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## Model T Caravan Stops in Historic Site in Leadmine



Mark Warner (left) and Bill Ramsey (right) giving background history of Lead Mine and the Vagabond

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Model T owner, Bill Ramsey, along with 11 other Model T owners with many of those present that completed the Vagabond tour in 2018 traveled this week to Leadmine, Parsons, Dry Fork, and Canaan Valley. Along their journey they made several stops including the Kingsford plant, in Parsons, and the historic site St. George Academy.

During their lunch stop in Leadmine, Mark Warner was present to give the drivers a background on the history of Leadmine. Warner and his wife rebuilt the replica water wheel to a 50 percent scale of the original water wheel. It is on the actual site that was pictured in 1918 with Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone, his son Harvey, John Burroughs, and Robert DeLoach of the See MODEL T page 6

## Depot Shooter Robert Eastham Arrested!



Trial this Saturday, 16 July, 1:30 p.m,
Parsons Courthouse
Admission–Free, Everyone Welcome,
Reception after

## City Council Members Sworn into Service

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County Clerk Sherry Simmons was on hand at City of Parsons Council meeting to swear in elected officials. The first to be sworn into for a returning term was Mayor Dorothy Judy. New council members added to the council are Kathy DiBacco, James "Sam" Humphrey, and Timothy Turner. Returning council members are Timothy Auvil, Recorder Bruce Kolsun (not present at meeting and was sworn in at Simmons' office on a prior date), and Melissa Jones.

S. Simmons had the appointees repeat after her by saying, "I (state your name) do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of West Virginia. And I will faithfully discharge my duties as Council (Mayor was used for



Simmons swearing in City Council members from left to right: Melissa Jones, James "Sam" Humphrey, Timothy Auvil, Kathy DiBacco, and Timothy Turner.

Judy's swearing-in) members of the City of Parsons to the best of my skill and judgement so help me God."

After Mayor Judy welcomed the new members, the council got down to business at hand. The first item of business was the changes being proposed for Article 936 Water Tariff Ordinance. Before the third and final reading of the article took place Gary Herron and Nicoda Evans addressed the council with questions and concerns about the proposed water bill changes.

Herron asked the council why the 10 percent rate increase was taking place now and why not do it small increments before now. Councilman Auvil explained that there has not been an increase in the rates in almost 10 years

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TC Clerk Sherry Simmons Swearing in Mayor Dorothy Judy

## New TCBOE Members Sworn into Office



TC Clerk Sherry Simmons swearing in TCBOE members

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Tucker County Clerk Sherry Simmons swore in returning member Cathy Hebb and new members Theresa Simmons, Mae Teeter and Kevin White to serve the Tucker County Board of Education. After members were sworn in the board voted for the two-year terms of President and Vice-President.

The board unanimously voted for Daniel "Chopper" Evans to remain President and for newly appointed full-time member Theresa Simmons as Vice-President. T. Simmons was previously serving as temporary member filling in the vacant seat for the past few months. All three new members won the appointment of seats by votes placed by residents during the May ballot.

S. Simmons had the new

appointees repeat after her by saying, "I (state your name) do solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the state of West Virginia. And I will faithfully discharge my duties of office of the Tucker County Board of Education Board member to the best of my skill and judgement so help me God." S. Simmons shook all members hands and said, "Thank you for taking care of our children."

Guest speaker Athletic Director for DTEMS Dustin Luzier proposed to the board adding new sports for the upcoming school year. The original plan was for the middle schools have one joint girls' volleyball team and be housed at TVEMS but after receiving a huge interest from the girls it was figured out the schools could host their owns

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## New Brooklyn Heights Riverfront Campground Open



One of the camp sites available at Brooklyn Heights Campground.

By: Jennifer Britt
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Vince Lombardi was fortunate to purchase 34 acres of property along the Dry Fork River just four miles outside of the City of Parsons city limits and a half a mile past the swinging bridge that is located in Hendricks Park. Lombardi acquired the unlogged property back in the beginning of June and in just one month's time has added See NEW page 4



Owner of Brooklyn Heights Camp Vince Lombardi pictured in front one of the five shelter cabins available for rent





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because they did not want to increase residents' bills, but at it stands now with rising cost of parts, chemicals, and supplies the city is actually losing money with revenue remaining the same.

Auvil said, "It has been 10 years since our last water rate increase. We are required by PSC (Public Service Commission) regulations to meet 1.5 percent MHI which is median household income of what our rates have to be. The MHI is determined by the census. In order to qualify for any kind of grants or bonds of any sort to make improvements.

We are also required by PSC regulations to have 115 percent of debt coverage. Right now, we are currently around \$40,000 in the hole a year in the water department alone. We are not going to be changing them (the rates) every ten years like this. We will be reevaluating them every three years, so it is a minor increase."

A minimum bill will increase \$2.86 which is 10 percent of the water portion of the bill. Sewer will not have an increase because it just received an increase some time ago. In the future rates increases will be evaluated and adjusted every three years for both sewer and water but will be staggered.

Evans stated her questions were answered through Auvil's explanation to Herron. The only real question she had was concerning her personal water bill and why even when she is gone for a month at a time the rate is the same. Auvil explained that her bill was for a minimum monthly use, but she could always call down to the city and have her water shut off when she is out of town. The city will turn it back on for her when she is due to return. There is no charge for this.

Randy Watson from Thrasher Engineering was guest speaker. Watson brought new council members up to speed on three main projects happening in Parsons. Watson has been collaborating with Parsons since 1996.

One project is the Intragovernmental connection being made between Parsons PSD and Hamrick PSD to help each other in case of a water shortage emergency. The connection will allow one or the other to receive water from their treatment plants through a connection at the river. This connection is a requirement and a result from the disaster that happened in Charleston when chemicals got in their water supply. This Project is totally funded through the Small Cities Block Grant.

Concerning the use of the intraconnection Auvil said, "We are communities that work together in the event of an emergency. This is only going to be used in the event of an emergency and if they (Hamrick PSD) need help we are going to help them and vice versa."

Another project is the \$5 mil sewer project to replace and upgrade the sewer lines. As well fixing man holes and upgrading the sanitary sewer system in the area. This will be done ensure I/I (Infiltration and Inflow) does not get into the infiltration system.

The last major project is the replacement of the remaining 25 percent of water lines. Phases one and two are completed. The goal is to have no more than 12 people on a two-inch pipe line. Fire hydrates will also be installed where required.

The council regretfully accepted the letter of resignation from Lieutenant David E. Gidley II effective July 1. In his letter Gidley said, "It has been my greatest privilege to serve the citizens of Tucker County and the City of Parsons over the last 28 years. I appreciate the commitment the City of Parsons has taken to ensure that the Police Department be properly equipped, trained, and staffed. Great strides have been made in these areas over the last few years and it is my wish that this continues so that current and future officers will be able to serve the community in the manner it so deserves."

The Parsons Police Department hosted a surprise retirement party for Gidley on Saturday, July 9 at 1 p.m. at the community center. At which time Gidley was presented with his retirement badge, retired service weapon, and presented a plague of apprecia-

Auvil gave praise and appreciation for every city employee that showed up during the recent water line break. The break was a major three foot crack up an eight-inch line by the Subway and Billings area. Auvil commended Clarksburg Water Board as well for supplying the parts that were needed to fix the break. Auvil said, "They had the right components to fix the leak and came with a truck load of parts."

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Auvil gave a special shout out to Agnes (Aggie) Arnold who answered the phones and brought food out to the employees on two occasions.

Auvil commended Parsons' PSD workers John "Red" Lipscomb and Ryan for coming out and jumping right to work on the leak. Lipscomb was on vacation in Dry Fork at the

Also commended for their help was Jason Lipscomb who is the manager of Hamrick PSD and Kevin Lewis with the department of highways.

Auvil said, "It was a team effort, and I cannot say enough about how proud I am of everyone that showed up and helped fix the leak."

