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More Tucker County Fair Coverage Next Week

Tucker County Fair Royalty



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Tucker Co. Fair Queen - Jesslyn McCaslin; Teen Queen - Alicia Barb; Jr. Queen - Savannah Shaffer; Little Miss - Gracyn White; Tiny Miss - Diva Wesoloski; Princess - Kora Shiflett; Prince - Matthew Gidley

TC Commission Learns About 'IamResponding'

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

911 Deputy Director Mike Simmons updated the Tucker County Commissioners on the actions of the 911 call center for the month of August. Simmons said, "There were a total of 830 calls from the public and were processed from the following agencies: 49 were law enforcement, 92 were to EMS, 16 were to Company 10, five were to Company 20, six were to Company 30, and five were to Company 40.

Company 10 is the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department was formally established in 1932. Davis Volunteer Fire Department is Company 20 and has been operating since October of 1937. Company 30 began in early 1982 as the Canaan Valley Station of the Davis Volunteer Fire Department. On September 26, 1985, the Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department was chartered. The Thomas Volunteer Fire Department was established in January of 1950 and is considered Company 40.

Simmons also informed the commission that the "IamResponding" software is up and running. "IamResponding" provides features that can benefit every type of emergency entity. From sending incident and staffing recall notifications to unlimited mobile devices,

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Patriots 4 Hosts Vets with Guitars

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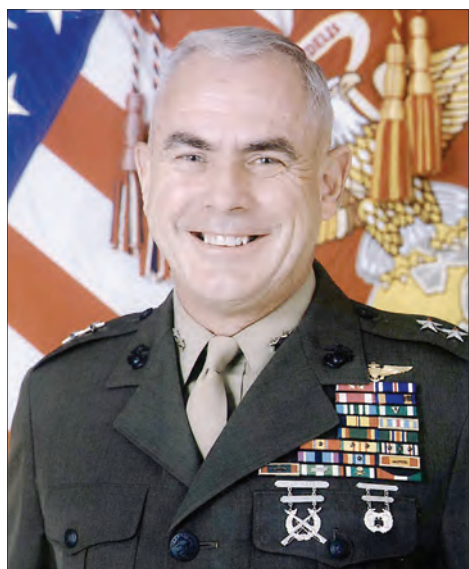
For many having a life of peace and serenity is something taken for granted on any given day, but there are many more who struggle just to get through the day without experiencing some sort of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) due to serving in the military. A group of four, Major General Randall "Randy" West and his wife Robin, along with Mrs. West's brother and his wife started a 354-acre retreat camp called Patriots 4 (P4) in 2013 to help veterans and their families deal with every day struggles and get some well-deserved rest and relaxation while enjoying some hunting and fishing.

West said, "When we first founded this it was myself, my wife, her brother who was an Air Force vet, and his wife. Hence the name Patriots 4. He (the brother)

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Group of Veterans attending the Vets with Guitars weekend getaway.



Major General Randall "Randy" West (ret)



Veterans and their leader playing the song "America the Beautiful" on guitars.

Judge Courier Reigned Over Cases for Heckler, Mook and Roy

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Emily Heckler was represented, in court, by her attorney Brent Easton to file a motion to allow E. Heckler to start community integration. Community integration would allow Heckler the privilege of leaving the Highland Acute Behavioral and Mental Health Hospital, in Clarksburg, on day trips with a group of other patients. The patients would go to places like the movies, shopping, or restaurants.

In April of 2021 E. Heckler was found not guilty by reason of mental health for the 2019 stabbing and killing of her stepmother, Marion Heckler. E. Heckler, 19 at the time, slit M. Heckler's throat, and stabbed M. Heckler 42 times in her back, killing her with an eight-inch wooden-handled kitchen butcher knife.

During the trial E. Heckler testified that her and M. Heckler had gotten into an argument and during that argument she had flashbacks to a previous argument that involved a knife with her mother, which she claimed caused her to flip out and stab her stepmother.

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TCAA Sets Goal for Two ALS Crews



Tucker County Ambulance Authority board members discussing goals for EMS crews.

By: Jennifer Britt
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After prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and offering condolences for the Sponaugle family the Tucker County Ambulance Authority got down to work on their very extensive agenda. Tucker County Commissioner Lowell Moore opened with the comment, "I am very saddened by the comments made by some of our local businesses" in reference to a meeting held in Timberline to discuss the Amusement Tax and other options for funding for EMS. Those in attendance included representatives from Timberline, Canaan Valley Resort, Pickin' in Parsons Bluegrass Festival & Five Rivers Campground, and the Tucker County Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

President of TCAA Dennis Filler thanked Moore for his help and sup-

port with moving forward with the levy and in reference to Moore's statement Filler said, "The overall comment was it (the amusement tax) was a disproportionate taxation on them as businesses relative to the general population of Tucker County." "They seem to think it was going to come out of their pockets and affect their profit and that is simply not true", said Moore.

Debra Stiles said, "I have been trying to identify the key issues when I talk to constituents and at the top of mine is the Ambulance Authority and how do we accrue ambulance services for the county. How do we fund that. How do we make it work. People have been confused in the past, but I think there is now a sense that we need to pay the people that are doing the hard job what they deserve. We need to figure this out and do it as soon as possible. If there is anything I can do

once your work is done and you have decided your path moving forward, I will be supportive."

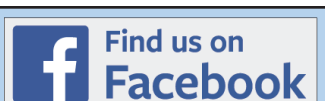
For the Treasurer's report Chris Davis explained that thanks to the \$44,000 in extra monies given by the Tucker County Commission the TCAA ended the fiscal year with \$22,000 in the positive. The fiscal year ended June 31 and after spending \$438,688 for expenses, \$788,000 for employee cost the budget year ended with \$1.2 million with an average expense per day of \$2,684.

After explaining that every call that goes out cost \$936 and it is billed for \$979 of which most insurances only pay \$579 Davis said, "There is a deficit every time we go out. I am not saying we should not go out but if you look at the cost of employment and all of that, that is the cost from the run point

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St. George Medical Clinic awarded share of \$1.89 Million from the American Rescue Plan for 29 WV health centers

Charleston, WV – Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$1,899,500 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for 29 West Virginia

community health centers and 2 health center program look-alikes. This funding was made possible by the *American Rescue Plan* and will support data modernization to better identify and respond to the specific needs of patients and communities, as well as strengthening COVID-19 response, mitigation and recovery efforts.

“Our healthcare professionals have gone above and beyond to care for their fellow West Virginians throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. I’m pleased these 29 health centers across West Virginia are receiving support from the *American Rescue Plan* to continue their critical work,” said **Senator Manchin**. “The funding announced today will support data modernization to help provide more personalized community care and also strengthen COVID-19 recovery efforts. 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 health centers across the Mountain State.”

Senator Manchin’s recent efforts to secure funding for rural healthcare providers:

On August 17, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$1.5 million from the *American Rescue Plan* to support Randolph County’s Public Health Training Program.

On July 25th, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$2.2 million from the Provider Relief Fund to support three West Virginia healthcare providers.

On July 7th, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$1.9 million from the *American Rescue Plan* to support Community Health Systems in Beckley.

On June 22nd, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$424K from the Provider Relief Fund to support nine West Virginia healthcare providers.

On May 24th, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$5.4 million from HRSA to support nine West Virginia healthcare providers.

On May 12th, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$6 million from the *American Rescue Plan* to support 12 rural healthcare providers.

On April 14th, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$1.6 million from the *American Rescue Plan* to support 3 West Virginia rural healthcare providers.

On April 14th, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$8.2 million from the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) to support 12 West Virginia healthcare providers.

On March 24th, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$239K from HRSA to support 10 West Virginia healthcare providers.

On March 8th, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$1.4 million from HRSA to support 13 West Virginia healthcare providers.

On January 27th, 2022, Senator Manchin announced \$12.2 million from HRSA to support 32 West Virginia healthcare providers.

Individual awards listed below:

- \$65,500** – E.A. Hawse Health Center, Baker, WV
- \$65,500** – Belington Community Medical Services Association, Belington, WV
- \$65,500** – Clay-Battelle Health Services Association, Blacksville, WV
- \$65,500** – Camden-on-Gauley Medical Center, Camden-on-Gauley, WV
- \$65,500** – Cabin Creek Health Systems, Dawes, WV
- \$65,500** – Wirt County Health Service Association, Elizabeth, WV
- \$65,500** – Monongahela Valley Association of Health Centers, Fairmont, WV
- \$65,500** – Pendleton Community Care, Franklin, WV
- \$65,500** – Tug River Health Association, Gary, WV
- \$65,500** – Preston Taylor Community Health Center, Grafton, WV
- \$65,500** – Minnie Hamilton Health Care Center, Grantsville, WV
- \$65,500** – Lincoln County Primary Care Center, Hamlin, WV
- \$65,500** – Ritchie County Primary Care Association, Harrisville, WV
- \$65,500** – Valley Health Systems, Huntington, WV
- \$65,500** – Shenandoah Valley Medical System, Martinsburg, WV
- \$65,500** – Valley Health Care, Mill Creek, WV
- \$65,500** – St. George Medical Clinic, Parsons, WV
- \$65,500** – Mountaineer Community Health Center, Paw Paw, WV
- \$65,500** – Bluestone Health Association, Princeton, WV
- \$65,500** – Rainelle Medical Center, Rainelle, WV
- \$65,500** – Community Care of West Virginia, Rock Cave, WV
- \$65,500** – New River Health Association, Scarbro, WV
- \$65,500** – Womencare, Scott Depot, WV
- \$65,500** – Roane Family Health Care, Spencer, WV
- \$65,500** – Monroe County Health Department, Union, WV
- \$65,500** – Change, Weirton, WV
- \$65,500** – Williamson Health and Wellness Center, Williamson, WV
- \$65,500** – Logan-Mingo Area Mental Health Inc., Logan, WV
- \$65,500** – Hygeia Facilities Foundation, Whitesville, WV

We Get Letters

Hello,

I have been a resident of Tucker County my entire life. I love this town, my friends and family are here. Now that I am getting older some things are different. Not just for me but others as well.

