

## Ambulance Authority Seeks Answers from TC Commission

By: Jennifer Britt  
The Parsons Advocate

Newly appointed Ambulance Authority President Dennis Miller spoke to the Tucker County Commission concerning needed information about the EMS ordinance fee. Miller said that the new budget for the EMS was due on July 1, but the Ambulance Authority had yet to get an answer on whether the Commission planned to keep the fee in place or not. Miller respectively asked the Commission to set a date for a meeting so the issues could be discussed, and a solution be found.

Miller said, "We have put together our operating budget for our fiscal year, which starts July 1. The nominal \$200,000 that is collected for the fee or not collected for the fee makes a significant impact on our decisions moving forward. We set that budget, so we have a budget going into the next fiscal year. We are uncertain of the status of the EMS fee, so we do not know if we are going to be affected or not."

Miller asked for a follow-up on the EMS/County Commission working meeting that was held. Miller said, "We put together and put forth many decision points, but we have nothing coming back from the Commission yet. We are asking for a follow-up because we cannot implement that stuff (suggestions made at work meeting) with-



Ambulance Authority President Dennis Miller seeking resolutions to issues from TC Commission.

out the corporation from the county."

Miller addressed the Commission about condition issues at Station One. There have been several reports made concerning the black mold and sewage back up at the station. The Ambulance Authority wrote a letter to the Commission asking to formally resolve the issues by fixing the problem since the building was owned by the Commission.

Commissioner Mike Rosenau asked if there was a hazard why were the EMS crews still working at Station One. Miller informed Rosenau that the crews are working out of Station One and could be



Commissioners Lowell Moore and Mike Rosenau

moved to Station Two or other options.

The Commissioners voted to have a special meeting Monday, June 27 at 6 p.m. to discuss the issues presented by Miller.

Bob Kyle asked the Commissioners if the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) was passed by the commission would his farm continue to be exempt in the future. Kyle said, "I just have a couple of questions since I am one of the lucky ones that is going to have a farm next to a housing development. You all have said that agriculture is being exempt from that, and I just want an answer from you and look me straight

in the face and tell me two or three years down the road I will still be exempt under this ordinance. It says I am, but it does not say in the future that I may not be."

Rosenau responded with, "I can not speak for future commissions. As far as I am concerned it will be." Commissioner Lowell Moore said, "If it (SALDO) is passed, the only way it can be changed is the county commission would have to host three meetings to amend it. I do not foresee that ever happening."

Kyle went on express concerns on what would happen if someone complained

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## Letter of Support Requested for Naming a Bridge to Honor Arbogast

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Steven Sponaugle on the behalf of the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Kevin White, and its board of directors requested a letter of support, from the City of Parsons, for memorializing a bridge in honor of the late Adam Ray Arbogast. In the letter Sponaugle requested the bridge be placed ideally in the Pheasant area of Tucker County between Kerens and Parsons along Corridor H.

Arbogast, a lifelong Tucker County Resident, lost his life due to COVID-19 complications on November 25, 2021. He was 37 years old. During his lifetime Arbogast was a member of the PVFD for more than 20 years. Arbogast was also a telecommunicator for the Tucker County 911, a Code Enforcement Officer for the Parsons Police Department, a former EMT for the Tucker County EMS, and a former officer for the Department of Corrections. Sponaugle wrote, "Adam wore many hats, as he had many talents. Through his professional and emergency services networks, Adam touched the lives of many beyond the borders of Tucker County."

Sponaugle has been in contact with Delegate Chris Phillips who agreed to sponsor the Bill on the House side and requested a letter of support from Parsons addressed to the West Virginia Legislature. A similar

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## Thomas and Davis to Form New Collective PSD

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Town of Davis Mayor Al Tomson and City of Thomas Major Jody Flanagan accompanied by, the Director of the Tucker County Development Authority, Steve Leyh asked the Tucker County Commission for a consideration to form a new Public Service District. Leyh reported that the Town of Davis and the City of Thomas' sewer feasibility study was completed and upon recommendation from the study a new PSD in a centralized location is needed.

According to the feasibility study, "The Tucker County Development Authority is committed to encouragement of growth and opportunity in the area, enhancement and maintenance of economic development, and preservation of Tucker County's values and heritage. The county's economy is largely based on the following industries: Manufacturing, Construction and Retail Trade.

Tucker County is a rural county located in the beautiful mountainous area of northeastern West Virginia. It was created in Virginia and formed

from Randolph County (which lies to the south) in 1856. The county is named for Henry St. George Tucker, an eminent jurist and statesman.

The county is within a one-day drive of much of the eastern United States and Canada. The county is located within a 500-mile radius of more than 50% of the population of the United States. U.S. Route 48, otherwise known as Corridor H, will provide a four-lane highway through the county within the next few years. The road, much of which is currently in the design phase, will open the door to new markets along the East Coast.

Tucker County is home to five Class IV municipalities including Davis, Hambleton, Hendricks, Thomas, and the county seat of Parsons. Overall, Tucker County is approximately 421 square miles. The elevation of the county ranges from 4,420 feet at the top of Weiss Knob to 1,450 feet where the Cheat River crosses the Tucker/Preston County line.

Tucker County's mountainous terrain promotes healthy living and a great quality of life. Still, appropri-

ate services and abundant resources make it possible for economic growth to flourish in this area.

The lack of wastewater capacity, primarily the capacity for treatment, however, has significantly limited economic development particularly in the Thomas and Davis area of Tucker County, stalling the construction of much needed affordable housing, the build-out of the Tucker County Industrial Park, development of the Corridor H area, as well as the growth of the Town of Davis and City of Thomas."

A part of the suggested recommendations according to the study are, "To achieve the major increases in capacity needed to accommodate the projected demand in this region, the construction of a new, centralized WWTP is recommended. This facility would utilize modern treatment technologies and would need to discharge to the North Fork Blackwater River, potentially near Douglas.

The treatment plant alone (nominal 1 MGD capacity initially, with room for expansion up to 2 MGD

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## TCSWA Signs Resolution for New Compactor



This is a similar version of the new CAT XK30 Compactor the TCSWA has acquired.

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The Tucker County Solid Waste Authority voted to lock in an interest rate for a new CAT XK30 Compactor. The compactor will be \$1.2 million in total cost with monthly payment of \$14,700 for the next eight years. The new compactor is part of the landfill's long-term plan to replace the older model they currently own.

The TCSWA recently paid off a loan to the Solid Waste Management Board and is essentially swapping loans for the new compactor. The resolution signed by the authority's Chairman Mark Holstine will lock current interest rates for the compactor even though the new machine will not be completely assembled or seen until sometime in January or February. The new loan payments will begin when the landfill receives the equipment.

The loan for the compactor is

a government contract so bidding was bypassed and the price for the equipment was guaranteed to be the lowest possible price. There will be one contract signed with CAT to reserve the compactor and one with the loan agency. The maintenance needed for the machine will be conducted in house by the full-time mechanic on staff.

For April 2022, the total tonnage of solid waste received was down to 5,612.33 tons from 6259.94 tons in April of 2021. The total was also down 286.91 tons from March of 2022.

Total gallons of leachate removed was down from previous year as well. In April of 2022 there were 561,440 gallons removed compared to 776,615 gallons in April of 2021. With an average of 6,276.27 gallons going to Moorefield, the total cost for 44 loads is \$6,903.90. There were 45 loads going to Westernport, Md. for an average

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# Corridor-H Proposed Route from Parsons to Davis Discussed in Local Meetings

Submitted By: Susan Rosenblum

The Tucker County Chamber of Commerce Board met on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at the Highland Market Café in Davis. The planned guest of the meeting, Travis Long, Director Technical Support Division of the WV Division of Highways was invited to present on the planned route for the Corridor H section between Parsons and Davis. Long was unable to attend the meeting due to an incident on I-79. The planned route for Corridor H, as presented by the WVDOH at previous meetings on April 26 and 27 to the Thomas City Council and the Davis Town Council, was discussed by those in attendance at the Chamber meeting. The planned route would cross the North Fork of the Blackwater River at Coketon and connect with the completed section of Corridor H to the east with an interchange at Route 32, dividing the towns of Thomas and Davis. A second project presented by the WVDOH, which is not part of Corridor H, would be a proposed truck route that would bypass the town of Thomas from the north and connect with Route 32 south of Thomas. It is not

certain that the funding for this truck route has been approved.

At the meeting on Thursday, members of the Chamber of Commerce Board were presented with three petitions against the Corridor H route that is currently preferred by the WVDOH. Rachelle and Jim Davis, of Douglas, WV, presented a petition with 812 signatures from residents in the Thomas, Douglas and Davis communities. Linda Reeves presented a petition signed by 17 Thomas business owners and Nancy Luscombe presented a petition signed by 24 business owners in Davis.

All residents and business owners who signed the petitions are in favor of an alternative northern route for Corridor H that would go north of Thomas and connect with the completed section of Corridor H east of Route 32. The northern route is an option that was designed and proposed as an alternative by the WVDOH in the past. Proponents of the northern route cite that it would eliminate the interchange of Corridor H with Route 32 and that it would alleviate the need for a separate truck route to be built around Thomas, because truck traffic from Route 219 would be connected directly with

Corridor H above Thomas and flow around the city with Corridor H, thereby eliminating a major intersection of a separate truck route with Route 32.

Concerns raised by residents and businesses at the Chamber meeting, as well as at the April council meetings in Thomas and Davis, include safety concerns regarding a major interchange between Corridor H and Route 32 and the division that such an interchange would have on the growing flow of business, tourism and cohesiveness between the towns of Thomas and Davis. A northern alternative would allow visitors to exit Corridor H east of Route 32 and access both towns as they do now from Route 93. Concerns were also raised regarding businesses that would develop around the interchange, such as fast food restaurants and gas stations, which would compete with the locally owned businesses that already exist in Thomas and Davis, as well as diminish the natural beauty of the area which attracts visitors.

In addition, petitioners stated that they are opposed to a bridge crossing the North Fork of the Blackwater River at Coketon, because it will divide the communities of Douglas and

Thomas, have adverse impacts on the Blackwater Industrial Complex (including coke ovens) which is eligible for the National Historic Registry, and negatively impact the biking and walking trails being developed between the towns of Thomas and Davis. These attractions have been in the process of being protected and developed over the past 20 years and bring many tourists and their business to the area for their historic interest and natural beauty.

