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## Parsons Big Winner at Annual Uncle Sam's Birthday Party

By: Jennifer Britt  
The Parsons Advocate

This year annual Uncle Sam's Birthday Party was held at Bear Paw Lodge in Canaan Valley State Park with over 300 people in attendance. There were beautiful door prizes, three big-ticketed prizes, and cash prizes ranging from \$200 to \$5,000 this year. And on top of all of that every 25<sup>th</sup> ticket drew during the elimination received \$150.

Party Co-Chairman Donna Patrick's beloved husband, Tom Patrick, originally started the event. T. Patrick started the event as a way to raise money for the operating expenses for the Tucker Community Foundation. Since then, the foundation has grown and now raises funds for scholarships and grants.

Sponsors for the evening included Citizens Bank, Grant County Bank, Mountain Valley Bank and Canaan Resort.

During dinner, the announcement was made that by unanimous vote David Cooper will be the new Executive Director of the Tucker Community Foundation. Cooper who also served as emcee and "Uncle Sam" at the dinner said, "It is an honor to take on the role full-time."

Tickets to this year's event were sold for \$150 each and included two dinners and one chance to win

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Get Tuckered Packages winners Luke and Trish Bucher



Auction bid (\$1,800) and \$500 winners Skylar, Solena and Kelly Roberts (not pictured Fred Myers)



Uncle Sam's Outdoor Package winner Jasmin Everson



Greenbrier Resort Package winner Aaron Kahle



Beth Longo \$200 winner



\$5,000 Winner David Parsons



Uncle Sam, David Cooper and Co-Chairman Donna Patrick

## No More EMS Ordinance Fee for TC Residents

By: Jennifer Britt  
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During a special meeting held by the Tucker County Commission with the Ambulance Authority the vote to dismantle the EMS ordinance fee was two to one. Commissioners Fred Davis and Mike Rosenau voted yes to approve the dissolution of the ordinance fee and Commissioner Lowell Moore voted against it. This was not the answer the authority was wishing for and will now have to move forward with other options for finances.

Ambulance Authority, Dennis Filler, presented to the commission that with the funding the county would collected from the ordinance fee the EMS facility will have been able to run at the current level until June of 2023. This would have enabled the EMS to leave the \$217,296.95 currently in escrow for future equipment buys such as a new ambulance.

The ordinance fee being no longer in play the EMS crews will most likely go down to one crew. The state average for running a one crew operations is \$500,000 a year. In the upcoming fiscal year, the ambulance authority had budgeted for \$1,056,607.65 to run two crews based on the projected \$501,341.36 from patient revenue, \$152,343.60 cash on hand in operations account, \$100,000 from hotel/motel tax monies, \$40,745 from excess hotel/motel monies, \$110,000 from the

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## Town of Davis Moratorium Dissolved



Council members present during special meeting from left to right are Charlotte Wales, Mayor Al Tomson, Recorder Jenny Helmick, and John Felton. Attending by phone were Jeannette Ware, Ron Hollis and Kevin Flanagan.

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In August of 2021, the Town of Davis established a temporary moratorium on new short-term rental businesses. In the said moratorium Davis placed a temporary hold on all new Air B&Bs and short-term leases. The reasoning behind the moratorium was to give the town ample time to complete the legal framework for a comprehensive and balanced system of regulating short-term rentals within the Town in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare.

The resolution 08.25.2021 states, "The Town of Davis determined there was legitimate public interest in temporarily deferring new short-term rental businesses in order to avoid the potential impact of a loss of housing stock for year-round residents, which would be adverse to the general character of the community."

Mayor Al Tomson said, "If we let the moratorium lapse and we let the people who are on the waiting list start renting and any other people that come in the next six months we still probably will not be at the number of short-term rentals that we were targeting with our ordinance that we

have since abandoned.

From my perspective, we do not have to take legal action against anybody that might have during the moratorium. We do not have to keep people from being able to try to do better for themselves financially to keep their homes or rental properties. That is why I am in favor of letting the moratorium lapse.

I am not saying that I do not want to restrict short-term rentals in the future. The correct vehicle I have come to understand is the comprehensive plan and zoning."

Council member John Felton asked, "If we do away with the moratorium and things get out of control, what happens then?" Tomson's response was simple, "Nothing, unless we want to put another moratorium in effect."

Council member Kevin Flanagan agreed with Tomson and added to his comment by saying, "We obviously have seen different people say we are perfectly legal on the other side of the coin we have seen people that say hey this has no legal stand. So, if we take someone to court the judge could very easily see it both ways and then if he strikes it down and once that verdict is read then every single person afterwards will get the same verdict.

We are not prepared and should not be prepared to take the people who want to financially better themselves or their property to court. We have seen two opinions on the matter and the same thing can happen with a judge. The judge could very easily say they agree with the Town of Davis or say hey, tough luck sorry."

Council member Jeannette Ware said, "We have worked hard on everything concerning the short-term rentals. I do not think we should back down now. I think we should continue and make an extension of the moratorium."

Council member Ron Hollis stated he was on the fence about his decision of whether to continue with the moratorium and asked how long it will be before the comprehensive plan is finalized. Wales answered by saying they are working extremely hard on the plan and hope to present it to the Town of Davis Council during the second meeting in July.

Recorder Jenny Helmick voiced her opinion against removing the moratorium by saying, "We made a decision that we were going to do the moratorium, to do this properly. We tried to do the moratorium, and we were told it was illegal and

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## Senior Center Seeks New Executive and Transportation Directors



Board members present on June 27 meeting including Scott Gossard (front center) from Upper Potomac Area Agency on Aging Contract and Commissioner and Commissioner of the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services Robert E. Roswall (front right)

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Back on May 16 the Senior Center's staff and community joined together to offer support to the continuing employment of Director Mary Alice Smith. The Senior Center Board, at that time, had called forth Smith for termination due to fraud. Smith had allegedly managed a situation improperly for which the Senior Center Board was seeking for her resignation. The situation in question was the payment for food deliveries made by one individual but paid to another.

Smith stated she was doing what was best to get meals to the senior residents of Tucker County. The incident occurred when Smith did not have the needed drivers to take the meals and a volunteer stepped in and took the meals. Smith paid this individual through his wife's paycheck who is employed as a cook for the Senior Center. The individual has forfeited back to the Center \$250, \$50 over the original paid amount of \$200.

At this meeting Smith's job was



Mary Alice Smith speechless upon hearing the news of her employment termination

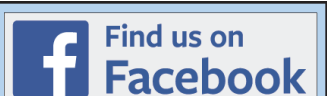
secured with a motion from the board to accept the resignation of Smith as executive director but keep her on as transportation director. This was short lived.

The Senior Center board meet again and overturned their previous decision with the advice given by Scott Gossard from the Upper Potomac Area Agency on Aging Contract to formally termi-

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# News of Record

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

- **Justin Clark Mallow**, of Coalton, was charged with one count of Sexual Abuse 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. According to the complaint on Saturday, May 7 at approximately 4:46 p.m. Trooper C.A. Hawkins took a complaint of sexual abuse from Kimberly Shaffer. She stated that earlier that day her daughter disclosed to her that the defendant had inappropriately touched her when she was ten years old. Shaffer stated that Mallow had been living with them at the time of the incident which occurred in the bedroom of the residence.
- On Monday, May 23 Hawkins attended a CAC interview conducted with the victim. During this interview the victim disclosed that Mallow would make comments to her that he loved her and that he liked her more than her mom. She also stated that Mallow would place his hand on her thigh and wrap his arms around her waist. She said that he came into her room one night and asked her for a goodnight kiss and she gave him one on the forehead. She said that he left and then came back again and asked for a kiss on the lips. She said she told him no, but he kissed her on the lips anyway, put his tongue in her mouth and said, “goodnight baby girl”, before leaving her room. She further advised that the final time he came into her room he touched her. When she was asked to identify where she had been touched, she pointed to her (private) area. She then identified the (private) area on a diagram of a girl. She advised she was wearing pajamas during the incident and he touched her outside of the clothes.
- All suspects are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Christy Renee Hughes, Davis District, 61 Pendletonheim Circle Metes and Bounds to Bridget L. Billinge, \$132,000.
- Marvin J. Davis and Rebecca Lynn Davis, Thomas, All of Lot 188 and part of Lot 187 and 189 to Joseph Brandon Davis and Samantha Brooke Davis, \$0.
- Bruce L. Walker and Teresa B. Walker, Dry Fork, Unit G5 Week 42 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.
- Dale E. Davidson, Lisa A. Davidson Kimberly L. Magnussen and Kristen A. Wigal, Dry Fork, Unit C6 Week 25 to land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$533.50
- William K. Dearth and Sherry L. Dearth, Dry Fork, Unit C3 Week 14 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.
- Rose Morrison, Dry Fork, Unit A2 Week 18 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.
- William K. Dearth and Sherry L. Dearth, Dry Fork, Unit C2 Week 18 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.
- Skylar M. Lamb, Parsons Corporation and Black Fork, Mineral Interest Lot 84 to Skylar M. Lamb, \$0.
- Ki Canaan LLC, Dry Fork District, Unit C 101 Hertzwood to Tucker Rental Properties LLC, \$687.51.
- David Scott Bolyard and Mistie Bolyard, Black Fork, Lot 53 Blackman Flats Height to Kayla I. Stemple and Gregory E. Stevens, \$164,000.
- Jacob R. Norman, II and Kimberly Lipscomb, Black Fork, 1.2 acre more or less to Jason Ends and Rhonda Ends, \$0.
- Pamela Caruthers, Thomas, ½ Lot 638, ½ Lot 639 Outsale, Part lot 637, part Lot 637 to Fred Davis and

