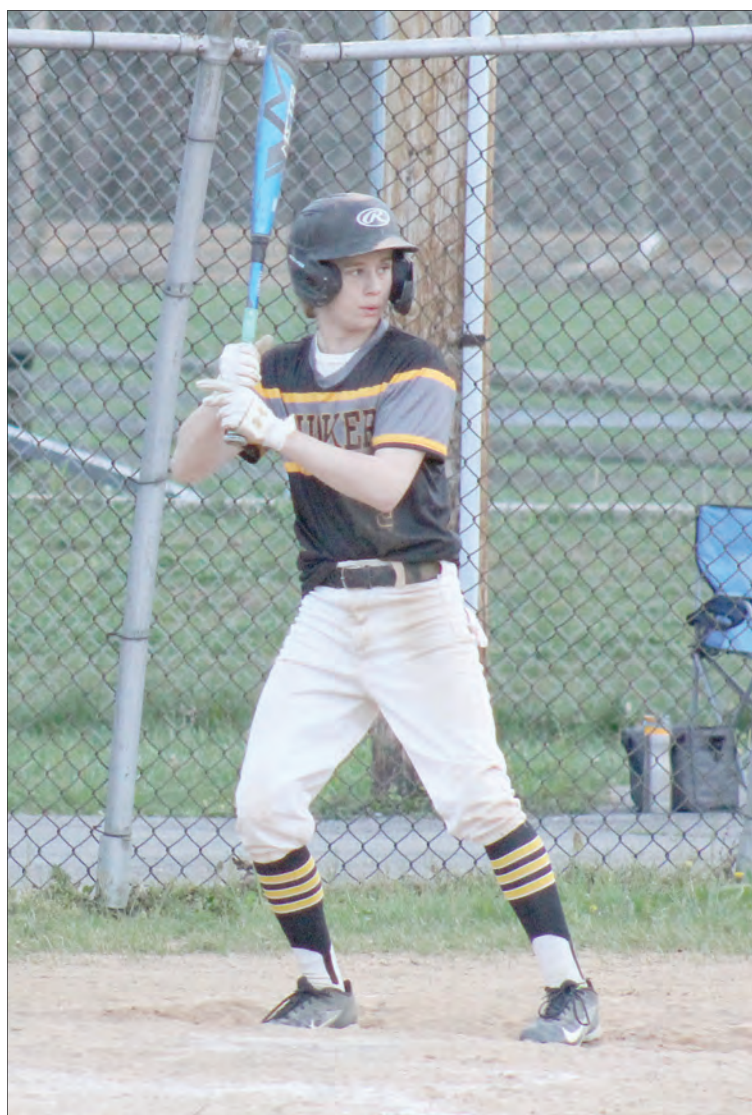


Photo by Dave Helmick

Tucker County's Blake Adams waits on a pitch during a bat in a recent game.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

FRANKLIN – The Tucker County Baseball team traveled to Pendleton County for their first Sectional game on Monday May 9th. Mason Kisamore's strong pitching effort led the Mt. Lions to a first round of sectional victory by the score of 6-5.

Kisamore earned the win for Tucker County as he would go 6 -2/3 innings giving up 4 runs, while striking out 9 batters. Justin Robeson entered the game in the bottom of the 7th inning with 2 outs. Robeson would give up 1 run on 3 hits before striking out the Pendleton County batter for the last out of the game.

Tucker County fell behind early on a series of defensive mishaps; however, the young Tucker County team fought back and with some good defensive plays by Harper Russell and good pitching, the Lady Mt. Lions was able to bounce back and take the lead. Tucker County racked up 9 hits on the day. Russell, Robeson and Kisamore each collected multiple hits for Tucker County each having 2 hits apiece. Blaike Adams, Tony Costlow and Andrew Steinman would each collect a hit on the night. The Mt. Lions had a big inning

when Kisamore hit a triple off the bottom of the right center fence which would score Robeson. Then Harper Russell smashed a double of the top of the center field fence. Coach Kisamore had this to say after the Sectional win, "This was a big win for us. Winning against Pendleton County is a step in the right direction for this young team, they are finding a way to minimize mistakes and they are not giving up."

PETERSBURG – The Mt. Lions traveled to Petersburg on Tuesday May 10th. Tucker County had problems controlling the Vikings early as Petersburg got the win over the Mt. Lions 13-0.

Justin Robeson led things off on the mound for Tucker County. Robeson lasted 1 inning, allowing 4 hits and 5 runs while walking zero. Harper Russell and Ethan Rosenau entered the game from the bullpen, throwing 1-2/3 innings and 1-1/3 innings respectively. Russell and Mason Kisamore each managed 1 hit to lead Tucker County, each going 1 of 2 on the day from the plate. Coach Kisamore had this to say about the loss, "The guys just didn't seem to show up tonight. Not leaving Pendleton County until after 10:30 and traveling again tonight seems to have taking a

toll on the guys."

