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Pictured is the new trash compactor used by the TC Landfill with employees from Leslie Equipment, Humdinger Equipment and Landfill employees Roger Wolford, Marshall Baker, Garrett Reall-Campbell, Ty George, Cody Cussins, and Jody Alderman.

## Solid Waste Authority's New Compactor Working Above Expectations

By: Jennifer Britt  
The Parsons Advocate

Jody Alderman reported to the board that the new trash compactor was working above the expected rate. The old compactor yielded a .56 per cubic yard but the new one is yielding a .80 per cubic yard. A .75 per cubic yard is considered great. Normally there would be a year wait time to establish the rate but with the new compactor's system the numbers can be calculated at any time.

The Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Secretary/Treasurer Carol Helmick reported to board members that there was a total of 5,645.3 tonnage accepted at the landfill for the month of November in 2022. Bringing the fiscal yearly total to 30,729.45 and a difference of 2,343.44 from November of 2021. That is a 33 percent increase in tonnage compared to the prior year and by comparison month to month (November 2022 vs. November 2021) a 71 percent increase.

There was a total of 49 loads and 303,601 gallons of leachate hauled from the landfill to a treatment facility for the month of November in 2022. There were 20 loads hauled to Moorefield, 18 to Westernport, and 11 to the City of Thomas. Total treatment cost was \$8,971.19. This leaves a 46 percent decrease from month to month and a 2.8 percent decrease for year to year.

The top ten sales customers for the landfill have changed slightly

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## Maintenance, EMS, and Camp Kidd discussed with TC County Commission



Visiting field representative from Senator Manchin's office Wendy Madden.

By: Jennifer Britt  
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Wendy Madden, a field representative from Senator Manchin's office, was present at the Tucker County Commission meeting. The field representative monitors and updates the Member and District Director on district and local issues. This position acts as a liaison to federal, district, and local agencies for the member and constituents and answers casework correspondence and verbal communications with constituents. Madden formally worked with Congressman McKinley's office. Madden said, "I just stopped by to reintroduce myself. Anything you need help with, a state or federal agency, just call on me."

Ambulance Authority President, Dennis Filler, provided an update on the work being completed by the authority. Filler said, "I have provided you (commissioners) a handout with basically all the facts of what we have done over the last 45 days for EMS. The bottom line is we have gone through the organization from top to bottom. We have saved whatever is good. Whatever needed repaired, modified, replaced, upgraded has essentially been done or is near in completion of doing so."

We are now at that point where we have a solid foundation for EMS services in Tucker County. At the moment we are providing, for sure, one crew 24/7 and on some days we have a second group. Our interim director (Amanda Simmons) is currently in school, that is why she is not here today, learning the fundamentals of directorship. She has routinely been in contact with EMS organizations throughout the state to find out all of their best practices, techniques, and methodologies so that we can adopt those to our community space in order to provide better services.

Some of the things we have done right now other than really go through all of our equipment and all of our repair bills will be high this month. At one time we only had one ambulance now we have four that are operational as of last night. All are road worthy. I would ride in any of them and that is essentially the test that is applied.

We do have four pieces of equipment that are operational and we are outfitting two of those rigs with high-capacity wireless modems that allow our life packs to communicate back to state medical agencies and receiving hospitals. So that we can now use telemetry to provide real time information back to the facilities that control us and we work with, as well, as those receiving hospitals so we can provide better patient care.

Essentially anything that Doc Martin (EMS Medical Director, Dr. P.S. Martin) has essentially asked us for, we have gone in and done." Filler continued explaining that the organization was building up a part-time

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## Roy and Mook Appear Before Judge J. Courier



Tammy Mook was present in Judge J. Courier's courtroom along with her attorney B. Easton and TC Prosecuting Attorney S. Hull Wilkins.

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The criminal cases of the state verses Trevor Roy and the state verses Tammy Mook were heard in the courtroom of the Honorable Judge James Courier. Defendants Roy and Mook were represented in court by Public Defender Attorney Brent Easton, and both cases are being prosecuted by the Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins.

Roy was the first to appear. Wilkins presented to the court a plea bargain that would reduce Roy's charges from a felony to a misdemeanor. The plea agreement consisted of two counts of domestic battery. According to state

code §61-2-28. "Domestic violence — criminal acts. (a) Domestic battery. — Any person who unlawfully and intentionally makes physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with his or her family or household member, or unlawfully and intentionally causes physical harm to his or her family or household member, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not more than twelve months or fined not more than \$500, or both fined and confined."

These charges are not subject to deferred adjudication. Deferred adjudication is a plea bargain in which an offender pleads guilty or no contest to what he is being charged for.

In exchange for the guilty plea, not only does he avoid jail time, but he also gets the opportunity to have the charges dismissed or expunged from his criminal record. In Roy's case with no deferred adjudication for the charges presented in the plea agreement jail time is sentenced according to state code.

According to statement made by Wilkins, in June of 2019 Roy threw Cheyenne Davis, of Tucker County, to the ground repeatedly and struck her several times. Judge Courier asked if Davis was in agreement with the plea and Wilkins said, "The victim understands. She is not in 100 percent of agreement, but she understands."

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## Tucker County Science Fair Winners



Hadley Nestor & Morgan Simmons: Energy — How Does a Water Wheel Move? — 1st place Elementary; August Boarman: Technology — What Recyclables can I Use to Make Working Robots? — 1st place Elementary; Owen Helmick: Chemistry — How Salty does Water have to be for an Egg to Float? — 1st place Middle; Zayden McClurg & Miriam Spencer: Behavioral & Social Sciences — The Effects of Colors on Test Scores — 1st place Middle; Brody Bennett & Zoie Davis: Medical Science — How do Teeth Effect Your Body? — 2nd place Middle; Vivian Crossland: Earth & Environmental Science — What is the Effect of Pollution on Watershed based on Human Impact in the Environment? — 2nd place Middle; Abigail Keen: Behavioral & Social Sciences — How does Music Work and Affect Our Bodies? — 3rd place Middle



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# News of Record

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

- Todd E. Snyder and Michelle R. Snyder, Thomas Corporation, Lots 92 and 93 to Sean Colyer and Christine Colyer, \$230,000.
- Teresa Roberts/FKA/Teresa L. Newport, Parsons, Parcel Pulp Mill Bottom to Brendon Scott, \$110,000.
- Steven Nestor, Samuel Nestor, David Nestor, Bonnie Miller, Nelson Nestor and Alva Nestor, Jr.,

Licking, 106.32 acres to Christopher A. Teter and Angela M. Teter, \$141,000.

- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., Dry Fork, Unit F6 Week 36 to Alan Scott Withrow and Fatina Gail Withrow, \$0.
- Kathy R. Robinette, Dry Fork, 1/3 interest, 243.8 acres, surface and minerals to Dorothy L. Figy, \$0.
- Henderson Dwayne McGinnis and Amy Cobb McGinnis, Dry Fork, Unit 108 Building 2 Deerfield Village to Henderson Dwayne McGinnis/Co-Trustees, Amy Cobb McGinnis/Co-Trustees; Revocable Living Trust, \$0.

## We Get Letters

**Editor,**

"The squeaky wheel gets the grease," or so they say. For context, refer to the January 4 and January 11, 2023, letters to the editor in The Parsons Advocate. You will find three letters opposing the current route of Corridor H between Parsons and Davis. After considering the arguments made by these individuals, I wonder, what world are these people living in? Then again, isn't it obvious what the strategy is here? I propose that these letters can be summarized as such: Fake News, fearmongering, smoke and mirrors, disingenuous concern, and feigned anxieties. From all this noise, the ultimate goal is to obstruct, delay, and prevent the completion of Corridor H. Period. I would be more inclined to sympathize if their motives were not obscured by tone-deaf rationales.

On January 4, Ms. Susan Moore wrote that, following the completion of the Davis to Wardensville section of Corridor H, a "...new wave of tourism from the east..." resulted in "...an explosion of new businesses and commercial activity...", higher property values, and new construction. This is good. Later, she laments that connecting Corridor H from Parsons will result in more people traveling through our county – only this time, it is bad. She argues that the current route will be noisy, have lots of traffic, will bring more drugs and crime, and will make the stars invisible in Davis. Mind you, the Tucker County Industrial Park is within, or adjacent to, Davis town limits and has direct access to the existing 4-lane. It seems she believes tourists will never return once Tucker County is more accessible to civilization than ever before, despite Corridor H being far removed from Canaan Valley, Timberline, and Dolly Sods.

On January 4, Mr. Bret Rosenblum argued that Tucker County is well-off as it is. He stated that the county has "...already reaped the economic benefits of the road that brings countless visitors from the east coast." He stated that our economic figures indicate that everyone who wants a job, has a job; therefore, he believes our

local economy does not need any more benefits that would come from completing Corridor H. Remember this as you wait 30+ minutes for an ambulance. Share this data with your loved ones and neighbors who drive out of county for a living wage, with your children who moved away, and with your local small business owner who is struggling. They can surely find work on the mountain.

Lastly, on January 11, Ms. Nancy Luscombe wrote that Corridor H will force motorists to share 2-lane Route 32 with large trucks – a safety hazard, in her opinion. Never mind the large trucks routinely barreling down Sugarlands, Leadmine Mountain, and Holly Meadows. Welcome to Tucker County, is all I can say (nearing my 500-word limit). This has been the locals' plight for decades as we shared Route 219 with Kingsford's truck traffic. Even more reason to finish Corridor H sooner rather than later!

Respectfully,  
**Steven P. Sponaule**  
Parsons, WV

**Editor,**

The Spark Of Life. There was a recent study, six years or so back, where researchers and scientists were floored by

the discovery of a phenomena, inexplicable in its origin, that occurs in the womb at the moment of conception. A bioelectric flash emitting from the female egg cell once successfully fertilized by a male sperm. Dr. Theresa K. Woodruff, esteemed Interim President and Foundation Professor at MSU in the Department of Reproductive Biology, Gynecology, Obstetrics, Reproductive Biology, and the Department of Biomedical Engineering, who was one of the senior authors in the study, could only describe the occurrence as "breathtaking."

From their reference of expertise, there was no possible worldly explanation as to where the flicker of light could've come from. For me and many others, including now some of the scientists in the study, we know exactly from where —or whom to be more accurate. It is the gift of God. It is the human soul. The divine acknowledgement of the amazing, immutable truth in which everything a child is, can, and will ever be, begins at that exact moment.

Contrary to the belief of an entrenched status quo, the developing, sentient child is no more "a clump of cells" anymore than the seeds we watch sprout into great oaks. When we're planting our gardens and fields do we ever once call our gourds and grain lifeless masses of tissue? How could a baby in the womb be any different? The answer is that it can't. And they're not. It's an engrained belief system that is manifestly false,

through decades of pop cultural brainwashing and willful disinformation.

When anyone asks me my stance on abortion, I flat out tell 'em I'm thankful I wasn't. To all the pregnant women out there who are afraid, alone, in financial dire straits and terrified of the future, with all of it's very much real and definable features, I say to you this. Please do not get an abortion. There are so many couples out there who desperately want to adopt if you're not ready or don't want to be a mother. And in almost all cases they'll provide you the financial assistance you need to cover all of your medical expenses and cost of living, usually up to \$40,000, with the option of visitation rights, should you later decide you'd like to see them. Give them the chance to live in and experience this world as you were given. Please.

I truly believe there are black principalities dwelling in the halls of hospitals and the abortuaries of Planned Parenthood. In the Book of Exodus they went by the names of Ba'al and Molloch, of which many newborns were once sacrificed to by the fallen Canaanites. And for nearly fifty years, we've allowed killing over 60 million of ours in America. I deeply regret being pro choice ten years ago and going along with all of this carnage. And I'm sorry as sackcloth. For all of it. God help me, I am.