I am not looking to be treated differently or better than anyone else, but over half the businesses here are not handicap accessible. This makes it hard for me to live an ‘ordinary’ day-to-day life.

For example, the Post Office is not obeying federal law to comply to have accessibility to their business. Someone started this battle 10 years ago or so. We should have all fought with them to help everyone in our community!

In order to go in to a pizza place, I have to enter through the back because there are only steps in the front. I’m happy that at least I can get inside to enjoy a meal with friends and family, but accessibility needs to change.

Even if you put a sign out front, offering to deliver to me or bring it out to my car, that isn’t the same as me going in to enjoy the company of others instead of eating alone at home again!

I know this can’t be fixed tomorrow, but this is 2022 and within the next three months I believe this town could do some remodeling for all of us. Change is needed and you can help make it happen. Please call the mayor or the city council to get this started as soon as possible!

304-478-2311

Thank you for your time and reading this,

Christina Carpenter


News of Record

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

- **Zakkary Bonner**, Parsons, was charged with one count of Destruction of Property. According to the complaint on Sunday, Aug. 7 at approximately 5:10 p.m. TFC J.J. Schmidle took a walk-in complaint at the West Virginia State Police Parsons Detachment. The complainant was Morgan Parsons wanted to report a destruction of property that occurred at 413 Central Ave. in Parsons. Schmidle obtained a handwritten and signed statement from Mrs. Parsons who advised that when she woke up that morning and went out to leave, she discovered the two rear tires on her car had been cut. She stated she went back inside to check the security cameras and found that two of the security cameras were missing as well. She said after she watched the video footage, they saw that their landlord’s son Zakkary Bonner had committed these crimes. She said they went to the landlord (Matt Bush) and advised him of the situation. She said he texted his son about the incident and he admitted to destroying the property. Parsons advised that the tires were about \$100 and the camera were about \$400.
- 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:

- Peter G. Haller, Dry Fork, Tract A, 8.61 acres and Tract B, 4.56 acres to KI Canaan LLC, \$1,490,000.
- Estate of Robert F. Lambert, Dry Fork, 1.06 acres more or less to Joshua Nease and Elizabeth Boehme, \$262,000.
- Cole A. Kelley and Lee A. Kelley, St. George, .78 acres and .63 acres Horseshoe Run to Cole A. Kelley and Karie L. Kelley, \$0.
- Jeffery Munoz and Miriam Munoz, Dry Fork, 4.85 acres to JFM Holdings LLC, \$0.
- Fulton Properties LLC, Davis District, 1.11 acres Dry Lot #6 to Thomas Vogel and Michele Vogel, \$50,000.
- Cody Ralph Redden, Ellen Natasha Leiby; Revocable Trust by Cody Ralph Redden and Ellen Natasha Leiby/Trustee, Dry Fork, lot #41 of North Lake II; 1.013 acres more or less to Susan P. Moore, \$43,000.
- Dora Lea Hill, Dry Fork, 0.96 acres to Jared P. Millron/Beneficiary, \$0.
- Bernard Stubbings, Dry Fork, Unit A4 Week 26 to Alex Stubbings and Amber Stubbings, \$0.
- Bernard Stubbings and Amber Marie Stubbings, Dry Fork, Unit A6 Week 3 to Alex Deschamps Stubbings \$0.
- City of Parsons, Black Fork, Lot 190 Section C to Carrie L. Allender, \$0.



Thank You

The family of Rosalea Knotts, gratefully appreciate the outpouring of prayers, cards, food and condolences upon the death of our much loved and missed Mother, Grandma and loved one.

We especially acknowledge the love and compassion of those that helped during this most difficult loss:

**Hostetler Funeral Home
Reverend Kevin Hostetler
The Parsons Church of God
And all of her extended family.**

Our hearts are broken but her pain is over; While we are left with a hole in our hearts that will never quite heal.

*“When I come to the end of the road,
and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little—but not too long and
not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we once shared.
Miss me—but let me go.
This is a journey we all must take,
and each must go alone.
It’s all a part of our Master’s plan,
a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
go to family and friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me but let me go.”*

JOHN 16-22: Therefore you have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice; and no one will take your joy away from you.

Betty, Erma, Mary and Families

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Patriots

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came down and helped us put the store building in, the first cabins, and helped make arrangements with the man that was going to build the rest of the cabins.

When we first started out, we wanted to pick the best place. We wanted good hunting, good fishing, good patriotic community to be a part of, and if possible, to be co-located with a national forest that would help us with game management. We wanted to get to the point and have gotten to that point where a wounded veteran comes and stays, they are going to leave with a deer or turkey. And is probably going to catch a mess of fish if they want to fish.

We started out by picking 25 places on the web. Then the four of us sat down and picked the seven that we thought would be the best. We visited all seven of those in four states and chose this one. We started with 25, then seven, and then Parsons won out. It has got everything we need with good hunting woods, places to fish, and a great community. Just driving through

Parsons and looking at the memorial you know that this a patriotic community.

Everyone that we have met here has been good to us, has embraced us, and a lot of them have helped us build, clear, and this (pavilion) was all built with donated labor and material.”

P4 is totally ran by donations and sponsorships. West said, “Every penny we raise goes towards helping the wounded veterans and their family. When people come here, we talk to them, and we learn about things that they need that nobody is helping them with.”

According to P4’s webpage at www.Patriotsfour.org the mission of P4 is to “One: To honor our nation’s wounded veterans (and their families) who have sacrificed so much in the name of freedom.

Two: To provide a place for mobility impaired wounded veterans to continue to enjoy the great outdoors regardless of disability. This is accomplished through adaptive equipment and guides/callers.

Three: To provide an atmosphere for sharing and encouraging that may assist in opening doors to help wounded veterans in identifying resources to navigate other challenging issues with which they may be faced. These challenges may include receiving assistance in building wheel chair ramps, finding a handicapped accessible vehicle, doing needed repairs in the home, identifying VA resources, VA benefits applications, finding professional counseling, etc.

Four: To provide an annual scholarship to help a son or daughter of a wounded vet attend college or pursue a trade school education.”

The camp is located in St. George West Virginia, north of Monongahela National Forest and just 180 miles outside Washington DC, P4’s 1/2 mile on the Cheat river, and 1/2 mile on Clover Run trout stream.

The retreat is organized and ran by West and four other board members with the help from Tommy White, neighboring Clover Run property owner Chuck Stalnaker and locals Wen-

dell Cantrell, Laura Olsen and daughter Shayla Mason as well the National Forest. West said, “We do not have any paid staff. We do not have any paid board members. Everyone is a volunteer.”

West said, “We want to have a place where wounded veterans can come to hunt and fish, float the river or just relax and hike the trails in the mountains or up in the hollows.” Any fishing or hunting licenses required is provided free of charge. Any citation fish caught can be mounted for the guest free of charge as well.

Currently the camp includes four cabins, Semper Fi (in honor of the Marines), Hooah (in honor of the Army), Anchors Away (in honor of the Navy), and Wild Blue Yonder (in honor of the Air Force). There is also a cabin for rent to the public, Wild & Wonderful (in honor of WV). West said, “We are not going to stop with the four cabins. Next Saturday we have a working party coming over and out past the Army cabin we are going to clearing a rectangle inside that nice, wooded lot there that Mr. Stalnaker was kind enough to donate to us. We are going to be putting a little chapel in there.”

West said, “We make those cabins available for any wounded veteran that would like to come here two times a year and stay three days and two nights. And it is free. We do not get them here, but once you get here it should not cost you a thing. The lodging is free. We will put food in the freezer. Sometimes we have Wendell’s food truck and sometimes we will have barbecue’s down here at the pavilion or up at the cabins. It is our way of thanking you for what you have done, for your patriotism, and your sacrifices for your service.”

The one room chapel will be a place the veterans can go and meditate or pray. The chapel will have four stained-glass windows representing each branch of service, and where the preacher would normally stand there will be a larger stained-glass window with a Godly scene. West said, “We thought there might be some veterans that come in with families that might want to renew their wedding vows. We have baptized 24 people here in the river and it would a little place where we could do a service before the baptism. “

West also has plans to open a road to the top of the mountain with a solar powered rustic remote cabin that disabled veterans can be transported up to the day before, stay the night and be able to wheel their chairs or walk right out the door to do some hunting. The plan is to clear a couple of acres and plant some apple trees and persimmons that would attract wild life as

well as some corn and soy beans.