FRANKLIN – After a mess up in the Sectional Bracket, Tucker County had to return to Pendleton, County on Thursday May 12th for a Sectional elimination game with the Wildcats even though Pendleton County had not played another game since Tucker County defeated them on Monday ay 9th. The PVC Director decided to keep the bracket the same to force the Mt. Lions to play at a rested ace pitcher for Pendleton County. That ace for the Wildcats, Clayton Kisamore, would go the distance for Pendleton County on the mound as he allowed 1 run on 6 hits. Tucker County stranded with bases loaded in two separate innings as Pendleton County got the win 7-1. Ethan Rosenau led things off on the mound for the Mt. Lions. The right-hander would surrender 6 runs off 6 hits over 4 innings of work. Justin Robeson and Harper Russell would enter the game in relief throwing 1-2/3 innings and 1/3 of an inning respectively. Russell led Tucker County with 2 hits in 3 attempts at the plate.

Tucker County Head Coach Steelie Kisamore had this to say about the season, "This season was a tough one for sure. What See **BASEBALL** page 2B

Tucker Softball Ends Season with Sectional Loss at Petersburg



Photo by Dave Helmick

Tucker County player Autumn Russell swings at a pitch against Pendleton County on May 9th. The Lady Mt. Lions won the game 15-3.

Felton added a double and a single for the Lady Mt. Lions. Ava Shaffer and Autumn Russell had 2 hits each. Kristen Hicks, Raven Matthews, Brianna Gooden and Katie Hicks also had 1 hit each for Tucker County in the win. Ava Shaffer got the complete game win on the mound as she gave up just 3 hits on the evening.

PETERSBURG – Tucker County traveled to Petersburg on Tuesday May 10th for another Sectional matchup with the Lady Vikings. The Lady Mt. Lions would need 2 wins to claim the Sectional Championship with Petersburg only needing 1 win over Tucker County to claim the Sectional title.

Petersburg built a lead and Tucker County could not complete the comeback as the Lady Mt. Lions fell in the contest 4-1. The scoring

got started in the 2nd inning when Tucker County's Paige Shaffer blasted a solo homerun to put the visiting Lady Mt. Lions up 1-0 at the bottom of the 2nd. Petersburg answered to tie the game at 1-1 with a solo homerun in the 2nd inning. The Lady Vikings then added 3 runs in the 3rd inning on 2 singles and 1 double to put Petersburg ahead 4-1 after 3 innings. Tucker County could not get their offense going the rest of the game as they fell in the contest by the final score of 4-1 Petersburg. The win by the Lady Vikings eliminated the Lady Mt. Lions from the playoffs and Tucker County's season ends with a final record of 12-15. Paige Shaffer led Tucker County with a homerun and a single at the plate. Katie Hicks had 2 hits in the game, while Rachel Felton added 1 double for the Lady Mt. Lions. Kristen Hicks produced a single for Tucker County as the Lady Mt. Lions had 6 hits total. Paige Shaffer took the loss on the mound for Tucker County as she went 6 innings and gave up 6 hits. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

CAMP KIDD – The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Pendleton County for a Sectional elimination game at home against Pendleton County on Monday May 9th. Tucker County jumped out an early lead and went on to take the win in 5 innings 15-3. Cheyenne Gooden connected for a homerun in the 1st inning to put the Lady Mt. Lions up over Pendleton County 3-1 after 1 inning of play. Tucker County would then extend their lead in the 2nd inning as the Lady Mt. Lions scored 7 runs in the bottom of the 2nd inning to make the score 10-2 to start the 3rd inning. The Lady Wildcats would continue to struggle with their pitching as Tucker County added 5 runs in the 4th inning to put the scoreboard to 15-2 Tucker County. Pendleton County added a homerun in the top of the 5th, but they could not get the score below 10 runs, so the game ended with a Tucker County 15-3 victory. Cheyenne Gooden led Tucker County with a homerun, a double and a single. Rachel

Tucker County Track Run Regionals at Doddridge County

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

WEST UNION – The Mt. Lions Girls' and Boys' Track teams traveled to Doddridge County on Friday May 13th for the Class "A" Region 2 Championships. Tucker County Boys team placed 8th overall and the Tucker County Girls team finished 10th in the Region. Tucker County Overall Results:

Girls Results: 200m: 8th-Brianna Gooden(31.06). 400m:

7th-Brianna Gooden(1:12.08), 8th-Nevaeh Nichols(1:14.12), 11th-Moira Callaway(1:19.79). 800m: 3rd-Katie Hicks(2:32.21), 9th-Hannah Hardy(2:51.80), 10th-Erin Chambers(2:56.39). 1600m: 7th-Erin Chambers(6:05.85). 3200m: 5th-Erin Chambers(13:04.57). 300m Hurdles: 8th-Lilly Callaway(1:00.25). 4x100m Relay: 7th-N.Nichols, M.Callaway, E.Spemcer, L.Callaway(1:00.79). 4x200m Relay: 7th-N.Nichols, L.Callaway, E.Spencer. See **TC TRACK** page 2B

Tucker Valley Track Update

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PETERSBURG – The Tucker Valley Middle School Girls' and Boys' Track teams traveled to Petersburg High School on Wednesday May 11th. Tucker Valley Overall Results:

Boys Results: 100m: 9th-Luke Bowley(14.8). 200m: 1st-Luke Barb(26.3), 7th-Trenton Jones(30.7). 400m: 1st-Luke Barb(59.5), 4th-Ty Ricottilli(1:10.9). 800m: 2nd- Cameron Judy(2:31.0), 3rd-Alex Boyles(2:32.5). 1600m: 3rd-Alex Boyles(5:53.2), 5th-William Gil-

ligan(6:39.8), 6th-Lynk Suesli(6:40.0). 3200m: 1st-William Gilligan(13:32.8), 2nd-Lynk Suesli(14:16.5). 100m Hurdles: 5th-Logan Kopec(21.8), 6th-Luke Bowley(22.7). 200m Hurdles: 4th-Jonathan Black(33.3), 7th-Luke Bowley(36.6), 8th-Logan Kopec(36.7). 4x400m Relay: 5th-J.Black, T.Ricottilli, A.Boyles, L.Davis(4:47.0). 4x800m Relay: 2nd-C.Judy, L.Barb, L.Davis, T.Ricottilli(10:51.8). Shuttle Hurdles: 3rd-L.Davis, L.Kopec, C.Judy, J.Black(45.4). High Jump: 1st-Luke Barb(5'06"). Long Jump: 4th-Cameron See **TV TRACK** page 2B

Davis-Thomas Middle School Track Update

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PETERSBURG – The Davis-Thomas Middle School Girls' and Boys' Track teams traveled to Petersburg High School on Wednesday May 11th. Davis-Thomas Overall Results:

Girls Results: 100m: 4th-Mayah Gross(14.5), 11th-Jaden Cross(16.0), 12th-Payton Cross(16.2). 200m: 7th-Jaden Cross(33.9), 10th-Shelby Hicks(34.7), 11th-Emma Cooper(35.8). 400m: 8th-Payton Cross(1:25.9), 9th-Emma Cooper(1:26.1). 800m: 2nd-Gabby Cross(2:59.1). 100m Hurdles: 4th-Mayah

Gross(18.7). 200m Hurdles: 6th-Mayah Gross(35.9). 4x100m Relay: 3rd-P.Cross, S.Hicks, J.Cross, E.Cooper(1:06.8). 4x200m Relay: 4th-A.Bonner, M.Spencer, I.Rivera, G.Gross(2:16.9). 4x400m Relay: 2nd-S.Hicks, I.Rivera, M.Spencer, A.Bonner(5:35.8). 4x800m See **DT TRACK** page 2B

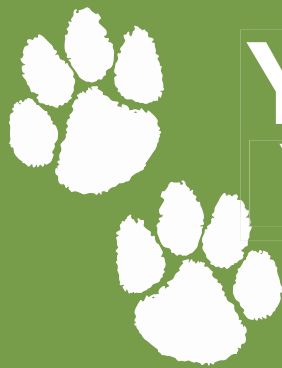
AREA SCHEDULE:

Friday May 20th

- Tucker County Track – WV State Track Meet, Charleston-Laidley Field 5pm

Saturday May 21st

- Tucker County Track – WV State Track Meet, Charleston-Laidley Field 10am



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B.Gooden(2:08.61). 4x400m Relay: 4th-K.Hicks, N.Nichols, B.Gooden, H.Hardy(4:54.37). 4x800m Relay: 3rd-L.Callaway, H.Hardy, E.Chambers, K.Hicks(11:10.54). Shot Put: 12th-Emily Snyder(24'05"), 19th-Tessa Jolly(20'00"). Discus Throw: 11th-Emily Snyder(59'02"), 15th-Tessa Jolly(49'04"). Overall Team Results: 1)Doddridge County(175), 2) South Harrison(76), 3)Tygarts Valley(62), 4)Trinity(56), 5)Moorefield(39), 6)Clay-Battelle(37), 7)East Hardy(28), 8) Petersburg(22), 9)Union(21), 10)Tucker County(18), 11)Pendleton County(11), 12) Paw Paw(10).

Boys Results: 400m: 2nd-Haden Wamsley(57.07), 8th-Devin Witemore(57.61), 10th-Ethan McCrum(59.82). 800m: 5th-Devin Witemore(2:19.61), 8th-Wesley Strawderman(2:22.38), 12th-Jared Reall(2:26.76). 1600m: 16th-Ryan Scott(6:12.12). 300m Hurdles: 6th-Clay Poling(47.60), 10th-Allan Boyles(50.46). 4x100m Relay: 6th-J.Knotts, L.Husk, T.Eure, H.Wamsley(47.68). 4x200m Relay: 4th-T.Eure, L.Husk, G.Mullenax, H.Wamsley(1:40.69). 4x400m Relay: 5th-C.Evick, D.Witemore,

H.Wamsley(3:55.40). 4x800m Relay: 3rd-C.Poling, D.Witemore, W.Strawderman, J.Reall(9:18.67). Shuttle Hurdle: 6th-C.Poling, A.Boyles, J.Barrett, L.Husk(1:11.08). Pole Vault: 4th-JJ Knotts(8'00"), 5th-Jared Reall(7'00"). Long Jump: 13th-Logan Husk(16'08.75"), 14th-JJ Knotts(16'01.25"). Shot Put: 15th-Dom Mullenax(35'02"), 18th-Gavin Mullenax(33'11.5"), 19th-Hayden Smith(32'10.5"). Discus Throw: 7th-Dom Mullenax(117'04"), 9th-Hayden Smith(106'04"), 11th-Gavin Mullenax(98'02"). Overall Team Results: 1) Doddridge County(187), 2)Trinity(89), 3) Moorefield(62), 4)Petersburg(49), 5)Paw Paw(34), 6)Clay-Battelle(29), 7)Tygarts Valley(26), 8)Tucker County(25), 9)South Harrison, 10)Notre Dame(14), 11)East Hardy(8), 11)Pendleton County(8), 13) Union(5).