For the last order of business newly appointed council member Turner asked for three items to be concerned. First, Turner would like a discussion item added to the next meeting's agenda for the outsourcing of payroll to save money. Turner stated he would get all information together for the discussion. Second, Turner asked for the discussion agenda item to be added concerning the posting of the City Manager/Treasurer position for the next meeting as well. And thirdly, Turner asked for more communication from the City of Parsons office. Turner stated, "Communication needs to happen." And when asked by whom did more communication need to go to Turner responded by saying, "Everyone."

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building. If you would like an item placed on the agenda, feel free to contact Parsons Business Office at 304-478-2311.

## News of Record

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

• Hub Bechtol, of Thomas was charged with one count Petit Larceny. According to the complaint on June 20 Chief Deputy M.J. Sigley was advised to contact Briana Mumford who works for Wild Ginger and Spice in Davis. He spoke with her over the phone and she advised him that a male subject namely Hub Bechtol, was in the store on June 19 and allegedly took a necklace. Sigley then went to the business and spoke to Mumford personally. She provided a hand written and signed statement saying that on June 19 Hub walked into the store asking about a dress. She advised that he was acting strange and stumbling at which time he allegedly placed his hand on her back and hovered over her. She advised that he allegedly gave her co-worker a knife and told her to learn how to use it and play with it. She stated that they looked at the video surveillance since he was acting strange and noticed him take a necklace off a mannequin and place it in his pocket. She said the necklace is a round, blue soda light crystal pendant on a black cord string valued at approximately \$12.

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

- Stephanie O. Roy, Donald Wolford and Tammy Wolford, Dry Fork, Lot 10 Winwood to Almost Heaven Development LLC, \$37,000.
- Western Pocahontas Properties Limited Partnership, Fairfax, 6.73 acres to MH & EF LLC, \$540,000.
- Kevin J. Flanagan, Davis, Metes and Bonds to Bridget L. Billinge, \$120,000.
- Kathy J. Nelson, Davis Corporation, .12 acre, .44 acre and .35 acre to Kathy J. Nelson and Robbey D. Nelson, \$0.
- James L. Humphrey, Jr., Parsons, Lot 116 and 117 to John M. Ledden and Kimberly D. Ledden,
- Joshua M. Lowther, Black Fork, 0.35 acre more or less to Dustin J. Rexrode, \$90,000.
- Margaret Hamlin Mitchell Living Trust, Dry Fork, .07 acres and .25 acres to James Hamlin, \$0.
- James Jeffrey Hamlin, Dry Fork, .07 acres and .25 acres to Richard L. Hedrick, \$25,000.
- Donna Jane Ott, Dry Fork, Lot 10 Copper Ranch 1.01 acres to, Chelsea E. Archbold, \$0.

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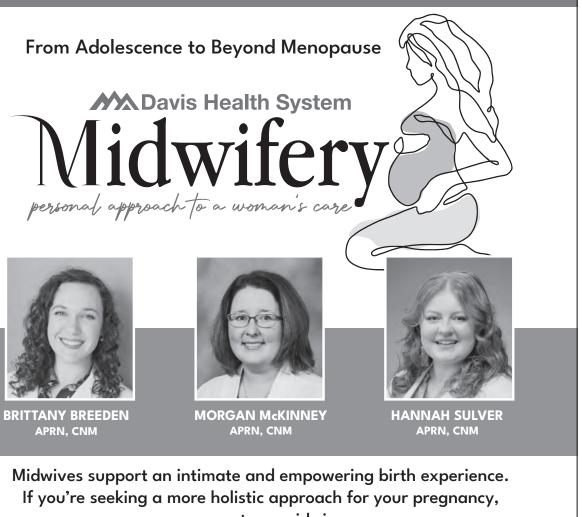
The St. George monthly outpost of Senior Citizens was held on June 16, 2022 at the St. George United Methodist Church. Sharon Daniels welcomed everyone to the covered dish dinner. After the meal, Jane Pifer did a reading and Sharon shared several funny sayings. Barry Wendell who is running for congress in West Virginia in the new Second District as a democrat addressed the group.

Deborah Stiles played the piano for a sing-along of several well-known hymns and the group ended the day

with a rousing "Country Roads."

Those present included the above plus Carol Weinstein, Arlene Ramsey, Jean Myers, Doloris Propst, Joe Hample, Priscilla Flanagan, and Eleanor Nestor.

The Parsons Senior Center usually provides a van and seniors are always welcome to come, bring a covered dish, and bring a friend to the next gathering on July 21, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the St. George United Methodist Church for food, fun, and fellowship.



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### **Dollie Payne Wilfong Tacy**

Dollie Payne Wilfong Tacy went home to be with the Lord in the early morning hours of July 3, 2022. She was 97 years old, born on January 28, 1925, in Greenbank, WV, a daughter of the late Jonas Wardell Wilfong and Ruth Bryant Arbogast Wilfong. On July 5, 1941 she married Ralph Sterling Tacy, Sr. who preceded her in death. They had a large family of eight



boys and four girls. She loved the Lord and loved reading her bible. She attended Rowlesburg Southern Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher for many years. She also enjoyed crocheting, working in her flower garden and she especially loved all her babysitting kids.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by three sons, Robert Wardell Tacy, Lester Dale Tacy, and Phillip Boyd Tacy. Surviving are nine children, Ralph Jr. and Sheila Tacy, of Willis Michigan, Sterl and Sue Tacy, of Philippi, WV, Lee Tacy, of Hambleton, WV, Glenn and Carolyn Tacy, of Sneads Ferry, NC, Walter and Ruth Tacy, of Belington, WV, Faye and Lanny Knotts, of Kingwood, WV, Sharon and Charles Martin, of Parson, WV, Judy and Rev. Neil Parson, of Parsons, WV, and Phyllis and Roger Parsons, of Danbury, NC, one sister, Gloria Yvonne Wilfong, of Michigan, many, many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Her request will be honored, there will be no funeral service. She will be laid to rest beside her husband.

#### **JoAnne Grace Parsons Sakal**

JoAnne Grace Parsons Sakal died at her home in Hambleton, WV, family by her side. She was 92 years old. She was born May 4, 1930 in Parsons, a daughter of the late Daryl Lovell and Hazel Irene Shaffer Parsons. She was married to Richard Sakal in 1972 who preceded her in death in 2007. Surviving are her children; Bill (Sheree) DeJohn, Pott-



stown, PA; Lynn (David Wilson) DeJohn, Denver, CO and Shelly DeJohn, Pottstown, PA; step children; Rick Sakal and Deb Pizzica, Phoenixville, PA; grandchildren, Adam Ackerman (Erica Spangler) Longmont, CO; Alax DeJohn, Gilbertsville, PA and Kaitlyn DeJohn, Perkiomenville, PA; two great grandchildren; one sister, Donna June Lawrence, Belington, WV, several cousins and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Daryl Neil Parsons and Richard Ward Parsons and one sister, Jean Gilmore. JoAnne was a HS cheerleader and 1948 graduate of Parsons High School. She lived most of her adult life in Pennsylvania. For many years she was employed as a bookkeeper for the Pottstown Borough. She enjoyed riding motorcycles, skiing, golf, crafts, entertaining friends/family poolside and traveling. She initially returned to Hambleton to care for her mother and was joined by her husband to spend their retirement years. For a time, she was a driver for the Senior Center and a volunteer at the Tucker County Animal Shelter. She was a lifelong animal lover and rescuer. She remained active. learning to play the uke and guitar in her seventies. She loved time with family, gardening, feeding the birds and, as always, lovin' her pets. She was known for her high energy, big heart, quick wit and strong spirit. A graveside service will be held at Parsons Cemetery on July 30 at 10:30 a.m. officiated by Reverend Neil Parsons, followed by a luncheon at Hambleton United Methodist Church. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Send condolences to the family at www. hostetler funeralhome.com In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hambleton United Methodist Church.

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#### Alberta Jean Kuhn

Alberta Jean Kuhn, age 72 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life Monday afternoon, July 4, 2022, at the WV Caring Hospice Center at Elkins, WV surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Saturday, July 1, 1950, at Petersburg, WV, a daughter of the late Roscoe Elmer Kuhn and Ada Maxine Taylor Kuhn. She was previ-

ously married to Eugene R. McCrum, Sr., who survives at Blackman Flats, Hambleton.