- Hunter Davis, \$175,000.
- William Kogeler and Joyce W. Kogeler, Dry Fork, Tract No. 34 Deer Ridge to William Kogeler/Trustee and Joyce W. Kogeler/Trustee, \$0.
- Charlotte Vanscoy, Black Fork, 2.32 acres more or less to Carol A. Lemons, \$0.
- Carol A. Lemons, Black Fork, 2.32 acres more or less to Carol A. Lemons and Richard L. Lemons, \$0.
- Pat A. Nichols/Special Commissioner, Parsons, Parcel between Railroad and Lot 1 Wingfield Addition to Rita Witkowski, Janice Poling, Frances Fluharty and Richard Pennington, \$0.
- Rita Witkowski, Janice Poling, Frances Fluharty and Richard Pennington, Parsons, Parcel between Railroad and Lot 1 Wingfield Addition to Gregory Haller and Joan Haller, \$60,000.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., Dry Fork, Unit A3 Week 26 to Eric Whitacre, \$750.
- Paul Mauzy, Jr. and Lisa Mauzy Wilfong, Parsons, Lots 9, 10 and 11 Millers Addition to William Bradley Stevens, \$0.
- Patrick Schneble, Dry Fork, 34.97 acres to Patrick Schneble and Aimee Schneble, \$0.
- Estate of Roger Fussell and Robert and Denise McColly, Clover, 74 acres more or less and 115 acres more or less w/ticket to Brent Edell and Kari Edell, \$400,000.

## We Get Letters

### Dear Editor

Last week, Commissioners Rosenau and Davis voted to do away with the Tucker County Ambulance fee. This decision immediately followed a discussion of the TC EMS finances showing that TC EMS would be bankrupt no later than June 2023. While it is likely that another EMS levy will be considered for this fall’s general election ballot, there will be major changes required to retain a core EMS capability for Tucker County. Even if a levy passes, cash revenue from the levy will not be available until October/November 2023. The Ambulance Authority board will meet to consider the ramifications of the loss of funding. It is likely that at some point we will have to consider planned reduced operations to ensure that we can sustain a minimal level of emergency services. This will happen for several reasons. Medical staff are in the process of migrating to other counties/professions where predictable, living wages and more favorable working environments are possible or at least more likely. Without confidence in the Authority to sustain even current payroll levels, it is rea-

sonable to assume that they will be looking for better career opportunities. With the national EMT/Paramedic staffing shortage crisis, they are in demand. As we may be forced to reduce operations to a core capability, we will obviously generate less revenue as we will make fewer runs, further exacerbating fiscal problems. Response times will likely go up, as the average distance to travel from only one station is more than the distances from two stations. In a one station operation, once the first ambulance rolls, there may not be another available until an ambulance is dispatched from an adjacent county through mutual aid agreements if they are available. Yes, reducing staffing, means reduced costs. It also means that there will less trained medical professionals and medical equipment to come to you and your family’s assistance should you have to make that emergency call to 911.

The county EMS staff will remain professional in their resolve to provide as much services as resources permit. The Ambulance Authority Board, will manage transparently, while remaining fiscally solvent, to try to retain and attract the best medi-

cal staff we can while ensuring the EMS workforce’s economic future and providing continuous service availability to the county residents. The Ambulance Authority will be engaging with the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council’s (EMSAC) teams to understand the right sizing of our EMS services to satisfy our county demographics and geographic profile while exploring cost saving/revenue generating and funding strategies. Sadly, the Tucker County Commission did not honor our request to retain the EMS Ordinance Fee in place for an additional year while financial options continue to be explored. The County Commission will have to pursue the consideration of an EMS levy to provide sufficient funds to sustain EMS operations. We will do our best to continue to educate the public in the operational and fiscal considerations at stake.

*Respectfully,*  
**Dennis Filler**  
 Tucker County Ambulance Authority, President  
 TuckerCountyAmbulanceAuthority@gmail.com

## Uncle Sam

a \$5,000 cash prize. All but 15 of the 250 tickets were sold when the doors open. Those 15 tickets were sold to guests at the dinner for extra chance at the \$5,000. Guest could be heard saying the \$150 was well worth it because of the wonderful cause.

The event started with a social hour that included an appetizer bar with delicious Caesar salad, peach salsa, bruschetta bread, and a tomato with olive oil mixture. Dinner was served next with a perfectly cooked filet mignon, jumbo shrimp, baby purple and white potatoes, and asparagus drizzled with a delicious hollandaise sauce. Dessert was a sweet treat with freeze dried ice cream, fresh berries, whipped cream, and custard sauce. The meal as a whole was fantastic and the service was great!

The first big winner of the night was Aaron Kayle of Davis who won the Greenbrier Resort package valued over \$1,400. Kayle package included a three-day, two nights stay at the resort including a \$400 amenities gift card.

Jasmin Everson from Michigan was the lucky ticket holder who won the Uncle Sam’s Outdoor package valued at \$1,400. Her package included two kayaks with life floating vests, two folding chairs, two red, white, and blue towels, a cooler, a Blackstone

grill, a sun canopy and a two-person tent. Everson said her great-grandfather was born and raised in Barbour County.

The last big-ticket prize for the Get Tuckered Package was drawn by John Nash who wished everyone good luck. This package was valued at over \$4,000 with gift certificates and prizes from businesses all over Tucker County. The winner of the package was Luke and Trish Bucher from Harman. The winning ticket was given to them by Luke’s parents.

Several lucky winners received \$150. These winners include Robert Ruff, Mark Doak, Bill Smith, Tim Knotts, Jane Parsons, Beth Roberts, Matt Crakes, Tom Poling, and Robin and Tom Kalog.

Before the drawing took place for the remaining five tickets the last remaining ticket number 250 was auctioned off to the highest bidder. After a back-and-forth war, the ticket bidding was won for \$1,800 by Kelly, Solena, and Skylar Roberts along with Fred Myer.

The last five tickets remaining after eliminating all others during the drawing were guaranteed cash money winners. According to the rules of the party the finale five ticket holders can chose to split the final five prize categories. If one of the five does

not want to spilt the remaining prize money, another ticket is drawn, and the remaining four entries are asked again if they want to split. This procedure continues until all cash prizes are awarded. The drawing went all the way to the end with no one choosing to split.

Beth Longo won the \$200 cash prize. Ann Mealey won the \$300 cash prize. Debby McHenry won the \$400 cash prize. The auctioned off ticket purchased by the Roberts and Meyer won the \$500 cash prize.

The big \$5,000 winner of the night was David Parsons.

The foundation also hosts an annual two mile walk and three mile run through Davis, West Virginia called Run for It. The purpose of this run it to give the participates a chance to benefit their non-profit organization of choice plus youth groups, is to give organizations, public libraries, community improvement projects, school project or educational trips, school & community based athletic group, existing or new TCF Endowed Fund and other charitable causes. This year’s event is September 21.

All information for grants and scholarships can be found through the Tucker Community Foundation’s website at [www.TuckerFoundation.net](http://www.TuckerFoundation.net).

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## Article Clarification

Submitted By: Susan Rosenblum

At the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce Board meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2022, Rachelle Davis, of Douglas, WV, presented a [Change.org](http://Change.org) online petition with 812 signatures. Signers included local residents and individuals from throughout WV and the U.S. who support a northern route for Corridor-H near Davis and Thomas.

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# OBITUARIES

## Kathryn Darlene Rowan Canon

Kathryn Darlene Rowan Canon, 72, a resident of Davis passed from this life on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at United Hospital Center in Clarksburg.

Kathryn was born Monday, October 17, 1949, in Clarksburg, a daughter of the late Cleveland Rowan and Ida Mae Anderson Rowan. On June 25, 1966, in Red House, MD, she married Terrance Canon, who preceded her in death on December 2, 2002. They had celebrated thirty-four years of marriage.

Left to cherish Kathryn's memory are three children, Lucretia Bohon and husband, Bernie, Douglas Canon, and Susan Carmela Wise, seven grandchildren, Ian Raezer, Aidan Raezer, Whitney Crews, Trista Harper, Clarissa Bohon, Brandon Bohon and Cody Bohon, seven great-grandchildren, Orion Raezer, Mina Raezer, Chaylynn Ellirae Bohon, Chandler Bohon, Michael Crews, Kenneth Crews, and Evelyn Harper, a brother, Oakie King Rowan, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Kathryn in death besides her parents and husband, was a grandson, Kerry Raezer, and three brothers, Richard Earl Rowan, Jolly Jackson Rowan and Jimmy Rowan.

Kathryn attended the schools in Harrison County. She was a homemaker. Kathryn enjoyed gardening, canning, and fishing. She loved her grandchildren very much and spending time with them.

Visitation was held at the Hostetler Funeral Home Saturday, July 2, 2022, from 4 until 5 p.m., the funeral hour. The Hostetler Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements for Kathryn Darlene Rowan Canon. Send online condolences to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com)

## John "Johnny" Walter Hovatter

John "Johnny" Walter Hovatter, 89, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at Cortland Acres Nursing Home. He had been in declining health.

Johnny was born Thursday, August 25, 1932, in Philippi, a son of the late Ona Hovatter and Mary Elizabeth Gilmore Hovatter.

On March 24, 1956, in Oakland, MD, he married Frances Irene Close Hovatter, who survives.

