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Rosenau Chosen as TC Commission President



The TC Commission's first meeting of 2023. In attendance was Administrator Shelia DeVilder, Commissioners Tim Knotts, Fred Davis, Mike Rosenau, and County Clerk Sherry Simmons.

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

For the sixteenth time, Tucker County Clerk, Sherry Simmons called to order the first meeting in 2023 of the Tucker County Commission. The first order of business was to elect the President of the Commissioners for the year of 2023, and Mike Rosenau won that vote. Rosenau was nominated by newly elected Com-

missioner Tim Knotts and was seconded by returning Commissioner Fred Davis. Rosenau thanked his fellow commissioners and said, "I will do my best to represent the county as best as I can. I think we are going to have a good team this year."

Afterwards Simmons turned the floor over to Rosenau to continue the business listed on the agenda for the day. The first item listed was the payday and holiday calendar for 2023. Rosenau said, "We try to

follow the State's calendar." Simmons explained that the presented calendar came from the West Virginia department of personnel. The Commission voted to accept the calendar as presented.

The commissioners then voted to approve the meeting and session schedule as presented. The Commission will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced.

There is only one meeting held, on the second Wednesday, in November and December. The first meeting of the month will be held at 9 a.m. and the second meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in October through April and then at 6 p.m. for May through September. Rosenau explained the time changes by saying, "It is for the public's convenience. We want to make sure we separate our meetings enough that people have an opportunity to come."

During the year the commissioners sit on different boards throughout the county and those designated boards are as follows: Rosenau will represent the Commission by sitting on the Board of Health, Planning Commission, Development Authority, See COMMISSION page 4



Meet your new TC Commission from left to right: Fred Davis, Mike Rosenau, and Tim Knotts.

Davis's Comprehensive Plan in Final Stage



Members of the Town of Davis Council and Planning Commission met in a special work session to discuss final changes for the drafted Comprehensive Plan.

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

The Town of Davis Planning Commission has been working diligently on completing a solid and workable comprehensive plan for the town. The document has been thoroughly reviewed and revised with suggestions from the citizens of Davis as well as the town council. A drafted plan has been passed back and forth between the planning commission and the council, but it is now in its final stages for approval. One of the last steps taken was a special meeting held to discuss the final recommendations from the town council. Once those agreed upon document changes have been made, it will then be presented to the council for final approval.

According to the proposed plan the

purpose of a comprehensive plan is to prepare for the future and the Davis plan states, "The Town of Davis Comprehensive Plan is designed to provide information and to serve as a valuable resource to plan for the future of Davis. The Comprehensive Plan is the Town's official guide for land use, housing, transportation, economic development, infrastructure, public services, and community character. It provides a foundation for decision-making that is based on community consensus and an understanding of existing conditions and anticipated opportunities and issues. The Plan will serve as the Town's guiding document for 10-20 years into the future, protecting and enhancing the unique character of our community."

Per W. Va. Code 8A-3-1(a), "The general purpose of a comprehensive

plan is to guide a governing body to accomplish a coordinated and compatible development of land and improvements within its territorial jurisdiction, in accordance with present and future needs and resources." Most people do not realize how important planning is for local government. People plan every day of their lives; what to wear, how to get to work, and what to make for dinner. Local governments also need to plan in order to provide services and a high quality of life for residents. The services that local governments provide do not just occur, they are planned in advance. Many local government functions such as budgeting, parks, infrastructure services, and community facilities require planning."

The planning commission took into advisement every recommen-

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Fatal Vehicle Accident

On Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022 at approximately 11:37 p.m. Cpl. J.J. Cornelius, of the Parsons Detachment of the West Virginia State Police, arrived at the scene of a single vehicle accident on WV32 near the Randolph County line.

He observed evidence of a Chevrolet Cruze that was traveling south, failed to negotiate a right curve, crossed the center line, struck a sharp curve signs and trees, traveled down an embankment and came to rest on the roof.

The officer was advised the driver was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene. The occupant of the vehicle was identified as 33 year old Kenneth Cecilio Burnett.

St. George Man Dies at Logging Site

The Tucker County Sheriff's Office is conducting a death investigation into a St. George man who passed on Thursday, January 06, 2022. According to the Sheriff's Department Daryl Heckler; 73 of St. George was found unresponsive on the above date at around 5:30 p.m. by family.

Emergency services were dispatched to Minear Mill Road. Heckler was found deceased on his bulldozer with damage to the bulldozer. Activities just prior to the death appeared to be cutting and clearing debris from Minear Mill Road which indicated contributing factor for cause of death.

Heckler was by himself when the accident happened. He has been sent to the state medical examiner's office in Charleston for further examination. The Parsons Detachment of the West Virginia State Police assisted in the investigation. At this time the investigation does not appear to be suspicious.

Homemade Goodies Found at Crystal's Bakery



Brownie bottom cheesecake available at Crystal's Bakery for \$30.

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Anyone wishing to satisfy a sweet tooth or a craving for a fresh pepperoni roll should visit Crystal's Bakery. Crystal Nutter started her business by serving customers out of a small window that was adjacent to *Fat Olives* on July 11, 2022. Since then, Nutter has relocated to her own store at 102 Walnut Street in downtown Parsons, on December 1, 2022.

The bakery offers a wide selection of fresh baked sweet goodies that include cookies, apple crisp, apple dumplings, and peanut butter lasagna. Nutter said, "One of our biggest sellers is peanut butter lasagna." Apple, cherry, peanut butter, and pumpkin pies can be made to order. Nutter says her specialty is pepperoni rolls. Customers can also stop in for a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and a homemade donut.

There are many varieties of pep-

peroni rolls available. For \$3 each, customers can purchase mozzarella cheese, pepper jack cheese, or no cheese. These can also be purchased by the dozen for \$30. Philly steak and cheese rolls are also available for \$3.99 each or \$42 for a dozen. Nutter explained how pepperoni rolls got her started in the business by saying, "I started making pepperoni rolls at the school and everybody loved them. Then someone at work said, "Why don't you open your own bakery?" So that is how this all started with pepperoni rolls and then we expanded."

Nutter is one busy mom with three grown children, one 16-year-old still at home, and four grandchildren. Not only does she run the bakery with the help of her daughter, Michelle Loria, but she is also the Cafeteria Manager at the Davis Thomas Elementary School. Also, on Friday's, Nutter will make deliveries to Elkins.

Nutter credits her finance' Michael Simpson for getting her started in the bakery business. Nutter said, "He is the one that really got me into doing it." Loria added, "If it was not for him, it would not

be possible." Nutter said her family, coworkers, and customers were her biggest supporters. Nutter said, "We have regular customers that come in here almost every day."

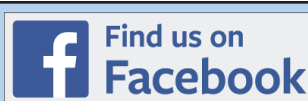
Crystal's Bakery can be found on Facebook where Nutter post different specials of a variety of treats that are available like the hot cocoa cheesecake, Oreo bar cheesecake or the fresh O'Henry bars. The bakery is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Customers can place an order by calling 304- 642-8895.



Owner of Crystal's Bakery, Crystal Nutter (left), and daughter Michelle Loria (right) show casing many of the treats available.



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Obituaries for 2022

Looking back on the folks we have lost this past year:

January
Dorothy Louise Kennard, 99; Lori Elaine Knight Stiles, 50; M. Paul Nestor, 90; Terry Blaine Kuhn, Jr., 48; John Andrew Hedrick, Jr., 68; R. Donald Cussins, 83; Abbie Carolyn Sponaugle Wamsley, 81; Sandra Kay Workman Gooden, 69; Brenda Joyce Roy Lester, 73; James K. Miller, 91; Charles Wesley Lipscomb, 73; Dorothy Mae Sinclair, 73; Dorothy Pauline Losh, 96; Edgar “Tater” Maynard Daniels, Jr., 53; Brandon Lesley Wilfong, 46; Martha Rae (Pase) Enold, 87.

February
Roy William Mullenax, 94; Carolyn Rae Davis Irons, 75; Brittany Dawn Streets Peggs, 27; Donald Lee “Butch” Roy, Jr., 73; Edith Rose Ross DiBacco, 97; Philip Samuel Miller, 75; Elouise Harriet Helmick, 78; Christopher Helmick, 46; Ronald “Ronnie” McDonald, 83; Florence Ann Ziesemer, 83; Janet Sue ShROUT Newman, 86; Naral Hotsinpiiler, 89.