Other concerns raised at this meeting, and the council meetings in April, relate to Blackwater Falls State Park, a major tourist destination in the area and state. These concerns include that traffic on the highway will be able to be seen and heard from points within the park and that vehicle lights from the highway and bridge, and interchange lighting will keep the park from receiving Dark Sky designation, which would draw many additional visitors to the area for astronomy viewing. Although the WVDOH indicated at the Davis and Thomas council meetings in April that they don't think the highway will be able to be seen from Blackwater Falls State Park, they are not 100 percent

certain and that lights at the interchange can be modified to point down, but cannot be eliminated.

David Esch, representing Alpine Heritage Preservation and Cottrill's Opera House in Thomas, also spoke at the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce board meeting. He indicated that Cottrill's Opera House is on the National Historic Register and therefore, any choices regarding the route of Corridor H that would have an adverse effect on the Opera House, or other parts of the historic Thomas area that are protected, would have to be mitigated by both the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office and the National Historic Registry. Of utmost concern to the Opera House board is that truck traffic no longer be permitted to go through the town of Thomas.

The Tucker County Chamber of Commerce board indicated that they will request that the WVDOH schedule a public meeting, since they and the public need more specific information from the WVDOH regarding the current proposed route and alternatives to the route, as well as answers to these and other concerns expressed by Chamber businesses and area residents.

## News of Record

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

- Connie Dewitt, Clover, Confirmatory Deed 2.22 acres to Connie Dewitt, \$0.
- Connie Dewitt, Clover, 2.22 acres to Kenneth L. Dewitt and Connie Dewitt, \$0.
- Terry M. Jividen and Charlotte Jividen, Parsons, 60' x 74' Front of Lot #103 and 3' x 58' Part of Lot #104 to Woodlands Development Group, Inc., \$26,500.
- G. Russell Rollyson, Jr./Dep. Comm. And Reynolds D. Investments LLC, Dry Fork, Tax Sale: 0.83 acres Flat Ridge to Janet D. Preston and Thomas B. Preston, \$250.
- Chad Crowe and Christine Peacock, Davis District, Lot 3 Davis Riverwalk 0.08 acres to Chad Crowe and Christine Peacock, \$0.
- Fulton Properties LLC, Davis District, Yellow Creek South Lot 1: 1.12 acres to Thomas Vogel, \$50,000.
- Fulton Properties LLC, Davis District, Yellow Creek South Lot 2: 1.13 acres to Edward Fulton, \$0.
- Edward Fulton, Davis District, Yellow Creek south Lot 2: 1.13 acres to Dylan Baker and Alexis Brooke Baker, \$0.
- Fulton Properties LLC, Davis District, Yellow Creek South Lot 3, 1.13 acres to BettyLou Groves and Thomas P. Miller, \$50,000.
- Fulton Properties LLC, Davis District, Yellow Creek South Lot 4: 1 acre to Edward Fulton, \$0.
- Edward Fulton, Davis District, Yellow Creek South Lot 4: 1 acre to Kordell J. Fulton, \$0.
- Fulton Properties LLC, Davis District, Yellow Creek North Lot 1, 2.70 acres to Steven Blankenship, \$85,000.
- Fulton Properties, Davis District, Confirmatory Deed Yellow Creek North Lot 2: 2.40 acres to Fulton Properties LLC, \$0.
- Patrick McConnell and Lynda McConnell, Davis District, Unit 25, Pendletonheim to Chad Crowe and Christine Peacock, \$119,000.
- Mary Ellen Kelley; William J. Wester, II Revocable Living Trust, Dry Fork, Quitclaim Deed, Lot 2 Blackwater Annex 3.83 acres to James Murray Seay and Riley Elizabeth Seay, \$0.
- Head West LLC, Dry Fork, Unit #28, 17,670 sq. ft. to Dyer Holdings LLC, \$10.
- Kimberly D. Covert and Charles S. Smith, Dry Fork, Lot 38: .158 acres to Robin Camille Dennis, \$495,000.
- Katherine Johnson Dry Fork, Unit 1258 Beaver Ridge Condo to James B. Conrad, \$97,000.
- Ceperproperties LLC, Dry Fork, Lot 14A Spruce Glades 2.283 acres to Michael Kuba and Shawn Kuba, \$720,000.
- Joey Dwayne Poyner, Black Fork, 1.03 acres to Emily D. Alexander, \$150,000.
- William Allen Moore, Dry Fork, 2.60 acres to Chelsea Donathan and Rhett Donathan, \$365,000.

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# OBITUARIES

## Mildred Grace "Millie" Plowman Snyder

Mildred Grace "Millie" Plowman Snyder, 85, a resident of Thomas, passed from this life Monday, June 20, at West Virginia Caring Hospice Center in Elkins, WV. She had been in declining health.



Millie was born Tuesday, October 20, 1936, in Washington, DC, a daughter of the late Edward Earl Plowman and Roberta Grace Geiman Plowman. On January 19, 1957, in Elkton, MD, she was married to the late Donnie "Don" Elisha Snyder, to whom she was married to for forty-two years.

Left to cherish Millie's memory are three children, Donnie Snyder and wife, Gail, of Fredericksburg, VA, Dale Snyder and wife, Melissa, of Augusta, and Donna Davis and husband, Freddie, of Thomas, twelve grandchildren, Danna, Chandra, Heath, Jessie, Holly, Ryan, Logan, Tyler, Makayla, Keisha, Hunter and Parker, thirteen great-grandchildren, Dillon, Austin, Katie, David, Natalie, Ella, Bailey, Harper, Raleigh, Paisley, Coalton, Hayes, and Beau, a brother, Robert Plowman of Marietta, GA, two sisters, Janet Peterson and husband, Leland of Dallas, TX and Doris Sasso of Astoria OR, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Millie in death besides her parents were two sons, Daniel Snyder and Dennis "Chip" Snyder, and two brothers, Edward Plowman and Richard Plowman.

Millie graduated Delhaas High School in Bristol, PA with the Class of 1955. She was employed as a switchboard operator at the Tucker County Hospital for fifteen years and had also worked as a librarian.

She enjoyed traveling, John Wayne movies, cooking, baking, and playing board and card games. Millie was a member of the Hendricks Pentecostal Church of God and the Parsons Church of God Ladies' Prayer Group. She was a dedicated Sunday School teacher for many years. Millie was a volunteer for the WV Senior Companion Program and for Cortland Acres Nursing Home. She loved her family very much and enjoyed spending time with them.

Visitation was held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Thursday, from 5 until 7 p.m. Funeral services was held on Friday, June 24, 2022, at 1 p.m. Rev. Adam Snyder officiated, and interment followed in Rose Hill Cemetery at Thomas. The Hostetler Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements for Mildred Grace "Millie" Plowman Snyder. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com).

## Commission

about his farm or if he were in violation of the ordinance. Moore explained that would never happen because farms were exempt unless they were turned into a subdivision. Moore said, "Farm land is exempt, period, unless someone takes the farm and decides they do not want a farm anymore and they want to develop it. As long you keep it farm land you never have to worry about it."

Jeremy Hile spoke his concerns on what will happen if the public is not for the SALDO. Hile said, "We can not vote for this (the SALDO), but we can vote for you. This is going to cost all of us. The general public, not City of Parsons, not City of Thomas or Town of Davis. We talked in the paper about a survey that went around the Town of Davis, so what, they are not affected by this. If the general public that is affected is not for this and they are affected going through everything will both of you still vote to approve this?"

Rosenau commented and said, "I never said I was in favor to begin with. I never said I would vote either way." Moore went on record to say, "At the present time I am not going to make any more commitments. I want to go on record with this. Tucker County is spilt right down the middle, 50/50. Half of Tucker County backed the EMS ordinance; half of Tucker County does not like the EMS ordinance.

Half the people voted for the levy; half the people did not vote for the levy. Half the people want Corridor H; half the people do not want Corridor H. How in the world are three commissioners supposed to please everyone?"

Hile said, "You have a lot smaller number of people affected by this. You have a lot smaller number to contend with."

Rosenau said, "How am I supposed to say yes or no to something when it is still in draft form? There has not been anything that has been given to me that says like this final draft. It is not there yet. So, I cannot say yes, I am for something or no I am not when I have not seen the final presentation that says we (the Tucker County Planning Commission) are pleased with this, here it is commissioners."

Hile finished with saying, "If we the people speak, will you answer? Thank you for hearing me."

911 Deputy Director Mike Simmons reported there were a total of 690 calls made to date in June. The total number of EMS computer assisted dispatch (CAD) was 57 and a total of 51 were law enforcement CADs. The remaining CADs were the four fire departments with Company 10 having 13, Company 20 having 1, Company 30 had 2 and Company 40 had 3.

The new driveway for the 911 call center is completed. The driveway will

be reevaluated in one year for any issues or concerns. The interior of the call center has been painted with some trimming left to do. The "I am Responding" app and software is still being created for each agency. It is a very time-consuming project. Simmons said he is getting the needed monitors and Raspberry Pi devices for each agency.

Filler was re-appointed by the Commission to the Development Authority for a three-year term.

Director of the Tucker County Animal Shelter Bailey Falls was not present but had reported earlier in the day to Moore that she had received a \$10,000 grant for the animals.

Guest speaker Mayor Al Tomson informed the Commission of the Town of Davis' plans to obtain police patrol for the area. Tomson has worked out a plan with Sheriff Kopec to where officers on their off-duty time can work for the town. Davis has agreed to pay their wages and benefits for the time they work. There will be no expense to the county. Moore suggested tabling the memorandum of understanding until July 13 at which time Commissioner Fred Davis

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will be present. Moore wanted Davis present so he could vote yes or no since it is the area Davis represents.

Moore explained to the audience that Dustin Luzier had been granted a \$148,000 Community Corrections Grant. Moore explained the program was growing leaps and bounds mostly due to the diligent work of Luzier. Luzier usually receives around \$120,000 each year but was awarded the extra this year. The program is designed to help residents of the county stay out of jail for minor offenses. Community corrections is the supervision of criminal offenders in the resident population, as opposed to confining offenders in secure correctional facilities. The two main types of community corrections supervision are probation and parole. Community corrections is also referred to as community supervision.

Rosenau concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. The next Tucker County Commission meeting will be on July 13, 2022, at 9 a.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom.