Also surviving are one son, Eugene "J.R." McCrum, Jr. and wife Jennifer of Shrewsbury, Pa; one daughter, Angela Marie McCrum of Canaan Valley; four brothers, Kermit Kuhn, Terry Kuhn, David Kuhn and Robert Kuhn; seven sisters, Donna Faye Shaffer, Marsha Hill, Beverly McRobie, Linda Dean, Emma Lou Rhem, Margaret Rush and Melissa Carr; ten grandchildren, Keristan and husband Zev Ruddle, Jessica, Ray, Alvie, Christian, Remington, Delton, Kaya, Evan and Andrew; and one great grandchild, Ari.

Preceding her in death is one brother, Jeffrey Kuhn.

She attended the schools of Grant County and earned her GED with the first graduating class at Tucker County High School. She was a homemaker and loved raising her children. She was a quilter, enjoying life and dearly loved spending time with her family and grandchildren.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Friday, July 8, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Friday at 12 Noon. The Rev. A.H. Belt will officiate and interment will follow at the Mount Storm Cemetery at Mt. Storm, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Alberta Jean Kuhn. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

### Frederic N. "Fritz" Corey

Frederic N. "Fritz" Corey,92 of Davis, WV, passed away on Wednesday July 6, 2022, at his home. He was born December 26, 1929, in Toledo, OH, a son of the late James Leslie DeWitt Corey and Norma Louise (Muth) Corey.

Fritz attended grade schools in Maumee, OH, and Alliance, OH, graduating from Alliance High School in 1947. He

matriculated at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, and graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering in 1951.

He worked for the Boeing Airplane Co. in Seattle, WA, and then entered the US Army Corps of Engineers and served in Korea from 1952 to 1954. Following military service, he was employed by the Republic Steel Corp., followed by over twenty years as Director of Engineering at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, where he also volunteered as an off-shore sailing coach.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Brownsville, TX.

As a Registered Professional Engineer, he served as president of the local chapter in Annapolis, MD. He was a former member of the Annapolis Yacht Club, the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake, and the Laguna Madre Yacht Club in Port Isabel, TX.

Fritz and his family raced their sailboats, Tomboy and Scamp, on the Chesapeake Bay for many years. During his retirement years, he taught skiing at the Canaan Valley State Park. As a life-long golfer, he recently has enjoyed playing at the Holly Meadows Country Club in Parsons, WV, and the South Padre Island Golf Club in Laguna Vista, TX, where he resided during the winter months.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruth Joanne (Donaldson) Corey; three daughters, Andrea Kent and husband Ron, Lehigh Acres, FL, Jane Corey, Elkins, WV, Ann Corey McLaughin, Chester, MD; a son, Thomas Corey and wife Susanne, Holland, OH; Six grandchildren, Moss, Jakin, Elizabeth, Sarah, Abbey and Evan; eight great- grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, James Louis Corey and one sister, Norma Jeanne Donaldson Postel.

Mr. Corey's request for cremation will be honored. There will be a celebration of life held at a later date. The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Corey family.

Donations may be made in his name to his favorite charities, The Salvation Army and any local animal shelter.



#### Elsie Mae Nestor Jones

Elsie Mae Nestor Jones, age 97 years, a resident of the Pheasant Run Community, Kerens, WV, departed this life Friday, July 8, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her loving family and under the care of West Virginia Caring.

She was born Tuesday, June 30, 1925, at Mt. Zion, Tucker County, WV, a daughter of the late Floyd Jennings "Sam"



Nestor and Ethel Fawley Nestor. On February 2, 1944, at Baltimore, MD, she was married to Earl Elmo Jones, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Denzal Elmo Jones and wife Debbie of Pheasant Run, Delvin Erick Jones and wife Becky of Falls Church, VA, and Dale Evan Jones and wife Robin of Sugarlands; two daughters, Delorce Ethel Booth and husband Dewey of Pheasant Run and Crystal Dawn Collar and husband Pete of Parsons; one brother, Clyde Nestor of Mt. Zion; one sister, Ruth Dale Bott of Fredericksburg, VA; seventeen grandchildren, Kevin, Brian, Derek Jones, Lee Helmick, Tammy Heitz, Heather Booth, Jeff (Angie) Booth, Stephanie (Tommy) Long, Dylan Jones, Ava Collar, Trista (Brandon) Moran, Deanna (Aaron) Cardinal, Arica (Joe) Uffman, Cierra (Phillip) Boyles, Evan Jones, Ashley (Wayne) Brown, Brian Buck and Erica Vance; twenty three great Grandchildren, Devin (Kristina), Mikayla (James), Reagan, Kody, Anastasia, Joslyn, Gabriel, Briar, Damion, Izabella, Allan, Alex, Lillian, Daniel, Emma, Isiah, Kyle Shae, Jacob, Bryce, Madison, Celeste, Makenzie, and Whitney; and four great great-grandchildren, Raeligh, Landon, Kinsley and Gunner; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are two sons, Darwin Elbert Jones and Delmas Earl Jones; one daughter-in-law, Chung Suk "Judy" Jones; two brothers, Harold Nestor and Eugene Nestor; and two sisters, Virginia Blanch Falls and Betty Phillips.

She attended the school at Mt. Zion. She worked on the farm, was a cook at the CCC Log Camp, worked in a sewing factory in Baltimore, MD and the Parsons Nursery Bottom. Her home was always open, and she cared for many children growing up along with her own. She loved her flowers and taking care of them. Elsie was very devoted to her daily devotions and loved going to church.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 1 p.m. The Reverend Justin Jones and The Reverend J. Michael Lantz will officiate and interment will follow at the Mt. Zion Cemetery on Clover Run, St. George, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Elsie Mae Nestor Jones. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.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 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 also so come early and enjoy some great entertainment.

A reminder: If you have signed up for the Gandy Dancer Theatre for July 15, 2022, the doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is served at 6:00 p.m., and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. There is an intermission but the show is approximately 2 ½ hours long. If you are riding the van, it will leave Parsons at approximately 4:30 p.m.

St. George Outpost will be on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us for great food, fun, and fellowship.

## Senior Center Lunch Menu

- 13th Navy beans, cornbread, oven potatoes, mandarin oranges
- 14th Fish fillet, cole slaw, beets, bread, pears
- 15th Swedish meatballs over noodles, green beans, apple
- 18th Mac & cheese, with chicken, stewed tomatoes, broccoli, peaches
- 19th Pork & noodles, peas, carrots, applesauce
- 20th Chicken pot pie, mixed veggies, green beans,

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roads, trails, primitive cabins, and tent/RV camping sites.

New

Situated the Dry Fork River that is a 39.1-mile-long tributary of the Black Fork of the Cheat River in the Allegheny Mountains, Brooklyn Heights Campground is the perfect secluded, peaceful, and family oriented camping spot. The Dry Fork flows for much of its length in the Monongahela National Park and drains mostly rural and forested areas. It is traditionally considered one of the five Forks of Cheat.

The camp includes 14 camping sites that include a fire ring and parking. There are three sectors of camping dispersed in the forested sites along the 2000 feet of Dry Fork River riverfront property. Camp sites will be \$25 per night on Friday or Saturday, \$20 per night on weeknights and \$120

weekly with a 20 percent discount. The five primitive shelter cabin sites are 10'x12' lofted barn cabins with a hasp for a padlock and a latch to lock from the inside. These cabins have two windows and two cots for sleeping or as tables on the bottom floor and an area above the cots for storage or two more sleeping areas. The areas above have no padding or mattress. Outside includes a fire ring and plenty of space for tents and parking.

The price to rent a shelter cabin is \$55 per night on a Friday or Saturday, \$40 per night on weeknights and \$248 weekly with a 20% discount.

