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Arbogast's Life Honored by *Beyond the Call of Duty End of Watch Ride to Remember*

By: Jennifer Britt
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Adam Ray Arbogast at the young age of 37 passed in November of 2021 and was laid to rest on December 2, 2021. Although he has passed in this life and move on to his next one, Arbogast's memory still remains with his family, friends and co-workers. The *Beyond the Call of Duty End of Watch Ride to Remember* honored his life by adding his picture to their wall and riding their motorcycles to greet the family and friends.

Although young in age, Arbogast achieved what many would consider greatness. He was the loving son of Rebecca (Becky) Sue Vandevender and Cletus "Ray" Arbogast. He was also a loving father to Amberlynn Rose Arbogast. After graduating from Tucker County High School, he attended the Corrections Academy. He later became an EMT while also working for the Tucker County 911 dispatch center and as the Code Enforcer for the City of Parsons Police Department. For over 20 years Arbogast was an active member of the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department.

City of Parsons Chief of Police, Kevin Keplinger,

spoke about Arbogast to his family and friends. Keplinger said, "I had the honor of working with Adam for far too short period of time, but it was definitely one of the highlights of my career. Over the years I had the opportunity to work with him through 911 and the fire service with many, many calls many times. He was that voice in the night when we were out and quite frankly you need someone out there. You want to hear a friendly voice, and a voice

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Adam Ray Arbogast's picture was placed on the wall of the *Beyond the Call of Duty End of Watch Ride to Remember*



Beyond the Call of Duty End of Watch Ride to Remember member presented Mr. & Mrs. Arbogast a blue rose to be placed along side the picture of Arbogast on the wall of remembrance.

Development Authority Working for New Growth

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The Tucker County Development Authority voted to elect the officers for the upcoming year's term. The members chosen are not new to the authority and have served for some time. The motion was carried that the current officers remain in the positions they currently serve. Those officers are Wayne Smith as President, Dan Dilly as Vice-President, Roscoe Beall as Treasurer, and Sandra Frank as Secretary.

Executive Committee members of the authority were also selected. Those members are Dennis Filler, JR Helmick and Ben Nelson. These three members are in addition to the selected officers.

Executive Director Steve Leyh reported that Tucker County's unemployment rate was 3.4 percent in May. The rate is the lowest unemployment in 32 years. Leyh also reported that small business growth was accelerating.

Tucker County has added 48 new business entities in 2022 at a growth rate of 8.54 percent. In the past 12 months the Secretary of State registered 81 new business entities in Tucker County. This represents a growth of 14.11 percent. The authority plans to continue to counsel and assist entrepreneurs.

Small business growth may be on the rise, but the real estate market is trending down -14.2 percent year-over-year. The median listing home in Tucker County was \$289,000 in June. The median listing home price per square foot was \$210 with the median home sold price was \$247,500.

The Development Authority is working with the Region 7 Planning in collaboration with the Corridor H Authority. They will conduct a site analysis study

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\$97,300 in Scholarship Awards Presented by Tucker Community Foundation



2022 Tucker Community Foundation Scholarship Recipients

By: Jennifer Britt
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The Tucker Community Foundation presented over \$97,000 in scholarships to local students wishing to further their education. This year's scholarships were presented by The Tucker Community Foundation's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Mike Moore. Moore called forward the donors to hand out the donation from their scholarship funds to the recipient. Executive Director David Cooper handed each participant a bag of goodies.

Endowed Funds provide scholarship support according to distribution guidelines. Additional unrestricted funding can also support these scholarships. The goal is to distribute five percent of the Total Market Value of each fund annually, which may vary depending on market conditions. Awards range from \$500 to \$6,000.

The award ceremony started with refreshments and an opportunity for the students to mingle with board members and scholarship donors. A game was commenced for the students. The fifth student to talk to a secret board member would receive \$100 in cash. The winner of the game was Eliso Watring who spoke with secret operative Board of Directors member Rachelle Davis.

Clay A. Poling was the top recipient of scholarships. C. Poling received scholarships from the *Parsons High School Alumni Scholarship Fund* (\$1,500), the *Bradley J. Ramsey Memorial Scholarship Fund* (\$1,100), and the *Harry R. and Candy B. Sommerville Mathematics Scholarship Fund* (\$500).

Five students received two scholarship awards. Haden M. Wamsley received scholarships from the *Dr. Mary Alice Klein Scholarship Fund* (\$1,400) and the *Harold*

W. and Ruth F. Shaffer Scholarship Fund (\$800). Owen Porter received scholarships from the *Harry R. and Candy B. Sommerville Mathematics Scholarship Fund* (\$500) and the *Harry L. and Elizabeth A. Boyce Scholarship Fund* (\$2,400). Trinity D. Bever received scholarships from the *Davis FOE Scholarship Fund* (\$1,800) and the *Margaret Ann and James A. Grafton Fund* (\$1,400). Dillion U. Drenning was awarded scholarships from *The Martha C. Sponuagle Scholarship Fund* (\$1,000) and the *Hebert W. Clarkson Scholarship Fund* (\$850). Erin J. Cassidy received scholarships from the *Jillion Roberts and Matilde Villalobos Millennium Scholarship* (\$850) and the *Madeline R. and Lester E. Miller Scholarship Fund* (\$450).

An advocate for never being too old to acquire education and furthering ones' position in the work field is Joseph Straight. Straight is working towards getting his degree to be a paramedic for EMS. Straight received a \$1,800 scholarship from the *H. Max Price Scholarship Fund*. Kudos Mr. Straight.

General scholarships for \$2,000 were awarded to Sienna C. Bircher, Ava E. Rankin, Emilia J. Germain, and Anna G. Crumm.

The *Kep and Alice Smith Scholarships* awards scholarships to Tucker County High School graduating seniors to attend a trade school; to major in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, medical major; primary or secondary education teaching fields. This year's recipients are Nevaeh Z. Nichols, Karlee E. Smith, Cameron Mullenaux, and Owen Poling. Each student was awarded \$2,000.

The highest scholarship was awarded by the *Preston High School Legion Scholarship*. Molly A. Mazza was awarded a \$6,000 scholarship.

Other scholarships were:

P.L. and Elizabeth Cook Milkint Scholarship Fund awarded two scholarships of \$5,100 each to Amara R. Snider and Harper F. Russell. *Rebecca Ann Chenoweth Memorial Scholarship Fund* awarded Wesley Strawderman with a \$4,700 scholarship. *Crimson Shamrock Scholarship Fund* awarded \$4,600 to Nathaniel A. Rader. *The Floyd M. and*

Leona E. Ball Scholarship Fund awarded \$3,500 to Jakob T. Baker. The *Joyce Colbert Veterinary Scholarship Fund* awarded \$3,400 to Halle E. Volk. Taylor D. McKinnie was awarded \$2,500 from the *Stadelman Journalism Scholarship Fund*. Kandace A. Nestor was awarded \$2,300 from the *Michael Shahan Scholarship Fund*.

