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Freezing Temperatures Wreck Havok on Water Lines

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

Holiday week for the Town of Davis will be one for the books. At a time when everyone should be celebrating the holidays with family and friends, some Davis employees were working to restore water to the Town of Davis residents. On December 23, there was an alleged power surge that resulted in a flood. This flood damaged the water plant's equipment that tripped out the pump and safety devices that help control the water levels inside the plant and the clear well leaving the town in an indefinite water boil advisory.

This is not an easy or quick process and with the bad weather leaving temperatures at or below zero degrees leaving roads untravellable a couple of the employees slept at the water plant. To ensure safety for the residents it was reported that the Town of Davis was working with the county health department, EMS, and state departments.

An update posted by the Town of Davis on December 27, 2022, states the boil water advisory is continuing indefinitely. The update reads, "The Town of Davis will continue under a Boil Water Advisory indefinitely! Due to a possible power surge during the recent storm, all electronics on our safety and control system are destroyed and our water operators are pumping water manually 24/7.

We do not know when the advisory will be lifted. As we receive information, we will update everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and patience!"

Major Tomson also mentioned the incident during a meeting and said, "We lost water. We were able to catch up but last night we lost ground again. So, they are pumping vigorously right now." When a resident mentioned that her water still had a small amount of color to it Tomson said,

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A Look Back at the Year 2022

January

- · Two drones are purchased for the Tucker County Sherriff's office.
- Historic Camp Kidd ready for its next
- Cork's Turkey Knob Wines LLC has Grand Opening.
- Brody Strawderman throws personal best in shot put, 14.08 meters, and breaks own record in weights with 17.50 meters

February

- · Tucker County 911 is switched from T1 line communication to the microwave form.
- · Parsons partnering with DARRE and Pulp Mill Pond Restoration Project begins.
- Tucker Community Foundation awards over \$96,000 in grants to nonprofits.
- TCHS FFA travels to Nationals in Indiana.

March

- Governor Justice approves award of Cheat River Bridge project on Corri-
- · Lady Mt. Lions win Sectional Championship at home over Union.
- · Tucker County Youth Basketball was presented with a \$1,000 check from Parsons City Council.
- · Mt. Lion boys' win Sectional Championship over East Hardy.
- · Tucker County girls earn trip to State Tournament.

- · Michael Scott Chaney, former Canaan Valley State Park and Resort Director of Operations, was sentenced on fraud charges.
- Tucker County boys' clinch a spot in the State Tournament
- · Lady Mt. Lions fall in Semi-finals.
- Kadie Colebank and Ashton Lycliter make State All-Tournament.
- Bailey Falls is appointed Director of Tucker County Animal Shelter.
- · Parsons City Council approves Harman Memorial Fund Budget.

April

- Skate night is huge success for Thomas Community Center.
- Meeshell's Resale Shop opens in Par-
- Brent Matthew Gidley graduates from the 188th Basic Officer Class of the West Virginia State Police.

May

- Mt. Lions track compete in PVC Championship.
- Lady Mt. Lions Softball team wins sectional game.
- Brody Strawderman finished the Mountain East Conference in first place with a new conference record in the hammer throw of 55.46 meters.
- · Paul Wamsley named Tuckineer.
- TCHS AG Program purchases a Chicken processing trailer.
- Tucker County Track competes at State meet in Charleston.

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Wood addresses TC Commission about Estate Case

Bv: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

Patricia Wood presented her case before the Tucker County Commission during their last meeting. Wood along with her husband have a claim against the estate of Robert White. The claim listed was for \$2050 worth of items Wood claims that White borrowed but never returned before he untimely demise. Wood said, "I am here to right a wrong, get what is due me from the estate, and to put an end to the long running fraud that the executrix has been perpetrating against the county commission,



Patricia Wood petitioning the TC Commission to intervene with claim against the Robert White estate.

the claimants against the estate, and the citizens."

According to Wood the executrix assigned to the estate claimed no assets on the accessed form at the county office. But, according to Wood, there were 42 acres, a dwelling, livestock, farm equipment, and a building with tools that were not disclosed.

John Wallace was the judiciary assigned by the Tucker County Commission to assess the estate value and return with recommendations.

Attorney Pat Nichols said, "There was a claim. Mr. White died, and his ex-wife filed an appraisement. That appraisement was not objected to. There was a secondary claim filed by Mrs. Wood. The proof of the claim was then assigned to Mr. Wallace. Mr. Wallace heard the claim. He approved part of the claim.

Mrs. Wood believes at some point she has the ability to contest the value of the estate. The time to contest that passed a long time ago. Her proof of claim was not prior to the valuing of the estate. At this point in time when Mr. Wallace issued his recommendation, Mrs. Wood did not appeal that to this body (the commission), nor did she appeal that to the circuit court.

A life estate does not have any value. Upon your death that is it. The real estate was transferred in 2014 to his (White's) son. That is almost seven or eight years prior to his death. So that life estate has nothing.

The way claims are paid are called priority. The four claims against this estate were the hospital (Davis Memorial), the Tucker County Ambulance, Mrs. Wood, and another small claim. Code provides that priority is for the cost of the estate, and then you go on to pay the priority claims depending on whether they are funeral or what not. Mrs. Wood's claim would be a general priority claim shared with all the other claimants in this matter.

There are no assets. It was listed at \$500, I believe, for the estate. She (Wood) has incurred over \$500 in expenses to the estate. The first and final report was filed with the commission. That is what we are here today is to ask the commission to approve the first and final report of Robert White."

Commissioner Fred Davis said, "You (Wood) came here a couple of years ago, but this is new to us. I am not a lawyer. I am not a judge. Just briefly, what do you (Wood) want from us?"

Wood responded by saying, "What Mr. Wallace said I should have. Which is the cash amount of \$2050 and it represents payment to us for items Mr. White had in his possession on his property at the time of his death. That we know he would have returned had he lived."

Davis asked Wood if she had obtained any of this in writing to which she answered she did not. Davis said, "It would be kind of hard for me to go with hearsay from you or Mr. Nichols.'

Nichols added, "The West Virginia code basically says her claim would be against any asset that were in the estate. The assets of the estate as pertained on the appraisal have been exhausted. There are no other assets left to satisfy that claim. It is that simple."

Commissioner Lowell Moore motioned to approve the first and See WOOD page 6

Adkins Presents Commissioner Moore with Walking Stick



Brian and Ren Adkins present retiring TC Commissioner Lowell Moore with a specially made walking stick.

By: Jennifer Britt The Parsons Advocate

Ren Adkins and, his son, Brian Adkins presented retiring Tucker County Commissioner with a walking cane. Adkins said, "Commissioner (Lowell) Moore in honor of the services you have rendered since you are going into retirement. I know you were bro-

ken down with a knee replacement. I have had knee replacement, but we are not as young as we use to be, are we? I would like to present you with a walking stick. This is three pieces of wood. This is hickory, this is red cedar, and this is black walnut. They all came from our Pifer community and School House Road. There is

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We Get Letters

Editor,

In the upcoming 2023 legislative session, an effort will be made to give married persons the same legal protection in a sexual abuse situation that unmarried people already

While not a topic that is discussed often, it is shocking that being married gives a spouse less legal protection after being a victim of certain forced sexual contact to which they did not consent.

Our criminal laws distinguish between sexual assault and sexual abuse.

A spouse committing sexual assault against the other spouse can be prosecuted for that, but when a spouse commits sexual abuse against the other, it is not currently against West Virginia law.

So married individuals have legal protection against being sexually abused by a stranger or non-spouse. The opposite is true when the victim's spouse commits the same abusive acts without consent.

Let your legislators know how inappropriate and unacceptable this situation is. The ability to prosecute the perpetrator of such harmful acts should not be based on the marital status of the victim.

Deb Miller Reedsville, WV

An EMS Christmas

While everyone was probably still asleep in anticipation of Christmas morning, a call came through 911 reporting a vehicle fire at the Parsons fire station. The EMS crew at station 1, across from the fire station, went outside and extinguished the truck fire using two dry chemical extinguishers. Crew shift change happened at 8am after things were cleaned up. The remainder of Christmas morning was quiet for the one crew on duty. That was about to change. At 315 pm, the crew responded and transported a patient from Thomas to Garrett Medical Center. While responding to the call in progress, at 329 pm a second call came in for breathing difficulties for a patient in Hendricks. Mutual aid was called to handle this event. At 431 pm, another call reporting medical pain came in from near Riverview Church. As the duty crew was still out of county from a prior call, mutual aid was again called however **NO** crews were available to provide assistance. When the Tucker EMS crew returned to the county they responded to this outstanding call. While this was event was ongoing, still another call for general illness came in from Parsons at 621 pm. When Randolph County responded at our request, the patient had left the residence. At 738 pm, a repeat EMS call came in for the Parsons location. Once again mutual aid was called and Randolph County responded as our crew was still at the hospital. Upon returning from the hospital, the two Tucker County EMTs on duty split and paired up with two volunteer firefighter drivers certified as EMS drivers to handle the 750 pm a call from Hambleton. Then at 835 pm, another call was received from Location Road in St. George for a diabetic emergency. This call ultimately culminated in both ambulances and fire squad supporting a life flight transport for the patient on location Road to the heliport at St. George Medical Center at about 10pm Christmas night. Finally, at 1020 pm both EMS crews refueled their vehicles and returned to station for the remainder of their shift.