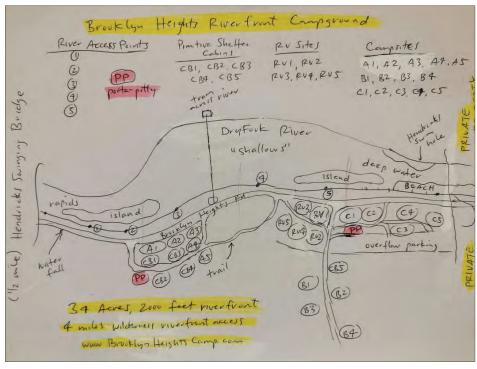


Lombardi and a group of friends cleared out and created this area that includes a concrete brick pit/grill, a trail for fishing and seating along the river bank.

There are five short term RV parking spots along the river. These RV sites cost \$30 per night on Friday or Saturday, \$20 per night on weeknights and \$128 weekly with a 20% discount. These RV sites are located about mid-camp, and not too far from the river beach swim hole area. Renters can back in their trailer or drive straight in, but it is not recommended for campers much larger than 30 feet. These spots also include a fire ring and plenty of parking space.

Slab wood Amish made benches and heavy-duty plastic picnic tables will be added to all sites in the near future. The fallen and dead trees in each area are for use in the firepits to help clean up the area. Until the sites are complete a renter will have to bring their own tables and grates for cook-

Currently there is no water or electricity ran to the campground but Lombardi states that he has plans to add both at a later date. There are weekly cleaned porta-johns located throughout the camp.



Map of Brooklyn Heights Riverfront Campground (a digital one will post to website in the near future)

Although primitive in its current form the camp ground has enormous potential. Lombardi has already worked hard getting rock in for the road through the campground and for parking of vehicles. Lombardi has also cleaned several walk ways that lead right down to the river.

Lombardi's favorite being the clearing he has created across the river from the Johnson's Hole swimming area near Rosendorf. Here he has added a cement fire pit for cooking and some chairs for relaxing on the river. Trails through the dense forest have

been started.

Lombardi is fairly new to this area but with a beautiful new home in Thomas and the newly acquired camp ground Lombardi plans to stay. One can see and feel the pride coming off Lombardi when he talks about the future of Brooklyn Heights Riverfront Campground. His grand adventure will benefit families for years to come. For more information regarding this rough gem in the making visit www.brooklyheightscamp. com or find them on Facebook.

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teams. There were 17 girls that expressed interest at DTEMS alone. Liz Bell has volunteered to coach.

Luzier expressed the need for buying equipment including portable poles with padding for the net. The gym floor can not be cut into so the portable poles are the best

Luzier also expressed an interest in adding golf as a sport the middle schools as well. Luzier stated, "Several local schools Union, Moorefield, Petersburg, Pendleton and one more school added middle school golfing this year. Davis Thomas has been trying to do a middle school golf for the last several years, but they have not been able to. We gauged in interest at Davis Thomas, and they have six students that are interested."

According to Luzier, Landon Miller may be the middle school golf coach. The students will play at both Canaan Valley Golf Course as well as Holly Meadows Golf Course. Both coaches for the proposed sports have been made aware that the first year of coaching teams is a done on an unpaid volunteer basis until the second year.

Luzier stated that it will be a task to get the volleyball up and running since it was already July, and the season starts in August. An action item will have to be placed on the next board's meeting and voted on by the members.

Another that will be added as an action item to the next TCBOE agenda will be the proposed changes for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes. TCHS Principal Alex Cork said, "The department of education has tweaked



TCBOE members from left to right: President Daniel "Chopper" Evans, Cathy Hebb, Vice-President Theresa Simmons, Mae Teeter, Kevin White, and Superintendent Alicia Lambert

the course requirements for the CTE classes that Ms. (Lacey) Evans teaches. Currently it is under the career plus information technology and is a pathway called Information Management. The CTE prescribes four courses that will need to be completed."

Cork asked the board to consider the recent changes for the CTE program that will include a solid foundation in a business program and a financial piece that has been asked for by parents often. Students in the old CTE program will be grandfathered in to complete original program.

Cork said, "My number one goal as a whole for the CTE classes not just Ms. Evans' program is to get every certification I can get a kid before they leave the building. That is my ultimate goal."

The next TCBOE meeting will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at the TCBOE office, 100 Education Lane, Parsons, WV 26287.

## **Project Appleseed comes** to Tucker County

Project Appleseed, the "biggest marksmanship program you've never heard of", is coming to Tucker County 30-31 July and 27-28 August. Project Appleseed is a nationwide program that teaches rifle marksmanship skills that have been passed down from generation to generation and reconnects Americans with the people and events of colonial America. Participants are taught skills that allow a Rifleman to be accurate out to 500 yards using a standard rifle with iron sights. This ability is traditionally known as mastering the 'Rifleman's Quarter Mile' and is an American tradition that has been part of this nation from its very first days.

The two-day marksmanship course is

being held at the Stalnaker farm in St. George. This course is geared to all levels of experience; new shooters learn basic fundamentals, experienced shooters learn new techniques and experts polish their skills and become RWVA instructors in training. The goal for all is to master the Rifleman's Quarter Mile. The two-day course cost is \$75 for adults, \$30 for veterans, law enforcement and under 18 youth. Learn more, find directions and register at: www.appleseedinfo.org/ search-states. For more information contact: Brian Swift appleseedmaryland@gmail.com Attendees are responsible for determining applicable firearms laws. Sponsored by the Revolutionary War Veterans Association, a 501(c)(3) organization

## **Happening at Blackwater Falls**

## Wing of Wonder, Birds of Prey

Live birds of prey at Blackwater Falls State Park is presented by Three Rivers Avian Center on July 13, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The educational birds are a great opportunity to learn what bird says "Who cooks for me, who cooks for you all?" as well as meet other raptors. The program is free and open to the public. All ages welcome.

### **Bil Lepp Live**

Bil Lepp is an award-winning storyteller, author, and recording artist. He's the host of the History Channel's Man Vs History series, the occasional host of NPR's internationally syndicated Moun-

tain Stage, and a contributing columnist to the West Virginia Gazette-Mail. And he's live at Blackwater Falls State Park Lodge on July 20, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.Join us for this free stage show. Open to the public. Family and friend friendly.

### Lou Mauiri-Still Dancin'

Dancing with "Lou Mauiri" is back and happening in 2022 at Blackwater Falls State Park on July 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Blackwater Falls Lodge. Lou Mauiri is a West Virginia icon and proof that dancing keeps you spry and young at heart. Individuals with two left feet will have no problem. Dancing shoes are not required. Join us for a few hours of fun. There is no fee to attend.





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### Cake Walk

There will be a cake walk and free hotdogs at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 16 at the Courthouse Square. It will be sponsored by the Parsons Chapter #91 OES and the Tucker County Veteran's Association.

#### **Employees Retired School Meeting July 20**

Tucker County Association of Retired School Employees meeting is at noon on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at The Depot Diner. All retirees are invited to attend. New enrollment form mailings will be assembled at 11 a.m. if you can come early.

### **CV Stroll**

Join the Canaan Valley Master Naturalists for summer stroll through the Canaan Valley Resort and park. Depending on conditions, we will highlight a theme related to nature or just take in the beauty around us. Bring water, binoculars, and camera. Dress for the weather including waterproof boots/shoes. Some areas are muddy. No charge. Meet at the Lodge at 10 a.m. on Saturday July 16. Plan for up to two hours.

### REUNIONS

### **Heckler Family Reunion**

The Heckler family reunion will be July 16 at 1 p.m. at St. George Park.

#### **Bohon Reunion**

The Lonzo T. Bohon Family annual reunion will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7 at the Rowlesburg City Park. All family and friends are invited to attend. Please bring your favorite covered dish and enjoy the day.

### Waybright-Teter

The reunion of the late Don and Irabelle (Teter) Waybright will be Sunday, July 24 at the Flanagan Hill Community Building at Red Creek. Lunch will start at approximately 12:30. Bring a covered dish and drink to share. Paper products and tableware will be provided.



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.

July 13, 1861: The Battle of Corricks Ford took place in Tucker County. Confederate Gen. Robert S. Garnett was killed. He was the first Confederate general killed in the Civil War.

July 14, 1861: Union troops under Gen. Jacob Cox drove Confederate militia and cavalry out of Barboursville during the Battle of Barboursville. Union forces remained in control of Barboursville for the remainder of the war.