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,800

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CVB Updates; England resignation accepted



CVB board members and guest in attendance are from left to right: Donna Patrick, Nick Pochiba, Kevin White, Matthew Baker, Brent Markwood, Tom Price, and Jessica Waldo (via video).

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The Tucker County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board (CVB) has accepted the resignation presented by Sam England to the board. England wrote, "My time as the GM (General Manager) at Canaan is winding down fast. Therefore, please

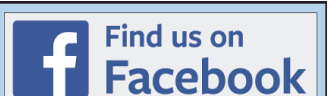
accept my resignation from the CVB Board. It has been a great pleasure serving Tucker County and I continue to be a huge fan. I will continue to lobby and support Tucker County." England retired as GM of Canaan Valley Resort on July 1, but will remain on as an advisor as needed during the transition for the new GM.

The board members then voted to approve the new Canaan Valley Resort GM Matthew Baker as their newest member of the board. Baker has worked for 17 years with the West Virginia State Parks and graduated from Davis and Elkins College. All members welcomed Baker to the board.

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News of Record

The following criminal complaints have been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

- **Jordan Lamar Keith**, of Davis, was charged with one count of Battery. According to the complaint, on Wednesday, July 13 at approximately 1 p.m. TFC J.J. Schmidle received a call from Kenneth “Honey” Rubinstein Juvenile Center Superintendent Dan Dilly regarding a battery that occurred at the center on July 3. Dilly informed Schmidle that the battery occurred between two Cadets housed at the center.
- On July 16 Schmidle reviewed the fax statements provided by the Rubenstein Center. Statements provided by Correctional Officers K. Bryson and C. Gidley advised on July 3 at approximately 8 p.m. Cadet one (age 17) was in the restroom when Cadet two (Juvenile) and Cadet Jordan Keith (age 18) attacked Cadet one. Cadet one told Gidley that Cadet Keith struck him with a closed fist in the face approximately four times. Cadet one sustained a broken jaw in the attack.
- **Nicholas Ryan Schoonover**, of Parsons, was charged with one count of Driving Revoked for DUI. The complaint states that on Tuesday, July 26, Cpl. B.T. Zirk of the Tucker County Sheriff’s office was conducting a patrol on US219 in Hambleton. He observed a vehicle exit onto Blackman Flats Rd with no exterior lights/lamps illuminated while it was raining. He activated his emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver was identified as Nicholas Schoonover and when asked for driver’s license and registration, the defendant stated he does not have a valid license. Zirk asked him if his license was still revoked and the defendant replied yes. When a check was run through Tucker County 911 it showed his operators was revoked for DUI on 2-12-2020. Irk placed him

under arrest and transported him to the West Virginia State Police station in Hambleton for processing. He was then transported to the Tygart Valley Regional Jail to await arraignment.

- All individuals 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:

- John B. McCuskey/State Auditor, G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Troy L. Waybright and Katherine A. Waybright, Black Fork, .75 acres to Walter R. Myers, \$2,248.95.
- Murl W. Nestor, Hendricks, .59 acres and 0.18 acres to Donna Roxann Nestor-Orr, \$0.
- Murl R. Nestor, Parsons, Lot 1 Pennsylvania Ave. to Alexander Kirk and Danielle Nestor, \$0.
- Murl R. Nestor, Parsons, .55 acres to Debra Jean Nestor-Tenney, \$0.
- Jacki A. DeFazio and Neal T. DeFazio, Dry Fork, .521 acres Lot 2 Yoakum Run to Carrie Janeal Hosaflook, Neal Anthony DeFazio and Lucas J. DeFazio, \$0.
- Dennis Mennerrch and Marsha Mennerrch, Dry Fork, Lot 35 Pointy Knob to Joseph McHugh and Christine Cooper, \$455,000.
- Sandra McBride, Gary Mansfield, Shelby Sylvester, Amanda Mansfield and Bethany Smith-Mansfield, Dry Fork, 1.04 acres Flanagan Hill to Cheryl Lyn Bennett, \$23,000.
- Daniel Brown and Emily Rowell, Dry Fork, .106 acres more or less to McCord Properties LLC, \$222,000.
- David Stemple Jr., Lot 27 Hendricks Corporation to Stacy Stemple, \$0.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc.,

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 are collecting now so please make your reservation and payment ASAP. There are about 10 seats still available on the motor coach.

Due to contract issues at the state level, we will not receive the Farmer Market vouchers until the end of July. We hope to 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.

The next trip to the Gandy Dancer Theatre is Saturday, October 22, 2022. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., and show at 7:00 pm. The prices will be the same as the July trip. The meal for this show includes rotisserie chicken breast, BBQ pulled pork, coleslaw, parsley potatoes, baked beans, dinner roll, dessert, and beverage. If you have your own transportation the cost is \$38 and if you want to ride on the van the cost will be \$45. You may begin signing up and/or making payments any time now. The final day to make reservations or payments will be October 10, 2022.

Reminder: The first Free Lunch of August will be Thursday, August 4, 2022 at both Centers. We want to thank all of our sponsors for the free meals. Thanks to; Citizens Bank of West Virginia, Cortland Acres Nursing Facility, and Davis Medical Center (who does 2 free lunches). The seniors of Tucker County are blessed to have your support.

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 will be the birthday day at Mt. Top Center for those having a birthday in August. Please join us for a delicious cake donated by West Virginia Caring. This is also a bingo day.

Scholarship

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were awarded to Samantha M. Long (*H. Max Price Scholarship Fund*), Saria E. Pennington (*W. Denzil and Ernestine A. Kee Scholarship*), and Haley E. Tuttle (*Enos, Delbert, H. and Shirley W. Carr Scholarship Fund*).

David M. Gibb was awarded \$1,600 from the *Robert W. Minear Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund*. Kelsi G. Wilson-Hott (*Randall Alt Scholarship Fund*), Kristen L. Hicks (*Parsons High School Alumni Scholarship Fund*), Eliso Watring (*The Orr Family Fund*), and Tessa R. Jolly (*Doug and Betty Preble Scholarship*) were each awarded \$1,500 scholarships.

Chance T. Berg (*Kline, Evans and Allison Scholarship Fund*), and Rachel J. Spencer (*Dr. Mary Alice Klein Scholarship Fund*) received

\$1,400 in scholarships.

Knights of Pythias Brown Lodge #32 Scholarship Fund awarded \$1,300 to Lowell G. Cerbone. The *Mark Hutchison and David Cosner Scholarship Fund* awarded \$1,100 to Brandon J. Rossi.