The volunteer drivers returned to their families for the end of their Christmas day. Fortunately, all these calls were ultimately handled with successful outcomes. Is there any doubt as to why we should consider funding two EMS crews, each hopefully comprised of a Paramedic and an EMT, 24 hours each and every day? Had a different set of medical conditions been presented, it is very likely that the outcomes would have been very different.

Editor,

"You don't miss your water 'til your well runs dry" As our community decides about the best route for Corridor H, I have decided the GoNorth route, or something

similar, is the best choice. Here's why.

I have always believed the Appalachian corridor system benefits West Virginia and the country, helping move goods in and out, and making transportation easier for all of us. The shortened trip to Dulles airport is a godsend to anyone here who travels or has family far away.

As soon as the road was finished to Davis it brought a new wave of tourism from the east. Both towns experienced an explosion of new businesses and commercial activity. Property values have risen and dead seasons have gotten shorter. We are seeing new construction for the first time in years. You can feel the new energy in the towns, and it can be wonderful.

But it has also brought more congestion, more pressure on public services and a greater awareness of how vulnerable we are without adequate police and emergency presence on the mountaintop. Our tiny communities can barely keep up, and for many locals the changes are not welcome.

Connecting the road will bring a similar wave of traffic from Ohio and points west. Ultimately that will mean more trucks barreling cross country, and more visitors. It will also mean more noise, more traffic, more crime and possibly more drugs.

Interstate highways are notorious conduits for drug distribution, as people along I-81 learned when hydrocodone flooded towns up and down the Shenandoah Valley. They were not prepared for it, and neither are we.

The planned route between the towns will place a sprawling interchange on the very edge of Davis. It will bring noise to Douglas and Coketon. It will bring light and sound like we hav e not experienced here in recent

Anyone who wakes early and looks up at the Milky Way and hears an owl or maybe a coyote will be affected. It will never be the same. We will miss our peace and quiet and safety whether we know it or not.

There is a reason why tourists come here now, and it's not just because of shops or restaurants. It's because our air is fresh, our skies are dark and we are surrounded by extraordinary natural beauty. We have something here that is very precious, and visitors know it even if we don't.

If the road must be built, if it is truly essential for the national economy, then put it where it will have the least impact on the people who live here now. If it takes years to figure it out, then so be it. We've got plenty of tourists right now, and we've got to take the time to get this right.

Susan Moore

Thomas, WV

News of Record

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

- Earl W. Smith, Jr. and Carrie T. Smith, Dry Fork, Lot No. 11, 5.773 acres more or less to Douglas Franklin Milam and Carol Proops Milam, \$65,000.
- Courtney M. Poling, St. George, Lot 1 or 5.76 acres more or less to Carl Richard Ford Jr. and Beverly Ford, \$60,000.

Editor,

Preserve our Slogans!

During the 70s, I sat on the porch of my Ritchie Co. grandparents' house in Ellenboro WV watching Corridor D being chiseled into the hillside overlooking US 50. The promise then was, 'economic development'. In a lifetime since, all I've noticed is Pete's Dairyette is gone, replaced with a Dairy Queen. The numerous locally owned glass factories, including MidAtlantic where my Papaw worked, have been shuttered for a corporate one whose profits flow out of state. The local diner has long since closed. You can, however, get a Big Mac without leaving town. Local unemployment in the years following completion of this four-lane highway was chronically in the double digits.

Fast forward to our current situation regarding Corridor H. Tucker Co. has already reaped the economic benefits of the road that brings countless visitors from the East Coast. Our current unemployment rate is 3 %, what many economists refer to as "baseline" -- meaning everyone who wants a job, has one. So then, we surely don't need more miles of a multi-gazillion dollar road to boost our economy.

In fact, one only needs to read the road sign welcoming an out of state traveler to our neck of the woods to know why they've come: "Welcome to WV, WILD and WONDERFUL!" [not, 'asphalt and fast food"] We're "ALMOST HEAVEN" [not, "almost there']!!! Blasting more highway through this pristine part of the state that makes us unique is unbelievably short sighted, as well as wasteful. Tucker Co relies on tourism, and we have it! Our visitors don't want to eat at Pizza Hut, Sirianni's is iconic! Tip Top is cool, Starbucks is not. The Thomas hardware store is locally owned. Another Lowes won't be. We have the Purple Fiddle, we don't need a Hard Rock café! And on and on....

If Governor Justice and the federal government want to spend our hard-earned tax dollars so badly, how about providing things we really need, like modern water treatment facilities, readily available lifesaving EMS service for ALL county residents, affordable housing, and real investment in our schools. And if the road builders need something to do too, I bet our local DOH boys could give us a 219 passing lane or two and straighten ole Wild Maggie, rather that out-of-town contractors taking their contract money and leaving us with a four lane that is not even open [Elkins to Kerens]. You really want those guys whose bridges are slipping to be drilling pylons into the acid mine pools common in our area? How long will our trout streams stay Wild and Wonderful??

Bret Rosenblum

Davis

Morrisey urges consumers to be wary of deceptive weight loss options

CHARLESTON West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is urging consumers to be cautious when evaluating ways to lose those extra pounds, perhaps as a New Year's resolution.

Quick-fix solutions are easily available but may not be the healthiest choice consumers or the best option for long-term results.

"Weight loss resolutions are frequently made at the start of a new year," Attorney General Morrisey said. "While this is a good goal, it is important for consumers to research their options and lose weight in a healthy, legitimate and financially smart way."

Consumers should avoid weight loss advertisements for miracle pills or creams, others that guarantee permanent weight loss without lifestyle changes and those that promise results without diet or exercise.

Some weight-loss products, many of which are imported and sold online, have been found to be tainted with ingredients that have serious side effects, such as heart prob-

lems and strokes. It is also important to know whether prescribed medication can be impacted by the ingredients in a weight-loss prod-

"Natural" dietary supplements have also been found to have hidden active ingredients contained in prescription drugs.

For instance, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration issued approximately 18 public notifications for tainted weight loss products from 2020-2022.

Consumers should also be wary of free trials and closely read terms and conditions for each offer. Some companies use free trials as an opportunity to sign up the consumer for additional products, which the consumer is billed for until cancellation

Attorney General Morrisey is also urging consumers to read and understand the fine print when considering gym memberships. Those looking to join a gym should visit the facility before doing so to see if it's a good fit. They should carefully read every document before signing to ensure they know what they're agreeing to and understand all the terms and conditions.

Additionally, businesses primarily involved in the sale of memberships, providing instruction or use of facilities in a program of physical exercise, are required to be registered

with the Attorney General's Office.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.

THANK YOU

The family of Linda Eye would like to express our appreciation for all the prayers, card, visits, phone calls, food and flowers during this difficult time.

We extend a special thanks to Riverview Chapel Church for the wonderful meal after the service and to Reverend James Snyder for the wonderful service and visits. Thank you to Lohr & Barb Funeral Home for your loving care and Stevens' Florist for the beautiful floral arrangements.

We also extend a special thanks to Cortland Acres Staff for their wonderful care of Linda for the past year.

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Senior News

We are taking reservations for next year's trips. The trips will be taken only if we have the minimum number of participants (usually 40). PLEASE, if you are interested in one of the trips, call 304-478-2423 as soon as possible so we know whether or not to continue with the planning. At this point we are not signing contracts until we know if the trip is going. We will set payment dates when we know if we have enough signed up.

The trips are to Lancaster in July to see Moses, to Berlin, Ohio for the Amish Land Cruise, in September, and to Savannah and Charleston in early December for Christmas. We have already reserved tickets for Sight & Sound Theatre for next July (around the 19^{th} or 20^{th}) to see "Moses." We do not have an itinerary or the pricing yet. We will let you know as soon as we decide. We are working on some shorter trips but they don't take as long to plan as the longer ones do. We need to know immediately if you are interested in this trip.

Next week's Menu: Mon: Liver & onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, and mixed fruit Tues.: Turkey pot pie, mixed vegetables, beets, and applesauce. Wed.: Pinto beans, spinach, corn bread, and peaches. Thurs.: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, carrots, and pears. Fri.: Cook's Choice.

Winter Safety Tips for Seniors:

Limit how much you use space heaters

Wear safe shoes.

Keep your kitchen stocked.