## TURNER'S TIDBITS

### CLASS ROLL

- Paul Baksa
- \*Joseph James Balassone -!
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- Loretta Joyce Vengen
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- \*Enid Carol White
- William Edward Wilkerson

### \*National Honor Society

-!-Valedictorian

-!-Salutatorian

This is a list of graduates from the Commencement Exercises for Thomas High School for May 28, 1948. Faculty included: Virginia Boyer, Mary Colabrese, Paige DiBacco, Lucille Dumire, Marie Fansler, Ira Harris, Harold Parsons, Emil Suder, Principal Stelman Harper, Librarian Sallie Watson. I had a huge response to the photo from last week of Stoney and Wilma Lee Leary Cooper. One lady, who is in her seventies, called to say that she was named after Wilma Lee. She has a lot of Wilma Lee memorabilia. Another lady called to say she remembered, when she was 10 years old, seeing the Cooper's perform at place outside of Elkins called Radio Ranch. Her parents went every Saturday afternoon to enjoy the various performers. Ideas, comments, suggestions or something to share, contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

## Senior News

The Mt. Top Center is now open for lunch on Fridays. The hours will be the same as the rest of the week. Please join us for great food and fellowship. Also, we now have transportation available for the Mt. Top area for rides to the Senior Center, bank, post office, etc. For this transportation, please call 304-463-4425 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to get on the schedule.

The first scheduled date for a performance at the Gandy Dancer Theatre is the Legends show on Friday, July 15 at 6 p.m. The price is \$38 if you provide your own transportation and \$45 if you ride the van. We are now collecting for this trip. Please have your payments in before June 28.

The trip to Stonewall Lake near Weston is Aug. 23. The boat trip is two hours and includes a taco bar lunch. The price will be \$90. If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible. We will be collecting for this trip in July. All payments must be made by July 28.

Due to contract issues at the state level, we will not receive the Farmer's Market vouchers until the end of July. We will be giving these out beginning Aug. 2. Please come to the Parsons Center or Mt. Top Center during regular operating hours and someone will help you. You

will have all of August and September to redeem these vouchers. It is important that we use these vouchers or the number of vouchers we receive next year will be reduced.

There will be a free Legal Estate Planning workshop at the Parsons Senior Center at 10 a.m. Wed. July 13. Brent Van Deysen from Morgantown will be here to explain about Power of Attorney, wills, deeds, estate planning, etc. He will **NOT** be preparing any of these documents but will speak to the group and if time allows, he can speak to individuals privately. If you are unable to attend and have a computer, you can visit [WVElderLaw.com](http://WVElderLaw.com) for elder law resources, upcoming seminars or to watch a seven part video series called "Legally Speaking."

## CLARIFICATION

In a recent article in Senior News it was stated that Francis Hopkins, not Betsy Ross, made the first American flag. The name should have been Francis Hopkinson, who was a New Jersey Delegate to the Second Continental Congress in 1776. He was also a signer of the Declaration of Independence, inventor, artist, etc. and is thought to have created the first American flag



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# Eastern announces multiple short-term training programs beginning August

**MOOREFIELD, W.Va.** — Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College’s Workforce Education Department will offer a variety of short-term training programs beginning August 22, 2022, designed to give students the training needed to enter the workforce as entry-level workers.

Short-term training programs include Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Dental Assistant, Dialysis Tech, HVAC, Medical Assistant, Medical Billing and Coding, Recovery Coach, Pharmacy Tech, Phlebotomy Tech and Welding.

Eastern will also be offering online

and in-person workshops throughout the year on the following topics: Anti-Stigma, 2D AutoCad, Drone Training, and Grant Proposal Writings.

“Eastern’s Workforce Education programs are unique learning opportunities to help meet students’ educational goals,” said Melissa Shockey, Director of Workforce Education. “All of our programs have been developed to give students both classroom instruction and practical hands-on training.”

For a complete listing and additional information on Eastern’s Workforce Education Training Programs, call Eastern at (304) 434-8000 or visit east-

ernwv.edu. Financial aid may be available for those who qualify.

Serving the residents of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties, and fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is a comprehensive and equal opportunity community and technical college bringing the resources and assets of education that works to the families, communities, and employers of the Potomac Highlands. Eastern is dedicated to the mission of providing accessible and affordable educational opportunities for the Potomac Highlands community.

## PSC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund approaches endowment status

The Potomac State College Alumni Association is excited to announce that we recently received a generous anonymous gift for the scholarship fund. This scholarship will support students enrolled in WVU Potomac State College.

Because of this gift, the Alumni Association is remarkably close to creating an endowed scholarship fund that will enable them to provide annual scholarships in perpetuity.

Only \$5,000 is needed to achieve endowment status.

A gift of any amount will be greatly appreciated by the Alumni Association and by the students who benefit from your generous donations.

To help achieve this goal, go to <https://psc-alumni-association.square.site> and choose ‘Potomac State College Alumni Association Scholarship Fund’ or contact the Alumni Association via email at [psc-alumni@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:psc-alumni@mail.wvu.edu) or by telephone at 304-788-6840 to discuss your gift.

# Davis Health System Announces 2022 Scholarship Winners

Elkins, WV- Inspired by Dr. Mason Todd Corder’s care for his patients and passion for helping others enter the medical field, the Davis Health System Foundation recognizes and supports students who are continuing their studies in a healthcare related field. Since 2009, more than 30 scholarships have been awarded to students from Randolph, Barbour, Tucker, Upshur, Pocahontas and Webster counties.

This year, five applicants were selected for \$1,000 awards from a pool of thirty-five scholarship applications. These students distinguished themselves through their academic achievements, personal excellence, community involvement, and volunteer service. They each reflect a desire to join the next generation of healthcare professionals who will help bring better health to life for the communities served by Davis Health System. This year’s DHS Foundation Scholarship Committee, chaired by Mike Cvechko and comprised of JoAnn Gable, Cindy Stemple, Raymond Godwin, and Tom Ditty, saw enthusiasm in these

young people and their desire to continue serving their community.

Director Mike Bell announces this year’s winners as follows: Macy Burke Reckart, Ashley Marie Wolford, Alexandra Lee Triplett, Tyler Chase McKisic, and Ian Wade Copenaver, all graduates of Elkins High School, and Alexis Jean Nelson, graduate of Harman High School. Each student was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to continue their education in the medical field.

The DHS Foundation Scholarship opens annually in January. Applications are available online at [www.dhsfoundation.com](http://www.dhsfoundation.com) or may be picked up in the DHS Foundation office. If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund to continue financial support for students focusing on the medical field in our community, please visit our website, [www.dhsfoundation.com](http://www.dhsfoundation.com) or contact Jennie Shifflett, Community Giving Specialist, via telephone at 304-630-3043 or email at [shifflett.jennie@davishealthsystem.org](mailto:shifflett.jennie@davishealthsystem.org).

# More Than \$3.6 Million in PILT Payments to West Virginia

Washington, DC – U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) today announced \$3,617,997 from the U.S. Department of Interior’s Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program to 36 West Virginia counties. These payments are made annually to counties with non-taxable Federal land within their borders to offset the lost property tax revenue.

“For more than 40 years, PILT payments have helped ensure local governments across the Mountain State have the resources they need to help offset budget shortfalls caused by their inability to collect taxes on Federal lands. These critical payments provide our communities with crucial support for essential services, such as law enforcement, education, firefighting, road maintenance and public health. I am pleased to

announce this significant funding, and I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this investment. As Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will always fight for vital programs like PILT that invest in West Virginia,” said **Chairman Manchin**.

“Funding through the PILT program helps offset shortfalls that our municipalities face in serving their residents, and invests into our communities. It is welcome news to see this support heading to West Virginia, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact this will have in our counties across the state,” **Senator Capito** said.

### Full list of funding by county below:

Barbour – \$3,114  
Braxton – \$77,108  
Cabell – \$6,601

Fayette – \$107,903  
Grant – \$47,110  
Greenbrier – \$317,466  
Hampshire – \$9,995  
Hardy – \$151,464  
Jefferson – \$14,972  
Kanawha – \$940  
Lewis – \$60,024  
Marion – \$656  
Mason – \$2,271  
Mercer – \$344  
Mineral – \$10,342  
Mingo – \$10,301  
Monongalia – \$265  
Monroe – \$61,840  
Morgan – \$338  
Nicholas – \$109,901  
Ohio – \$250  
Pendleton – \$296,370  
Pleasants – \$132  
Pocahontas – \$914,685  
Preston – \$11,540  
Putnam – \$1,199  
Raleigh – \$39,424  
Randolph – \$596,784  
Summers – \$69,746  
Taylor – \$6,094  
Tucker – \$299,199  
Wayne – \$105,814  
Webster – \$193,376  
Wetzel – \$126  
Wood – \$362  
Wyoming – \$89,941

## TCSWA

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of 6,308.31 gallons per load for a total cost of \$7,132.10. Combined there is a total cost of \$14,036. to treat 440 gallons of leachate at \$.25 cents per gallon.

Thomas is still accepting leachate from the landfill as well. Thomas accepts 4,000 gallons of leachate per day. The water treatment plant has had no excursions on their end, and everything right now is working well.

Holstine reported that fuel cost will continue to be the authority’s biggest issue. With \$43,670.26 spent on fuel this month alone there will be a quarter of a million-dollar amount not budgeted. Jody Alderman and CPA Mark Joseph will continue to work together to find solutions for the fuel cost rising. The authority is also waiting to hear back from the Public Service Commission, in Charleston, about a recom-

mendation for a fuel surcharge fee.

Holstine praised the echo-mister for pond two at the landfill. The pond is at an all time low and continues to lower about an inch a day. This is the lowest the pond has been in the past three years. With the pond being lower that means less trips to remove the leachate.

Deborah Stiles said, “This is hard work to do, and it is work that a lot of people forget about. Recently I did research on illegal world dumping in another municipality and it is a big challenge on how to retrain people and you are dealing with making sure that you (the TCSWA) function in a financially responsible manner.”

The next open to the public TCSWA meeting will be held on July 26, 2022, at 3 p.m. at the TCSWA Office in Davis.

## Letter

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request was sent to the Tucker County Commission for consideration.

A “Beyond the Call of Duty End of Watch Ride to Remember” in honor of Code Enforcement Officer Arbogast will take place Friday, July 29 at 1 p.m. at the Parsons Municipal Building in Parsons. The “Ride to Remember” is a moving mobile wall of fallen officers. The website [www.endofwatch.com](http://www.endofwatch.com) states, “Our purpose is to ensure that no officer is forgotten that their families know their loved one has not been forgotten; and that there is recognition, support and understanding to help them heal. We also support the department safety and training to help lower the number of fallen officers we see each year.”

In other works of the City of Parsons Council, the Council has voted to approve the Tygart Valley United Way’s Day of Action proposal to install a Born Learning Trail on the part of the Allegheny Highlands Trail that connects the Train Depot to the Railway Bridge in Parsons. This interactive trail will hold signs with instructions for simple games that will turn excursions at the park into fun learning moments for young children.