July 15, 1886: Congressman Cleveland Monroe "Cleve" Bailey was born on a farm in Pleasants County. He represented West Virginia's third congressional district for eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1945-47 and 1949-63.

July 15, 1988: Interstate 64 was completed when the final section between Sam Black Church and the West Virginia Turnpike was opened to traffic.

July 16, 1869: Philanthropist Michael Late Benedum was born in Bridgeport. He made a fortune in the oil and gas business, but he is best remembered for the establishment of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

July 17, 1914: Singer Eleanor Steber was born in Wheeling. She made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in 1940.

July 17, 1922: The Cliftonville Mine Battle took place east of Wellsburg, Brooke

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County. The gun battle between striking miners and sheriff's forces left at least nine people dead.

July 18, 1776: The Methodist bishop Francis Asbury first set foot in present West Virginia outside of Berkeley Springs. He worked extensively in what is now the Eastern Panhandle, preaching and lecturing almost every day, before continuing farther into western Virginia.

July 18, 1893: Spencer State Hospital opened. With its connected brick buildings, a quarter-mile in length, the hospital was sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. Spencer State Hospital remained in operation until June 1989.

July 19, 1863: A Confederate raid led by Gen. John Morgan came to an end on Buffington Island, near Ravenswood. The Confederates were overtaken by federal troops, local militia, and three U.S. Navy

July 19, 1946: Author Stephen Coonts was born in Morgantown. After graduating from West Virginia University and serving in the navy during the Vietnam War, Coonts became a best-selling action and adventure novelist with the 1986 publication of Flight of the Intruder.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information, contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

**Weather Totals** 

June 28 - July 5

**Nursery Bottom** 

**Parsons** 

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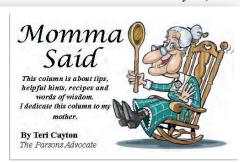
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### Here in Parsons we have an area known as The Pulp Mill Bottom. It has been undergoing some renovations to turn it into a park area. There is a pond that has become the home of a flock of Canadian Geese. Among this flock is a pair of odd looking ducks so to speak. I have identified them as Muscovy ducks. They are a very large breed of ducks and resemble a goose. They are black and white with red around their heads. I do believe we have a breeding pair but they are very hard to identify male from I Took Ripley for a walk in the Bot-

tom the other day after work and I saw the pair seeming to nest along the pond. I had noticed one earlier this spring but now we have two. All Ripley wanted to do was eat goose poop so we cut the walk short. Momma Said, "Needless to say there will not be any puppy kisses for a while."

I guess we will see soon enough if they are a nesting pair, if we see baby ducks



running around it will be confirmed. I have never seen these birds in the wild before only on a farm, but I guess they can survive wherever they want. I saw one along the interstate when I was coming to work one morning and I thought it was hurt but as I got out and approached it flew away. Maybe it is the same bird.

I hope they don't all fly away because the Canadian Geese tend to stick around all year long. Maybe we will have our very own flock of Muscovy ducks right here in Parsons. Maybe they will make this there permanent home and we can visit when we go to the pond.

## **Cookie Monster Ice Cream**

A bright blue vanilla base is loaded with Oreos and Chips Ahoy pieces to create the ultimate ice cream for cookie lovers (and monsters)!

### **Ingredients**

- 1 pint 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 tbsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. Blue gel food coloring (AmeriColor brand)
- 14 oz. can sweetened condensed
- 20 Oreos chopped
- 15 Chips Ahoy Cookies chopped

#### Instructions

- 1. In a stand mixer or using a handheld mixer, beat the heavy whipping cream, vanilla extract and blue gel food coloring until stiff peaks form.
- Add in the sweetened condensed milk, beating on low until combined. Add additional blue food coloring to get your desired shade of blue.
- Fold in the chopped oreos and chopped cookies. Transfer the ice cream to a loaf pan, 8 inch cake pan, or similar container. Add additional oreo and cookie pieces on top. Cover the pan with plastic wrap or a lid and freeze for at least 6 hours, overnight is

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preferred.

### Notes

- I recommend using gel food coloring, not liquid food coloring. The gel food coloring may temporarily stain your tongue when eating the ice cream. You can always make it without the food coloring if you prefer-it's not quite as fun, but its just as delicious!
- Store Cookie Monster Ice Cream tightly covered in the pan, in the freezer, for up to two weeks.

#### **Super** Crossword **53** Didn't include **96** "— so sorry!" 41 Glass edge

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## **PHS Alumni** gathering

Submitted bt Marvin Par-

The Parsons High School Association held their 47th gathering with a catered picnic at Camp Kidd on Saturday, July 2, 2022. Many gathered at 12:00 to visit with former classmates before lunch which was served at 2:00 p.m.

Members and guests attending were Jonna Miller, Jack William Miller, class of '56; Candy & Harry Sommerville, '56; Don Silk, '66; Terry & Sue Ann Silk, '52; Bonnie & Frank Nestor, '59; Lessie Jean Morrison '55; Eleanor Nestor '66; Mike & Jean Ledden '57; Danny Carr '58; Phyllis Carr '59; Tom & Millie Shaffer '72; Linda Vest '63; Sharon Daniels '66; Michele & Ton Felton '74; Debby Phillips Gower '68; Joyce Metheny '61; Nancy Warner Maksin '61; Kathryn Knotts '51; Jean Myers '57; Maurice & Betty Sue Arbogast McGrew '59; Sandi Owens '71; Eldon & Linda Plaugher '66; Carol Weinstein '57; Carol & Martin Ferguson '53; Marty Ferguson & Sue Saxion;

Yvonne Parsons (61; Phil Carr '61; Connie Griffith McIntyre '54; Shirley Hardy Moody '59; Janet Simmons Denison '67' Larry Denison '65; Gary & Shirley Miller Colbert '58; Donna Miller Collins '60; Kenneth Knotts '48; Virgina Herron '55; Christine & Mike Rosenau '77; Patty Wilfong '59; Arlene Ramsey '58; Jared Parsons '61; Marshall Parsons '61; Ed Poling '61; Alva Knotts '52; Elda Mae Knotts '56; Barbara Haller '59; Madonna Sponaugle '55; Bill Tumblin; Paul Myers '55; Karl Myers '54; William Dilly '55; Richard & Madonna Kalar Stokes '67; Jim & Margaret Buddingh '60; Boyd Plumley '72; Walters Myers '61; Kenneth Myers '49; Barbie & Chopper Evans, TCHS; Laura & Paul Mauzy '68; Judy Hile '66; Marilyn Phillips '66; David & Georgia Woods '50; Jim Strawderman '47; Ben Long ' 62; Jean Long '60; Priscilla Flanagan '57; Marvin "Bud" Parsons '57; Jane Parsons '55; Herb Lambert '60; Frank Dotson '69 & Charles Mick '69.

Chopper Evans gave the blessing before lunch and his group "Young Life" also helped serve the lunch.

Three PHS Graduates were inducted into the PHS Hall of Fame: Eleanor Harper Nestor, Shirley Miller Colbert & Donald Davis. A spokesperson from the classes being honored were: Alva Knotts, class of '52; and Millie Shaffer, class of '72. Many door prizes were given out by Phyllis Carr and Nancy Maksin.

The PHS Alumni awarded two Scholarships to TCHS Seniors and The "Peggy Beery Clendenin scholarship was given to Haden Wamsley and the "Ruritan Scholarship" was given to Kristen Hicks.

Marvin "Bud" sons, President of the PHS Alumni Association' had the "Alumni Committee" stand and for recognition for the preparations for the event. He also recognized the renovations that had been done to Camp Kidd.



## Summer Reading Program 2022

Five Rivers Public Library's summer reading program was June 8, 15 and 22, the theme was "Ocean of Possibilities"

Books were read to the children weekly and this year it was all about the ocean and the animals that live there.

The crafts, games, snacks & activities were geared towards the theme of the Summer Reading Program. There was fun painting, parachute game, water balloon battle, digging for treasure in the sand, walking the plank, feed the shark game, treasure map with codes among other crafts and games and a treasure chest filled with prizes for the kids.