Madalyn E. Hickman and Hazel J. Riley were awarded \$1,000 from the *Joseph R. Steffl Fund*. *Candy B. was awarded \$1,000 from the Somerville Science Scholarship Fund*.

The Martha C. Spoungle Scholarship Fund awarded a \$900 scholarship to Cassidy S. Davis. *Herbert W. Clarkson Scholarship* awarded Viviana M. Teter with \$850.

Mackenzie D. Lyons (*Harold W. and Ruth F. Shaffer Scholarships Fund*), Melissa L. Johnston (*Walter*

and Mary Shaffer Helmick Scholarship Fund) and Elva J. Bible (*Gary E. Wilson Fund*) were each awarded \$800 in scholarships.

Jacob A. Moore received a \$500 scholarship from the *Forrest G. Clark Scholarship Fund*.

According to the Tucker Community Foundation website to qualify for a scholarship applicants have to be high school seniors, students attending technical schools, Tucker County students attending a Christian elementary, middle or high school or being home schooled employing Christian educational principles and values, college students or other non-traditional students with adults returning to school are encouraged to apply regardless of their field of study.

We Get Letters

To Davis Residents:

I wish to address the misinformation propagated by individuals concerning certain impacts Corridor H. Mr. Travis Long from the WV DOH was present at the 7/13/22 council meeting to address the misinformation. The state addressed the concerns of the few, namely: 1) The preferred alignment avoids the Kempton and Coketon mine pools as well as the Thomas City Parks and water supply; 2) the interchange is being designed to either go over or under Rt. 32 and will not divide the two towns; 3) a trail will be constructed to connect the 2 towns; 4) the lights from vehicles traveling on the bridge will not be visible from Blackwater Falls area nor does the bridge cross the Blackwater Canyon; 5) a truck bypass around Thomas is included in the preferred route. The preferred route is the only route with access to TCHS.

After this information was shared, people at the 7/22/22 farmers market in Davis continued collecting signatures for a petition against the preferred route. Relatives from 6 hours drive and states away from Davis was asked to sign this petition.

They questioned why non residents are being asked for signatures only to be assured all was welcomed They were not told the facts.

I do not believe that those who do not live in/vote in Davis has a “right” to tell us how to live or what we want regardless of what they own. I cannot imagine going to Parsons, Elkins, Morgantown, Washington DC, etc., to tell people of those communities what is acceptable to me. Can you see yourself going to Morgantown and telling the people there that you do not want the road changes in Granville? Or maybe we go to Parsons and tell them how to spend their Harman funds. I believe we would be escorted out and that would be appropriate.

At the 6/22/22 council meeting, after listening to guests concerning Corridor H, including non residents, the Mayor & Council voted to form a committee to research information. Names were presented and was to have an equal amount of those who support each route. Two people were named to this committee that are not residents of Davis.

This action was not on the agenda for 6/22/22, therefore illegal. The Open Meetings Act states “If a citizen or a member of the governing body raises a matter during a meeting which is not on the agenda, the item may not be discussed or voted upon at the meeting. The only exception is if the items is an emergency. In that case, the governing body must follow procedures for emergency meetings and agenda items”.

This committee held a meeting on 7/27/22 in violation of the Open Meetings Act which states that “All sub-units of a governing body, regardless of size, must follow the Open Meetings Act. This includes regular, standing and ad hoc committees”. This requires a posted agenda minutes, and open to the public which was not done.

Lori Quattro
Resident of Davis

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OBITUARIES

Robert Frederick "Bone" Townsend

Robert Frederick "Bone" Townsend, 44, a resident of Parsons, went to be with Jesus Monday, July 25, 2022, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. He had been in his usual health and death was unexpected.

Bone's request for cremation will be honored and a celebration of life will be planned at a later date. Memorial donations can be made to the ASPCA, the Tucker County Animal Shelter or St. John's United Methodist Church. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Robert Frederick "Bone" Townsend. See the full obituary and send condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



Glenn Zeno Miller

Glenn Zeno Miller, 96, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life Saturday, July 16, 2022, at home surrounded by family and under the care of Mountain Hospice.

Glenn was born February 5, 1926, in Indiana. Glenn was a son of the late Samuel Miller and Mary Yoder Miller. He is survived by two sons, Donald G. Miller of Newark, DE, Marlin E. Miller and wife, Diane, of Parsons, a daughter, Marlane Lucente, of Canaan Valley, seven grandchildren, Danny Miller, Kathy Mallow of DE, Amanda Simmons and husband, Michael, of Parsons, Grant Miller of Morgantown, Tyler Miller of Elkins, Scott Poling and wife, Hope, of Harman, Ryan Poling and companion, Jess Collins, of Parsons, five great-grandchildren, Emily Simmons of Harman, Brock Simmons of Parsons, Conor Poling of Harman, Payton Miller and Kiara Miller of Morgantown, a brother, Ira Miller, of Cortland Acres, 105 years young.

Glenn is preceded in death by his wife, Esther Miller, a son, Vern Miller, five brothers and six sisters.

Glenn's request for cremation will be honored and services will be private. Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Glenn Zeno Miller. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



Bright's Chapel Homecoming

The Bright Chapel's Homecoming was held Sunday, July 24, 2022 at the Bright's Chapel church house pavilion with 120 in attendance. Norm Kight gave the blessing of the food. Jack and Scott Hedrick, Karen Bright, and Randy Thomas entertained the family and friends with toe-tapping, beautiful music.

Special prizes were given as follows: Woman who celebrated the most birthdays (Oldest woman): Donna Carr Arnold, Oldest Man: Paul "Coon" Sponaule, Couple married the longest - Dude and Lou Miller, Couple most recently married - Amanda and Steve Soper. The youngest boy- Brandon Simmons, Youngest girl - Bayley Riden Traveling the farthest was Adam Miller. The new category -special appreciation award was awarded to Bonner Farms. All those attended enjoyed reliving old memories, making new memories and eating delicious food.

