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Ambulance Authority Moving Forward with Short-term Plans

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The Tucker County Ambulance Authority has set forth plans that they hope will ensure the success of EMS and its operation. Ambulance Authority President Dennis Filler presented the other members of the board with a slide presentation that outlined the current status and challenges as well short-term options to consider going forth.

For the current status and challenges Filler listed a minimum service goal of two EMS stations operating 24/7 with

advanced life support (ALS) capability, but with the EMS levy a failure the minimum service goal is unachievable. The near-term challenge is to have the ambulance authority provide the maximum level of EMS services within the funding that they have available. To do this the authority must explore options.

Filler explained the short-term options to consider. One of those options is to continue with one station 24/7 with increased paramedic support. There would also be support for the second station six days a week for 12 hours a day. The authority would consider a mix of a part time EMS squad to expand the second and/or transport crew staffing. Another option to consider would be asking financial assistance from the Tucker County Commission to provide additional funding that is needed. The last option would be disbanding the ambulance authority and returning the EMS operations to the county commission.

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Ambulance Authority President Dennis Filler presents board members with options for a short-term plan to benefit the TC EMS.

TC Commissioner Moore Retiring



Lowell and Donna Moore

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After 12 years of service to Tucker County residents Commissioner Lowell Moore is retiring from his seat on the Tucker County Commission. During those 12 years his fondest memory is the support

of citizens of Tucker County and being elected to serve two terms as their commissioner.

Moore was raised on Pifer Mountain by his parents Engle and Gaye (Fitzwater) Moore, attended Pifer Mountain School, which he now owns, and graduated from

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Making Memories at B & J's Family Diner

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Husband and wife team, Billie and Jeff Pennington have joined forces for a new adventure in Parsons. They obtained ownership of the former Depot Diner and renamed the establishment B & J's Family Diner. The "B" and "J" in the restaurant's name have a personal meaning because they are representative of the Pennington's family members. The "B" stands for Billie and Brandon (son) and the "J" stands

for Jeff, Jacinda (daughter), and upon closer look at the restaurant sign a small "J" can found above "Family" for Jaxton (grandson).

B. Pennington has been in the restaurant business for 39 years, but B & J's Family Diner will be the couple's first adventure as owners. She has lived in the Tucker County area for all of her life and wishes to continue to "Making Memories with Friends" as the logo on the restaurant's sign says. She gives credit to her team of employees, her family, and the community for



New owners of B & J's Family Diner Billie and Jeff Pennington.

their support. She also believes her beloved mother, Janet Marie Ketterman Cross, who passed away in August of 2021 would have been her biggest supporter. She said, "I have her picture in the back, so she watches over us all the time."

B. Pennington started out working for the diner when it was owned by Shirley Summerfield. She said, "I started out here with Shirley when I was still in school

and did not have my license or anything of the sort. And now here I am again."

She explained why she chose Parsons for her first business endeavor and said, "This is where I have worked for years. I know and love the people. I would have loved to have done it a long time ago, but the timing was just never right. So, the timing came up where Dustin (Luzier) wanted to sell, and I was like now is the

time. It was now or never. Dustin treated me well and gave me a very fair deal.

I love the community and the customers. Some have passed away through the years, but I got to meet new ones and now I get to meet someone new every day."

It is these customers that were thought of when "Making Memories with Friends" was added as the logo for the diner. B. Pennington

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The double stacked Big Man burger and fries is a one of the many menu items available.

Warm the Children provides warm clothes for 147 kids in Tucker County

Since 1993, the Warm the Children program has provided new winter clothing to needy children in Tucker County. The Warm the Children program is essentially neighbors helping neighbors and is a collaborative effort between several local organizations. This year Mikie Dumire at the Parsons Advocate, which collects money year-round for the program, was able to provide enough funding to purchase winter clothing for 113 children. However, the Tucker County Family Resource Network, which works with local clinics and schools around the county to compile a list of needy children, had 147 children turned into the program. April Miller and Sandra Bohon of the Tucker County Family Resource Network approached the Tucker Community Foundation and asked if the Foundation could cover half of the extra cost if FRN picked up the other half. "We didn't hesitate, the Tucker Community Foundation was thrilled to be able to help with this great program" said David Cooper, Executive Director of the Foundation. So, the Tucker County Family Resource Network and the Tucker Community Foundation put up the money to buy winter clothes for the remaining 34 children.

"This is one of my favorite projects every fall. I get to take all of the families shopping and help them pick out warm clothing, it always puts a smile on my face" said Sandra Bohon of the Tucker

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The Parsons Christmas Parade



Santa and Mrs. Clause great parade-goers atop the PVFD Truck at the Parsons Christmas Parade. See winner and more photos on page 6A.



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Ambulance

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sion. This would allow the commission to manage and operate the EMS out of the county's general funds.

Pros and cons for the option to consider continuing operating the EMS at its current status were presented. Pros consisted of the feasibility to easily sustain one station in service with predictable marginal levels of service availability. This option would satisfy state statute.

Cons presented were the need to re-prioritize a staff mix. There would be longer EMS response times due to the increased average distance to medical emergency occurrences. There would be no local EMS support for simultaneous service calls placing a continued increased burden on the surrounding county EMS crews to assist. Thus, leaving no availability for EMS to provide additional community events or business ambulance services or support.

Filler said, "When you have two stations you obviously dispatch the crew that is available closest to the scene, so our response times would improve and that means we can start delivering treatment as quickly as possible."

Filler presented the pros and cons of considering operating a second station for a 12-hour shift. Pros considered were increased response time that aligns a peak demand period with the maximum crew availability. This would lead to improved levels of service with the assumption that better outcomes are possible. Filler said, "Seventy percent of our calls happen between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and that is the peak of our demand. The rest of the demand happens 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. and we would still have the one station available."

The board discussed the best ways possible to staff the two EMS stations and on what days. It was said that staffing Station One during the week for Monday through Wednesday or Thursday 24/7 with Station Two staffed on the weekends 24/7 due to the population being higher on the eastern side than the western side of the county on the weekends.

Cons discussed were the variations of crew staffing and schedules between stations the 12-hour shift would create. This would lead to the managing of the EMS staff more difficult, and more paramedics would need to be hired.

When considering to hire part-time staff Filler presented this option as the cheapest way to augment staff with the lowest overhead expenses and a short duration of staff augmentation. Hiring part-time staff also has the potential to include the option for a third crew to conduct transports.

But do the cons outweigh the pros for considering part-time staffing? Part-time staffing could lead to unpredictable staffing, initial expenses for retraining or recertification the employee as well crew integration, and it adds complexity to management. Thus, meaning the part-time staffing would not be a primary means for professional staffing.

Filler said, "When you are short because of vacations, holidays, sickness, or COVID at least there is reserve pool out there to be able to consider drawing from."

The list stating the pros and cons for requesting long term funding from the county commission was short and to the point. The pros consisted of enabling the authority to provide the commission with a summary of actions taken over the past 18 months, current financials, and current response statuses. This would demonstrate that the authority is acting responsibly in light of the levy failure and despite the commission's actions according to Filler. The only con stated was the risk of negative response from the community and the commission.