All children received goodie bags, with the top three readers receiving a special tote filled with a variety of items. Our top three readers were, 1st place went to Ryleigh Blue, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Quinn Hovatter and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Gage Hovatter.

Of the reading lists that were turned in, 703 books were read for the 3 weeks of the program. To encourage the kids to read, there were several businesses who contributed certificates to the reading program. McDonalds, Fat Olives, Depot Diner, The Dugout, Mr. Pizza, Grandma's custard and Subway. We appreciate the businesses for their support! We also appreciate all the parents, grandparents, etc. who brought the children to our program! The kids had a great time as did the volunteers and library staff!

Children attending this year: Rhys, Gage and Quinn Hovatter, Avery Lycliter, Ryleigh & Raehan Blue, Arlana Roberts, Colt and Ryder Glover, Austin and

Jackson Mauzy, Nora, Harrison and Audrey Roberts, Luke Rippy, Emmy Young, Rowan Dilly, Hallie & Ella Vanscoy, Abbie Summerfield, Alana Mueller, Tucker Bedford, Aubrey Bunnell, Zodi Spessert, Jacob Tawes, Briella Martin, Brendan and Blaine Howell, Kyley and Maddie Rhodes and Natalie Owens, we had a total of 31 children attending this year.

Thanks to our volunteers, Macy & Maddy Helmick and Tabitha Adams and also to Jennifer Britt and the Parsons Advocate for the great article and photos.

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Replica Water Wheel at 50 percent scaled from original completed by Mark Warren

Armour Company, as they caravanned through the mountains of West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia.

Warner said, "I am glad you are all here. My story of the water wheel is that I have always been intrigued by the water wheel and the history that is behind it. I had the opportunity to build this water wheel in preparation for the 100year anniversary. It worked well.

We moved here in 1970 and the local older people remember sitting at the camp with those guys. (The Vagabond) and remembered Thomas Edison being really intrigued with all the wasted energy coming off the mountains. (Referring to the water running off the mountain).

Henry Ford was also interested in it. Henry Ford is connected with Kingsford Charcoal, because he wanted to use the wasted wood that was involved in making his cars. He eventually ran into King, and they decided to figure out a way to make it into briquettes. When they expanded and the plant here started in 1957, they were connected to Henry Ford to that extent."

Ramsey explained to the other drivers that there was not an actual lead mine in Leadmine. The name came about from an Indigenous legend and the name was given at the turn of the century and when the trees were beginning to get logged in the area.

Ramsey said, "It is a Native American legend from this area. Supposedly Indians hide lead in the trees and the settlers found it.

So, they thought there was lead here (Leadmine) but that's how the area got its name."

Ramsey also gave a quick background on the Vagabond tour. Ramsey said, "You remember that Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone and John Burroughs traveled for about 10 years. This was there 1918 trip and for those of you who did the 2018 Vagabond remember they stayed at the Summit Inn overlooking Union Town. And we stayed there exactly 100 years to the day that they had stayed there. And then we went back there, and it was kind of a loop tour.

They (Vagabond) traveled through the area. They traveled through Oakland, Md.and came down into Leadmine and could have been that very road, (the road the drivers came in on), but we do not know for sure but probably off

Thomas Edison would be the navigator and he would be notorious for picking off roads. They had no GPS and very few maps of the wilderness area. So, they stopped at the locals and talked to them and if you look there is pictures of them on a shay locomotive which was just up the road from here. And if you look up there you can see the remnants of the grade.

There are also some neat stories about meeting some young kids and apples, Model T stories, and a myth that may be true. There is story in Oakland, Md. about Henry wanting to get some flour. He got the flour and also for help-



Original Water Wheel with Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone Jr., John Burroughs, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone Sr., and Prof. Robert J. H. DeLoach

ing them out he actually sent a car back to the owners as a present.

John Burroughs was a great naturalist. He was opposed to the automobile originally. He thought that it was shame. Henry was also a bit of a naturalist because his step-grandfather was into birding. Henry liked the outdoors and so Henry admired John Burroughs. But early on John Burroughs did not really care a lot for Henry. So, Henry gave Burroughs a 1915 Model T car and told him he could see a lot more of the wilderness if he had a car and they became

We just want to express our appreciation to Mark, Larry, and the whole serve team. And the whole community for letting us be here a little early. We just really appreciate it."

According to www.thehenryford.org website: "Between 1915 and 1924, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone, and John Burroughs, calling themselves the Four Vagabonds, embarked on a series of summer camping trips. The idea was initiated in 1914 when Ford and Burroughs visited Edison in Florida and toured the Everglades. The notion blossomed the next year when Ford, Edison and Firestone were in California for the Panama-Pacific Exposition. They visited Luther Burbank and then drove from Riverside to San Diego.

In 1916, Edison invited Ford, Burroughs and Harvey Firestone to journey through the New England Adirondacks and Green Mountains; Ford, however, was unable to join the group. In 1918, Ford, Edison, Firestone, his son Harvey, Burroughs, and Robert DeLoach of the Armour Company, caravanned through the mountains of West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Vir-

Subsequent trips were made in 1919 to the Adirondacks and New England; in 1920 to John Burroughs' home and cabin retreat into the Catskill Mountains; in 1921 to West Virginia and northern Michigan; and in 1923 to northern Michigan. In 1924, the group journeyed to northern Michigan by train, gathered again at Henry and Clara Ford's Wayside Inn in Massachusetts, and visited President Coolidge at his home in Vermont.

The trips were well organized and equipped. There were several heavy passenger cars and vans to carry the travelers, household staff, and equipment; Ford Motor Company photographers also accompanied the group.

The 1919 trip involved fifty vehicles, including two designed by Ford: a kitchen camping car with a gasoline stove and built-in icebox presided over by a cook and a heavy touring car mounted on a truck chassis with compartments for tents, cots, chairs, electric lights, etc. On later trips, there was a huge, folding round table equipped with a lazy susan that seated twenty. After 1924, the growing fame of the campers brought too much public attention and the trips were discontinued."



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## Shootout at the Parsons Depot

Tucker County Historical Society

The date was March 18, 1897 when two gentlemen that were known as enemies had a shootout on the train in Parsons that was getting ready to leave for Thomas. Robert W. Eastham, one of the men was a person who liked to get involved in other's business and take on their fight even if he had nothing to gain by it. He was a big man and well-to-do and often got away with sticking his nose in other's business. He thought that Frank Thompson, a timber and sawmill owner, was trying to take all of Canaan Valley and the Blackwater Canyon for his business. They had a running argument over this and did not like each other.



Frank Thompson, copied from an article by Homer Floyd Fansler about the Eastham-Thompson shooting that appeared in the August 28, 1958 edition of The Parsons Advocate.

When Eastham boarded the train and saw Thompson, he approached him calling him a "perjurer" and a "S.O.B." and slapped him hard across the face. He then continued on to his seat. When he arrived at his seat Thompson was behind him with a gun in his hand. No one knows who fired first but Thompson fired four shots, one through the roof, two that bounced off of Eastham's forehead and one in his side. Eastham was said to have shot through his jacket pocket and struck Thompson in the left arm and left thigh with the third bullet in his

Eastham lost a pint and a half of blood and was not critical. Thompson was helped off the train and taken to the Helmick Hotel. He was later moved to a hospital in Cumberland where he died. Eastham was charged with murder, was arrested and taken to the jail in Parsons to await trial. He was sentenced to two years for involuntary manslaughter. He later escaped from jail and returned to his hometown in Flint Hill, Virginia. He was never brought back to finish his jail term and lived to the age of eighty-two.

This article appeared in the October 2019 edition of the Tucker County Historical Society quarterly newsletter. The TCHS is a tax-exempt non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It meets monthly in Parsons with membership open to anyone for annual dues of \$10 mailed to PO Box 13, Hambleton, WV 26269.

## NRCS Announces the West Virginia State **Technical Committee** Meeting scheduled for July 21, 2022

MORGANTOWN, W.Va.- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will host the West Virginia State Technical Committee meeting, July 21, 2022.