Keep an emergency kit: Flashlight & batteries, hand warmers, pre-paid cell phone, manual can opener, weather radio, first aid supplies, whistle, cash, and matches or lighter.

Be aware of the warmth in your home.

Eat a healthy wintertime diet.

Monitor your home's carbon monoxide levels.

Avoid the wintertime blues.

Prepare your car.

10, Set up regular check-ins with your loved ones.

Masonic Lodge #174 honors Parsons for 50 years of service

THOMAS – Fairfax Masonic Lodge #174 held their second monthly meeting on December 20, 2022, with a good turnout of Mason's in attendance.

Deputy Grandmaster, the Worshipful Master of the Philippi Lodge, George Montgomery, presented Masonic member, Paul Alton Parsons, with his 50-year membership pin. His brother PM Jared M. Parsons and Masonic

Brother Marvin "Bud" Parsons, both 50 plus year Mason's attended this great

Worshipful Master, Mike Adkins and several members of the Pythagoras Lodge 128 were in attendance. Fairfax Lodge #174 Worshipful Master, Ron K. Whitehair, Jr. and members served delicious refreshments after the lodge ceremony.



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BITUARIES

Betty Rae McDonald Wamsley

Betty Rae McDonald Wamsley, 92, a resident of Parsons, WV departed this life Sunday January 1, 2023 at Elkins Rehabilitation and Care Center at Elkins, WV and under the care of West Virginia Caring. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete.

The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Betty Rae McDonald Wamsley. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

William Ray "Bill" Davis

William Ray "Bill" Davis, 65, a resident of the Mackeyville community passed from this life Friday December 23rd, 2022, at his home under the care of Mountain Hospice after a 3-year battle with can-

Bill was born Sunday, January 27, 1957, the son of the late John J. and Clara M Roy

Bill was a graduate of Parsons High School and spent the majority of his working life as a truck driver, he very much enjoyed the adventure of the open road. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and family.

Surviving him in death is his best friend, partner, and love of his life, Paula Harsh, (who God knew that he needed so badly), son Justin Davis and Alycia Kline of Montrose, daughter Jacey Davis, and son Liam Davis of Parsons, two beautiful granddaughters Jolene and Lillian Davis of Montrose, brother John S. Davis and Rose of Hambleton, niece Ashley Davis of Boston, Ma., brother Scott Roy and Jena of Kerens, niece Anna, and sister Pamela Sue and Marlin Sexton of Parsons.

Preceding him in death besides his parents was a son, Jarrett Davis.

Bill was a Methodist by faith.

Bill's request to be cremated was honored and a memorial to be set at a later date. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for William Ray "Bill" Davis. Condolences may be made to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Carol Jean (Goss) Thomas

Jean Carol (Goss) Thomas, age 86 years, a resident of Parsons, WV departed this life Friday afternoon December 23, 2022.

She was born Saturday February 15, 1936 at Parsons, WV, the first child of the late Johnnie Goss and Christeen Repair Goss. She

was always proud to share that she was the birthday present for her daddy that year as his birthday was the same day. On June 25, 1983, at Elkins, WV she was married to Garry Dean Thomas, her true love, who preceded her in death earlier this year. Prior to moving back to Parsons in the 1970s she lived for many years in Berkley, Michigan where she raised three of her daughters and later met Garry.

Surviving are four daughters, who she shared a loving and unique relationship with each. Debi Hatfield of Hambleton, WV, Christi Flynn of Pahrump, NV, and Kellie Flynn Freeman and husband Allen of Lewis County, WV, and Amy Thomas of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister, Lynda Grav and husband Pat of Parsons, WV; one sister in law, Saundra Goss (Don) of Hambleton, WV; six grandchildren, Ryan Hatfield and wife Rebecca, Kylie Helmick and husband Buck, Kelly Mears and wife Caty, Cody Mears, Nick Amaro and wife Emilee, Dean Klus and wife Courtney; seven great grandchildren that brought her so much joy, Hudson Dean Hatfield and Henry Hatfield, Kennedy and Carter Helmick, Ollie and Landon Amaro, and her just born great grandson Camden Thomas Klus; her favorite cousin and best friend for life "Skeeter"; Jean Southworth, dear friend and Garry's sister in law, and many nieces and nephews that she loved very much.

Preceding her in death are her first husband, Christopher Flynn, father of Debi, Christi, and Kellie; two brothers John Goss "Sonny" and Donald Goss "Donnie"; one grandson, Shawn Hatfield and her BFF Donnell McCoy.

She was a 1954 graduate of Parsons High School. CJ loved sharing stories of her years working at the FBI in Washington, DC and living at the Young Women's Christian Home right after high school graduation and all the fun times with Skeeter.

She and Garry were co-owners of CJ's Pizzeria, until their retirement in 2020. She loved the many employees and customers that became like family over the years. She loved going "putzing" and finding home décor treasures which included P. Buckley Moss prints, Santas, antiques & quilts, and Willieraye figures. Earlier in their marriage, she and Garry enjoyed traveling, which included among her favorites - the beach, Niagara Falls, and cruises to the Bahamas and Alaska. They regularly enjoyed a cranberry orange muffin from Perkins and a cup of McDonald's cof-

CJ loved animals along with her husband and had rescued many over the years. Her latest little baby, poodle mix "Willie", has helped see her through the loss of Garry earlier this year.

In lieu of flowers, donations in CJ's name will be appreciated at the Tucker County Animal Shelter, 586 Brooklyn Heights, Parsons, WV 26287 or tcanimalshelter.org

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Friday, December 30, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Friday at 1 p.m. The Reverend James Snyder officiated and interment followed at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Carol Jean (Goss) Thomas.

Ian Nathaniel Raezer

Ian Nathaniel Raezer, 34, a resident of Terra Alta, passed from this life Sunday, December 18, 2022, at his home. Death was unexpected.

Ian was born on Saturday, January 23, 1988, in Carroll County, MD, a son of George Lorenze Raezer and Susan Carmella Rowan Wise.



Left to cherish Ian's memory are two children, Orion Alexander Raezer and Mina Gabrielle Raezer, two sisters, Whitney Lynn Harper and Trista Renee Harper, one brother, Aidan Raezer and wife, Karrah, two nephews, Michael Crews and Kenneth Crews, one niece, Evelyn Harper, many friends, and his girlfriend, Mindy Sigley.

Ian was a graduate of Tucker County High School with the class of 2008. He enjoyed writing poetry, listening to music, playing bass and guitar, video games, hiking, reading, photography, and operating drones.

Visitation will be held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Friday, December 30, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. the funeral hour. Rev. Matthew Murray will officiate, and interment will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery in Thomas. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Ian Nathaniel Raezer. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Ellen Anderson

Barbara Ellen Anderson, 89, of Thomas, WV, passed away on December 20, 2022. She was born in Antioch, British Columbia Canada, and is the daughter of the late Jack and Doris (Greenwood) MacConnachie.

Barbara obtained her undergraduate degree from



the University of Connecticut and her master's degree in Education from WVU. She taught 2nd grade and Kindergarten for the Tucker County Board of Education. Later, she was employed as a Lead Teacher for the Department of Education serving in the Department of Corrections institutions, including the Davis Center, Huttonsville, Pruntytown, and Salem Industrial Home for Youth where

She is survived by two sons, Jonathan and wife Melissa (McBee) of Fairmont and Matthew and partner Judit Haverty of Thomas; a grandson, Zakary Anderson of Fairmont; and a brother, John MacConnachie of Victoria, B.C.

Barbara enjoyed golfing and playing bridge with lifelong friends while living in Grafton. Some of these friends even showed up at 3am one morning dressed in fancy clothes to watch the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Princess Kate and toast the new bride and groom. She made many friends while traveling around the world and always made sure to go on one big trip each year. Her laughter was infectious, and she always looked forward to the next adventure - especially if it included a beach.

In recent years, she could be found walking her dog "Stitch" in the Thomas City Park; browsing in a gallery she supported the Arts wherever she lived and visited; or attending a book club meeting at Cortland Acres, which satisfied her love of books.

Barbara's wishes to be cremated will be honored. No services are scheduled at this time. The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Anderson family.

Elwood G. Carr

Elwood G. Carr, 89, of Red Creek, WV, passed away on December 22, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family. Born on August 24, 1933, in Sully, WV, he was the son of the late Miriam Carr Cooper.

Elwood was a graduate of Harman High School. He served his country in the United States Air Force.