Lastly, Filler explained what the pros

and cons for disbanding the authority and turning its operations over to the commission would consist of and that includes putting the EMS service delivery solely on the Tucker County Commission. But, the commission may not have the legal capability to operate the way that the 1975 Ambulance Act permits ambulance authorities. The commission would be limited in their ability to hold debts, collections, etc. as the LLCs or authorities are granted by state law. Either way this leaves funding issues, but the responsibility would solely be on the shoulders of the county commission.

Filler stated, "This is just put out there as an option to say we looked at it, consider it, but we are not doing it. It is out there, and it is one of the options that is clearly identified in the EMSAC report."

Filler touched based on three other options that included cross training select fire fighters across the county to be EVOG certified, but the authority would have to work out the part-time cost, as well as disability and additional insurance coverage. EMS Director Shelia Marsh and Assistant Deputy Director Scott Kennedy explained the necessary training and certifications that would be needed to cross train a fire fighter to be able to drive an ambulance. Commissioner Mike Rosenau said, "The county commission has come to the board before and said if there is an issue about paying for training or anything that would enhance our ability for our EMS and improve it, recertifications, additional training, or whatever the county commission would try their best to help you."

This would be same for adding part-time EMTs as well as managing the rosters and roles of the EMT for handling transport needs. Filler explained that working with business owners and event planners in advance to better understand their EMS needs would help the authority achieve some financial offset while improving community relations.

Filler also explained a recommendation he received by saying, "I have a recommendation to pull the full-time service providing paramedic to spend time in the office working on the issues we have talked about like public relations, building in volunteer staffs, certifications of our individuals, doing the reporting that is required in the system, making sure our charts are in fact being submitted in a timely manner and processed. So that is why you see (on chart) the Director time in the office. It is at either of the stations, but it is not about when that person is on the call roster. Yes, they are there as a call backup and those kinds of issues, but the bottom line is we need to have EMS management more. We need to schedule our people for when it is going to deliver the biggest bang for the buck."

Filler also said, "It is a tougher approach, but it has to take the pieces that we talked about and at least put it into a framework to try to make something work with what we have."

Discussion then turned to the possibility of providing EMS services to the businesses or events on a for hire basis. Such businesses would include the ski resorts on the weekends during the winter months. The service would be provided on an hourly rate with one EMT and one paramedic on a part-time basis but could provide over-time for current staffing. Filler said, "Is it big money? No, but it does one of two things. One it provides EMTs additional income and from our business perspective it puts a positive number going into the till which is unique."

Filler asked the board to consider two things. Does the short-term plan make sense moving forward? And, does providing commercial services as an option make

sense? Filler said, "We can look at the commercial issues going forward. Does everyone agree with that? (Everyone agreed.) In a model where we staff a location 12 hours a day keep in mind even when we staff and run two rigs right now we are running two 24/7s. We can get more bang for the buck by splitting the 24/7s into 12s and covering 70 percent of our demand."

During the discussion Filler asked if everyone was in agreement to pursue the commercial events and do the study on the overhead costs. Everyone agreed. Everyone also agreed that there was a need to hire another paramedic. Kennedy said, "You probably will not find a paramedic to come to work part-time." Filler in turn said, "You know what. I got news for you guys. If we do not try and we have an attitude that is like what is right now coming out of my Deputy Director I do not think we are going to hire. So, I am not going to buy that one." Kennedy said, "But when you have eight people that are full-time as a resident of Tucker County work some where else besides the county," and was interrupted by Filler saying, "Scott, you are either part of the solution or you are part of the problem. Which one do you want to be, son?" Kennedy responded by saying, "You are giving out the orders you go ahead." to which Filler responded with, "Ok, thank you." But then Kennedy asked, "Now that you are giving out orders, how do I become part of the solution? What do you suggest?"

Filler asked the authority members their thoughts on the proposed actions going forward. Authority member Diane Hinkle said, "I think we are in agreement that we need to move in this direction. This is absolutely a conversation that has to be held with the EMS Director for a response. The board is most interested in what the response would be. I mean if there is a better solution than this, we are all ears and we need to hear it sooner than later. But in the absence of anything else coming forward, I think what has been presented is our best option in the short-term. I agree it has to be a conversation between EMS and the Ambulance Authority board. It is a two-way conversation."

Marsh asked, "Can we back it up and rewind and repeat what was said?" Filler responded with, "The bottom line is we will set up a meeting and that is why, quite frankly, folks need to be at these kinds of meetings." Kennedy said, "Quite frankly give me twenty minutes and I will be there Dennis." Steven Sponaugle asked Marsh if she wished him to screen time her so she could see what was on the board and she responded by saying, "No, I am going to go ahead and come down there and be there when Scott gets there."

Filler said, "I expected this but again that is why I wanted to make sure as an Ambulance Authority board we are the ones that

are in charge with at least taking and providing the framework. Implementation and executive are in their barrel of work, and we have got to work through this issue."

There was a motion placed on the table to move forward with the short-term plan presented by Filler. The motion was seconded by Hinkle who added on the condition that the discussions included the EMS Director and Sponaugle added that it had to include that there would be not only a night shift EMS on the mountain but also in Parsons. The board members voted to approve the motion.

After the conclusion of the meeting Marsh and Kennedy did arrive at the meeting site and it was later discovered that both parties held in their resignations. The authority turned an emergency meeting by phone and accepted Marsh and Kennedy's resignations. Upon speaking with Filler, the following week, he said, "The resignations happened in such a way, that we had to act to maintain the continuity of services from a medical and operational perspective. Yes, we had an emergency phone meeting to decide how to move forward. Ergo, we have an Interim EMS Director in place as of this morning."

Marsh and Kennedy were asked if they wished to make a statement on their behalf. Both declined.

The next meeting time for the Ambulance Authority was not discussed.

News of Record

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

- Dallas B. Martin, Dry Fork, Lot 21 Mountainside 2.08 acres to Robert Anthony Beasley, \$695,000.
- John W. Cooper, Thisbe Marie Cooper, Thomas B. Preston and Janet D. Preston, Davis, 1.05 acre parcel Canaan Mt. to CMBMJ properties LLC, \$251,000.
- Alan E. Mowbray and Carol A. Mowbray, Dry Fork, Lot 51 Cabin Mountain 5.15 acres to Heather Andersen, \$490,000.
- Maxwell D. Withrow and Megan R. Holthaus, Dry Fork, Lot 127 Mountainside, 1.98 acres to Donald Handley, II, \$275,000.
- Kenneth J. Lipscomb, Sr., Clover, .33 acres to Janet Vest, \$60,000.
- David William D'Alessandro and Karen Ann D'Alessandro, Dry Fork, Lot 67 Northface, .206 acres to Joseph Delio and Eric Craft, \$110,000.
- Thomas K. Douglass and Tari L. Douglass, Dry Fork, Unit 144 Black Bear Inn to, I Could Care Less LLC, \$145,000.
- Fonso O. Stalnaker and Karen M. Stalnaker, Dry Fork, .21 acres to Fonso O. Stalnaker, \$0.

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derful program to keep our children warm throughout the winter" said Michael Moore, Chief Financial Officer, at the Tucker Community Foundation. "I would also like to thank all of the groups involved that make this program such a success year after year" continued Moore.