March
Fred Alan Myers, Sr., 83; Phyllis Jean Hickler Hebb, ?; Robert “Bob” Jason Yaing, Sr., 75; Robert Carrington Hebb, 85; Carolyn Maxine White Plum, 75; Cherly Lynn Greaver, 57; Joan Carol Greenfield Armbruster, 81; Mabel Agnes Canfield Fulton, 70; Glen Jason “Brick” Thompson, 84; The Reverend Dr. Robert John Klein, ?; Mary Lee Withers Garbacz, 91; Arlene M. Taylor Snyder, 967; Clarence Roy “Jack” Boserman, 87; Lolita Carolyn Haddix Kalar, 93; Sharon Pauley, ?; James “Jim” Earl Grafton, 90; Daisy Mae Thrower, 75; Garry Dean Thomas, 85; Joel Alexander “Alex” Aucremanne Clark, 32.

April
Jerry Lynn Evans 81; Melvin M. Hanlin, 86; Roberta Lipscomb Wiles, 91; Linda Lee Hurlay Moore, 79;

Clara “Diane” Carr, 77; Rodney Allen Waring, 69; Faither Nestor Flanagan, 97; Terry Allen Bunnell, 67; Frankie William Bible, 72; John Junior Davis, 87; George Allen “Oop” Lewis, 81; Robert Bruce Golightly, 71; James Calvin Cooper, III, 91.

May
Dr. Alexander “Al: Matthew Waiter, 85; Denzil Delano Jones, Sr., 85; Jeanie Louise Cassidy Burns, 79; William George “Bill” “Weasel” Stevens, 61; Loretta Cooper, 92; Craig William Knotts, 61; David William Snider, 62; JoAnn Clark Smith Pennington, 75; Gaylon J. Hill, 76; Joseph B. Gainer, 86; Margaret Anne Kochenderfer Teranto, 87; E. Ried Gilbert, 91.

June
Robert E. Drury, 90; Daniel Elmer “Dan” Lipscomb, 77; Mildred Grace “Millie” Plowman Snyder, 85; Kathryn Darlene Rowan Caron, 72; John “Johnny” Walter Hovatter, 89; Rosalea Nela Davis Knotts, 92.

July
Dollie Payne Wilfong Tacy, 97; JoAnne Grace Parsons Sakal, 92; Alberta Jean Kuhn, 72, Fred “Fritz” Corey, 92; Elsie Mae Nestor Jones, 97, Anthony Osretkar, 91; Margaret Kay Woods, 61; Manda Loscar, 86; Florence Doreen “Dode” Strawderman Hart, 91; Frederick “Fred” E. Paugh, 76; Robert Lee Rudd, II, 85; Robert Frederick “Bone” Townsend, 44; Glenn Zeon Miller, 96; Blanche Margaret Keister Zablanski, 91; Jacky Wayne Allender, 58.

August
William “Bill” Wilson Pratt, 77; Robert Leman Auvil, ?; Lela Lorraine Phillips Sponaugle, 82; Debra Ann Phillips Jones, 59; Susan Annette Bava, 55; Connor Joel Nestor, 22; Phyllis Marie Hershman Sponaugle, 73; Merle Evelyn Lipscomb Shaffers Havens, 92; Rev. Ronald Miller, Jr., 78; Ernest Wilmer “Sonny” Evans, Sr., 87, Frances Ann Smith, 77.

September
Patsy Diane Constantino, 65; Wilda “Carol” Lipscomb Godfrey, 80; Del-las Junior Myers, 97; Joan Crawford, 91; Betty Jo Bohrer, 88; Annette Lynn Mallow, 59; Eugene Loren Roy, Sr., 88, Barbara Jo Ruckle, 72; Doris Emmogene Rogers Myers, 92; Charles Harrison Shaffer, 93; Wanda Jean Loughry Fike, 81; Evelyn Ruth Buckley, 83; Rev. Dana Patrick “Pat” Cassidy, 70; Joel Lee Goughnour, 72; Steven Ray Ullom, 73.

October
Truman Lee Phillips, 93; Dorothy Evelyn Price Moore, 96; Terry Lee Sponaugle, 75; Shawn Eric Poling, 33; Shaun Marie Crittenden, 54; Donna Sue Barber Moore, 57; Philip Dale Stevens, 85; Sylvia Rettger, 87; David C. Stemple, 89; Arlena M. Seipel, 82; Susan Elaine Hebb Close, 54; May Theresa Kohlerman Grado, 78; Sharon Lee Vanscoy Woods, 76; Connard Ray Estep, 86; Joseph Harry Baba, Jr., 84; Robbey Dale Nelson, 58.

November
Barbara Ann Quattro, 89; Magdalene Joan “Maggie” Silvester DeMotto, 86, Maryjane Delaney Martin, 95, Tori Elaine Morral, 25, Raymond Richard Waybright, 80; Delores Ann Varner Pifer, 80; Dorothy Lynn McDonald Phillips, 51; Janet Roberta Cross Bohon, 76; Charles Calvin “Charley” Bilby, 71; Ralph Lester Knotts, 78.

December
Sherman Bryce Sisler, 95; Theresa Marie White Malone, 52, Janet Marie Irons Taylor Swecker, 79; Linda Lee Poling Eye, 81; Phyllis “Peanut” Lynn Myers Owens, 67; Sue Ann Flanagan Silk, 87; Carol Jean “CJ” Goss Thomas, 86; Wayne Clark Smith, 73; William Ray “Bill” Davis, 65; Carol Jean Goss Thomas, 86; Ian Nathaniel Raezer, 34; Barbara Ellen Anderson, 89; Elwood G. Carr, 89.

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. We only have about 6 people signed up for any of these trips.

The approximate prices are in parenthesis. The trips are to Lancaster in July to see Moses (\$550), to Berlin, Ohio for the Amish Land Cruise (\$550) in September, and to Savannah and Charleston (\$715) in early December for Christmas. We have already reserved tickets for Sight & Sound Theatre for next July (around the 19th or 20th) to see “Moses.” We do not have an itinerary or exact 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.

Both Centers will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. They will reopen at the regular hours on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Next week’s Menu: Mon: CLOSED, Tues.: Cook’s Choice, Wed.: Fish Portions, Tater Tots, peas, and mixed fruit. Thurs.: Spaghetti with meat sauce, California blend vegetables, bread, and peaches. Fri.: Chicken sandwich, pasta salad, baked beans, and baked apples.

Beginning on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 (today) we will be having easy-to-do exercises at the Parsons Senior Center. These will be mostly chair exercises. If you feel there is an exercise you can’t do, just sit that one out. The main purpose of these Wednesday sessions is to get our bodies moving especially since at this time of year we spend a lot of time indoors. We will begin every Wednesday at approximately 12:00 noon and exercise for approximately 30 minutes. Please come and join us.

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.

We Get Letters

Editor,

It’s hard for me to grasp that our mountaintop will be filled with trucks ... not only going east and west over or under Rte 32, but also traveling north and south along Rte 32, which will be turned into the “Truck Route.”

When DOH chose the ROPA alignment for the 10 mile stretch of Corridor H from Parsons to Davis, they realized it wouldn’t get the trucks off the streets of Thomas. So DOH proposed a “Truck Route” that would go around Thomas, DTEMS and the cemetery, and dump the trucks back out onto Rte 32. In addition to the obvious safety hazards of this alignment, the proposed “Truck Route”

does serious damage to the quality of life for all of us who live/work/visit the mountaintop.

What this means is that fully loaded trucks will be forced to merge with local traffic at 3 different intersections in Thomas, share a local 2 lane road with passenger cars and then make a 90 degree turn at Rte 48 to get to the ROPA.

Each time I expressed my concerns to the DOH about the Truck Route, they would say, “But you already share that road with trucks.” And then, at each meeting, Travis Long would assure us, “*When the highway is completed in Parsons, truck traffic will greatly increase in your area.*” Research of truck traffic in the US backs up

his statement.

Our grocery store is in Davis and our schools are in Thomas. We need continual access to both towns in order to survive here on the mountaintop. And we have only one road to travel. We go back and forth daily on Rte 32 to go to work, take our kids to school, get to the dentist or doctor, have our cars fixed, visit friends and family, attend church, shop, eat, listen to music, celebrate: **Rte 32 is our main artery. It’s our lifeline.** It needs to be a safe road for local traffic, and we don’t need to share it with fully loaded 80,000 pound trucks.

Not when there is an option.

