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Local Coalminers to the Rescue



Some days are just better than others. Recently at the coalmine off Corridor H, an electric car from DC ran out of battery at the road entrance to the mine. Someone called one of the mine's foremen and told him a car was broke down in the middle of the haul road.

The foreman went to investigate and found out the car had indeed ran out of juice coming from DC to Davis for a getaway weekend. He then went back to the mine and got guys to push the car to the guard shack so they could plug in to charge.

The car couldn't be pulled because it was all plastic underneath and nothing to hook up to. So five coal miners pushing a battery car to the coal mine to charge up.

If you look closely, you can see the coal stockpile and load out in the background. This just shows you coal miners are good people and will go out of their way to help anyone friend or foe. Luckily, for the travelers they ended up where they could get some help because they couldn't get a tow truck to come and this mine is out in the middle of nowhere.

One guy even dropped off a Friend of Coal license plate when he left to go home.

PRO/On Trac Hosts Mural Unveiling and Celebrate Parsons Event



Ribbon cutting ceremony for the unveiling of the City of Parsons mural was commenced by muralist Heather Johnson.

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Executive Director Cindy Kolsun welcomed everyone to the unveiling of the new mural in Pocket Park on

Pro Plaza. PRO/On Trac also celebrated new businesses that opened their doors in Parsons and "Celebrate Parsons" awards to special individuals for their hard work and dedication to the City of Parsons. The event also

held a remembrance of 9/11.

It has been 21 years since the attacks of 9/11 and in memory of the day the world stood still PRO/On Trac hosted an event to honor those

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BOE Looks to Update Docked Days Procedure

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Teachers employed by the Tucker County Board of Education may be facing new guidelines when it comes to what is considered docked days. In the past teachers were allowed to take unpaid docked days to take off from work for other reasons than an emergency needs. Superintendent, Alicia Lambert, explained that some teachers have used these days for such things as going on vacation or personal days.

Lambert said, "What brought this about is a few years ago we had a lot of employees just taking days for vacation or anything they just wanted additional time for like "I want to go to the beach, but I am out of days, well just dock me." So, they would leave their classrooms, and we would just put in unpaid for those days. With working with

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City of Parsons Promotes Arnold and Gidley



Officer N. Gidley has been promoted to Patrolman First Class

By: Jennifer Britt
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A 35-year Tucker resident, Donna Hood, stepped out of her comfort zone during a meeting held by the Parsons City Council to ask for guidance and help acquiring some athletic improvements for the children of Tucker County. Hood explained she had four children graduate from TCHS and had recently learned that the City of Parsons may have a large amount of money available to them.

Hood said, "I feel like this is important enough to get out of my comfort zone to say something. I have wondered about this for some time, and it has come to my knowledge just recently that the City has quite bit of money." Parsons City Major Dorothy Judy laughing said, "You give it to us, and we will spend it."

Hood was referring to the Harman Fund Monies managed by the Tucker Community Foundation. The City of Parsons receives the interest off the fund to help in maintaining the cemeteries, the parks and recreations department, the libraries, and projects needed for the good of the citizens of Parsons. Hood was under the impression that the city has access to the whole \$20 million in the Harman Fund account.

Board member Melissa Jones explained to Hood the

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The Music Center: A Plus Guitars Offers Something for Everyone

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

The Music Center: A Plus Guitars was founded in 1998 and nestled on Bridgeport Hill as a staple in quality music instruments, accessories, lessons, and repairs. When the original owner was ready to retire the opportunity arose for Zach Lilley partnered with Dave Stevens to take over the reigns as owners.

Lilley said, "The store that we have in Bridgeport has been there since 98. I started working there in 2005. The owner and I had been really close, and he always wanted me to take

over one day. It was not financially feasible at the time.

I met Dave through another guy that worked in Bridgeport with me. They all hung out and jammed

together. They grew up and went to school here together. Then I started playing in a band with Dave.

When my boss was really ready to

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Owners, Dave Stevens and Zach Lilley pictured with the wide range of items they carry in their new music store located in Parsons.

Watch! Stop! Learn! Play! Born Learning Trail

By: Jennifer Britt
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In August, (then Interim) City Administrator Agnes Arnold presented the City of Parsons council with a memorandum of understanding between Tygart Valley United Way and the City of Parsons. The memorandum set the terms and understandings to install and maintain a Born Learning Trail.

The Born Learning Trail is a series of 10 interactive signs that offer fun, active learning activities for young children and their families. The signs are accompanied by painted sidewalk art. It helps parents, caregivers and communities create quality engagement opportunities when out on a stroll or visiting a local playground.

The proposed location for the Born Learning Trail is the Allegheny Highlands Trail that connects the Train Depot to the Railway Bridge in Parsons. The respon-

sibility of purchasing all supplies needed to install and maintain the trail as well as the upkeep needed at the beginning of each summer relies solely on Tygart Valley United Way. The City of Parsons will be responsible for providing access to the trail location, notifying of any damage or issues to the trail, and promoting the trail when applicable.

The Tygart Valley United Way serves five counties including Barbour, Marion, Randolph, Taylor and Tucker. Tucker County was the last out of the five to have the signs installed. In memory of 911, Tygart Valley United Way Executive Chief Executive Officer, Brett White, Regional Engagement Director Angela Daniels and art students from Davis and Elkins College volunteered their time and talents in create a work of art trail for the children of Tucker County. Daniels said, "This is for our 911 debt of service. We do it to

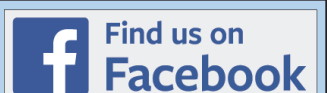
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Davis and Elkins student and Parsons resident, Evan Jones, volunteered his time to help install the Born Learning Trail



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News of Record

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

- Risha D. McGill and Michelle D. Phillips, Parsons, Parcel Lot to William Shahan and Barbara Shahan, \$100,000.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork, Unit C5 Week 33 to John Lewandowski and Sandra Lewandowski, \$750.
- William G. Poling, Clover, 18,000 sq. ft. to Ronnie

- Poling and Richard Poling, \$0.
- William Guy Poling, Clover, 30 acres and 1.07 acres to Richard G. Poling, \$0.
- Diane S. Moore, Fairfax, Lots 73, 74, 75, 1.52 acres and Lot 70 to Kathi Sayers Holt, \$0.
- Kathi Sayers Holt, Fairfax, lots 73, 74, 75 and 1.52 acres to Kathi Sayers Holt/Life Estate and Christopher Holt, \$0.
- Andria Dibacco and Andria M. Dibacco/AKA, Thomas, Lots 669 and 670 to Morehead & Williams Development Co. LLC, \$130,000.

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is the Claude Ray and Perchie Lea Mullenax Knotts Family. Claude (1898-1986) married Perchie (1907-1985) in 1924. The family in the photo (left to right, front row) Kenneth Knotts, Irene Knotts Duckworth, Perry Knotts, Alva Knotts back row (left to right) David Knotts, Sylvia Knotts Rosenau, Junior Knotts, Harry Knotts. In addition to those in the photo there was a daughter Dola Mae Knotts who was born and passed on December 31, 1945. The Knotts Family still maintains the farm at Sugarlands. Ideas, photos, suggestion or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

West Named Deputy Forest Supervisor for Monongahela National Forest

Elkins, W.Va.— Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran has selected Robert West to serve as the new deputy forest supervisor on Monongahela National Forest which includes more than 919,000 acres in 10 counties in the highlands of West Virginia.

"Robert has served Monongahela National Forest well as the acting deputy forest supervisor over the past few months," said Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran. "His leadership and strategic thinking skills will be put to good use on managing all aspects of this national forest."

West comes to the Monongahela after eight years serving as the district ranger for the St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie Districts on the Hiawatha National Forest. He also served in temporary assignments as forest supervisor on the Shawnee and deputy forest supervisor on the Payette and Monongahela National Forests.

"I look forward to getting to know the Monongahela, assisting the folks who manage our forest, and working with local communities and partners

in our shared stewardship of this very special place," West said.

West began his federal career as a park ranger with the National Park Service in Montana. He has served as a partnership coordinator on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, a staff assistant in the Office of the Chief, and a program specialist in Fire and Aviation Management in Washing-

ton, D.C. He is enthusiastic about the outdoors, camping, flyfishing and classic cars. He and his wife Jessica are excited about this new opportunity and adventure.

For more information about Monongahela National Forest visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> or <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>

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We Get Letters

Editor,

Tucker County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has had a very busy August.

We answered 125 calls compared to 118 this time last year.

We participated in a plethora of meetings and discussions to collect as much information as possible concerning running TC EMS as efficiently and as effectively as possible. We now understand the historical quantity, incident types, distribution and timing of EMS calls for the past 14 months.

We have supported the County Commission to put an Ambulance Excess Levy (that's the legal term) on the November ballot to replace the loss of revenue from the now rescinded Ambulance Fee Ordinance. For a Class 2 permanent residence with an appraised value of \$150,000 and an assessed value of \$90,000, the levy would add a modest \$34.92 to your annual tax bill.

We met with and continue to dialog with the WV EMS Advisory Committee (EMSAC) to examine our operations and recommend how we should go forward to best provide EMS services to the residents and business of Tucker County. Their report has been made available to the Commission to be posted on the county website.

We met with the WV Office of EMS and are implementing their recommendations.

Our ambulances have been state inspected and all are in compliance and licensed to provide medical services.

We held an EMS open house to attract potential recruits and their state-sponsored training is ongoing. We will aggressively hire once we secure stable funding, in this very competitive environment.

Which leads to our current fiscal challenge. EMS is a cash business that runs in a deficient mode especially in rural, sparsely populated areas like Tucker County. All our cash reserves for equipment have been allocated toward EMS operations. With the earlier failure of the ambulance levy and the elimination of the \$50 ordinance, we will run out of funding before the new levy funds become available in October 2023.

Assuming the levy passes and those funds are available in a year, we have undertaken a plan to try to bridge the immediate and short-term \$250,000 gap with donations. The Ambulance Authority has set up a method to receive, acknowledge and properly account for, donations from the citizens, friends and visitors of Tucker County. Within a week, a postal mailer asking for donations will be sent to your address and also available at many local business locations. **We humbly encourage you – residents, friends and visitors – to consider making a donation.**

What else could you do? Attend the upcoming EMS levy briefings that we will be holding around the county in the next couple months; a lot more information will be shared then. We also encourage you to ask your commissioners and the candidates running for office to support EMS.

We answered the call for help 1,281 times last year. Someday you might need our help; today we need yours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Filler, Board President,
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This Week's Submitted Photos



This week's photo of a sunset over a pond near Blackwater State Park was submitted by Carol Craver

Email photos, where it was taken and who took it to mikie@parsonsadvocate.com

The LegendAnd His Dream!! And it was a Three Way Tie!!!



Labor Day weekend is always marked with the extraordinary tournament held in honor of the legendary man and coach: Neil Gutshall. Every year we write about Coach Gutshall and his demeanor and vision. However, without Coach Gutshall's volunteer work, Holly Meadows Golf Course may not be in its present pristine condition today. His dream was to have a top-notch golf course that the community could afford and would forever enjoy. Through his many tireless hours, Coach Gutshall helped to create Holly Meadows as one of the most beautiful golf courses where all could play golf. Coach Gutshall loved golfing and he wanted to create a venue where everyone would have an opportunity to learn and to love the game of golf. Coach Gutshall's name is very much respected throughout the community. His love of coaching and his love of golf draws the admiration of all. Jeff Felton of California, formerly from Tucker County and is an annual hole sponsor said, "what a nice way to honor such a humble man." Coach Gutshall always spoke highly of his players that he coached and because of his demeanor was very much respected and regarded as one of our finest coaches in Tucker County.