The trail’s theme is Watch! Stop! Learn! Play! and it encourages parents and caregivers to follow the child’s lead, building curiosity and confidence and reinforcing learning opportunities present in every day life. The trail will support language,

and literacy and social skills development, while reminding everyone that learning can be fun.

The United Way has agreed to manage all upkeep of signs and painting along the trail.

Council member Bruce Kolsun will be replacing Sponaugle as the City of Parsons representative on the Tucker County Development Authority. Kolsun is already a member of the authority but will now serve as the City of Parsons representative.

The City of Parsons received a letter of Thank You for the contributions to the Children’s Advocacy Center during the recent Randolph-Tucker benefit dinner. Over \$11,000 was raised and the money will directly help the children of Randolph and Tucker Counties through prevention efforts, awareness and direct support of children who have been victims of abuse.

Council members thanked Michael Matlick for his service on the council. Matlick stated he just did not have the time to serve the council well enough with his other work and volunteer obligations. New council members will be sworn at next meeting.

The next open to the public City Council meeting will be held on July 5, 2022, starting with new council members being sworn in at 5:30 p.m. at the Charles W. “Bill” Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons.

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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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**June 29, 1845:** George Wesley Atkinson was born in Charleston. In 1896, Atkinson was elected governor in an upset victory over Cornelius C. Watts of Charleston which ended 26 years of Democratic rule.

**June 29, 1952:** Writer Breece D’J Pancake was born in South Charleston and grew up in Milton, Cabell County. Many of Pancake’s stories are set in Milton, fictionalized as “Rock Camp.”

**June 29, 2012:** A violent storm called a derecho raced across West Virginia, leaving downed trees and damaged homes in its wake. About 688,000 homes and businesses lost power for a week during a widespread heat wave.

**June 30, 1929:** The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert at Oglebay Park.

**June 30, 1944:** Harpers Ferry National Historical Park was authorized as a national monument, the first in West Virginia.

**July 1, 1937:** Watoga State Park was opened to

the public. The park in Pocahontas County is the largest of the state parks and among the oldest.

**July 1, 1971:** Southern West Virginia Community College was formed by joining the Marshall University branch campuses at Logan and Williamson. In 1995, the name changed to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

**July 2, 1829:** Potter and businessman Alexander Polk Donagho was born. He began a pottery operation in Parkersburg, creating hand-thrown, salt-glazed crocks, jars and other pottery that are avidly collected today.

**July 3, 1863:** At Gettysburg, Union troopers in the 1st West Virginia Cavalry took part in a fruitless cavalry charge against Confederate infantrymen during the waning moments of that great battle.

**July 4, 1882:** The steamboats *Scioto* and *John Lomas* collided on the Ohio River as they were returning from holiday excursions. The *Scioto* sank almost instantly, and 70 people drowned.

**July 4, 1918:** Poet Muriel Miller Dressler was born in Kanawha County. Her poem “Appalachia,”

published in 1970, was her signature piece.

**July 4, 1938:** Musician Bill Withers Jr. was born into a miner’s family of 13 children in Slab Fork, Raleigh County. In 1971, Withers released his first album, *Just As I Am*, including his first Grammy-winning song, “Ain’t No Sunshine.” In 2015 he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

**July 5, 1896:** Cartoonist Kendall Vintroux was born at Fraziers Bottom. He began his career with the *Charleston Gazette* when he submitted a cartoon about the town of Poca’s first paved road. Many of his drawings are now in the collection of the University of Charleston.

**July 5, 1950:** Army Private Kenneth Shadrack of Wyoming County was the first U.S. serviceman killed in action in the Korean War.

*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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**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

Aside from this article I messed up last week and didn’t put the right measurement in my Chocolate Cupcakes. It should be 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder in the first part of the recipe. Maybe this will help you make some good yummys.

This is something that I read on social media and I think it is very important to get this information to as many people as I can. It does make sense once you read it and I hope it may save you some bucks. **Momma Said**, “That money is better in your pocket than in big business’s profit margin.”

**TIPS ON PUMPING GAS THAT WILL SAVE YOU \$\$\$**

“I don’t know what you guys are paying for gasoline.... but here in California we are paying up to \$5.75 to \$7 per gallon. My line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years now, so here are some tricks to get more of your money’s worth for every gallon:

Here at the Kinder Morgan Pipeline where I work in San Jose , CA we deliver about 4 million gallons in a 24-hour period thru the pipeline. One day is diesel the next day is jet fuel, and gasoline, regular and premium grades. We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons.

**1** Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role.

**2** A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

**3** When you’re filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. You should be pumping on low mode, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you’re getting less worth for your money.

**4** One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL. The reason for this is the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.

**5** Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up; most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

**6** Note: If the pump repeatedly shuts off early, it could be a sign of a problem with the vapor recovery system, such as a clogged carbon canister.” Copied from Social Media.

**Morrissey’s Mobile Office Sets July Stops for North Central West Virginia**

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with north central West Virginia residents in July to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

“These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep

personal information safe and secure.”

Pam Krushansky, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

July 21: 11 a.m. to noon – Tucker County Senior Center, 217 Senior Lane, Parsons

July 27: Noon to 1:30 p.m. – Flanagan Hill Community Center, RT 72, Red Creek

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Pam Krushansky at 304-741-5834.

**Super Crossword** **THREE OF A...**

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 22 Court claim  
 23 THREE OF A KIND  
 26 Himalayan hoax subject  
 27 — Lodge (motel chain)  
 28 British title  
 29 Yoko who appeared in “Let It Be”  
 31 Op. — (footnote abbr.)  
 32 THREE OF A FIND  
 39 — awkward position  
 40 Broadcast  
 41 Severe spasm  
 42 Chicken, e.g.  
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 83 Like boys  
 84 Certain granola snack  
 85 THREE OF A WIND  
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 92 “Silas Marner” novelist  
 93 On the cutting edge of art, informally

94 Fluids in blood  
 95 Car part on a wheel, to Brits  
 96 Airport town on Long Island’s South Shore  
 98 Bite gently  
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 103 THREE OF A MIND  
 110 In the past  
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 113 Slight ridge on a surface  
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 125 Under sail  
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 8 Expository piece  
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 16 Concerned with voting  
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 80 Plato’s pupil  
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Puzzle answers page 3

**WATERMELON SALAD**

**Ingredients:**

- 3 pounds seedless watermelon (about 1 small or 1/4 large), rind removed, cut into 1-inch chunks (about 2 pounds/1kg chunks after rind is discarded)
- 1 tablespoon juice from 1 lemon, plus 4 (2-inch) strips zest, removed with a sharp vegetable peeler
- 1/4 cup roughly chopped fresh mint leaves
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- Up to 4 ounces (1 quart) arugula leaves (optional; see note)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 ounces feta cheese (see note)

**Directions:**

1. Place watermelon chunks in a large bowl. Finely chop lemon zest. Add lemon juice and half of zest to bowl

with watermelon. Add mint, oil, and arugula (if using) and toss until watermelon is evenly dressed. Season lightly to taste with salt and pepper. (The cheese will add saltiness, so go light on the salt at this stage.)  
 2. Transfer salad to a wide, shallow bowl or a large plate and spread out evenly. Crumble feta over the top. Sprinkle with remaining lemon zest. Drizzle with more olive oil and a few grinds of black pepper. Serve immediately.

**Notes**

This dish greatly depends on the quality of the feta. If you have options at your supermarket, look for true Greek or Bulgarian sheep’s-milk feta, which tends to be creamier and tangier than domestic cow’s-milk versions. To make this salad more substantial, add arugula.

**What’s? Happening**

**CAKE WALK**

The Leadmine Community Emergency Response Team-CERT, will be sponsoring a Cake Walk (with other baked items), Cup Cakes, Cookies, Brownies, and Home Made Fudge, at the Thomas Volunteer Fire Department on Friday, July 1, starts at 5:00 p.m.

to share a donation will be available. The public is welcome to attend.

**4th of July Celebration**

Maple Springs Church will host the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community picnic on Monday, July 4 in their picnic pavilion beginning at 6 p.m. Meats and drinks will be provided and we ask that each family bring one or two side dishes to share. Plans are to have some yard games for children and youth to participate in. The Mt. Lions Club will offer a free ice cream treat in Eglon that evening before the annual Fire Works Display at dark, provided by Crimson Shamrock on the hill above Eglon.

**A Bontrager Family Singer’s Concert**

Maple Springs church will host the Bontrager Family Singers from Iowa in concert on Thursday, July 7 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center facility. This is free to everyone, but opportunity

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

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**Weather Totals**

June 7 - June 14

Nursery Bottom  
 Parsons

**TEMPERATURE**

Max 89° F  
 Min 50° F

**PRECIPITATION**

Week 1.46”  
 June 2.20”  
 2022 24.23”

**SNOWFALL**

Snow on Ground 0”  
 Winter Total 36”

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and beyond) could range from \$15.6M to \$19.5M. Coupled with the necessary pump stations, site development, decommissioning of existing facilities, and effluent line (together estimated at \$10.4M to \$13.0M) the total project cost for this centralized treatment facility to become operational could range from \$26M to \$32.5M. However, even if aggressively pursued, it is unlikely a centralized WWTP could be in operation prior to a 5-year timeline.

Therefore, for a centralized WWTP to become operational prior to the existing facilities' capacities are again outstripped (following the recommended short-term measures to gain capacity), the planning and design of a centralized facility would need to begin immediately and at an accelerated pace, in parallel with the implementation of the recommended short-term improvements at the existing facilities.

The development of a centralized WWTP would likely also require the formation of a new public utility."

Tomson said, "POTESTA did a fantastic job with the study. They talked to all the organizations that were involved. They worked with the DEP. They worked with everybody to come up with a recommendation plan going forward. The forward plan really has some granularly recommendations, but it does not have the final solutions because again it goes back to the PSD. The PSD must work those final solutions. The feasibility study puts recommendations forward to say we want to move in this direction."

Commissioners Lowell Moore and Mike Rosenau voted yes to approve the consideration to form the new PSD. This is the one of the many steps needed to get grant funding and as they say, "Get the ball rolling" on this project. Tomson said, "As you hear of so many entities having

troubles with their storm water sewer treatment that is why we have said collectively we are a lot stronger. There is economy upscale. There are all kinds of benefits from working together as opposed to trying to do our own."