He was a member of the Flanagan Hill United Methodist Church and most recently attended the Red Creek Bethel Church. He worked for Fairmont Foods as a milkman and later for the WV State Parks where he was as a jack of all trades. His favorite job was caring for his farm that he lived on. Elwood enjoyed hunting, fishing, and traveling, especially if that meant a beach trip. He loved watching his grandchildren play, quiet days with his wife on the back deck watching the birds, and taking side by side rides with

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Rosalie (Brasher) Carr, to whom he was married on April 1, 1957. Also surviving are five children, James T. Carr and wife Terry of Parkersburg, Ronald G. Carr of Hendricks, John Carr and wife Jannene of Martinsburg, Lisa Corbitt and husband Mike of Hendricks, and Scott Carr and wife Mariel of Aurora; nine grandchildren, Amber Postlethwait and husband Will, Cory Carr and wife Emily, Jordan Corbitt and partner Brittany Bennett, Mindy Heckler and husband David, Evan Carr and partner Melissa Appenzellar, Adam Carr and partner Elizabeth Traversie, Brendon Corbitt, Blake Corbitt and partner Zoie Howell, and Laurel Carr; ten great grandchildren, Harrison Roberts, Hannah Heckler, Kinzy Corbitt, Henry Carr, Madalynn Carr, Troy Heckler, Emery Postlethwait, Nova Lee Heckler, Eleanor May Carr, and Wren Postlethwait.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by one great grandchild, Layne Corbitt.

A private funeral service will be held and interment will follow in the Flanagan Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mountain Hospice, 1002 South Crim Avenue

Belington, WV 26250

The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Carr family at this time.

DEADLINE 8AM MONDAY

Championship.

• Tucker Valley boys' track finishes 2nd at

PVL Championship. · Davis-Thomas track teams run at PVL

June

- Congratulations 2022 TCHS graduates.
- · Kristen Hicks and Cheyenne Gooden sign letters of Intent.
- Mason Kisamore names 2022 PVC Baseball Division 2 Player of the Year.
- · Kristen Hicks named Senior Female Athlete of the Year, Harper Russell named Senior Male Athlete of the Year, Nevaeh Nichols named Senior Female Academic Athlete of the Year and Senior Male Academic Athlete of the Year was Wesley Strawdrman.
- · Landscaping materials now available at Tucker County Ground Cover.
- Leota Knotts Parsons celebrates 95th birthday.
- Tucker's Paige Shaffer named PVC Division 2 Player of the Year.

July

- · Senior Center seeks new Executive and Transportation Directors.
- No more EMS Ordinance fee for TC residents.
- · Brooklyn Heights Riverfront Camp-
- ground opens. · B.F. Long's celebrates 100 years of ser-
- Burrito Cantina opens in Parsons.
- · OEM Director Kevin White honored with StormReady recognition.
- Matthew Baker appointed General Man-
- ager at Canaan Valley Resort. · Ann Keane is the new owner/chef of Elender's in Thomas.
- · Parsons Water Treatment Plant wins Gold Award.

August

- Adam Ray Arbogast's picture was placed on the wall of The Beyond the Call of Duty End of Watch Ride to Remember.
- · Sam England resigns from CVB Board.
- · Clay Poling was names TCHS Good Citizen Scholarship Winner.
- Triple-C Farm and Schoolhouse Discovery Center opens.
- Karen Goff summits Mount Kilimanjaro at the age of 60.
- St. George Medical Clinic celebrates grand opening in Canaan Valley.
- Jesslyn McCaslin crowned Tucker County Fair Queen.
- Patriots 4 hosts Vets with Guitars.
- · Tucker County football team wins over Pocahontas.

September

- Steven's Florist celebrates 60 years of service to Tucker County.
- Ethan Carr earns the American FFA
- New downtown mural is unveiled.
- · City of Parsons promotes Arnold and Gidley.
- Mt. Lions cruise to win over Tygarts Valley, Tucker Valley gets win over Braxton County and Lady Mt. Lions Volleyball opens season with two wins.
- Local coal miners help an electric car that ran out of juice.
- Leaf Peepers Festival is in full swing.
- The Grant County Bank celebrates 120 years in the Community.
- PVFD Homecoming Carnival is up and

running.

- · Tucker County Cross Country runs at Broadford Lake.
- \$50,000 allocated for new PSD for Davis and Thomas.
- · Happy and Moore Bakery and General Store opens in Thomas.
- · TC English teacher Barbara Zimmerman recognized as Teacher of the Year.
- Tucker County Cross Country teams win Hawks Meet. Wildcat football wins over Robert L.
- · Volleyball program started at both middle schools.

October

- Parsons City Council donates \$1,000 to Hinkle House Food Pantry.
- Parsons among 21 communities to receive over \$9.2 million to remove abandoned and dilapidated structures.
- · Lady Mt. Lions' volleyball gets two wins at tri match.
- Mt. Lions Cross Country teams run at Lincoln match, girls placing 2nd as a team and boys placing 3rd overall.
- · Tucker stays undefeated with win over Moorefield.
- Cross country meet held at Camp Kidd with girls finishing 2nd and boys finishing 3rd in the event.
- · Pro Poly donates water tank to Kentucky
- flood relief. • Mt. Lions Cross Country team competes at PVC Meet.
- · Tucker County FFA students take part in Potomac Highlands Ag Innovation Showcase.
- Tucker County football moves to 8-0 with win over Gilmer.
- Wildcats end season with big 35-0 win over Elkins Middle.
- Tucker County hosts The Cross Country Class "A" Region 2 Championship.

November

- Attorney General Morrisey visits TCHS.
- Brody Strawderman named 2022 recipient of the Montrose Award.
- Tim Knotts wins Commission seat. · Joe Kosanic names Town of Davis
- Council member.
- Veteran's Day celebrated in TC.
- Dennis Filler updates weather station.
- · Tucker County football players earn All-PVC honors.
- · Annual Free thanksgiving Dinner is a
- · Rebecca Lynn Lipscomb is announced as Marshall for the 2022 Christmas Parade.

December

- · AdaMae's Country Kitchen opens for
- Lowell Moore retiring from County Commission.
- · B&J's Family Diner is opened for busi-
- · Warm the Children provides warm
- clothes for 147 kids in Tucker County. · Tucker girls and Tucker Valley girls and
- boys teams open season with wins. • Ira Miller has packed over 1,543 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- since turning 100 years old. • Fourth Annual Cindy's Giving Tree spreads cheer to over 200 local children
- · Attempted bank robbery in Davis. • Shriners Club holds Christmas dinner.

"It should because we are able to check the permeability. The monitoring system all got fired. We are going to have to do it manually. What I am hoping is, even if we have to send samples to Elkins every day, that we can come off the boil water soon. Cause right now all I can say is it is indefinite."

Freezing

When asked when the electronics may be fixed, Tomson said, "We cannot even get the people to come look at it until next week. Everybody is on holiday and are traveling. The main guy is overseas and sick in the hospital.

It has been a challenge. Some of the stuff we have run into and that we ordered in the past like pumps and actuators, there has been a six-to-nine-month lead time. We are going to be running manually I think for a long time.

So, that is all I can say as of right now. We have a lot of "I do not know". We filled an insurance claim yesterday and the insurance company has started talking to us. I expect it is going to be a quarter of a million dollars' worth of damage."

Tomson also reported that Blackwater Falls had to shut down because of the water. According to Doug Martin there was a busted water line under their pump station.

The City of Parsons experienced their own set of issues due to the freezing weather. According to City Administrator Agnes "Aggie" Arnold staff responded to 20 requests for service from Dec. 23 to Dec. 28. These services were for a combination of frozen water lines, busted water meters, and busted hot water heaters.

Arnold explained in an email and said, "On Christmas Eve, staff responded to the water treatment plant when they were notified that there was no power. Upon arrival, staff discovered the issue was the backup generator. They later found out that the part that needed replaced on the generator was discontinued. There was no power at the water treatment plant for approximately 26 hours. Staff stayed in constant contact with Mon Power until power was restored midafternoon on Christmas Day.

Staff is currently seeking quotes on new generators for the water treatment plant and raw water station. The manufacturer of these generators is out of business and parts are not available. The City has a generator at the maintenance facility that is being converted to serve as a backup until the new generators can be secured."

Hamrick PSD also had a main water line breakage, but, were able to transfer to a different tank and still provide water to the residents. According to Jason Lipscomb who works for Hamrick PSD there were an estimated 20 residents with frozen pipes in their homes.

10 Tips to Protect Your Home from **Freezing Temperatures:**

Disconnect your garden hose from you water spigot. Any water trapped inside the

spigot will freeze and expand breaking the plumbing fixture or line. It typically will split further back from the shut off valve and will leak when you turn your spigot back on in the spring.

"Drip" your faucets. In extreme cold, you will want to turn on your faucets (both hot and cold) enough to make a very small stream of water (not just a drip). As an extra precaution, you can open cabinet doors under the sinks to allow warm air to flow.

Close your crawl space vents when the

weather starts to cool off. This will stop any

cold air flow from entering into your crawl space where most of your plumbing lines are Evaluate your crawlspace for exposed plumbing lines near foundation vents. If a plumbing line is close enough to a vent it is wise to put insulation behind that vent to

prevent the cold temperature from reaching

the pipe.