Besides, truck drivers don’t want to make all these twists and turns. They don’t want to slow down, merge and share a 2 lane road with local traffic. They want to be on a con-

tinuous ribbon of highway that allows them to keep up speed and safely transport their goods to their destinations.

The DOH must continue studies and begin mapping a prudent and feasible alternate Northern Route that would go north of Thomas and their park, not interfere with their water supply, and then connect with the already-completed Corridor H to the east of Davis.

Nancy Luscombe Davis, WV

For the integrity of our small mountain communities and their residents, and for the sake of future generations, take the trucks off the streets of Thomas, but don’t put them back onto the main artery of our mountaintop. Choose a Better Northern Route for Corridor H.

News of Record

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

- Ashlea B. Wolfe/FKA/Ashlea B. Owens, St. George, 1.2 acres to David J. Scott III and Lesley N. Scott, \$150,000.
- North Lake LLC and North Lake II LLC, Dry Fork, Confirmatory Common Element Deed to North Lake, North Lake Owners Association, North Lake Owners Association Inc., North Lake I, North Lake II, North Lake III, North Lake IV, North Lake LLC, North Lake II LLC, Jeffrey L. Brown and Lynette Brown, \$0.
- Thomas K. Douglass and Tari L. Douglass, Dry Fork, Apt 131 Black Bear Condo to William V. Cox and Diana F. Home, \$135,000.
- MH & EF LLC, Thomas, Lot 5, 0.12 acres to Timothy Cosner and Darlene Cosner, \$280,000.
- Jerod M. Caligiuri and Kristina M. Jackson, Parsons, 80 Poles to Charles Joseph Haynes and Denise Dale Smith Haynes, \$8115,000.
- Gerald L. Poling Jr., Black Fork, 29.12 acres, 3 Tr. L G Canfield Tr. to Anita Renee Poling Poe, \$0.

Summer Internship Positions Available at Monongahela National Forest, Apply by January 27

ELKINS, W.Va., January 6, 2023 – Monongahela National Forest is recruiting students for 12 summer internship positions. College and high school students are encouraged to apply.

Applications are being accepted through <https://www.usajobs.gov/> until Jan. 27. The following internship positions are open:

Student Trainee (General) GS-0099-02; two positions in Elkins, one in Richwood. <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/698022100>

Student Trainee (Natural Resources Management and Biological Sciences) GS-0499-03/04/05; two positions in Marlinton, one in Parsons, one in Richwood. <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/698027600>

Student Trainee (Administration and Office Support) GS-0399-03/04/05; one position in Elkins. <https://www.usajobs.gov/>
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OBITUARIES

Tammy Lynn Wratchford

Tammy Lynn Wratchford, age 48 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life Sunday, January 1, 2023, at WVU Medicine, Ruby Memorial Hospital at Morgantown, WV.

She was born Thursday, January 17, 1974, at Parsons, WV, a daughter of Thomas and Lois Wratchford of Parsons, WV.

Surviving are her children, Kayla Friend, Jeremiah and Joseph Wratchford; sister, Teresa Wratchford, brother, Thomas Wratchford, Jr.; granddaughter, Iris Cussins; niece, Mariah Hinkle (Derek) and many aunts and uncles.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents, Harley and Texie Carr and Delvin and Gertrude Wratchford.

She attended the schools of Tucker County and received her GED in 1992. She worked at many jobs including Super 8 Motel, Nelle's Nursing Home, Canaan Valley Motel, Shop & Save, Drove for Lambert's Ambulance until it closed. She loved to spend time coloring pictures and loved camping and being in the woods.

Tammy's request for cremation was honored. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Tammy Lynn Wratchford. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.



Emma Jean Bonner Haller

Emma Jean Bonner Haller, 89, departed this life on January 1, 2023, surrounded by her children. For 68 years, she was the wife and one true love of the late Earl Haller.

She was born on June 1, 1933 in Mill Run, WV, to the late Seymour and Lettie Bonner. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Seymour Allen Bonner and sister Goldie Bonner Sample, and two great grandsons Caleb Morgan and Gideon Linck.

Survived by her three loving children and their spouses, Kathy and Bruce Morgan, Greg and Joan Haller, Jane and John Roby, and her beloved sister-in-law Rita Haller Roberts. Her most cherished treasures were her ten grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. She enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her family. Emma Jean, "Mom-mom," found the greatest pleasure of life in tending to her family, cooking, baking, quilting, crocheting, and gardening.

A graduate of Parsons High School in 1951 she moved to Washington, DC with her sister. It was there she met her husband Earl, and they moved to Baltimore, MD where they would spend the next 30 years raising their family. Earl retired from General Motors in 1983, and they returned to their beloved hometown of Parsons.

Those who loved her most will miss being greeted by the sweet smell of her legendary hot milk cake and waking up to her famous hamburger gravy for breakfast. If Mom-Mom knew anything, it was that a full belly makes for a happy heart. We will miss sitting on the back porch with her watching the deer and hummingbirds. We will remember her deep rooted faith and love of family, friends, and the West Virginia mountains she called home.

The family received friends at Lohr & Barb Funeral Home in Parsons on Friday January 6, 4 to 7 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Saturday, January 7 at 11 a.m. The Reverend James Snyder officiated and interment followed at the Parsons City Cemetery in Parsons WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Emma Jean Bonner Haller. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com



Toni Leigh Helmick

Toni Leigh Helmick, 74, passed from this life on the morning of December 31, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease and lupus. She was surrounded by her loving family in her final days. Born on May 12, 1948, in Cumberland, MD, she was the daughter to the late Theodore and Donna (Cummings) Markley.

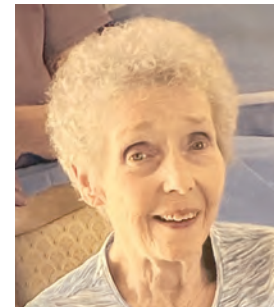
She graduated from Richard Montgomery High School, and worked for over 20 years with the Montgomery County School Board. She married her loving husband, Robert "Bob" Helmick, on February 2, 1968, and together they raised their three sons. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and pets.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Scott Helmick and wife April of Falling Waters, WV, and Kevin Helmick of Damascus, MD; three siblings, Richard Markley, Teddy Markley and wife Jackie, and Donna Lynn Oppenheim and husband Barry; four grandchildren Kaila and husband Frank, Courtney and fiance Jared, Dixie, and Micheal. She was especially close with her aunt, Carol "Cookie" Helmick, who was more like a sister. Toni will be missed and remembered by many nieces, nephews, and her entire in-law family, as well as her adoring and adored huskies, Kleo and Pyke.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" Helmick, and a son, Christopher Wade Helmick.

Friends were received on Thursday, January 5, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home. A funeral service was held 11 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2022, at the funeral home with Pastor Todd Rhodes officiating. Interment followed in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

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



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, under the care of West Virginia Caring.

She was born Saturday, June 14, 1930, at Parsons, WV, a daughter of the late Fred and Clara Phillips McDonald. On September 14, 1946, she was married to Warren Dale Wamsley, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Richard Dale Wamsley and Nadine of New Hampshire; two daughters, Denise M. Roose of Parsons and Linda Brown and husband Ernest of Philadelphia; two grandchildren, Jesse Yingling and wife Crystal and Aaron Wamsley and wife Crystal; and six great grandchildren, Alaya Jade Yingling, Solomon Christopher Yingling, Gianna Wamsley, Ashton Wamsley, Tessa Wamsley and Leo Wamsley.

She is the last surviving member of her immediate family having been preceded in death by one son, Steven Gregg Wamsley; one daughter, Donna Lynn Plitt; three brothers, Maurice McDonald, Harold Somerville and Virgil McDonald; and two sisters, Freda Somerville and Maxine Gilbert.

She attended the schools of Tucker County. She was a former employee of the book factory, Random House and Black & Decker. Betty also worked for the elderly, caring for them. She was a member of the Gospel Light Tabernacle at Elkins, WV.

Services will be private. The Rev. A.H. Belt will officiate and interment will follow at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV. 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



Darrell Lynn Heckler

Darrell Lynn Heckler, 78, a resident of St. George, passed away on Thursday January 5, 2023. He had been in his usual health and death was related to an accident.

Darrell was born on July 22, 1944, in Parsons, a son of the late Durl "Dub" Heckler and Beulah Viola Poling. On September 25, 1964, in Oakland, MD, he was married to Joan Ellen Wiles, who preceded him in death.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers Lawrence "Larry" A. Heckler and Roger Lee Heckler.

