

Fuel Cost Concerns for Solid Waste Authority



Solid Waste Authority members Mark Holstine (Chair), James Alford, Dennis Filler (Vice-Chair), Fred Davis, Diane Hinkle (not pictured), along with Jody Alderman and CPA Mark Joseph.

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Chair Mark Holstine of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority expressed concern over rising fuel cost. Holstine said, "It is probably the most urgent thing we have going on right now." The price of diesel is at an all-time high and being close to six dollars a gallon it is creating problems for companies trying to make a profit. For the month of March, the Solid Waste Authority wrote a check to cover one of their fuel expenses in the amount of \$26,527.64.

To help subsidize some of the rising cost of fuel Holstine has reached out to other public facilities and drafted a letter for the Public Service Committee requesting an

emergency fuel surcharge fee. Holstine offered for the other public facilities to sign the letter with him before it was sent to the Public Service Commission in Charleston.

Holstine has worked with the Mayor of Thomas, Jody Flanagan, to come up with a set price for the leachate being transported from the landfill in Davis to the water treatment plant in Thomas. Currently DEP is allowing 4,000 gallons of leachate to be treated in Thomas. The price of Thomas taking the leachate will come down once they are allowed to take more. Currently Thomas Water is charging 4.5 cents per gallon. This is two cents higher than taking it to Region VIII but one and half hours closer to travel.

For the month of March, the Tucker County Landfill took in 685,627 gallons of leachate compared to 947,813 gallons from March of 2021. That is a difference of 262,186 gallons but the price of fuel to manage the leachate has gone up 53.41 percent compared to last year. It is not just the fuel, but everything has gone up in price and comparing to last year the landfill is currently at a 10.45 percent loss.

Jody Alderman reported the new cadet from the Rubenstein Center Region VI Workforce was working out great. The Rubenstein Center is in a federal improvement plan and pays 100 percent of the cadet's wages for 240 hours and starts with the individual at

\$10.50 an hour. After the 240 are concluded the individual gets 50 cents raise and can transfer to a different department or position for another 240 hours.

Holstine praised Alderman for having the problems from two to three ago manageable and having the shop in tip top shape. Alderman reported the litter fence that was started last year is ready for installation and the tarp system is up and running.

As a last order of business, the board members approved the signing of the Site and Comprehensive Plan.

The next Tucker County Solid Waste Authority meeting will be on June 21, 2022, at 3 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

Veterans Clinic Closing Not Set in Stone



Veterans in attendance at Town Hall Meeting

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Veterans of Tucker County were in attendance during the recent Town Hall meeting. Guest speakers visiting from the Louis A. Johnson VAMC were Chief of Staff Gerson Teran, MD, Medical Center Director Barbara Forsha, MSN, RN, ET, and Veteran's Experience Officer John Dominic Seti. The goal of the meeting was to inform the audience that Veterans Affairs wants to expand services and make it better for Veterans.

Dr. Teran explained to the audience that he was not a Vet but had worked with the Navy for almost seven years. Teran supplied information for future services that may be coming to the Tucker County Veteran's Clinic.

One of those services would enable the Veterans to communicate virtually with the best specialists available. The patient would come to the clinic and speak to doctors on a big screen TV or stay at home and visit through video chat on phones. The clinic would be available for those with low cell phone service or no internet access.

The virtual doctor's visit would increase the turn over time for getting appointments with needed specialists. Currently, there can up to two or more months before a patient can be seen in person by a specialist. Teran said, "It takes me over two or three months to get you an appointment to see a Dermatologist. It takes me over a month to get you an appointment with an Oncologist. This is not easy. It is extremely complicated. However, if I have my own providers and physicians, I think we can do this together we can provide care with our physicians to you within a few days to a couple of weeks."

Of course, there are incidents where the virtual doctors' visits could not collaborate with patients who were hearing or visually impaired.

Forsha addressed the audience about the shortage of nursing staff and physicians not just in the VA but nationwide across the country. Some of things that affected that shortage has been COVID, two thirds of the nursing population sit on the potential for retirement age at a given time and a shortage of training nurses and facility.

Forsha stated about the potential closing of the clinic, "This is a recommendation from the Veterans Affairs Commission, and is not set in stone. We are enhancing the clinic. We are going to continue to do that."