There are no administrative fees, all the organizations involved absorb all promotional and adminis-

trative costs. So, 100 percent of all donations go directly to buy new clothing for the children. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, Warm the Children collects donations year-round. Donations can be made to TCF – Warm the Children Fund and sent to the Parsons Advocate, PO Box 345, Parsons, WV 26287.

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OBITUARIES

Eastern seeks community input on Business Needs Survey

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Staff with the Workforce Education Department at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College are asking questions, and community members in the Potomac Highlands can help them find the best answers.

The questions are part of the college's annual Business Needs Survey, which is available online on Eastern's website at <https://easternwv.edu/workforce-education>.

The survey is designed to help Workforce Education staff learn about workforce skills that are

needed to grow businesses and organizations in the region. Survey results will guide the development and expansion of Workforce Education training programs at Eastern.

The collected survey information is confidential. Respondents are not required to provide any identifying information, but they can include a business name and contact information if they wish to be contacted.

As an incentive, one randomly selected survey participant will win a free \$50 gift certificate that can be used to purchase items at Eastern's branded merchandise store in

Spring 2023 (this online storefront currently is under development).

Megan Webb, dean of advancement and continuing education at Eastern, said the survey is vital for shaping workforce training programs that fit the area's most pressing economic needs. "We appreciate hearing from the local community, business owners and leaders and aim to use this information to support our region's economy," she said.

Questions about the survey can be directed to WorkforceEd@easternwv.edu.

Moore

Parsons High School. After high school Moore married his wife, Donna, and together they would raise a family of two sons and a daughter while continuing to live on Pifer Mountain. Those children would later bless the couple with eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was motivated to run for Commissioner by his desire to continue to serve the public after retiring from his 32 years in employment with the West Virginia Department of Highways as the Tucker County Maintenance Supervisor and then the Highway Maintenance Assistant at District 8 in Elkins.

Other motivation came from wanting to improve the medical coverage, in Tucker County, due to the loss of the hospital and finding funding for the Tucker County EMS service. Moore was saddened when the EMS ordinance was abolished but has hopes that the future funding for EMS will be able to support three crews 24/7 with wages comparable to other occupations. Moore said, "My goal in life was to serve the public and that has not changed."

Moore believes the biggest supporters during his two terms were the citizens of Tucker County and his greatest accomplishments were the passing of the EMS Ordinance, repairing of the Parsons dike, and instillation of the Information Board in front of the courthouse. Moore did not do all of this alone and has worked with six different

Commissioners as well as many others during his two six-year terms.

Moore said, "I want to thank each of the six different commissioners I have served with and the two different commission administrators, all the elected officials in the courthouse and all the county employees, past and present, all that have been part of the improvement of Tucker County."

Moore continued by adding thanks to, "All EMS employees and all First Responders for keeping us safe, and all county board members who serve and are never recognized. I want to also thank Parsons Fire Chief/OEM Director Kevin White for his support and direction."

Moore's fellow commissioners and co-workers wished him well and thanked him for his years of service to the county and its residents. Commissioner Mike Rosenau said, "Thank you for all of your years of service to Tucker County and its residents. You have done a great job through your hard work and dedication."

Commissioner Fred Davis said, "I enjoyed working with Lowell. He taught me a lot. He put a lot of time into this in the county. I wish him well."

Commissioner Elect Tim Knotts said, "Thank you for a great job. You will be truly missed, and I wish you well on your next endeavors."

Tucker County Administrator Shelia DeVilder said, "It has been a pleasure working with Lowell

for the past few years and I thank him for sharing information and knowledge from his experience in County government and business. I appreciate his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Tucker County."

Tucker County Clerk Sherry Simmons said, "I have had the honor of working with Lowell for 12 years, his dedication to Tucker County is greatly appreciated. I wish Lowell and Donna many years of happy retirement, traveling and spending time with their family".

In his 12 years as a commissioner Moore has worked as a team on the following projects that have been accomplished in Tucker County and he said, "I am proud of being part of these accomplishments."

Improvements made in Tucker County the past 12 years:

- New Annex
- Courthouse restored inside and out
- New concrete cake walk pad at the courthouse
- New donated animal shelter house, also one extra building at the shelter
- Paved driveway to the shelter
- New septic system at the shelter
- New VA Clinic
- Old VA Clinic remodeled for the T. C. Health Department
- New lighting for the Senior Center
- Paving of the Senior Center Parking Lot
- Purchased property behind the Health Department to accommodate a larger parking lot and drive through for vaccinations if needed
- New EMS Station II, at Davis, purchase of four acres behind Station II
- Major improvements to 911 parking lot with drive around the building
- Upgrading and updating of the communication

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equipment in the 911 Communication Center

- Passing of the EMS ordinance
 - Repair of the Parsons dike
 - Information sign at the courthouse
 - Regaining ownership of Camp Kid
 - Purchase of John Coopers Law Office building
- In the upcoming years Moore would like to see the completion of the Corridor H, the population of Tucker County to grow with more available housing and industry. He would also like to see broadband available for all residents of the county. Moore's future plans include continuing to farm and serve his new appointment as Pastor of Sycamore Grove Church as well as advocating for the citizens of Tucker County in Charleston with the state legislature.

Donna Moore said, "I am very proud of Lowell for the way he has served the Citizens of Tucker County, he has always wanted the very best for our county, Lowell always gives 110% in whatever he does, and I feel he has given 110% and more as a commissioner. I am very proud of what he has been able to accomplish in his 12 years as a commissioner. I think it is the right time for him to move on and focus on the new job the Lord has placed him in."

Moore wished to convey to his loved ones, family, friends, co-workers, supporters, and citizens of Tucker County to work hard, be honest, treat people with respect and live a Godly life. Moore said, "When making a decision make the best one you can make with the information you have at that time. Later if you look back on your decision you made and it was right, that is good, but if you feel it might have been the wrong decision you will still know that you made the best choice at the time."

William Albert Shupp "Bill"

William Albert Shupp "Bill" of Thomas, West Virginia, passed away Dec. 5, 2022. Bill is survived by five children. His son; Scott (Versie) Shupp, and four daughters; Jill (Jerry) Leach, Tanya (Wade) Klaffer, Jacqueline "Jacki" Rogala, and Krystal (Leroy) Hamilton. He is also survived by two sisters, Emma (Larry), and Sue (Bob), and one brother, Jerry "Buck" (Fran). He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Bessie Shupp, three sisters, Jean, Helen and Betty, and three brothers, John, Charles and Cliff. He was a proud grandpa and great grandpa.

Bill proudly served his country in the United States Army. He loved hunting, fishing, & camping.

Sherman Bryan Sisler

Sherman Bryan Sisler, age 95 years, a resident of Elkins, WV departed this life Sunday evening, December 4, 2022 at Cortland Acres at Thomas, WV.

He was born Thursday, October 20, 1927 at Benbush, WV a son of the late John Henry and Lola Mae Shrock Sisler. He was twice married. First, during 1952 to the former Gloria Joyce Paugh, who preceded him in death November 6, 1980. Second, on August 23, 1997 at Elkins, WV he was married to the former Mary Louise Nutter, who preceded him in death January 17, 2016. Surviving are one son, John Sisler and wife Darlene of Thomas; three daughters, Janet Sue Seiberg of Casa Grande, AZ, Joyce Ann Strader of Elkins, and Judy Kay Caplinger and husband Kenneth of Scott Depot; two stepsons, Stephen Grant Kalar and wife Patricia of PA, Joseph Lee Kalar and wife Nancy of Kerens; four grandchildren, Bryan, Kristy, David, and K. C.; four step grandchildren, Kim, Billy, Jody and Angie; ten great grandchildren, Colby, Hunter, Dillon, Kylie Dawn, Kole David, Gabe Wayne, Brigette Jade, Carson, Blaik, and Jacob; and several nieces and nephews.