Make sure your furnace is working properly. Your house temperatures will drop quickly if your furnace isn't working, increasing your risk of frozen pipes. Most heating companies are extremely busy in the winter and will not be able to respond immediately to a broken furnace. If your furnace is working correctly then you can feel safe leaving your home during the day.

Don't leave your garage door up. Many of us are used to keeping our garage door open, however, this is where your hot water heater, well pump, and other plumbing and heating appliances are located. An open door is an invitation for cold air to enter and freeze these more quickly.

Evaluate the outside of your home to check for cold weather weakness areas. Make sure gutters are clean and pointed away from the foundation. If you have the chance to walk around your home while snow is melting or it's raining, make sure the water is draining away from your home. Grading your landscaping away from the foundation will also help water drain correctly.

Insulate your home in drafty areas. Add insulation to your attic and crawlspace, but make sure that any plumbing lines are between the home and the insulation. Too often we see people who have put insulation between their home and the plumbing line which prevents the house's heat from keeping the plumbing lines from freezing. Use pipe wrap insulation for exposed pipes for additional coverage.

Evaluate your doors and windows for heat loss. Weather stripping for a door or an additional window insulator kit will prevent drafts into your home. These are easy to use, and available at your local hardware store. As a quick alternative, you can also use a rolled-up towel to prevent drafts.

Call an expert to receive a full evaluation so all of the components and functions of your home can be winter ready.



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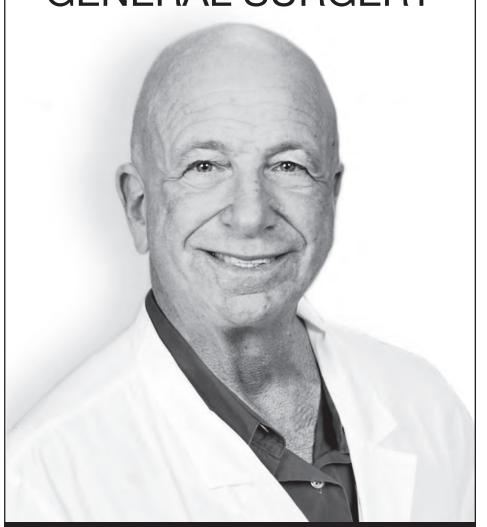
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Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School, a state institution established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Jan. 5, 1887: Governor Emanuel W. Wilson hosted a ball and banquet to formally open the new capitol in Charleston. The so-called Victorian capitol burned in 1921.

Jan. 6, 1828: Ward Hill Lamon was born in Jefferson County. Lamon was friend, law partner and unofficial bodyguard to President Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln sent Lamon Richmond on business, and the President was assassinated while his bodyguard was away.

Jan. 6, 1931: An underground gas explosion killed eight men at the Glen Rog-

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ers coal mine in Wyoming County.

Jan. 6, 1948: Bob Wise was born in Washington D.C. He served in Congress and was the state's 33rd governor.

Jan. 7, 1955: The Cedar Lakes Conference Center officially opened, though it was not named until 1957. The name was chosen for its two lakes and an abundance of native cedar trees.

Jan. 8, 1866: William Gustavus Conley was born near Kingwood in Preston County. Conley was West Virginia's 18th governor, serving from 1929 to 1933.

Jan. 8, 1919: The West Virginia legislature ratified the U.S. constitution's 18th Amendment by a Senate vote of 26-0 and a House vote of 81-3. West Virginia became the 21st state to ratify the prohibition amendment. National prohibition became effective under the Volstead Act on January 16, 1920.

Jan. 8, 1926: Comedian Soupy Sales was born Milton Supman. Raised in Huntington and graduating from Marshall College

What's ? Happening

Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge leads

walks on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and Fridays at 2

p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 4, join us to learn about

the natural history of Canaan Valley, meeting at

Beall parking lot off Cortland Rd at 11 a.m. On Sun-

day Jan. 8, learn about animal adaptations at White

Grass Ski Touring Center at 10 a.m., meeting at the

lodge. Keep an eye out for our weekly updates here,

or follow us on our website or the Canaan Valley

National Wildlife Refuge Facebook page. Website:

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/canaan-valley

(now Marshall University), he achieved fame as a wacky television personal-

Jan. 9, 1911: Louise McNeill was born on the family farm in Pocahontas County. She was appointed poet laureate by Governor Jav Rockefeller in 1979. holding that title until her death in 1993.

Jan. 9, 2014: Hazardous chemicals were discovered leaking into the Elk River, contaminating the water supply for a nine-county region.

Jan. 10, 1925: Judge Elizabeth Virginia Hallanan was born in Charleston. She was West Virginia's first female federal court judge.

Jan. 10, 1928: Gov. Howard Gore appointed Minnie Buckingham Harper of McDowell County to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper. She was the first Black woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the United States.

Jan. 10, 1940: The Pond Creek No. 1 mine at Bartley in McDowell County exploded. The blast killed 91 miners, with another 47 escaping. Rescue teams worked five days to retrieve the bodies, but found no additional miners alive.

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The deep freeze from Christmas has passed most of us by, but I understand parts of the country are still digging out from record breaking snow fall. We only got about 3 or 4 inches and that is enough for me. The cold was way too much for me and I basically hibernated throughout the Christmas weekend.

My brother visited for the weekend and we had a great meal and time together was priceless. That means more to me than anything at this stage of my life. My only regret was it was so cold that we couldn't get out and do anything. I was going to take the whole family out for dinner on the Friday before Christmas and I had to cancel because the roads were so bad.

I did not think any dinner was worth someone getting hurt in a wreck. We can reschedule and do it some other time. We are big enough to realize that a Momma helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my By Teri Cayton

gift is a gift no matter what time of year you receive it. Momma Said, "A late Christmas is better than no Christmas at

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe New Year's celebration. I stayed a t home and was in bed before the clock chimed 12. I usually sleep through all the madness and awake in the morning another year older. Momma Said, "What doesn't kill you makes you stron-

Caramel Apple Crisp with Cinnamon Ice Cream (No Machine)

Ingredients

Apple Crisp

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1/4 cup old-fashioned rolled oats

3 tablespoons chopped almonds (or pecans, walnuts etc.)

1/4 cup chilled butter, cut into small

2 tablespoons cornmeal (fine) 1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

2 teaspoons cornstarch

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 pound fresh Granny smith apples (or

whatever apples you use for cooking) Instructions

Combine flour, brown sugar, oats, almonds, cornmeal, salt and cinnamon in the bowl of a food processor. Add butter and pulse 5 times or until the mixture resembles coarse meal around 10 seconds.

Place it in the fridge until you need it. (It can be made ahead of time and kept in the fridge)

Peel and chop your apples into small pieces. Small pieces cook down much

Toss the chopped apples in the cornstarch, brown sugar and vanilla extract.

In an 8 inch baking dish (or small individual dishes) Add in your apples mix

Pile high because the apples cook down. Generously sprinkle over the crisp

topping. More is better \square Bake at 375oF (190oC) for 30/35

minutes or until bubbly and topping is golden brown.

Ingredients

SALTED CARAMEL SAUCE

1 cup granulated sugar

Enough water to cover the sugar 6 Tablespoons (90g) unsalted butter,

cut up into 6 pieces* 1/2 cup heavy cream

1/2 teaspoon salt

Instructions

Heat granulated sugar in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly with a rubber spatula.

Sugar will form clumps and eventually melt into a thick brown, ambercolored liquid as you continue to stir. Be careful not to burn.

Once sugar is completely melted, immediately add the butter. Be careful in this step because the caramel will bubble rapidly when the butter is added.

Stir the butter into the caramel until it is completely melted, about 2-3 minutes.

Very slowly, drizzle in 1/2 cup of heavy cream. Since the heavy cream is colder than the caramel, the mixture will rapidly bubble and/or splatter when

Allow the mixture to boil for 1 minute. It will rise in the pan as it boils.

Remove from heat and stir in 1 teaspoon of salt. Allow to cool down before using.

Ingredients Ice Cream

INGREDIENTS

14 ounces (1 can/ 400ml) sweetened condensed milk (fat-free or regular) cold 2 cups (16oz/450 ml) whipping cream, cold

Instructions

Place sweetened condensed milk in the fridge to keep cold

Beat cold heavy cream on medium in a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment (or using a hand mixer) until stiff peaks form.

Turn down the speed a little and pour the condensed milk into the whipped cream. (Stir in vanilla extract now if desired).

Now you have your ice cream base you can add in your desired flavors and fixing. GO NUTS! Experiment and enjoy creating something that is all you.