The Tucker County Track members that qualified for the State Track Meet will travel to Charleston to compete at the Class "A" Championships on Friday May 20th and Saturday May 21st. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

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Judy(13'6.5"), 5th-Liam Davis(13'02"), 15th-Luke Bowley(9'10"). Shot Put: 5th-Trenton Jones(25'06"), 8th-Alex Boyles(23'05"), 11th-Elliot Tompkins(21'00"), 12th-Jadon White(17'07"). Discus Throw: 3rd-Trenton Jones(75'1.5"), 10th-Jonathan Black(55'9.5"), 11th-Elliot Tompkins(53'11"), 14th-Jayden White(42'05"). Overall Team Results: 1) East Hardy(167), 2)Tucker Valley(111), 3) Union(63), 4)Moorefield(56.5), 5)Petersburg(50.5), 6)Davis-Thomas(47).

Girls Results: 100m: 9th-Cloe Slaubaugh(15.6). 200m: 1st-Lela Wright(29.9). 1600m: 1st-Rachel Hile(7:33.6). 100m Hurdles: 4th-Lela Wright(18.7), 10th-Savannah Murphy(21.5), 11th-Madelynn Helmick(22.5). 200m Hurdles: 3rd-Lela Wright(33.8).

4x400m Relay: 4th-M.Helmick, S.Murphy, R.Hile, C.Slaubaugh(5:44.1). Shuttle Hurdles: 3rd- M.Helmick, S.Murphy, R.Hile, C.Slaubaugh(55.4). High Jump: 1st-Lela Wright(4'07"), 6th-Madelynn Helmick(3'06"). Shot Put: 3rd-Karley Knotts(26'09"), 5th-Lillian Boyles(23'09"), 16th-Ryder Thompson(16'11"). Discus Throw: 3rd-Karley Knotts(63'06"), 7th-Lillian Boyles(50'00"), 14th-Ryder Thompson(44'9.5"). Overall Team Results: 1) Petersburg(154), 2)East Hardy(85), 3) Moorefield(83), 4)Tucker Valley(63), 5) Davis-Thomas(55), 6)Union-Thomas(32).

The Tucker Valley Track team will travel to Petersburg for the final meet of the season on Monday May 16th. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

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Relay: 1st-G.Gross, I.Rivera, M.Spencer, A.Bonner(12.58.5). Long Jump: 4th-Adalea Bonner(9'5"). Shot Put: 14th-Arabella Phares(19'04"). Discus Throw: 2nd-Mayah Gross(71'10"), 13th-Arabella Phares(45'02"), 19th-Emma Cooper(36'04"). Overall Team Results: 1) Petersburg(154), 2)East Hardy(85), 3) Moorefield(83), 4)Tucker Valley(63), 5) Davis-Thomas(55), 6)Union-Thomas(32).

Boys Results: 100m: 13th-Evan Hexom(17.0), 12th-Mitch Neil(17.7). 200m: 4th-Keelyn Eichelburger(28.6), 8th-Cayden Arnold(30.8), 9th-John Rivera(30.7), 12th-Mitch Neil(37.8). 400m: 2nd- Keelyn Eichelburger(1:03.6),

3rd-Cayden Arnold(1:07.5), 10th-Mitch Neil(1:23.0). 800m: 1st-Keelyn Eichelburger(2:29.6), 5th-Cayden Arnold(2:39.8), 6th-John Rivera(2:43.6). 200m Hurdles: 6th-John Rivera(35.7). Long Jump: 3rd-Keelyn Eichelburger(14'00"), 11th-Cayden Arnold(10'09"). Shot Put: 6th-Evan Hexom(25'04"). Overall Team Results: 1) East Hardy(167), 2)Tucker Valley(111), 3) Union(63), 4)Moorefield(56.5), 5)Petersburg(50.5), 6)Davis-Thomas(47).

The Davis-Thomas Track teams will travel to Petersburg for the final meet of the season on Monday May 16th. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Baseball

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would have been a veteran team ended up being a very young team as five starters from last year did not return. We had a few injuries and lineup changes along the way that left many starters in unfamiliar positions and just not a lot of experience." Kisamore added, "Bill Shahan, assistant coach, and I coached harder than we ever have, trying to teach so much of the game to just a very young team, but in the end I was able to see a lot of growth. We started eliminating all the errors and making plays." "I am very proud of Harper Rus-

sell, our only senior, and Mason Kisamore (junior) for the leadership roles they took on. I would see them not only working hard in practice, but also working with the younger guys to help them understand the game a little more." Kisamore finished with this, "I want to give a special thanks to Bill Shahan for jumping in at the last minute to help coach and to Amanda Kisamore for all the behind the scene work for not only the high school program, but for the middle school program as well." For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

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Tucker County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2022 - 2023 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
County of: Tucker, West Virginia

In accordance with Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Tucker County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