Left to cherish Darrell's memory are two children, Trina Denise Carr and husband Stephen, and Darrell "Darin" Wade Heckler all of St. George. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren: Amber L. Heckler, Melissa B.

Burns, Cody W. Heckler, and Kristy D. Heckler as well as 6 great grandchildren. In addition, Darrell has 1 surviving sister Janice L. Daniels and husband Carl, and 2 surviving brothers Dorsey G. Heckler and wife Charlotte, and Hilrey L. Heckler and wife Linda.

Darrell attended Mountaineer High School. He previously worked at Hinchcliff Lumber and Kingsford Coal Company. He retired from Fairfax Sand and Stone in 2010 where he had worked for over 20 years. He attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Elkins. Darrell was a mild and soft-hearted man who dearly loved his family. He and his wife, Joan, deeply cared about children and assisted children in need. He enjoyed spending time in the woods, hunting, fishing, camping, and gardening. He was an avid outdoorsman and mechanic.

Darrell's request for cremation will be honored. A memorial service was held at the Parsons Community Center in Parsons on Friday, January 13, 2023, at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at a later date. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Darrell Lynn Heckler. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



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A private service with immediate family will be held with a celebration of Dottie's life at a later date this summer. Thank you to all our family and friends for your support and prayers

SENIOR CENTER HOLDS OUTPOST

The Tucker County Senior Citizens held their monthly Outpost at the Parsons Center on January 3, 2023. Linda Bonner welcomed everyone. Then everyone recited the Lord's Prayer, gave the Pledge of Allegiance, and sang "God Bless America".

Those having January birthdays were recognized and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to them. Those present were Don "Frosty" Nestor and Shirley Cassidy.

Arlene Ramsey started the program by reading "Holiday Reflections" followed by Patty Wilfong reading "A Journey to a New Year". Next Jean Myers read "New Year's Resolutions" followed by Linda Bonner reading a humorous poem titled, "I Took Him Back to Wal-Mart".

Our entertainment for the day was Joey "Fiddler Joe" Osment from the Mt. Storm area. He played several country and bluegrass tunes on his fiddle. They included: "Red Wing", "Country Roads", "Dueling Banjos", "The Old Rugged Cross", "1814", "Little Maggie's", and "Arkansas Traveler".

The door prizes were won by: Virginia Popio, Ken Knotts, Don Nestor, Lily Nestor, Jim Buddingh, Rosie Moore, Jean Morrison, Deloris Kelley, David Sharp, Buddy Arnold, Sharon Daniels, Jean Myers, Ken Knotts, Earl Moore, David Varner, Eleanor Nestor, and Arlene Ramsey. Others included: Diane Dilly, Patty Wilfong, Susie Jones, Kathryn Michaels, and 2 others.

Ken Knotts asked a blessing on our food and we enjoyed a delicious meal.

Five Rivers Public Library Newsletter

Fall & Winter Hours, Sept. - May
 Monday 8:30 a - 6:30 p
 Tuesday – Friday...8:30 a - 5:00 p
 Saturday9:00 a - Noon
 Closed all Legal Holidays

January Happenings

- 16 – Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 9 – Movie Day Monday, showing Elvis, rated PG-13
 Two showings, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- 17 – Library Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m. (Open meeting)
- 17 – Book Club Discussion @ 1:30 p.m.

Book Donors

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Other Donations:

Marvin Canfield; Deloris Propst & St. George United Women in Faith.

Memorials:

In memory of Evelyn Moore, given by John, Tara Stewart and Family.

Book Club Discussion Group

Meets monthly at the library, the third Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Book for January 17th is Elsewhere by Richard Russo. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter.

Toddler Time

- There will be no Toddler Time classes in the month of January. They will start again February 1st on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- February, March and April, Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. No county school, no Toddler Time.

day mornings at 10:00 a.m. No county school, no Toddler Time.

Mobile Hotspots now available for check out at the library.

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Davis

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datation made by the council. There were solid arguments made by both parties and an agreement was made as to what would be best. For instance, in the drafted plan on page 13 under Objective 5 it stated, "Objective 5: Emphasize and support locally owned businesses by minimizing development of large formula or "big box" stores." Mayor Al Tomson and the town council members suggested changing the wording from "locally owned businesses" to "all businesses but especially locally owned businesses." Both sides agreed.

There were some suggestions made by the council that could not be changed due to state code. One such instance was on page 14 under Objective 11, Action 1 that reads, "Objective 11: Protect sensitive areas such as wetlands, streams, steep slopes, etc. Action 1: Adopt a sensitive areas ordinance regulating development in sensitive areas to protect from damage and promote responsible development." Planning Commission member Judy Cronauer explained that this statement was required by state code and could not be revised. Tomson with a smile said, "State code

trumps everything."

The plan, if accepted by the town council during their meeting on January 11, will be effect for the next 10 years. Of course, during those ten years if any changes or amendments are deemed necessary they can be made to the document. Also announced during the meeting were the upcoming resignations of Charlotte Wales and Brian Sarfino. Both have expressed their intent to resign from the Planning Commission once the Comprehensive Plan is accepted by the town council and placed into effect.

Mayor Tomson ended the meeting by saying, "You guys have done a great job. What we were looking for was the plan needs to allow for the future. Whatever the future is, so it needs to be flexible. I think it (the plan) gives the people in the future the flexibility just like it does today. It also gives us the tools to establish the basis of what will allow us to try and protect what we have in Davis in terms of residential areas and try to keep the character of the community that we all want. I think we have accomplished both very well."

Commission

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Historic Landmark Commission, Corridor H Authority Board, Flood Steering Committee, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Community Corrections Board, Wage and Hour Board, Workforce Investment Board, and the Region VII Planning and Development Board.

Davis will represent the Commission by sitting on the Canaan Valley Board of Zoning Appeals, Parks and Recreation Board, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Solid Waste Authority, Animal Shelter Advisory Board Council, and the Cultural District Authority.

Knotts will represent the Commission by sitting on the Ambulance Authority Board, Building Commission, Extension Service Committee, and the Camp Kidd Advisory Board.

There are some boards that need new members. The following have or will have openings in the coming year. Some of them have specific guidelines in the by-laws that must be met, but anyone interested in serving one of these can contact the Tucker County Commission's office for additional information. Those boards, commissions, councils or authorities include: Canaan Valley Board of Zoning Appeals; Board of Health; 911 Advisory Council; Planning Commission; Parks and Recreation; Development Authority; Ambulance Authority Board; Animal Shelter Advisory Board; Historic Landmark Commission; Cultural District Authority; and the Camp Kidd Advisory Board.

Each commissioner is also seated on

a standing committee. Rosenau is on the County Finance Committee. Davis is on the County Personnel Committee, and Knotts is on the County Facilities Committee.

The commissioners then motioned to approve three separate resolutions presented. The first was the Citizens Participation Plan that authorizes Rosenau, as President, to enter into a contractual agreement with the Division of Administrative Services, Justice and Community Services for the purpose of receiving and administering grant funds of the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program.

The second was the Community Development Block Grant Funds Resolution that allows the Commission President, Rosenau, to sign the application for the funds and to act as official representative. The third resolution, known as the Fair Housing Resolution, resolved that the Tucker County Commission will make a firm commitment to do all within its power to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, disorder, and discrimination in housing.

All three motions carried and were approved.