Sherman was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Preceding him in death are four brothers, Paul Leroy, Harry Layton, Arlo, and Kenneth Merle Sisler; two sisters, Goldie Irene Kennard, and Dora Harvey; one grandson, Adam Keith Ketterman; two step grandsons, Timmy Kalar, and Manny Lipscomb; and one son in law, Stan Seiberg.

Sherman attended the Pierce Grade School, Thomas High School and Oakland High School. He worked on the dairy farm, and later worked for Sam G. Polino and Company before joining the U. S. Navy where he was a veteran of World War II. After the war he returned to work for Sam G. Polino and later worked for Douglas Coal Company, and then Buffalo Coal Company retiring in 1992 with over 20 years of service. He was a member of the American Legion and the Eagles Club.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Elkins from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday. Final Rites will be conducted at the funeral home, Friday, December 9, 2022 at 11 a.m. The Rev. Mike Lantz will officiate and interment will follow at the Fairview Cemetery at Garrett County, MD. The Lohr and Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Sherman Bryan Sisler. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

Theresa Marie White Molone

Theresa Marie White Molone, 52, a resident of Parsons, passed peacefully from this life, surrounded by loving family members, on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at WV Caring Hospice Inpatient Center in Elkins following a brief illness.

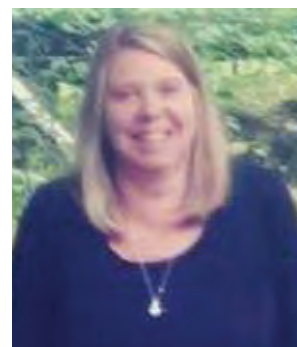
Theresa was born on Sunday, August 9, 1970, in Parsons, a daughter of Ronald Lee "Ronnie" White of Parsons and the late Mary "Jeanie" Dorn White. On September 1, 1990, in Grandfield, OK, she was married to Steven "Steve" Leon Molone who preceded her in death on March 9, 2019.

Theresa was a graduate of West Potomac High School in Alexandria, VA. After living in Grandfield, OK and Wichita, Falls, TX, Theresa, and her family moved to her hometown about twelve years ago. Once her own family was grown, Theresa's love for children led her to provide babysitting services for several families in Parsons. Most recently, prior to becoming ill, Theresa worked in the clubhouse at Holly Meadows Golf Course.

Her great pleasure was spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed watching her sons compete on the baseball field as their Number One fan. Theresa was a homemaker who was well known for her cooking skills (most notably her chicken fried steak). She also loved spending free time gardening and creating crafting projects. Theresa cherished beach trips with her family to the Outer Banks of North Carolina where they created lifelong memories.

She will be greatly missed by her many family members and friends. Left to cherish Theresa's memory along with her father are three sons, Aaron Molone and wife, Amanda, of Wichita Falls, TX, Allen Molone and fiancé, Keisha Davis, and Tyler Molone, all of Parsons, two grandchildren, Cooper and Avery Molone, two sisters, Missy Guy and husband, Dave, of Parsons and Elizabeth Delaney and husband, Corey, of Sarver, PA, three nephews, Tony, Ronny, and Nolan, and one niece, Curran, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is also survived by her companion, Don Ritter.

Visitation will be held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home chapel on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Parsons City Cemetery. The family has requested contributions in Theresa's memory be made to WV Caring Hospice Center, P.O. Box 760, Arthurdale, WV 26520. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Theresa Marie White Molone. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



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THANK YOU

The family of Philip Dale Stevens would like to express their appreciation for all the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, food and flowers during this difficult time.

We extend a special thank you to St. George Church of God, for all the food that was brought to the house and to St. John's United Methodist Church, for the wonderful meal after the service. To Rev. Neil Parsons we thank you for the wonderful service and the visits and prayers for Phil. Phil enjoyed and looked forward to Neil's visits.

Thank you to Lohr & Barb Funeral Home for your loving care, thanks to the pallbearers and Stevens' Florist for the beautiful floral arrangements. Thank you to everyone that came and showed your last respects to Phil, it meant more than you will ever know.

A special thank you to the Veterans for doing the graveside rites, to United Hospital Center and WVU Medicine Hospice for the wonderful care you provided for Phil and the family.

*Much Love and Appreciation,
Grace, Eddie, Robert,
Lisa, Lukas and Chasity*





Inside view of the **B & J's Family Diner** and through the double doors is a large seating area great for Christmas parties or family get togethers. Call for reservations.

ton explained its meaning by saying, "I love when people come in here and it may be a table of people that know each other that sits here for two hours just talking or eating. They may even have two meals. But, I also see strangers, which I love, come in here that may be two older men that are veterans talking back and forth and before you know it they are sitting together. They may sit for two hours just getting to know each other, talking about the war, or talking about this and that. That is one of my favorite things and that is where that (logo) came

from." **B & J's Family Diner** specializing in daily specials, dinners to homemade pies. The dinners range from grilled cheese sandwiches and soup or chili to meatloaf served with mac and cheese, green beans served with hot rolls. And for carb watchers they have a selection of salads and items such as the bacon chicken ranch boat that is served on a big lettuce leaf and coleslaw.

The pies can be purchased by the slice or as a whole. They can also be made to order if anyone wishes to do so. The variety of pies ranges from pecan, lemon to apple, etc. banana cream, coconut, The diner also offers a

vast selection of breakfast items that can be ordered any time of the day. They also host a breakfast hot bar on Saturday mornings from around 8 a.m. to noon. The bar on occasion stays open longer depending upon the number of customers. Pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy are a few of the items that can be found on the bar.

and family or business get together. Anyone interested in placing a reservation can message B. Pennington on the diner's Facebook page or call the restaurant at 681-399-9184. The diner can be found at 166 Main Street, Parsons. Daily specials are posted on the diner's Facebook page or can be obtained by calling the restaurant.

On Sundays the diner hosts a lunch hot bar from around 10 a.m. to 2 or 3 p.m. This bar contains hot food items such as lasagna, corn, green beans, mashed potatoes, and may also be accompanied by a salad bar with all the fixings.

B & J's Family Diner also has a back room available for Christmas parties

B. Pennington wished to express her thanks by saying, "I want to thank all of those that have taught me how to do this business through all the years. There has been numerous people and I have learned something off each and every one of them. I learned something new every single solitary time."

The TCFCA hosts live Nativity, Christmas Light Drive



The Tucker County Fair Association hosted a live Nativity and Christmas Light Drive at Camp Kidd Park on Saturday, Dec. 3. Several businesses, organizations and individuals came together to put up lighted Christmas displays

around Camp Kidd.

Well over 200 cars traveled the loop around the grounds to look at the displays ending at the livestock barn with a live Nativity scene. 4-H members handed out free hot chocolate and candy

canes to visitors to enjoy during the drive.