Rosenau agreed and said, "I personally would rather see the communities working together than each trying to get one in their area. It is going to be cheaper for everybody. So, I appalled you for working together in that direction. The bottom line for me is to vote yes on a collective PSD. The ultimate is the tax payer, but I have been assured by Shane (Shane Whitehair, Executive Director at Region VII Planning and Development Council) that there are monies out there available to build this facility. A major part of it but the come back to the person that is paying the sewage bill is what I am concerned about."

Rosenau then asked when the entities would have an idea of the cost

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would be to the customers. Tomson said that the PSD would be doing an analysis, a study, the logistics and procuring the funding. Tomson, Flanagan, and Leyh will be talking with Secretary of Commerce, Ed Gaunch, next week to about funding for sewer related issues. Gaunch has spoken to the group on several occasions and supports them on the project.

The full study and recommendations can be found at Wastewater Feasibility Study – Tucker County Development Authority (tuckerwv.com) online.

**Send us Letters and  
Come visit us at 219 Central Ave,  
PARSONS**

## LEGAL

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES**  
To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following decedents' estates:  
**DAVID BURR CURRENCE**  
Kay F. Flanagan, Administrator  
**REED F. STANTON**

First United Bank & Trust, Administrator, CTA  
The Final Settlements and/or Waivers of Final Settlement in the above captioned estates have been presented before me by the respective Fiduciaries of said estates for approval, which reports were retained in my office at 14 S. Randolph Ave., Elkins, West Virginia.

I have approved these reports of Settlement as presented and will file the same with the Honorable County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, on or after June 23, 2022

Any person having any interest in said estate may appear before the Honorable County Commission to protect their interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interest.

Given under my hand June 13, 2022.

/s/ John J. Wallace, IV  
John J. Wallace, IV  
Fiduciary Commissioner  
Tucker County, West Virginia

## LEGAL

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN OF DAVIS SEWER RATE ORDINANCE

A public hearing will be held on July 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. on the following ordinance. Any person interested may appear before the Town Council of the Town of Davis (the "Town") at the Town Hall, Council Chambers, 505 William Avenue, Davis, West Virginia, and present any comment or protest thereto. Following such public hearing, Town Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper. The proposed sewer rate ordinance may be inspected by the public at the Office of the Recorder in the Town Hall, 505 William Avenue, Davis, West Virginia during regular office hours.

### PHASE 1 (Effective 45 Days After Enactment) SCHEDULE NO. 1

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable within the entire territory served.

**AVAILABILITY**

Available for general domestic and commercial sewer service.

**RATES** (Based upon the metered amount of water supplied)

\$8.13 per 1,000 gallons used per month.

**MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE**

The minimum monthly charge to any use of the sewerage system shall be \$24.39 (0 to 3,000 gallons).

**MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY**

Apartment buildings and other multiple-occupancy buildings shall be required to pay not less than the minimum monthly charge for each unit, multiplied by the number of units in such building at the time the meter is read or the actual charge for the sewer used, whichever is greater.

Hotels and motels shall pay according to the amount of sewer used.

House trailer courts (including mobile and immobile units) served through a single meter shall be required to pay the minimum charge per month multiplied by the number of units on site at the time the meter is read or the actual charge for the sewer used, whichever is greater.

House trailers, either mobile or immobile, located on sites other than a park or court, shall be billed in the same manner as any other family or business unit.

**LATE PAYMENT PENALTY CHARGE**

The above rates and charges are net. A 10% penalty shall be added to all charges not paid within 15 days from the date of the billing. This late payment is not interest and is only to be collected once for each bill where it is appropriate.

**LEAK ADJUSTMENT**

An incremental charge of \$0.75 per 1,000 gallons shall be charged for usage if the leak is eligible under the (i) Public Service Commission's rules for leaks on the customer's side of the meter, and (ii) utility's leak adjustment policy.

**CONNECTION CHARGE (STANDARD)**

There shall be charged a connection fee of \$450.00 for each connection into the sewerage system.

If road crossing is involved, the connection fee of \$700.00 shall be charged.

**SECURITY DEPOSIT**

Not to exceed two-twelfths (2/12) of the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class, or fifty dollars (\$50.00), whichever is greater. This fee may be changed by applicable statutory provisions.

**RECONNECT CHARGES**

\$10.00 Reconnect (turn off - customer request).

\$25.00 Reconnect (turn off - delinquent bill, violations of rules, or fraudulent use of water).

Water service shall not be restored until all amounts in arrears, including penalties, have been paid.

**RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the utility or a maximum of \$35.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by their bank due to insufficient funds.

### PHASE 2 (Effective July 1, 2023)

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable within the entire territory served.

**AVAILABILITY**

Available for general domestic and commercial sewer service.

**RATES** (Based upon the metered amount of water supplied)

\$11.66 per 1,000 gallons used per month.

**MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE**

The minimum monthly charge to any use of the sewerage system shall be \$34.98 (0 to 3,000 gallons).

**MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY**

Apartment buildings and other multiple-occupancy buildings shall be required to pay not less than the minimum monthly charge for each unit, multiplied by the number of units in such building at the time the meter is read or the actual charge for the sewer used, whichever is greater.

Hotels and motels shall pay according to the amount of sewer used.

House trailer courts (including mobile and immobile units) served through a single meter shall be required to pay the minimum charge per month multiplied by the number of units on site at the time the meter is read or the actual charge for the sewer used, whichever is greater.

House trailers, either mobile or immobile, located on sites other than a park or court, shall be billed in the same manner as any other family or business unit.

**LATE PAYMENT PENALTY CHARGE**

The above rates and charges are net. A 10% penalty shall be added to all charges not paid within 15 days from the date of the billing. This late payment is not interest and is only to be collected once for each bill where it is appropriate.

**LEAK ADJUSTMENT**

An incremental charge of \$0.75 per 1,000 gallons shall be charged for usage if the leak is eligible under the (i) Public Service Commission's rules for leaks on the customer's side of the meter, and (ii) utility's leak adjustment policy.

**CONNECTION CHARGE (STANDARD)**

There shall be charged a connection fee of \$450.00 for each connection into the sewerage system.

If road crossing is involved, the connection fee of \$700.00 shall be charged.

**SECURITY DEPOSIT**

Not to exceed two-twelfths (2/12) of the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class, or fifty dollars (\$50.00), whichever is greater. This fee may be changed by applicable statutory provisions.

**RECONNECT CHARGES**

\$10.00 Reconnect (turn off - customer request).

\$25.00 Reconnect (turn off - delinquent bill, violations of rules, or fraudulent use of water).

Water service shall not be restored until all amounts in arrears, including penalties, have been paid.

**RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the utility or a maximum of \$35.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by their bank due to insufficient funds.

### PHASE 3 (Effective July 1, 2024) SCHEDULE NO. 1

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable within the entire territory served.

**AVAILABILITY**

Available for general domestic and commercial sewer service.

**RATES** (Based upon the metered amount of water supplied)

\$15.58 per 1,000 gallons used per month.

**MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE**

The minimum monthly charge to any use of the sewerage system shall be \$46.74 (0 to 3,000 gallons).

**MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY**

Apartment buildings and other multiple-occupancy buildings shall be required to pay not less than the minimum monthly charge for each unit, multiplied by the number of units in such building at the time the meter is read or the actual charge for the sewer used, whichever is greater.

Hotels and motels shall pay according to the amount of sewer used.

House trailer courts (including mobile and immobile units) served through a single meter shall be required to pay the minimum charge per month multiplied by the number of units on site at the time the meter is read or the actual charge for the sewer used, whichever is greater.

House trailers, either mobile or immobile, located on sites other than a park or court, shall be billed in the same manner as any other family or business unit.

**LATE PAYMENT PENALTY CHARGE**

The above rates and charges are net. A 10% penalty shall be added to all charges not paid within 15 days from the date of the billing. This late payment is not interest and is only to be collected once for each bill where it is appropriate.

**LEAK ADJUSTMENT**

An incremental charge of \$0.75 per 1,000 gallons shall be charged for usage if the leak is eligible under the (i) Public Service Commission's rules for leaks on the customer's side of the meter, and (ii) utility's leak adjustment policy.

**CONNECTION CHARGE (STANDARD)**

There shall be charged a connection fee of \$450.00 for each connection into the sewerage system.

If road crossing is involved, the connection fee of \$700.00 shall be charged.

**SECURITY DEPOSIT**

Not to exceed two-twelfths (2/12) of the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class, or fifty dollars (\$50.00), whichever is greater. This fee may be changed by applicable statutory provisions.

**RECONNECT CHARGES**

\$10.00 Reconnect (turn off - customer request).

\$25.00 Reconnect (turn off - delinquent bill, violations of rules, or fraudulent use of water).

Water service shall not be restored until all amounts in arrears, including penalties, have been paid.

**RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the utility or a maximum of \$35.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by their bank due to insufficient funds.

## LEGAL

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF PARSONS, TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA WATER SERVICE CUSTOMERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, a municipal corporation, will hold a hearing before the final vote on a proposed Ordinance, the principal object of which is the increase of water rates for customers of the water system operated by the City of Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia.

The City of Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia is proposing the following Ordinance:

### ARTICLE 936 WATER TARIFF

#### CITY OF PARSONS, TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA WATER SYSTEM AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PARSONS.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARSONS HEREBY ORDAINS:** The following rules, rates, and charges are hereby fixed, determined, and established for municipal water service provided to all users of the City of Parsons Municipal Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System, commencing upon the effective date as hereinafter provided, and in accordance with the following rates and schedules.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Rules and Regulations for the Government Of Water Utilities, adopted by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and now in effect and all amendments thereto and modifications thereof hereafter made by said Commission.

**SECTION 936.01 - WATER RATE SCHEDULES**

(a) Schedule (effective 45 days from passage)

(1) Applicability

Applicable to all residential, commercial, and industrial users in the entire area served.

(2) Availability of Service

Available for water service

(3) Rates

GALLONS USED PER MONTH	PER 1,000 GALLONS
First 2,000	\$14.74
Next 3,000	\$12.82
Next 5,000	\$11.34
Next 10,000	\$8.95
Next 30,000	\$6.94
All Over 50,000	\$4.86

(4) Minimum Charges

METER SIZE	AMOUNT
5/8"	\$29.48
1"	\$55.00
2"	\$165.00

(5) Security Deposit

An initial security deposit for new service will be required equal to one-twelfth of the annual estimated charge for residential service (based on 4,000 gallons or \$55.12) or one-sixth of the annual estimated charge for all other service.

(6) Delayed Payment Penalty

A 10% penalty shall be added to all charges not paid within 20 days from the date of the billing. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to only be collected once for each bill where it is applicable.

(7) Connection Charge

Charge of \$600 or actual cost of installation, including materials and labor, whichever is greater.