**Christopher Phares**  
Thomas, WV

## 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 8 people signed up for any of these trips.

The approximate prices are in parenthesis. The trips are: 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 July (around the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>) 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.

Next week's Menu: Mon: Meatball Hoagie, chips, lima beans, and applesauce. Tues.: Tuna Noodle casserole, peas, carrots, and peach cobbler. Wed.: Northern Beans, oven potatoes, corn bread and pears. Thurs.: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, and mixed fruit. Fri.: Hot dogs with sauce, French fries, beets, and oranges.

On Wednesdays after lunch, 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.

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> is free lunch day at Mt. Top Center compliments of Davis Medical Center. They are also sponsoring a free lunch day at the Parsons Center on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. We really appreciate the local businesses sponsoring these free meals for our seniors.

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# OBITUARIES

## Thelma Moore Dillon

Thelma Moore Dillon, 93, of Winchester, died Monday, January 9, 2023 in Front Royal, VA. She was born February 5, 1929 in Davis, WV, the daughter of Lee and Sarah Baker Moore.

Mrs. Dillon was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist faith.

She was married to William Arthur Dillon who preceded her in death as well as all her brothers and sisters: Harvey Moore, Alice Fortini, Mildred Turek, Charles Moore, Robert Moore, and Richard Moore.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, and many caring and devoted friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held by invitation only at Phelps Funeral Chapel, 311 Hope Drive, Winchester.

Burial will be at a later date in Davis, WV.

Memorials may be made to the SPCA, 111 Featherbed Lane, Winchester, VA 22601.

Arrangements are by Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service, Winchester.mi

## Dr. Roy A. Moss

Dr. Roy A. Moss, age 87, a resident of Parsons, WV, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. He was born on August 12, 1935, in Cederville, WV. He was one of 11 children of the late Earnie and Clara Beall Moss. On August 10, 1963, he was united in marriage to his loving wife, best friend, and devoted caregiver of 59



years, Marsha Kay Wiant Moss who resides in Parsons. Also surviving are two children, son, Jim Moss and wife Susan of Harrisonburg, VA, and daughter, Belinda Moss of Morgantown, and daughter-in-law, Danielle Moore and husband, Dale of Parsons. He was the proud grandfather of five grandchildren, Megan (Mike) Delaney, Sydney (Nate) Brady, Morgan Moss, Jordan Moss, and Jayden Moore. He was preceded in death by two sons, Darrin L. Moss and John M. Moss, and seven brothers and sisters. All who knew Dr. Moss, fondly known as Poppy, loved him and his sweet, kind hearted, gentle nature. He loved his life, spending time with his family, and lived a life of gratitude. When faced with adversity, he never complained and used each experience to help strengthen others. He attended First Baptist Church. He loved the Lord and was a faithful prayer warrior.

Dr. Moss, was an Army Veteran, and earned three Masters Degrees and a Doctorate in Education. He began his teaching career in a one-room school house. Throughout his extensive career in education, he served as a school counselor, a school psychologist, a teacher, and a principal in the WV public school system. He was an Assistant Superintendent, and a Superintendent for the Tucker County school system. He loved children and made a positive impact on many lives. He found true joy in serving others and put their needs before his own both personally and professionally. Matthew 25:21.

In lieu of flowers, the Moss family requests donations be made in his honor to the Tucker County EMS and asks that you consider being a blood donor.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. On Sunday, January 15, 2023, Dr. Moss was moved to First Baptist Church at Parsons, where friends called from 1 until 2 p.m., the funeral hour. The Rev. Gregory Smith officiated and the committal service followed at the Church. Grave-side services were private. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Dr. Roy A. Moss. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com)



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## James W. "Butchie" Long, Jr

James W. "Butchie" Long, Jr., 66, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at his home.

Butch was born on Thursday, March 8, 1956, of a son of the late James W. "Butch" Long, Sr., and Stanis Lee Long. He is survived by one son, Zachary Long and wife, Ashley, and one grandson, Zachary Long, Jr., all of Hendricks. Also surviving is one stepmother, Beth Long, of Parsons, three step-siblings, Amy, Bruce, and David, two nieces, Tammy Michael and husband, Pete, and Krista Owens and husband, Tim, one nephew, Tink Greenleaf and wife, Jennifer of Parsons, five great nieces and nephews, James Payden, Alexa Lee, Liam Connor Kee, Ethan Michael, and Maci Lee, and his caring and helpful neighbor and friend, Pat Usnik.

Butch was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda Lee Long.

Butch graduated from Parsons High School with the Class of 1974 and was known for his talent playing football. He went on to further his education having graduated from Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. Butch worked as a funeral director for several funeral homes before returning to Tucker County where he served as the night auditor at Canaan Valley Resort. He gave back to the community by volunteering as a coach for little league football and enjoyed watching his former players succeed throughout their high school careers. Butch enjoyed hunting, watching NASCAR and ball games, but the hobby he was most passionate about was playing his guitars. Everyone who heard the J.W. Long Band, or the Big Dawgs play, knew his passion for his music. His humor and stories could bring a smile to anyone's face. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Visitation was held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Monday from 5 until 8 p.m. Funeral services was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 11 a.m. Rev. Neil Parsons officiated, and interment followed in Parsons City Cemetery. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for James W. "Butchie" Long, Jr. Send online condolences to the family at: [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com).

## Carolyn Sue Phillips Roy

Carolyn Sue Phillips Roy, age 66 of Auburn, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Carolyn was born on Thursday, February 2, 1956, to Luther Phillips and Wavie Mick Phillips. On July 8, 1977, in Oakland, MD, she was married to Michael R. Roy, who survives in Auburn, IN. They had celebrated forty-five years of marriage.

Also left to cherish Carolyn's memory are two daughters, Connie Jewell and husband, Neil, and Michelle Watson and husband, Jason, al of Auburn, IN, two granddaughters; Caitlin Jewell and Kaylee Watson, three sisters; Linda Kittle of Belington, Alice Phillips of Parkersburg, Shirley Tyson and husband Baker, of Stephenson, VA., two sisters-in-law; Patty Roy of Parsons and Kathy Leach and husband, Ernie, of Garrett, IN, many nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family members, and a few special family friends; Teca Slone, Angie Combs and Amy Hunt.