Fair President, Dani Wilfong Pennington said she hopes that the fair association can make this an annual event. She said "Next year will be bigger and better"

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What's? Happening

Christmas Contada

Christmas Contada "Christmas All Year Long" by choir and children. Sunday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Thomas U.M. Church, Thomas, WV. Refreshments following. Everyone welcome.

St. John's Christmas Cantata

St. John's United Methodist Choir will perform "A Great Day" Christmas Cantata on Dec. 18th at 7 p.m. at 107 River St., Parsons. Everyone welcome.

Canaan Valley National Wildlife Walks

Interpretive walks weekly at Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge occur weekly on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and

Fridays at 2 p.m., with additional walks some weeks. For the week of Dec. 12 to 17 there are two walks. On Wednesday Dec. 14, learn about hibernation and brumation, meeting at Beall parking lot off Cortland Rd at 11 a.m. On Friday Dec. 16, learn about the evergreens of Canaan Valley, meeting at Freeland Boardwalk on Freeland Rd at 2 p.m. Follow us at Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge Facebook page. There will not be any guided walks between Dec. 18 and 26. Website: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/canaan-valley>

Christmas Program

Hendricks Free Methodist Church will have their Christmas Program, Greatest Gift, beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16. Everyone Welcome and refreshments will follow.



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.

Dec. 14, 1857: Coal operator Justus Collins was born. He owned coal mines at Glen Jean and Whipple, and the octagonal Whipple company store survives today as a local landmark.

Dec. 15, 1972: An explosion at a Weirton Steel coke plant on Browns Island killed 19 men and injured 10 others. It was the worst industrial accident in Weirton's history.

Dec. 16, 1893: Alexander Martin died at the age of 71 in Greencastle, Indiana. Martin was the first president of the Agricultural College of West Virginia, which was renamed West Virginia University at his recommendation in 1868.

Dec. 17, 1957: The J. L. Stifel & Sons calico plant at Wheeling closed. For most of its history Stifel & Sons produced indigo-dyed prints and drills for clothing manufacturers. At its peak, the plant produced 3.5 million yards of cloth per month.

Dec. 18, 1842: U. S. Senator Nathan B. Scott was born. Scott rose to become one of West Virginia's four richest and most powerful men by 1900.

Dec. 18, 1864: General Harry Hill Bandholtz was born in Michigan. Bandholtz was commander of the federal troops that

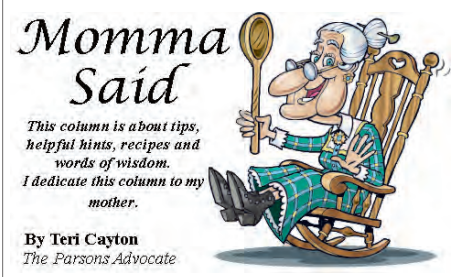
intervened to end the West Virginia Mine Wars in 1921.

Dec. 19, 1794: A 40-acre tract of George Clendenin's land was selected as the site of Charlestown, later renamed Charleston. Clendenin, born in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1746, was one of the first settlers in the Kanawha Valley. Through Clendenin's influence the Virginia Assembly authorized the formation of Kanawha County from parts of Greenbrier and Montgomery counties in 1789.

Dec. 20, 1943: German fighter pilot Franz Stigler protected the heavily-damaged B-17 bomber flown by Charlie Brown as it made its way from enemy territory back to England. The two war veterans met in 1990 and remained friends until their deaths.

Dec. 20, 2002: Grote Reber died. In 1937, Reber built the world's first parabolic radio telescope in his backyard. The Reber Telescope was moved to the National Radio Observatory at Green Bank in the 1960s and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1989.

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as a "Time Out". There was no standing in a corner or going to our room, it was a butt heatin' whoopin'.

I didn't get many but boy when I did it was something to remember. Don't think it affected me adversely and I do believe I am a better person for it because I do know the difference between right and wrong. My mom set my head firmly on my shoulders and pointed me in the right direction to become a worthy human being and I thank her for it every day.

One of my readers asked for a recipe for peanut butter pie and I hope this one meets your requirements. Enjoy!

Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie

Ingredients

- Crust:
- 25 whole chocolate sandwich cookies, such as Oreos
 - 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- Filling:
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
 - One 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
 - 1 1/4 cups powdered sugar
 - One 8-ounce package whipped topping, such as Cool Whip, thawed



Directions

1. For the crust: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Crush the cookies until they're fine crumbs. Pour the melted butter over the top and stir with a fork to combine. Press into a pie pan and bake until set, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely.
2. For the filling: Beat the peanut butter with the cream cheese until

smooth. Add the powdered sugar and beat until smooth. Add in the thawed whipped topping and beat until smooth, scraping the sides as needed.

3. Pour the filling into the crust, evening out the top with a knife or spatula. Chill for at least an hour before serving. You can also add some extra whipped topping on top with mini Reese cups.
4. Cook's Note
5. This is ultra, ultra-rich. Cut small slivers-your guests will thank you!



Dec. 15, 1967: The Silver Bridge at Point Pleasant collapsed, killing 46 people. The Silver Bridge was built by the American Bridge Company of Pittsburgh and opened to traffic on May 19, 1928. The accident led to the passage of legislation for a national bridge inspection and safety program.