The reason for the recommendation was to enhance the experience to Veterans in this geographic area. Having a larger facility where the most Veterans are and supplying expanded services is why." Roxanne Tusing was a member of the audience and asked what the Veterans and residents of Tucker County need to do to rally together and fight for the clinic in Parsons to remain open. Forsha recommended that everyone that wishes to express their concerns call or write their Senator, Congressman, or Governor and let them know that the closing of the clinic would not be in best interest of the Veterans of Tucker County and the seven surrounding counties that utilizes the clinic.

Final Stages for Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance



Tucker County Planning Commission members from left to right: President Tim McClean, Bill Shahan, Ben Herrick, Commissioner Mike Rosenau, Ange Schockly, Emily Hauger-Wilson, and Robin McClintock.

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance has been formatted and ready for the approval of the

Tucker County Commission. The ordinance has been in the works for quite a few years. The Planning Commission has been working diligently to complete the SALDO and are closer now than they ever have

been before. Prior submitted ordinances have been shot down by the Commissioners of Tucker County.

Planning Commission Secretary Robin McClintock constructed a

See ORDINANCE page 2A

Landscaping Materials Available at Tucker County Ground Cover

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Carl and Stephanie "Jinga" Hanline have opened a new business, Tucker County Ground Cover, on US219, just north of Parsons in Bretz. The number of products and services available on-site for customer pick-up or delivery will continue to grow in the upcoming months. Hanline will continue to add a variety of products and services readily available for the customer's needs.

Currently on-site Hanline has mulch available for pick-up or delivery. Richard "Tigger" Knotts is assisting customers when Hanline is unavailable. Currently there are limited services available, but Hanline has plans to be full-service by the spring of 2023. As it becomes available Hanline hopes to have coal and firewood available this winter.

Items that will be available for delivery include a diverse type of rock, including number 57 and 46 gravel, crusher run, and flat stone. Hanline plans to have landscaping decorative rock that includes pea gravel in stock by next spring. Once Hanline can get these products in stock, they will be available for cus-



tomers pick-up or delivery.

Sand and straw are items soon to be available on-site for customer pick-up or delivery.

Tucker County Ground Cover is currently offering services such as slope mowing and small backhoe jobs.

Hanline stated, "We wanted to give the residents of Tucker County good products and services for a competitive price. Having such materials readily available locally and close to home helps save the customer from traveling outside

the county, and by including delivery to customers, who are without the availability of a pickup truck or dump truck, those customers can receive the products they desire or need for any project around their home, office, or business."

Hanline stated, "If we do not have it currently on hand, call us and we can get it." Hanline can be reached by calling 304.674.2577 and "Tigger" can be reached by calling 304.704.4632. Prices for delivery will be based on tonnage of the product and mileage.



Canaan Valley Running Company Kicks-Off Fourth Annual Race Season with Canaan Valley Half Marathon



600 Runners kick off the start of the Canaan Valley Running Company's 2022 season with the start of the Canaan Valley Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K

DAVIS, W. VA. - The Canaan Valley Running Company recently hosted 600 runners, along with 600 spectators, as they kicked off their fourth racing season on April 30-May 1, 2022 with their flagship race, the Canaan Valley Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K. The race, which was held at the Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, West Virginia, and sponsored by Mountain Top Realty and Canaan Valley BBQ, gave runners the ability to enjoy the thrill of competition, while taking in the scenic beauty of Canaan Valley.

"We are excited to announce that the launch of our 2022 race season was huge success! I couldn't be happier with how our kick-off event, the Canaan Valley Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K, has gone. We had runners from over 15 different states join us. It was truly a thrill to see smiles on the faces of our runners and spectators!" stated Robby McClung, owner and founder of the Canaan Valley Running Company. McClung added, "We would also like to thank everyone on the Canaan Valley Resort team for supporting the race and preparing the park to ensure our runners and visitors had a fantastic time. The race would not be possible without their support and hard work!"

The Canaan Valley Running Company would like to thank race sponsors, along with the 2022 race season sponsors Appalachian Timing Group, Canaan Valley Resort, Highland Outdoors, and Enjoy Your Life Brand.