More than a dozen West Virginia federal, state, and local agencies and conservation organizations are represented on the committee. Meetings are held bi-annually to discuss the conservation of soil, water, air, plants, wetlands, wildlife, and

The meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, July 21, at

9:00 a.m. through Microsoft TEAMS. Meeting login information is available through the NRCS WV website: www. wv.nrcs.usda.gov, email NRCS.WVStateOffice@usda.gov, or by phoning 304-284-7540. Attendees with disabilities requiring special accommoda-

tions and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact Nan Kimble at 304-284-7546 with his/her specific request.

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Robert Ward Eastham, copied from Google books online: "Mosby's Rangers, A Record of Operations", by James J. Williamson, 1896.

There was a trial going on in Parsons for Alice Williams of Parsons who sued Carl Degler for fathering her baby. He refused to pay her child support or marry her. The judge ruled that Degler pay child support and to pay court cost. The men of Davis, led by Robert Eastham didn't like the decision and filed a petition to have the decision overturned.

A special train was hired to bring the petitioners to Parsons on March 18, 1897 and take them back that evening. The men came back to the train that was waiting for them and begin to board the train. Frank Thompson was in Parsons and needed a ride back to Davis and this was the last train to leave Parsons that evening so he got on the train.

## Tucker to be Included in Economic Redevelopment and Revitalization

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), both members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced several grants from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). These investments, which total \$412,509, will support redevelopment economic revitalization in the region by increasing job opportunities and attracting investment.

"I am thrilled to see EDA investing in West Virginia and providing new opportunities for different regions to develop and implement economic strategies that work for their specific communities," Ranking Member Capito said. "This funding will help retain and increase job opportunities, attract outside investment, and ensure that West Virginians thrive in our state."

"Investing in our local commu-

nities creates good-paying jobs and spurs economic opportunity, and today's announcement is great news for the entire state," Senator Manchin said. "The EDA continues to be a strong partner for West Virginia, and these investments will strengthen economic development, boost our growing tourism industry and expand media and education programs. I look forward to seeing the positive impacts of this funding and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources to support economic growth across the Mountain State."

### **Individual recipients listed** below:

· Region 8 Planning and Development Council - \$210,000 to support the development and implementation of a comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS) in the region served by the Region 8 Planning and Development Council, which comprises Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, and Pendleton counties.

- Region 7 Planning and Development Council — \$70,000 to support the development and implementation of a CEDS for the region served by the Region 7 Planning and Development Council, which comprises Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Randolph, Tucker, and Upshur counties.
- Eastern Panhandle Regional Planning and Development Council — \$70,000 to support the development and implementation of a CEDS for the region served by the Eastern Panhandle Regional Planning and Development Council, which comprises of Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties and nine municipalities.
- Appalshop, Inc. \$62,509 to conduct a feasibility study to expand media production and education hubs into Raleigh County and the surrounding areas.

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July 29th 8:30-10pm

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## Gas Prices Drop in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is 10 cents lower this week at \$4.720 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

- This week's average prices: Northern WV Average \$4.720 Average price during the week of
- June 27, 2022 \$4.827 Average price during the week of July 6, 2021 \$3.068

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

\$4.801	Bridgeport
\$4.793	Clarksburg
\$4.788	Huntington
\$4.422	Martinsburg
\$4.711	Morgantown
\$4.902	<b>Parkersburg</b>
\$4.592	Weirton
\$4.748	Wheeling

#### **Trend Analysis:**

The national average for a gallon of gasoline fell to \$4.80, down eight cents over the past week but still \$1.67 more than a year ago. The primary reason for the decline is lower demand at the pump as fewer people fueled up over the past few weeks (with the exception of the Independence Day weekend). Therefore, the lull could end as more motorists hit the road during the summer driving season.

About 80% of stations are now selling regular for under \$5 a gallon. But July is typically the heaviest month for demand as more Americans travel, so this trend of easing prices could be short-lived.

According to the latest Energy Information Administration (EIA) data, gas demand currently sits at 8.93 million barrels per day, which is lower than last year's rate of 9.11 million barrels per day at the end of June. On the other hand, total domestic gasoline stocks increased by 2.6 million barrels to 221.6 million barrels. These supply/demand dynamics, along with decreasing oil prices, have pushed pump prices lower.

At the close of Friday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased by \$2.67 to settle at \$108.43. The price of crude increased at the end of last week due to market optimism that demand will increase throughout the summer. However, crude prices faced strong resistance amid broad market concern about the potential for economic growth to slow or stall due to rising interest rates and inflation, which could send prices lower this week if market concerns persist. Additionally, EIA reported that total domestic crude stocks decreased by 2.7 million barrels to 415.6 million barrels last week, which is nearly 37 million barrels lower than at the end of June 2021.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and countywide at GasPrices.AAA.com.

### LEGAL

#### EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College provides opportunity to all prospective and current members of the student body, faculty, and staff on the basis of individual qualifications and merit without regard to race, color, sex, sexual preference, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, familial status, veteran status, or disability. The College neither affiliates knowingly with nor grants recognition to any individual group or organization having policies that discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual preference, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, familial status, veteran status, or disability as defined by applicable laws and regulations

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is required by Section 904, Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972, not to deny admission on the ground of blindness or severely impaired vision; by 45 CFR 84, Subpart E, Section 84.42 and by Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, not to deny admission on the basis of handicap; by 45 CFR 90, 91, not to discriminate on the basis of age; and by 45 CFR 86. Subpart C. Section 86, 21, not to deny admission on the basis of sex. By Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin. Eastem West Virginia Community and Technical College is an equal opportunity-affirmative action employer in compliance with Title VII of Civil Rights Act, West Virginia Human Rights Act, Title IX (Education Amendments of 1972), Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, American with Disabilities Act, and other applicable laws and regulations.

ADA Coordinator EEO/Title IX Coordinator Monica Wilson Jaennae Snyder Student Services Payroll/HR Representative 316 Eastern Drive 316 Eastern Drive Moorefield, WV 26836 Moorefield, WV 26836 304-434-8000 **Certification Programs** 

- Administrative Support

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Business Management

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- Wind Energy Technology

Medical Assisting

Technical Studies

- Biological & Environmental

- Electromechanical Technology

- Paraprofessional in Education

- Allied Health Care

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#### Certificate Programs **Degree Programs** - Accounting

- Administrative Support Technology
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- Associate in Science - Automotive Technology
- Biological & Environmental
- Technology - Business Management
- Early Childhood Development - General Studies
- Information Technology
- Medical Assisting
- Nursing - Technical Studies
- Wind Energy Technology

General Admission Requirements for Eastern West Virginia and Technical College Students seeking admission to EWVCTC as a degree seeking student must submit the following (please see College Catalog for specific information):

- Computer Application Specialist - Welding

- 1) Application for Admission
- GED or HS Diploma or TASC Assessment
- ACT/SAT/Accuplacer Scores
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### 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	Proposed	(\$) Rate	(%) Rate
	Rates	Rate	Increase	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%

- 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: Page 2 of 2

(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 (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,

Dorothy L. Judy, Mayor

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

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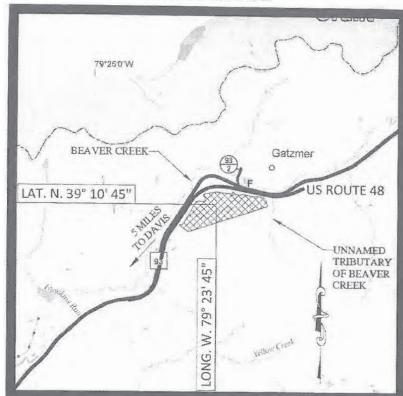
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Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until August 12, 2022, or thirty (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:

 $http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/\_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm \\$ The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries. DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219