Many volunteers have followed in Coach Gutshall's footsteps. Under the direction of his son, Tom Gutshall, Holly Meadows continues to develop and

thrive. Each year we have competitors that are continually amazed at how much the Holly Meadows Golf Course improves. Among this year's record 124 golfers, you repeatedly hear compliments about how beautiful the setting and surroundings are and as always the key question is, "how do we keep the course in its present unspoiled conditions?" Our answer is always, "the volunteers make this golf course one of the best places to play golf." Just as Coach Gutshall did, volunteers such as the late, Bob Gainer, takes pride in making Holly Meadows Golf Course a place golfers want to return.

Many golfers say that Holly Meadows course conditions are unparalleled to other courses that are much bigger and have the personnel needed for maintenance and preservation of their courses. The competitors cannot believe that work at the course is done through its membership and volunteers. On any given day of the week, you will find such volunteers such as Bill Evick, Joe Evans, Nick Channel, and Eldon Paugher working on a project from cutting trees to treating the greens. Because of the course conditions and the actual tournament competition, we have golfers returning year after year including Gary Chenoweth from Texas to compete. We have several father and son teams that say this is one competition that they enjoy the most because it is with their father. One competitor, David Murphy said, "how many people get to compete in an athletic competition with their father." "We definitely are making memories and I wouldn't miss this opportunity to be with my dad." Because the tournament is flighted, everyone competes with like abilities creating the best competition possible. Every year, competitors are greeted with an outstanding venue. Tom, (president of the golf course committee) and Bob Gutshall, sons of Neil Gutshall both agree that their dad would be so pleased that so many golfers come to Holly Meadows and compete in his honor. This year the tournament had a record 124

golfers. Play consists of a two-person scramble ranging from the very young to our seniors. Golfers were provided lunch each day and agreed that the tournament's organization was flawless and very enjoyable. On the first day of the tournament, St. George Medical Clinic provided a \$50,000 prize for a hole-in-one and on the second day, Performance Motors of Elkins provided money towards a new car for a hole-in-one. While no one won these prizes, it goes to the integrity of the tournament that such support is provided by two wonderful businesses. However, many businesses through their hole sponsorship and/or door prizes helped create a successful tournament.

This year was marked by a very extraordinary finish. In the Championship Flight three teams finished with a tie. This has never happened since the tournament's inception. Definitely amazing, tense, and exciting!

The results were:

Championship Flight
1st (Shreve/Hopwood),
1st (Hammond/Schuler),
1st (Gissy/Pinkney), 4th (Smith/Merloe), and 5th (Mohr/Mohr).

First Flight - 1st (Allen/Williams), 2nd (Lodus/Norman) 3rd (Osborn/Osborn), 4th (Arbough/O'Dell), 5th (Stout/Harrick)

Second Flight - 1st (Cooper/Forsythe), 2nd (Channel/Jarrett), 3rd (Landis/Slaughbough), 4th (Haddox/Haddox)

Third Flight - 1st (Clifton/Dennison), 2nd (Bowers/Bowers), 3rd (Spotloe/McGee), 4th (Ware/Ware), 5th (Fox/Scott)

Fourth Flight - 1st (Carr/Josh), 2nd (Barb/Hank), 3rd (Sims/Sims), 4th (Bolyard/Gutshall), 5th (Kisamore/Moore)

Fifth Flight - 1st (Ritter/Mason), 2nd (Davis/Hockman), 3rd (Laulis/Laulis), 4th (Lanham/Swecker), 5th (Betler/Betler)

Six Flight - 1st (Simmons/Moyer), 2nd (Murphy/Murphy), 3rd (Jarrett/Richmond), 4th (Hart/Hopwood)

Seventh Flight - 1st (Evick/Spars), 2nd (Chenoweth/Louk)

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OBITUARIES

Patsy Diana Constantino

Patsy Diana Constantino, 65, of Romney, WV passed away on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022 at Hampshire Center, Romney, WV.

Born on July 20, 1957 in Cumberland, MD, she was the daughter of the late Dallas D. Hershman and Evelyn Marie Jefferies.

She enjoyed camping, exploring caves, the beach, going to concerts and spending time with family and friends.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip A. Constantino, and two nieces and two nephews.

The baby of the family, she is survived by her siblings: Judy Ann Nickelson (Roy) of Winchester, VA, Priscilla Jane Foltz (Roger) of Winchester, VA, Lena Victoria Pownall of Shanks, WV, Della Lee Orndorff (Linden) of Delray, WV, Dottie Ruth Nestor of Parsons, WV, Clifford James Owens (Kathy) of Stephens City, VA, Dallas Robert Hershman, Jr. of Winchester, VA, Gladys Maxine Miller of Augusta, WV, and Robin Kay Trenum of Lakeside, Montana. Although she had no children she had many nieces and nephews and was loved by all.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 at 11 a.m. at McKee Funeral Home, Augusta, WV with Pastor Denzil Davis officiating. Interment was in Macedonia Cemetery, Parsons, WV.

The family received friends on Thursday from 6-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

All arrangements were handled by McKee Funeral Home, Augusta, WV.

Wilda "Carol" Lipscomb Godfrey,

Wilda "Carol" Lipscomb Godfrey, 80, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at Davis Medical Center surrounded by her family.

Carol was born Monday, December 1, 1941, in Parsons, a daughter of the late Arthur Lipscomb and Ruth Shaffer Lipscomb. She was twice married. First, to Stanley Niemenski, and then she was married to James Godfrey, both of whom preceded her in death.

Left to cherish Carol's memory are four children, Jennie Smith, Tarry Williams, Skipper Niemenski, and Sheldon "Peewee" Niemenski, two brothers, Randolph Lipscomb and Gary Lipscomb, one sister, Mary Litman, nine grandchildren, Shannon McDonald, Staci Smith, Courtney Williams, Casey Williams, Brenda Poe, Linda Barnhouse, Nicole Poe, Christian Niemenski, and Grayson Niemenski, seven great grandchildren, Tehya Smith-Maize, Gabriel McDonald, Nathaniel McDonald, Malachi "Pedro" Poe, Aubrey McClung, Marcella McClung, and Thaddeus Barnhouse, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Carol in death besides her parents and husbands was a son, Tim Niemenski, nine siblings, Bob Lipscomb, Allen Lipscomb, Rodney Lipscomb, Chester Lipscomb, Velma Poke Roy, Virginia Ferrell, and three infant siblings.

Carol attended the schools of Tucker County. She had worked as a housekeeper at Blackwater Falls State Park for over twenty years. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Carol's request for cremation will be honored and a memorial service will be held at a later date. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Wilda "Carol" Lipscomb Godfrey. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Dellas Junior Myers

Dellas Junior Myers, 97, a former resident of Tucker County, and for the past four and a half years, a resident of Lavender Fields in Beverly passed from this life Wednesday, September 7, 2022. He had been under the care of West Virginia Caring.

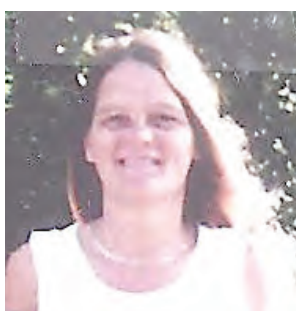
Junior was born in Cleveland, Ohio on Tuesday, September 9, 1924, a son of the late Gordon Dayton Myers and Ethel Nestor Myers. He had been married to the late Geneva Metz.

Also left to cherish Junior's memory are five brothers, Donald B. Myers of Monroe Falls, OH, Allen D. Myers and wife, Doris, of Parsons, Richard P. Myers of Cortland Acres and wife, Jean, of Parsons, and Boyd Myers and wife, Connie, of Parsons, two sisters, Madeline F. Weaver and husband, John, of Pfafftown, NC, Kathleen A. Hovan and husband, Donald, of Altoona, PA, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Junior in death besides his parents was four brothers, Charles E. Myers, Ralph L. Myers, Morris G. Myers and Robert "Bob" Myers.

Junior attended the schools of Tucker County and served in the United States Army. He worked at various jobs until he became employed at Bethlehem Steel in Maryland for over forty years as a precision worker. Junior had many hobbies, old cars, music, radios, reading, but his biggest love was talking on his HAM radio to people around the world. Junior also belonged to a Ham Radio Club in Parsons. He loved his family very much. He had attended the Sycamore Grove Church.

Visitation was held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Monday, September 12, 2022, from 11 a.m. until noon, the funeral hour. Rev. Neil Parsons officiated, and interment followed in Pifer Mountain Cemetery. The Hostetler Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements for Dellas Junior Myers. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



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 11, 2022.

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 have decided to offer the following long trips for consideration:

1. Amish Theater Land Cruise in Ohio. 3 days/ 2 nights all-inclusive vacation. 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 nights at Berlin Encore Hotel, the Amish Country Theater shows, game shows, contests, trivia, bingo, swimming, etc., most of the things included on a regular cruise except you are on land, not water. There are even "shore excursions" for an additional cost.
2. Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard 7 days/6 nights includes a seafood dinner, ferry ride & tour of Martha's Vineyard, visit to Newport, RI, tour a historic mansion, and tour Hyannis.
3. Savannah and Charleston 7 days/6nights includes hotel, breakfasts 1 dinner cruise with entertainment, 1 dinner at the Charleston Crab House, guided tour of Historic Charleston, visit the historic market, guided

tour of Savannah, performance at the Historic Savannah Theater, guided tram tour of Jekyll Island, Tour of St. Simon Island, and visit to Famous River Street.

4. Nashville 6 days/5 nights includes live show at the Grand Ole Opry, dinner show at Evening at Nashville Nightlife, scenic boat ride through Opryland Atrium, tour of iconic landmarks including backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry, 3 dinners—2 with entertainment breakfast.

These are short summaries of the possible trips. All trips include motor coach transportation, baggage handling, and gratuities. We are working on the pricing so keep posted for further details. When we have the pricing, you can begin voting for your top 2 favorites. Voting will close on October 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for helping us decide.

We have already reserved tickets for Sight & Sound Theatre for next July (around the 19th or 20th) to see "Moses." We do not know what else we will be doing on that trip yet or the pricing. We will let you know as soon as we decide.

The SHIP lady is due in the Parsons Senior Center on Thursday, September 15, 2022. If you have a question about Medicare, please call 304-636-4747 to schedule an appointment. Open Enrollment begins October 15th. If you have not scheduled an appointment for a review, I advise you to do it now. The appointment slots fill up very quickly. People have been making appointments for a couple of months.

Mt. Top Outpost will be on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. We have had a request to change your regular Outpost day to the second Wednesday of the month. This will occur next month since we had the newsletters already printed.

Pam Krushansky from the Attorney General's Office will be in Parsons on Wednesday, September 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. She handles consumer complaints so if you have a complaint against a business, please stop in and talk to her.

St. George Holds Senior Outpost



The St. George monthly outpost of Senior Citizens met on August 18, 2022. Betty Sturm played the piano as folks arrived and everyone enjoyed a lovely meal.

Sharon Daniels started show-n-tell by displaying her antique apple basket painting. Lucille Adams showed a quilt she had made plus several painted gourds. Delores Kelly showed her delicate crocheted items and Jane

Pifer showed her numerous embroidery pieces. Betty Sturm displayed an antique fiddle. Carol Winstein ended the evening with several cute jokes.