(8) Reconnection Charge

Charge of \$25.00.

(9) Returned Check Charge

A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the city or a maximum of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by their bank due to insufficient funds.

(10) Leak Adjustment

Charge of \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual Consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

**SECTION 936.02 - EFFECTIVE DATE**

The rates, charges, and penalties provided herein shall become effective forty-five (45) days from the date of passage as provided herein, Of as soon thereafter as the same may be approved by the Public Service Commission Of West Virginia.

**SECTION 936.03 - SEVERABILITY: REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any clause, provision or section hereof shall be held void or unenforceable by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia or any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance. Upon the effective date hereof, all ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflicts, hereby repealed, and to the extent that the provisions of this Ordinance do not touch upon the provisions of prior ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 936.04 - STATUTORY NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Upon introduction hereof, the City shall cause to be published a copy of this Ordinance once a week for (2) successive weeks within a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days, with at least six (6) days between each publication, in The Parsons Advocate, a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the City of Parsons, and said notice shall state that this Ordinance has been introduced, and that any person interested may appear before City Council on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (EST), which date is not less than ten (10) days after the date of the first publication of the Ordinance and notice, and present any comment or protest thereto, following which hearing, Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the Parsons Business Office, located at 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EDT), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING**

First Reading	June 7, 2022
Second Reading	June 21, 2022
Third Reading and Public Hearing	July 5, 2022

**CITY OF PARSONS, a municipal corporation,**

ATTEST: SIGNED:

Bruce A. Kolsun, Recorder

Dorothy L. Judy, Mayor

The final vote on adoption of said Ordinance shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. (EST). Interested parties may appear and be heard at such time with respect to the passage of the proposed Ordinance. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the City of Parsons Business Office, located at 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, except holidays. The said Ordinance may be materially amended at said meeting.

If adopted, said rates, fees, and charges will become effective forty-five (45) days from the date of its passage, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

City of Parsons, a municipal corporation, by  
Dorothy L. Judy, Mayor

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## LEGAL

I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Ronald McDonald	Dorothy Phillips
1st publication 6/29/22	946 Grass Lick Rd
2nd publication 7/6/22	Montrose, WV 26283

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

## LEGAL

I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
William G. Stevens	Kathleen E. Stevens
1st publication 6/22/22	333 Riverbend Estates Rd.
2nd publication 6/29/22	Parsons, WV 26287
Jeanie L. Burns	Delvin R. Burns
1st publication 6/22/22	1208 Homewood St.
2nd publication 6/29/22	Parsons, WV 26287
Mark Bright	James Patrick Bright
1st publication 6/22/22	291 Hickory Orchard Rd.
2nd publication 6/29/22	Parsons, WV 26287
Philip Wimer	Curtis Wimer
1st publication 6/22/22	129 Pennsylvania Ave.
2nd publication 6/29/22	Parsons, WV 26287
Daniel E. Lipscomb	Norma J. Pennington
1st publication 6/22/22	380 Pennington Trailer Court
2nd publication 6/29/22	Hambleton, WV 26269
John Junior Davis	William R. Davis
1st publication 6/22/22	639 Wolf Run Rd.
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	And
	John S. Davis
	1210 Wolf Run Rd.
	Hambleton, WV 26269

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

## LEGAL

### ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Keystone Coal Reserves LLC, 335 W Main Street, Ligonier, PA 15658-1131, has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 136 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number S200710 to operate a coal surface mine in the Brush Creek and Upper Freeport seams of coal.

The operation is discharging into Beaver Creek of Blackwater River of Cheat River of Monongahela River located 5.0 miles northeast of Davis in Davis District of Tucker County, Longitude 79° 23' 45" and Latitude 39° 10' 45" (coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by: Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership, 5260 Irwin Road, Huntington, WV 25705, and the mineral associated herewith is owned by: Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership, 5260 Irwin Road, Huntington, WV 25705, and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by: Laurel Run Mining Company, c/o Consol Energy Tax Dept., 1000 Consol Energy Drive, Suite 100, Canonsburg, PA 15317. Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by: Virginia Electric and Power Company, Property Tax Dept., PO Box 27026, Richmond, VA 23261.

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until August 12, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until August 12, 2022, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

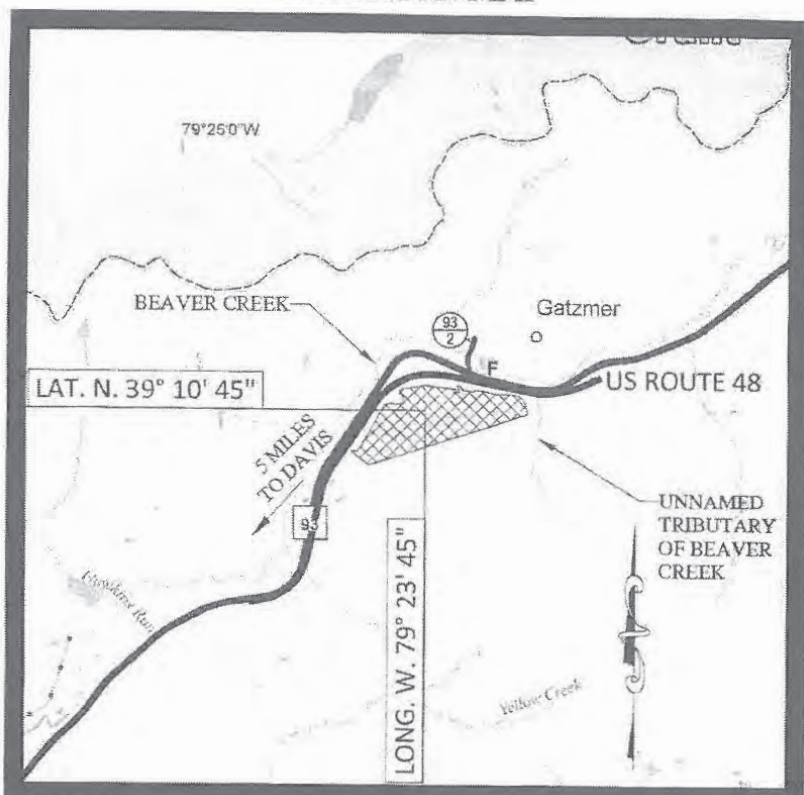
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DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219

Permit No. S200710

### LOCATION MAP



SCALE: 1" = 1 MILE  
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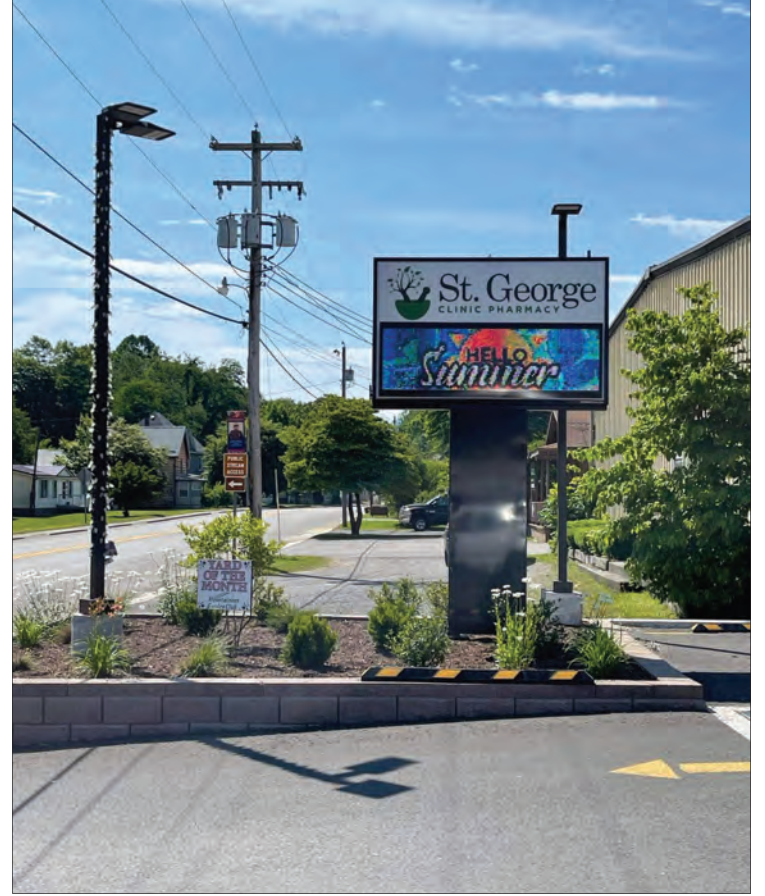
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# Yard of the Month



Linda Goss received the June 2022 Yard of the Month award from the Mountaineer Garden Club for her garden design that enhances her small lot. The Yucca plants blooming beside the post and rail fence in one corner while day lilies and knock out roses showcase the porch area. makes for the perfect space to while away a summer afternoon.



St. George Pharmacy was selected as June Business Yard of the month with various greenery such as boxwood, Liriope and dashes of color with Shasta which presents a welcoming entrance.

## New OB/GYN joins DMC practice team

Elkins, WV - Davis Health System welcomes Dr. Richard Enchill, MD, OB/GYN to Women's HealthCare in Elkins. Dr. Enchill comes to Elkins from Appalachian Healthcare in Kentucky where he spent the past eleven years in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Enchill received his degree in Medicine from A M Dogliotti College of Medicine in Liberia before moving on to hold the position of Medical Officer at JFK Medical Center in Monrovia, Liberia and Medical Superintendent in Central Regional Hospital-Ministry of Health in Cape Coast, Ghana, where he conducted general medical practices. He later completed his residency at Howard University Hospital in Washington, DC, where he gained extensive experience and specialist training in obstetrics and gynecology.

He is board-certified and a member of the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

"Dr. Enchill is a caring physician with many years of experience who will provide exceptional care to our patients," said Catherine Chua, DO, DHS Chief Medical Officer. "He brings all facets of obstetrics and gynecology care and is a much



welcomed addition to our busy women's health center."

Dr. Enchill's OB/GYN services include gynecological surgery, maternity care, annual female wellness visits, and in-office evaluation and treatment of conditions such as endometriosis, pelvic pain, menopause, ovarian cysts, prolapse, and others.

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## Final plans announced for Mountaineer Day

**THE MOUNTAINEER DAYS COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF THOMAS AND THE THOMAS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FINAL PLANS FOR MOUNTAINEER DAYS.**



A favorite of adults and children, the Mountaineer Days Parade is making its appearance again. Line-up starts at 11 a.m. and the parade begins at noon.