The big project in the works after building the couple of remote cabins is to build a lodge for the camp ground. West said, “The lodge will be in the middle of the cabins and look just like the cabins except it will be about three times as big. It will have four rooms in it named like the cabins and a room for whatever board member is hosting the event. There will also be a couple of other rooms, one for ladies and one for men. The ladies’ room will sleep about 15 and the men’s room will sleep about 30.” The lodge will be totally enclosed with air conditioning and heating. There will be a long table in the middle to host large numbers of dinner guests.

In their most recent event vets were welcomed for a weekend called “Vets with Guitars.” The guest enjoyed lessons on how to use the guitar and music as a way of soothing down any PTSD or pain they may be experiencing. West started by saying, “I would like to do is thank all of you for you service to our nation, our families, our freedom, and the calls of freedom in not just in America but throughout the world. A lot of you have gone willing into harm’s way to preserve a way a life that not only we hold dear, but we wanted other people in the world to benefit from it as well. So, from the bottom of my heart let me thank you for your service to our country and the calls of freedom.”

The veterans played a song called “America the Beautiful, *Blessed is the nation who God is the Lord – Psalm 33:12 NIV*” they learned with their leader, Kyle Stevens from Mannington and during the second verse West recited a poem about a single father losing his only son during the war. The father had lost his faith in God after losing his son, but the son appears to him and reminded him that the faith instilled in him by his father is what kept him going during the war. The father regained his faith and lived the remainder of his life knowing he would see his son again.

The group for the weekend also enjoyed other fun activities such as an axe throwing contest.

Patriots 4 is ran solely off of donations and sponsorships and if anyone would like to donate the can do so through two ways. One is through the website located at www.Patriotsfour.org. and the other is by sending a check or money order to Patriots 4, c/o MGen Randy West, 10500 Hume Road, Marshall, VA, 20115. West can be reached by email at randywest0782@aol.com or by calling (202) 549-6828.

Senior News

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.

The Farmer Market vouchers are now available at both Centers during regular operating hours. You need to provide your name, address, phone number, birthdate, and income.

Pam Krushansky will be at the Mt. Top Center on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. She is the representative of the Attorney General. She deals with consumer complaints. If you are having problems with a company or a store etc. stop in and talk to her.

We are trying to get more seniors involved in our Centers. We need to get more of the younger seniors to participate. We are asking for suggestions of activities we could include in our program. If you would like to have a dance class, chair exercises, tai chi class, more crafts (be rather specific), more speakers, or whatever you would be willing to attend, please call or write to Linda J Bonner at 304-478-2423 or Tucker County Senior Citizens 217 Senior Lane Parsons, WV 26287. Thank you in advance for your suggestions.

We have been discussing trips for next year. We hope to have further details in the coming weeks so that the public can vote on their preference. Stay Tuned!

Both Tucker County Senior enters will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day. They will reopen at the regular time on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Enjoy this last holiday of the summer!

Because of the holiday, there will be NO Outpost at the Parsons Center for September.



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The following merchants urge you to attend your chosen house of worship this sabbath.

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OBITUARIES

Connor Joel Nestor

Connor Joel Nestor passed away suddenly on Sunday, August 21, 2022, he was twenty-two years old.

Connor was born Monday, March 6, 2000, at Elkins, WV. Connor completed high school at Tucker County High School in 2018. Connor attended Randolph Technical Center School of Practical Nursing for his LPN License and completed his LPN Certification in April of this year. Connor enjoyed his time as an LPN at Highland Hospital.

From the moment he was born, he exuded joy and happiness. Everyone loved him instantly. Connor was a respectable, devoted and treasured son to his parents, and a loving brother to his sister. Connor was known for his love of skiing, golfing, 4-wheeling, hunting, music and go carting. Connor was a caring, great young man full of laughter. He made a positive impact on all of those around him. Connor was deeply passionate for the love of his family and friends. We know you have found peace and we will miss your beautiful soul until the end of time.

Connor is survived by his parents, Darrell Allen and Linda Sue Rhodes Nestor; his sister, Adriene Brooke Nestor; paternal grandparents, Dale Nestor and wife Marty, and George Helms; Aunts and Uncles Dale Nestor and wife Cindy, Tammy Sine, Terry Close and husband Tim, Teresa Betler, Jaime Vandergrift and husband Graham, Brenda “Ninny” Wolford and husband Ron, Debbie Cooper and husband Mike, Lawrence Rhodes and wife Karen, Shirley Jean Shreve and Judith Arbogast and husband Robert.

Preceding him in death are his paternal grandmother, Diana Helms; and his maternal grandparents, Charles and Savannah Rhodes; two uncles, Clinton and Steve White; and one aunt, Violet Bohon.

Connor’s request for cremation will be honored. The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home in Parsons, WV on Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A Celebration of Life was conducted at the funeral home on Saturday at 1 p.m. The Reverend J. Michael Lantz officiated. Connor would have wanted everyone attending to dress casually. The family suggest that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Tucker County Animal Shelter, 586 Brooklyn Heights Road, Parsons, WV 26287 or the charity of your choice. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Connor Joel Nestor. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.



Phyllis Marie Hershman Sponaugle

Phyllis Marie Hershman Sponaugle, 73, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family and under the care of WV Caring.

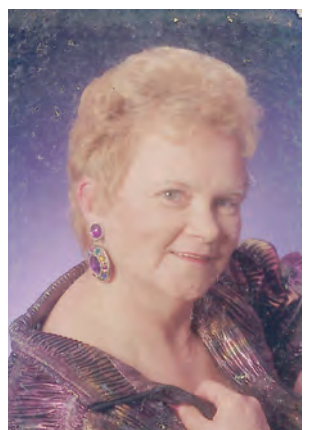
Phyllis was born Monday, December 20, 1948, a daughter of the late Charles Wesley Hershman Sr., and Hallie Florence Bryan Hershman. On October 26, 1979, in Parsons, she married Terry Lee Sponaugle who survives. They had celebrated forty-three years of marriage.

Left to cherish Phyllis’ memory besides her husband are five children, Debbie Shahan of Bretz, Jimmy Waybright and wife, Joy, of Parsons, Linda Moore and companion, Robert of Upshur County, Burl Waybright and wife, Patricia, of Parsons, and Mike Waybright and wife, April, of Holly Meadows, twelve grandchildren, Debra Rhoades and companion, Timmy Sypolt, Tiffany Godwin and companion, Matt Nestor, Chrissy Moore, Justina Moore, Robin Bolinger and husband, James, BoBo, Mary, Jessica, J.J., Melissa, Brooke, Rusty, eighteen great grandchildren Jaden, Ty, Ethan, Robbie, Reagan, Rocker, Raylynn, Elizabeth, Andrew, Thea, Mya, IdaLee, Hunter, Faith, Hope, Avianna, Brooklyn, and Dominic, one sister, Shirley Travis and husband, Darrell, two brothers, Charles Hershman, Jr., and wife, Cora, and Roy David Hershman, and wife, Tina, and several nieces and nephews.

Besides Phyllis’ parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Franklin Earl Hershman.

Phyllis attended the schools of Preston County. She had worked for Kingsford, the Tucker Inn, and Tucker County Senior Center. She enjoyed camping, fishing, and going to yard sales. She was a wonderful cook. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Visitation was held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Monday from 6 until 8 p.m. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 11 a.m. Rev. Justin Jones officiated, and interment followed in Parsons City Cemetery. The Hostetler Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements for Phyllis Marie Hershman Sponaugle. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetler-funeralhome.com.



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of view.” Filler added by saying, “That is based on actual data. We do not have the luxury of charging more and the other way to solve the equation is to make fewer runs. We cannot manipulate either one of those variables.”

Davis explained with the new data they were receiving from billing company the authority can see what is being charged per run so when someone says they were charged \$3,000 the TCAA can show where there is no data to support that accusation.

Board members discussed the options for their target staffing. Filler said, “We have to set the direction of which we are going or at least aspire to go to. That is the destination point then we will have to determine what the target budget is that we are shooting for to work with to get there. Then work with the Director and Deputy Director to staff according based upon the findings we have available.”

Tucker County EMS Medical Director, Dr. P.S. Martin, provided the board with what he suggests should be the minimum and optimum staffing for the EMS crews. Martin said, “What I gave you were my recommendations as Director based on the amount calls we have, the distance it is to transport to a hospital, and the time it takes. In the past it shows consistently that by the time a call comes down to when the crew gets back into the county, not even back to the station, it takes a minimum of two hours and usually exceeding that.

The bare minimum will not cover 100 percent of our calls but will get most of them is having two ALS crews 24/7 (24 hours day and seven days a week) and having a single paramedic (plus a driver) on a response vehicle.

Truly what is in my heart and what I want for Tucker County; because I know if someone goes down with a cardiac arrest in this town, they have little to no chance of surviving at this point; is to see three ALS crews 24/7. We do not have that luxury, but I want to strive for that luxury. I

will fight until my last breath to try and get that for Tucker County.