Attending in addition to the above were Ray Adams, Deborah Stiles, Arlene Ramsey, Jean Myers, Eldred Bright, Dorothy Simpson, Dale Varner, David Varner, Virginia Popio, Sue Carroll, Don Nestor, Norm Knighton, Carol Knigh-

ton, Brenda Jones, Sherri Smith, Shirley Cassidy, Pricilla Flanagan, Buddy Arnold, Lawrence Troska, and Eleanor Nestor. The Parsons Senior Center usually provides a van and seniors are always

welcome to come, bring a covered dish, and bring a friend to the next gathering on September 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the St. George United Methodist Church for food, fun, and fellowship.

START YOUR WEEK AT WORSHIP

Stevens' Florist

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(304) 478-2161

If you do not have a church, we invite you to consider

St. John's United Methodist Church

River St., Parsons, WV 26287
(304) 478-2620

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NOTICE

To our
2022 Christmas Club Members

The last day we will be accepting payments on the 2022 clubs will be
Saturday, October 1, 2022 by Noon

2023 Clubs may be opened any time on or after Monday, October 17, 2022 and checks will be disbursed the week of October 4th, 2023.

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What's? Happening

Revival

The Parsons Nazarene Church will have a revival on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Sept. 19, 20 and 21 at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Curtis Norris with special music by Jonathan Norris. Everyone welcome.

Democratic Executive Committee Meeting

The Tucker County Democratic Executive Committee will hold its regular Third

Quarter Meeting for 2022 on Thursday, September 29 at 6 p.m. Chair M. McClintock will host via zoom: Meeting ID: 856 9756 7961 #294154, 304-478-1046 for more information.

Retired School Employees Meeting

Tucker County Association of Retired School Employees meeting is at noon on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at The Depot Diner. All retirees are invited to attend.

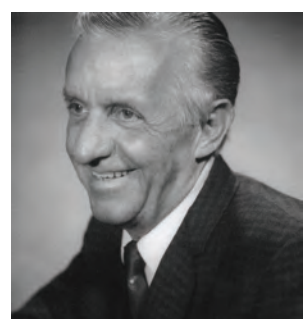


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Charleston WV - The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Sept. 14, 1898: Okey L. Patteson was born in Mingo County. Patteson, called the "Great Persuader," tackled difficult decisions as West Virginia's 23rd governor from 1949 to 1953.

Sept. 15, 1875: Henry Hatfield was born near Matewan, Mingo County. As a doctor in the coal camps, he helped secure funding to establish three miners hospitals for the southern part of the state. In 1912, he was elected the state's 14th governor.



Sept. 15, 1906: Song-writer Jack Rollins was born in Keyser. Rollins wrote the lyrics to "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" and "Frosty the Snow Man," two of America's most popular songs.



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Sept. 16, 1926: Writer John Knowles was born in Fairmont. He attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, *A Separate Peace*.



Sept. 16, 1950: Scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. was born in Keyser. Gates is one of the leading African-American intellectuals in the United States and has written several books, including *Colored People: A Memoir*, which describes his experiences growing up in Mineral County.

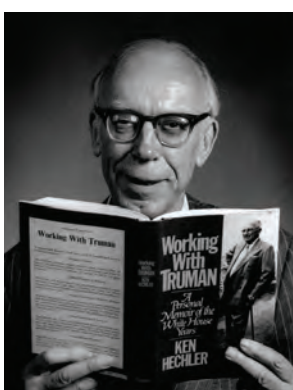
Sept. 17, 1848: Artist Lily Irene Jackson was born in Parkersburg. Jackson was best known as a painter of animal portraits and floral arrangements, and as an advocate for the arts.



Sept. 18, 1947: Historian and journalist Minnie Kendall Lowther died. Born in Ritchie County, she was one of the first West Virginia women to become a newspaper editor.

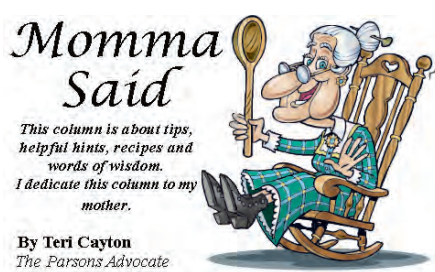
Sept. 18, 1989: Playwright Maryat Lee died in Lewisburg. She established Eco Theater in Summers County as an indigenous mountain theater, using Summers County people as actors.

Sept. 19, 1892: William "Bill" Blizzard was born in Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Blizzard became one of West Virginia's most influential and controversial labor leaders of the 20th century.



Sept. 20, 1914: Ken Hechler was born on Long Island, New York. Hechler served 18 years in the U.S. Congress and four terms as West Virginia's secretary of state.

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Momma Said
This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.
By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

Did you know that a hose is just an extension cord for water? Who sits around and thinks of this stuff? It is actually true but I never think of things like that. I don't know if I am just too practical. I use things for what they are intended and don't go any further than that.

Of course if I am repurposing something to be something else, then my creative juices flow fast. I have a small chest of drawers right now with a broken drawer front. There is also one drawer with a broken bottom so I am going to cut the bottom off the dresser, do away with the broken drawer. Then I will fasten the bottom back on and use the bottom out of the broken drawer to fix the other one. I am going to attach legs to it so it will be a little taller and give it a nice shiny coat of paint. *Momma Said*, "Help the little guys stand a bit taller."

When I get done it will better than ever and be able to live another life. I don't like to see things discarded just because of one little broken part. We are

going to suffocate on our own garbage before too long. I try very hard to limit my own contribution to the growing amount of trash. If I can rescue, renew and reuse something I am going to try my hardest to achieve that goal.

Mom got schooled on that aspect when she was very young. Growing up in the 1930's was a very hard time and everything was used for something. Flour and sugar came in cotton sacks and when they were emptied Gran made them into Mom's clothes. Everything from underwear to dresses was made for Mom. *Momma Said*, "Be thankful for what you have because some day it may all be gone."

Poppy Seed Lemon Bread

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp. lemon zest, about 3 lemons
- 1/4 cup lemon juice, fresh squeezed
- 2 tbsp. poppy seeds (If you do not like poppy seeds omit this ingredient)

GLAZE

- 1 cup powdered sugar, sifted
- 1 tbsp. + 2 tsp. lemon juice

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
2. In a mixing bowl combine the flour, granulated sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Stir with a spoon to combine and set aside.
3. In a larger mixing bowl combine the eggs, buttermilk, vegetable

oil, lemon zest, lemon juice, and poppy seeds. Stir to combine with a spatula for 30 seconds.

4. Gradually mix in the dry ingredients, mixing by hand just until combined. The batter will be very thick!
5. Spray a loaf pan (either 9x5 or 8.5x4.5) with non-stick cooking spray. Transfer the batter to the pan and spread even with a spatula.
6. Place in the center of the oven and bake for 55-60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. The total suggested bake time for 8.5x4.5 inch pan is 55-65 minutes and 9x5 inch pan is 45-60 minutes. **Be sure to know what size your pan is.**

GLAZE

Allow the bread to cool before adding the glaze. Mix the sifted powdered sugar and lemon juice together with a spatula. You may possibly need more lemon juice, it just depends on how thin or thick you like your glaze. Use a spoon to spread the glaze over the bread.

Super Crossword

GIFTS OF THE YEAR

ACROSS	47 She sang "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" [15th]	87 Small, pungent pickling vegetable [30th]	125 Soothe	34 Grazing area	82 Juan's water
1 First scale syllables	51 Online selling	89 Player's top effort, informally	126 Profit	38 Near-grads: Abbr.	83 Sweetums
7 Gripping tool	52 Driver's license, SSN, etc.	90 Literary leaf	127 Actor Steven	41 Part of 122-Down	84 Swabby's tool
11 Arid expanse in Mongolia	55 Determined to accomplish	92 Part of IPA	128 Work honcho	43 Beholds	85 High mount
15 Move like a grasshopper	56 Living space	93 Slow a car down	129 Deli breads	42 Quick review	86 Semi fuel
19 "Not Afraid" rapper	57 1988-91 war drama series [20th]	94 Dorothy's magical shoes [40th]	130 Possesses	44 Eldest	88 College org. for sailors-to-be
20 Affirmation of self-ability	60 Earth's heater	97 Filleted	131 Attractive	45 Kite features	90 Occasion for unrestricted amusement
21 De-wrinkle	61 Bluegrass fiddler	99 Cough up now!	DOWN	46 Has a link (with)	91 Tolkien terror
22 Giant fair	62 Longtime ISP option	100 Low digit	1 Bus station	48 Actor Erwin	96 Eastern Michigan city
23 Stocks and shares [1st]	63 Laundry receptacle	101 Rapscaillon	2 Neighbor of a Yemeni	49 Whole lot	98 Corn serving
25 Stand-up comedian Richard	65 &&&&	104 PC key abbr.	3 Get mature	5 Sea, to Henri	102 "Top o' the — to ya!"
26 Super serves	66 "Hey, over here ..."	105 Daughter of JFK	4 Ending for propyl	6 "— big boy now"	103 Prairies, e.g.
27 Low digit	68 Tree of eastern North America [25th]	109 Half-million-selling album [50th]	5 Sea, to Henri	7 Glutinous	106 Accrue
28 Play starter	72 Lid fastener	114 Mae West play [60th]	8 Cold drink, informally	8 Cold drink, informally	107 "Victory is yours"
29 American robin's close relative [5th]	76 Infamous Idi	116 "Dies —" (hymn)	9 Like biting writing	10 U.S. Navy off.	108 Brother on "Frasier"
31 Figure on a kid's toy battleground [10th]	78 Very small minority	117 Dog coater	11 Toy for a boy, traditionally	11 Toy for a boy, traditionally	110 Actor Patel of "Lion"
35 Revolutionary War mercenaries	80 Mineral spring	118 "Eso Beso" singer Paul	12 Longtime cookies	12 Longtime cookies	111 No longer a minor
36 Wed. follows it	81 Taxi driver	119 Revered sort	13 Bail provider	13 Bail provider	112 Countryish
37 Yellow-disked flower	84 Angry	120 Occasion associated with the starts of 10 answers in this puzzle	14 Part of IPO	14 Part of IPO	113 In a deadpan manner
39 "Zine		124 Salt Lake City NCAA team	15 Find out	15 Find out	114 Smear on, as paint
40 Canon camera line			16 "How rude!"	16 "How rude!"	115 Crazy about
43 Rapping noise			17 Gorillas, e.g.	17 Gorillas, e.g.	120 Past
			18 Opulent	18 Opulent	75 Sectioned, as a window
			24 Tearful	24 Tearful	77 Conductor
			29 "As a matter of fact, I do!"	29 "As a matter of fact, I do!"	79 Teeter
			30 Hollow-eyed	30 Hollow-eyed	81 Be a kvetch
			32 Sully	32 Sully	123 Gopher Snead
			33 Ban	33 Ban	