The final order of the day was to the motion to approve funds requested by the Tucker County Ambulance Authority. The authority requested \$55,000 from the general county allotment. The county allots \$110,000 each year. The Commission approved this motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Internship

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Student Trainee (Engineering) GS-0899-03/04/05; two positions in Elkins. <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/698015300>

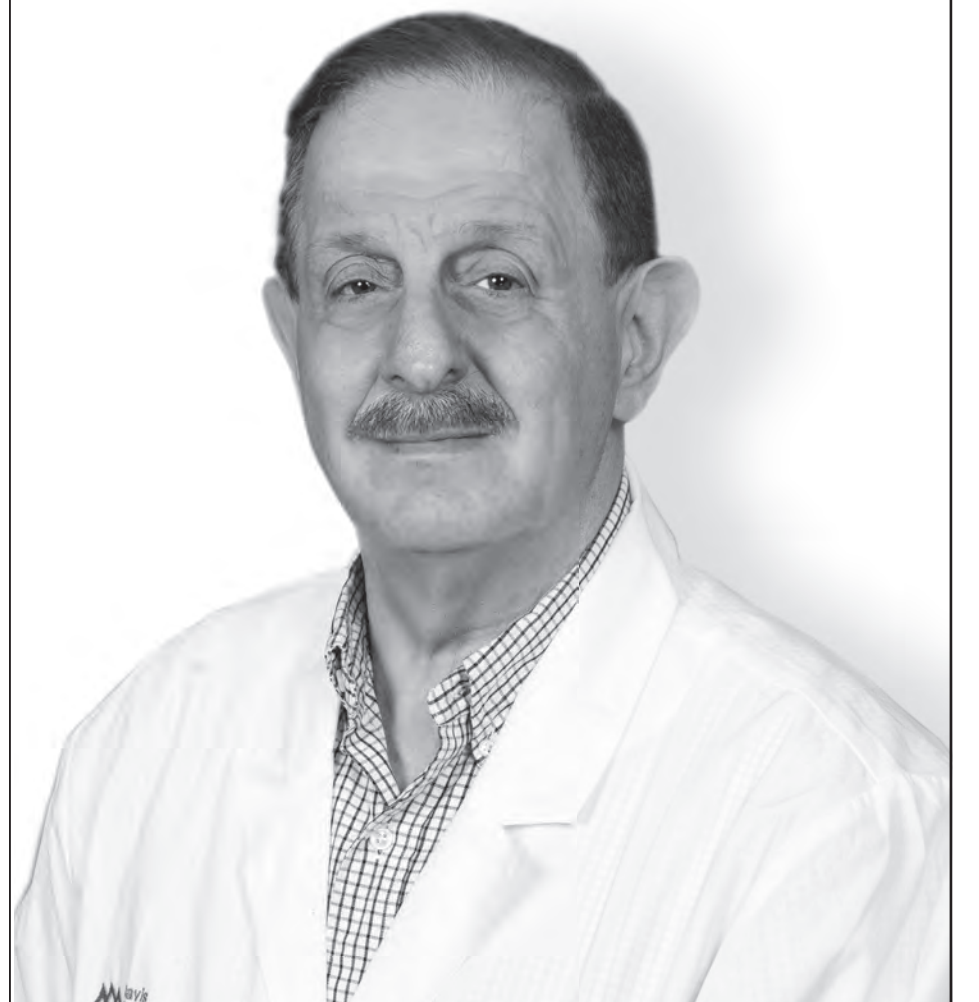
Student Trainee (Physical Sciences) GS-1399-03/04/05; two positions in Elkins. <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/698018700>

Review the job announcement carefully for deadlines and required information.

Start dates vary. Visit the Forest Service Jobs webpage at <https://fs.usda.gov/fsjobs> to learn more about career opportunities, benefits, hiring events, and resources to help with the application process. For more information contact Administrative Officer Donald Rakes at donald.rakes@usda.gov.

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Jan. 11, 1893: U.S. Senator Harley Martin Kilgore was born in rural Harrison County. Kilgore served as a senator from West Virginia from 1940 until his death in 1952.

Jan. 12, 1869: Newspaperman Herschel Coombs Ogden was born near Fairmont. In 1888, he relocated to Wheeling and entered the newspaper business.

Jan. 13, 1905: Joseph H. Diss Debar died in Philadelphia. A supporter of the movement to create West Virginia, Diss Debar was commissioned in 1863 to design the Great Seal of West Virginia.

Jan. 14, 1842: Marion County was established and named after Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion. Middletown was chosen as the county seat, but the name was changed to Fairmont the following year.

Jan. 14, 1873: The first session of the Glenville Branch of the State Normal School began in the old Gilmer County courthouse. The legislature changed the name to Glenville State College in 1943 and to a university in 2022.

Jan. 15, 1864: Frances Benjamin Johnston was born in Grafton. Johnston gained

national renown as the first female press photographer, and enjoyed a long and remarkable career as one of the nation's leading documentary, portrait, and artistic photographers.

Jan. 16, 1850: Lawman Dan Cunningham was born in Jackson County. His remarkable career involved him in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, the West Virginia Mine Wars, and the destruction of moonshine stills.

Jan. 16, 1869: Ephraim Franklin Morgan was born in Marion County. Morgan, a Republican, was governor during the tumultuous West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 17, 1918: The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and a complete town with houses, a civic center and a hospital, were completed.

Jan. 17, 1956: Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer, fiddler, and songwriter from Pipestem, Summers County. He also is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

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Tucker county students named to fall 2022 President's and Dean's lists

More than 1,000 students have been honored for their academic achievement at Fairmont State University after completing the fall 2022 semester.

Fairmont State University has released the President's List and the Dean's List to recognize high-achieving students for their academic distinction. Full-time students who earned a 3.4 or better grade point average are named to the Dean's List. Full-time students achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average are named to the President's List.

The 120-acre main campus of Fairmont State University sits on a hillside in Fairmont, West Virginia, the county seat of Marion County. The University turns opportunity, passion and hard work into excellence in a vibrant, close-knit

campus community where students and teachers become your friends for life. Students enjoy the opportunities offered by a comprehensive state university combined with the personal attention and campus atmosphere expected from a small, private school.


Term: Fall Semester 2022 County: WV-Tucker

President's List

Erin Cassidy, Rachel Spencer.

Dean's List

Mark Barnes, Caitlyn Eye, Tyler Johnson, Tessa Jolly, Jeremy Liller, Jacob Moore, Owen Poling.



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

Is there anyone out there that is like me and you have very deep intense conversations with yourself when you are driving? I had one today on my way to work and I actually made myself mad. I was thinking of all the prejudices in the world today and I was ready to spit by the time I got to work.

Everyone today is so racially biased against each other that they forget the United States was once called the melting pot of the world. There were refugees from every part of the world coming here for a new start. The Pilgrims came here to escape religious persecution. And that is when it started going downhill for the First People of this nation. The American Indian has been treated so unfairly that it is unforgivable.

The Pilgrims came for religious reasons but then pushed their religion on the American Indian. They were rounded up and told to pray to God but the Pilgrims forgot that the Indian already had their own Gods to pray to. The children were rounded up and made to go to school to learn English when they have one of the most beautiful languages in the world.

The young girls were basically stolen and made to learn how to keep house for a white man and then sold into what could only be called slavery. They were in such harmony with the land and only took what they needed to survive. The white man came and killed the buffalo for the skins and left the carcass to rot. In the end what was rightfully theirs was sold off or claimed by the Irish, the Germans, the Dutch, and everyone else that was "Heading West".

Momma Said, "It has been a tragedy that has never been set right." This

is called the Land of the Free but the American Indian, who was free to start with, was rounded up and stuck on some pieces of worthless land that the white man did not want. Their Nation became an impoverished society with alcoholism running rampant, we killed them with our diseases especially small pox. They had no immunity to most diseases because they were never subjected to them. But in World War II the Navajo Code Talkers were called in to transmit secret Allied messages in the Pacific theater of combat.

So the language that was called ugly by the Puritans saved many lives in the end. 29 Navajo men joined the Marines and developed a code that the Japanese never broke. The code was used from 1942 to 1945. In the end the First People saved countless lives and helped win the war. After everything that was done to them they came through with true heroism. *Momma Said*, "Don't blame the dog that bites you when he is down and you still beat him."

Just a note to Joyce Wilfong, of Davisville, WV, I am so glad you liked the Chicken and Dumpling recipe thanks for letting me know. Always glad to hear from my readers and to know there is really someone out there that reads my gibberish.

Homemade BBQ Sauce

Ingredients

- 7 Tbsp. Butter
- 2 Cups Tomato Sauce
- 1 Cup Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1/4 Cup Brown Sugar
- 1 Tbsp. Garlic Powder
- 1 Tbsp. Onion Powder
- 1/2 Tbsp. Cayenne Pepper
- 1/2 Tbsp. Hot Paprika
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce

Homemade BBQ Sauce

Directions

1. Combine all ingredients in a pot over medium heat.
2. Heat until sauce begins to boil. Use a whisk to keep your sauce smooth and to stop it from burning.
3. Remove from heat and let cool. Serve immediately or store in a jar for later.

What's Happening

Buckwheat Dinner

Buckwheat Dinner, all you can eat, with sausage, gravy, biscuits, pancakes and buckwheat cakes for a \$10 donation on Sat. Jan. 14 from 4 - 6:30 p.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church, Parsons. Carry out orders call 304-478-2620. Sponsored by St. John's United Methodist Men.