The top finishers of the race included:
Half Marathon - Saturday, Apr 30, 2022
Male - Zach Bittinger of Frostburg, MD - 1:33:32.90
Female - Marian Pyles of Elkins, WV - 1:39:46.52
10K - Saturday, Apr 30, 2022
Male - Jonah Skiles of Hurricane, WV - 49:33.04
Female - Abby Jackson of Coraopolis, PA - 51:46.88
5K - Saturday, Apr 30, 2022
Male - Derick Reynolds of Vincent, OH - 20:13.79
Female - Michelle Vanhorn of Harpers Ferry, WV - 23:11.19
5K - Sunday, May 1, 2022
Male - Derick Reynolds of Vincent, OH - 19:41.15
Female - Ellie Hosaflook of Ripley, WV - 20:12.38
Conquer the Valley Challenge
Male - Derick Reynolds of Vincent, OH - 1:49:25.08
Female - Michelle Vanhorn of Harpers Ferry, WV - 2:09:10.59

Registration for the 5th Annual Canaan Valley Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K, which will be held on April 22-23, 2023, will open briefly from May 3-8, 2022. Once closed, registration will not reopen until September of 2022; Act now to get the best deals on the 5th Annual Canaan Valley Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K. The Canaan Valley Running Company 2022 season will continue on June 25 with the Canaan Valley Trail Run at Canaan Valley State Park. For more information on the Canaan Valley Running Company and to register for upcoming races, visit canaanvalleyhalfmarathon.com.

St. George Holds Senior Outpost

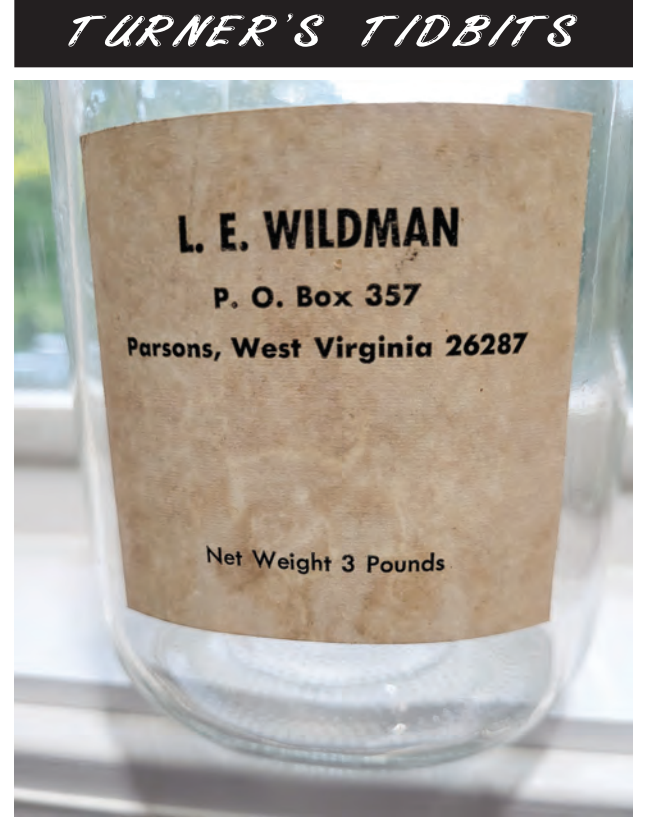


The St. George monthly outpost of Senior Citizens was held on May 19, 2022 at the St. George United Methodist Church. Sharon Daniels welcomed everyone to the covered dish dinner. After the meal, Jane Pifer did a reading of "Everything is Beautiful in its Time". Sharon presented a program on the importance of bees. Folks joined in a lively discussion of cut-

ting down bee trees and old-fashioned ways to treat bee stings including wet tobacco paste and baking soda paste. Sharon's final advice was always "Bee kind". Shirley Cassidy played several tunes on her dulcimer. In celebration of Mother's Day, Linda Bonner presented a gift to Delores Propst as the oldest mother present. Jane Pifer and Dorothy Simp-

son were recognized as having the most children. Those present included the above plus Carol Weinstein, Sue Carroll, Virginia Papio, Don Nestor, Dale Varner, Amy Channell, Mary Grado, Brenda Jones, David Varner, Tata Lane, Mary Thompson, and Eleanor Nestor. The Parsons Senior Center provides a van and seniors are always welcome to come, bring a

covered dish, and bring a friend to the next gathering on June 16, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the St. George United Methodist Church for food, fun, and fellowship.