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Weather Totals

Aug. 30 - Sept. 6

Nursery Bottom Parsons

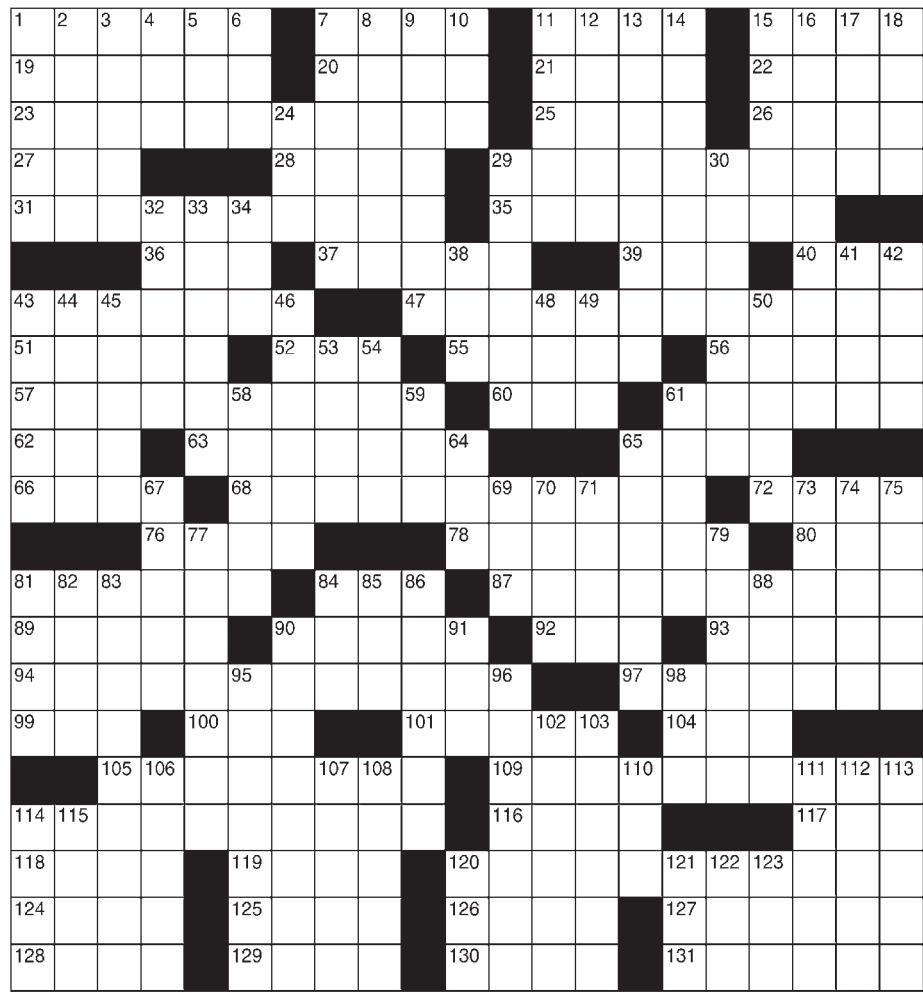
TEMPERATURE
Max 87° F
Min 52° F

PRECIPITATION
Week 2.09"
August 9.21"
2022 42.25"

SNOWFALL
Snow on Ground 0"
Winter Total 36"

U.S. Forest Service

DEADLINE 8AM MONDAY



Music

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give it up and retire. He through out a number that I thought so doable and feasible. Dave has got several businesses and I know a lot about the selling part of the business but some of the paper work and behind the scenes stuff was not my strong point.

So, I called him and said, “Hey, you want to buy a music store?” He said yes and we started working on this the summer of 2019. By the time we got everything rolling, we purchased the business and in January 2020 just in time for a pandemic.

With the pandemic we were doing everything we could to keep going and build that business up. We repainted everything. We really tried to turn into something. In the process of doing and in a time when the supply chain was where you could not get a lot of stuff, we managed to do that.

We had a lot of stuff. Times were slow and we used to joke around with my boss saying we ought to open a second location in Parsons or Elkins. And that is how I was drawn to Parsons. Through Dave I met people and even played with the band at the park.”

Lilley and business partner Stevens began the journey of opening a second store in Parsons. The store is located in the Swartz Building owned by Muriel Nester. And over the many years

has hosted many businesses from a car dealership to a hair salon and now a music store.

The new Music Center: A Plus Guitars offers a wide range of services for the residents of Tucker County and surrounding communities. They offer services in most instrumental repairs and servicing, church sound and PA installation, lessons for all ages and instruments, as well as the best prices in the area for any instrument.

Stevens said, “We are currently working towards offering lessons. We have eight instructors in Bridgeport. We give lessons on everything from drums, guitars, piano, keyboards, voice, and banjo. We give lessons on just about everything. We are signing up people who want lessons and once I get enough people interested, we are going to bring some of our instructions here to start lessons.

I would like to do some workshops, but I have to find the space. So, I am looking for someone that has an empty building or empty room. Somewhere where we could do something like a ukulele workshop where we could teach six or eight kids to play. Maybe do it six weeks, once a week, for an hour. I would go to other businesses and our vendors to see what we could do about getting them to pay the instructor,

not me but the instructor, and at the end give those instruments to the student.

We would do it with guitars or anything and it would not just be available to children but to adults too. We really want to get the community involved. We do a lot with a lot of veterans’ groups. We are registered through the VA (Veteran’s Affairs).”

When asked why did they choose Parsons, Stevens said, “Part of it is geography. There is no music store in Elkins. There is none in Oakland, MD They just closed the only one that was open in Winchester, VA. With Corridor H that leaves Petersburg, Moorefield and Keyser. There are no stores there either.

With over 50 years of teaching experience, the educated staff provides fun and knowledgeable instruction to students of all ages and ability in all instruments. The store is also one of the biggest for Eastman brand guitars on the east coast. Among others they also carry Angelico, Ibanez, Martin and Washburn brand guitars and Orange, and Luna brand amplifiers as well.

The service for church or store sound and PA installs includes setup and training as well as disposal of old equipment.

Stevens also explained that the store has a program that if a parent with a student in the band



Local live band that played at the Open House of The Music Center: A Plus Guitars.

then they have two options available to them. One they rent the instrument for the year the student is in school. Second choice they can actually purchase the instrument with monthly payments that includes the price of the instrument plus tax but would not include any finance or interest charges.

The store had its grand opening over the weekend and patrons enjoyed live music, food, and drinks. Stevens wanted to thank the community for welcoming them and their business adventure. Lilley said, “We are excited about next year’s Pickin in Parsons. That was another reason we decided to do this because that is a great thing that they have done for a very long time musically. The thank you we would like to give out is to the community.

They have been fantastic.”

Stevens said, “Muriel has rented up this space and Tim (Roy) has helped us so much. It has been really amazing. We did this open house today and someone from the Dollar General bought us hot dog sauce. The community has just been amazing to work with us. When you have support it makes it easier.” Stevens’ brother helped by painting and making the counters. Lilley and Stevens gave thanks to Adkins Home Center and the ladies at the Dollar General.

The Music Center: A Plus Guitars can be located at 514 1st Street, Parsons, and can be reached at 304- 478-8510 or online at www.aplusguitars.com or sales@aplusguitars.com. They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Mural

fallen during that attack. Kolsun said, “There is no way, because we know how patriotic Parsons is, that we can have an event today in Parsons without a remembrance of 9/11. Everybody remembers on that very long day what we were doing. Our lives were changed that day. That casual live style we had become accustomed to was really altered forever.”

President of PRO/On Trac Jimmy Judy presented the audience with a prayer followed by the Tucker County Veterans presenting of colors. Cathy Hebb from Regent, and the Blackwater Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Mullenax also of the

Blackwater Chapter DAR beautifully sang the “Star-Spangled Banner”.

Pastor of St. Paul’s Methodist Church Justin Jones paid tribute by remembering 9/11 and how he was just 15 years old at the time. Jones also stated how proud he was to be member of the community in Parsons. Jones said, “We live in amazing corner of this world. Parsons is an amazing place. It is very, very special so let us keep it special by staying close together.” Dennis Filler then played “Taps” following a moment of silence in remembrance of 911.

Guest speakers included Mayor of Parsons Dorothy Judy, Executive Director of the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce Jessica Waldo, and Tucker County



Dennis Filler (left photo) played “Taps” during the Celebrate Parsons and mural unveiling ceremony held in Parsons, WV. Mary Mullenax (right photo) beautifully sang the “Star-Spangled Banner” for guests who attended the Celebrate Parsons event.



Commissioner Mike Rosenau. Featured speaker was Randall Reid-Smith. Smith is the Governor’s Curator for the West Virginia Department of Arts and Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History.

Mural artist Heather Johnson was honored with the ribbon cutting for the unveiling of the mural.

Johnson graduated from the Pratt Institute in New York majoring in Art and has been a professional artist for more than two decades. Johnson said, “I really appreciate you all.” Johnson also thanked her partner and parents for helping her while she away from home working on the mural.

PRO Board member Debbie Stevens, and Treas-

urer of PRO Phyllis Carr along with J. Judy presented residents of Parsons with “Celebrate Parsons” awards. Senior of the year went to Dorothy Carr. Business of the Year went to Stevens Florist and received by Deloris Stevens. Fred Sikarskie was unable to attend but awarded with the Volunteer of the Year award.

Agnes Arnold was awarded the Employee of the Year. Most Courageous of the Year was awarded to Zachary Myers and received by his father on his behalf. Garry Thomas was awarded with the posthumously Senior of the Year

award.

Outstanding Public Safety Person of the Year was awarded to Tucker County Sheriff Jake Kopec. Non-profit of the Year awarded was given to the Family Resource Network and received by April Miller, Angie Davis, and Sandra Mason. This year’s top award for Celebrate Person of the Year award of appreciation was presented to Cindy Kolsun.

New businesses that have opened in the past three years were presented with a certificate and will be given a wreath to hang in their business that reads, “PROud of You”.

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Trail

honor the people that lost their lives on 911.”

The trail’s them is Watch! Stop! Learn! Play! and it encourages parents and caregivers to follow the child’s lead, building curiosity and confidence and reinforcing learning opportunities present in everyday life. The trail will support language, and literacy and social skills development, while reminding everyone that learning can be fun.

Daniels said, “Me and my nephew played on the one in Barbour County for about an hour. He loved it and he is 10 (years old)”.

According to United Way increased investment in pre-K development fosters healthy growth, decreasing the likelihood of children being affected by various other adversities later on

in life. Because of the power of early learning, United Way has established kindergarten readiness as their primary education goal.

The Tygart Valley United Way has done many other charitable community impact projects such as a coat drive that supplied over 2,500 coats to children, and a United for Kids Collection hygiene product drive for students that included over 200 pounds of washing detergent to each schools along with personal hygiene products for the students.

Tygart Valley United Way Executive Chief Executive Officer Brett White, Regional Engagement Director Angela Daniels, and volunteers install 10 posts with signs along the Born Learning Trail.



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BOE

the attorneys, a lot, we came to find that was not a preferred practice. This is something we should really try to tighten up a little bit.

Basically, you have your days of leave, your sick leave, your personal leave, and then we have to allow FMLA leave as long as the employee qualifies for it. Like child birth, illness in your family or something along those lines.”

Lambert went on to explain that during the peak of COVID teachers had to be quarantined for up to 15 days and that time away ate at their 15-day allowance, so the previous board voted to allow docked days.

An item is being added to the next BOE agenda to take under consideration to change the procedure for docked days. The board is going to discuss alternatives to the current way docked days are taken. For instance, docked days would be for emergency situations only and letters for request should be addressed to the Superintendent or the board.

Also under consideration is the option to have teachers’ pay for their own benefits during the time they request for unpaid days. Meaning the teachers would have to pay a portion

of the insurance cost accrued while on unpaid leave. While employees are out there is also cost associated with the replacement to fill their position. The board will discuss options for having that paid back as well.