Super Crossword

ZERO CHECKING

ACROSS	DOWN
1 James of "Alien Nation"	1 Cornfield cries
5 Lead-in to hazard	2 Eight, in Berlin
8 "My opinion is..."	3 Actor Gross of "Ellen"
13 Tried very hard	4 "The negotiation is off"
19 Tumblers, e.g.	5 Severe 6 -bitty
21 Actress Hunt	7 Org. that inspects factories
22 Fatal on a graph	8 Fighting - (NCAA team)
23 Start of a riddle	
26 Strong metal	
27 Vertical line	
28 Attack like an alligator	
29 Land north of Mex.	
30 -country (music genre)	
32 Peruvian of yore	
34 Toronto Maple -	
37 Riddle, part 2	
44 Wild party	
47 Battle (for)	
48 See 60-Down	
49 Triumphed	
50 "Right now!"	
51 First class for painters	
53 City law: Abbr.	
54 Sea predator	
56 Actor Mickey	
57 Paint crudely	
58 Riddle, part 3	
61 Borgnine of Hollywood	
63 Gulf country	
64 Sandler of "Spanglish"	
65 Refine, as metal	
66 What a hot rod may race on	
70 Words on an apartment rental sign	
74 Strong metal	
76 City near Provo	
77 Purple Hearts, e.g.	
78 Riddle, part 4	
85 Composer Satie	
86 Apple app for importing video	
87 "I suffer so!"	
88 Pan coverer	
89 Gave for a while	
90 Sole servings	
91 Buddhism branch	
92 Just kills time	
94 Two, in Spain	
95 Occupied	
96 End of the riddle	
100 For the - (temporarily)	
102 Blow a horn	
103 Stephen of "Blackthorn"	
104 Flower holder locale	
106 Kailua Bay locale	
109 Creator of Tom Sawyer	
112 Gave a monetary penalty	
116 Riddle's answer	
121 Nogales nap	
122 How figure skaters skate	
123 Of financial matters	
124 Rich, egggy cakes	
125 Entertained lavishly	
126 Boxing ref's ruling	
127 Court dividers	
9 Utter failure	
10 Sever	
11 Competitor of Ben & Jerry's	
12 Yard feature	
13 Place to ski	
14 Vietnamese holiday	
15 Road sign no.	
16 "Banjo on my knee" song	
17 Winery tubs	
18 "Frozen" snow queen	
20 " - Hollywood Screen Kiss" (1998 film)	
24 Be alive	
25 Fifty percent	
31 Talk show emcee, e.g.	
33 Egypt's Sadat	
35 Formally abolish	
36 Displayed example of a product	
37 Gives the slip to	
38 Aviation military branch	
39 Fix the pitch of again	
40 Architect Saarinen	
41 Sierra Nevada evergreen	
42 Blister, e.g.	
43 Like GIs peeling potatoes	
45 Flower holder clown	
46 Santa's bagful	
50 Egg on	
52 "Yes, if memory serves"	
54 Benefit bagful	
55 Chewbacca's companion	
59 -la-la	
60 With 48-Across, record of arrests, slangily	
62 Put in financial distress	
66 Gene-splicing stuff	
67 Verifiable	
68 No longer practicing: Abbr. (eclectic quarterly)	
69 Marcos of the Philippines	
71 Texas city	
72 Poet Wylie or novelist Glynn	
73 Double cluck of reproach	
75 Some till bills	
77 Sweetie	
78 LP player of old	
79 Uganda's Idi	
80 Donator of services	
81 Old TV clown	
82 "Fer -!" ("Like, totally!")	
83 Take responsibility for something	
84 Easter flower	
92 Spot's jingler	
93 Tennis player Edberg	
96 Fava -	
97 Catch sight of	
98 Dressed for a ball	
99 Serve, as at a restaurant	
101 Concluding musical parts	
104 "You, over there ..."	
105 Dayton locale	
107 Horse foot	
108 - Reader (eclectic quarterly)	
110 "Oh, sure!"	
111 Part of a vase	
113 Alaska city	
114 Revise text	
115 "ER" folks	
117 Marshall Plan prez	
118 Swallowed success	
119 Big	
120 Overly	

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Weather Totals

Nov. 29 - Dec. 6

Nursery Bottom Parsons

Temperature
Max 58° F
Min 14° F

Precipitation
Week 0.49"
November 3.70"
2022 51.39"

Snowfall
New Snow 0"
Snow on ground 0"
Winter Total 0.5"

U.S. Forest Service

DEADLINE 8AM MONDAY

Puzzle answers page 3B

The Parsons Christmas Parade

General Entry

- First Place: Tucker County Senior Center
- Second Place: St. George Medical Clinic
- Third Place: Tucker County High School Cheerleaders

- Second Place: Mountain State Twirlers
- Third Place: The Rising Stars

Churches

- First Place: Hendricks Free Methodists
- Second Place: Leadmine United Methodist
- Third Place: St. John's United Methodist

Twirlettes

- First Place: The Strutters



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SPORTS

Tucker Girls' Start Season with wins over East Hardy and Notre Dame

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

BAKER – The Lady Mt. Lions Basketball team traveled to East Hardy on Thursday December 8th to open their season with a varsity only contest. Tucker County trailed after one quarter, but the visiting Lady Mt. Lions pulled away for the 47-35 victory.

The first quarter was low scoring as both teams struggled to score as the Lady Cougars led after one quarter 7-6. Tucker County pulled ahead in the second quarter as they outscored East Hardy 14-9 in the second to make the halftime score 20-16 Lady Mt. Lions.

The third quarter would also be controlled by Tucker County as they outshot the Lady Cougars 11-6 to push the Lady Mt. Lions lead up to 31-22. East Hardy tried to make a run in the fourth, but Tucker County held off the rally as they outscored East Hardy 16-13 in the fourth to give the Lady Mt. Lions the road victory by the score of 47-35.

Macy Helmick led Tucker County with 18 points and Jacey Davis added 8 points. Kadie Colebank had a team high 9 rebounds, 3 assists and Brylee Wetzel added 6 points.

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team hosted Notre Dame on Saturday afternoon December 10th for a varsity only



Tucker County's Jacey Davis makes a layup against Notre Dame on Dec. 10th. The Lady Mt. Lions got the win over Notre Dame 78-11. Photo by Becky Moore.



Kadie Colebank for the Lady Mt. Lions takes a shot on Dec. 8th against Notre Dame. Tucker County picked up the win at home 78-11. Photo by Becky Moore.

game. The Lady Mt. Lions jumped out to a big lead early and then cruised to a 78-11 victory.

The first quarter went to Tucker County as they led after one quarter 21-4. The Lady Mt. Lions continued to dominate in the second quarter as Tucker County outscored the Lady Irish 26-6 to make the halftime score 47-10.

The home team held Notre Dame to 1 point in the third quarter to push the score to

66-11 after three quarters. The fourth quarter would also belong to Tucker County as they held Notre Dame scoreless in the fourth to make the final score 78-11 Lady Mt. Lions.

Tucker County was led by Macy Helmick with 18 points, 6 assists and 6 steals. Ericka Zirk added 14 points for the Lady Mt. Lions and Kadie Colebank had a double double with 10 points, 14 rebounds, 6 assists for Tucker County.

Brylee Wetzel chipped in with 9 points and Avery Colebank added 8 point for Tucker County. The Tucker County Girls' JV team picked up a 51-39 win over Keyser at home on December 9th.

Tucker County(2-0) will return to action on Friday at home against Pocahontas County. The JV contest will start at 5:45pm with the Varsity game to follow. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball Start Season

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

THOMAS – The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams opened their season with home games against Harman on Monday December 5th. In the first contest the Lady Bears picked up the win 47-0. Izzy Kitzmiller led Davis-Thomas with 23 points and Peyton Cross added 14 points. Zoie Davis added 10 points for the Lady Bears in the win.

In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas picked up the win 61-8. Emmet Felton led the Bears with 14 points and Cayden Arnold added 10 points for Davis-Thomas in the win.

AURORA – Davis-Thomas Basketball teams traveled to Aurora on Wednesday December 7th. The first contest of the night featured the Davis-Thomas Girls'. The visiting Lady Bears could not get the win as they dropped the game by the score of 36-15. Izzy Kitzmiller led Davis-Thomas with 7 points and Bella Rivera added 6 points for the Lady Bears in the loss.

In the second game the Davis-Thomas Boys' picked up the win 39-17. The Bears were led in scoring by Cayden Arnold with 17 points and Emmet Felton added 8 points in the win.

MILL CREEK – The Davis-Thomas Boy's and Girls' Basketball teams traveled to Tygarts Valley on Friday December 9th. In the Girls' game the Lady Bears fell in the contest 33-18. Davis-Thomas was led by Izzy Kitzmiller with 13 points, Zoie Davis chipped in with 2 points in the loss.

The last game of the night went to the Davis-Thomas Boys' as they defeated the Bulldogs by the final score of 44-28. The Bears were led in scoring by Emmet Felton with 17 points. Gabe Oliver had 14 points and Cayden Arnold added 12 points in the win for Davis-Thomas.