This label was attached to a quart jar. The label reads "net weight 3 pounds" I believe that honey was put in the jars and sold. I am guessing that L. E. Wildman was a man and had a hive or more of bees. I have no information on the Wildman family, but they did live in Parsons. Perhaps someone could contact me and let me know some information about the Wildman Family. Ideas, suggestions, comments, information to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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SPORTS

Tucker's Paige Shaffer Named PVC Division 2 Player of the Year

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

The Softball Potomac Valley Division 2 All Conference was announced on May 31st. The Lady Mt. Lions Paige Shaffer was named to the 1st team and Shaffer was also named PVC Division 2 Player of the Year. Tucker County Seniors Kristen Hicks and Cheyenne Gooden and Freshman Ava Shaffer were also on the 1st team list.

The Lady Mt. Lions also placed 2 players on the 2nd team in Rachel Felton and Autumn Russell. Here is the complete list of 2022 Softball Division 2

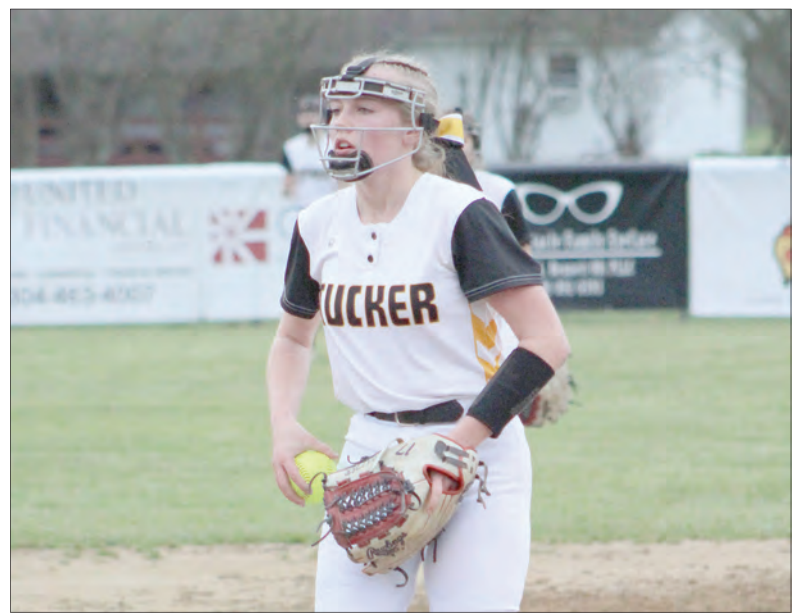
All-PVC:
1st team – Paige Shaffer(Tucker County), Kristen Hicks(Tucker County), Cheyenne Gooden(Tucker County), Ava Shaffer(Tucker County), Braylee Corbin(Petersburg), Mickala Taylor(Petersburg), MacKenzie Kitzmiller(Petersburg), Sammy Colaw(Petersburg), Emma Heishman(East Hardy), Gabbie Miller(East Hardy), Lizzie Alt(Pendleton County), Macaden Taylor(Pocahontas County).

2nd team – Vickie Ames(Easy Hardy), Autumn Crites(East Hardy), Tori Pratt(East Hardy),

Baylee Beachler(Pendleton County), Emma Riffe(Pocahontas County), Kelsi Taylor(Pocahontas County), Kendall Cutright(Tygarts Valley), Brenlyn Swecker((Tygarts Valley), Rachel Felton(Tucker County), Autumn Russell(Tucker County).

Player of the Year: Paige Shaffer, Tucker County. Coach of the Year: Bubba Hedrick, Petersburg.

Right: Paige Shaffer of Tucker County collected 2022 PVC Baseball Division 2 Player of the Year honors this past week. Photo by Dave Helmick.



2022 Spring Sports Teams



2022 Davis-Thomas Middle School Track, photo by Amanda Kisamore



2022 Tucker County High School Baseball, photo by Amanda Kisamore



2022 Tucker County High School Softball, photo by Amanda Kisamore



2022 Tucker County High School Track, photo by Brittany Channell



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Canaan Valley Resort Announces Summer/Fall Guided Hike Series



Davis, W.Va. – Featuring the spectacular scenery of the highest mountain valley in the Eastern U.S., Canaan Valley Resort's Guided Hike Series, taking place June through October, offers the perfect opportunity to experience nature's splendor with

family and friends.

"With the heightened interest among state residents and leisure travelers generally to get outdoors and enjoy the wonders of nature, we've put together a series of monthly guided hikes to showcase the beauty of our unique area,"

said Sam England, Canaan Valley Resort General Manager.