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993 is a United States labor law requiring covered employers to provide employees with job-protected, unpaid leave for qualified medical and family reasons. Teachers have to apply through the BOE and Superintendent to qualify for this leave, but unpaid vacation days may no longer be approved.

The BOE approved to have this item placed on the next agenda and will include discussion for a starting date for the new guidelines.

TCHS FFA members were in attendance to speak with the BOE about the upcoming FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 25. The cost for the students and three chaperones to the trip is \$20,000. The students and sponsors have raised nearly \$18,000 of that \$20,000 and are currently having fund raising events.

The FFA are selling mum plants and hosting a gun raffle. The little amount


of remaining mum plants can be found at the County Farms Market in the old Shop n Save parking lot, in Parsons, when open, for five dollars each.

The five in one gun raffle includes a chance to win a Remington 700, 6.5 Creedmoor, Delton 316 AR15, Dickson 12-gauge home defense, Ruger American 308, and a Mossberg Silver over under 28-gauge. Tickets are \$20 each can be purchased through a FFA member or Delbert Pennington. The drawing will be held on September 16, 2022.

Pennington explained he would like to have double the amount needed for Nationals in the bank so they will not be completely drained of their savings. The FFA plans to host a freezer raffle in the near future from the animals donated by buyers at the Tucker County Fair livestock sale.

Even though the TC FFA lost three members with the 2022-2023 school they have gained 12 new members. Eight of those students were present during the BOE meeting.

The next regular Tucker County Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. and located at BOE Office.



THANK YOU

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and relatives who sent cards, gifts, flowers, food, called, visited or took time to stop by the funeral home. We found great comfort in your kind expressions of sympathy shown to our family at this difficult time.

Our sincere thanks to Hospice-WV Caring, everyone went above and beyond, very admirable what they do and to the numerous doctors and medical staff that assisted Susan along the way.

We wish to express our gratitude to Pastor William Brown for a beautiful service, Jimmy Ambrose for beautifully singing Amazing Grace, her special friend Tracy Harlan who gave a beautiful eulogy for Susan and those that assisted as pallbearers. Thank you to the ladies of the First United Methodist Church for providing a wonderful meal for our family and friends.

A sincere thank you to Nick and Anita Barb of Lohr & Barb Funeral Home, they are very kind, caring and professional individuals.

The family of Susan Bava

SPORTS

Tucker County edge East Hardy at home 14-13

By Dave Helmick
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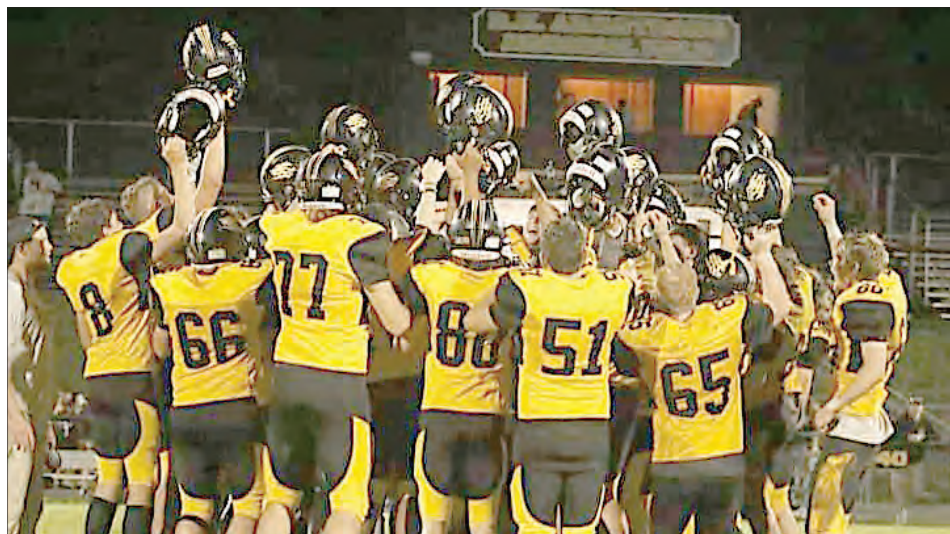
PARSONS - The Mt. Lions hosted PVC rival East Hardy on Friday September 9th. Tucker County held off the Cougars late in the game to secure a big win over East Hardy 14-13.

East Hardy got the ball on offense to start the game. The Cougars drove the ball down inside the Tucker County 10 yard line, but the Mt. Lions Trenton Wilfong intercepted an East Hardy pass to end the threat. The first quarter would end with the game scoreless 0-0.

The second quarter would start with a Cougars score on a 1 yard touchdown run. The PAT kick was good to give East Hardy a 7-0 lead with 11:11 left in the second quarter. The Mt. Lions would get on the scoreboard later in the second quarter as Ethan Rosenau connected with Maddox Anderson on an 81 yard touchdown pass. The 2 point conversion was good on a pass to Levi Bennett to give Tucker County the lead 8-7 with 5:26 left in the second quarter. The Cougars would fumble on their next drive, but the Mt. Lions could not sustain the drive. The second quarter ended as the East Hardy pass was intercepted by Blaike Adams to keep the score at 8-7 Tucker County at the half.

In the third quarter the Mt. Lions received the kick and went to work on offense. Tucker County drove the ball down to the East Hardy 7. A Rosenau to Anderson touchdown pass was then called back on a illegal procedure penalty that put the Mt. Lions in a long yardage situation. Tucker County then failed to convert as the fourth down pass was intercepted with 8:35 left in the third. The ball went back to the Cougars on the turnover on downs. East Hardy started their drive and went to work. The third quarter would end as the Cougars were driving the ball as the score remained the same 8-7 Mt. Lions.

Early in the fourth quarter East Hardy capped off a 93 yard 20 play drive with a 10 yard touchdown run. The Cougars then elected to go for the 2 point conversion instead of kick



The Mt. Lions Football team celebrates after the win over East Hardy 14-13 on Sept. 9th.

the extra point. The Tucker County defense stepped up and stopped the Cougars on the conversion to keep the score at 13-8 East Hardy with 11:16 left in the fourth quarter. The next Mt. Lions possession would result in an Rosenau interception to give East Hardy the ball back. The Tucker County defense then stepped up again to force a Cougars punt to get the ball back for the Mt. Lions.

The home team then went to work on offense as Rosenau took the snap and rolled right and threw a pass to Wilfong in the endzone. Wilfong caught the pass to complete the 9 play 78 yard drive with a 31 yard touchdown reception. The 2 point conversion failed to make the score 14-13 Tucker County with 4:15 remaining in the game. The Cougars next drive ended with another turnover as Adams intercepted the pass for the Mt. Lions with 2:22 left in the game. Tucker County then failed to move the ball and they were forced to punt the ball back to East Hardy. The Cougars took over with 2:02 remaining and no timeouts. East Hardy moved the ball down the field, but the Tucker County defense would come up with another big stop. On a fourth down play Tucker County Senior Hayden Smith got a sack to seal the game with 8 seconds left. The Mt. Lions ran out the clock and picked up a big win over East Hardy by the final score of 14-13.



Tucker County's Hayden Smith gets the sack on the East Hardy quarterback to seal the Mt. Lions victory 14-13 on Sept. 9th.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County with 15 of 22 passing for 239 yards passing. Maddox Anderson had 3 receptions for 104 yards receiving and Trenton Wilfong added 3 catches for 62 yards receiving. Blaike Adams chipped in with 3 receptions for 40 yards and Will McCallister had 19 yards receiving and 17 yards rushing. Dom Mullenax led the Tucker County defense with 11 tackles and Jared Reall had 8 tackles for the Mt. Lions. Tucker County was outgained in total yards 342-249, but the Mt. Lions won the turnover battle 4-2.

Tucker County(3-0) will have a bye this week. The Mt. Lions will return to action on September 23rd at home against Berkeley Springs for a 7pm kickoff. For the link to the broadcast and more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Gavin Mullenax(55) makes a tackle for Tucker County on Sept. 9th against East Hardy. The Mt. Lions won the contest 14-13.

Mt. Lions Cross Country Team competes in Elkins Meet

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

ELKINS - The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams traveled to Elkins on Saturday September 10th to run at the Annual Forrest Festival Invitational.

In the Girls' race Tucker County placed 4th overall as a team. Katie Hicks led the Lady Mt. Lions with a 7th place finish and a time of 23:42.26. Erin Chambers was close behind in 10th place with a time of 23:57.26, while Addi Moats posted a time of 24:13.93 to take 13th place. Hannah Hardy placed 29th with a time of 26:18.35, while Brianna Gooden

posted a time of 29:49.66 to finish 44th.

The Tucker County Boys' team would finish 7th overall as a team. Cameron Judy led the Mt. Lions with a 17th place finish with a time of 21:52.23. Alex Boyles placed 19th with a time of 21:56.50. Nate Ricottilli placed 34th with a time of 23:25.71 and Allan Boyles finished with a time of 24:39.45 to place 41st. Lynk Suesli(25:25.87) finished 46th.

The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams will return to action on Tuesday September 20th at South Harrison at 4:30pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Wildcats Football falls to Lincoln on the road 44-22

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

SHINNSTON - The Tucker Valley Middle School Football team traveled to Lincoln Middle on Wednesday September 31st. The Wildcats fell in the contest by the final score of 44-22.

Lincoln held the lead after the first quarter 12-6 Lincoln. The second quarter also belonged to Lincoln as they led 20-6 at the half time break. Each team would score in the third quarter to make the score 28-14 after three quarters of play. Tucker Valley was unable to complete the comeback as Lincoln extended their lead in the fourth quarter as Tucker Valley fell in the contest

44-22.

Luke Barb led Tucker Valley with a 57 yard touchdown run in the first quarter and a 38 yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Ty Ricottilli added a 36 yard touchdown run for Tucker Valley in the fourth quarter. Barb finished the game with 171 yards rushing, 29 yards passing and 12 tackles on defense. Brayden Bennett had 1 catch for 20 yards receiving and Ricottilli added 53 yards rushing, 9 yards receiving. Ben Gooden had 8 tackles and Cayden Arnold added 7 tackles on defense.

Tucker Valley(1-1) will host Mountaineer Middle tonight September 14th for a 6:30pm kickoff. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker County Volleyball moves to 3-0 after win over Union



Tucker County's Paige Shaffer serves the volleyball against Union on Sept. 8th. The Lady Mt. Lions won the match 3-0.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON - The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Union for their home opener on Thursday September 8th.

In Set 1 Tucker County got down early as Union built a 12-6 lead, but the Lady Mt. Lions then responded to tie the score at 12-12. Tucker County then built a lead and then pulled away to take Set 1 by the final score of 25-19 to go ahead in the match 1-0. The Lady Mt. Lions got going early in Set 2 as they built a 11-6 lead to start the set. Union fought back to tie the score at 16-16, but Tucker County edged the Lady Tigers 25-21 to take Set 2. Union was unable to get on the scoreboard early in Set 3 as Tucker County raced out to a 9-0 lead to start Set 3. The Lady Mt. Lions then cruised to a 25-14 set win to give Tucker County the match win 3-0. The Tucker

County JV team also got the win 2-0, 25-23 and 25-17.