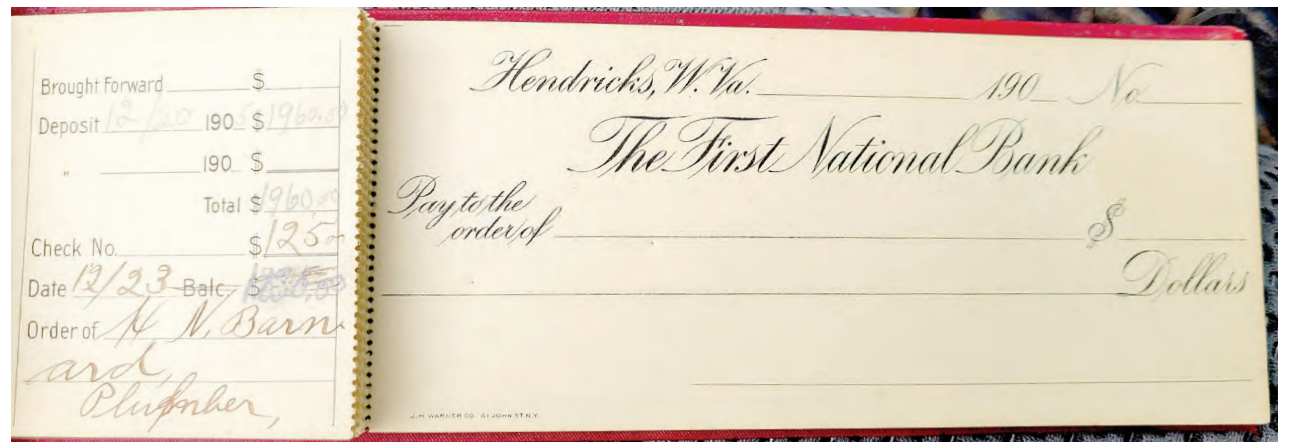
Those attending were: Steve Wilcher, Matthew "Tom" Bright, Gabe Bright, Karen Bright, Lillianna

Bright, Brooklynn Bright, Thalia Bright, Silas Riley, Sabrina Thomas, Randy Thomas, Dude Miller, Lou Miller, Eston Bonner, Sue Bonner, Mike Kight, Becky Kight, John Cunningham, Pat Cunningham, Anna Wilcher, Bob "Squeak" Davis, Tammy Lambert Davis, Mike Bowman, Michael Bowman, Rose Haga Bright, Jim "Nubbin" Davis, Connie Buchanan, Havana Miller, Adam Miller, James Buchanan, James Weekley, Wendy Wilson, Catherine Kight-Radi, Amanda Soper, Steve Soper, Daniel Kight, Norman Kight, Rita Kight, Joe Summerfield, Janet Summerfield, Kathy White, Gerry White, Dick Bonner, Belle Bonner, Lola Bonner, Beau Bonner, Ryder Bonner, Paul "Coon" Sponaule, Dee Sponaule, Connie Sponaule, Steven Sponaule, John Meyers, Jill Cain, Todd Cain, Kara Bonner, John Bonner, Ellen Bonner, Rae Bonner, Joe Bonner, Carol Bonner Clemens, Pete Clemens, Debbie Ellison, Jesse Ellison, Tim Knotts, Barry White, Kaitelyn Riden, Brandon Riden, Bay-

ley Riden, Don Kight, Dawn Kight, Ruthann Carr, Susan White Michael, Amanda Hedrick, Lilly Hedrick, Scott Hedrick, Jean Bonner Hedrick, Jack Hedrick, Jackie Bright, Rob Bright, Mary Bright, Nicole Bright, Donna Carr Arnold, Bub Carr, Cathy Carr, Lisa Rouse, Buddy Rouse, Cheryl Canfield, Melanie Duvall, Keagan Kight, Marie Barr, Justin Davis, Alycia Cline, Steve McDaniel, Bill Davis, Paula Harsh, Bob Lambert, Sandy Lambert, Brayden Kight, Riley Kight, Don Kight III, Chris Lambert, Dan Miller, Bonnie Miller, Vincent Kille, Kathy Kille, Devon Kille, Ayla Poe, Ashton Poe, Michael Cool, Jamie Davis Reeves, Ivan Reeves, Nikolai Reeves, Kassy Reeves, Magnus Reeves, Vladimir Reeves, Tom Reeves, Amy Simmons, Willow Simmons, Brandon Simmons, Tammy Lawrence Davis, Bill Bonner, Chris Bonner, and Matthew Bright.

Next year's reunion is scheduled for July 23, 2023 (4th Sunday in July, as always).

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a check from The First National Bank of Hendricks. The bank opened in September of 1905 and in 1931 it merged with The First National Bank of Parsons. Officers at the time of incorporation were B. Worth Jennings, president; Lewis Dyer, vice president; Creed Minear, cashier. Directors of the bank were: Rufus Clifford, Charles Mosser, A. J. Armstrong, Jacob Poling, J. W. Knopsnider, and T. W. Raines. Ideas, comments, photos or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

Development

to identify developable sites for industrial and commercial development along Corridor H. The study will evaluate identified sites based upon factors such as access, topography, infrastructure, environmental constraints, and surrounding land uses.

The project area includes Barbour, Grant, Hardy, Lewis, Randolph, Tucker, and Upsher counties. The Appalachian Regional Commission has awarded \$100,000 in funding for the project. An additional \$125,000 in funding is being sought through the United States Economic Development Administration.

Leyh ended the meeting with an explanation of a book he read on economic development titled "Economic Development

is not for Amateurs". The book is written by Jay Garner and Ross Patent. The book shows forward-thinking leaders how to transform local, regional, or state economies and supercharge a community's revitalization effort to attract jobs, investment, and residents.

Leyh said, "I want to talk to you about something we do not normally discuss. Jobs are usually looked at as the metric for success of economic development. Garner talks about all jobs are important but there is a difference between a primary job and a regular job.

On the Development Authority our focus is on primary jobs. Primary jobs are jobs that have significant economic impact



Tucker County Development Authority members.

on the area's economy because the sales of goods or services is exported. This is really important when we start thinking about the industrial park. It is important to bring in money to this area that would not have normally existed. Think of a primary job as is it exporting dollars or just circulating money that is already here.

The quality of your leadership both private and public deter-

mine how successful you are going to be economically. They (potential companies) want certainty, simplicity and speed. It is important they we train our leaders, and it is important that they understand that this is a bit of recession. The leaders need to do what is best for the community without upsetting the community going forward.

The trademark saying for Garner is "No product, no project!"

meaning you cannot sell from an empty wagon." What Leyh is saying is that if you do not have the development ready for a company to move in then they go elsewhere. Tucker County has to be ready for this growth in order to succeed.

The next Tucker County Development Authority meeting will be held on August 18, 2022, at 6 p.m. located at the National Youth Science Foundation.

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We are fortunate to live in an area of abundant water; clear springs, mountain streams and abundant rainfall. But will our water always remain as clean as it is now? We don't have to look far to see that it needs protection. Recent events in Parkersburg, Charleston, and the Potomac River illustrate the need.

Another area of concern is our pub-

lic lands. A little more than a hundred years ago, our beautiful county, and surrounding counties, were stripped of the trees that we often take for granted. The moonscape that resulted bore little resemblance to the beautiful place we live now. Land and water go hand in hand. They are both vital and they depend on each other. The formation of the Monongahela National Forest primary function was to protect both the land from unregulated clear cutting and the devastating flooding that resulted.