Preceding Carolyn in death besides her parents were, four brothers; Jack Phillips, Kenny Phillips, Lee Phillips and Michael Phillips, one sister; June Ann Phillips and one brother-in-law; Butch Roy.

Carolyn attended the schools of Tucker County worked at the Tucker County Hospital in West Virginia before working for several retail establishments. She was strong in her Christian Faith and she enjoyed shopping and traveling. Most important to Carolyn was spending time with her family and friends, especially her two granddaughters.

Carolyn's request for cremation was honored. A memorial service is being planned and will be announced. Interment will take place at Parsons City Cemetery in Parsons. Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Association Indiana Chapter, PO Box 56023, Indianapolis, Indiana 46256. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Carolyn Sue Phillips Roy. Send online condolences to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com)



## RuthAnn Smith

RuthAnn Smith, 59, of Nashville, TN, passed away on January 13, 2023 after a brave battle with breast cancer.

RuthAnn was born on August 09, 1963 to Charles and Bernice Hipp in Mt. Storm, WV. She was a graduate of Tucker County High School.

She enjoyed various careers, including server and ambulance driver, but her favorite, and most notorious jobs, were stay at home mom and semi-truck driver. Her most recent, and dearest, role was the one of "Nana".

RuthAnn impacted many lives. She was a volunteer and member of the Parsons Church of God for many years. She was a force to be reckoned with and loved her family, fiercely.

RuthAnn was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Bernice Hipp and brothers, Charles Hipp II, John Hipp, and Austin Hipp.

She is survived by her two daughters, Sarah Roberts and Libby, and husband, Alex Dobrinski, three grandsons, Isaac Roberts, Owen Roberts, and Connor Roberts, and two granddaughters, Avery Grace Dobrinski and Raelynn Dobrinski, all of Nashville, TN. She is also survived by her brother Marc Hipp of Elkins, WV and niece Brandy and husband, Yoshi Nakamura, Yousho Nakamura, Shoya Nakamura, and Manna Nakamura of Kyoto, Japan.

"A memorial service will be held at The Parsons Church of God at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2023. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Pink Fund."

## David J. Orr

David J. Orr, 79, a lifelong resident of Parsons, peacefully passed from this life on Friday, January 13, 2023, surrounded by his loving wife and children.

David was born Sunday, November 21, 1943, in Parsons, a son of the late Rexel Vere Orr and Virginia Orr Wilson. On May 13, 1989, he was united in marriage to his loving wife, travel companion and friend, Donna Roxann Nestor Orr, who survives.

Left to cherish David's memory besides his wife are two daughters, Jade Knick of Lexington, VA and Dr. Hiedi Orr and husband, Steven Cooper, of Stanleytown, VA, one son, Jeremy Lawrence and wife, Megan of Morgantown, two sisters, Carole Daniel of Chattanooga, TN and Judy Orr Ingham of Parsons, and a nephew, nieces, great-nephew, and great-nieces. David was blessed to be Pawpaw to six precious and perfect grandchildren, Harper and Will Knick of Lexington, VA, Tyler Cooper and Madeline Cooley of Stanleytown, VA and Isabel and Owen Lawrence of Morgantown, as well as two great-grandsons, Piercen and Tate Knick of Lexington, VA.

David was a graduate of Parsons High School with the Class of 1962. He excelled in several sports including football, which he played all four years. David worked for Mountain Valley Bank NA and its predecessor First National Bank of Parsons for a total of forty-eight years. He joined the bank in May of 1965 following his military service with the US Army in Germany and Vietnam. In 1983, he was named Executive Vice-President of the bank and also received the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Year award. At the time of his death, David was a member of the Mountain Valley Bank Board of Directors and served as a consultant to the management of the bank.

David was a member of the Parsons Lions Club for almost fifty years and received the Leonard Jarrett Award in 2006. During his lifetime, he served on the boards of many organizations including the Tucker County Senior Center, the Tucker County Emergency Ambulance Authority, the Tucker County Development Authority, and the Parsons Community Association, of which he was a founding member. In 1998, David received the distinguished honor of being named Tuckineer for his community service.

David attended the First United Methodist Church in Parsons.

He loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren, attending sports functions and dance recitals with equal enthusiasm. The summer beach trips with all his children and grandchildren together were the highlight of his year. He loved the ocean and the beach, and he was always the first one in the ocean on each trip.

David traveled extensively through Europe during his military service which sparked a lifelong passion for travel. His most recent trip was a birthday cruise with his wife, Donna, to several Caribbean islands where they danced, snorkeled, swam in crystalline blue waters, and enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner off the coast of the island of St. Maarten.

David's request for cremation was honored. The family will receive friends at Hostetler Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., the time of the memorial service. Rev. William Brown will officiate, and members of the Tucker County Veterans Association, Tygarts Valley Post #3647, Veterans of Foreign Wars, H.W. Daniels Post #29, American Legion, and WV Honor Guard will conduct full military honors. The family suggests that memorial contributions in David's honor be made to Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort Rd., Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256, or a local charity of their choice. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for David J. Orr. Send online condolences to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com).



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# Kowatli to head Davis Medical Center's Better Sleep Center

Elkins, WV -- Dr. Emad Kowatli has joined Davis Health System as the new Medical Director for Davis Medical Center's Better Sleep Center.

Dr. Kowatli, a pulmonologist, will provide inpatient consults and office visits in his role overseeing the Better Sleep Center. He previously served in a similar position in West Virginia as Director of Thomas Health's Sleep Laboratory in Charleston. Dr. Kowatli will also work for Davis Health System in Critical Care.

Working and studying in healthcare for nearly 40 years, Dr. Kowatli has also served communities in Tampa, Florida, Dayton, Ohio and Chicago. Dr. Kowatli credited his long and successful career to his patients and helping them get better.