Tucker County(3-0) will host Pendleton County tomorrow September 15th and then they will host Elkins on Tuesday September 20th. Both matches will start with JV action at 6pm and the varsity will start after JV. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

- Wednesday September 14th**
- Tucker Valley Football vs Mountaineer Middle @ Home 6:30pm
 - Davis-Thomas Volleyball @ Central Preston 5:30pm
- Thursday September 15th**
- Tucker County Volleyball vs Pendleton County @ Home 6pm
- Friday September 16th**
- Tucker County Football Open Week
- Sunday September 18th**
- Tucker County Youth Football @ Bruceton 1pm

- Monday September 19th**
- Tucker County JV Football at Doddridge County 6:30pm
 - Tucker Valley Volleyball @ Union 6pm
 - Davis-Thomas Volleyball vs Terra Alta @ Home 6pm
 - Davis-Thomas Golf @ Camp Kidd 4pm
- Tuesday September 20th**
- Tucker County Volleyball vs Elkins @ Home 6pm
 - Tucker County Cross Country @ South Harrison 4:30pm



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Multi-Colors

Hawthorn - Brilliant Varying Colors
 Hazel Nut - Brownish Yellow
 Hornbeam - Orange, Scarlet
 Maple, Red - Red, Orange
 Maple, Sugar - Yellow, Orange, Red
 Oak, Black - Dull Red to Orange Brown
 Oak, Blackjack - Dull Yellow or Brown
 Oak, White - Pink or Red
 Persimmon - Glossy Green with Yellow
 Sassafras - Red, Orange, Yellow
 Sweetgum - Yellow, Orange, Brown
 Sycamore, American - Yellow, Brown

Browns

Oak, Bur - Pale Brown
 Oak, Post - Pale Brown
 Oak, Shingle - Brown
 Oak, Swamp White - Pale Brown

Yellows

Ash, White - Yellow
 Basswood - Yellow
 Beech - Yellow
 Birch, River - Dull Yellow
 Birch, Sweet - Yellow
 Buckeye, Ohio - Yellow
 Coffeetree, Kentucky - Yellow
 Cottonwood, Eastern - Yellow
 Elder, Box - Yellow
 Elm, American - Yellow
 Hazel Nut - Brownish Yellow
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 Hickory, Pignut - Dull Yellow
 Hickory, Shagbark - Dull Yellow

Hickory, Shellbark - Dull Yellow
 Hophornbeam, Eastern - Yellow
 Locust, Black - Yellow
 Locust, Honey - Yellow
 Maple, Silver - Pale Yellow
 Oak, Chestnut - Yellow
 Pecan - Dull Yellow
 Redbud, Eastern - Yellow
 Shad Bush - Bright Clear Yellow
 Tuliptree - Yellow
 Walnut, Black - Yellow
 Walnut, White - Bright Yellow
 Willow, Black - Pale Yellow

Reds

Dogwood - Crimson
 Gum, Black - Deep Red
 Oak, Northern Red - Rusty Red
 Oak, Pin - Crimson
 Oak, Scarlet - Scarlet
 Oak, Southern Red - Rusty Red
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process of the Harman Fund monies and said, "What we do for the benefit of the citizens is if there is something that you are interested in you would submit a letter stating what you are wanting the money for, how much funding you would need and how much funding you are requesting from the city. It would then go to our committee for the benefit of the citizens. They would make that decision. They would bring it to us during our Harman meeting and we would sit down and discuss how much money would go for that."

Hood explained that her children were on the TCHS track team in 1992 and they did have a good track from the school and at the current time the high school still does not have a decent track to run or host track meets. After explaining to Hood that Parsons has no jurisdiction over the schools, Board member Kathy DiBacco recommended Hood go to the Board of Education and the Tucker County Commission.

Hood also explained the poor conditions of the bathrooms and changing rooms at the field house of the football field. Hood said, "They are terrible. And the boy's changing rooms, I have been told, are horrible. I was just hoping we could start with something small like the changing rooms and the bathrooms, so we are not embarrassed when people come from other counties." Again, Hood was reminded that was county property.

Acting City of Parsons Treasurer, Jason Myers, said to Hood, "The BOE would have to put in a request on behalf of them. I can see some projects getting done if the board could have some money, the county, and the city council could have some money. It rests on this body here (City Council)."

Mr. and Mrs. Harman loved kids, dearly. That is why part of that (Harman Fund) was for the parks. That money as you see the parks today that has been done with very little grant money. It has been done with Harman money. The biggest part of their endowment has gone to the kids, and it also goes to the TC Foundation for scholarships."

Hood finished by saying, "I think that drugs are bad here. I think that drugs are bad everywhere, and the kids need to have pride in something but when they see the parents do not have pride, so they think why should I have pride."

Board member Tim Turner suggested to

Hood that she may be able to find someone to do some grant writing to help procure funds for the needed projects. Turner said, "Do your short term goals but continue to work on your long-term goal. Do not give up on it and keep pressing toward that."

In other city council news, the City of Parsons has proclaimed September 2022 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. The proclamation states, "Causing more deaths than any other female reproductive system cancers, ovarian cancer affects women of all ages and backgrounds. Each September, in honor of the women who have been taken by ovarian cancer and the brave individuals still fighting this disease, we affirm our support to carrying forward the important progress of reaching for prevention, treatment, and a cure."

Tucker County cheer coaches, Kristen Pennington and Kim McCrum have submitted a request to change the date of the homecoming parade and festivities. The TCHS homecoming weekend is now set for October 6-8, 2022. The coaches stated in their letter, "We would love to have the homecoming parade once again on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Beginning line-up would be at 5 p.m. at the Dollar General on Pennsylvania Avenue. The parade will then start at 6 p.m. on First Street and end on Chestnut Street at the high school football field. We are hoping the students and kids can follow a tradition of building floats and participating in a parade, while the community can come and support all teams and join the fun!"

The city council approved the request for the use of the streets for the parade.

The City of Parsons Personnel Committee recommended the following personnel changes for the council's approval. Interim City Administrator Agnes Arnold was motioned by the committee to be promoted to the role of City Administrator. Council member Tim Auvil said, "Thank you Aggie! You are doing a phenomenal job!" The council members approved this motion.

The committee also recommended to promote Nicholas Gidley to a non-supervisory rank and to be a training officer. Gidley's promotion to Patrolman First Class (PFC) was approved by the council members.

William "Rob" Rothenburgh's promotion from part-time status to full-time status effective November 1, was also motioned

and approved by the city council.

Lastly, the recommendation to promote Mistee Griffith as the Wellness 24 Fitness Center manager with a one dollar an hour raise was approved by the council.

The personnel committee also recommended posting job advertisements for the Municipal Judge and part-time Fitness Assistant positions in the local paper for two weeks.

Council member Sam Humphrey proposed to fellow council members changing the speed limit within the city limits from 25 mph to 15 mph. The council voted to place a survey on the city's Facebook page to obtain the residents opinion on the matter. The council also referred the proposal to the Streets Committee for further review.

In a letter addressed to the council, President of the Tucker County Fire Association, Kevin White wrote on behalf of the association their stand on the current Corridor H issue and voiced their support to finishing the portion of Corridor H as currently proposed.

White stated, "At our monthly meeting on August 4, 2022, the Tucker County Fire Association, which encompasses all Emergency Services in Tucker County, (fire, law enforcement, EMS, 911, OEM, LEPC)

endorsed that the original Southern Route of Corridor H in Tucker County, (the only route that's been approved to this date) should proceed without further delay.

We are united in this opinion for multiple reasons. The delay in pursuing the newly proposed Northern Route for Corridor H would be catastrophic for the citizens, visitors and emergency personnel in our area. A delay could result in the loss of funding and therefore, halt construction, leaving just a few miles of the highway in Tucker County between Parsons and Thomas/Davis unfinished. We believe that this would cause many safety issues for residents, guests, and first responders."

After discussion DiBacco made a motion that the City of Parsons endorse the Southern Route of the Corridor H. DiBacco said, "The Southern route, the original route and the only route to go." The motion was seconded and approved by vote.

The next regular City of Parsons Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 6 p.m. and located at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building. If you would like to place an item on the agenda, feel free to contact the Parsons Business Office at 304-478-2311.

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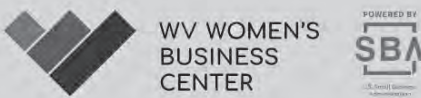
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- Emphasize citizen's responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.
- Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.
- Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Constitution Week is a great time to learn more about this important document and to celebrate the freedoms it gave us. Get involved by encouraging young people to sign the Constitution Week Proclamation Pledge and to ask your local community officials to issue a proclamation about Constitution Week. Consider organizing a group to participate in Bells Across America.

For additional information about Constitution Week, please contact your local DAR chapter or visit DAR.org; local DAR chapter.



The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization. DAR members are dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism in communities across the nation. All students are invited to participate and learn more about the educational programs the DAR offers. Educators, parents and students are encouraged to contact their local DAR chapters for more detailed information on these programs.

Eastern coordinating free hospitality training series; next session is Oct. 17

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. — Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College’s Workforce Education Department is coordinating a free hospitality training series, with the next session set for Oct. 17.

The Hospitality Lunch and Learn Series is led by Debra Frank. Frank recently retired as program director of hospitality management at Allegany College of Maryland (ACM), and she has more than 30 years of experience in the hospitality sector.

Frank developed the original hospitality program at ACM, which expanded to include a degree in culinary arts and certificates in brewing operations, catering and event management, restaurant management, cooking essentials, and baking essentials. Under her leadership, program offerings were relocated to downtown Cumberland where she launched The Culinaire Café, a popular lunch spot that provided students with hands-on experience. In addition, the program purchased a

catering van, so students could participate in event planning and catering.

The first training in the series, “Customer Service: A Step Above the Rest,” was held Sept. 12 on the campus of Eastern in Moorefield.

The Oct 17 training, “Improving Restaurant Profitability,” will be held at Canaan Valley Resort State Park, limited to the first 40 registrants. To register for the Oct. 17 training, email WorkforceED@easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000 ext. 9253 by Monday, Oct. 10.

Subsequent sessions in the series will take place on Nov. 14, followed by spring 2023 trainings on March 13 and April 17.

The trainings are provided free to the public through support from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation in partnership with the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area.

Learn more about the free Hospitality Lunch and Learn Series at <https://easternwv.edu/workforce-education/hospitality>.



American Legion Posts attended Mountaineer Days

Members of Thomas American Legion Post 22 and Elkins Post 29 attended Mountaineer Days where Thomas Post 22 held a chicken burn fundraiser to raise money to build or rent a new Post home in Thomas. Pictured are Thomas 22 members Charles Miller, Ronald Weaver, Elkins 29 Past Post Commander Rick Hinchman, and Post

22 Commander Vince Ponikvar. Not pictured are Thomas 22 adjutant Jerry Flanagan and District 9 Commander Donnie Lambert. Anyone interested in joining The American Legion or being a supporter should contact District Commander Donnie Lambert at 304-621-0483 or online at Join The American Legion | The American Legion

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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. Board of Directors Meeting Friday at 7 p.m. Public is welcome. Free Admission and Free Gate Ticket for hourly drawings. Something for everyone. Information and Vendors can contact Briana Frederick at 304-997-1863 or see our website at www.wvtrappers.com



WEST VIRGINIA 2022 FALL FOLIAGE MAP

ESTIMATED PEAK FOLIAGE

- LATE SEPTEMBER
- EARLY OCTOBER
- MID OCTOBER
- LATE OCTOBER

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2022 LEAF PEEPER'S FESTIVAL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

8pm

Live Music- Purple Fiddle, in Thomas TK and Holy Know Nothings Half-dutifully and half-facetiously self-dubbed "psychedelic doom boogie," the group was born out of Kingman's desire to create a loose, groove-heavy bar band that never sacrifices the importance of good, honest songwriting. \$15 advance/\$20 day of show tickets For information call 304-463-4040 www.purplefiddle.com

FRIDAY

9:00am - 5:00pm

Fall Foliage Horseback Rides- Mountain Trail Ride Horseback Riding & More, in Canaan Valley.