General Fund	Estimated Revenues	
Fund Balance	\$	800,000
Property Taxes Current Year		2,892,557
Prior Year Taxes		75,000
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees		40,000
Dog Taxes		3,000
Property Transfer Tax		75,000
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		7,500
Wine & Liquor Tax		14,000
Hotel Occupancy Tax		800,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes		45,000
Federal Grants / Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes		260,000
State Grants		30,000
Magistrate Court Clerk		2,000
Sheriff's Service of Process		2,000
County Clerk's Earnings		20,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings		10,000
Accident Reports		500
Motor Vehicle License Fee		1,500
Rents & Concessions		40,000
Special Patrol / Security Systems		1,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		20,000
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement		6,000
Interest Earned		8,000
Miscellaneous Revenue		25,000
Sheriff's Commission		15,000
Gaming Income		30,000
Video Lottery		500
Refunds / Reimbursements (External Sources)		500,000
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund		149,000
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$	5,872,557
Coal Severance Tax		
Assigned Fund Balance	\$	18,724
Coal Severance Tax		5,000
Refunds/Reimbursements		-
Total Coal Severance	\$	23,724

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	General Fund	Coal Severance Tax Fund
County Commission	\$ 387,821	\$ 23,724
County Clerk	322,699	-
Circuit Clerk	193,934	-
Sheriff - Treasurer	281,840	-
Prosecuting Attorney	323,001	-
Assessor	259,667	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund	149,000	-
Statewide Computer Network	20,443	-
Agriculture Agent	114,309	-
Elections - County Clerk	104,699	-
Magistrate Court	10,000	-
Circuit Court	6,700	-
Courthouse	657,264	-
Regional Development Authority	2,563	-
Economic Development	40,574	-
Rehabilitation of Property	40,000	-
Contingencies - Not to Exceed 10% of Budget	2,368	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,916,882	23,724
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	367,352	-
Sheriff - Service of Process	79,668	-
Regional Jail	150,000	-
Emergency Services	87,865	-
Communication Center	656,417	-
Fire Department	100,000	-
Ambulance Authority	210,000	-
Dog Warden / Humane Society	159,237	-
Community Based Corrections Program	390,692	-
K-9	10,766	-
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,211,997	
HEALTH AND SANITATION		
Local Health Department	35,000	-
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	35,000	
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Parks & Recreation	120,000	-
Swimming Pools	-	-
4-H Camp	75,000	-
Arts & Humanities	5,000	-
Visitor's Bureau	400,000	-
Library	22,000	-
Law Library	-	-
Federal Grants	-	-
State Grants	40,000	-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	662,000	
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES		
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
Assessor	15,000	-
Courthouse	31,678	-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	46,678	
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,872,557	\$ 23,724

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF TUCKER

I, SHERRY SIMMONS, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 13th DAY OF MAY 2022.

Sherry Simmons
(Signature)

TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA LEVY PAGE REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY 2022-2023

Column E	Levy	Taxes
Certificate of Valuation	Rate/\$100	Levied
Current Year		
Class I		
Personal Property	\$ 0	\$ 0
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	\$ 0
Class II		
Real Estate	\$ 255,582,230	\$ 726,365
Personal Property	1,650,658	4,691
Total Class II	\$ 257,232,888	\$ 731,056
Class III		
Real Estate	\$ 195,927,070	\$ 1,113,649
Personal Property	102,411,052	582,104
Public Utility	55,596,885	316,013
Total Class III	\$ 353,935,007	\$ 2,011,766
Class IV		
Real Estate	\$ 44,867,650	\$ 255,028
Personal Property	19,889,016	113,049
Public Utility	7,626,848	43,351
Total Class IV	\$ 72,383,514	\$ 411,428
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 683,551,409	\$ 3,154,250
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00%	157,713
Less Tax Discounts	2.00%	59,931
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		
Total Projected Property Tax Collection		2,936,606
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	1.50%	44,049
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes For Budget Purposes		
(Transfer amount to Worksheet GCRV - Account N. 301-01)		\$ 2,892,557

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Thank you to all the people of Tucker County that voted for me to be the Republican Candidate for the Nov. 2022 election for County Commissioner.

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Also, to my daughter, Lindsey Knotts, for encouraging me every step of the way, whether it be campaigning for or with me to baking or just moral support.

Thank you John "Red" Lipscomb for running a fair campaign.

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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)
Melvin Maurice Hanlin	Cathie Lawrence
1st publication 5/18/22	11 Morrell Way
2nd publication 5/25/22	Davis, WV 26260
	And
	Greg Hanlin
	95 Helmick Rd.
	Thomas, WV 26292

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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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)
Stuart William Nesbitt	Joseph A. Miranda
1st publication 5/11/22	PO Box 146
2nd publication 5/18/22	Hendricks, WV 26271
Reginald L. Johnson	Michael R. Johnson
1st publication 5/11/22	40 Fraser Crescent
2nd publication 5/18/22	Inveralochy,
	Fraserburgh, UK AB 4387G
Robert B. Golightly	Bart M. Golightly
1st publication 5/11/22	PO Box 162
2nd publication 5/18/22	Davis, WV 26260

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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The Town of Davis Planning Commission will present the Town's Comprehensive Plan on May 21, 2022. The meeting will be in the Davis Fire Hall and is scheduled at 10:00 a.m.

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.