Super Crossword

ACROSS	DOWN
1 "Pel" annoyances	1 Shareable PC files
7 Dance click	2 Writer — Stanley Gardner
13 Extreme right-wing doctrine	3 Those, to Juanita
20 Polio vaccine developer	4 Enormous
21 2008 presidential campaign coinage	5 For grades 1-12, in brief material
22 Caine/Ustinov adventure film	6 Factor influencing a dermatologic treatment
23 SKILglintLEET	7 Blaster's stuff
25 Scorn	8 Circusgoers' cries
26 Poem with six stanzas	9 Swiss watch brand
27 PUsmackSS	10 Spanish appetizer
29 Boob tubes	11 "Do I need to draw you —?"
31 Born, to Luc	12 Grilled sandwiches
32 Arab ruler	13 Went without food
33 COSimianRE	14 Novelist Sholem
44 "Certainly"	15 Oxford, e.g.
45 Open with a click	16 — latte (espresso variety)
46 "Star Trek" crew woman	17 Extreme dispute
47 43rd U.S. pres.	18 Doll who is Barbie's 96-Across
49 Prairie preyer	19 Bishops' headwear
50 FORchildEST	24 Peaceful "Avatar" race
57 Pursues prey	28 Outlaw Kelly
58 ISP with a butterfly logo	30 Gives the cold shoulder
59 Be in the hole	33 Many, informally
60 Like wickerwork	34 "Time is — side"
	35 "Girlfriend" boy band
	36 Lace snarl
	37 Has dinner at home
	38 Less — stellar
	39 Central area
	40 Prior to, in poetry
	41 — tai
	42 Size above med.
	43 "How icky!"
	48 Helpful things
	51 Nada
	52 Little branch
	53 One listening the King"
	54 Reproductive gametes
	55 Wildcat's lair
	56 Lead-in to cone or Caps
	58 Reach a goal
	63 Pappy
	64 Elected group
	65 U.S. Hwy., e.g.
	66 "Caught you!"
	67 "Rambo" setting, for short
	69 More reasonable
	70 Per person
	71 Concept, in Cannes
	72 Crackling radio noise
	73 Very close pal, for short
	74 Onassis or Fleischer
	75 Jam holder
	78 Prefix with task
	79 Non-earthling
	80 Gawky rudely
	82 Pizazz
	84 Unexciting
	85 Winona of "Stranger Things"
	87 Quick sprint
	89 Casual refusal
	90 "Anna and the King" actress — Ling
	91 Suffix with southeast
	92 Fate
	93 "Caught you!"
	97 Fate
	98 Gas in fuel tank
	99 Ray of "GoodFellas"
	101 Westerns, in old slang
	102 Univ., e.g.
	103 Louise's film cohort
	104 Over 50%
	106 Hogs' homes
	110 Concerning
	111 — -do-well
	112 "Buenos —" ("Good day," in Granada)
	113 Prefix with tank
	114 Enjoy a novel
	115 Toy flown on a windy day
	117 — Strauss
	118 Exercised
	119 Child's plea
	120 "Bus Stop" playwright William
	121 Fruit-flavored drinks
	124 "One Mic" rapper

Puzzle answers page 9

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

Dec. 27- Jan. 3

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Temperature
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Morrisey Shatters Multiple Records for West Virginia in 2022

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is entering 2023 with such momentum from a record-breaking 2022—his office kept up a vigorous fight on several fronts, sought to beat back energy policies that could destroy jobs, continued to combat opioid abuse and won historic victories in landmark court cases.

The crown jewel of the AG’s Office’s 2022 was the major victory at the U.S. Supreme Court in West Virginia v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which marked the most consequential development in environmental law since Attorney General Morrisey won a historic and unprecedented stay of the Obama-era Clean Power Plan at the Supreme Court in February 2016. West Virginia v. EPA also proves to be of high importance as far as administrative law is concerned.

The Attorney General in 2022 also defended—and won—one of the broadest school choice programs in the nation: the Hope Scholarship Act.

In 2022, the AG’s Office and West Virginia political subdivisions negotiated and secured the highest per capita opioid settlements in the nation—this was preceded by the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the state and most county and city governments throughout West Virginia to make sure the money from opioid settlements was distributed in the most fair and equitable way.

Attorney General Morrisey also was relentless in his fight against federal overreach as far as Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) woke policies are concerned—the Attorney General continues to be front and center in ensuring the rights of the people are protected and defended.

“This past year was unprecedented with several victories at the Supreme Court, best in the nation per capita opioid settlements with manufacturers and pharmacies and navigating continued federal overreach by the Biden administration,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “While it’s great to reflect on our progress, we must also continue to press onward and continue fighting for the people of West Virginia. We have laid a solid foundation upon which we can build another record of success in 2023.”

Victories at the Supreme Court In January 2022, Attorney General Morrisey, working with other state attorneys general, won a stay from the Supreme Court of the Biden administration’s mandate that all employees of large employers must receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The court ruled the federal agency implementing the mandate lacked authority to do so.

Then in June, the Supreme Court issued two landmark decisions. The first was the Dobbs case, which West Virginia supported in an amicus brief and which overturned Roe v. Wade. The second was West Virginia v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which the AG’s Office led and won. This pivotal case was integral to stopping President Biden’s radical climate change agenda. It marks the most consequential development in environmental law since Attorney General Morrisey won a historic and unprecedented stay of the Obama-era Clean Power Plan at the Supreme Court in February 2016.

There’s also a Second Amendment case the Attorney General joined in with 25 other states: the Supreme Court found a New York state law that placed onerous requirements on concealed carry permits infringes on the right to carry firearms in self-defense. Attorney General Morrisey followed up to ensure other states modify their gun policies in light of that decision, including sending a letter to the governor of nearby Maryland asking the chief executive to recognize West Virginia concealed

weapons permits.

Addressing Opioid Abuse In 2022, Attorney General Morrisey did not relent in his committed fight against opioid abuse.

Earlier in the year, the Attorney General traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas with his fellow attorneys general to highlight how the Biden administration’s lax immigration policies have allowed deadly fentanyl to be trafficked across the nation, including the Mountain State.

In an effort to make sure the money from opioid settlements was distributed in the most fair and equitable way, the Attorney General established a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the state and most county and city governments throughout West Virginia. The MOU creates a private, nonstock, non-profit foundation—the West Virginia First Foundation—for the purposes of distributing settlement or judgment funds awarded from litigation for abatement purposes.

The overall amounts thus far secured from opioid settlements is nearly \$900 million.

He also continued more than six years of drug abuse prevention outreach efforts to students, including the annual “Kids Kick Opioids” PSA Contest and high school football “Games of the Week” in the fall.

The AG also wrote a letter to social media companies on the duty they have to better police their platforms for such things as illegal fentanyl sales, especially with the emergence of nitazenes, which are 10 times more deadly than fentanyl.

Additionally, on several occasions, he pushed the Biden administration to classify fentanyl as a weapon of mass destruction.

He further called on the new Republican House majority to conduct extensive oversight of the U.S. Department of State’s efforts and lack thereof to address fentanyl in dealings with China and Mexico. Specifically, Attorney General Morrisey asked for congressional hearings to have U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken testify on what the Biden administration has done or failed to do with respect to the fentanyl crisis.

Supporting Responsible Energy Policy The West Virginia v. EPA decision was the culmination of a years-long, multistate lawsuit against the EPA. But the Attorney General’s Office has continued to push for responsible energy policy.

Recently, for example, Attorney General Morrisey led two coalitions that filed amicus briefs in a lawsuit against the EPA and NHTSA. In both cases, the agencies proposed rules that would have prematurely forced Americans into electric vehicles without considering the consequences.

Additionally, he led the fight against the Biden administration’s other efforts to illegally impose environmental regulations, including onerous regulations pertaining to methane and ozone, other greenhouse regulation and more.

And he has led the fight on woke Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) policies. For instance, he led coalitions in filing multiple comment letters against proposals from the Securities and Exchange Commission to saddle American businesses with crippling ESG-related disclosure requirements. He also fought back against the Commodities Futures Trading Commission and bank regulators when they proposed to do much the same.

Victory for West Virginia Parents and Students At the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, a lower court put an injunction on funding for the Hope Scholarship Act, which would fund alternative private schooling choices to public education. Attorney General Morrisey took the

case to the state Supreme Court of Appeals and won: the court vacated the injunction. Funding is expected to start flowing to families again this January.