Left to cherish his memory besides his wife are two children, Ona Jacob Hovatter and wife, Joyce, and Jon Curtis Hovatter and wife, Deborah, all of Parsons, three grandchildren, Sherry Hovatter and fiancé, Carson White, Justin Hovatter and fiancé, Hannah Beckner, and Matraca Gunnoe and husband, Andrew, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Johnny in death besides his parents, were two brothers, Carlton Hovatter and Kenneth "Digger" Hovatter, and a special friend to Johnny and Francie, Joan Lipscomb.

Johnny was a graduate of Parsons High School with the class of 1950, and he had served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He had worked for Dorman Mills, Tucker County Board of Education, and the U.S. Postal Service, from which he retired. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and riding his mountain bike. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Parsons. Anyone who knew Johnny, would know that he would help anyone he could. He loved people and helping them and requested for his family and friends to go about performing acts of kindness in his memory.

Johnny's request for cremation will be honored. The Hostetler Funeral home has been entrusted with the arrangements for John "Johnny" Walter Hovatter. Send online condolences to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com).



## Martha Rae (Pase) Enold

Martha Rae (Pase) Enold, of Cleveland OH; 87, died on Jan. 8, 2022. She was born May 14, 1933 in Thomas "Tissie" was the beloved wife of Ernest of 57 years; dear mother of Jenny LeBrun (Andy), Edward Enold (Nicole) and Ted Enold (Kim), grandmother of Grace, Johnathen, Caleb, Elizabeth and Stephen, family and friend to many. She was preceded in death by her parents, the late Ray J. and Ida (Casteel) Pase; her brother, Gary Pase and nephew Bruce Pase. Family will celebrate her life in Thomas, WV when the Mountain Laurel is blooming.



## Rosalea Nela Davis Knotts

Rosalea Nela Davis Knotts, 92, a resident of Hambleton, passed from this life on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family and under the care of WV Care.

Rosalea was born Saturday, June 14, 1930, in Elk, a daughter of the late John William Davis and Ethel Vanscoy Davis. On April 29, 1948, in Red House, MD, she was married to Clayton Allen Knotts who preceded her in death on March 17, 2020. They had celebrated seventy-one years of marriage.

Left to cherish Rosalea's memory are three daughters, Betty Largesse, Erma Snyder and husband, Ernie, and Mary Pitzer and husband, Richard, eight grandchildren, Nela Bennett and companion, Scott Taylor, Clayton Knotts, Cindy Nestor and husband, Dale, Earnest "Mike" Snyder and wife, Chrissy, Richard Knotts and wife, Tammy, Charles Knotts and wife, Heather, Kimberly Pitzer, Jason Pitzer and wife, Vickie, eighteen great grandchildren, Matthew, Ryan, Derek, Autumn, Karley, Jeremiah (J.J.), Brittney, Isaac, Jayden, Easton, Sydney, Savannah, Collin, Tristan, S'lena, Alyssa, Cheala, and Madison, four great grandchildren Kace, Paxton, Makenna, and Mason, four sisters, Leah Booth, Sharon Hinkle, Kay Carr and husband, Homer, and Fay Carr and husband, Bill, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Rosalea in death besides her parents and husband was a son, Allen Knotts, and three brothers, John Davis, Denver "Butch" Davis, and Robert Davis, a son-in-law, Rolland Largesse, a sister-in-law, Peggy Davis, and brother-in-law, Danny Booth.

Rosalea attended the schools at Elk in the Dryfork Community. She had been employed by Parsons Footwear and was also an Avon Lady. Rosalea was a member of the St. George Church of God and also a member of the Pentecostal Ladies Association. She enjoyed quilting, camping, gardening, canning, listening to hymns, and loved taking care of kids.

Visitation was held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Monday from 6 until 8 p.m. Funeral services were held from the funeral home chapel on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 2 p.m. Rev. Kevin Hostetler officiated, and interment followed at Roaring Run Cemetery near Hambleton. The Hostetler Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements for Rosalea Nela Davis Knotts. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com).

## Senior News

The trip to Stonewall Lake near Weston is August 23th. The boat trip is 2 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, 2022.

Due to contract issues at the state level, we will not receive the Farmer Market vouchers until the end of July. We will be giving these out beginning August 2, 2022. 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 on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Brent Van Deysen from Morgantown will be here to explain about Powers 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".

Pam Krushansky from the Attorney General's Office will be at the Parsons Center on Thursday, July 21, 2022 from 11:00 until noon. She will be at Flanagan Hill on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 from noon until 1:00. The Goldenaires choir will be at Flanagan Hill at 11:30 on the 27<sup>th</sup> also so come early and enjoy some great entertainment.

## Senior

nate Smith's employment effective immediately. Smith will receive compensation through June 30. The board stated the reasoning for the termination was due to continuing financial and employee issues, but no further explanation was stated at the time of the meeting.

Many members of the audience were verbally upset by this announcement. Jessica Wamsley left the room stating to the board that she wanted her resume and application for Executive Director rescinded.

All of Smith's check signing ability was revoked and credits cards in her name are to be returned to the center. The new check signer will be board member Debbie Stevens. The board also voted to change all locks at the center and issue new keys to only essential employees. Others voiced concerns as to whether the board cared about the senior residents or not.

The board carried a motion to extend the deadline for accepting applications for executive director to July 30. The transportation director position will post in the paper until the end of June.

Gossard said, "During the past couple of years, this year and last year, there are some operational issues. Issues that we have identified and some that have continued to be a serious concern. So much

## Davis

therefore we quit on that. We did, according to what the group's attorney told us to do, which was to adopt a comprehensive plan and then to go forward with zoning.

If we give up now, we are giving in to everyone. The residents of this town did a survey and said they do not want anymore (short-term leases) up there. Not saying we are going to prevent it, but I think we need to go forward, and we need to do the best that we can to do with what we started out to do and complete it.

And if that means extending the moratorium for six months or if we must sue somebody and the judge says we are illegal then we can make a decision at that time. We all knew from the very beginning that we could be sued but now they have changed their stance too and now they are not suing us.

Does the attorney feel like they do not have a standing? I do not know. I just feel like we need to go forward with what we decided."

Felton said, "Either way you look at it its unknown. We have to limit this somehow and if we do away with this there is no guarantee it is going to get out of control, there is no guarantee it is going to stay in control but if we do away with this, we lose all control."

Felton further commented by saying, "Every time a problem like this comes up it is the same situation. We cannot go forward because of this, this, and this. Then give up. Then this happens and some people say we are not going to bat and here we are again. I have seen it. I have fought for years, and it is the biggest problem of this town. Every time there is a council elected it is the same sh\*t, and I am

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so that it makes me worry about continuing to fund Tucker County Senior Center."

A motion was presented and approved asking Upper Potomac Agency on Aging Contract to assist the board with overseeing their operations for the next three months. The board also requested the agency assist with recruiting, selecting, and training the new executive director. The board will pay the agency expenses for caring out these duties.

The tabled May 16 meeting minutes were re-presented for motion to approve. During the board's discussion of the minutes, it was stated that the motion to accept Smith's resignation as executive director but stay on as transportation was not seconded by another board member and therefore was invalid.

But board member Stevens spoke up and said she had, in fact, seconded the motion before leaving the previous meeting early to address another matter. The board then decided to vote in approval of accepting the minutes as presented with the correction being added that Stevens seconded the previous motion.

The Senior Center Board also accepted the letter of resignation of Savannah Hull Wilkins from the board effective immediately. The board voted to fill the vacant board members seats with Gloria Myers, Mellissa Brown, and Sandy Owens.

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not here to keep doing the same sh\*t."

Tomson said, "If we are looking right now at extending the moratorium for another six months what happens when zoning ordinance is not completed in the next six months. Do we look into the mortarium again even further? How far do we go or how long do we keep people up in the air with regards to moving forward with their plans and the things they are wanting to do?"

There is a lot of unknowns, but I am trying to give people at least the opportunity to know where they stand, and they can do things without really causing an adverse impact to the town, to the best of what I think is going to happen. I do not know the outcome for sure.

There may be twenty people that come in tomorrow and say they want to do short-term leasing. I do not think that is going to happen. I do not think we are going to have twenty people in the next six months."

This moratorium went into effect August 25 of 2021 and was originally supposed to be over by January 1, 2022. That did not happen and was continued until June 30, 2022. But in a special meeting held with a quorum of the Town of Davis Council present, the vote split four to three in favor of dissolving the temporary moratorium.

The vote started out tied with three to three with Tomson and Council members Wales, and Lipscomb voting yes to dissolve the moratorium and with Recorder Helmick and Council members Ware, and Felton voting against dissolving the moratorium. The deciding vote was the yes vote from Council member Flanagan.

The temporary moratorium will be no longer in effect after June 30.



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**EMS Fee**

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Tucker County Commission and the now nonexistent \$200,000 from the ordinance fee. That is a grand total of \$1,104,429.96.

According to the figures presented at the meeting with the ordinance fee the EMS could only run for 366 days at \$1,646.28 a day operating expense starting June 1, 2022. The projected funds would be depleted by June 1, 2023, leaving one month in the fiscal year of operation uncovered. Fiscal year runs from July to July and is not based on the calendar year of January to December.

With the current cash on hand, funds received from other sources and not including the escrow account money the EMS could run with two crews until January 30, 2023, with current staffing and billing.

These numbers are based on no pay raises or up training for the current staff and staffing stays as it is and current expenditures. Dennis Filler said, “Based upon runs we did this year we are going to see \$501,000 revenue for billing. We have come up with metric billing that says based upon or above and beyond what our billing is we need \$1,646.28 cash per day to run the EMS at the current level and current staff. Now keep in mind this does not talk about replacing an ambo if we need a new ambo (ambulance) we will not have the money for it.