We have come a long way in the healing of both land and water. Yes,

there is much to do, more battles to wage in the repair and protection of our county and state, our rivers and public lands, but it is a good thing to take time to celebrate the successes; what we have and where we are!

On Saturday, July 23, West Virginia Rivers Coalition held the second annual West Virginia Rivers Celebration. This annual event provides an opportunity to celebrate our beautiful state; the rivers, streams and land surrounding them. The setting for the Celebration was graciously provided by Roxanne Tuesday and the Hendricks Park Board; a beautiful location on the BlackFork River.

Activities during the afternoon included a Fantastic Fungi walk, swimming, floating and paddling in the Green Hole, Yoga by the river, a presentation and listening session concerning the importance and uses of the Monongahela National Forest, and snorkeling exploring the Dry Fork at Otter Creek.

Each of these activities highlighted the importance of the work of West Virginia Rivers Coalition keeping WV's rivers, streams, public lands, and drinking water safe.

If you would like to join us in the next Rivers Celebration, watch for details on our July, 2023 event. Hopefully you feel the need to protect our pure water, rivers and beautiful state. If so, please explore what we do and join us. There are many ways to help. You can find information about our 30+ year history serving WV, our staff, board members, our mission and plan, as well as ways you can help, at wvrivers.org.

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West Virginia School Clothing Allowance Application Period Extended

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Due to a statewide system outage affecting multiple state agencies and services, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Bureau for Family Assistance has extended the deadline for accepting School Clothing Allowance applications for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools.

Families may apply online at www.wvpath.org. Applications through WV PATH must be received by 5:00 p.m., on August 12, 2022. A paper application may be requested by contacting a local DHHR office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Paper applications must be post-marked by August 12, 2022 to qualify.

Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of 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 have received a School Clothing Allowance application by U.S. Mail in late June.

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

Monthly 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

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. If the merchant does not accept EBT cash transactions, the benefit can be withdrawn as cash at a QUEST ATM to complete the purchase. Parents or guardians of children in foster care will receive the School Clothing Allowance benefit as a check.

Eastern holding pop-up information session Aug. 5 in Davis

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College will hold a pop-up informational event from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, Aug. 5, at Shop'nSave Express, 371 William Ave., in Davis.

College staff will share information about Eastern's short-term workforce trainings, ranging from welding to healthcare, as well as academic programs such as automotive technology, early childhood development, and more. The college also offers five academic programs – accounting, administrative support technology, business management, and the associate of arts (AA) and associate of science (AS) transfer degrees – that can be completed entirely online.

Eastern has transfer

agreements with four-year institutions such as WVU, Franklin University, and Shepherd University that define pathways for students to start coursework at Eastern and then transition into bachelor's degree programs for junior and senior years. The transfer agreements range from agribusiness to social work.

Staff will also answer questions about financial aid options and the West Virginia Invests free community college program.

Eastern, based in Moorefield, serves six rural counties in West Virginia's Potomac Highlands with academic programs and short-term workforce trainings. Eastern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. For more information, visit easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000.

CVB

Cont. From Front Page

Nick Pochiba gave a quarterly report of the financial standing of the CVB. Pochiba reported although there has been some loss with the flux of the stock market, the CVB was standing strong and fairly managing above the average of others. Pochiba stated on a national average the stock market was down 17 percent, and although any decline is unfortunate the CVB was reported as only seven percent down.

Director of CVB Jessica Waldo updated the board members on the tasks she has been working on during the months of May and June. Waldo's list of duties was quite extensive from participating in the Camp Horseshoe's Teen Entrepreneurship Summit (CHTES) to working with the Chamber of Commerce on Corridor H, J1 Visa Program and Oktoberfest. Waldo said, "I always have a great time and enjoy judging that." in reference to the CHTES.

When mentioning the Corridor H, a discussion among the member of the board started was commenced about the alternative route option. Waldo said, "The Chamber of Commerce has been asked by a group to consider the possibility of a Northern Route. They are not saying they want the

northern, but they want the Department of Highways to consider the possibilities of the northern route. The group is asking for a letter of support from the Chamber. The Chamber board was divided as to whether they wanted to take a stance on that, and opinions were all over on how that should be written." The Chamber decided to survey the Chamber members and see what the consensus is from there.

Board member Kevin White said, "One thing that Travis Long (Division of Highways Technical Support Division Director) said is that there is not a northern route nor has there ever been a northern route. It is a crayon mark on a map is what the northern route is. I was at several meetings with Travis, and I am not trying to persuade anyone in a certain way. I am just trying to state what the facts are, but unfortunately there is a group out there pushing very false information. Very, very false information.

Number one there is no northern route. It does not exist. It never has existed. Secondly, the biggest thing is if you look at the infrastructure bill. It expires in 2026. The money expires, and it will take 3 and

a half to four and a half years to do a study if they trash the southern route and go another way and then the money is gone. If the money is gone the highway is killed. It has killed nine miles of road between Mackeyville and Davis/Thomas.

We know what the traffic is doing to Thomas and Davis now. Imagine what it is going to do once it gets that far up. It is killed and goes no further, and you have that traffic dumping in on Front Street of Thomas and right through Davis. Where it could instead be on the Corridor.

They mentioned the fact that is going to divide the towns. I do not know if you have read the brochures or not but there is actually a preferred route that goes up under Route 32. It is not visible until it gets out at the interchange."

White went to explain the bridge proposed for the Coketon Historic Coke and Coal production site would be design astatically appealing to tourists and traveler with a steel arch bridge designed to complement the area.