Winning and Advocating for West Virginia and the Nation The Attorney General also won success for West Virginians in many other areas.

On many occasions, he fought for state residents against scams such as smishing, phishing, computer repairs, identity theft, elderly abuse and more.

He filed a brief at the U.S. Supreme Court with 23 other attorneys general on behalf of a Washington state football coach’s right to practice his religion and engage in free speech by praying at his games. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the coach.

The Attorney General was a frequent correspondent in other areas, as well, using the power of the pen to advocate for West Virginia on both state and national issues to make both places the best they can be and to stand up for citizens’ rights.

He led a 21-state coalition in filing formal comments opposing any Commodity Futures Trading Commission initiative that would require derivatives markets to make policy changes in the name of climate change.

And remember the baby formula shortage? Attorney General Morrisey led a multistate coalition in a letter to the FTC stating that overregulation and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children-related market distortions exacerbated a formula shortage already worsened by the Biden administration’s flat-footed response to problems at a critical manufacturing facility—the Abbott facility in Michigan.

Other accomplishments include the following:

- Joined West Virginia to a nationwide, bipartisan task force that will take legal steps to stop unlawful robocalls.
- Took steps to stop robotexts with the Federal Communications Commission.
- Alerted the public to consumer protection issues, including outreach during National Consumer Protection Week, International Charity Fraud Awareness Week and the West Virginia AG’s Holiday Consumer Protection Week.
- Wrote a brief in support of the Hill Top Hotel project in Harpers Ferry, which was part of the effort that persuaded a judge to dismiss a lawsuit against the town of Harpers Ferry and the project.
- Fought to protect Second Amendment rights and maintained concealed

carry recognition with a majority of states across the nation.

Joined with 17 other state attorneys general asking companies such as UPS and FedEx to clarify new policies that allow them to track firearm sales with unprecedented specificity and bypass warrant requirements to share that information with federal agencies.

Led a multi-state coalition in a lawsuit against the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the U.S. Department of Justice over the ATF’s new rule redefining “frame and receiver” to regulate most gun parts as firearms.

Continued consumer outreach, including scam awareness presentations to senior centers and a weekly Consumer Protection Minute that appeared on television and radio stations across the state.

Assisted with obtaining a guilty plea from a Putnam County contractor on two felony charges stemming from an investigation that he had violated state consumer protection laws with home improvement projects in Putnam, Kanawha, Mason and Jackson counties.

Filed several suits against unethical businesses, including one against an unlicensed contractor who took consumers’ money and did not start or finish home improvement and other projects in Kanawha and Putnam counties.

Joined a brief against a new rule implemented by the Biden administration’s Consumer Financial Protection Bureau that seeks to unlawfully expand its authority to encompass many practices that Congress chose not to grant the agency with the power to regulate, including the investigation and punishment of all acts of supposed discrimination in the consumer finance industry.


Supported efforts to preserve school sports teams based on biological sex by championing a Women’s Bill of Rights.

For the first time since it was created, the AG’s Office’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit is now looking to recover losses incurred by West Virginia’s Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) due to provider fraud in addition to the state’s Medicaid losses on a case-by-case basis. “There’s a lot more that needs to be done and my office will not falter in fighting and advocating for the rights of West Virginians,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “I’m excited to build upon these successes in 2023.”

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More than 40 scholarships from the Tucker Community Foundation are available for high school and college students in Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties, WV and Garrett County, MD. Scholarship awards will

range from \$500 to \$10,000 with most in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range. Last year the Tucker Community Foundation awarded over \$93,000 in scholarships to deserving students in our 8-county area. The goal for this year is to hit \$100,000!

Students can go to www.tuckerfoundation.net/ended-funds/scholarships/ to download an application and view the list of scholarships. Scholarship applications will be available on Monday, January 9, and the deadline to apply is Friday, March 10.

Applications are also

available at the Foundation offices located in the Board of Education Annex at 100 Education Lane, Parsons. High School guidance counselors throughout the Foundation's service area also have applications for distribution to students.

Chief Financial Officer, Michael Moore, encourages all high school and college students to apply even if their educational needs do not align with a particular fund.

"Some of the Tucker Community Foundation's scholarships are designated for graduates of a particular high school or for a particular college while others are based on activities or intended college majors" Moore said. "Just because you do not qualify for one

scholarship does not mean you would not qualify for another. We review all of the scholarship applicants and determine the student's eligibility for each different scholarship."

Tucker County or Marshall County students who will be pursuing a journalism degree at a West Virginia school or who will study any major at Marshall University are eligible for the Stadelman Journalism Scholarship.

The Harry R. & Candy B. Sommerville Science Scholarship Fund supports educational opportunities in the Sciences for Tucker County High School students. Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology and Engineering – these are just some of the fields of study

that could qualify students. Postgraduate college students from Tucker, Preston or Garrett counties who are pursuing a masters, doctorate or professional degree are eligible for a Crimson Shamrock Scholarship.

The Gary Wilson Fund provides a scholarship for Tucker County students attending a Christian elementary, middle or high school, or who are being home schooled employing Christian educational principles and values.

These are just a handful of the over 40 scholarships available from the Tucker Community Foundation this year.

High school seniors, college students, students attending technical schools

and other nontraditional students (e.g., adults returning to school) are encouraged to apply for a Tucker Community Foundation scholarship regardless of their field of study.

The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 140 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to nonprofits and charitable causes throughout the eight-county service area. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Foundation is "Creating opportunities for the communities we serve". For more information about scholarships contact the Tucker Community Foundation at 304-478-2930 or visit www.tuckerfoundation.net.

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

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1st publication 1/11/23	58 Sapling Ridge Rd.
2nd publication 1/18/23	Hendricks, WV 26241
Barbara Ellen Anderson	Jonathan B. Anderson
1st publication 1/11/23	1915 Constitution Dr.
2nd publication 1/18/23	Fairmont, WV 26554

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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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):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
002	2021000701	S388-STR/IP-23 00	STP-2023(107)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS ROADWAY STRIPING DISTRICT WIDE

COUNTY: PENDLETON, TUCKER, POCAHONTAS, RANDOLPH,

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REMARKS:

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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 publicly opened.

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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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2023.	\$ 246.66
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2023.	\$ 140.27
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation of the list and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$ 855.04
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.	\$ 537.85
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Jacob Kopec, Sheriff and Treasurer of Tucker County.	\$ 1,779.82
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check or must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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SPORTS

Lady Mt. Lions Collect Road Wins Over Petersburg and Gilmer



Tucker County's Ericka Zirk takes a shot at Petersburg on Jan. 3rd. The Lady Mt. Lions got the road win 56-40. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

PETERSBURG – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team traveled to Petersburg on Tuesday January 3rd for a road game against the Lady Vikings. The Lady Mt. Lions used a strong second half to get the road win by the final score of 56-40.

The first quarter was controlled by Petersburg as they held a 9-6 lead over Tucker County after one quarter. The Lady Mt. Lions responded in the second quarter as they outscored the homestanding Lady Vikings 17-10 to make the halftime score 23-19 Tucker County.

In the third quarter Tucker County outshot Petersburg 13-9 in the quarter to extend the Lady Mt. Lions lead to 36-28 after three quarters. The fourth quarter was also won by Tucker County 21-13 to give the Lady Mt. Lions the road win by the score of 57-41.

The Lady Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Kadie Colebank with 26 points, 25 rebounds and Macy Helmick added 11 points, 5 assists. Ericka Zirk also chipped in with 6

points, 7 rebounds for Tucker County in the win. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team also won 52-27.

GLENVILLE – The Lady Mt. Lions traveled to Gilmer County on Friday January 6th for a game against the Lady Titans. Tucker County got off to a slow start, but a big third quarter allowed the Lady Mt. Lions to pull ahead to collect a 54-40 road win.

The homestanding Lady Titans got off to a hot start as they led 18-6 after one quarter of play. Tucker County then started to chip away at the Gilmer County lead in the second quarter as they outscored the Lady Titans 16-7 in the second to make the halftime score 25-22 Gilmer County.

The Lady Mt. Lions continued to control the game in the third as they took the lead early in the quarter and Tucker County outshot Gilmer County 16-5 in the third to put the score to 39-30 Tucker County after three quarters. The fourth quarter would also belong to the Lady Mt. Lions as they outscored the Lady Titans 16-10 in the final quarter to give Tucker County the road win by the final score of 54-40.