The six-mile Blackbird Knob hike features gorgeous valley and high meadow views and passes through an ecologically diverse area. The hike is physically challenging, to

include some rough terrain and water crossings. Pre-registration is required by Friday at 10 a.m. at the Beech Club or by calling (304) 866-4121. A separate Blackbird Knob Hike will be offered on August 20th.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk on the moon? On June 25, guests can experience something similar as part of the Moon Rocks Hike. Located at the Yellow Creek Natural Area, an 860-acre public preserve owned and managed by the West Virginia Land Trust in Davis, the trail includes massive formations of "moon rock" sandstone bedrock some 480 million years old. The hike is approximately four miles long. Shuttle bus service will be provided from the Main Lodge. The return trip to the resort features scheduled stops at local

breweries to enjoy craft beers. A separate Moon Rocks Hike will be offered on September 24th.

On July 9 and August 6, the resort will host the Mid-Summer Walk Between the Parks events. The Walk Between the Parks hike is an eight-mile, moderately strenuous hike between Canaan Valley Resort and Blackwater Falls State Parks featuring amazing views of the valley.

The resort will offer the Douglas Falls/Blackwater Canyon guided hike on September 10. Passing by abandoned coke ovens, Douglas Falls, the junction of the North Fork of the Blackwater River and the main river, and views of Lindy Point, this 10-mile walk traverses history as well as breathtaking scenery.

On October 1 the resort will host the 8-mile "Walk Between the Parks" hike. Participants will hike between Canaan Valley Resort and Blackwater Falls State Park and have the opportunity to partici-

pate in other activities, like the "Walk-a-Mile" contest and alternative (shorter, interpretive) walks.

Participants for all events are encouraged to bring their own water and snacks. Pre-registration for all events is recommended by calling Canaan Valley Resort at (304) 866-4121. A small per person fee applies.

Canaan Valley Resort is a four seasons destination with a wide array of adventures and a variety of guest rooms and cabins. On-site activities include an 18-hole championship golf course, scenic chairlift rides, sporting clay shooting range, hiking and biking trails, bike rentals, miniature golf, and indoor/outdoor pools.

Canaan Valley Resort is situated in northeast West Virginia approximately 2½ hours from Washington, D.C., three hours from Pittsburgh and 2¾ hours from Charleston, W.Va.

Guest room reservations can be made online or by calling 1-800-622-4121.

Davis Health Launches 100 Miles in 100 Days

Elkins, WV – Davis Health System (DHS) is encouraging community residents to take a step toward better health by joining the 100 Miles in 100 Days wellness program. This year, it will run June 23 through October 1, 2022.

DHS has sponsored the program for more than 15 years with a mission to inspire healthy living through movement.

"This program has had great participation in the past," said Chad Ware, Community Liaison for DHS. "It's simple, and can help people improve their health. We have individuals, families and even co-workers successfully complete it each year."

100 Miles in 100 Days is a self-directed wellness initiative that puts participants in charge: they decide what time of day to walk and where to walk. It is also acceptable to substitute running, swimming, hiking and other forms of cardio-activity. (20 minutes of other exercise equals 1 mile.)

Officials hope that with COVID-19 on the decline, people are ready to resume normal activities and get their health goals back on track.

This year, program information and registration will be available online only. On the 100 Miles website (www.dhs100miles.com), persons can complete their registration form, download tracking sheets, sign up for program APP and learn more about the program.

Those who successfully complete the program by logging at least one mile each day, will earn a t-shirt at the program's end.

"We have made some changes to help participants stay on track throughout the 100 days, and ease overall coordination of the program," said Ware.

In addition to online registration, people can also sign up at a Kick-Off event on June 23, 2022 during the Our Town event at the Elkins Depot. Davis Health System will have a tent

near the depot from 6 to 7 PM.

Those new to physical activity should check with a doctor to make sure it is safe to begin walking as a regular activity.

For more information visit www.dhs100miles.com or go to <https://www.facebook.com/DHSWV> and check out the 100 Miles Facebook event.

95th Birthday Celebration



Leota Knotts Parsons celebrated her 95th birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022. Her children hosted a birthday party, for her, at The Good Samaritan Center in Belington.

This Week's Submitted Photos

This week's photo, submitted by Teri Cayton and Joe Parsons, of baby Robins waiting to be fed. The photo was taken on Central Ave.

Email photos, where it was taken and who took it to mikie@parsonsadvocate.com

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