White lastly mentioned the threat to EMS crews and emergency response individuals that have to travel the dangerous

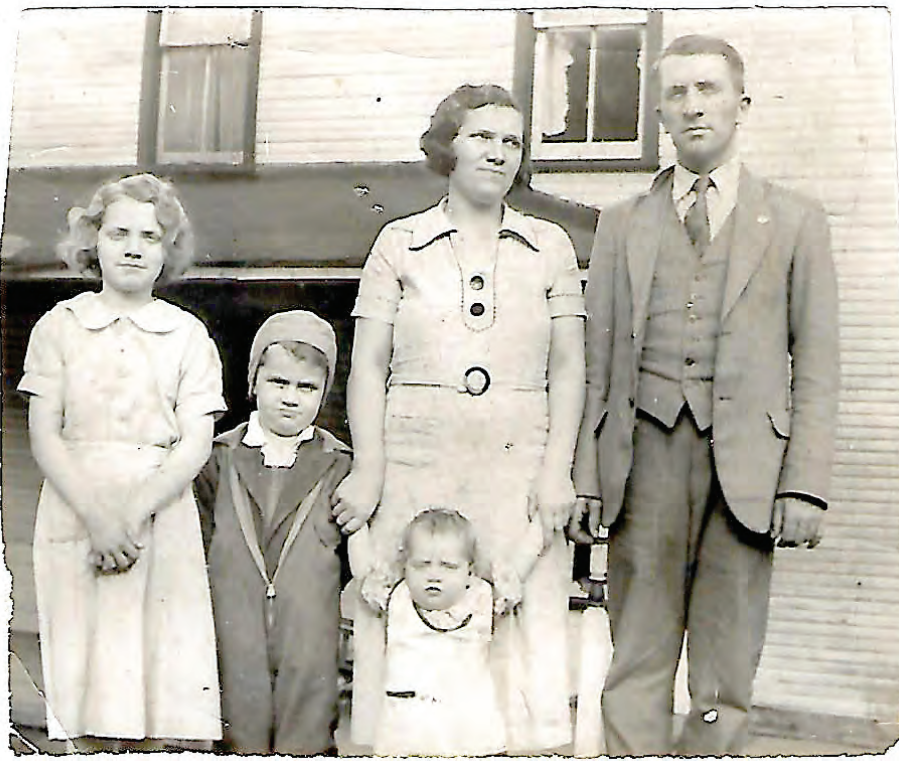
roads in the winter with severe weather conditions like snow and ice. The Corridor would provide a safer route for everyone traveling in that direction.

The board discussed the possible locations of a new visitor's center. Of the locations mentioned the most plausible one seems to be a piece of property owned by the Cooper family. The land is located across from the BFS in Davis. Waldo expressed the need for a walk through of the property to ensure it was adequate enough to house a building, a parking lot, and a playground area for children.

Marketing sponsorships were awarded to Highlands Trail Foundation (\$600 for advertising the Blackwater Canyon Half Marathon), Trail Labs, LLC (\$500 for one-time start up promotions and advertising), and the Tucker County Fair Association (\$3,000 for printing and advertising, a 50 percent boost from last year's \$2,000).

The next meeting of the Tucker County Convention and Visitor's Bureau will be held on August 9, 2022, at Milo's Café and Restaurant located at 454 William Ave, Davis, West Virginia, 26260.

Guess who...



Can you name the people pictured above? If so, send replies to mikie@parsonsvadocate.com.

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What's Happening

Historic Landmark Commission to Meet

Tucker County Historic Landmark Commission will meet on August 8, 2022, at the St. George Academy at 5 p.m. The public is welcome to join.

Craft Show/Summer Bash

Craft Show/Summer Bash hosted by the Leading Creek Volunteer Fire Department on August 13, 2022 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Multiple vendors accompanied by a 10x world champion balloon artist and the Randolph County Humane Society. Along with street performances by Axis, Beverly Fireflies, and Pure Country Twirlettes. If you have any questions to be a vendor contact Marisa Trammell at 304-704-7574.

Elkins/Parsons Purple Majesties Red Hat Group

The Elkins/Parsons Purple Majesties Red Hat Group will NOT meet in August. The next meeting will be

Monday, September 12, 11:30 a.m. at Fat Olives Restaurant. Please RSVP by Sept. 7 to Connie at 304-478-4710.

Jesus is the Ticket

The Hendricks Free Methodist Church will have Vacation Bible School from 6 – 8 p.m. on Aug. 8 – 12. All ages welcome so step right up and join the fun.

Poling Reunion

The Peter T. Poling family reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 13 at the St. George Methodist Church. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. so bring your favorite covered dish and join us.

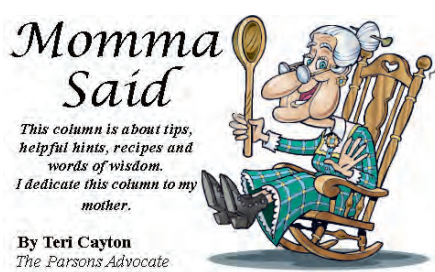
Bohon and Cassidy Family Reunion

The Bohon and Cassidy family reunion will begin at noon on Saturday, Aug. 6 in Mill Race Park in the playground pavilion. Please bring a covered dish.

The lottery has advanced to 1.1 billion dollars as of the date that I write this article. I could not imagine what a person would do with that much money. I know the government would take their cut off the top but that is still a chunk of change to contend with. **Momma Said**, “I don’t know what I would do first if I won, faint or mess my pants.”

There would be people coming from every angle possible with their hand out. I know I would try to help my family for sure and some charities that are dear to my heart. There would be so much money that you could not even spend the interest that accumulates. That is if you are smart and you would have to find trustworthy people to help you.

In my estimation, that would be the hardest part. It is funny how money can bring out the greed in the best of people. It would be hard to find people that would invest and make your money work for you. If you want to watch a



very funny movie about the lottery, you have to watch “Jerry and Marge Go Large.” It is a true story about a couple that wins the lottery and helps their entire home town.

That would be a super fun thing to do. The lottery gives people hope that they have a chance to better their lives. **Momma Said**, “You can’t win if you don’t play.” Sometimes you just have to take a chance on something that is out of your reach. Take a chance on life and spend \$2 on something besides a soda or some chips. You just never know when the numbers will turn in your favor.

Pina Colada Sangria

Ingredients

- 2 large cans of chopped pineapple
- maraschino cherries
- white wine
- coconut rum

How to Make Sangria

In a large pitcher, combine the canned chopped pineapple (and juice), white wine, coconut rum, and maraschino cherries. Stir with a spatula to combine. Refrigerate until chilled.

Tips for Making Sangria

If you’d like a coconut rim on your glasses, dip your glasses in a small amount of corn syrup and then dip into shredded coconut.

SHORT ON TIME?

If you’d like to serve this pineapple sangria right away, use chilled wine and add lots of ice to individual serving glasses. Avoid putting the ice directly

into the pitcher because it will dilute the sangria once it melts.

WANT IT TO BE BUBBLY?

Use sparkling wine or add club soda.

What Kind of Wine Should I Use in Sangria

This pina colada sangria recipe calls for white wine. Choose one of these recommended white wines:

- moscato
- pinot grigio
- Chardonnay
- sauvignon blanc
- dry or sweet riesling

How Long Will Sangria Keep in the Fridge

Sangria is best consumed within 3 days. After that, the fruit may go bad. However, you can remove the fruit and seal the container for longer storage.



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.

Aug. 3, 1897: Fire destroyed much of downtown Lewisburg. The town rebuilt and evolved in the next century into the hub of one of the state’s major farming areas and a center for education and the arts.