That metric is one we will use going forward. We dynamically calculated the cash we have on hand and being able to have some on reserve.”

The projections will change without the ordinance fee monies. The EMS crews will most likely drop to one with many of the crew members seeking employment elsewhere from the fear of not having enough money available to keep employment in their current position at Tucker County EMS. Staffing issues have been a concern for quite some time now. Main reason expressed by workers is the pay rate in Tucker County for EMTs and Paramedics is on the low side compared to other surrounding counties.

Rosenau asked about grants and if any were available. Filler said that yes, they had investigated grants but that couldn't pay their staff. Chris Davis later explained that grants were given to replace equipment, but if that equipment piece was still in operation, you could not legally apply for a grant to replace it. C. Davis said, “After talking to PS Dr. Martin, he had



said that if we needed something specific then there are specific grants to go after. So, if you needed an ambulance, if you needed equipment then some of those opportunities are likely out there. Unfortunately, there is no grants that cover the cost of running.”

Rosenau stated, “If you go after grants for something like an ambulance then that obviates the need for such a high escrow.” C. Davis agreed and said hopefully when those occurrences happen the EMS could look for those opportunities as they arise.

Theoretically speaking the EMS could run for the next year with two crews as budgeted without the ordinance fee. If they use the money in escrow. However, when the year ended, they would have to find the \$200,000 used escrow funding for the upcoming year following the end of the fiscal year in 2023.

Rosenau asked the authority if they had any thoughts to other options for funding. C. Davis expressed the need for the levy to be reintroduced and backed by the Commissioners.

Many residents have spoken out about the reasons why they did not vote in favor of the levy during the spring elections. Many said the main reason was they needed to hear from the Commissioners where they stood concerning the ordinance fee. If the ordinance fee had of been removed before hand or voted to be disposed of when the levy passed many said they would have voted for the levy but could not without knowing what would happen. Nobody expressed a desire to get hit with a double whammy of taxes and fees.

F. Davis said, “A lot of people said they

did not vote for the levy before because we did not vote on the ordinance fee before to take the \$50 off. A lot of people said if we had that in writing that you are taking the \$50 off this levy would have passed.”

F. Davis went on to suggest bringing back the volunteer donation and said, “I have been around of the hard-core people that just blew us out of the water and kept on everyone in this room about the levy and the \$50 fee. I brought this one up other time, and a lot of people may not like what I am about to say about a volunteer thing and a lot of people said they would never ever pay us, and they tried that before me and it just did not work. What would happen if we tried to do some of that now and the hard-core people said yes, we would be more and glad. I would be happy to try the volunteer donation thing again.”

Filler said, “Folks can always make a volunteer payment to the EMS. There is nothing stopping anyone from gifting money to the EMS.”

F. Davis said, “We can always send out flyers to everyone asking to donate what they can afford and if that works then that's that. But you always hear people do not like giving their money away. No matter what we do this money situation is always to be tough. I just learned that Preston County ambulance has shut down. They even have a hospital in their county, so this is not an easy situation that we are all in.”

Rosenau asked Filler if they could raise money. Filler said, “Do you as a commissioner go out and raise money for yourself? Why would we expect working professionals with licenses that are issued by the state to do that same kind of thing?”

Rosenau answered by saying, “I am not saying that you do a bake sale or a chicken burn, but I am saying that you can accept donations. I look at the fee as a donation right now. When you do not have any consequences for not paying your fee, you never have to in the beginning. It has never been enforced. It was on before I ever got here (as commissioner) The people did not pay the first year. Was there anything done? I am not going to go back and clean up that mess from four or five years ago.”

Diane Hinkle said, “I agree with that, it should have been enforced from the beginning and now it is too late.”

When F. Davis mentioned that he was told in the beginning there were certain things they could or could not do concerning collecting the fee. Moore mentioned he had asked F. Davis to take it to the magistrate and Rosenau interrupted and said they were not going to rehash that at this time.

At which time Rosenau presented a motion to eliminate the \$50 fee. The motion passed with two to one vote. With Rosenau and F. Davis in support of and L. Moore against. Many asked if this was legal because it was not on the agenda for the meeting. Rosenau stated it was in fact legal because the motion was placed in a special meeting and not a work session.

Moore commented, “We had two full crews for a long time and in this modernization, we are going back to one crew. It is shame going back to one crew. We are going backwards instead of forwards. Sad day for Tucker County.” Rosenau reminded Moore that the people voted and have spoken.

**Gov. Justice announces award of Corridor H earthwork project in Tucker County; a Roads to Prosperity project**

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announced today that he has approved a bid award for construction of an approximately 3-mile section of Corridor H in Tucker County; a major project in Gov. Justice's Roads to Prosperity program.

A.L.L. Construction Inc. was the lowest of five bidders for the project, with a bid of \$49,488,494. An additional 15 percent of the bid amount will be added to the bid and set aside for erosion and sediment control to protect the environment.

The contract calls for grading and drainage work for a 3.08-mile section of highway to be built starting near the Cheat River Bridge. The winning bid was less than the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) Engineer's Estimate of \$71,772,000 including erosion and sediment control.

“I congratulate everyone involved in the next leg of this important project,” Gov. Justice said. “I've said over and over, Corridor H is one of, if not the most important highway that we need to finish in West Virginia. It's so vital because it links us right to D.C. It will bring population growth and businesses and more opportunities will follow.”

The contract is part of a larger project that began in Randolph County and will extend the four-lane from the Cheat River Bridge to the Roaring Run Bridge near Mackeyville. The earthwork is an important step in construction of the next section of Corridor H.

The work is vital to create a path for the

new four-lane highway to follow. Contractors are expecting to move about 8 million cubic yards of earth to make way for the road; that's enough dirt to fill more than 2,400 Olympic sized swimming pools.

The WVDOH has already obtained rights of way for the project.

Corridor H begins in Weston and travels across central West Virginia, to eventually link up with Interstate 81 in Strasburg, Virginia. The highway is expected to open some of West Virginia's most remote areas in Grant, Tucker, and Hardy counties to economic development, speed travel times through the mountains and provide a smooth, safe highway for travelers and local residents.

More than 120 miles of Corridor H is currently open to traffic, with about 30 miles left to complete.

To date, more than \$1.93 billion has been spent on the four-lane highway.

The completion of Corridor H has been in the works for decades, but stalled out years ago. However, when Gov. Justice took office and instituted his Roads To Prosperity program, additional funding began to be secured and work on the corridor picked back up.

“We continue to work really hard on Corridor H and all of our roads across this great state,” Gov. Justice added. “Everywhere you go, you're seeing road improvements and orange cones.”

Construction is expected to begin this fall. The project currently has an estimated completion date of late 2025.

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Davis Medical Center

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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).

**July 6, 1806:** Statesman Charles James Faulkner was born in Martinsburg. Faulkner served in the West Virginia legislature, U.S. Congress (1851–59), and as U.S. minister to France.

**July 6, 1848:** Historian Virgil A. Lewis was born in Mason County. In 1905, Governor Dawson appointed Lewis as the first director of the Bureau of Archives and History.

**July 6, 1883:** Judge “R. D.” Bailey was born at Baileysville, Wyoming County. Bailey came into wide prominence as the judge of the Matewan massacre trial in 1921.

**July 7, 1928:** The Madonna of the Trail monument was dedicated in Wheeling. It is one of the 12 such statues erected along the National Road to honor America’s pioneering women.

**July 8, 1894:** Walter Aegerter was born in Helvetia. An amateur photographer, Aegerter built both a studio and darkroom on his farm and photographed

portraits, families, celebrations and everyday scenes of the German Swiss settlement. The glass plate negatives survive today in several archived collections.

**July 8, 1924:** Rock ‘n’ roll pioneer Johnnie Johnson was born in Fairmont. Johnson collaborated with Chuck Berry on songs such as “Roll Over, Beethoven.” Berry’s hit “Johnny B. Goode” was written as a tribute to Johnson.

**July 9, 1942:** An explosion at the Pursglove No. 2 Mine at Scotts Run near Morgantown killed 20 men. It was one of three fatal accidents at the mining operation in an eight-month period.

**July 9, 1989:** Treasurer A. James Manchin resigned after being impeached. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments for which he was responsible.

**July 10, 1769:** Physician Jesse Bennet was born. He performed the first successful caesarian section in America in 1794, on his own wife and without proper equipment and with no antiseptics. He later established a large practice in Mason County and

served as an Army surgeon in the War of 1812.

**July 10, 1936:** The temperature in Martinsburg reached 112 degrees. It tied the record for hottest temperature on record, which had been set August 4, 1930, at Moorefield.

**July 11, 1867:** John Jacob Cornwell was born on a farm in Ritchie County. He served as the 15<sup>th</sup> governor of West Virginia.

**July 11, 1976:** Gov. Arch Moore dedicated the West Virginia Culture Center. The structure was built to showcase the Mountain State’s artistic, cultural, and historic heritage.

**July 12, 2003:** The Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences in downtown Charleston opened to the public. More than 50,000 schoolchildren from 50 West Virginia counties and 21 counties in surrounding states visit the center each year.

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**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

where **three million eggs a day** were produced!!!

This has been in just a three month period, as of the middle of June there have been 24 fires in total. I am sorry folks but this is not all by accident. I might be from a small town in West Virginia, no formal education other than graduating high school, and a working class stiff like millions others but I am smart enough to realize that this is not on the up and up.