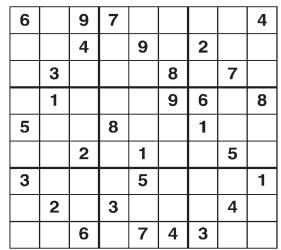
Place in a large re-sealable container and freeze at least 6 hours or overnight before eating.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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Weather Totals

Dec. 20- Dec. 27

Nursery Bottom Parsons

Temperature

41° F Max -5° F Min

Precipitation 0.67" Week

2.47" December 2022 53.44"

Snowfall

New Snow 1.5" Snow on ground 1" Winter Total 3"

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TC Commissioners Moore and Davis along with others stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

also deer horn in it. Your boy gave me one that was not quite big enough, this one is a little better. It has a few jewels in it. There is your flag of the United States. I think you used a .270 (rifle). That's marble. It has the West Virginia emblem in it. And the deer horn is off of Pifer Mountain too. In honor of your services sir."

With a huge smile Moore said, "Thank you so much!"

Audience guest member Lois Arbogast spoke to the county commissioners expressing her wishes that the EMS ordinance fee had been followed through with even though she was against it in the beginning. Arbogast explained how she now knows what good the fee did for the ambulance employees by providing insurance for them in the past two years. Arbogast said, "No one in this courthouse, nor anyone in any business entity would keep the job they have or taken the job they have or had if there were not some benefits such as retirement or insurance. I do not have it in me to become an EMT or paramedic, but I commend those who do."

Arbogast continued by convey the need for EMS support to the commissioners and for them to do what is needed for the residents, and visitors of Tucker County.

Employee reports started with OEM Director Kevin White. White reported that Storm Ready signs were ordered for Davis and Thomas. Emergency signs on routes 219 and 32 are all working properly. White said that excessive COVID supplies such as masks will be handed out to places like the health department and Cortland Acres to help save them money.

Law enforcement crisis school-based incident training was conducted with eight personnel. Among those who attended the eight-hour training and received certificates were school board, law enforcement, and fire department members. White said, "The purpose of the training to prepare incase something happens that is school based whether it is simple as a power outage. Who is going to evacuate the kids? We will have some training in place that everybody knows what to do in those situations."

White ended his report by saying, "I want to thank you (Moore) for everything you do for the county commission, for the residents, and emergency services. Thirteen years ago, we were opponents, but we were friends and we have remained

Commissioner Lowell Moore motioned

Wood's final words were, "I am going to

to approve the first and final report for the

estate of Robert White. Davis seconded the

tell you right here and right now that he

(Nichols) is incorrect that the only way to

challenge that report is by filing an action

in Circuit Court. But, I can file an action

SCHOOL'S

PARTNERSHIP

All submissions will be featured in a

motion. The motion carried.

Wood

friends. I can not say how good of a friend that Lowell Moore has become to me, and I really appreciate that. I know you will still be around to call upon when we need you and absolutely I will be in the same position, but again I say this and I mean it, the county could not have picked a better person on that day 13 years ago."

Moore said, "On that day we were friends, but we are better friends now."

Interim Director for 911 Mike Simmons reported there were 841 calls placed to the 911 call center for the month of November. Of those calls 90 were for EMS, 47 were for law enforcement, 18 were for fire department Company 10, 10 were for fire department Company 20, 10 were for fire department Company 30, and 10 were for fire department Company 40.

Simmons provided an update on the current projects at the call center. The virtual server installation was complete on November 27, 2022, and everything is running correctly. The beginning stages of the new CAD are complete. The mapping stage kicked off on December 6, 2022, and all local and state parties involved have the necessary data for Motorola to complete the new CAD as requested.

Simmons thanked Commissioner Moore by saying, "Thank you for everything you have done for not only myself, but the call center and the county."

Commissioners Fred Davis and Moore approved the re-appointment of April Miller to the Development Authority Board and accepted the resignations of Karen Bonner from the Canaan Valley Zoning Board as well as William Shahan from the Tucker County Planning Com-

The commissioners also approved ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding for the Town of Davis in the amount of \$63,854. The money will be used to replace the electric activators and backwash valves, repair the roof at the water plant, and replace poly post roll leaders.

Ambulance Authority Board President, Dennis Filler, said, "In light of recent events, Tucker County Ambulance Authority and Tucker County EMS are providing basic EMS services to the county with at least one crew and sometimes a second crew. We are performing all actions necessary to continue to operate as a state approved EMS service provider for the citizens and visitors of Tucker County.

in Circuit Court if I challenge the decision

of the commission. And, I have no doubt

a judge over in the Circuit Court will be

able to read and comprehend the statue.

The statue is not a suggestion. It is not a

Moore said, "You have that right

wouldn't it be nice if. It is the law."

ma'am."

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We are base lining the operations of the organization within the organization itself. That includes inspection, deep dives into our medical equipment, ambulance equipment, our business processes, our supplies, personnel training, and our recruitment efforts.

We would like to reaffirm that our commitment to community partnerships that have benefited the Tucker County EMS both in the past and we are seeking to establish new collaborative relationships with the public and public leaders to move our Tucker County EMS forward into a brighter future.

We are firmly working with our role in concert with other county emergency services such as OEM, our fire stations, and our state and county law enforcement so that Tucker County EMS is part of an integrated team and that we are here together to serve the emergency services for the

We are working towards increasing our staffing, but again within our fiscally sustainable levels. And we are working towards building our flexibility in the organization to deliver the greatest possible value to Tucker County.

And lastly, we will be working to perform community outreach. That is build better community understanding and hopefully appreciation of what we do and how Tucker County EMS serves the com-

I would like to take this time to announce that Amanda Simmons has been selected and in the job now for 10 days, as the Interim EMS Director. We will be pursuing in the new calendar year the big process where we will announce for a per-

manent director. We are making sure the community knows we have the situation under control and are providing EMS services."

Davis said, "I am looking forward to moving forward on that. I do not think we need to look back, but open the door, walk in, and say here we go, let us move on with everything. I am not saying anything bad about the old or the new I just think we should open the door, keep our minds open, and do a good job."

Tucker County Sheriff J. E. Kopec reported that residents of Tucker County can now go online to pay their taxes or by phone with a card. Any unpaid taxes will now have to be redeemed through the state. Kopec will also be hosting a concealed weapon carry class on February 4, 2023, at 10 a.m. The cost of the class is \$55. Anyone interested should call the Sherriff's Office to be added to the list of participants so the office can remind anyone that is interested.

Kopec said to Moore, "Thank you commissioner for working very well with our office. Thank you for your service. Politics, especially in small towns, can be trying. Thank you for taking that on for 12 years, and as a citizen I thank you for that."

The commissioners approved other items on the agenda that included a parttime dispatcher for the 911 call center, a new culvert for behind the call center in the amount of \$3,000, and a new procurement policy procedure for the new Blackwater PSD.

Davis ended the meeting by saying, "I am going down to the college in Moorefield to help set up different classes to better our workforce. The classes will be for all ages and in different fields of study such as CDL and EMT training.

I appreciate working with Lowell the last four years. He took me under his wing, showed me around, showed me what I am supposed to do, and how to dress." While laughing Davis explained the first meeting he attended his tie was too short and Moore pointed out that he needed longer ones. Davis continued by saying, "I appreciate you and everything you have done. I know that if we need anything we will take care of each other. You take your job to heart like I do, and I really appreciate you very much."

Moore made his last comment as commissioner by saying, "I appreciate everybody in this courthouse and in the public. This job is very public and you please some and some you do not. I want to thank everybody; it has been a pleasure to serve everyone of Tucker County and I wish everybody well."

Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need



fees. EVERY CENT received is used to buy winter clothing!

How can I help? Simply complete the coupon below and send it with your donation to the address on the coupon. Thanks for your generosity. *All donations are* tax deductible.

In Tucker County, local children will go cold this winter without your help.

Just what is The Parsons Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN FUND?

The Parsons Advocate's WARM THE **CHILDREN FUND** is neighbors helping neighbors in Tucker County. The Parsons Advocate is asking readers to donate to the fund and the proceeds will be used to buy new warm winter clothing for local children. There are no administrative fees. All the money donated is used to buy new clothing.

How will the children's clothing be purchased?

The Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN coordinator has made arrangements with a local store and assigns volunteer shoppers to take the children and their parents shopping. Shoppers will be people like you, anyone in the community willing to help by donating a little of their time to this worthwhile cause.

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Gas prices are lower again this week as

the national average is four cents cheaper

at \$3.10. This is 45 cents less than a month

Based on recent data from the Energy

Information Administration (EIA), gaso-

line demand has increased slightly. Higher

demand, coupled with fluctuating oil

prices, could cause pump price decreases

to become smaller as the year ends. How-

ever, the overall general trend for gas

prices is expected to continue downward

as the country settles into the winter driv-

nationwide, statewide, and countywide

Motorists can find current gas prices

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ago and 18 cents less than a year ago.

Trend Analysis:

at gasprices.aaa.com.