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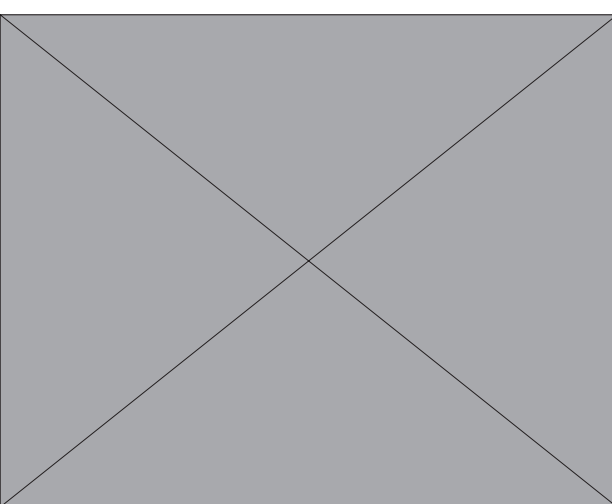
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A 2000 Chevrolet S-10 Red Extended Cab Pickup was left here for repairs in the automotive technologies program approximately 5 years ago. Since that time, we have changed instructors and do not know the ownership of this vehicle. We are considering it as an abandoned vehicle, and hereby give notice that we will be disposing of the vehicle on or after May 25, 2022, unless the owner steps forward with proof of ownership, and means to remove it from the property.

Thank you, Tucker County High School Administration

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2022

PARSONS CITY CEMETERY

SPRING CLEAN-UP

The cemetery staff is preparing for Memorial Day activities. Any weathered or out-of-season flower arrangements must be removed by Monday May 23, 2022. Any items that are left on the gravesites which are broken, determined unsightly, or offensive will be removed by our staff.

All new flowers should not be displayed until after the week of May 22, 2022. When displaying flowers, we strongly urge everyone to use permanent vases. Flowers displayed directly in the ground may be damaged by our mowing and trimming equipment, and can blow away during storms. We take every effort possible to protect items on display at each gravesite; however, we will not be held responsible or liable for items that are damaged or stolen.

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The True Location of the Battle

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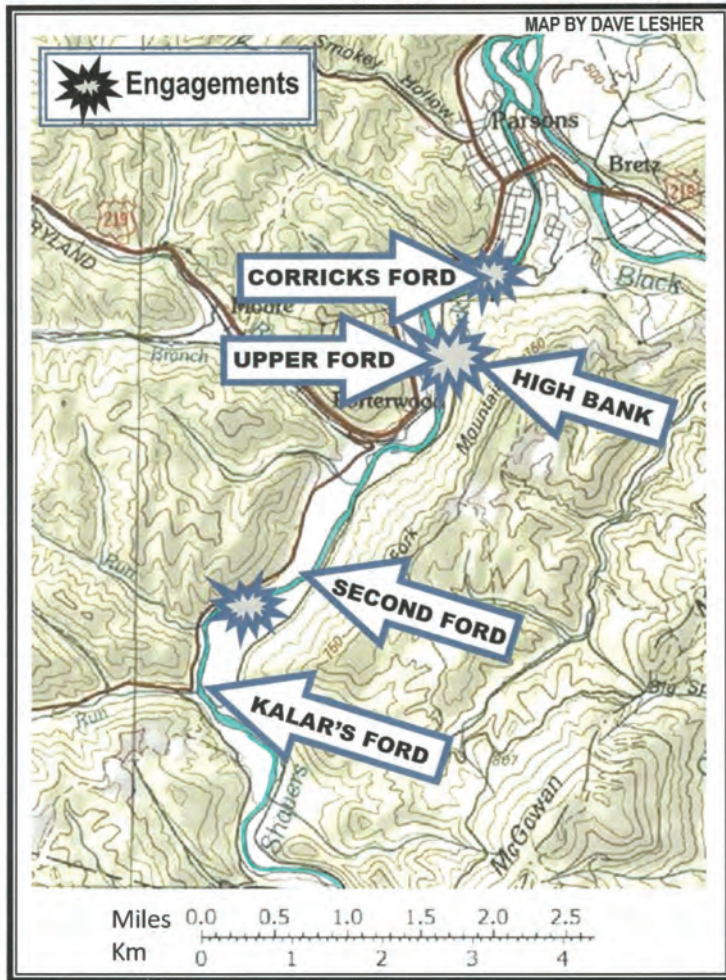
We have all been taught that the Battle of Corricks Ford was fought at (!!) Corricks Ford, near where the battlefield monument (the big boulder) is located on US219, south of Parsons. That ford is below the William Corrick house, where the Shavers Fork River flows by the southern end of the Pulp Mill Bottom. Corricks Ford crosses northward over the river from the Jane Barb farm to the Pulp Mill Bottom. That is the direction the soldiers were going.