Why all food processing plants? I know there are other more strategic places to target but how easy is it to halt some of the basics of life like food? More shortages and higher prices also check the weights on some of your favorite foods, same price but a smaller quantity. That is called “shrinkflation.” I noticed this on some of the basics I normally buy. You can’t buy a five pound bag of sugar or flour anymore, it is packaged in a four pound bag and most people don’t even notice.

**Momma Said**, “We as the consumer can’t stop buying the staples of life so the big wigs in charge have us right where they want us, between a rock and a hard place, pay the price or starve to death. That is some way to run a country right.”

## Kentucky Butter Pie

- Ingredients:**
- 1 cup butter softened
  - 2 cups sugar
  - 4 large eggs, room temperature
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
  - 3 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking powder
  - ½ teaspoon baking soda
  - ½ teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup buttermilk

- Butter Sauce**
- Ingredients:**
- 1 cup sugar
  - ½ cup butter
  - ¼ cup water
  - 1-1/2 teaspoons almond extract
  - 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

- Instructions**
1. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well

after each addition, add vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt; add to cream mixture alternately with buttermilk, beating after each addition. Pour into a greased and floured 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees until a pick inserted into center comes out clean, 55 – 70 minutes. Cool 10 minutes. Run a knife around the edges, invert on a wire rack on waxed paper.

2. For the sauce, combine sugar, butter and water in a small pot. Cook on medium heat only until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Remove from heat, add vanilla and almond extracts. Make holes in top of hot cake and pour sauce over cake until it absorbs. Sprinkle top with powdered sugar.

## Super Crossword SIX-T EIGHT

<b>ACROSS</b>	57 Wheel center	115 Courtroom promise	12 "Stillmatic" rapper	59 "Please reply," in brief	90 Lillian of film
1 Big name in small planes	58 Turn rancid	116 On top of, to poets	13 Narc, e.g.	61 Jeans go-with, often	91 Grove growth
7 Passage leading to an aural drum	60 Norma — (film heroine)	119 It closed all 130+ of its U.S. campuses in 2016	14 Gives access	62 Dog following its owner closely	92 Give forth
15 Sign into law	61 Nickname of Connecticut	128 Wall work	15 Outback bird	63 Suffix with south	93 Pitchfork part
20 Despicable	71 River to the Rhone	129 1973-99 Lima-based carrier	16 Symbol for written music	64 Co. VIPs	94 Cincinnati
21 Cessation	72 Senseless	130 "The Wizard of Menlo Park"	17 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)	65 Uncle, in Argentina	95 "... or — gather"
22 Six-Day War leader Dayan	73 Drop by	131 Conjuring aid	18 Mass singers	66 Pol. middle-of-the-roader	96 Song syllable
23 Starting something over, figuratively	74 Recent times	132 Encroach on another's land	19 Principle	67 — chi	98 Sea, to Yves
26 Bottom line	81 Wheaton of "Stand by Me"	133 Novelist du Maurier	24 Mutt's sound	68 Little — (kids)	102 Avocado dip, informally
27 "You — My Sunshine"	82 Singer	<b>DOWN</b>	25 Despicable	69 Vietnamese New Year	103 To boot
28 U.S. intel org.	83 G.P. or vet	1 Red Scare	31 Bit of crying	70 Actress Carrere	105 Barely passing grade
29 See 106-Across	84 War god	2 Falco of TV	32 Ward of TV	71 "— a Very Good Year"	107 Prunes
30 Question the Devil asks in a Kipling poem	85 Giving a rigorous tryout	3 Wait patiently	33 Wilson's predecessor	72 Capote, to his friends	108 In a snit
39 Patrick of "A Clockwork Orange"	86 Giving a rigorous tryout	4 Mayberry's Otis, for one	34 Weight allowance, once	73 Vietnam	109 — nous
41 Leave high and dry	87 Ukelele, e.g.	5 "Rapa —" (1994 film)	35 Yesteryear	74 Sharpener of skills	110 Many mag pages
42 — pot (sinus-cleaning device)	88 G.P. or vet	6 Something really easy	36 Brought into the world	75 Spy's device	111 School on the Thames
43 Wolfs down	89 Cigar-holding container	7 Prize greatly accurate about a situation	37 Troop group	76 Capote, to his friends	112 Thinker
46 — wheel (fair ride)	90 Cigar-holding container	8 Part of NCAA: Abbr.	38 "The Addams Family" cousin	77 Courtroom promise	113 School on the Thames
48 Final resting places	91 Cigar-holding container	9 — v. Wade	39 Actress Kirshner	78 Big whoop	114 Many mag pages
52 Cause heads to turn	92 Cigar-holding container	10 Revival skill, for short	40 Home pest	79 Chris of "Sex and the City"	115 Thinker
56 Yule tune	93 Cigar-holding container	11 Big simian	44 Cavern effect	80 "Ac-Cent — Ate the Positive"	116 Thinker
	94 Cigar-holding container		45 Daze	81 Bottom line	117 Thinker
	95 Cigar-holding container		47 Spanish ayes	82 Dog with Dorothy	118 Thinker
	96 Cigar-holding container		49 Swamp	83 "What business is — yours?"	119 Thinker
	97 Cigar-holding container		50 "Get lost!"	84 Magazine mogul Condé	120 Kay-em link
	98 Cigar-holding container		51 Precip-ice?	85 Bottom line	121 Wrath
	99 Cigar-holding container		52 "Six-pack"	86 Bottom line	122 Bus. firms
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Weather Totals

June 21 - June 28

Nursery Bottom  
**Parsons**

### TEMPERATURE

Max 91° F  
Min 47° F

### PRECIPITATION

Week 2.07"  
June 4.88"  
2022 26.91"

### SNOWFALL

Snow on Ground 0"  
Winter Total 36"

U.S. Forest Service

# TCBOE Approves Stem Lab Course and Extracurricular Salary Scale

By: Jennifer Britt  
The Parsons Advocate

In special executive session the Tucker County School Board of Education members conducted the year end evaluation of Superintendent Lambert. In closing statement, the board said, “As a school system, we believe we are heading in the right direction. We should never be satisfied where we are presently. We can always do better.

We would like to see student chronic absenteeism decrease in all schools and see students who are home-schooled become re-enrolled.

We safely guided our students through the COVID epidemic and look forward to another productive school year in 2022-2023.”

TCHS Principal Alex Cork proposed to the BOE members a new course called STEM Lab Productions. Last semester Cork and staff have been bringing thousands of dollars’ worth of equipment out of storage. The intent for the course is to reestablish some form of the STEM Lab/Makers Space the school has had before. For two years the equipment has been unutilized.

According to Cork, “This course would teach students how to utilize the school’s modern technological equipment to produce items for a “school store”. The course would also teach students practical business skill utilizing standards similar to a WVDE CTE course called Business & Marketing, 1439.”

In the “school store”, the students would be able to use the equipment provided to produce items such as TCHS T-shirts, coffee mugs or key chains. They could produce many items by developing the ability to design and produce marketable items utilizing sublimation printers, 3D printers, CNC routers, large scale printers and any other modern STEM equipment.

By enabling the students to participate in this class they will develop skills in customer relations, economics and financial analysis. The students will also grow in the areas of emotional intelligence by applying ethics to demonstrate trustworthiness and information management by acquiring a foundational knowledge to understand its nature and scope.

Students will also benefit by learning operations roles/functions. As well as professional development geared towards self-development skills that enhance

relationships and improve efficiency in the work environment.

The BOE voted to approve the proposed course effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Cork also proposed making the 35-minute enrichment period count as a quarter (1/4) credit per semester for a total of a half (1/2) credit per year. The class will officially be recorded as course #7656 RETEACH/ENRCH on student transcripts according to the WVDE course code manual.

Cork said, “The course will provide enrichment, remediation, and support for students who are behind state grade level standards in math and English. The school would reserve the right to use a combination of grade level specific Edgenuity Math and English enrichment pathways. These pathways may be selected by the use of benchmark data, PSAT data, SAT results data, or grade level.”

Students would be exempt from the reading and writing enrichment if they score at or above 480 on SAT’s evidence-based reading and writing section. Students are exempt from the math enrichment if they score at or above 520 in the SAT’s math section. If a student meets these scores in both sections, they would be exempt from both enrichment periods.

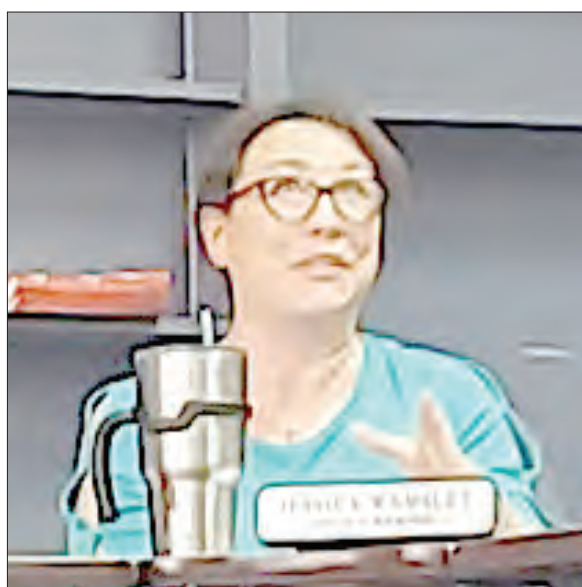
Cork explained the teachers will have a dashboard to keep track of the student’s progress. The teacher will be the facilitator and will hold the students more accountable and responsible thus making the students do better.

The board voted to approve the proposed course credit effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

The board, with the help from the Finance Director, Tracy Teets, worked diligently to resolve an over 20-year issue with the extended employment, supplemental, and extracurricular salary scale. This is the scale used to determine what amount coaches and assistant coaches are paid.