"It's always about the medicine – how can I improve someone's life, and truly make a difference," he said. "I enjoy developing relationships with patients and their families through the healthcare process. Enabling a change for the better and to encourage a positive outlook is what I love the most."

Dr. Kowatli acknowledges the stress insurance and healthcare coverage can cause patients and their families. When his patients face benefits being cut, or an overall lack of adequate coverage, Dr. Kowatli said he will work to guide patients through every one of their options.

"Insurance is a problem at times," he said. "I want to give the people what they need, not what the insurance wants to give them."

It's a situation many patients unfortunately must deal with.



"It makes the way we can treat a patient very challenging," said Dr. Kowatli.

At Davis Health System, Dr. Kowatli said he will continue to monitor research and discoveries in the medical field, understanding that science and technology have long been rapidly developing fields.

"Medicine is constantly changing, so you have to change with it," Dr. Kowatli said. "Technology changes too. It's always about adapting to new and different challenges."

Dr. Kowatli served Southern West Virginians as Director of the Intensive Care Unit at the Logan Regional Medical Center. While in Logan, Dr. Kowatli said he quickly grew to appreciate West Virginia for its natural landscape and scenery.

"I just fell in love with West Virginia and its beauty – I love the mountains," he said.

All of Dr. Kowatli's children live in West Virginia, which he said made Davis

Medical Center a desired destination.

Dr. Kowatli was born and raised in Damascus, Syria. He is Board Certified with the American Board of Sleep Disorder, the American Board of Critical Care and Internal Medicine as well as the American Board of Pulmonary Medicine.

Listed below are Dr. Kowatli's pulmonary highlighted treatment options:

- Diagnosis and treatment of black lung
- Diagnosis and treatment of asthma with experience in biologic treatment for severe asthma
- Chronic obstructive lung disease diagnosis and management
- Lung cancer screening and stage

- Bronchoscopies with biopsy and bronchial washing
- Diagnosis and treatment of interstitial lung disease and fibrosis
- Treatment of sleep disorders including obstructive sleep apnea, insomnia and hypersomnolence like narcolepsy
- Diagnosis and treatment of pleural lung disease such as pleural effusion and pneumothorax with use of percutaneous chest tube for minimal scarring
- Percutaneous tracheostomies and chronic follow up of tracheostomy tube including downsizing and speaking valve

## SWA

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for the month. There was sales total of \$297,103.10 for the month of November. The top five customers have 89 percent of the sales. Region VIII is still the highest sales customer with 47 percent of the sales at \$140,718.95. Sunrise Sanitation had \$67,536.06, and City of Kingwood had \$26,156.46. M&M Transport had \$18,278.71 and Hott Disposal had \$13,081.44. The remaining of the top ten have eight percent of the monthly sales and include North Fork Disposal, Republic Services, City of Parsons, Valley Proteins, and City of Petersburg. Three percent were accredited from other account receivables in the amount of \$9,027.81.

Accountant Mark Joseph provided board members with the operating financial report. The report included the balance sheet and income statements for the landfill.

Director Mark Holstine asked the board members to review the proposal presented by Jeffery Craig from the Renewable Natural Gas Company. In the prior board meeting Craig provided information on a potential proposal to design, construct, and operate a landfill gas collection system at the landfill. The collections system would cost between one and two million dollars and would be a solution to the leachate collected at the landfill. Renewable Natural Gas Company would pay for the construction of the system and the landfill would collect royalties from the collected gas.

Craig was present during the meeting and said, "What we would be asking for is to approve this proposal in concept because really the commitment comes from when we negotiate and sign the final agreement. So, what the approval does is give us some comfort to go out spend the money on engineering, do the in-depth

evaluation, before we sign the contract.

We obviously do not want to sign a contract we are not 100 percent sure we can deliver, and you do not want us doing that either. So, what the proposal really says is ok we like what we see, we approve in principle subject to final approval. Which will actually be the contract. And I provided a draft copy of that. That would be the sequence.

I added the business numbers as well, because someone is bound to ask along the way what would you gain from this each year. I put the conservative number of \$200,000 that you would be looking to get from royalties each year. I think that is a very fair and probably conservative number that you can reasonable expect."

Holstine also reported that his board would be sending a letter to the Tucker County Commission requesting the chairman of the Solid Waste Authority have board seat on the new Blackwater PSD. Holstine expressed the need for the seat to be held because the landfill would be the PSD's largest customer. Holstine said, "There is some stuff in our letter that has credentials that I can provide to that being that we are probably going to be the largest customer of the Blackwater PSD. We definitely think we should have a seat at that table." Commissioner Fred Davis stated that the commissioners had discussed having a three-person board that included the mayors from Davis and Thomas, but he would mention to the other commissioners that there may be a need for a five-person board instead.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority will be held on February 7, 2023, at 3 p.m. and located at the Tucker County Landfill office at 284 Landfill Road, Davis, West Virginia.

## Roy

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Judge Courier explained the conditions of the agreement. Since the charges are considered domestic violence Roy will be unable to possess, carry, or be in the presence of any firearm. This a permanent band and only in rare instances are rights restored. Roy will give up his rights to a jury by peers, to challenge any evidence obtained and to appeal the case in a higher court. There may also be higher enhanced penalties if the charges are repeated.

Courier also explained to Roy that he will have to pay court cost along with court appointed lawyer fees. If Roy does not pay these in a timely manner further charges could arise. He was advised to see the Circuit Court Clerk to set up payment arrangements.

Judge Courier asked Roy if he understood everything explained to him to which Roy stated he did and had signed the plea without pressure from anyone. Courier agreed to the plea agreement presented to the court and sentenced Roy to one year jail confinement for each count of domestic battery with time to run consecutively. Roy had already served the sentenced time in jail and was awarded time served. He was ordered to pay the court cost, lawyer fees, and to have no unwanted contact with the victim.