The Independence weekend activities kick off at 5 p.m. Friday, July 1 with a Block Party at Thomas Volunteer Fire Department. There will be music, food and plenty of fun for the entire family.

The festivities on Saturday, July 2 begin early as the Tucker County Young Life will once again sponsor a 5K Run/2K Walk Race. Racers can register at the event or online, <https://www.facebook.com/Mountaineer-Days-5K-Run-2k-walk>. The cost

is \$20 for pre-registration and \$30 the day of the event. Registration is from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. with the race starting at 8 a.m. at the Thomas Fire Hall.

The popular vendor area and craft displays open at 10 a.m. along the railroad grade in Thomas. With more than 30 vendors residents and visitors will enjoy sampling the food and exploring crafts.

The annual "patriotic bicycle decorating and pet contest" begins at 11 a.m. in the

old Miners & Merchants bank lot. Sponsored and hosted by ThomasYard, kids are invited to decorate their bikes and pets for the chance to win prizes.

New this year is The Split Shifters Car Club Show. This event begins at 11 a.m. in the field next to the Thomas Community Center on Jacob Pase Street. Registration is from 9 to 11 a.m. There will be a Chinese auction and a 50/50 raffle in addition to trophies being awarded to the best of show.

The Mountaineer Days Parade is making its appearance again after a two-year hiatus. Line-up starts at 11 a.m. at the Division of Highways garage. Fire Trucks will line up on Quail Ridge Drive. The parade begins at noon.

Following the parade, the county's largest cakewalk sponsored by the Mountaineer Humane Society begins at 1 p.m. in the old Miners & Merchants bank lot. The nonprofit group is seeking donations for this popular event.

"We would appreciate any baked good donations, homemade or bought, and participants for the cakewalk," said Karen Linton, one of the event's key organizers. "All proceeds from the cakewalk will go to our Run For It team, The Cruisin' Critters, which then supports the spay and neuter voucher program."

Musical entertainment begins at 11 a.m. with Trevor Reichman taking the stage in the old Miners & Merchants bank lot. He will be followed by Heather Hannah & Company playing at 2:30 p.m., Jason Good Blues Band at 4 p.m. and Jakob's Ferry Stragglers performing at 5:30 p.m.

49 Winchester, the event's headliner, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. This Russell County, Va. band has a unique brand of tear-in-your-beer alt-country, sticky bar-room floor rock-n-roll, and high-octane Appalachian folk.

The grand finale of the evening will be the 65th year of fireworks sponsored by the Thomas Volunteer Fire Department. Each year the fireworks are put on with the donations received from the public as well as through roadblocks on the day of the event and door-to-door fundraising efforts. This year's show will last about 45 minutes.

The pancake breakfast sponsored by the Thomas Volunteer Fire Department will close the Mountaineer Days weekend activities. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to noon at the Thomas Fire Hall.

Mountaineer Days is made possible by the following sponsors: St. George Medical Clinic, Western Pocahontas-Natural Resource Partners, Tucker County Parks & Recreation, Sirianni's, City of Thomas, Sunrise Sanitation, Mettiki Coal, Best of Canaan, Miners & Merchants, United Financial, Grant County Bank, Still Hollow Distillery, Fulton Properties, Stevens Realty, Ella & Company, Flanco, Davis Shop'n Save, and Mountain State Brewery. The Mountaineer Days Committee also appreciates the support of the Thomas Parks & Recreation, Tucker Community Foundation, and the city employees.

"The city of Thomas and the local businesses are excited to support this popular event with food and craft vendors along the railroad grade, hours of live music filling the air until thousands of families, friends and visitors packed into our tiny town," said city councilmember Erika Smith. "We look forward to hosting a wonderful and memorable homecoming for residents and visitors."

### Thomas Volunteer Fire Department will once again light up the sky over Thomas



On July 2, 2022 Thomas Volunteer Fire Department will present their annual 4th of July fireworks show.

What began in 1957 by members of the Department it continues to be a non-profit public service project. The display is an annual Thomas tradition.

The display has grown into one of the largest and most spectacular displays in the area. It is not only enjoyed by our local residents but countless visitors as well.

The display is funded by donations from the general public through a house-to-house collection throughout Thomas and surrounding area and roadblocks set up on the night of the display, mail in donations and by funds provided by the Tucker County P&R Commission.

The display is totally self-sufficient, meaning donations collected this year funds next year's show. Whatever is collected pays for the following years display. Absolutely no Fire Department funds are used.

The actual firing of the display is conducted by members of the Department in strict compliance with State and Federal laws and guidelines.

As in the past TVFD has honored the memory of past and present members who have passed away since the last Display, with the firing of the first shot. This year we will honor the memory of one of our past members Terry "Ted" Helmick, who passed away on July 17, 2021. Ted was an active member of the Department in the 1970s throughout the 1980s he held the offices of Lieutenant and Captain, he also served on the fireworks display team for many years.

In closing the Members of the Thomas Volunteer Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have supported this Department throughout the years and would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July



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# Trevor Reichman opens Mountaineer Days

With the social commentaries of Utah Phillips, the charm and wit of Mark Twain and the resonating baritone voice of Johnny Cash, Trevor Reichman will kick off the 2022 Mountaineer Days entertainment line-up.

He will perform at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 2 in the old bank parking lot in downtown Thomas.

“While I love to listen to all kinds of music, for my creations, I focus on the craft of song, and my output tends to be lyric and melody centric,” Reichman said. “I enjoy the blending of words into new constructs and contexts. I use the mediums of words and melody as a tool to tackle a wide range of both modern and age-old subjects and try to inject a bit of humor into some of the anxiety that can sometimes be a result of these subjects.

“I attempt to offset the dark with the light, the minor with the major, and at times will weave in some songs from other artists that I am inspired by.”

Some of his songs are light and quirky, such as “The Story of the Giant,” which is the giant’s version of what happened in Jack and the Beanstalk, or “Bulawayo,” which is about the time he lost his favorite hat in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Some songs are bold and heavy, such as “The Voice of Johnny Cash,”



written from the point of view of a prisoner in Folsom Prison whose last hurrah was a Johnny Cash concert. Or “Dayjob”, about working behind a computer in a 40-hour-a-week job during the one sunny day of the winter in Portland, Ore.

Other songs are comedic, such as “The Dollar Store Bible,” which is a song about how a \$4.99 bible from the dollar store saves his life one day, but not in the way that you might think.

Over the years, Reichman hasn’t

had the space and time to record the many songs written. Now, he is taking time to do that in his studio appropriately called, “Space & Time.”

“At times, music is a full-time livelihood for me,” Reichman said. “At other times, I pause to give attention to other passions, such as natural building, off-grid living, home restoration, and community projects.”

For more information about Reichman or to listen to some of his songs, visit [trevorreichman.com](http://trevorreichman.com).

# Mountaineer Days Events

## FRIDAY, JULY 1

- » 5 p.m.: Block Party - Thomas Fire Hall
- » Sponsored by Thomas Volunteer Fire Department

## SATURDAY, JULY 2

- » 6:30 – 7:30 a.m.: 5K Run/2K Walk Race  
Registration – Thomas Fire Hall. Racers can also register early online, [www.facebook.com/Mountaineer-Days-5K-Run-2k-walk](http://www.facebook.com/Mountaineer-Days-5K-Run-2k-walk)  
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- » 8 a.m.: Start of the 5K Run/2K Walk Race – Thomas Fire Hall  
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- » 10 a.m.: Craft and vendor booths open – Thomas railroad grade
- » 11 a.m.: Split Shifter’s Classic Car Club Show – Thomas Community Center field
- » 11 a.m.: Patriotic Pet Contest and a Patriotic Bicycle Decorating Contest – Old bank parking lot, downtown Thomas  
Sponsored by Thomas Yard
- » 11 a.m.: Trevor Reichman – Old bank parking lot, downtown Thomas
- » Noon: Mountaineer Days Parade – Begins in front of Kidwell Auto Parts and goes through downtown Thomas
- » 1:00 p.m.: Cakewalk – Old bank parking lot, downtown Thomas  
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- » 2:30 p.m.: Heather Hannah & Company – Old bank parking lot, downtown Thomas
- » 4 p.m.: Jason Good Blues Band – Old bank parking lot, downtown Thomas
- » 5:30 p.m.: Jakob’s Ferry Stragglers – Old bank parking lot, downtown Thomas
- » 7:30 p.m.: 49 Winchester – Old bank parking lot, downtown Thomas  
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- » Dark: Fireworks - Sponsored by Thomas Volunteer Fire Department

## SUNDAY, JULY 3

- » 8 a.m. – Noon: Pancake Breakfast - Thomas Fire Hall  
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For more information, visit the Mountaineer Days Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/mountaineerdaysstomaswv>), the website, [www.wvmountaineerdays.com](http://www.wvmountaineerdays.com) or email, [wvmountaineerdays@gmail.com](mailto:wvmountaineerdays@gmail.com)

# Safety first when handling fireworks

Days at the beach. Family trips to the ice cream parlor. Vacations. These are just a few of the things that evoke the spirit of summer, a time of year when school is out and everyone seems to exhale a little and enjoy the warm weather.

Awe-inspiring fireworks displays also come to mind when imagining summer. Whether it’s the Fourth of July or town gatherings along a local waterfront, fireworks displays are a big part of many people’s summers. Unfortunately, the potential for accidents and injuries is high when fireworks are involved, particularly when displays aren’t left to the professionals.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission notes that, on average, 280 people per day visit emergency rooms with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday. More than 53 percent of fireworks-related injuries in 2017 were burns.

Fireworks are always best left to the professionals, and many communities have criminalized the use of fireworks by amateurs. But many people still light fireworks, and those that do should follow these safety precautions.

- Never let kids handle fireworks. Fireworks, even sparklers, should never be given to children. The National SAFE KIDS campaign notes that sparklers burn at 2,000 F,



which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns. So while they might seem like harmless symbols of summer, sparklers pose a significant threat to youngsters.

- Follow directions. Fireworks come with detailed directions for a reason, and that’s to keep users safe. Strictly adhere to these directions and go over them with anyone who intends to light fireworks.

- Never use fireworks indoors. Fireworks are for outdoor use only. If it rains, do not try to light fireworks indoors and then throw them outside before they go off.

- Make sure spectators keep a safe distance. Do not light fireworks until all spectators are out of range should something go awry.

- Recognize that fireworks are not

toys. They might be a marvel, but fireworks are not toys. As a result, they should never be aimed or thrown at another person, nor should they be lit or launched from a body part.