So, what I see is that EMS has been forced to act as a business in this country, but all the legislation is against it being a profitable business. The only thing way you can actually come close to making it in this business is to do transports. I think our optimum goal should be to build towards some way to start accommodating some transports into our repertoire of what we do.

The optimum business model I see us starting out with would be two crews 24/7, one ALS crew and BLS crew, and then on Monday through Friday we start looking for whenever the peak times of most of our calls. Then when finances are available, we start adding an eight-hour third crew. And during those peak times is when we will try to schedule those transports (with the eight-hour crew)."

The main difference between ALS (Advance Life Support) crew and BLS (Basic Life Support) crew is that in BLS, it has a non-invasive latter which means that the technicians in a BLS ambulance cannot perform any kind of surgery or medical treatments which requires the use of needles and other instruments that make cuts and cannot provide any kind of severe medicines, while on the other hand, the technicians in an ALS ambulance can perform any kind of surgery or medical treatments.

A crew consists of two people, usually one driver and a paramedic or EMT or a paramedic and EMT. EMTs and paramedics are both trained in driving. Martin said, “Unfortunately across the country it has become the standard for a two-person crew on every ambulance. That is the standard care for all across the country, not that is the best, but again financially it has become standard way of running the business. There are lots of calls for that but every ambulance service I have has to put out calls to fire departments or anybody

else they have for lift assistance. That is everywhere. Anyone in the community complaining about having two person crews it is all hog wash. You have two-person crews all over this country.”

Board member Diane Hinkle said, “Without a hospital I feel like two ALS crews is really the minimum. I realize it easier to do one ALS and one BLS but as a medical care provider I have a hard time saying that I am ok with that. We have no hospital, and we are just looking at cost so personally I am striving for two ALS crews.

I do not think we can recommend less than two ALS crews. I really do not in a county this size, the number of people that come through here, and to do justice to the people of this county. If we had a critical care facility or Emergency Room, then I think one ALS and one BLS, but we do not have it.”

Board member Jon Bush added, “If we talk about the levy going forward, unfortunately you can not go forward with this EMS. There is no way to go forward without having the narrative of where we are going to end up without a levy. That narrative has to be out there, and that narrative

is by May of next year we will not even have an EMS at all. That is the narrative. Now, I agree if you want two ALS crews unfortunately a \$400,000 levy is not even going to give us the money to do that.”

Filler responded by saying, “The levy alone is not the only strategy we are pursuing. We all agree that \$400,000, the numbers on this sheet, are not going to get us there. It is a piece out there as well other options we have to continue to explore. But it all has to be towards the same goal.”

Members of the board voted to accept the finalized draft of donation mailer cards that will sent out to the residents of Tucker County in mid-September. The cards will ask for donations to help EMS get through the fiscal year. A separate bank account has been set up for the donations. Donations can be sent to TCAA, PO Box 333, Parsons, WV, 26287. The treasurer and vice-president are the only ones with keys to the box.

The next Tucker County Ambulance Authority monthly meeting will take place on September 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. located on the third floor of the Tucker County Old Courthouse Courtroom in Parsons.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding To Clean Up Orphaned Wells Across WV

Orphaned well clean-up will create good-paying jobs, ensure healthy communities and revitalize rural economies across the state

Charleston, WV – Today, U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) announced West Virginia will receive \$25 million to plug, remediate and reclaim 160 orphaned wells throughout the state. These projects will be funded through an initial national award of \$560 million from the Department of the Interior to address and clean up orphaned oil and gas wells on Federal lands across the United States. This funding was made possible by the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* and will reduce methane emissions, clean up the environment and help reinvigorate communities across West Virginia impacted by orphaned oil and gas wells.

“I’m pleased the Department of the Interior is continuing to effectively implement my Bipartisan Infrastructure Law by announcing this additional funding for orphaned well clean-up projects, including 160 wells across West Virginia. These projects will ensure West Virginia’s hard-working communities can remain safe and healthy for future generations, while also bringing new economic opportunities and creating good-paying jobs for our communities. I look forward to seeing West Virginia move quickly to utilize these funds and, as Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I will continue advocating for resources to ensure communities across the Mountain State can rebuild and succeed once again,” said **Chairman Manchin**.

“When we crafted the bipartisan infrastructure

law, addressing abandoned wells scattered throughout our nation and in West Virginia was an important priority. It takes key investments to help local communities meet the challenges posed by these orphaned wells, and that’s exactly what this will provide. In this round of funding alone, our state will be able to plug and begin to remediate 160 wells, which will have a major impact in nearly every corner of our state,” **Senator Capito said**.

The historic *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* provided \$4.7 billion to plug, remediate and reclaim orphaned wells via grants to the States and new federal programs. In West Virginia, these grants will help the State’s Department of Environmental Protection to ensure that state and local priorities are addressed, while employing local oil and gas workers. Millions of Americans live within a mile of hundreds of thousands of orphaned oil and gas wells and there are at least 4,646 documented orphan wells in West Virginia alone that will be eligible for funding under this initiative. These wells jeopardize public health and safety by contaminating groundwater, seeping toxic chemicals, emitting harmful pollutants including methane, and harming wildlife. In addition to creating good-paying jobs addressing this pollution, these investments create safer and more inhabitable communities and drive new economic opportunities.

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Judge Courier reigned over the motion presented by Brent Easton (Standing) for Emily Heckler’s possible community integration. Heckler was present by video. Also pictured Sgt. Teter of the TC Sheriff’s Office.

After entering this plea, E. Heckler was committed to a secure mental health facility and will be under the court’s jurisdiction for the maximum term for first-degree murder, which is life. E. Heckler will also undergo an annual evaluation to determine if she poses a danger and whether such a facility is still appropriate.

Easton questioned Heckler’s primary care doctor, Dr. Toni Goodykoontz, who has served as an attending Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist since Highland-Clarksburg Hospital’s opening in August of 2013 and assumed the position of Chief Medical Officer in July of 2018. Dr. Goodykoontz testified that Heckler has been stable since being admitted to the hospital.

Dr. Goodykoontz also testified that E. Heckler has been taking her meds as prescribed, attending therapeutic group sessions and has gone from once-a-week individual therapy sessions to every two weeks. Goodykoontz also testified that E. Heckler had been to see her mother in hospice care twice without incident and has no concerns that E. Heckler would be a risk to a leave the facility for a few hours with a group of individuals under supervision of hospital staff in the Clarksburg and Bridgeport area.

Goodykoontz said, “This is the typical next step of treatment. Emily has done fine with supervised staff, in a van with radio contact, to medical appointments. Some people take years to achieve this level. She (E. Heckler) will not be going out with others that have issues.”

Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins addressed the court stating that E. Heckler has only been under Goodykoontz’s care for just eight to ten months. Wilkins reminded the court that E. Heckler had a history of being in and out wards or hospitals since 2013 and just two days after being released the last time she stabbed and killed her stepmother.

Wilkins reminded the courts of the numerous stab wounds M. Heckler sustained during the incident and how E. Heckler had no drugs of any kind in her system at the time, meaning she was not taking her medication as prescribed. Wilkins also mentioned the fact E. Heckler had tried to choke one of the guards in the jail with a towel.

Tucker County Sergeant Teter also testified, for Wilkins, to remind the court that he was the first officer on the scene and M. Heckler was still alive when he arrived. Teter testified he administered CPR to no avail and M. Heckler died shortly after. Teter said, “I believe she (E. Heckler) is not ready,” to which Easton quickly objected to but Judge Courier allowed. Teter continued and said, “It took me days to sleep with the lights off. This is one that stuck out with me because of the number of injuries. She (M. Heckler) was still alive and crying out for help. I can still remember the 911 call.”

Wilkins questioned Goodykoontz as to what kind of training the staff taking the individuals out for the day trips had to which the doctor could not answer.

After hearing from both sides, Judge Courier decided he needed more information on how the staff was trained to handle the patients on the outings before he could make a decision.

In other court news:

The trail for Tammy Mook’s five counts and four charges of arson and burglary for two years ranging from 2017 to 2019 is set to begin with pre-trial on December 9 at 10 a.m. and trail on January 17 and 18, 2023. Mook was charged with (allegedly) burning down a dwelling and burglarizing it, in Dryfork.

The case of Trevor Roy vs. the State of West Virginia is set to begin on December 1, 2022. Roy was arrested in 2019 on charges of domestic battery.

West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their 53rd Annual Convention

The West Virginia Trappers Association’s 53rd Annual Convention will be at the Gilmer County Recreation Center, 1365 Sycamore Run Road Glenville, on September 16-17, 2022. Gate opens at 10 a.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. on Saturday. Demos both days. Free

Trappers Education Classes on Saturday September 17, registration at 8:30 a.m. class starts at 9 a.m. Beekeeping seminar on Friday at 4 p.m. Coyote Hunting Seminar on Saturday at 3 p.m. WV Muzzleloaders Association will have classes on

learning to Tomahawk Throw and Shoot muzzleloaders from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.