After several drafts and hashing out details the board was finally able to accept a presented scale for a pay increase for most of school sport coaches. Teets first designed a matrix that would use a number scale to determine who got what based on things such as how many students were coached and how long was the season.

Superintendent Alicia Lambert said, “We wanted to use the sustainability factor. We did not want to have to cut (wages) in the future.” Teets stated as of right



TCBOE Member Jessica Wamsley (left) expressing her appreciations for the coaching staff and Tucker County Schools Superintendent Alicia Lambert (right)

now the accepted scale would be feasible for the current budget.

Head coaches at all schools will also a \$25 per year of experience. For example, if a coach has five years’ experience coaching football that coach will receive \$25 for each of the five years on top of the set salary. But, if for example, a coach leaves football and goes to softball the year of experience starts over.

Board member Jessica Wamsley stated, “The important thing to keep in mind is nobody is

trying to underscore anybody’s effort. It is not about that. I even feel a little bit sad for football even though they were making by far the most of anybody.

I know those guys in those positions and they will all be fine cause they are not doing it for the money they are doing it because they love football, and they love the kids.

I just hope that the idea as a board, as a school system, and as a community of parents, everybody appreciates what the

coaches are doing and what they go through.”

The school board also regretfully accepted the resignation of Program Specialist Keith Nichols effective July 1, 2022. Board member Wamsley said, “This one hurts.”

The retirement of Wanda Knotts as custodian at TCHS effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year was also accepted. Knotts will remain on as substitute custodian for the 2022-2023 school year.

## MOUNTAIN STATE SPOTLIGHT

### WV low-income mothers, and their babies, are among the hardest-hit by the baby formula shortage

*In a rural state with fewer stores than many places, and lots of babies on federal assistance, West Virginians face hurdles in finding the formula they need.*

By Amelia Ferrell Knisely  
for Mountain State Spotlight

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Matana Lovejoy, a first-time mom in Lincoln County, can’t find infant formula for her 5-month-old daughter on store shelves.

“It just makes you feel helpless,” said Lovejoy, 27. “You never expected to run into an issue where feeding your baby, of all things, is going to be difficult to do.”

Parents all over the country are having trouble finding formula to feed their babies, but Lovejoy faces a harder task than most, for a couple of reasons.

Like a lot of mothers in West Virginia, she buys formula using a federal assistance program for low-income women and children.

The program provides an electronic card for families, and participants track how they spend their benefits through an app or through the state office that handles the program. The program restricts where participants can shop and what kinds of food – and baby formula – they can buy.

After the formula shortage, program officials allowed states to relax the limits on the types and brands of formula available through the program, and West Virginia did that. But for babies who need specific kinds of formula, some restrictions remain.

Also, as a resident of rural West Virginia, Lovejoy has access to fewer grocery stores than many other people in her predicament. Even if she finds a store with formula, it might not accept her benefits at all. Many online retailers selling formula also don’t accept her benefits.

After exhausting her options in Lincoln County, Lovejoy has driven to surrounding counties looking for the specific formula that her daughter needs. She’s also used Facebook groups to find formula, and she doesn’t know if she’s being scammed when she sends money.

“I have been relying on the rest of the country sending me sample cans,” she said.

Three out of every four babies born in West Virginia are enrolled in the program formally known as the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, and commonly known as WIC. That’s higher than the national average. The majority of those West Virginia babies rely on formula to eat, according to state health department data, and now, the national formula shortage is acutely impacting the state’s poorest mothers and children with no immediate relief in sight.

WIC in West Virginia serves 8,000 babies per month and the ongoing restrictions on formula purchases act as a barrier for the state’s mothers, especially those who can’t switch their child’s formula under a pediatrician’s orders.

In West Virginia, all foster care children younger than age 5 are automatically eligible for WIC. That includes the 11-month-old baby being fostered by Heather Barrett in Putnam County.

The formula that her foster baby used was part of a massive recall earlier this year that spurred the nationwide shortage. Barrett worked with her local WIC office to find another formula her child could tolerate, but it’s especially hard to find in stores.

“I wait for WIC benefits to come, then I start searching. Yesterday, I went to three stores before I ended up finding it at Wal-Mart,” Barrett, 36, said. “You do what you have to do to make sure she has [formula].”

Amber Gaull, a 37-year-old foster mom in Kanawha County, has packed her 6-month old foster baby and her four other children (two of whom she adopted from the state’s foster care system) in a van and driven to multiple stores in hopes of finding formula. The shelves were usually bare, she said. Once, she found the formula she needed at Target’s Charleston store, but her benefits weren’t accepted there.

“It adds fear to parenting a baby when you don’t know how you’re going to feed them,” Gaull said.

#### Local, national efforts to help

Heidi Staats oversees West Virginia’s WIC program under the state Department of Health and Human Resources. She said her office has fielded “panicked calls” from women around the state in need of infant formula.

About 43% of the usual baby formula supply nationwide was out of stock at the beginning of this month, according to Dataassembly, which tracks retail information.

The formula shortage was spurred by the safety-related closure of the country’s largest formula manufacturing plant, Abbott Nutrition. The company exclusively provides formula to about half of infants in the WIC program nationwide, so the plant’s closure and the massive formula recall that came with it hurt WIC programs in particular.

“It’s not something WIC can fix,” Staats said, audibly emotional in a phone interview. “We love our families, and we try to form a village around our moms.”

“Typically, in some situations, we would refer [women] to food banks,” she added. “We know food banks don’t have that resource, and that’s been one of the toughest parts.”

Staats said her office is working directly with formula plants in an effort to get the ever-changing limited stock of formula to parts of the state that need the supply most.

Leaders in Washington, D.C., took action Wednesday in response to mounting nationwide pressure for the federal government to address the shortage.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a pair of bills aimed at addressing the problem. One of the bills would give \$28 million to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to help boost formula supply and prevent future shortages. Only 12 Republicans voted for [the measure](#), including Rep. David McKinley, R-W.Va., and the Senate unanimously signed off on the bill Thursday. The other bill, which Reps. Carol Miller and Alex Mooney, R-W.Va., supported along with McKinley, would give WIC participants greater purchasing flexibility on formula in the future.

Also on Wednesday, President Joe Biden invoked the Defense Production Act to speed production of infant formula by asking suppliers to provide the needed ingredients to formula manufacturers.

Since the federal government loosened guidelines for WIC participants, Jennifer Habeb, who oversees the WIC program at the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department in Parkersburg, is helping mothers work with their pediatricians to switch their babies to other types of formulas if the child is medically able.

“We recommend (mothers) calling their WIC office,” Habeb said, noting her team is doing whatever she can to find formula for families in the nine counties her office serves.

Staats said West Virginia families are likely to see more formula on shelves in eight weeks.

Mikela Elkins, a 27-year-old mom of four who lives in Wayne, spends her free time now looking online and in the few local stores for formula for her nine-month-old nephew, who has gastrointestinal issues that limit him to one type of formula. Her sister doesn’t drive, so Elkins said she is always looking to help.

“We look pretty much daily for her because it’s just so scarce,” she said. “It’s scary.”

## DHHR to Raise Ground Ambulance Medical Transportation Services

At the direction of Gov. Jim Justice, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Medical Services plans to submit a State Plan Amendment to seek approval to raise ground ambulance medical transportation services to 100% of the Medicare geographic prevailing fee.

This will provide approximately 208 ambulance providers with a 10% increase in their reim-

bursement rates and an estimated additional \$11.8 million per fiscal year.

“This is important for West Virginia’s Medicaid Program to ensure continued access to essential health care services,” said Cindy Beane, Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Medical Services.

The Bureau for Medical Services anticipates this rate increase will be effective July 1, 2022.

## WV WIC Partners with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

The West Virginia Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is partnering with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, a program that provides free books by mail to encourage early childhood literacy.

In line with the CDC’s Developmental Milestones, reading and engaging with children is important for brain, language, and speech development. Children are eligible for WIC through the age of 5 years, aligning with the Imagination Library program duration.

Each year, as part of the Imagination Library, a panel of early childhood literacy experts reviews books for inclusion in

the monthly Imagination Library mailing. The program mails free books to registered children from birth to age five, no matter their family’s income.

The review panel focuses on specific themes and concepts including inspiration, imagination, love of reading and learning, regard for diversity, culture, promotion of self-esteem and confidence, as well as an appreciation of art and aesthetics. Book selections vary by age.

Register for the Imagination Library online or at a WV WIC clinic. Once registered, the Imagination Library will mail an age-appropriate book to the family each month, addressed to the child.

# Champion Fiddler Milnes to Join July 16 Free Parsons Program

Friends of Blackwater has announced that award-winning old-time fiddle player Gerry Milnes from Elkins will provide music for a free community history program, “Shootout at the Depot,” starting at 1:30 PM on Saturday afternoon, July 16, at the old Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons. Tucker County Sheriff Jack Kopec will serve as the Bailiff for the courtroom drama program.

Milnes, one of West Virginia’s most distinguished old-time musicians and folklorists, recently took second place in the Senior Division at the 2022 Vandalia Gathering fiddle competition.

“We are super-excited that Gerry is going to be part of the “Shootout at the Depot” program,” said Tom Rodd, who is organizing the program for Friends of Blackwater, ArtSpring,

and the Tucker County Historical Society.

“Shootout at the Depot” tells the story of an 1897 gunfight in a railroad passenger car in Parsons, where Robert Eastham, a Canaan Valley landowner and logger, killed a sawmill owner named Frank Thompson – and a dramatic murder trial followed.