Mook's case was continued once again. Mook is charged with receiving stolen property. Easton, attorney for Mook, stated to Judge Courier that the defen-



Trevor Roy leaving court after being awarded time served on two guilty plea charges of domestic battery.

dant is hoping to get the matter resolved without going to trial. Wilkins said, "If we are to resolve it, can we get there already? We want it to end one way or another." Courier set a pretrial/plea bargain date for March 10 at 9:30 a.m. with the possibility of February 14 being a contingent date if Easton's work schedule allows.

## Absolute Online Real Estate Auction

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# e-WV The West Virginia Encyclopedia

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

**Jan. 18, 1842:** Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General “Mad Anthony” Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

**Jan. 19, 1818:** The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new county was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.

**Jan. 19, 1820:** Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

**Jan. 19, 1844:** The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison, and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.

**Jan. 19, 1848:** Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

**Jan. 19, 1894:** Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man

in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad “John Hardy.”

**Jan. 20-21, 1824:** West Virginia’s most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In the opening battle at Manassas on July 21, 1861, he won the name “Stonewall” for steadfastness at a critical point in the engagement.

**Jan. 19-20, 1978:** An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept the snow cover on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most towns in West Virginia.

**Jan. 21, 1906:** The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gasaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.

**Jan. 22, 1927:** Confederate General John McCaus-

land died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.

**Jan. 23, 1850:** Raleigh County was established by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The county’s founder, Alfred Beckley, named it after Sir Walter Raleigh.

**Jan. 23, 1888:** Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America District 17 from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.


**Jan. 23, 1890:** The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio, with John B. Rae, a Scottish immigrant, as the first president. Just three months later, in Wheeling, UMWA District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M. F. Moran as district president and immediately launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state’s coal mines.

**Jan. 24, 1968:** Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.

## 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



I think I have finally found the relief I have been searching for. It has been going on 40 years that I have been going for chiropractic care and it has helped a great deal, some times. My present chiropractic doctor recommended something that his wife had done some years back.

It is called Atlas Orthogonal and works on the very first bone in the spine. It is basically up under the back of your skull and there has to be special instruments to work on it. He referred me to another doctor that works on this and I must say I have never had this much relief in all the years of going to chiropractors.

It is almost instant relief of the pain that I have been living with but I have to take it easy so it will settle and stay in place. *Momma Said*, “Something worthwhile is worth waiting for.” The first treatment did not stay in very long but I have gone back for the second time

and I feel pretty darn good.

It will take some time and I am willing to put in the effort to get some relief. If you are suffering as I am with headaches, dizziness, stiffness in the neck and shoulders, not being able to turn your head from side to side, it might be worth the time to look into it. And the best part is Medicare pays for everything but the first visit. And if a medical doctor prescribes the x-rays they are covered as well. *Momma Said*, “Take the time to help yourself because nobody else is going to do it for you.”

## Impossible Pie

### Ingredients

- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 8 Tbls. butter
- ¾ cup sugar
- Nutmeg

### Directions

Place milk, coconut, eggs, vanilla, flour, butter and sugar in a blender and mix well. Pour into greased and floured pie plate and sprinkle with nutmeg. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. It will form its own crust with filling and taste like a coconut cream pie.

# What's? Happening

### PHS Alumni Meeting

The Parsons High School Alumni Committees will be meeting at 2 p.m., at B & J's Restaurant, on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Need your input for our 2023 Banquet.

### IRS 2023 tax filing season

The Internal Revenue Service announced Monday, January 23, 2023, as the beginning of the 2023 tax season when the agency will begin accepting

and processing 2022 tax year returns.

### Photo Benefit Fund-raiser for Tucker County Animal Shelter

A Photo Benefit Fund-raiser for Tucker County Animal Shelter will be on January 28, at Parsons Fire Hall. \$50 for 15-minute photo sessions. 100% of donations go to helping animals in Tucker County. Email [animalcontrol@teanimalshelter.org](mailto:animalcontrol@teanimalshelter.org) to book a session. Payment required at time of booking.

## Super Crossword ON A MISSION

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13 Snooty sort  
20 River in Europe and Asia  
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22 Popular hot sauce brand  
23 Calf-length skirt  
24 Navigable sea route in southern Chile  
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28 Home to Boise: Abbr.  
29 Extra game periods, for short  
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31 Designer for Jackie Kennedy  
35 1958 Leslie Caron film  
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71 Daniel Boone or Johnny Appleseed  
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79 Pushpin’s kin  
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37 Virus, e.g.  
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43 German “the”  
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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## DEADLINE 8AM MONDAY

### Weather Totals

Jan. 3- Jan. 10

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

#### Temperature

Max 69° F  
Min 15° F

#### Precipitation

Week 0.32"  
January 0.84"  
2023 0.84"

#### Snowfall

New Snow 0"  
Snow on ground 0"  
Winter Total 3"

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# Commission

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roster and training new candidates, but critical shortage was the lack of paramedics. So far there have been no responses to the job announcements posted throughout the state networks. One strategy Filler mentioned was working with current staff to be trained as paramedics, but it would take time and money to do so.

Commissioner Mike Rosenau said, “The lines of communication have been open, and we appreciate that. This past month has been good. The communication has been good with us. The needs addressed to us have been real. You have facts to back up your needs and it really help us when allocating tax dollars and to know what the actual need is, and we appreciate that. I can also tell you that we will be going to Charleston, legislature is in session, three time in the next 30 days. We set up appointments so we can report back on what the state level is working on as far as funding for EMS. We hope that with working with them that we will find viable sources of income to support our EMS.”

Commissioner Fred Davis added, “We are having a good working relationship. I like where our working relationship is right now. And I appreciate the fact that you and your board are not getting paid to do this. I know you guys are working overtime and are not getting paid. It is not an easy job to make everyone happy with the job you are doing but you are seeing the dollars and cents and coming back to show them to us. Your bookkeeping is better since you added the accountant than when the public always questioned your finances and thought you were keeping secrets. That makes the working relationship with us and the tax payers a whole lot better for all of us. I appreciate you guys looking into everything and having a meeting with us to let us know where you are standing now so we can all be on the same page.”