The Davis-Thomas Basketball teams will host Belington on Thursday December 15th and travel to Union on Friday December 16th. For schedules and more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball Open Season with Wins



Tucker Valley's Ethan Cummings attempts a shot against Belington on Dec. 8th. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

MILL CREEK – The Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball team opened their season on the road at Tygarts Valley on Monday December 5th. In the first game of the night the Wildcats JV team fell in a close contest 32-27. The Tucker Valley JV was led in scoring by Branson Hyre with 10 points and Isaiah Leary added 7 points. In the Varsity game Tucker Valley got the road win by the final score of 54-48. Luke Barb led Tucker Valley with 20 points and Ethan Cummings had 17 points in the Wildcats win.

HAMBLETON – The Wildcats Boys' Basketball teams hosted Belington on Thursday December 8th. The first contest of the night the Tucker Valley JV dropped the game 32-24. Brayden Bonner led the Tucker Valley JV with 10 points while Branson Hyre and Isaiah Leary added 4 points each. In the final game of the night the Wildcats varsity got the win over Belington 37-24. Luke Barb and Ethan Cummings led Tucker Valley with 12 points each, while Isaac Knotts added 9 points.

The Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball teams will return to action at Central Preston tonight, Wednesday December 14th. For schedules and more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker County Football Place Players On All-State List

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

The WV Sports Writers announced the Football Class "A" All-State Selections on December 7th. Tucker County junior Maddox Anderson was honored as a First Team Selection at the Wide Receiver position. Ethan Rosenau(Jr)

was selected as the Second Team Captain at the Quarterback position. The Mt. Lions also had the following players selected to the Honorable Mention List: Dom Mullenax(Sr), Trenton Wilfong(Sr), Blaike Adams(Jr) and Jared Reall(Soph). For the complete list and more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday December 14th

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball JV @ Buckhannon-Upshur 6:30pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball @ Central Preston 6pm
- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball @ Central Preston 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Aurora 6pm

Thursday December 15th

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs East Hardy @ Home 5:45pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs Belington @ Home 5:30pm
- Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ East Hardy 6pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball vs Belington @ Home 6pm

Friday December 16th

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs Pocahontas County @ Home 5:45pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Union 6pm

Saturday December 17th

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ Elkins 5:45pm

Monday December 19th

- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball @ Belington 5:45pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Kasson 6pm

Tuesday December 20th

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs Petersburg @ Home 5:45pm

Wednesday December 21st

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Pendleton County @ Home 5:45pm
- Tucker Valley Boy's Basketball JV @ Union 6pm
- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball @ Union 7pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Philippi 5pm

Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball Open Season on the Road

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

KINGWOOD – The Tucker Valley Lady Wildcats Basketball teams opened their season on the road at Central Preston on Wednesday December 7th. In the first game of the night the Tucker Valley JV team picked up the win in a close contest 11-9. Riley Slaughtbaugh led the Tucker Valley JV with 7 points. In the Varsity game Tucker Valley fell by the score of 32-7. Madelynn Helmick led the Lady Wildcats with 3 points.

The Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball teams will return to action on Monday December 19th at Belington and then they will travel to Union on Wednesday December 21st. For schedules and more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

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2023 STEM Festival Accepting Presenter Proposals

The Mineral County STEM Network will host the 10th annual Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Festival for area students and parents. The event will be held Saturday, March 25 from Noon – 4 p.m. on the WVU Potomac State College, Keyser Campus.

Proposals are easy to submit online for the 2023 Mineral County STEM Festival. Visit the Mineral County STEM Network (mineralstem.com) website and click on the “Apply to Present” tab at the top. Proposals are **due by Friday, January 6, 2023** to ensure publication of the presentation description with on-line promotion and flyers that go out to area schools, libraries, and businesses.

Businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate by providing hands-on STEM activities that stimulate interest and inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers.

Interactive experiences are needed that appeal to all levels: elementary, middle and high school students.

Families walk through the buildings and outdoor spaces of the WVU-PSC campus at their own leisure while engaging in interactive experiences offered by facilitators from a multi-state region. Facilitators receive table and chair set-ups at assigned locations on the WVU PSC campus.

Facilitators will meet with hundreds of families throughout the day as guests visit and engage in activities at a leisurely pace. Most activities are “make and take” or short interactive experiences. Notable past examples have included monarch migration games, SUGO robotics demonstration and build activities, the science of cotton candy (with a free sample treat), miniature catapults, make your own butter, exploring cells, launching rockets, and building miniature

parachutes.

This area STEM Festival is modeled after the *USA Science and Engineering Festival and Expo* held in Washington, D.C. The mission of the festival is to reinvigorate the interest of our youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs and careers by presenting compelling, exciting, educational and entertaining science gatherings.

“It is a popular event for Mineral County and WVU Potomac State College with families traveling from throughout the region to attend. The success is due in large part to the outstanding facilitators who provide quality hands-on STEM learning experiences,” said Margaret Miltenberger, WVU Extension Service 4-H and Family Extension Agent.

The planning committee co-chairpersons are Andrea Schafer, *WVU Potomac State College*, Craig Kes-



Andrew Hoover with West Virginia University leads the “Science Behind Cycling Activity” with Ashlyn Shoemaker during the 2022 STEM Festival.

ner, *Northrop Grumman* and Kelly Haines, *Mineral County Schools*. If you have questions about submitting a proposal, contact Andrea Schafer agschafer@mail.wvu.edu at 304-788-7133. For more information

about the Mineral County STEM Network, visit <http://mineralstem.com/> and for regular updates on the STEM Festival like our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MineralCountySTEM>.

Humanities Council Seeking Grant Proposals

Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council announces its upcoming February 1, 2023, grant deadline for three grant categories: Major grants, which are awarded twice a year for projects requesting up to \$20,000; Fellowships of \$3,000, which are awarded annually for scholarly research projects; and Minigrants, which are awarded four times a year for projects requesting \$2,000 or less.

The Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities. A variety of matching grants are offered by the Humanities Council year-round to nonprofit organizations in West Virginia that support educational programming.

See below for complete descriptions of grant applications due February 1:

Major grants. This category supports public programs including, but not limited to, lectures, school projects, symposia, panel discussions, reading and discussion series, exhibits, reenactments, and conferences. Major grant proposals may request up to \$20,000. Applicants must allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Fellowships. Stipends of \$3,000 are awarded once a year to West Virginia college and university humanities faculty and independent scholars for research and writing projects. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the study of interpretive archaeology; the history,

theory, and criticism of the arts; ethics; history; jurisprudence; modern and classical languages; linguistics; literature; philosophy; comparative religion; and philosophical and historical approaches to the social sciences.

Minigrants. Humanities Council minigrants support small projects, single events, lectures, small museum exhibits and brochures, consultation needs, and planning for more complex projects. Minigrant deadlines are February 1, April 1, June 1, and October 1 for projects requesting \$2,000 or less. Applicants must allow six weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Throughout 2023, the Humanities Council is especially interested in projects centered on strengthening American democracy and addressing our changing climate.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact Humanities Council grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are also available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

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For information on this, call the Town of Davis at 304-259-5302 and ask for Joni. She will be able to help you with any inquiries that you may have. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Dec. 21, 2022.