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Tucker Community Foundation awards a record amount in grants to nonprofits

A total of 61 nonprofit organizations were recently awarded over \$140,000 from the Tucker Community Foundation through its annual Grant Program, both of which were new records for the Foundation.

The awards were made possible by proceeds from the more than 140 different endowment funds. The grants support arts and culture, education, emergency assistance, community, economic development, senior services, recreation and youth. "It is so exciting to review the grant applications that come in from all the different organizations throughout the region," said Michael Moore, Chief Financial Officer, for the Tucker Community Foundation. "We create opportunities for the everyday donor to give 'bigger' as a group than what they could achieve and fund on their own. This is what our community foundation is all about."

Tucker Community Foundations' Grant Program is open to any 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit or public agency in one of the eight counties served by the foundation, Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties, W.Va. and Garrett County, Md. The grants can support specific projects or general operations for programs that make a positive impact in their communities. The next grant cycle will begin October 1, 2023.

Tucker Community Foundation manages over 140 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to nonprofits and charitable causes in Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph, and Tucker counties in W.Va. and in Garrett County, Md. To learn more about establishing an endowment or supporting an existing one call 304-478-2930 or visit www. tuckerfoundation.net

Gas Price Average Falls Below \$3 in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is 12 cents lower this week at \$2.988 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

Average price during the week of December 19, 2022 \$3.103

This week's average prices: Northern

WV Average

Average price during the week of December 27, 2021

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

\$3.067 **Bridgeport** \$3.094 Clarksburg \$2.800 Huntington \$3.072 Martinsburg \$2.914 Weirton

\$3.229 Morgantown \$2.800 **Parkersburg**

Wheeling

\$2.927

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **Division of Highways** NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until February 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s): Description State Project Call Contract Federal Project PAVEMENT MARKINGS 002 2021000701 S388-STR/IP-23 00 STP-2023(107)D

ROADWAY STRIPING DISTRICT WIDE **COUNTY: PENDLETON, TUCKER** POCAHONTAS, RANDOLPH,

DBE GOAL: 8% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS: Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on

Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater. The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay

or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it

will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Tariff Form No. 8 (Tariff Rule 10.1 .a et seq.) PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. ("Hope Gas" or the "Company"), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, revised tariff sheets containing new terms and conditions for furnishing gas service to approximately 112,000 customers within its service territories in Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia. Hope Gas is proposing to make changes to its tariff to accommodate unconventional gas producers who

desire to interconnect with Hope Gas's distribution and gathering pipelines. Hope Gas will need to blend gas from the unconventional gas producers to meet tariff specifications prior to delivery of the gas to customers. Unconventional gas is becoming more prevalent as a source of supply, and the Company needs to modify its tariff to accommodate additional sources of supply. Hope Gas will recover all costs to interconnect from the unconventional producers and charge them for gas blending and operation of the interconnect. The Company provides resale service to the following customers: Standard Gas Company, Consumers

Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Lumberport), Mountaineer Gas Company, Southern Public Service Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville), and Peoples Gas WV LLC.

The Company's proposed changes to its tariff will not impact its current rates and charges for natural

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to January 12, 2023 unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and addressed to The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed on line through the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well a representative of the Company to provide information requested concerning it, is available to customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the Company: Jo Carol Farmer, SVP, Rates and Regulatory Relations, 48 Columbia Boulevard, Clarksburg, WV 26330.

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



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(2021-S-000000315-Tucker County-PURNELL ENTERPRISES)

To: TUSCAN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION C/O AMY BARB, BROKER, KEITH M. STID-HAM, CO-TRUSTEE OF THE STIDHAM FAMILY 2019 REVOCABLE TRUST, D'DREE G. STID-HAM, CO-TRUSTEE OF THE STIDHAM FAMILY 2019 REVOCABLE TRUST, KEITH M. STIDHAM, CO-TRUSTEE OF THE STIDHAM FAMILY 2019 REVOCABLE TRUST, D'DREE G, STIDHAM, CO-TRUSTEE OF THE STIDHAM FAMILY 2019 REVOCABLE TRUST, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property. DISTRICT DAVIS CORP MAP 6 PARCEL 0032 0000

You will take notice that PURNELL ENTERPRISES, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000015, LOT #112 PHASE 1 .59 AC TUSCAN RIDGE, located in DAVIS CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of STIDMAN FAMILY 2019 REVOCABLE TRUST, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Tucker County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 10th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2023, will be 246.66

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023. Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest

to March 31, 2023 Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for 855.04 preparation of the list and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following

the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023. Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to 537.85

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must 1,779.82 be made payable to The Honorable Jacob Kopec, Sheriff and Treasurer of

Cost of Certification of Redemption - ashier check, money order or certified check or 35.00 must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor. You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total

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

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Michael Galloway, MD

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Mt. Lions Basketball Teams Play Four Games in Busy Week



Ethan Rosenau of the Mt. Lions gets a rebound against Pendleton County on Dec. 26th. Tucker County won the game 53-45. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON - The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team hosted Pendleton County on Monday December 26th for their first home game of the season. The Mt. Lions pulled away in the third quarter and they held off Pendleton County in the fourth to capture the win over the Wildcats 53-45.

The first quarter went back and forth as Tucker County pulled away slightly to lead 18-12 after one quarter of play. Pendleton County then fought back in the second as they outscored the Mt. Lions 18-13 in the second to make the halftime score 31-30 Tucker County.

The third belonged to the Mt. Lions as they held Pendleton County to 4 points in the third and scored 13 points to give Tucker County a 44-34 lead at the end of the third quarter. The visiting Wildcats tried to mount a comeback in the fourth, but the Mt. Lions held off the challenge to give Tucker County the win by the final score of 53-45.

Trevan Bonner led Tucker County with 14 points and Maddox Anderson followed close behind with 13 points for the Mt. Lions in the win. The Mt. Lions JV team won the first game 47-35.

HAMBLETON - The Mt. Lions hosted East Hardy on Wednesday December 28th. Tucker County had a big second quarter to get the home win over East Hardy 60-41.

The first quarter was low scoring as the Mt. Lions would lead 6-3 after one quarter. Tucker County would get the offense going in the second quarter as the Mt. Lions outscored the visiting Cougars 20-10 to build a 36-13 halftime lead.

In the third Tucker County would build on their lead as they outpaced the Cougars 21-14 to put the score to 47-27 after three quarters. East Hardy would edge the Mt. Lions 14-13 in the fourth, but Tucker County captured the win by the final score of 60-41.

Tucker County was led in scoring by Trevan Bonner with 14 points. Ashton Lycliter and Garrett Wilfong added 9 points, 7 rebounds each for the Mt. Lions in the win. The Tucker County JV team fell to East Hardy in overtime 58-53.

NAUGATUCK - The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team traveled to Tug Valley on December 29th to play Wesley Christian in the Kaydence Maynard Memorial Christmas Classic. The Mt. Lions pulled away in the second half to capture the win over Wesley Christian by the final score of 63-56.

The first quarter was back and forth as the Mt. Lions led 13-11 after one quarter of play. Wesley Christian fought back in the second quarter to outscore Tucker County 16-14

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Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball Update

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

THOMAS – The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams hosted Belington on Wednesday December 28th. In the first contest the Lady Bears fell by the score of 55-7. Izzy Kitzmiller led Davis-Thomas with 3 points.

In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas also fell to Bel-

The Davis-Thomas Basketball teams will return to action on Saturday January 7th at TCHS. The first game will start at 5:45pm. For more info go to Tucker-CountySports.Com.

Tucker Valley Girls' And Boys' Play at **East Preston**

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

TERRA ALTA - The Tucker Valley Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams traveled to East Preston on Friday December 30th. In the first game of the night the Tucker Valley Lady Wildcats fell by the score of 30-14. Peyton Hicks led Tucker Valley with 5 points and Emma Wilfong added 4 points in the loss.

In the second game the Tucker Valley Boys' got the win by the final score of 44-36. Luke Barb led the Wildcats with 11 points and Ethan Cummings added 10 points in the Tucker Valley win.

The Tucker Valley Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams travel to Kasson on Thursday January 6th and then both teams will play Davis-Thomas at TCHS on Saturday January 7th with the first game starting at 5:45pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Thursday January 5th

- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball @ Kasson 5pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball @ Kasson 6pm

Friday January 6th • Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ Gilmer County

- 5:45pm • Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ Moorefield 6pm
- Saturday January 7th

• Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball vs Davis-Thomas @

- TCHS 5:45pm • Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball vs Davis-Thomas @
- TCHS 7:15pm · Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs Tucker
- Valley @ TCHS 5:45pm

Tuesday January 10th

- · Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Mountain Ridge, MD @ Home 5:45pm
- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball @ Philippi 6pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball vs Philippi @ Home

Tucker County Girls' Capture Holiday Classic Championship



Tucker County Girls' Basketball team after they won the Mt. Storm Power Station Holiday Classic on Dec 29th. The Lady Mt. Lions defeated James Monroe 55-46. Photo by Becky Moore.