WV Bowhunters will also be present. Vendors will be present both days with trapping supplies and much more. Benefit Auction will be Saturday at 2 p.m. Public is welcome. Free Admission and Free Gate Ticket for hourly drawings. Information and Vendors can contact Briana Frederick at 304-997-1863 or see our website at www.wvtrappers.com

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What's Happening

HoH Trail Work

HoH Trail Work days on the first Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 9 a.m. Meet at Blackwater Bikes.

Red Hats to Meet

The next meeting of the Elkins/Parsons Purple Majesties Red Hat Group will be Monday, September 12, 11:30 a.m. at Fat Olives Restaurant in Parsons. Enter by the side parking lot ramp. RSVP by Sept. 7 to Connie at 304-478-4710.

Full Board Meeting

The Region VI Workforce Development Full Board will meet Thursday, Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion

County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Pleasant Valley. For more information about the meeting contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530.

Hebb Reunion

The Annual Saul and Alice (Thomas) Hebb Original Descendants Reunion will be on Sunday, Sept. 4 at Parsons City Park. Lunch will be served at noon. Family and friends are invited to bring a covered dish.

Nestor – Keister Reunion

The Nestor Keister reunion will be Sunday, Sept. 4 at the Don and Kaye Nestor pavilion on Clover Run. All are welcome, bring a covered dish.



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. 31, 1945: The USS *West Virginia* led American battleships into Tokyo Bay two days before the formal surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945.

Sept. 1, 1907: Walter Phillips Reuther was born to German immigrant parents in Wheeling. Reuther was a founder of the modern labor movement and a long-time president of the United Auto Workers.

Sept. 1, 1921: By this date during the Battle of Blair Mountain, miners had captured half of the 25-mile mountain ridge and were ready to descend upon Logan. President Warren Harding placed the strike zone under martial law, and ordered federal troops and a squadron of bomber aircraft into the state.

Sept. 2, 1722: Frontiersman William Crawford was born in present Jefferson County. He was a farmer, soldier, surveyor, and the land agent of George Washington.

Sept. 3, 1890: West Virginia Wesleyan College opened as the West Virginia Conference Seminary. In that first year, 201 men and women undertook a largely preparatory school curriculum. Gradually the school added college-level studies and awarded its first five degrees in 1905.

Sept. 3, 1966: President Lyndon B. John-

son dedicated the Summersville Dam and Lake. Summersville Lake, located on the Gauley River in Nicholas County, is West Virginia's largest lake, with 2,790 surface acres at summer pool stage and 60 miles of shoreline.

Sept. 4, 1862: General Albert G. Jenkins and his men crossed the Ohio River and became the first to raise the Confederate flag on Ohio soil.

Sept. 5, 1861: Sutton was occupied by 5,000 Union troops. Later in 1861, General Rosecrans bivouacked 10,000 Union troops there, including a future president, William McKinley.

Sept. 6, 1875: Members of the notorious James Gang robbed the Bank of Huntington and got away on horseback. The robbery spawned a host of legends, including stories about outlaw Frank James – brother of Jesse James – hiding out in Wayne County.

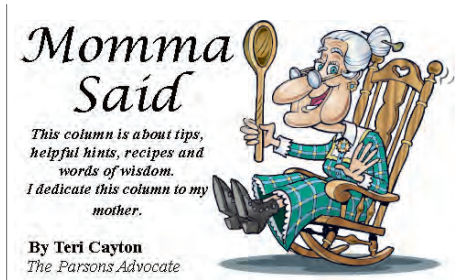
Sept. 6, 1980: The new Mountaineer Field opened in Morgantown with a 41-27 win over Cincinnati. It was the first game of new coach Don Nehlen, who would become the most successful coach in West Virginia University history.

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.

Things are getting really close to home when you hear of giant, giant, giant drug busts just a stone's throw away. About 50 miles from my home was a drug bust involving three people and all of them were over the age of 55. They had a kilogram of Fentanyl and news says that is enough to "KILL" 500,000 people. Yes I said a half million people. The woman in the group was 65 years old that is my age. *Momma Said*, "What is wrong with people when money means more than half a million lives?"

And on the news this week I also heard of a big drug seizure at the Mexico border of Rainbow Fentanyl. It is multicolored pills that look like candy. For God's sake we have enough children dying in this country we don't need them to mistake this poison for candy. I don't understand the mentality of the people who make this stuff. All you have to do is touch Fentanyl and it can kill you.

How do the people that make this stuff stay alive? How do you make something and not touch it? All this stuff has to do is touch your skin or you breathe in



some powder and you are dead. People that do this stuff are always "Chasing the Dragon." All the highs they get after the first is just not the same and they continue to try and get that feeling one more time and it never comes.

I feel compassion for people hooked on this poison and pray to God that they wake up and see what they are doing to themselves and mainly their children. Babies being born hooked on this stuff and having to endure withdrawal at the age of one day old. *Momma Said*, "That should sound the alarm bells and wake up everyone with a substance abuse problem." Seek help and save not only yourselves but maybe the world.

Pumpkin and Peanut Butter Dog Treats

Ingredients

- 1 cup oats (1 minute or instant)
- 1/2 cup pure pumpkin (not pumpkin mix)
- 1/2 cup of natural peanut butter

Instructions

1. These three ingredient dog are very easy to make and you can expect 50 little biscuits from the dough. They only need to be baked for 20

– 30 minutes.

2. Simply mix your ingredients together until you have a sticky dough. Roll out your dough on a floured surface and then make shapes using a cookie cutter of your choice.
3. Bake your biscuits in a preheated oven 150C/300F. Leave in oven after you turn it off to make them crunchy.

Morrisey's Mobile Office Sets September Stops for North Central West Virginia

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced a representative from his office will meet with north central West Virginia residents in September to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions. "These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney

General Morrisey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure."

Pam Krushansky, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the event as scheduled for Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to noon at Tucker County Senior Center, 217 Senior Lane, Parsons

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of the Selby Adams, Sr., and Ethel May Miller Adams family. From left to right: Beatrice (George) Dean, Wilda Marie Adams (Bernard) Wilt, father of her children. Wilda was also married to Harold Dale Harsh, Ethel May Miller Adams, Selby Adams, Sr., and Selby Ray (Lucille) Adams, Jr. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

Super Crossword

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1 Inexpensive	1 Links gp. for women
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22 Voices below mezzos	6 Chain of cosmetics stores
23 Pooch in a Texas city?	7 Actress Garr
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26 Certain snake	9 — Lingus (Irish carrier)
27 Employ	10 China's Chou En- —
28 Margarine, quantity	11 Angry feeling
30 Eight in front?	12 Strung along
31 "That's — -brainer"	13 — Gay (warplane)
33 Lock opener in an Oklahoma city?	14 Yard tools
38 Display stand for curios	15 Fathers
42 Marked, as on a ballot	16 Sign off on
43 Toothy tool	17 Actress Channing
44 See 56-Across	18 Walked unsteadily
45 Young lady in a California city?	19 Ore analysts
50 Song satirist Tom	24 Wall St. opportunist
52 Stroll along	29 Of speech
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	34 Acne care brand
	35 Ale barrels
	36 Emend
	37 Pile up debt
	38 That, to Lucia
	39 Orchestral drums
	40 Surrounding, as sound
	41 Cow on milk cartons
	46 Lustful look
	47 Noble Brit
	48 Get, as profit
	49 — fire under (roused)
	51 Sweetturns
	55 Fido's threat
	58 Boob tube
	59 Large bag
	61 "Nine" Tony nominee
	62 Cynical reply
	63 — de mer
	64 Earthen pot
	65 Actor Cage, to pals
	66 Entryway
	67 "Not possible"
	68 Toasted bread cube
	69 "Yo!"
	71 Map source
	75 Highway semi
	76 Blood type, for short
	77 Vocalist Vikki
	78 Net tyro
	79 "Fame" singer Irene
	80 Singers Arnold and Grant
	84 Moderately muscular
	85 "Great Jewish Joke Book" writer
	86 Body of water off Buffalo
	87 Get closer, quaintly
	89 Kitty's call
	90 Yearnings
	92 Act silently
	93 Fleecy female
	95 "Well well!"
	96 Dweeby sort
	98 11th mo.
	99 Vocabulary
	102 "Enough!"
	106 Tough puzzle
	107 Opposite of
	104-Across
	108 Actresses
	Stone and Watson
	109 Off the ground
	110 Omaha loc.
	115 Get closer
	116 Between the sheets, say
	117 Mandolin kin
	118 Love god
	120 "Tarzan" star Ron
	122 Fruit stone
	123 Major fuss
	124 — -TURN (street sign)
	125 — -Magnon man
	126 That woman

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
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Weather Totals

Aug. 16 - Aug. 23

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

TEMPERATURE

Max 85° F
Min 52° F

PRECIPITATION

Week 0.82"
August 7.52"
2022 39.62"

SNOWFALL

Snow on Ground 0"
Winter Total 36"

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8AM
MONDAY

New signs welcome users to Allegheny Highlands Trail

New signs installed at trailheads on the Allegheny Highlands Trail welcome trail users with maps and other information.

The colorful 4 x 4 ft. signs were designed by Highlands Trail Foundation AmeriCorps member, Daniel Flood, as part of a project titled "Kiosk Refresh."