Enjoy the area's beautiful fall foliage from horseback. To receive a 10% discount identify yourself as a "Leaf Peeper". Reservations required. Call 304-866-4652 to reserve your ride. For more information go to mountaintrailrides.com

11:00 am

Sun catcher Craft-Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis Join the staff in a craft to paint a pre-designed sun catcher. Craft Fee: \$1-\$8 For More Information 304-259-5511

11am - Sunset

Scenic Chairlift Rides - Canaan Valley Resort, in Canaan Valley. Get a breathtaking bird's eye view of the valley and Allegheny Mountains from our chairlift. The picturesque landscape becomes even more so in the fall as the leaves change and surround you in a sea of color. It's the best seat in the house Chairlift Fee: Adult \$8; Jr or Sr: \$5

1:00pm

Pase Point Hike -Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis. Join the park naturalist for a hike on Pase Point trail that borders the Monongahela National Forest to an unrestricted rock outcropping with a spectacular view of the Blackwater Canyon. Trail is intermediate with short but steep inclines. About 3miles, 2 hours. Sturdy shoes required and snacks/water is recommended to bring along. This program meets Young People for Parks activity. Reservations not required. For More Information 304-259-5511

1:30pm

Jewelry Craft -Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis. Join the staff to create a piece of jewelry from crystal necklace to paracord bracelet. Craft Fee: \$1-\$5 For More Information 304-259-5511

3pm

Herb Garden Craft -Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis. Join the staff in planting an herb garden while listening to tidbits about the herbs you are planting. This program meets Young People for Parks activity. Craft Fee \$3 For More Information 304-259-5511

4pm

The Buzz on Bees and Candle Making -Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis. Join the naturalist to learn more information about our state insect and Native Bees to West Virginia while making a tin candle. Supplies limited to first come basis. Craft Fee: \$4 For More Information 304-259-5511

5pm - 7 pm

Run For It early-bird Registration- Front Bay of DVFD, Davis

Early check-in or registration for the region's largest community fundraiser, a 2k/5k race. Race is on Saturday morning. 304-478-2930 www.tuckerfoundation.net/run

8pm

Shining Light on the Darkness -Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis. Join the naturalist's for some nighttime fun. There are many aspects of nature that occur between dusk and dawn but many people feel uncomfortable or unfamiliar with being outdoors at night. Enjoy some nighttime activities as we explore our senses. Activity is entirely outdoors so dress for the weather. Inclement weather cancels this activity and replaced with a disappearing stars talk indoors. Please, leave flashlight off during the program. Some waking, lasts about 1 hour. This program meets Young People for Parks activity. Reservations not required. For More Information 304-259-5511

5pm - 8pm

Farmers Artisan Market - in Davis at 533 Williams Ave. Come for fresh vegetables, flowers, pottery, felted works, pottery, soap, and botanicals.

5pm - 7pm

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7pm

Fireman's Parade-Sponsored by the DVFD, Davis

Enjoy the Leaf Peeper's Parade sponsored by the DVFD. Participants include; fire trucks, floats, antique cars, etc. Trophies will be awarded and given out at the DVFD Fire Hall directly after the parade. If you would like to participate, line-up is at 6pm, next to the Dollar General. Parade route will start at 2nd Street and end at Henry Ave. on William Ave. (Rte 32) in downtown Davis.

8pm-11pm

Cody Wickline - Davis Eagles #936
From the Voice, Season 8, Cody Wickline will perform at the Eagles in Davis. Open to the public. Pre-sale tickets \$5 for members/\$10 non-members. Day of tickets \$10 for members/\$20 non-members. Must be 21 years old or older to enter into the event.

8:30 pm

Live Music- Purple Fiddle, Thomas Jeremiah Tall - comes out swinging with a massive sound full of robust vocal arrangements and a full band instrumentation to back up Tall's hard-hitting percussive strumming style. \$12 advance/\$15 day of show tickets. For information call 304-463-4040 www.purplefiddle.com

SATURDAY

7am - 12pm

IOOF Breakfast- IOOF Building, Davis

- All you can eat until; Hot cakes, eggs sausage, biscuits & sausage gravy, coffee and orange juice. Adults: \$10, Children 12yrs & under: \$5, under 2yrs old eat free

8am

Run For It Registration- Front Bay of DVFD, Davis

Opens at 8am; and closes promptly at 9:30 am 304-478-2930 www.tuckerfoundation.net/run

9am - 4:30pm

Moon Rocks Guided Hike - Canaan Valley Resort Main Lodge, in Canaan Valley.

Join us for a 4-mile hike on the Moon Rocks Trail located at the "Yellow Creek Natural Area, an 860-acre public preserve owned and managed by the West Virginia Land Trust" in Davis, WV. This trail includes massive formations of "moon rock" sandstone bedrock some 480 million years old as well as wetland areas that give way to areas of hardwood. Please wear water proof hiking boots or shoes, trail may be wet, muddy with rocks and roots. Shuttle bus will provide transportation to and from. \$15 per person. For more information call Dave at 304-866-2215, vanced@canaanresort.com

9m - 5pm

Fall Foliage Horseback Rides- Mountain Trail Ride Horseback Riding & More, Canaan Valley.

Enjoy the area's beautiful fall foliage from horseback. To receive a 10% discount identify yourself as a "Leaf Peeper". Reservations required. Call 304-866-4652 to reserve your ride. For more information go to mountaintrailrides.com

9am-2pm

Mimosas on the Mountain @Timberline Mountain in Canaan Valley

Enjoy a scenic chair lift ride with a mimosa in hand to the summit of Timberline Mountain, and take in the spectacular fall views of Canaan Valley. Brunch will be served on the deck of the Timberline Mountain lodge. With non-alcoholic beverage options, this activity is open to all ages! Chair lift rides \$10 per person, with the last ride down at 2PM. Brunch available for purchase separately. Reservations not required. For more information call 304-403-2074 or www.timberlinemountain.com

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WV Appalachian Craft Show - Davis Fire Hall in Davis. Crafters & Artists display their specialties. Items include; painted wood, candles, soap, ceramics, fabric crafts, primitive crafts, baked goods and hot food from the kitchen by Community Bible Church. Call 304-259-5315.

10am - 5pm

Leaf Peepers Festival Stage, - Davis
SugarFoot Stompers 10am-12:30pm, Soda Pop Gypsies 2pm-5pm, Family Foundation 5pm-7pm

Sponsored by the TC Parks and Recreation and the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce

10am - 5pm

Oktoberfest Craft and Food Vendors - Davis

Crafters & Food vendors will set up from in downtown Davis on the Blacktop. Wide variety of vendors will be set up selling their wares and providing information. Food vendors include kettle corn, Rotary Chicken, shaved ice and much more. Call 304-259-5315 for additional information. Sponsored by the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce

10am-Dark

Inflatable Amusement Rides sponsored by Young Life

Inflatable rides will be set up in front of Alpine Lodge on the grassy area.

10am-4pm

Interactive Fall activity -Canaan Valley Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center in Canaan Valley

Head to the Refuge Visitor Center for a leaf themed craft. For more information call 304-866-3858 or email zoe_frye@fws.gov

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Lowell Moore
Tucker County Commissioner

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Tucker County Magistrate

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11am
Run For It 2k /5k Tour of Davis – is a 2k (1.2M) walk and USATF-certified 5K (3.1M) race around the scenic mountain town of Davis. Awards will be 1pm on the Leaf Peeper’s Stage.
www.tuckerfoundation.net/run

11am – Sunset
Scenic Chairlift Rides – Canaan Valley Resort, in Canaan Valley. Get a breathtaking bird’s eye view of the valley and Allegheny Mountains from our chairlift. The picturesque landscape becomes even more so in the fall as the leaves change and surround you in a sea of color. It’s the best seat in the house Chairlift Fee: Adult \$8; Jr or Sr: \$5

11:00 am
Gingerbread Ornament Fun–Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis Join the staff in decorating a cardboard gingerbread to hang on your tree. Craft fee: \$1.00. Supplies limited to first come basis. For More Information 304-259-5511

1:00 pm
Friendship Bracelet Craft– Harold Walters Nature Center @Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis Join the staff in braiding one friendship bracelet. Recommended for children ages 9 and up. Free. For More Information 304-259-5511

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1:30 pm
Invigorating Autumn Hike–Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis
 Join the naturalist’s at the trailhead of Davis Trail for a walk along a section of three trails with short interpretive stops along the way. About 90 minutes. 2 miles. This program meets Young People for Parks activity. Reservations not required. For More Information 304-259-5511

2pm
Weather Nature Film & Rain Gauge Craft– Harold Walters Nature Center @Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis. Join the staff for a whirlwind tour of Earth’s turbulent atmosphere that reveals the forces that make the day fair or foul while creating a rain gauge. Craft fee: \$2.00 This program meets Young People for Parks activity. For More Information 304-259-5511

4pm
Butterflies & Craft Wings– Harold

Walters Nature Center @Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis. Join the naturalist to listen story about our state butterfly and create a pair of child sized cardboard “stained glass” wings. The use of a utility knife requires an adult to assist their child. About 1 hour. Supplies limited to first come basis. Craft fee: \$3.00 This program meets Young People for Parks activity. For More Information 304-259-5511

4pm – 7pm
Fall Photography Workshop- @ Canaan Valley Resort - Did you know Canaan Valley is one of the most photographed places in West Virginia? This workshop will take you through the basics of digital photography, and give you new tips and tricks for capturing a variety of Autumn scenery with your camera. Cameras and equipment will not be provided, please bring your own digital SLR or mirrorless camera. Free. Meet at the Recreation Center followed by a photo hike. Be sure to wear boots for the hike. For more information call Dave at 304-866-2215, vanced@canaanresort.com

7:30pm
Daniel Lilly and the Lilly Mountaineers Band– @Blackwater Falls Lodge, in Davis. This award winning group from Beckley, West Virginia plays country, bluegrass, southern rock and gospel music in Blackwater Falls Lodge Milton Harr Conference Center. Open to the public at no cost. About 1 hour. For More Information 304-259-5511

8:30pm
Live Music- Purple Fiddle, Thomas.
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SUNDAY

7am-11am
Leaf Peeper Breakfast Special- The Breakfast Nook, Canaan Valley
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9:30am
24th Annual Fall Colors Golf Tournament, Canaan Valley Resort, Canaan Valley
 Format includes Best Ball scramble w/ two divisions, open & handicap. Lots of great prizes including cash prizes for open division!! For registration, rules & information call Canaan Valley Resort Golf Course at 304-866-4121.

10am – 3pm
Car Show, Parking lot across from Davis Fire Hall, Davis Sponsored by Elkins Auto
 Trophies awarded in various categories! 1st 50 pre-registered cars receive a dash plaque & are eligible for a door prize! 50/50, Door Prizes and much more! \$10 registration fee. Food Vendors will be set up. Call 304-259-5315 or email jessica@canaanvalley.org for additional information. Registration begins at 8am.