Kadie Colebank led Tucker County with 20 points, 12 rebounds and Brylee Wetzel added 9 points, 4 steals. Ericka Zirk added 8 points, 7 rebounds in the win for the Lady Mt. Lions. Macy Helmick chipped in with 6 points, 7 assists, 5 rebounds and Avery Colebank contributed 6 points for Tucker County. The Lady Mt. Lions JV fell in the first game of the night 49-37.

Tucker County(8-0) will return to action tonight Wednesday January 11th at Tygarts Valley. The JV game will start at 5:45pm with the varsity contest following the JV contest. The Lady Mt. Lions will then travel to Moorefield on Friday January 13th with JV action starting at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker County Boys' Basketball Cruise to Win at Moorefield 72-39

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

MOOREFIELD – The Mt. Lions Basketball team traveled to Moorefield on Friday January 6th for a contest with the Yellowjackets. Tucker County got the lead early in the game and never looked back as they got the road win 72-39 over Moorefield.

The first quarter belonged to the Mt. Lions as they led 16-7 after one quarter of play. Tucker County would control the second quarter as they outscored the Yellowjackets 22-10 in the second to make the halftime score 38-17 Mt. Lions.

Tucker County added to their lead in the third quarter as the Mt. Lions outpaced Moorefield 20-7 in the third to push the score to 58-24 at the end of the third. Moorefield would edge Tucker County 15-14 in the fourth, but the Mt. Lions would capture the road win by the final score of 72-39.

Trevar Bonner led Tucker County with 17 points, 6 rebounds and Ashton Lycliter added 14 points, 8 rebounds. Maddox Anderson had 11 points and Owen Knotts added 10 points, 12 rebounds for the Mt. Lions in the win. The Tucker County JV also got the win at Moorefield 35-28. The Mt. Lions JV team also defeated the Union Varsity 56-22 at home on January 5th.

Tucker County(4-2) will return to action on Friday January 6th at the Tyler Consolidated Tournament against defending Class "A" State Champions James Monroe at 6pm. The Mt. Lions will also play at Tyler Consolidated on Saturday January 7th in the Consolation or Championship game depending on the result of Friday's game. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker Valley Girls' and Boys' Play Kasson and Davis-Thomas

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

KASSON – The Tucker Valley Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams traveled to Kasson on Thursday January 5th. In the first game of the night the Lady Wildcats picked up the win 34-19. Emma Wilfong led Tucker Valley with 10 points, while Madelyn Helmick and Peyton Hicks added 6 points each.

In the second game the Tucker Valley Boys' also got the win by the final score of 46-42. Luke Barb led the Wildcats with 22 points and Ethan Cummings followed close behind with 19 points in the Tucker Valley win.

HAMBLETON – The Wildcats Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams faced off against Davis-Thomas at TCHS on Saturday January

7th. The Girls' teams took to the court in the first game of the evening. The Tucker Valley Girls' got the win over Davis-Thomas 20-10. The Lady Wildcats was led in scoring by Emma Wilfong with 10 points, while Peyton Hicks and Lela Wright added 4 points each in the win for the Tucker Valley Girls'.

In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas pulled away for the 46-37 win over Tucker Valley. The Wildcats were led in scoring by Luke Barb with 13 points and Nate Davis added 10 points for Tucker Valley in the loss.

The Tucker Valley Girls' will return to action on January 19th at home against Belington. The Tucker Valley Boys' will return to action on January 18th at Pendleton County. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Emma Wilfong of Tucker Valley dribbles the ball up the floor against Davis--Thomas at TCHS on Jan. 7th. The Lady Wildcats got the win over the Lady Bears 20-10. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball Update



Cayden Arnold (1) of Davis-Thomas takes the ball to the basket against Tucker Valley at TCHS on Jan. 7th. The Bears got the win over the Wildcats 46-37. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

THOMAS – The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams hosted Tygarts Valley on Tuesday January 3rd. In the first contest the Lady Bears fell by the score of 37-19. Peyton Cross led Davis-Thomas with 8 points and Bella Rivera added 6 points.

In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas fell to Tygarts Valley in a tight contest 55-54. The Bears were led in scoring by Emmet Felton with 23 points and Cayden Arnold added 16 points in the Davis-Thomas loss.

HAMBLETON – The Bears Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams faced off against Tucker Valley at TCHS on Saturday January 7th. The Girls' teams took to the court in the first game of the evening. The Tucker Valley Girls' got the win over Davis-Thomas 20-10. The Lady Bears were led in scoring by Peyton Cross with 6 points.

In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas pulled away for the 46-37 win over Tucker Valley. The Bears were led in scoring

by Emmet Felton and Cayden Arnold with 18 points each in the win for Davis-Thomas.

The Davis-Thomas Basketball teams will return to action on Thursday January 12th at Terra Alta. The first game will start at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday January 11th
• Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ Tygarts Valley 5:45pm
Thursday January 12th
• Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Terra Alta 6pm
Friday January 13th
• Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ Moorefield 6pm
• Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs James Monroe @ Tyler Consolidated 6pm

Saturday January 14th
• Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs TBA @ Tyler Consolidated at TBA
Monday January 16th
• Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs Kasson @ Home 5:30pm
Tuesday January 17th
• Tucker County Girls' vs Pendleton County(varsity only) @ Home 6:30pm

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Tucker County Community Corrections is recruiting for a **full-time Mental Health Therapist** to work with clients with a variety of mental health concerns, including addiction. The qualified candidate must have a Master's Degree with one of the following credentials: Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW), Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) or Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) with provisional licensure certificate.

We offer a friendly environment, competitive salary, benefits, encourage and pay for continuing education, and supervision is provided for Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) with a provisional licensure certificate. Please submit resumes to Tucker Day Report Center, Attn: Dustin Luzier 213 First Street Parsons, WV 26287. Deadline to submit resume is January 27th, 2023 For any questions, please call 304-478-2833. Tucker County Community Corrections is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TUCKER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DAY REPORT OFFICER EMPLOYMENT OPPURTUNITY

Tucker County Community Corrections is recruiting for a **Full-Time Day Report Officer**. It is preferred the qualified candidate have a degree in a Criminal Justice Field, or equivalent experience in the Criminal Justice System.

Job Duties will include but not limited to:

- Provides ongoing supervision and rehabilitative services to an assigned caseload. Duties include, but are not limited to, intake assessments, drug screening, community supervision, as well as in-home visits.
- Maintains contact with community resources to arrange referrals and services, as necessary.
- Prepares reports, correspondences, and documents as necessary, maintains records of contacts with clients.
- Performs related work as required.

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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.

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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\$458k for 988 Crisis Lifeline Services in West Virginia

Charleston, WV – Today, U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$458,333 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). The funding was made possible through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which passed the Senate and was signed into law in June of 2022, and will

help expand and enhance the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline services.

“The 988 lifeline has been a critical tool for connecting people in crisis with experienced mental and behavioral health professionals,” said Senator Manchin. “The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which I voted for last year, included support to expand and improve 988 services, including specialized services for our Veterans. I’m pleased HHS is investing additional resources for these services so that all West Virginians and Americans can receive the care they need. As a member of

the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue to advocate for resources to support mental and behavioral healthcare in the Mountain State.”

“Suicide is a serious issue for West Virginia and our nation, which is why it is critical that we do all we can to make sure resources are available to those who are struggling,” Senator Capito said. “I joined my colleagues in introducing legislation that designated 9-8-8 as the three-digit number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline—an important resource that can go a long way in helping save lives. This funding will help expand that effort by provide an outlet for people struggling, including our nation’s Veterans,

to keep the worst from happening and send them on the road to recovery.”

In July of 2022, Senator Manchin announced West Virginians and Americans nationwide who are experiencing mental health, substance use or suicide crises can call or text 988 or visit 988lifeline.org and be connected to trained crisis counselors. These trained crisis counselors are prepared to assist anyone experiencing a mental health emergency and the lifeline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For Veterans experiencing a mental health crisis, a specialized hotline is available by pressing 1 after connecting or by texting “VET” to the same 988 number.

Chambers Graduates from Glenville State University



Christopher Chambers at the Glenville State University Winter Commencement ceremony. (Courtesy Photo/Sam Santilli)

GLENVILLE, WV – Christopher Chambers of Parsons graduated from Glenville State University as a member of the Winter 2022 graduating class. Chambers graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. He was also a member of the Glenville State University Honors Program.

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