"We are thrilled with the results of Dan's project, and inspired to pursue other updates at the kiosks," said HTF president, Karen Carper.

Flood and volunteers installed a total of six signs at trailheads, including Porterwood and Parsons in Tucker County, and Highland Park, Gilman, Kerens, and Montrose in Randolph County.

"The Highlands Trail Foundation sincerely appreciates Dan's work, and the time contributed by volunteers to complete this project," Carper said.

HTF Board member Jon Bush of Parsons assisted with installation at the Porterwood trailhead and in downtown Parsons at the historic railroad bridge which is now part of the AHT. Bush said trail users often visit his downtown restaurant, Piccolo Paula's. "Response to the signs has been extremely positive," he said.

Bush believes continued development of the proposed AHT to Thomas would be a boon to the Parsons area. "I foresee that Parsons will be the midway point on the completed trail. I am very happy to be a part of that," he said.

In addition to the Allegheny High-

lands Trail map, the kiosk sign panels have QR codes linked to Forest Service maps to help facilitate further recreation and exploration of the area. The HTF website, where additional information is available, may also be accessed via a code. A form on the website allows trail users to contact the organization with specific trail questions, or volunteer to help with future trail projects.

The Kiosk Refresh project is supported by a Tourism Development Grant awarded to the HTF by the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area.

Support was also provided by the West Virginia Division of Highways. As match for the grant, the WVDOH removed kiosks doors to make way for the signs and installed new cork board on the reverse sides. Local organizations are welcome to post flyers about recreational events that may be of interest to trail users on the trailhead bulletin boards.

Additional panels will be created this fall for AHT trailheads on the Monongahela National Forest at Nursery Bottom and Hendricks.

Looking to the future, Carper said other kiosk updates may include refurbishing wooden trailhead signs and painting structures, which are now more than 20 years old.

Anyone who would like to help with such projects is invited to complete the volunteer form at highlandstrailwv.org or email highlandstrailwv@gmail.com.



One of six sign panels recently installed at trailheads on the Allegheny Highlands Trail.

Commission

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Standing for the Pledge of Allegiance Tucker County Commissioners (L-R) Lowell Moore, Mike Rossenau, Fred Davis and County Clerk Sherry Simmons. 911 Deputy Director Mike Simmons is pictured in the back.

mapping, communication tools and incident reporting, to tracking all members' certifications, training and attendance at events.

Agencies will know immediately who is available to respond to your incidents, and will be able to get more complete, more effective and safer crews out faster. Operational tasks and decisions at base stations will be streamlined, and tactical decisions on the scene will be more informed and tailored to who is actually responding to the incident.

Simmons said, "I did a training session with Thomas Volunteer Fire Department and there was guest there from Delaware and he was impressed because he did not think a small town like this would have the "IamResponding". It enables an app on a responder's phone to pin point a location of an accident while also showing who is responding and their estimated time of arrival."

The commissioners accepted the resignation with regret of Steven Leyh from the Corridor H Authority.

The commissioners also voted to approve a funding request for the extension office. The request was for the of six buses to take student from TVEMS and DTEMS in grades five through eight to the 4-H Youth Development Program for an agricultural safety day. The request for \$1,200 and the commissioners approved the full amount.

According to the 4-H website, "The 4-H Youth Development Program is the only national organization that is federally mandated to conduct positive youth

development programs. The program works to improve knowledge and skills of young people (their Heads, Hearts, Hands, and Health) and the quality of life in the communities in which they live."

Commission Mike Rossenau reported on a meeting that was held with the commission and Western Pocahontas to get an update on what they are going to do in the future. Rossenau said, "One thing they have done recently, and I had realized was they had installed a cell

tower across Mettiki, and it now offers that area 5G service. It was something we did not know had been done but it was something they did just because it was needed for the county. I thought that was a good thing."

The next regular meeting of Tucker County Commission will be held on September 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. and located on the third floor of the Tucker County Courthouse at 211 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia, 26287.

Volunteers with West Virginia Caring Hospice Care offer helping hand



Volunteers with West Virginia Caring Hospice Care, Frank Dotson and Shirley Cassidy helped out at the Randolph County fair senior day, both Frank and Shirley also entertained the crowd with the dulcimer group from the Randolph County Senior center. For more information on volunteering with West Virginia Caring Hospice Care contact Nancy at 304-614-6223.

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RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

Question:

How likely would you be to patronize the following types of expanded or new Downtown Parsons retail establishments on a consistent basis?

1. Butcher Shop	4.061
2. Shoe Store	3.656
3. Furniture and Home Furnishings Store	3.374
4. Pet Care Store	3.340
5. Outdoor Recreation and Rentals Store	3.327
6. Bike Shop	2.461

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SPORTS

Tucker County Races to a Home Win Over Pocahontas 34-12

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The Mt. Lions Football team opened the season Friday August 26th at home against Pocahontas County. Tucker County used a strong passing attack to surge ahead in the first half and then the Mt. Lions pulled away for good in the fourth to win the game over Pocahontas County 34-12.

The Mt. Lions started the scoring early as they forced a fumble on the Warriors first play and Tucker County's Trenton Wilfong recovered the fumble to give the Mt. Lions the ball at the Pocahontas County 23 yard line. Two plays later Ethan Rosenau connected with Wilfong on a pass across the middle and Wilfong raced 23 yards for a touchdown. The 2 point conversion failed to make the score 6-0 Tucker County with 11:06 left in the first quarter. After a Warriors punt the Mt. Lions took over at their own 20. Then Rosenau connected with his quick receiver Maddox Anderson on a 79 yard touchdown pass and the PAT failed to give the Mt. Lion a 12-0 lead with 6:17 left in the first. Pocahontas County got on the scoreboard late in the first quarter as they blocked a Tucker County punt and the ball rolled into the endzone. The Warriors recovered the ball for a touchdown with 37 seconds left in the first. The extra point kick was blocked to make the score 12-6 Tucker County at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter belonged to the Mt. Lions as Anderson intercepted a Pocahontas County pass to give Tucker County the ball back. Tucker County then scored on a 2 yard touchdown run by Jared Reall. The 2 point conversion was good on a pass to Levi Bennett to push the lead to 20-6 with 8:20 left in the second. The Mt. Lions defense forced another punt and the Tucker County offense took over at their own 42 yard line. Then three plays later the Mt. Lions completed another big play as Rosenau connected with Anderson on a 60 yard touchdown pass. The PAT was good on a run by



Photo by Brittany Channell
Will McCallister of Tucker County stiff arms a defender against Pocahontas County on Aug. 26th. Tucker County won the game 34-12.

Blaike Adams to make the score 28-6 Tucker County with 4:36 left in the second. The second quarter ended with the halftime score 28-6 Mt. Lions.

After a scoreless third quarter Pocahontas County recovered a Tucker County fumble and put together a good drive. That drive was capped with a 2 yard touchdown run with 9:18 left in the contest. The PAT failed to cut the Tucker County lead to 28-12. The Mt. Lions then turned the ball over again on an interception by the Warriors. The visiting team could not capitalize as Pocahontas County would turn the ball back over to Tucker County as Wilfong intercepted the Warriors pass. The Mt. Lions then drove the ball 85 yards for a score. Adams got the touchdown for Tucker County on a 25 yard run with 3:38 left in the game. The PAT failed to put the Tucker County lead to 34-12. The game would end with the same score as the Mt. Lions picked



Photo by Brittany Channell
Tucker County's Quarterback Ethan Rosenau waits on a snap against Pocahontas County on Aug. 26th. The Mt. Lions won the contest 34-12.

up the home victory by the final score of 34-12.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County with 16 of 25 passing for 318 yards passing. Maddox Anderson had 4 receptions for 169 yards receiving and Trenton Wilfong added 4

receptions for 96 yards receiving. Blaike Adams led the Mt. Lions in rushing with 10 carries for 50 yards and Will McCallister chipped in with 5 receptions for 39 yards. McCallister also collected an interception on defense in the third quarter.

Tucker County (1-0) will travel to Tygarts Valley on Friday September 2nd for a 7pm kickoff. The game will be broadcast on WELK 94.7FM or online at 947welk.com. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Friday September 2nd

- Tucker County Football @ Tygarts Valley 7pm

Saturday September 3rd

- Tucker County Girls' & Boys' Cross Country @ Buckhannon 9am

Monday September 5th

- Tucker County JV Football @ East Hardy 6:30pm

Tuesday September 6th

- Tucker Valley Volleyball vs East Preston @ Home 6pm

Lady Mt. Lions Cross Country Team Win Keyser Meet

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

KEYSER – The Mt. Lions Boys' and Girls' Cross Country team traveled to Keyser High School on Tuesday August 23rd to compete in a 4 team meet.

In the Girls' race Tucker County dominated as they took 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 9th place. Erin Chambers led the Lady Mt. Lions with a time of 22:07.77 in 1st place. Katie Hicks finished 2nd with a time of 22:52.59, while Addie Moats posted a time of 24:21.97 to take 4th place. Hannah Hardy placed 5th with at time of 25:44.76 and Brianna Gooden posted a time of 29:11.82 to finish 9th in

the meet. The Lady Mt. Lions took 1st place as a team in the meet.