- Do not attempt to reignite malfunctioning fireworks. Attempting to reignite malfunctioning fireworks can lead to serious injury.

- Light fireworks on smooth, flat surfaces. When lighting fireworks, do so only on smooth, flat surfaces, making sure to direct them away from people, homes, dry leaves, and flammable materials.

Fireworks are best left to the professionals. Consumers who insist on lighting their own should only do so with the utmost caution.

Mountaineer Days and the 4th of July Celebrations throughout Tucker County present an opportunity for both young and old to enjoy themselves and each other.

Special thanks to all who are responsible for and work so hard to make the Mountaineer Days Celebration an enjoyable event.

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# Heather Hannah & Company to perform at Mountaineer Days



Mountaineer Days has always held a special place in Heather Hannah's heart, and she feels fortunate and blessed to be a part of this year's July 4th celebration in Thomas.

"This place has given me a sense of place and belonging," Hannah said about Tucker County. "Being able to give back and say thank you to a community that has given me so much is a tremendous honor."

Heather Hannah & Company will take the stage at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 2 in the old bank parking lot in downtown Thomas for Mountaineer Days. She will be joined onstage by Josh Stevens on cello and her brothers, Jacob and Josiah, playing the guitar and banjo.

Mountaineer Days is a homecoming for many local individuals and families.

"It is truly a celebration of home and that is the theme of so many of the songs I write," Hannah said. "It is a special thing to share with people what a home looks like to me during this year's celebration."

Being a fourth-generation harmony singer, Hannah grew up singing gospel songs with her family while her father delivered the message. She also grew up listening to old-time and bluegrass music, such as Doc Watson and Tony Rice.

"While you have the music you were born into, you have the music that grows with you," Hannah said. "The majority of songs I write are written here on the mountain in Tucker County, which makes them mountain music by

the very definition."

For Hannah, the songwriting process is very intimate and personal. It is usually done in the early morning hours.

"I've never figured out how not to write a true song," Hannah said with a smile. "I figured I never have the business of writing about something I had not lived. It means you have to be brave enough to tell the truth about what has happened to you in a first-person narrative."

"It is one of the most rewarding things for me as a songwriter and a musician. Sometimes people will come up to me after a show and say, 'Hey, I thought I was alone until I heard that song, or I've lived that song.'"

A found guitar helped define her future, even though she didn't know how to play it at the time.

"I was able to process, unpack and heal with the guitar," Hannah said. "Once that healing happened, I was able to move into realms of joy and celebrations and love and have music as a conduit and a voice."

"Music is how I found my people. Some of the people I'll be playing with for Mountaineer Days have been friends of mine from my first day in Tucker County."

She is excited to play in the place she has called home for the past 17 years.

"I never thought that I would get to participate in Mountaineer Days unless I was taking over as the next Elvis impersonator. Which I was fully prepared to do," Hannah said with a laugh.

## Fourth of July party tips

More than 332 million people live in the United States, according to the most recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau. There's a good chance that, come July 4th, a considerable number of those individuals will be hosting or attending parties to celebrate American independence. This year those planning on a July 4th fête can consider these tips as they prepare to celebrate with family and friends.

### Borrow a second grill.

Those tasked with grilling often find themselves standing there for hours over hot flames. Cut down on time at the grill by adding an extra cooking surface. That's easily achieved by having more than one grill going simultaneously. Cook fast-cooking items like hamburgers and hot dog on one grill, and reserve the other for sausages and chicken, which may need more time to reach safe levels of doneness.

### Lure insects away.

Bees are attracted to sweet smells, but wasps and hornets are drawn to meats. Put a saucer of very sweet soda and some chicken scraps in a far corner of your yard to attract yellow jackets and other stinging insects to that area, drawing their attention away from guests and their meals.

### Hire a lifeguard.

If your party will involve time spent in a pool, consider hiring a lifeguard or designate someone to observe pool activities. Party hosts may be distracted by other duties, and one can't count on guests to watch what is going on in the pool. For

safety's sake, a dedicated set of eyes on swimmers can prevent injuries and accidents.

### Give neighbors a heads-up.

Parties and barbecues on July 4th are largely expected, but you can offer a courtesy to neighbors by informing them of your plans, including the start time and proposed ending time. If you are close with neighbors, consider inviting them to participate.

### Skip the fireworks.

Even if fireworks are permitted where you live, it's best to avoid the potential safety hazards and leave fireworks displays to the professionals. Shooting off fireworks in neighborhoods causes debris to rain down on guests or land in pools, and it may even be ingested by pets or wildlife. Even sparklers can be dangerous, as they burn at 2,000 F. In fact, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission says sparklers account for around 60 percent of injuries

among children under five during summer festivities.

### Create a patriotic playlist.

Use your favorite music streaming service to curate a music list that features America-specific songs, songs about summer and general party tunes. Be sure the music is in the background and does not overpower the conversation.

## July 4th plans are heating up. When hosting a party or barbecue, keep it simple and safe.

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# Canaan Valley Resort to Host Windfest Weekend July 1-3

## Weekend events to feature kite building/flying & concert by Wheeling Symphony Orchestra

Davis, W.Va. (July 2022) - Featuring a weekend chock-full of outdoor adventure for the whole family in the highest mountain valley in the eastern U.S., to include children's kite building and massive kite flying demonstrations, live music - to include a performance by the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra - and guided hikes, Windfest Weekend at Canaan Valley Resort July 1-3 offers the perfect opportunity to celebrate the Independence Day holiday.

"Escape to the cooler mountain temperatures of Canaan Valley this Independence Day Weekend holiday where guests can experience Windfest, one of the most unique and popular events we offer," said Sam England, general manager for Canaan Valley Resort. "With a special slope-side, outdoor performance by the acclaimed Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, options for hiking, biking and relaxing by the pool, or taking in activities in the nearby towns of Davis and Thomas, guests have all they'll want for a special weekend getaway."

England noted the weekend kicks of Friday evening (July 1st) with the Mountain-side Music Series. The Jason Good Blues band will perform outdoors at the ski area and guests can also enjoy sunset chairlift rides into the night. A stargazing party with an introduction to telescopes will

be offered at the main lodge beginning at 9pm.

Kite building workshops, hosted by the New Era Kite Club, will be offered on both July 2nd and 3rd. Children and adults will learn how to design, build, and fly their own kite. The Club will also demo stunt kites, including a 115-foot cobra and the 150-foot Turbine.

On Sunday, July 3rd, guests can participate in a guided nature hike along the Blackwater River Trail. Enjoy excellent views of the upper Blackwater River and learn about the Northern Hardwood trees native to the area.

The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra will perform on the Bear Paw Plaza at the ski area later that day, at 3pm. Conductor John Gennaro Devlin is one of the nation's youngest music directors to lead a professional symphony orchestra and he is a sought-after guest conductor with major orchestras across the nation.

Throughout the weekend guests have access to the resort's outdoor pool, miles of hiking and biking trails, and an 18-hole championship golf course, among other amenities offered at the property.

For additional information, or to make reservations, contact the resort at 1-800-622-4121 or visit the website at [www.CanaanResort.com](http://www.CanaanResort.com).

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.

Kites of all shapes and sizes, like this extra-large Octopus kite, will be flown during Windfest Weekend at Canaan Valley Resort.



Canaan Valley Resort is owned by the state of West Virginia and managed by Sioux Falls, S.D.-based U.S. Hotels and Resort Management, Inc., which operates hotels, resorts, state park lodges, golf courses and restaurants in 13 states

throughout the West and Midwest. For more information, visit the website or call 1-800-622-4121. Travelers can connect with Canaan Valley Resort on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and by signing up for special email offers and a blog.

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## Jakob's Ferry Stragglers features old-time, bluegrass-style music

Hailing from the mountain towns of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland, The Jakob's Ferry Stragglers draw freely from Old-Time, Bluegrass, Rockabilly, and Swing music to create their brand of high-energy, Appalachian Bluegrass.

The group will take the stage at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 2 in the old bank parking lot in downtown Thomas to entertain Mountaineer Days attendees.

Gary Antol (guitar/vocals) and Libby Eddy (fiddle/vocals) founded the band in 2014 with a very simple goal: write good songs, honor the music, and take it to the road. Their music, described as heavy and traditional with stirring harmonies, powerful instrumentation, and progressive originality, has been experienced on festival stages including Delfest, Grey Fox, Delaware Valley Bluegrass Festival, Darrington Bluegrass Festival, and others across the country.

In 2015, the band released their debut album, *The Lane Change*, a collection of both original and traditional songs focusing

on journeys through personal relationships as well as life in the coal mining towns of central Appalachia. The album was well-received by fans and critics alike.

The summer of 2016 saw two major highlights for the band. In addition to playing The Emerging Artist Showcase at Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival, the band released its sophomore effort, *White Lightning Road*.

The title track, written by Fort Wayne, Ind. songwriter, Darren Hunt, follows the path of a moonshiner trying to survive in a dying coal town. The song's soaring vocals showcase Libby Eddy's uniquely Appalachian voice, steeped in the cultural traditions of her rural West Virginia upbringing, with the strength of a people ready to fight for survival.

Hunt also contributed to Ray Steven's inspired and instantly familiar, "Get Along Gone." WYEP FM Pittsburgh listed *White Lightning Road* as one of the top ten bluegrass albums of 2016. WYEP has also featured two of Antol's compositions on

their "Local 913" program: "The Legend of Gandy Grey" (*The Lane Change*) and "Smokestacks" (*White Lightning Road*).

In 2018, the band released their third studio effort, *Poison River*, recorded, mixed, and mastered by Will Shenk at National Media Services in Front Royal, Va. *Poison River* features original music written by Antol, Eddy, and mandolinist, Ray Bruckman. Along with the addition of Bruckman on the mandolin, the album features Jody Mosser, lending his soulful dobro playing to the sound. Appalachian Jamwich's review of the album called it "pure musical magic." The album's lead single "When the Redbud Blooms" received national airplay including a premier on Annette Grady's *The Bluegrass Jamboree*.

The Jakob's Ferry Stragglers released their first live album in the world, titled "The Straggle is Live" in 2020. Aptly named by an enamored fan, the album is a curation of the group's greatest hits and was recorded live at The Church Recording Studio by Dana Cannone.

"The Straggle is Live" started with an idea to capture the animated onstage energy of the band, in a controlled studio environment. It's not often that a recorded bluegrass album truly matches the sights and sounds of seeing the talent live in person. The team took this task to heart and has produced an outcome where the at-home listener can truly understand what it means to be at a live Jakob's Ferry Stragglers show.

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