In the July 16 program in Parsons, Bill Peterson of Davis will portray Robert Eastham. 1890s

Judge Homer Holt will be portrayed by County Commissioner Lowell Moore, attorneys Savannah Wilkins and Pat A. Nichols will portray the prosecutor and defense attorney. Along with Sheriff Jack Kopec, Debbie McHenry, Casey Rucker, Sarah Fletcher, Elaine George, Cindy Kolsun, and Ruth Melnick will portray historic characters.

West Virginia University Historian William Hal Gorby will

speak during the program, and there will be a reception with free refreshments at the Parsons Depot from 3:00 – 4:00. Reservations are not required, but RSVPs to help planning are welcome. Get more information and RSVP at [saveblackwater.org](http://saveblackwater.org), or call 304-345-7663. The program is presented with support from the West Virginia Humanities Council.

## Morrissey Pens Letter Asking Maryland Governor for Gun Reciprocity in Light of SCOTUS Ruling

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey has sent a letter to Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan asking the governor to recognize West Virginia concealed weapons permits.

The letter comes on the heels of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that found a New York state law placed improper restrictions on issuing concealed carry permits, thereby infringing on the right to carry firearms in public for self-defense.

Maryland, as do California, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island, has laws similar to New York—the so-called “may-issue” states. Maryland has not extended recognition to West Vir-

ginians with concealed weapons permits either via reciprocity or statute.

“For citizens of my state who live near Maryland, work in Maryland, or commute through Maryland, this issue has been especially problematic and worrisome,” Attorney General Morrissey wrote. “It would be mutually beneficial for our states to reach a concealed handgun license reciprocity agreement, and my office is prepared to work with Maryland on this at any time.”

For information on West Virginia concealed carry reciprocity, go to [wvago.gov](http://wvago.gov).

Read the full letter to the governor of Maryland at: <https://bit.ly/3A5hnlu>.

## West Virginia School Clothing Allowance Applications Open July 1-31, 2022

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Family Assistance will begin accepting School Clothing Allowance applications on July 1, 2022, for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools. Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children.

The following groups will automatically receive School Clothing Allowance benefits for each school-age child in the home by the end of June:

- Families with school-age children who currently receive WV WORKS cash assistance
- Parents or guardians of children in foster care
- Children ages 4-18 who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, are enrolled in school and whose household income is under 130% of the Federal Poverty Level

Families who received School Clothing Allowance in 2021 and currently have Medicaid coverage should receive a School Clothing Allowance application by U.S. Mail in late June.

Others may be eligible for School Clothing Allowance benefits based on the income limits by household size as listed below. Verification of income for July must be submitted with the application.

### Income Limits for the School Clothing Allowance Program for 2022:

Number of Persons in Household & Income Limit	Income Limit
1	\$1,396
2	\$1,888
3	\$2,379
4	\$2,871
5	\$3,363
6	\$3,855
7	\$4,347
8	\$4,839
9	\$5,331
10	\$5,823

Families may apply online at [www.wvpath.org](http://www.wvpath.org) or request a paper application be mailed by contacting their local DHHR office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Applications must be received by July 31, 2022.

School Clothing Allowance recipients will receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card in place of the traditional paper voucher. This system change was implemented in 2021 to allow for both online transactions and increased choice of vendors when purchasing school clothing or piece goods. The EBT card will operate like a debit card and can be used at any retailer who accepts EBT cash transactions. Parents or guardians of children in foster care will receive the School Clothing Allowance benefit as a check.

Those needing to update their address may do so at [www.wvpath.org](http://www.wvpath.org) or by calling DHHR’s Customer Service Center at 1-877-716-1212.

## 259 STAT will Close July 18

Davis, WV – Davis Health System (DHS) has announced it will suspend the operation of 259 STAT, walk-in clinic in Davis, due to low patient utilization.

259 STAT and Community Care Pharmacy, Davis Health System affiliates, are located in the Davis, WV Shop-N-Save. Walk-in care will end on July 18. The pharmacy will remain open until September 2, 2022 to manage current prescriptions and refills.

“We hoped that demand for walk-in, evening and weekend hours would support the operation of 259 STAT, but we

simply do not have the volume to continue these services,” said DHS Chief Medical Officer Catherine Chua, DO, FAAFP, FMNM, CPE.

“We feel strongly about providing healthcare to the patients of Tucker County, so we’re exploring other ways to bring valued services to the communities of Canaan Valley, Davis and Thomas,” added Chua. “We hope to release details of a new enterprise early this Fall.”

Patients can call Community Care Pharmacy at 304.478.2319 with questions about refills.

## DMC welcomes Foot and Ankle Podiatric Surgeons

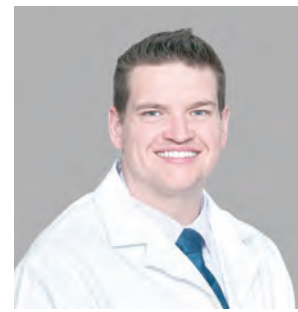
ELKINS, WV – Davis Medical Center welcomes Dr. Hannah J. Hughes, DPM and Dr. Michael Hurst, DPM to further the best-in-class podiatry care that DMC offers to residents.

The husband and wife team are both graduates of Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, Chicago, IL, and both completed their medical residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), Pittsburgh, PA.

Doctors Hughes and Hurst are podiatric surgeons who will provide nonsurgical and surgical treatments alongside long-time DMC podiatrists Dr. Ashton Curtis, DPM and Dr. Hal Zorger, DPM.

“We are thrilled to have this young couple join the medical practice and relocate to Elkins,” said Dr. Curtis. “Their training at Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and residency in surgical podiatry gives them a great scope of experience in foot and ankle procedures needed to serve the community.”

Hughes grew up in Olean, NY, near the New York and Pennsylvania border. She said the rural setting and change of seasons of Elkins reminds



Dr. Michael Hurst, DPM



Dr. Hannah J. Hughes, DPM

her of Western New York. “I’m thrilled to join the community,” she said.

Dr. Hurst is originally from Temecula, CA and he began making his way to the East Coast after high school. “I played college football in Nebraska, went to podiatry school in Chicago, and headed to Pittsburgh for my residency. The scenery and the mountains here are just beautiful. It felt natural for Hannah and me to come to Elkins and Davis Medical Center,” Dr. Hurst said.

Both surgeons are well trained in treating conditions of the foot and ankle, including trauma, limb salvage, diabetic foot care, as well as primary podiatric care and surgery. Additional treatments include Reconstructive surgery, Diabetic foot wound and infections, bunions, great toe arthritis, ankle replacement, gas gangrene, osteomyelitis, and necrotic toes.

“Being able to help people with their problems, whether small or large, is so rewarding,” said Dr. Hughes. “I like giving patients a better quality of life and helping them get back on their feet”

Dr. Hughes and Hurst have completed advanced training in Master Techniques in Circular and Delta External Frames, Plastic Surgery Techniques, Tendon Fixation and Arthroscopy. They are both Board Qualified in Forefoot and Rearfoot Surgery by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. They are members of the American Podiatric Medical Association, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, and the American Society of Podiatric Surgeons.

The couple will reside in Elkins, and when they are not practicing podiatry they enjoy spending time together, traveling and attending sporting events.

Appointments with Dr. Hughes and Dr. Hurst can be made by calling the Davis Medical Center Podiatry Center at 304.637.9302.

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## Kachmarek Named to Dean's List at Frostburg State University

FROSTBURG, MD Edward Kachmarek, of Kerens, has been named to the dean's list at Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD, for outstanding academic achievement for the spring 2022 semester.

To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours and earn a cumulative semester grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Situated in the mountains of Allegany County, Frostburg State University is one of the 12 institutions of the University System of Maryland. FSU is a comprehensive, residential regional university and serves as an educational and cultural center for Western Maryland. For more information, visit [frostburg.edu](http://frostburg.edu) or [Facebook](#). Follow FSU on [Twitter](#).

## WVU Potomac State College Spring 2022 Dean's List

WVU Potomac State College Dean of Academic Affairs Greg Ochoa is pleased to announce that 219 students earned a place on the Dean's list for spring 2022. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for at least 12-credit hours of graded courses, excluding courses

in which any grade of Audit, Pass or Incomplete is recorded, and must maintain a grade-point average of 3.000 to 3.699 for the semester.

The following students have met the criteria: Tyler Molone from Tucker County.

## Tucker among Rural ADA ramp projects awarded by WVDOH

CHARLESTON, WV – Contracts to install ADA-compliant curb cuts in 12 communities around West Virginia are among 10 projects awarded by the West Virginia Division of Highways on Wednesday, June 29, 2022.

The projects were awarded from a bid letting held Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

"This is all about accessibility," said Todd Rumbaugh, P.E., WVDOH Chief Engineer of Construction. "This gives people in rural communities with disabilities access to sidewalks without having to be in the roads."

Under federal law, the WVDOH is required to put in ADA-compliant curb cuts any time they pave a road that is bordered by a sidewalk. By putting in the curb cuts first, paving contractors don't have to worry about hiring someone to put in the ramps, and smaller contractors are able to get contracts to do the curb cuts. The added efficiency has cut the cost of putting in ADA ramps by half.

On June 29, the WVDOH awarded construction contracts for ADA ramps in 23 locations in Middlebourne and Centerville in Tyler County; 163 locations in Harpers Ferry, Charles Town, and Ranson in Jefferson County; 49 locations in Parsons, Davis, Thomas, Circleville, Franklin, and Brandywine in Tucker and Pendleton counties; and ADA ramps in Hundred in Wetzel County.