The Tucker County Boys' team would finish 2nd overall as a team. Cameron Judy led Tucker County with a 6th place finish and a time of 2:36.09. Nate Ricottilli took home 7th place with a time of 20:53.54 and Alex Boyles finished with a time of 21:58.35 to place 10th. Allen Boyles (23:56.56) placed 14th and Lynk Suesli (25:32.32) finished 18th.

The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams will return to action on Saturday September 3rd at Buckhannon-Upshur. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



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Eastern welcomes two new faculty members

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Two full-time faculty members joined Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in August.

Anthony “Tony” Prato, Ph.D., will be teaching math at Eastern. The Nevada native recently moved to Petersburg after teaching in high schools and colleges in the Las Vegas area. Prato holds a master of science degree in mathematics education from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and a Ph.D. in public affairs, also from UNLV. Prato said the two areas intertwine because of the statistical analysis components in his public affairs research.

Prato acknowledges that many students feel stress about learning math, but math is “... more creative than people realize,” he said. One of his favorite comparisons is to chess, a game with a clear objective, and a set of rules guiding the action. Math, Prato explained, also has an objective and a set of rules that define the possible actions

for solving a problem. Once he can encourage students to consider a math problem as a miniature chess game, the challenge becomes more fun and less stressful for the students. Prato said he also provides students with many opportunities to practice problem-solving skills individually and with classmates during class meetings.

Nathan Van Vranken, a resident of New Creek, is the college’s Biological and Environmental Technology (BET) program coordinator, and he will also teach a variety of science courses and labs. The Texas native has taught biology, geology, and geography at several colleges, most recently at WVU Potomac State College, while also devoting many years to paleontological research at active study sites throughout Texas, North Dakota, and Maryland. Van Vranken holds a master of science degree in geology from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin and graduate-level certification from West Virginia University



in geographic information systems (GIS).

Providing hands-on learning experience to students is important, Van Vranken said, and he plans to continue the BET program’s tradition of field studies,

whether delivered in-person or through GoPro-style videos for online classes. He also stressed that individualized mentorship is a key component in his teaching.

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.

Family Yard Fall To-Dos

Fall is a dog-gone good time to spend in your family yard. It’s also the top-dog time of year to prep our living landscape for another favorite season—spring.

Here’s what you need to do now to have a fabulous and TurfMutt-approved family yard this fall and beyond.

- **Mulch Leaves:** Mulching your leaves rather than raking and bagging is good for your lawn and the environment. As shredded leaves decompose, they feed your lawn, naturally.
- **Aerate the Family Lawn:** Aerating prevents soil from becoming compacted and covered with thatch - a thick layer of roots, stems and debris that blocks water, oxygen and nutrients from reaching the soil.
- **Mow at the Right Height:** Keep cutting your grass until the first hard frost. Find the just-right length for your species, typically between 2-3 inches, to keep your grass healthy when it turns cold.

Water Wisely: If you’re not getting at least an inch of water a week from Mother Nature, you’ll want to keep watering through the fall. Install watering solutions, such as smart controllers on irrigation systems, to help conserve water.



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

Deceased Glenn Z. Miller 1st publication 8/31/22 2nd publication 9/7/22	Personal Representative(s) Esther Marlane Lucente 93 Candlewick Ln Davis, WV 26260
John J. Purnell 1st publication 8/31/22 2nd publication 9/7/22	Sally J. Purnell 203 Woodland Dr Hambleton, WV 26269

Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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

Deceased Manda M. Loscar 1st publication 8/24/22 2nd publication 8/31/22	Personal Representative(s) Linda Shaffer PO Box 177 Thomas, WV 26292
Debra A. Jones 1st publication 8/24/22 2nd publication 8/31/22	Roger L. Jones 13 Hendricks Hill Rd. Hambleton, WV 26269

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before the Tucker County Commission at 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV 26287.

That no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the following decedent has been filed with the Tucker County Commission and is on record in the Tucker County Clerk’s Office.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must be filed with the County Commission within 60 days after the first publication date or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

1st Publication Date: August 24, 2022
Decedent: Clifford Ray Canfield, Sr.
Filed By: John Wayne Canfield
PO Box 63, Fayette, OH 43521

Relationship: Heir-at-Law
Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 6, 2022
Sherry Simmons
Tucker County Clerk

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Tariff Form No. 8
(Tariff Rule No. 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED DATES

NOTICE is hereby given that Canaan Valley Gas Company, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, revised tariff sheets containing increased rates and charges for furnishing natural gas service to 678 customers at Canaan Valley, Tucker County, West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective September 23, 2022, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$318,656 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 25.90%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	Avg. Usage	(\$)	INCREASE	(%)	INCREASE
Residential	7.57 Mcf	\$ 27.58		25.14	
Nonresidential	40.97 Mcf	\$ 154.14		27.34	

There are no resale customers. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase or decrease 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.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to September 23, 2022, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or request to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission’s rules on intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323

A complete copy of the tariff, 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 office of Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cortland Road, Canaan Valley, West Virginia.

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

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(2020-S-00000033 - Tucker County - FRANK ALT)

To: WILLIAM BILLY HUNT, ROBERT BOBBY HUNT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT FAIRFAX MAP 248A PARCEL 0070 0000

You will take notice that FRANK ALT, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000033, 6760 SQ FT .155 ACRE, located in FAIRFAX, which was returned delinquent in the name of HUNT WILLIAM W, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Tucker County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 10th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after October 10, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, October 9, 2022, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to October 9, 2022	\$	197.07
Amount of subsequent year’s taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to October 9, 2022.	\$	89.77
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff’s sale to October 9, 2022.	\$	946.01
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff’s sale to October 9, 2022.	\$	87.99
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jacob Kopec, Sheriff and Treasurer of Tucker County.	\$	1,320.84
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$	35.00

You may redeem any time before October 9, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor’s Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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YARD SALE - Several families at the Leadmine Park September 2 & 3, Friday & Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Leadmine CERT will be selling refreshments, Hot Dogs & Sauce, & Nacho & Cheese and drinks.

YARD SALE - Art supplies, household goods, pottery & more. Thurs. Sept 1-Fri. Sept 2-Sat Sept. 3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. John's Lutheran Church "Big Green Church", 3rd & Blackwater Ave, Davis. Support our Fundraiser for Campaign to repair The Historic Church Foundation

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YARD SALE - Friday, Sept. 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept 3, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Paul's UM Church Fellowship Hall, Central Ave., Parsons. Kids toys, household items, women's clothing and more.

Gas Prices Fall in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is 11 cents lower this week at \$3.772 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

- This week's average prices:**
- Northern WV Average **\$3.772**
 - Average price during the week of August 15, 2022 **\$3.885**
 - Average price during the week of August 23 2021 **\$3.040**

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

\$3.902	Bridgeport
\$3.880	Clarksburg
\$3.691	Huntington
\$3.890	Martinsburg
\$3.896	Morgantown
\$3.964	Parkersburg
\$3.395	Weirton
\$3.559	Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

The national average for a gallon of gas fell a nickel this past week to \$3.90. Stable global oil prices and modest domestic demand for gasoline are pushing prices lower. Motorists are now benefiting from gas prices that are \$1.11 less than their peak in mid-June. Today's national average is 74 cents more than a year ago.

According to data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand rose slightly from 9.12 million barrels per day to 9.35 million barrels per day last week, which is nearly identical to this time last year. Total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by nearly 5 million barrels to 215.7 million barrels. Although gasoline demand has risen and supplies have tightened, easing oil prices have helped lower pump prices.

At the close of Friday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased by 27 cents to settle at \$90.77. Crude prices increased at the end of the week due to EIA reporting that total domestic crude supply decreased by 7 million barrels to 425 million barrels. Crude prices declined earlier in the week after U.S. housing data showed that homebuilding dropped to its lowest level in 1.5 years in July. Lower housing demand also pushed oil demand expectations lower.

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CORRIDOR H PARSONS TO DAVIS PROJECT TUCKER COUNTY

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT) will hold a Public Informational Workshop for the Parsons to Davis Project on Monday, September 12, 2022, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Blackwater Falls State Park Conference Room, located at 1584 Blackwater Falls Road in Davis, Tucker County, West Virginia. This project involves the construction of an approximately 10-mile new location, four-lane, divided highway, with partial control of access, and will be a component of Appalachian Highway Corridor H (US 48). This meeting complies with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requirements.

NO FORMAL PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE. The public will be afforded the opportunity to ask questions and submit written comments on the project. A handout with project details will be available at the meeting and on the WVDOT website. Those wishing to file written comments after the meeting may send them to Travis Long, Director Technical Support Division, West Virginia Division of Highways, 1334 Smith Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301 on or before Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Comments may also be submitted digitally through the WVDOT commenting website: <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>.