Aug. 3, 1907: Harley Orrin Stagg Sr. was born in Keyser. Stagg served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 32 years.

Aug. 4, 1824: John Jay Jackson Jr. was born near Parkersburg. Jackson was a prominent judge who became notorious among those trying to organize labor unions in West Virginia. He blocked an effort by Mother Jones and United Mine Workers leaders to organize the miners of northern West Virginia.

Aug. 4, 1897: Musician William Jennings “Billy” Cox was born near Charleston. Cox, known as the “Dixie Songbird,” ranked as one of West Virginia’s premier country music vocalists and songwriters during the 1930s.

Aug. 5, 1958: Jennings Randolph defeated former governor William Marland in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. Randolph went on to become the senior senator from West Virginia.

Aug. 6, 1864: Delayed three times by the Civil War, Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary finally arrived in Parkersburg, where they later founded DeSales Heights boarding school for young women.

Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson.



Desales Heights nuns 1948

The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.

Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Va. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant business. His restaurants were named Shoney’s when Schoenbaum’s nickname was selected in an employee contest.

Aug. 9, 1916: A storm front from the northwest dumped nearly six inches of rain in less than five hours on the headwaters of Cabin Creek in eastern Kanawha County. 71 people died and 900 homes were destroyed in the flood.

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

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Weather Totals

July 19 - July 26

Nursery Bottom Parsons

TEMPERATURE	
Max	91° F
Min	57° F
PRECIPITATION	
Week	1.81"
July	4.54"
2022	31.45"

SNOWFALL	
Snow on Ground	0"
Winter Total	36"

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College Promise Launches MyPromise Connecting Students with Millions in Funding for Postsecondary Education and Training

Helping Americans Access the Dream of Debt-Free Higher Education through the First Searchable Database of 350+ College Promise Programs

WASHINGTON – Imagine if college was as universal, free, and accessible as a high school education – for anyone, at any age. To make this a reality, College Promise today released MyPromise (MyPromise-Tool.org), the first student-centric, comprehensive, searchable database of Promise programs nationwide. We believe data needs to be placed directly in the hands of students, families, counselors, and community organizations that are advising learners and influencing their decisions about pursuing their education beyond high school.

focused their efforts to support underrepresented populations, including DREAMers, parents, Veterans, first-generation students, and adults with little or no postsecondary education or training. College Promise programs span the nation, with programs available in 48 states and Washington, DC.

that reduce student debt and support 21st century learners in selecting the education and training most relevant to their desired career. This tool is an investment in our nation's talent pipeline by connecting them to Promise programs designed for their success."

Pump Prices Slide Lower

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is 14 cents lower this week at \$4.364 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

remain in the mid-\$90s per barrel. The price of gas has now fallen every day since hitting a record \$5.01 on June 14.

This week's average prices: Northern WV Average

Average price during the week of July 18, 2022	\$4.364
Average price during the week of July 26, 2021	\$4.508
	\$3.051

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand rose from 8.06 million barrels per day to 8.52 million barrels per day last week. However, that rate is 800,000 barrels per day lower than last year and is in line with demand during July 2020, when COVID-19 restrictions curbed demand. Additionally, total domestic gasoline stocks increased by 3.5 million barrels to 228.4 million barrels, signaling that low demand led to growth in inventory last week.

"Students across the country benefit each and every day from Promise programs that not only lower the financial cost of postsecondary education but also provide wrap-around supports such as childcare, transportation, and/or mentors that enable them to thrive in college. MyPromise offers every student the opportunity to learn about their options and choose the Promise program that best meets their needs," said Martha Kanter, CEO of College Promise. "This project builds on our steadfast commitment to increasing equitable access to a high-quality postsecondary education for every American."

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

\$4.613	Bridgeport
\$4.552	Clarksburg
\$4.485	Huntington
\$4.185	Martinsburg
\$4.498	Morgantown
\$4.635	Parkersburg
\$3.929	Weirton
\$4.013	Wheeling

At the close of Friday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate decreased by \$1.65 to settle at \$94.70. Crude prices declined last week as the market continues to worry that weak demand, which is typically strong throughout the summer, could continue to push prices lower. A strengthening dollar also helped to push crude prices lower last week.

Trend Analysis: Modest demand for gas and lower oil prices resulted in pump prices falling again, down 17 cents since last week to \$4.35. Today's average is 63 cents less than a month ago and \$1.20 more than a year ago. The steady decline is due to low domestic demand for gasoline and oil prices that

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

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Tariff Form No. 8-C

(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 220,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2022, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will increase revenue approximately \$90,914,544 annually, an increase of approximately 73.8%.

The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	INCREASE	INCREASE
Residential	\$ 25.08	34.67 %
Commercial	\$ 125.40	42.35 %
Industrial	\$ 28,212.95	117.09 %
Resale	\$ 2,404.00	55.78 %

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan valley Gas Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company Northern Division (formerly known as Lumberport-Shinnston Gas Company and Blacksville Oil & Gas Company, Inc.), Consumers Gas Utility Co., Dominion Energy WV, Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi, and Southern Public Service.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased 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. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company:

- Mountaineer Gas Company Office
- 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Exceeded Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Haloacetic Acids HAMRICK PSD, WV3304704

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you, as our customers have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Test results for 4/1/2022 and 6/30/2022 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Haloacetic Acids.

The average level of Haloacetic Acids over the last four quarters was 94.33 µg/L at #1 LEADMINE BPS location. The standard for Haloacetic Acids is 60.0 µg/L.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, it is recommended that you consult with your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing Haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done? (Describe corrective action)

The HAAs levels are too high. Third quarter test results from 2021 were elevated. The operators adjusted treatment of the water to help resolve this issue, the first and second quarter samples in 2022 are compliant with health department regulations, but unfortunately the annual average is still slightly over the maximum contaminant level.

For more information, please contact Jason S. Lipscomb at (304) 478-2898 or P.O. Box 228, Hendricks, WV 26271.

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Robert C. Hebb	Velma Lorena Hebb
1st publication 7/27/22	5566 Location Rd
2nd publication 8/3/22	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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LOCAL LEGAL, SPECIAL PSC LEGAL, BOND COUNSEL AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES

The City of Parsons (City), Tucker County, West Virginia is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide the above referenced services for its wastewater system improvement project. A list of services required are included in the complete copies of the Request for Proposals and may be obtained by visiting www.Regionvii.com/resources or by contacting Agnes Arnold, Interim City Administrator at aggie.arnold.parsonsvii@gmail.com or (304) 478-2311 or Carrie Wallace, Region VII Project Coordinator at cwallace@regionvii.com or (304) 472-6564.