Yes, there was some fighting at Corricks Ford, and that is where the Confederate commander, General Garnett, was killed along with one of his soldiers. But the main battle was fought upstream, a half mile to the south, at another ford. That “upper” ford crosses the Shavers Fork from the river bottom below the Kingsford Charcoal plant, near the mouth of Hawk Run. It crosses over from the west side of the river to the east side, onto the Barb farm (called the Snyder farm at the time of the battle). It is a deep ford that crosses onto the southern end of a field, near the spot where a small cemetery is now located on the river bank. (See Engagements)

To provide some context for the battle, Garnett’s outnumbered army was fleeing from an untenable situation at Laurel Hill, near Belington, and trying to get back to safety in eastern Virginia. They were retreating northward (downstream) along the Shavers Fork River. That Saturday morning, July 13, 1861, they had departed from the mouth of Pleasant Run, a few miles upstream from Corricks Ford, closely pursued by the Union army. They crossed the Shavers Fork to the east side at Kalar’s Ford and traveled down the river about a mile, to the next ford. At that point some significant fighting occurred, but it did not result in any deaths. There they crossed over that second ford, back to the west side and continued for another two miles down the west side of the river on wide bottom land. Light skirmishing continued off and on as the pursuit traveled down the river. But the end of that bottom land at Hawk Run forced the Confederates to ford the river again, back to the east side at the “upper ford”, a half-mile above Corricks Ford.

It is clear from the battle reports that the main engagement was fought at this upstream location, one half mile above the actual Corricks Ford. These reports were written soon after the battle by Col. William B. Taliaferro, the Confederate commander of the 23rd Virginia Infantry Regiment, and by Capt. Henry W. Benham, US Army Corps of Engineers, who commanded the advance guard of the Union column. They both describe a sharp engagement fought at a ford about a half mile or so upstream of the ford (Corricks) where Gen. Garnett would be killed soon afterward.

Current books, such as “Battle at Corricks Ford” and “Rebels at the Gate” by W. Hunter Lesser, and “I Will Give Them One More Shot” by George Winston Martin, include descriptions of the Battle of Corricks Ford. These books set forth and affirm the idea that the main engagement occurred at the upper ford (in the Barb bottom or somewhere nearby) but they name that upper ford as Corricks Ford, which is incorrect. They refer to both the upper and lower fords as Corricks Ford, which is correct only for the lower ford. They speak of the two fords as the two parts of Corricks Ford, calling them first ford (for the upper) and second ford (for the lower), or as upper and lower fords. Sometimes they refer to the upper one as Corricks Ford. All this is confusing and misleading to the residents of Tucker County, who have never applied the name “Corricks Ford”



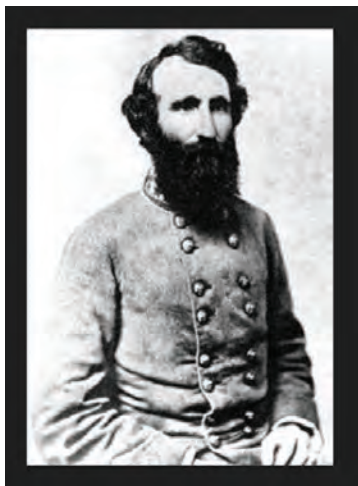
Engagements

to any river crossing other than the ford near the William Corrick house, the lower one. These errors can certainly be excused. Even Col. Taliaferro incorrectly referred to the upper ford as Corricks Ford when he wrote his report of the battle in August 1861. (But he wasn’t from around here!) That may have started the confusion.

But the main reason for this misunderstanding was Homer Fansler’s statement (on p. 162) that, in 1861, Corricks Ford itself was a double ford that required two crossings, one right after the other. Homer’s statement was correct, and it was because of an island in the river at that place, which is no longer there. Later, this led historians to look for a second ford elsewhere, and to refer to it as Corricks Ford, too. The “upper ford” is not Corricks Ford, but that is where the main battle occurred.

The upper ford may have had a name of its own, but we don’t know what it was. Even Earl Haller, who died recently at the age of 93 years, and grew up on a farm next to that ford, does not know a name for it. I would propose that we refer to it as “The Ford Near Hawk Run”, for convenience and just so we can speak of it clearly. Of course the battle will always be called the Battle of Corricks Ford. That will never change.

William B. Taliaferro, 1822-1898



Col. Taliaferro’s 23rd Virginia Infantry Regiment, along with some remnants of the 1st Georgia and Lanier’s section of artillery, crossed the upper ford a little while before the Yankees arrived there. At that point his regiment was the rear guard of Gen. Garnett’s Army. The bulk of Garnett’s forces, and the General himself, were already miles away, further down the Cheat River. Taliaferro established a defensive position upon a little knoll on the Jane Barb farm, at the southern end of the field, and fought a delaying action from that location. This little knoll was near the upper ford, but about a hundred yards or so to the east of it, away from the river. Col. Taliaferro called it a “high bank on the right of the ford”, and Capt. Benham described it as a “precipitous bank of 50 to 80 feet”. The

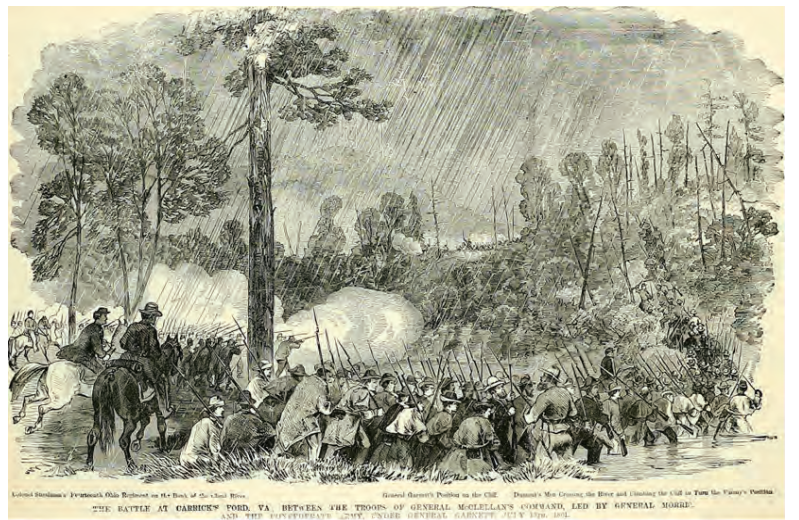
Confederates had infantry with muskets and rifles, and also artillery on that “high bank”, and the Union forces on the other side of the river were similarly armed. They fired back and forth at each other across the ford (a distance of about 200 to 300 yards) for nearly 30 minutes.