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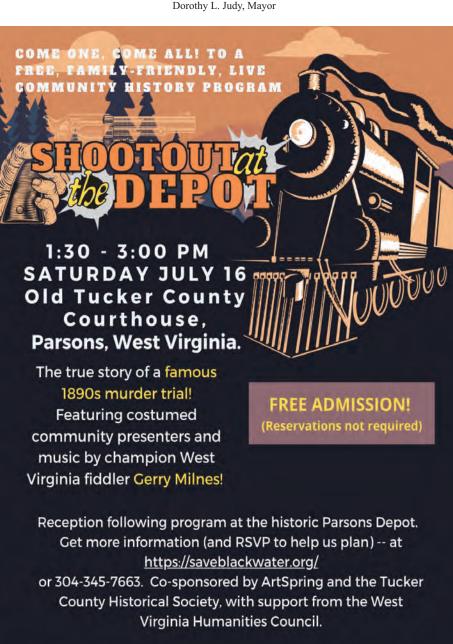
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Personal Representative(s) Deceased Patsy Sagace Mary L. Sagace 1st publication 7/13/22 PO Box 146 2nd publication 7/20/22 Thomas, WV 26292 Jerry Lynn Evans Judy P. Evans 4397 Location Rd. 1st publication 7/13/22 2nd publication 7/20/22 Parsons, WV 26287

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: Robert Ewell Thomas Petitioner

Civil Action No. 22-D-16 Jodie Carol Thomas and 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 Mountainside 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

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned

Entered by the clerk of said Court June 29, 2022

Sharon Moals Clerk of the Cour By Marcylillas

### LEGAL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES The City of Parsons (City), Tucker County, West Virginia is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide accounting services for its emergency water connection project. A list of services required are included in the complete copy of the Request for Proposal and may be obtained by visiting www.Regionvii.com/resources or by contacting Agnes Arnold, Interim City Administrator: aggie.arnold.parsonswv@ gmail.com or (304) 478-2311, or Carrie Wallace, Region VII Project Coordinator: cwallace@regionvii.com or (304) 472-6564

An electronic copy of each proposal must be marked "Proposal for Accounting Services" and must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022. Submissions shall be sent to:

City of Parsons c/o Agnes Arnold, Interim City Administrator and Region VII Planning & Development Council c/o Carrie Wallace, Project Coordinator via the email addresses above.

The City will afford full opportunity to small, disadvantaged and minority business enterprises that submit a proposal in response to this solicitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual based on race, creed, color, age, disability, nor national origin in the contract award. The City is an equal opportunity employer. Selection criteria will include expertise, experience, personnel, references, and cost (which must include the hourly fee and proposed contract cost). The City will review all proposals and rank, based upon such criteria, the firm that will provide the services that are most advantageous to the City. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals.

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### HELP WANTED

Mountain Top Hunting Club is accepting resumes for a

### **Full-Time Security Guard**

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### DEADLIN 8AM MONDAY

### **City of Thomas**

Seeking Full-Time Public Works Employees Duties include but are not limited to: street/road maintenance, utilities maintenance, snow plowing, mowing, trash collection, reading and

recording water meters, operating hand and power tools of all types. Must be able to operate and maintain construc-

tion equipment such as compressors, pumps, backhoes, and front-end loaders. Must be able to operate equipment to treat, transfer, control, and test water, and to dispose of wastewater. Must be able to attend classes to acquire a Water and Wastewater Treatment Operator license. Compensation DOE. Benefits

included. Training provided. Please send resumes to cityofthomas@frontiernet.net



The City of Parsons is seeking a part-time sanitation worker to work on its garbage collection routes. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and should possess a valid West Virginia Driver's License with good driving history. Before making a job offer, the candidate must consent to a criminal background check as well as a drug and alcohol test. Compensation for this position is \$10.00 per hour. Benefits include uniforms, boot allowance, and free family membership to the Wellness 24 Fitness Center.

Applications are available at the Parsons Business Office, located in the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (EDT), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

All applications must be received by 4:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, July 22, 022.

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## Eastern's Carissa Beard working to grow ag programs

It's been a busy couple of months for Carissa Wilson Beard, Eastern's new director of agriculture innovation, but managing life on her farm in Burlington with her husband Steven, caring for her two children, her entrepreneurial turn as a business partner of the relaunched Arthur Mart Liberty in Grant County, and her varied educational and work experiences have already prepared her for the quick pace of the job.

Beard started working at Eastern in late April, and she immediately dove into preparations for some of Eastern's Ag Innovation trainings, such as the recent Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification and Stockmanship and Stewardship sessions, as well as supporting the Potomac Highlands Producers and the college Foundation's Farm to Table dinner.

She's now turning her attention to the expanded Ag Innovation Showcase event on Oct. 14-15, which is growing into a two-day session this year, with one day devoted to youth agriculture activities, and the other day welcoming adult farmers and pro-

ducers. New day, new challenges, new opportunities.

Eastern created the director of agriculture innovation position in 2019 to work with local, state, and national partners to support ideas and practices in agriculture that will benefit the Potomac Highland's rural economy. Beard says she is excited about her job because of her strong farming roots in the area and because she enjoys sharing information and teaching. "I was very interested in the educational aspects of this position," she said. "I was a teacher in the past, and I really want to engage with others and share what Eastern has to offer."

Beard's formal studies have been varied, covering pre-veterinary medicine, along with a master's degree in agriculture. She also is trained as an equine dental technician and practices routine equine dentistry.

Beard grew up on her family's farm in Moorefield, working with cattle, sheep, and horses. She remains deeply involved with horses, is offering riding lessons at her Burlington farm, and said she is proud to have coached the

2009 state 4-H Horse Judging Team at that year's national competition. She is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, American Paint Horse Association, the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association, the Palomino Horse Breeders Association, and she is a National Open Horse Show judge.

Because of the breadth of her farming history and activities, she also holds memberships in the Continental Dorset Club, the West Virginia State Purebred Sheep Committee, the West Virginia Cattleman's Association, and the American Hereford Association.

Beard spent a sizeable portion of her career working at state Agriculture Department offices in Moorefield and Lewisburg, first as a microbiologist and later as a regulatory officer. She also taught science at Moorefield Middle School.

Given the variety of her interests, her experiences, and her relationships, Beard says she wants to continue building strong ties within the farming commu-



Carissa Beard, Eastern's director of agriculture innovation, also is trained as an equine dental technician, and regularly works with horses to care for their teeth

nities of the Potomac Highlands and grow Eastern's presence in those communities. "I think Eastern is an overlooked resource," she said, "and I want to share what the college can offer." She also is focused on the educational mission of the college and her position. "Ag programs are good for young people to get their feet wet and see if they are really

going to like farming. Plus, there is so much you can do with agriculture education."

Beard's office is located in Moorefield at Eastern's Agriculture Innovation and Advancement Office, located at 108 South Fork Road, Suite 201, in Moorefield. She can be reached at 304-434-8000 ext. \*9608 or at carissa. beard@easternwv.edu

## Local Nonprofit Celebrates 50 Years at Annual Kite Fest



Spruce Knob, WV – Experience Learning, a nonprofit organization in Pendleton County that delivers high-quality outdoor programming for people of all ages, hosted its third annual Spruce Knob Kite Festival and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration this past Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Families and children came from across the state to fly kites together at Experience Learning's campus on Spruce Knob and enjoy food and drinks from local vendors. A variety of other hands-on learning experiences and exhibitions were offered through Trout Unlimited, NASA's AEROKATS, and the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center.

Following the traditional Kite Fest events, Experience Learning extended the celebration for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Live music from The Cooley Gang, dinner and a beer garden, and a campfire capped off the day's festivities. A ribbon cutting ceremony was also held for the organization's newlycompleted open-air yurt.

"We have been in continuous operation for 50 years now, and we hope to continue creating opportunities for locals and visitors alike to enjoy the outdoors near Spruce Knob," shared Vicki Fenwick-Judy, Experience Learning's Executive Director. "We work hard to preserve this culture in our region. It has been especially meaningful to see young people and families gaining an appreciation for outdoor learning, despite living in a largely digital world."

This year's sponsors included Greenbrier Valley Brewing Co., Hawk Knob Hard Cider, Red Creek Construction, Beachy Arehart Certified Public Accountants, Valkyrie Farms Coffee, Yokum's Vacationland, CommonDoor, Pendleton Community Bank, and Mountain Gymnastics Academy.

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## TURNER'S TIDBITS





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