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Partial job duties include but are not limited to: overseeing the operations of the City's finances; monitoring and ensuring compliance with all financial regulatory requirements; develop, administer and monitor the City's various budgets; prepare, review, and maintain various types of financial records and reports; provide financial advice to City Council; administer monthly utility billing process; oversee the payroll process; oversee the City's employee benefits; maintain cooperative working relationships with employees as well as outside agencies, auditors, vendors etc.; prepare various financial reports and disseminate such reports as required; prepare and maintain records pertaining to grants from various sources. The successful candidate will oversee all facets of finance for the City. The City follows generally accepted accounting principles and practices. The successful candidate shall work closely with the Mayor and City Council and shall assume any other duties assigned by City Council in its discretion.

The annual base salary for this full-time position will be based on education and experience. The benefit package includes health insurance, life insurance, retirement plan, wellness program, holidays, employee's birthday, sick leave, and personal days. The candidate will be required to do job training, until they are familiar with the City's accounting system. Candidates must have a flexible work schedule because training will require evenings and weekends.

Resumes can be hand-delivered to the Parsons Business Office from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (EDT) Monday through Friday or mailed to the City of Parsons, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287. Interested applicants can also apply for this position on www.indeed.com. All resumes must be received by 4:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, January 13, 2023 or until this position is filled.

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"With multi-million-dollar improvements to the ski area over the past two years and as we celebrate our 51st season in operation, we are excited for guests to experience what we believe to be some of the best skiing and tubing our region has to offer," said Matt Baker, resort general manager.

Canaan Valley Resort boasts 47 trails featuring a mix of beginner, intermediate and advanced terrain. The mountain offers a vertical drop of 850 feet accessed by three lifts (one quad and two triples) and a magic carpet at the beginner's area.

In 2021, the resort:

- Expanded the Tube Park to more than twice its previous size; now offering some of the longest tubing lanes in the Mid-Atlantic. With more than 17 lanes and the addition of a newly constructed sun kid lift, guests will spend less time in lines and more time zipping down the mountain.
- Remodeled and significantly enlarged the ski and snowboard rental facility and added advance, online ski, boot, and snowboard ordering. Guests can pre-order their rentals online at ski.canaanresort.com.
- Added a new RFID (Radio Frequency ID) lift ticket and lift gate system to speed a guests' trip to the mountain and reduce time in lift lines. Replacing the paper lift tickets, guests purchase passes online and receive a plastic RFID card that allows them to reload lift tickets or sea-



son passes via their mobile phone or computer. Passes can be purchased online at ski.canaanresort.com. Special overnight lodging

packages are available. Guests who stay at Canaan Valley Resort three or more consecutive nights can save twenty percent off the standard rate (black-out dates

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For more information, contact the resort at 1-800-622-4121 or visit the website at www.Canaan-Resort.com.

DAR Donates Over 400 Clothing Items to FRN



(Left to right) Stephanie Fitzwater, Office Manager Tucker FSC; Cathy Hebb Regent Blackwater DAR; Cynthia Kolsun, Blackwater DAR member, Darlya Rapp, Blackwater DAR member; April Miller, Executive Director Tucker FRN

The Blackwater Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented the Tucker County Family Support Center with well over 400 infant and toddler clothing items and supplies. This donation will be distributed to children in need over the Christmas holiday.

"We are always happy to work with Blackwater DAR and appreciate their continued support. We estimate that this is well over a \$1,500 donation. Blackwater DAR has donated to the Cindy's Giving Tree Christmas project for several years now and are so thankful for their support of families living in Tucker County." stated April Miller, Executive Director of the Tucker County FRN

"Our members worked very hard over the past several months to collect these items. We pick projects every year that support the community and are happy to work with the staff of the Tucker County FSC program, because we know the items will go directly into the hands of families in need." Stated Cathy Hebb, Regent Blackwater DAR

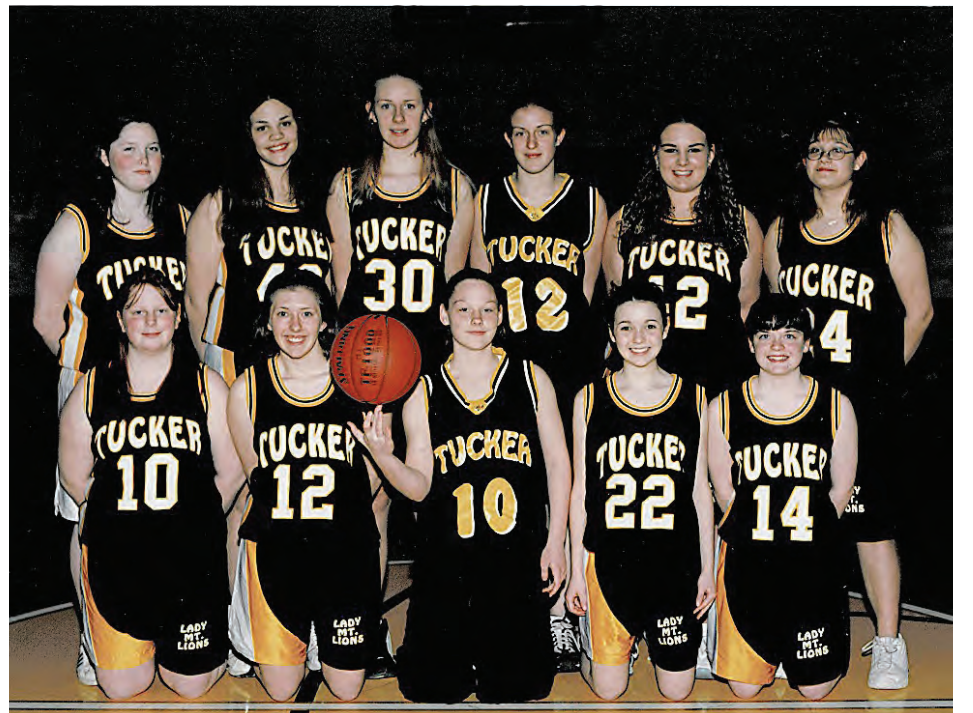
"On Monday I received word that Blackwater DAR was not quite finished with this project. Since their initial donation back in November, they have collected additional items from friends and family

as far away as Virginia and Florida. We are awaiting the next donation from them and I'm sure we will not be disappointed. It would not be possible to maintain our pantry or our holiday giving programs without the generosity of individuals and groups such as Blackwater DAR. We have such great collaborative partners in Tucker County, we are truly blessed!" said April Miller.

The Cindy's Giving Tree program has been providing Christmas gifts to children in Tucker County for the past five years. This year there are 215 children enrolled in the program. Local sponsors are recruited to either purchase Christmas gifts for kids directly, or they can make a donation and the Tucker FSC staff will use the funds to purchase items on the children's list. For more than 20 years the Tucker County Family Support Center has also sponsored Cindy's Closet Hygiene and Essentials Pantry which provides food, hygiene supplies, school supplies and household items for families in need.

For more information on the Cindy's Giving Tree Project and other programs offered through the Tucker County Family Support Center contact us at 304-478-3827 or visit us on the web www.Tucker-CountyFRN.org.

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of a girls' basketball team from the high school. Front row, left to right: Meredith Bennett, Jodie Pratt, Chelse Gsell, Jolena Slaubaugh, Britany Taylor Back row, left to right: Jerica Dumire, Bridgette Strawser, Emily Nestor, Jessy Pifer, Trisha Whitehair, Ashley Bonner. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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