Henry W. Benham, 1813-1884



Capt. Benham attempted to outflank (“turn”) the Confederates by sending a force across the river and over the adjacent hill on the south side of their position, but without success. The Yankees then returned to the river and went downstream in an attempt to turn the Confederate flank on the opposite side (the north). When Col. Taliaferro’s force was running low on ammunition, and because of his concerns about being outflanked, he gave the order to abandon the position on the high bank and they retreated northward one half mile toward Corricks Ford, pursued part of the way by Union soldiers who had managed to get across the river. When he withdrew his regiment from the knoll, he was forced to leave his dead and severely wounded men where they fell. Later, the eleven men who died there were buried on that knoll by the Yankee soldiers, or by Confederate prisoners.

There is a contemporary woodcut that appeared in Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper that very clearly depicts the engagement at the upper ford (See Woodcut). Its viewpoint is the same as that of the Union soldiers looking eastward across the river at Taliaferro’s Confederates up on the high bank in the distance, and it matches the actual topography of that view. It also shows a column of Union soldiers on the right, fording the river and climbing up the hill on the east side in an attempt to outflank the Confederates. This woodcut provides strong evidence that the little knoll in the Barb field is the “high bank” described by Taliaferro and Benham. Another woodcut (not shown) depicts the scene at Corricks Ford with Gen. Garnett lying on the ground, and another soldier lying nearby. Looking to



Woodcut

the south, you can see the water of the Shavers Fork in the distance, and beyond that the field on the Snyder farm, with Union soldiers advancing across it.

Homer Fansler, (p. 166) states that “eleven of the Confederate dead were buried on the Snyder farm, on the hillside east of Shavers Fork, and above (upstream from) the ford (Corricks) a little way. Donald L. Knotts has gathered further credible testimony from older residents who had knowledge that the soldiers were buried on that knoll. This evidence will be presented in full in a future article. The presence of the unmarked Confederate graves on the little knoll is the strongest evidence confirming that it is the “high bank” occupied by Taliaferro’s forces during the battle.

There was not a lot of fighting at the actual Corricks Ford. General Garnett had just returned to Corricks Ford from Job’s Ford, a few miles downstream on the Cheat River in Holly Meadows. A messenger had summoned him. The bulk of the 23rd Virginia Regiment and their artillery had been sent away about 150 yards to the north of the ford, around a bend in the road. General Garnett held back ten sharpshooters from the 23rd at the lower ford to fire upon the advancing Union skirmishers to slow them down, but that appears to be about the extent of the combat at Corricks Ford, except for one cannonball through the Corricks’ front door. Just as the General was preparing to withdraw these ten men and resume the retreat, he and one sharpshooter were struck by fatal bullets. From that point on, the retreat became a rout.

Most of Garnett’s Army retreated north to the mouth of Horseshoe Run, then northeast on the road up that stream to the Northwestern Turnpike (now US Route 50) near Redhouse, Maryland, then to Mount Storm and down Allegheny Front, and on through Greenland Gap to Petersburg, Franklin, and safety in Monterey, VA. But that story has already been well told, and does not need to be repeated.

One final part of the story involves six companies of Confederate soldiers from the 1st Georgia Infantry Regiment who were cut off from their comrades during the fighting at the next ford below Kalar’s. The Yankees were between them and their fellow Georgians. They escaped by going eastward and climbing over Fork Mountain into the wilderness of Elk Lick, McGowan Mountain, and Otter Creek. Their intention was to travel southward up Otter Creek, even though they were already starving after a day on the road, the day of the battle, and two more days in the woods without food. They did not know that there was nothing but wilderness for forty miles in that direction; no human habitation; no help to be had. They surely would all have perished. But on Monday July 15 they had the good luck to be found and rescued by a native son of Tucker County, a “local boy” and woodsman named James Rust Parsons, called Tanner Jim. He turned them around and led them out down Otter Creek to its mouth on Dry Fork. He fed them and rested them and got them back to some measure of strength and

health. And he led them over to the Potomac River. All four hundred men made it back to Monterey alive. This part of the story is told in detail in George Martin’s book “I Will Give Them One More Shot”.

The American Battlefield Trust has some signboards down at Corricks Ford that tell about the Battle. There is one additional signboard alongside the Allegheny Highlands Trail near the Upper Ford, and below the charcoal plant, which tells about the Confederate soldiers across the river on the high bank. It says that there was a sharp engagement with shooting back and forth across the river at that location, but does not explain that the main battle was fought up there, not down at Corricks Ford.

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