An electronic copy of each proposal must be marked "Proposal for Local Legal Services, Proposal for Special PSC Legal Services, Proposal for Bond Counsel Services" or "Proposal for Accounting Services" and must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 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.
Dorothy Judy, Mayor
City of Parsons

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OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT: UPPER CHEAT RIVER PROJECT USDA FOREST SERVICE, MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST, CHEAT-POTOMAC RANGER DISTRICT

Jonathan Morgan, District Ranger, has prepared a draft Decision Notice for the Upper Cheat River project, a 86, 138-acre project area located north of Parsons, WV, in Tucker, Barbour, and Preston Counties. The draft Decision Notice includes activities to improve forest health and age class diversity, improve wildlife and fish habitat, restore soils and riparian corridors, and provide a network of sustainable roads. Specific activities include a variety of timber management activities, prescribed fire, wildlife habitat enhancements, soil restoration activities, stream and riparian restoration, and road maintenance and management. Copies of the Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact, and draft Decision Notice are available upon request and online at the project webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58364>

This draft Decision Notice is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted timely and project specific written comments (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2). Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of a legal notice in the newspaper of record, the Grant County Press. When the 45-day filing period ends on a weekend or federal holiday, the filing time is extended to the end of the next federal working day. The publication date of the legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection, and those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by another source. A copy of the newspaper of record's legal notice can be found on the project webpage.

Objections may be mailed to: Reviewing Officer, Attn: PAL-LSC Objections, Suite 700, USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region, 626 E. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53202; faxed to: 414-944-3963 (Attn: Objections Reviewing Office, USDA Forest Service, Eastern Regional Office). Electronic objections in acceptable formats (.doc, .rtf, .pdf, .txt) may be submitted to: objections-eastern-region@usda.gov. Please state "Upper Cheat River Project" in the subject line when providing electronic objections, or on the envelope when replying by mail. Objections must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on the closing date of the objection period. The objection must contain the minimum content requirements (36 CFR 218.8 [d]) and it is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.26[a]). For further information on this decision, contact Amy Albright, NEPA Coordinator, 304-257-4488 ext. 7128 or amy.albright2@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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- Prepares reports, correspondences, and documents as necessary, maintains records of contacts with clients.
- Performs related work as required.

Please submit resumes to Tucker Day Report Center, Attn: Dustin Luzier 213 First Street Parsons, WV 26287. Deadline to submit resume is August 8th, 2022 For any questions, please call 304-478-2833. Tucker County Community Corrections is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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City of Parsons Police Chief Kevin Keplinger presented Mr. & Mrs. Arbogast with a folded flag that was sent in remembrance of their son.

that you recognize. For me, for years, Adam was that voice. I truly appreciated that out of him.

In the Army and then in public service you become a brotherhood or sisterhood. And you really become closer to the people that you work with and sometimes even family members. Adam became that to me. He became a brother to me. I absolutely loved Adam with quirks and all. We have them. He was Adam and he was all heart. If you knew Adam, you knew he was all heart.”

City of Parsons Mayor, Dorothy Judy, added, “I have never heard anyone say anything bad about Adam. Jimmy was his bus driver and if anyone is going to say anything bad you it is your bus driver. There are no teachers or parents around and Jimmy said Adam was a good, good boy. So, apparently Adam was an example for all of us. Praise the Lord because Adam was here, and we all knew him.”

Parsons Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Kevin White, honored Arbogast by saying, “Adam was a great, valuable community servant. He joined

the fire department twenty some years ago prior to his passing and he never once backed down and was there when the call came out. Adam embraced the fire service and he learned from the older gentlemen in the fire service. He became a great leader.

Adam took on the role of educating our children in the school systems. Every year Adam would spend countless hours selflessly into 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning getting a program ready for the kids the next day. He would take that program to kids and educated them in the school system.

Adam will be remembered for many, many years for the service he has brought to Tucker County.”

Director of the Tucker County 911, Beverly Cantrell, honored her dear friend and employee by reading a message sent to her from Deputy Director Mike Simmons. Cantrell read, “He was the type of person that loved to learn, and he loved to share what he learned with everyone. He was always making someone chuckle in a unique way that only Adam could do. He was a man

that everyone remembered after meeting him and will be greatly missed.” Cantrell thanked the family for sharing Arbogast with his fellow co-workers.

Simmons with tears in his eyes said Arbogast who was not just his co-worker but his friend. Simmons said, “The first memory I have of Adam was at the bowling alley. He was young and sitting on Ray’s knee getting bounced and he was happy. He was so full of life. He was vibrant and everything about him shined. And that is the way he approached life.

He was vibrant in everything he did. He had a huge heart. He also had a duty to serve in a way a lot of other people would not. He put in the long hours when everybody else was too busy. He did the jobs nobody else wanted to do because he knew they needed done and he would make the best of it.

My condolences to the family because I can not imagine how this has been for you. He is my first friend that I have lost, and I am really going to miss him.”

Keplinger presented Arbogast’s daughter



City of Parsons Police Chief Kevin Keplinger presented a painted ornament to Adam Arbogast’s daughter Amberlynn.

Amberlynn with a painted ornament that was sent to the department in honor of Arbogast and a folded flag to Arbogast’s parents, Becky and Roy.

The Beyond the Call of Duty End of Watch Ride began on June 1 in Spokane, Washington and will continue for 79 days by stopping in 268 different locations across the United States to honor fallen men and women of uniform. The stop in Parsons was on day 59 of their journey. According to their website at www.endofwatchride.com, “Our purpose is to ensure that no officer is forgotten, that their families know their loved one has not been forgotten; and that there is recognition, support and understanding to help them heal. We also support department safety and training to help lower the number of fallen officers we see each year.”

Adam Roy Arbogast will forever live on the hearts and memories of his family, friends, and every one touched by his love!

Birth Announcement



Oliver Ryan Sponaugle was born Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown. Oliver is the son of Steven and Danielle Sponaugle, of Parsons. He is the grandson of Steve “Dee” and Connie Sponaugle, of Parsons, Rick and Dana Corcoran, of Hambleton, Dwight and Debra Bible, of Davis, and Bill and Cindy Snyder, of Thomas. He is the godson of Jeremy and Amanda Hile, of Horseshoe.

Poling named TCHS Good Citizen Scholarship Winner



Clay Poling, a 2022 graduate of TCHS, was presented the Good Citizen Award and Scholarship by the Blackwater Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Giving him the award are Blackwater Chapter Regent Cathy Hebb and Chapter Past-President Cindy Kolsun. Clay wrote a moving essay about how important it is to help others and volunteer in the community. He received a \$500 scholarship, a certificate, and a pin. Clay plans to attend WVU and study engineering. L to R: Cathy Hebb, Clay Poling, and Cindy Kolsun.

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