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The Cafilisch Lumber Company's Railroad to the Mackeyville Area

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In 1902, the Ellick Lumber Company, built a single band saw mill across the Blackfork River from the mouth of Roaring Run. I.W.H. Heggelfinger was the superintendent at this time. The Tucker County Four Wheeler's race track now occupies this land. There were parts of the concrete foundation and brick boiler house that could still be seen before the construction of the race track in 1986. This area is known as "Ellick Bottoms". Ellick Lumber Company built a standard gauge railroad up Ellick Run and cut timber from the "Arnold Tract". They had a long wooden trestle across Blackfork River at the mouth of Roaring Run, carrying a standard gauge railroad for a connection with the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railroad.

In about 1910 the Ellick Lumber Company was purchased by the Cafilisch Lumber Company, a corporation from Union City, Pennsylvania. Albert Cafilisch was president. Albert's younger brother Edward George Cafilisch lived in Parsons and ran the local operation. The Cafilisch Lumber Company purchased several hundred acres of timberlands up the left fork of Roaring Run on the waters of Slip Hill Mill Run, and Wolf Run, emptying into Cheat River in Holly Meadows. Most of this land was purchased from the Beulah Lumber Company, along the present Wolf Run Road. The Cafilisch Lumber Company also obtained some timber from private farms in that area, including Henry Phillip's farm. It is now part of the property owned by Minear's at Mackeyville.

Beginning in 1911 the Cafilisch Lumber Company constructed a standard gauge railroad up Roaring Run. It began at the northern end of their long wooden trestle across the Blackfork River. The railroad followed the main Roaring Run for about three-fourths of a mile. It then turned left up the left fork of Roaring Run for about two and a fourth miles. At this point the railroad switched back over another high trestle located at the edge of the farm, formerly owned by Henry Phillips. The track curved around the end of a ridge and went up a hollow. The hollow leads to the Marvin Knotts' farm on Wolf Run Road at Mackeyville.

The present Knotts' farm was where the companies logging camps and barn for the horse teams

were located. At this point the railroad went through a gap at the hollows head and dropped down the side of the mountain by means of five switchbacks to Slip Hill Mill Run. The road crossed the creek on another trestle and continued for about one and a fourth of a mile to the fork of Slip Hill Mill Run and the mouth of Mink Run. The railroad crossed the creek another three times in this distance on low trestle works. After reaching Mink Run a branch turned up the creek approximately two-hundred feet and ended. The fourth switchback was very lengthy. It extended around the hill approximately one-third of a mile, ending at School House Hollow. In this switchback the railroad crossed another deep cove on a log trestle about thirty-five feet high. School House Hollow was a location where logs were skidded down the slopes on either side and loaded on the train by a steam loader that ran on its own tracks on top of the cars. The logs were loaded in the front car and the loader would proceed back to the next car. The loader would end up on the back car, to be able to be pushed off and unhitched at a switchback or siding.

One-fourth of a mile before the third switchback on the aforementioned mountainside the railroad branched. This branch went up the side of a ridge on about an eight percent grade and over the ridge. It then swung along the side of the ridge above Wolf Run, crossing two coves on trestles about ten feet high. Then proceeding through one deep cut to another switchback. The road then crossed another deep hollow on a log trestle about twenty-five feet high, and went directly into the creek bed of Wolf Run. The road followed the creek for about three-hundred feet and ended. Horse teams were then able to skid logs into the creek from either side of Wolf Run, and be loaded on the train by a steam loader. This branch ended approximately three-fourths of a mile from the mouth of Wolf Run in Holly Meadows. After this branch crossed the second cove it went through a deep cut some one-hundred feet long. Making this cut could not have been easy with a pick, shovel, black powder, or dynamite which was all that was used to grade this road. No power driven machinery was used.

In 1916 the cutting of the virgin timber in this area, which consisted of mostly red oak, chestnut and hemlock was complete.

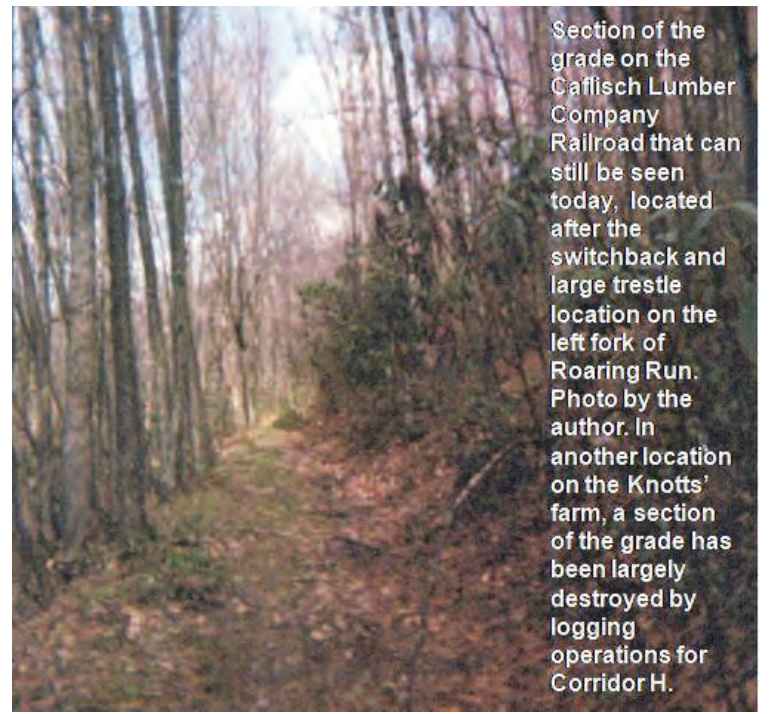
The Cafilisch Lumber Company removed their camps, tore up their railroad and dismantled the single band sawmill and left for other lumber jobs. Its timber land on Roaring Run, Slip Hill Mill Run and Wolf Run were sold to individuals and the Monongahela National Forest. This is not the last of them in West Virginia. They later took over the Kendall Lumber Company at Cheat Haven and Albright in Preston and Monongalia counties.

In 1923, they returned to Tucker County to cut part of 540 acre tract of timber they owned at the lower end of Ship Hill Mill Run. (Their Railroad did not go down this creek only up the creek) This timber was again skidded by horse teams. However, a truck road was built, and the logs were removed by two White Brand Motor trucks. It was trucked less than two miles to the Preston Railroad near the mouth of Horseshoe Run and loaded on railroad log cars there by a steam loader. The logs were hauled to the old Kendall Lumber Company mill at Crellin, Maryland. (Which was then controlled by the Cafilisch Lumber Company) and sawed into lumber there.

The railroad itself was laid mostly with 40 lb rail as is evident from some scraps and sections of rail which I have found along the old grade. The ties were hewed out from timber obtained along the road. This is evidenced from the ones that can still be seen today. Sawed ties were used on trestles only. The motive power used by the Cafilisch Lumber Company Railroad appears to have been a thirty-eight ton class b Climax engine and a twenty-five ton Shay. 3

I have undertaken a description of this railroad because of much confusion as to where it went, when it was built, etc. On pages 296-297 of his "History of Tucker County", Homer Floyd Fansler states "They also built a railroad up Roaring Run and onto the north side of Turkey Knob which was logged by them". This gives many people today the impression that the railroad ended on the north side of Turkey Knob. This was not the

case. In fact, as evidenced from the grades and its seven switchbacks this railroad was over twelve miles long. Many people confuse this railroad



Section of the grade on the Cafilisch Lumber Company Railroad that can still be seen today, located after the switchback and large trestle location on the left fork of Roaring Run. Photo by the author. In another location on the Knotts' farm, a section of the grade has been largely destroyed by logging operations for Corridor H.

and its many log trestles with the old tram road of John Mackey to Mackeyville, as is described very well by Fansler beginning on page 491 of his "History of Tucker County". This tram road was torn up and gone ten years before the Cafilisch Railroad was built. However, this horse drawn tram road did have some light steel rails on it, but followed an entirely different route up the right branch of Roaring Run. Many people confuse the log roads built by Parsons Forest Industries in 1969-1970 as part of the old railroad grades. In fact, they did clean out, and enlarge most of the old grades in Slip Hill Mill Run and part of the Wolf Run branch. However, at this time much of the old grade can still be traced unchanged. PFI built a lot of new log roads and built a new approach to the old railroad grade beginning at the steel gate just before the old school house/church at Mackeyville.

The railroads grade up Roaring Run and the left branch of Roaring Run averaged between three and five percent. About one fourth of a mile above the switchback and trestle to the former Henry Phillips farm, the grade rose sharply to about eight to ten percent for over one-third of a mile. A sand house was located on this steep section

of the railroad to store extra sand for traction. 4 After it went through the gap at the hollows head it again leveled to three percent to five percent for the balance of its route, except for the section of eight percent grade on the Wolf Run branch.

Footnotes/Credits:

1 Homer Floyd Fansler, History of Tucker County, West Virginia, McClain Printing Co., Parsons, West Virginia, 1962 page 297

2 This was the tract of land containing 4,130 acres obtained by Francis Deakins and William Deakins by land grant from the state of Virginia and signed by Edmund Randolph, Governor thereof on October 31st, 1788.

3 From recollections of "old timers". My grandfather Walter Clarence Martin worked on this job in the cutting crew.

4 An excavation of this sand house site found remains of sand and parts of a stove.

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