Rosenau suggested having a work session after the Commission visited with state legislators and thanked Filler for present-

ing an update. Filler said, “We want to make sure that the community understands that EMS is here to serve the community and hopefully they will find us a lot more approachable and maybe not so suspect whenever they see our EMTs in our community. We want our EMTs to be in the community. This is their home as well and hopefully we can make that relationship a lot better.”

During employee reports County Administrator Shelia DeVilder stated that she had received several calls from out-of-state property owners concerned that they had received their EMS ordinance fee bill. DeVilder informed the callers that the ordinance fee was no longer in effect, but donations could be made to P.O. Box 333, Parsons, West Virginia, 26287.

Joe Long reported that work was being completed at EMS stations one and two. Some repairs being done included fixing the shower at Station One, providing a hot water line in the garages to enable personnel to wash the trucks and upgrading the electric at Station Two. Rosenau added by saying, “I want to compliment the maintenance crew. The maintenance crew in doing all this work themselves has saved the County thousands of dollars. Beyond your every day activities you work into your schedules to do the maintenance on these buildings that normally should have been contracted out. We the Commission want to commend you and thank you for doing that for our county.”

Long also reported that maintenance had also installed a mop sink at the Tucker County Animal Shelter and completed a lot of work at Camp Kidd. Rosenau said, “What our goal at Camp Kidd is we want to make it self-sustainable by renting it and bringing in income.” Some of the improvements made include installing a new stove in the main lodge and repairing the area under the kitchen. There are plans to have Hamrick PSD upgrade the water lines from a four-inch to a six-inch line. This would allow for the installation of a fire hydrate on the grounds and



First public meeting hosting new Commissioner Tim Knotts and returning Commissioners Mike Rosenau and Fred Davis.



Maintenance Supervisor Joe Long presented Commissioners with monthly update.

a fire suppression system in the main lodge.

Rosenau said, “God forbid anything happens, but we would have a fire hydrant right at Camp Kidd’s main lodge to make it safer for the kids. Those are things that you do not see that is happening down there, but there are improvements to help the county move forward in making it self-sustained.” OEM Director, Kevin White, added that another importance of Camp Kidd was its use as an emergency shelter for the residents. White said, “That is our emergency shelter on this end of the county. So, if we have a mass amount of people without heat, power, their house has been washed away with a flood, or simply as we need the Red Cross to come and prepare meals that is where they would go on this end of the county. Thomas has one at the Community Center and that is the one on that end of the county. Those facilities, while it is great what we are upgrading, it is important that it is a shelter, and it is usable.”

White also reported about the big freeze that happened during Christmas week. White said, “Everybody knows about the big freeze, the snow and ice, the 40 mph winds that happened the week of Christmas that kept us busy. Behind the scenes many people do not see that I was working with the electric company to be sure we got power back on in critical areas as fast as we possibly could. Some of

our infrastructures such as the water plant in Parsons was without power. Their generator failed and we had about two days left of water for Parsons. Davis water plant, they had an issue. I was working with all of those people throughout the week of Christmas and Christmas Day even to make sure we mitigated and got our infrastructure back up and running. Our communication was down for a while. It was a very eventful short event for everybody.”

White finished his report by stating that he has been working with 911 Interim Director Mike Simmons and the Forestry Department to form an open line of communication that will help add marked trail lines to the new CAD system being installed at the 911 call center. He also stated that the Commodity Flow Study was complete and after he finished reviewing it he would

provide the results to the Commission.

During the Commissioner’s reports Davis spoke on the collaboration he has been working on with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College. Davis reported that were four classes now being offered at the school that included grant writing, medical assistant, phlebotomy, and CDLs (Commercial Driving License). He added that anyone interested in the CDL class should call the school and they would get them registered as soon as possible.

Davis also provided an update concerning the Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Bank that recently had to relocate from one place to a church basement in Davis. The association now has to relocate again by August. Davis stated he reached out to DeVilder for her assistance in helping find

a new location. DeVilder provided information for a location out off of Route 48/93 near the National Youth Science Center. Davis has reached out to the Davis Mayor Alan Tomson and is hopeful they will be able to work something out to benefit the food bank.

Rosenau ended the meeting with his report on a new pathway being done at Camp Kidd that will allow access to the 100 acres in the lower fields. In order to access these fields before the Commission had to obtain permission from the neighboring land owner. The only other way was across the golf course, which is not ideally the way to go.

The next Tucker County Commission meeting will be held on January 25, 2023, at 4 p.m. and located at the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom at 211 First Street, Parsons, WV, 26287.

## TUCKER COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD FESTIVAL

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- Completion of Preschool Registration Packet on or before March 17, 2023;
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**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: Children who are 5 years old prior to June 30, 2023, need to enroll for Kindergarten because they will not be eligible for Preschool. \*\*\***

**You MUST call to pre-register your child to receive an appointment!!!**



### TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is the Robert Harman family. James “Jim” Harman, Dora Judy Harman, Denise Harman, front row are the twins Rena and Rita Harman. Ideas, comments, suggestions, items to share contact Tim Turner at (304)478-3389.

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## Meet K-12 Schools, Enjoy S'mores and Slopes at Ski Resort Fun Day during National School Choice Week

DAVIS, W.Va.– Families can sip hot cocoa while exploring local schools, then eat s'mores or tube down the beautiful slopes at Canaan Valley Ski Resort at a Family Fun Day celebrating School Choice Week on Saturday, Jan. 21.

The free community celebration takes place at 11 a.m. in the resort's Maple/Balsam Room and brings more than 20 public school, private school, and homeschool education options together with learning pod and microschooling leaders to showcase their programs and meet with families. Besides learning about West Virginia's rapidly expanding school options, families can enjoy face painting, a photo booth, a DJ, ice skating, snow-filled festivities, and snacks at an outdoor fire pit.