By Chris George TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions hosted the Mt. Storm Power Station Holiday Classic on December 28th and December 29th at TCHS. In the first game on Wednesday December 28th the Tucker County Girls' Basketball team played Union. The Lady Mt. Lions got the win over the Lady Tigers by the final score of 65-28.

The first quarter belonged to Tucker County as they raced out to a 25-4 lead after one quarter. The Lady Mt. Lions won the second quarter 13-8 to push the Tucker County lead to 38-12 at the halftime break.

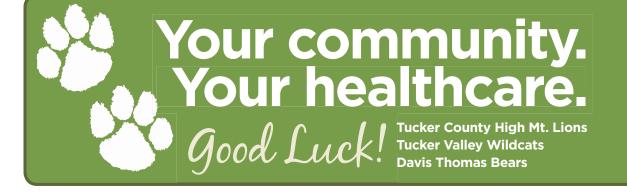
Tucker County would outscore Union in the third quarter 15-10 to put the score to 53-22. The fourth quarter was also won by the Lady Mt. Lions 12-6 to give Tucker County the win by the score of 65-28.

The Lady Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Macy Helmick who connected on 5 three point baskets to score 21 points and 5 assists. Kadie Colebank added 10 points for Tucker County and Addie Hicks added 9 points. Ericka Zirk and Avery Colebank collected 8 rebounds each for the Lady Mt. Lions. In the first game of the Mt. Storm Power Station Holiday Classic James Monroe defeated Frankfort at the buzzer 35-34.

HAMBLETON - In the Championship game of The Mt. Storm Power Station Holiday Classic, the Tucker County Girls' Basketball team faced off against James Monroe on Thursday December 29th. The Lady Mt. Lions pulled away in the fourth quarter to defeat the Lady Mavericks by the score of 55-46.

Tucker County led after the first quarter by the score of 13-8. The second quarter was back and forth as the Lady Mt. Lions edged James Monroe

See GIRLS page 10





Parsons Advocate

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Newly revised salary schedule based on experience and certifications, weekend differential of \$2.00 more per hour; 32 hours of paid holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas), \$2.00 more per hour on other minor holidays worked (July 4th and New Year's Day); sub bonuses of \$300.00 per quarter, paid training, and free CPR. Pre-employment Drug Screening and CIB required. Call today, 304-472-0395, for an application, stop by at our Buckhannon Office, 8 North Spring Street, or apply online at www.centralwvaging.org.

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OFFICE SUPPORT SPECIALIST

The City of Parsons is seeking applicants for a parttime/as needed Office Support Specialist.

Applicants must be 18 years of age; have a high school diploma or equivalent; possess a valid West Virginia driver's license; previous experience in a secretarial role preferred; operate a computer, word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and web services software, and other standard office equipment; manage multiple and rapidly changing priorities to meet the needs and expectations of management; type accurately at a net speed of 60 wpm; organize, set priorities, take initiative, and exercise sound independent judgment within areas of responsibility; interpret, apply, explain, and reach sound decisions in accordance with regulations, policies, and procedures; organize and maintain office files; compose correspondence, prepare documents and make arrangements from brief instructions; communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing; prepare clear, accurate, and concise records and reports; maintain highly sensitive and confidential information; use a high degree of tact, diplomacy and discretion in dealing with sensitive and confidential situations and concerned individuals; establish and maintain highly effective working relationships with management, coworkers, customers, general public, and others encountered in the normal course of work; and additional tasks that may be assigned by management.

This position will be performed in an office environment with requirements of sitting, walking, and standing for extended periods of time; talk or hear, both in person and by telephone; use hands repetitively to operate standard office equipment; reach with hands and arms; and lift up to 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision and the ability to adjust focus. While performing the duties of this job, an employee is regularly required to use written and oral communication skills; read and interpret data, information, and documents; analyze and solve non-routine and difficult office administrative problems; observe and interpret people and situations; learn and apply new information or skills; perform highly detailed work on multiple, concurrent tasks; work under intensive deadlines with frequent interruptions; and interact with numerous types of individuals that are encountered in the normal course of work.

Compensation will be based on the applicant's qualifications and experience. The only benefit offered for this position is free membership to the Wellness 24 Fitness Center.

Applications can be picked up and 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. Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, January 13, 2023.

The City of Parsons does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy or gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor

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HELP WANTED CITY TREASURER

The City of Parsons is seeking a City Treasurer. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in finance, accounting or related field; OR an equivalent combination of education and work experience; OR substantial work experience in accounting. A valid West Virginia Driver's License is required. Before making a job offer the candidate must consent to a criminal background check as well as a drug and an alcohol test.

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.

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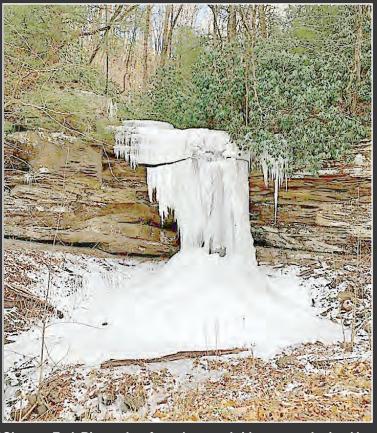
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This Week's Submitted Photos







This week's photo, of Cheat River at St. George, was submitted by Sheila Parsons Clark; the picture of Shavers Fork River, taken from the town bridge, was submitted by Teri Cayton; the photo of Porter's Falls, at Hambleton, was taken by Lana Oaster. Email photos, where it was taken and who took it to mikie@parsonsadvocate.com

Boys

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11-9 in the quarter to give Tucker

Girls



against Pendleton County on Dec. 26th. The Mt. Lions won the contest 53-45. Photo by Brittany Channell.

to tie the game at the half the second to cut the halfat 27-27.

The third quarter would be controlled by Tucker County as they outshot Wesley Christian 20-7 to give the Mt. Lions a 47-34 lead at the end of the third. Wesley Christian would make a run in the fourth as they edged Tucker County 22-16 in the fourth, but the Mt. Lions held on to the victory by the final score of 63-56.

Maddox Anderson led Tucker County with 21 points and Trevan Bonner added 15 points for the Mt. Lions in the win.

The Mt. Lions JV team defeated Mingo Central by the score of 59-54.

NAUGATUCK - The Mt. Lions Basketball team played game 2 at Tug Valley on December 30th against Martin County, KY. Tucker County was outscored in the fourth to allow Martin County to pull away for the 72-53 victory over the Mt. Lions.

Martin County got off to a good start in the first quarter as the led Tucker County 18-10 after one quarter. The Mt. Lions fought back in the second quarter as they outpaced Martin County 16-10 in

Tucker County's Levi Bennett looks to pass the ball

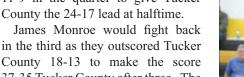
time score to 28-26 Martin

County. Martin County would then build slightly on their lead in the third quarter as they edged Tucker County 17-12 to put the score to 45-38 Martin County after three. The fourth quarter would belong to Martin County as they pulled away from the Mt. Lions to get the win over Tucker County 72-53.

Trevan Bonner led Tucker County with 21 points and Ashton Lycliter added 10 points in the loss for the Mt. Lions.

The Tucker County JV team defeated Tolsia 64-22.

Tucker County(3-2) will return to action on Friday January 6th at Moorefield. The JV game will start at 6pm with varsity action to follow. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



County 18-13 to make the score 37-35 Tucker County after three. The Lady Mt. Lions would pull away in the fourth quarter as they outpaced the Lady Mavericks 18-11 in the final quarter to get the win over James Monroe 55-46.

Tucker County was led by Kadie Colebank with 27 points, 12 rebounds and Ericka Zirk added 10 points, 12 rebounds in the win for the Lady Mt. Lions. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team picked up a win over Union earlier in the evening 69-13.

In the Consolation Game of the Tournament Frankfort defeated Union 60-20. The following players were named to the Mt. Storm Power Station Holiday Clas-Victoria Seabolt(Union), sic: Lease(Frankfort), Adyson Arin Hines(James Monroe), Maggie



Mt. Storm Power Station Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team(L-R): Maggie Boroski(James Monroe), Adyson Hines(James Monroe), Macy Helmick(Tucker County), Kadie Colebank(Tucker County), Not pictured, Victoria Seabolt(Union), Arin Lease(Frankfort). Tucker County defeated James Monroe 55-46 in the Championship game on Dec. 29th. Photo by Becky Moore.

Boroski(James Monroe). Macv Helmick(Tucker County), Kadie Colebank(Tucker County).

Tucker County(6-0) will return to action on Friday January 6th at

Gilmer County. The JV game will start at 5:45pm with the varsity contest following the JV contest. For more info go to TuckerCountySports. Com.

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