10:00 am
Teas and Tonics Stroll–Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis Join the naturalist at the Nature Center to stroll around the area dabbling into the world of plants as a few with some edible or medicinal qualities pointed out during the stroll. About 1 hour, 1/4mile. This program meets Young People for Parks activity. For More Information 304-259-5511

11am – Sunset
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11am
Twisted Tie Dye Craft– Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis Join the staff to create your own Blackwater Falls t-shirt souvenir.

Supplies are limited to first come basis. Adult size fee is \$10 and Youth size fee is \$8. For More Information 304-259-5511

12pm
Cake Walk- Davis Fire Hall, in Davis.
 The Cake Walk is in support of TCHS Cheerleaders & Brecken for Little Mr. Mt. Lion. Rain or Shine.

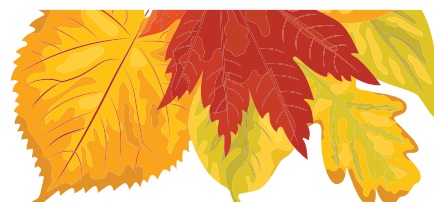
1pm
Duck Race- Beaver Creek Bridge (behind Dollar General), Davis
 800 ducks released into Beaver Creek (Located behind the Dollar General). First, Second, Third & Last Duck to cross finish line wins \$\$\$. Duck Tickets are \$2.00 each or book of 5 for \$8.00 & can be purchased at Information Center or at Craft Show at the DVFD. Tickets must be purchased before 11am on Sunday. All proceeds help fund the Leaf Peepers Festival!

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1:00 pm
Plaster of Paris Fossil Craft- Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis Join the staff to create a seashell fossil. Craft fee is \$2. For more information call 304-259-5511

2:00 pm
Primitive Fire Skills Campfire- Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis Join the naturalist at the fire circle beside the Nature Center to hear about some primitive fire making skills, then challenge yourself to create fire using flint and steel. Perhaps, a tasty treat will be available during the presentation. About 1.5 hours. This program meets Young People for Parks activity. For more information call 304-259-5511

4:00 pm
Family Movie and Scarecrow Craft- Harold Walters Nature Center @ Blackwater Falls State Park, in Davis. Join the staff to use construction paper and imagination to create a scarecrow while watching a movie about a mysterious mansion, friendly ghost and dogs. About 90 minutes. Rated G move. For more information call 304-259-5511



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 Tucker County Magistrate
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RED CREEK VALLEY

WELCOME TO THE RED CREEK VALLEY OVERLOOK.

The Red Creek Valley drops 2,650 feet in elevation from the top of Mount Porte Crayon—the highest point in the Red Creek drainage at 4,770 feet—to the confluence of the Red Creek and the Dry Fork rivers.

To the South, you can view Mount Porte Crayon and Thundertrack Property—a project between the U.S. Forest Service and the Nature Conservancy.

Looking east, the Red Creek of the Dry Fork River is bounded

by Dolly Sods and the Roaring Plains (also known as the Eastern Continental Divide). Red Creek starts on the beaver dam flats just north of the Dolly Sods Wilderness Area and snakes its way along the Allegheny Front. Red Creek then straightens its path into the high spruce forest before falling off the bedrock shelves with multiple slides and waterfalls throughout. It then winds its way through the Red Creek Valley and forms the border between Randolph and Tucker counties. Flat Ridge is located to the West and Weiss Knob and Canaan Valley are located to the North directly behind you.

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New Fall Colors Viewing Platform at the Canaan Valley Resort State Park

The Canaan Valley State Park is one of the best places to view autumn foliage during this leaf peeper season. You can see

fall colors from the viewing platform that resides behind the ski lifts at the Canaan Valley Resort ski hill.

The viewing platform is adjacent to the hang gliding/paragliding take-off site and features a brand-new interpretive sign. The interpretive sign complements the viewing area and describes one of the most picturesque scenes in the state. The interpretive sign also serves to identify the geographical features that are visible from the overlook.

Both the sign and the viewing platform were projects completed by the Canaan Valley State Park Foundation and funded through grant money provided by the Foundation for Free Flight. The interpretive sign was designed and printed by LCM and Associates of Elkins, WV. Additional contributors to the sign project include the Canaan Valley Resort State Park and the West Virginia Department of Tourism.

The Canaan Valley State

Park Foundation is a volunteer group seeking to enhance the State Park through local fundraising and grants. In addition to the viewing platform, the Canaan Valley State Park Foundation has worked to enhance the park through the installation of barbecue grills, bicycle washing stations, and bicycle repair stations. The Canaan Valley State Park Foundation is also working to fund trail improvements and install a picnic pavilion within the Canaan Valley Resort State Park.



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The Run For It 2022 Event Is Underway!

Registration is now open for the 16th annual Run For It, a 2k walk and 5k race hosted by the Tucker Community Foundation.

Run For It is a 2k (1.2M) walk and USATF-certified 5k (3.1M) race around the scenic mountain town of Davis, WV during the Leaf Peepers Festival. Run For It raises funds and awareness for community organizations, projects, non-profit agencies, educational activities, and charities located within the Foundation's 8 county service area. This year's event will take place in Davis, on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 11:00 am.

Run For It raises money in three different ways, racer registrations, team sponsors, and race sponsors. The racer registration cost \$10 with half of the entry fee supporting a charity of the participant's choice. Team Sponsors are individuals or groups that donate money to a team, 100% of team sponsor money goes to the teams, and race sponsors are individuals or businesses that donate money to TCF to sponsor the race, 100% of race sponsor money goes into funding the awards that are given out to the teams at the end of the event. Individuals can register online at raceroster.com/58941 or visit www.tuckerfoundation.net/run to download an entry form or event packet.

Team registration ended on September 1. Racers can pre-register up to September 18 or onsite Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24 and join a team.

"The purpose of Run For It is to raise awareness and support for non-profits,

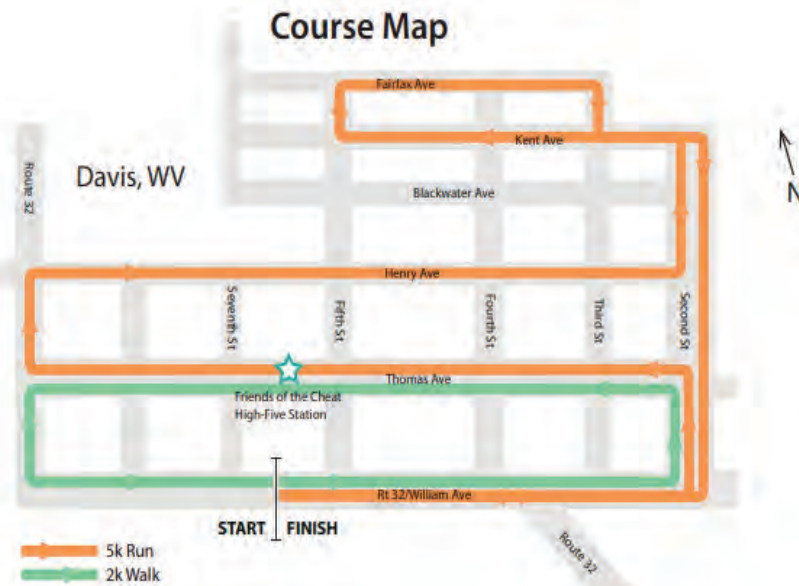


Registration is now open for the 16th annual Run For It. This year's race will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Individuals or teams can register online at raceroster.com/58941.

civic organizations and other charities throughout the Tucker Community Foundation's eight-county service area," said Mike Moore, CFO for the Tucker Community Foundation. "Run For It has two goals, first to encourage participation in a healthy activity by either running or walking, second to leverage funds for area causes. Throughout the years it has evolved into a solid challenge-grant program thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Foundation's staff, board of directors and numerous volunteers."

The Tucker Community Foundation serves Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties in W.Va. and in Garrett County, Md.

Run For It raises money and support for the racer or walker's community cause



of choice. Half of entry fees, 100 percent of team sponsor donations, and 100 percent of race day awards are distributed to the cause represented.

"More than 100 cash awards are given to team charities that raise the most awareness and support along with demonstrating the best effort," said Jeff Fellers, Development and Event Coordinator. "We encourage nonprofit organizations to form teams and enlist sponsors for the team's cause. If a group needs help setting up a team or has questions about how to register or how to leverage funds, please contact us. We're happy to help."

While the 2021 Run For It was an all virtual race, the Tucker Community Foundation had 81 teams and over 1,100 participants that raised over \$250,000. Run For It 2022 has 85 teams (or non-profit organizations) and is on track to raise nearly \$250,000 for area charities. "It has been another successful year of fundraising for Run For It," said David Cooper, new Executive Director at the Foundation.

Some of the Award Categories for the 2022 Run For It include:

- Top 5 fundraising Teams
- Fastest 5k top 3 male/female in eleven age categories

- Gold Star Awards
- Fastest 2k top 3 male/female in four age categories
- County Commission Team Awards
- McDonough Foundation Awards
- Youngest Participant
- Oldest Participant
- Luck of the Draw
- Best Team T-Shirts

This is just a partial list of awards to be given out on the day of the event.

The Tucker Community Foundation challenges participants to raise team support for the community cause of their choice during a six-month campaign and then run or walk for that cause in September. For more information on Run For It stop by our Parsons office, or call 304-478-2930.

The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 140 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to nonprofits and charitable causes throughout the eight-county service area. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Foundation is to create opportunities for the communities we serve. For more information on the Foundation or how to establish an endowed fund call or visit www.tuckerfoundation.net.

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Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney
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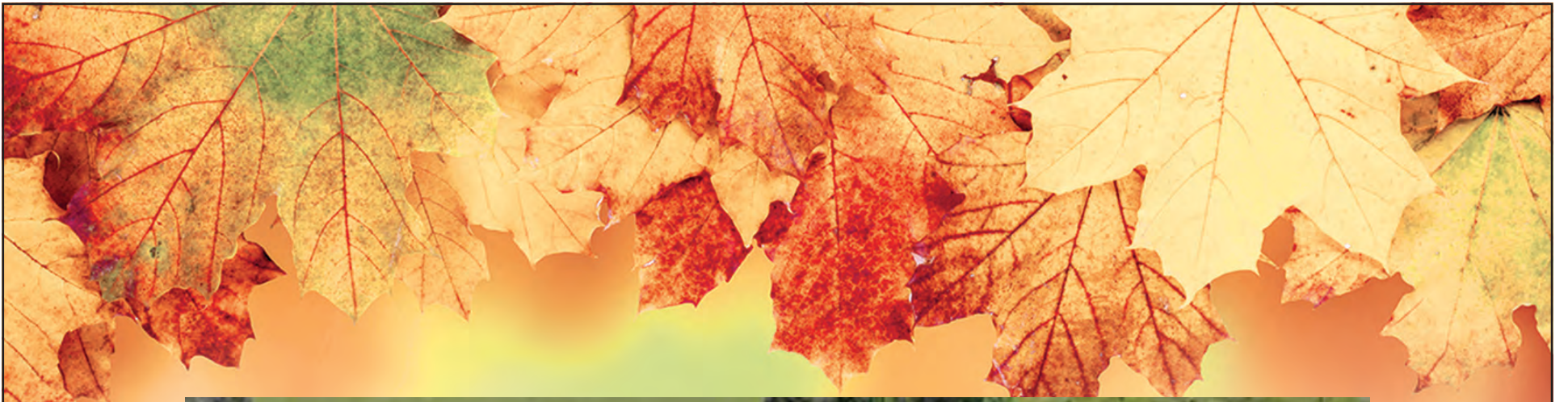
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