The projects were awarded from a bid letting held Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

### Contracts awarded in June were:

- Kelly Paving Inc. was low bidder on an ADA ramp project in Hundred, with a bid of \$92,699. (Wetzel County)
- Kelly Paving Inc. was also low bidder on an ADA ramp project in Tyler County, with a bid of \$110,600. (Tyler County)
- SQP Construction Group Inc. was low bidder on an ADA ramp project in Jefferson County, with a bid of \$897,900. (Jefferson County)
- SQP Construction Group Inc. was also low bidder on an ADA ramp project in Tucker and Pendleton counties, with a bid of \$313,900. (Pendleton and Tucker counties)
- LMS Construction was low bidder on a pedestrian and bicycle path project in Harrisville, with a bid of \$254,258.80. (Ritchie County)
- PDK Construction Inc. was low bidder on a guardrail replacement project from Servia to Burnsville

Road, with a bid of \$2,208,650.75. (Braxton County)

- Penn Line Service Inc. was low bidder on a guardrail replacement project in District 5, with a bid of \$843,313.39.
- Penn Line Service Inc. was also low bidder on a guardrail replacement project in District 9, with a bid of \$749,109.
- A&A Safety Inc. was low bidder on a project to lay high friction pavement in Walton, with a bid of \$173,546.73. (Roane County)
- Penn Line Service Inc. was low bidder on a guardrail replacement project in District 3, with a bid of \$987,810.

Several factors are considered before awarding a bid, including whether a bid falls above or below the WVDOH Engineer's Estimate and by what percentage. In cases where a bid is above the Engineer's Estimate, WVDOH must consider the project need, repercussions of not awarding the project, additional funding sources, and whether sufficient reasons exist for the differences in estimates. Most projects are reviewed, analyzed, and awarded within a week of the bid letting, but the process can take longer.

When the Division of Highways has a project that is determined to be best constructed by a contractor, it is processed through the bid letting system. A letting is a scheduled opportunity for contractors to review and bid on several construction projects at one time. Lettings are held either once or twice per month and conducted through the Bid Express System online at [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com) and handled through the Contract Administration Division. Contractors need to subscribe to Bid Express before bids can be accepted on any project.

As the date and time approach the deadline of the letting, contractors are expected to place their bids, with complete documentation as necessary. Shortly after the letting, the respective bids are reviewed. All bids are evaluated thoroughly for competitiveness and deemed acceptable through guidelines as approved by policy, reviewed, and approved by the FHWA. Award of the contracts is made based on the recommendation by our Awards Committee based on the results that evaluation and approval by the Commissioner. Projects are typically awarded to the lowest bidder with all proper documentation in place.

## LEGAL

Tariff Form No. 12  
(Tariff Rule 23.1 et seq.)

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES BY NON-LRR MUNICIPAL UTILITY

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, a public utility, has adopted by Ordinance on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 a tariff containing increased rates, tolls, and charges for furnishing water service to approximately 802 customers in and around the Parsons area of Tucker County, West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective Friday, August 19, 2022, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$40,771 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 10%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Customers	Present Rates	Proposed Rate	(\$) Rate Increase	(%) Rate Increase
Residential	\$26.80	\$29.48	\$2.68	10.0%
Commercial	\$26.80	\$29.48	\$2.68	10.0%
Industrial	\$26.80	\$29.48	\$2.68	10.0%

Other changes being proposed are:

- An increase in the initial security deposit from \$50.10 to \$55.12 for all new services will be required equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of the annual estimated charge for residential service (based on 4,000 gallons or \$55.12) or one-sixth (1/6) of the annual estimated charge for all other service.
- An increase in the tap fee from \$300.00 to \$600.00 will be charged when the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant. All customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system will be charged this fee.
- A change in the leak adjustment allowance; this would increase the leak adjustment from \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons. This adjustment is to be used when a bill reflects unusual consumption, which can be attributed to eligible leakage on customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's two-year historical average usage of water.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the Ordinance changing said rates or charges, by:

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(1) Any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility; or

(2) Any customer who is served by a municipally operated electric or natural gas public utility and who resides outside the corporate limits and who is affected by the change in said rates or charges and who presents to the Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or

(3) Any customer or group of customers of a municipally operated natural gas utility who are affected by said change in rates who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the Commission alleging discrimination between said customer or group of customers and other customers of the municipal utility. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the City of Parsons Business Office, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287.

A copy of the proposed rates is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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

## 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:

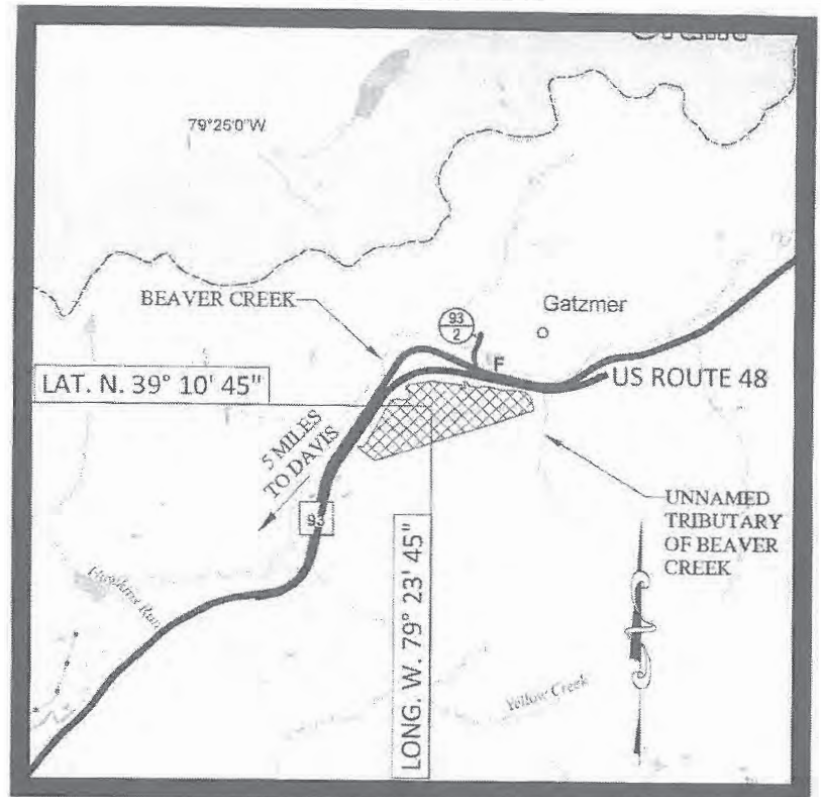
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The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

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DEADLINE:  
9 a.m. Monday

## LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA  
IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE OF NAME  
OF Amy Michele Keller  
TO THE NAME OF Amy Michele Hartsell  
Civil Action 22-P-6  
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
Notice is hereby given on the 19th day of July, 2022 at the hour of 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the undersigned will apply to the Circuit Court of Tucker County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court to change the name of the undersigned petitioner Amy Michele Keller to the name of Amy Michele Hartsell. Any party that can show good cause why the name should not be changed may appear at that time and object to the change of name.

*Amy Michele Keller*  
Petitioner

## 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

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA  
IN RE:  
The Marriage of: Civil Action No. 22-D-16  
Robert Ewell Thomas and Jodie Carol Thomas  
Petitioner Respondent  
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL DEPARTMENT To the Above-Named Respondent:  
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Jodi Carol Thomas is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Jodi Carol Thomas serve upon Robert Ewell Thomas, Petitioner, whose address is One Mountaintop Way, Mt. Olive, West Virginia, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Divorce filed in this action on or before July 27, 2022. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.  
A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.  
Entered by the clerk of said Court June 29, 2022

*Sharon Marks*  
Clerk of the Court  
*By Maryjulia*

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# Runners Embarked on Canaan Valley State Park for Inaugural Canaan Valley Trail Run

**DAVIS, W. VA (June 28, 2022)**- More than 80 runners from across the country converged onto Canaan Valley State Park to take part in the Canaan Valley Running Company's inaugural Canaan Valley Trail Run. The race was held on Saturday, June 25.

"We are thrilled to announce that our inaugural Canaan Valley Trail Run was a tremendous success. We could not be happier," said Robby McClung, owner and founder of the Canaan Valley Running Company. "By adding this race to our already extensive catalog of races, we are able to provide runners the ability to enjoy the beautiful trails of the Canaan Valley State Park in a new and exciting way. We had runners from over 8 different states join us. It was truly a thrill to see smiles on the faces of our runners and spectators!"

McClung added, "We would like to thank everyone at the Canaan Valley State Park for their support and for preparing the

park to ensure our runners and visitors had a fantastic time. The race would not be possible without them!"

The Canaan Valley Trail Run, which took place on the Promise Land Trail, gave runners the option to run one 5.9-mile loop, or two loops, which totaled 11.8 miles.

### Top finishers for the race were as follows:

5.9 Mile Trail Run  
Male – **Dustin Isner** of **Cumberland, MD** – **51:46.59**

Female – **Lisa Krammes** of **Lenhartsville, PA** – **53:57.82**

11.8 Mile Trail Run  
Male – **Daniel McDowell** of **Princeton, WV** – **1:32:44.38**

Female – **Anne Farmer** of **Thomas, WV** – **1:55:47.14**

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Daniel McDowell of Princeton, WV, the male 11.8-mile trail run winner, takes in the scenic beauty of Canaan Valley State Park as he races to the finish line.

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Registration for the 2023 Canaan Valley Trail Run,

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