Hosted by Love Your School, the event aims to raise awareness about all of West Virginia's K-12 options and celebrate choice and school spirit. The first 50 families in attendance will receive a free swag bag.

This school year has been one of firsts for West Virginia education with the state's first public charter schools opening for families and the state's new Hope Scholarship program being ruled constitutional, impacting more than 3,000 families approved for the pro-

gram and opening the door for more. In addition, innovative options like learning pods and microschools are opening new education avenues for families.

This event is planned to coincide with the celebration of National School Choice Week (Jan. 22-28, 2023), which will feature tens of thousands of school choice celebrations across all 50 states.

"Love Your School WV focuses on the whole child. We are excited to offer an event where the entire family can come together and celebrate education choice in West Virginia," said Kim Dully of Love Your School WV. "We enjoy encouraging and empowering families in WV to make the best decisions for their students. I cannot wait to meet some of them in person on the 21st!"

Love Your School exists to help families explore the many school options available, and celebrate each one through creative storytelling, relevant and fun resources, and practical support.

Join the fun next week at Canaan Valley Ski Resort, located at Park Rd 826 in Davis. Reserve a spot for the free event at <https://bit.ly/3WUCHcg>.

For more information, contact Kim Dully, [kim@loveyourschoolwv.org](mailto:kim@loveyourschoolwv.org) or (304) 892-8335.

## Commissioner Leonhardt Calls for hard Commitment on Laboratory Funding

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - After reviewing Governor Jim Justice's proposed fiscal year 2024 budget, Commissioner Kent Leonhardt released the following statement:

"I'm thrilled to finally see a line-item for laboratories within the budget bill, but I am disappointed that it's only a soft commitment through the surplus section. With the Legislature looking to push historic policy changes, including record tax breaks, we need the same kind of enthusiasm towards rebuilding our labs. I am worried as we increase the overall budget by \$200 million, spend down our ARPA dollars and pass these tax cuts, we will miss a once-in-a-generation chance to build state-of-the-art laboratories," said Commissioner Leonhardt.

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) conducted a study through ZMM Architects and Engineers in 2019 to determine the best location for a new WVDA laboratory. Since, Commissioner Leonhardt has been advocating for funding to be allocated to complete the project. The cost of the project has risen from \$32 million to \$74 million.

"We all agree that the conditions of our laboratory buildings are atrocious. That is why it is confusing, despite making it a

part of his State of the State, the Governor put laboratory funding behind \$250 million of surplus priorities. I am calling on the Governor and Legislature to appropriate funding through general revenue or a supplemental. We need to tackle this issue now before we see another crisis," Leonhardt said.

In late 2020, the Legislative Auditor's Performance Research and Evaluation Division compiled a report on state-owned laboratories. All information from the previous WVDA/ZMM report was provided to show the Department's effort to address the issue. Since the report's filing, the WVDA has worked with ZMM and CannonDesign, as well as six other agencies, to determine a plan for a co-located laboratory. The proposed solution appears to show a cost range of \$796-\$901/sq. ft., without providing the expansion space incorporated by the previous WVDA plan. In addition, it appears this proposal is more expensive than the estimated \$600-\$800/sq. ft. determined by the WVDA study.

"We look forward to having a real discussion about the construction of new labs. We have some grave concerns with co-location and not adequately funding the project for future growth," Leonhardt said.

## Gov. Justice announces West Virginia Sexual Assault Services Program grant award recipient

Charleston, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announced that he has awarded \$547,966.00 in West Virginia Sexual Assault Services Program grant funds to the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services. These funds will be used to provide and expand direct services to victims of sexual assault throughout the state.

The Sexual Assault Services Program was created by the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 and provides grant dollars to states and territories to assist them in supporting rape crisis centers that provide core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims of sexual assault. These funds are administered by the Justice and Community Services (JCS) Section of the West Virginia Division of Administrative Services (DAS).

### Funds were awarded to the following:

- West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information & Services
- \$547,966.00
- These funds will be utilized to identify, provide, and expand direct services to victims of sexual assault in the state. The sub-grantee will provide monitoring and technical assistance to the eligible Sexual Assault Programs across West Virginia.



### LEGAL

#### 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](http://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 March 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  |
|------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| 004  | 2022880003 | S388-REC/AL-23.00 | STBG-2023(010)D | PAVEMENT MARKINGS<br>D-8 RECALL STRIPING 2023<br>DISTRICT WIDE<br>COUNTY: PENDLETON, RANDOLPH,<br>POCAHONTAS, TUCKER |

**DBE GOAL:** 7% 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 contractor's 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 submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond 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. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com).

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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| Call | Contract   | State Project  | Federal Project    | Description  |
|------|------------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| 001  | 2022470011 | S347-219-23.23 | 00 NHPP-0219(393)D | ASPHALT PAVING<br>Pierce-Leadmine<br>Pierce-Leadmine<br>COUNTY: TUCKER |

**DBE GOAL:** 6% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF NEW TARIFF TERMS AND RATES FOR INTERCONNECTION WITH UNCONVENTIONAL GAS SUPPLIES

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 interconnections receiving unconventional gas supplies.

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 gas service.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to January 25, 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](http://www.psc.state.wv.us)) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address above.

Hope Gas, Inc.

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

| Deceased                | Personal Representative(s) |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Elwood G. Carr          | Rosalie N. Carr            |
| 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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#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

**PETITIONER:**  
LISA MANER  
**RESPONDENT:**  
CRAIG HAGLEY

Civil Action No. 22-D-19

You have been named as the Respondent in the above-styled matter involving a Petition for Divorce. It appearing, after due diligence, the Petitioner, Lisa Maner, has been unable to locate your current whereabouts. A Order Continuing Hearing is scheduled in this matter for February 21, 2023, to begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Family court of Tucker County, West Virginia, located at 211 First Street, 3rd Floor Courtroom, Parsons, WV 26287. A copy of said Order can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located at 211 First Street, Suite 403, Parsons, WV 26287. You may appear to protect your interests.

Sherry Simmons  
Sherry Simmons, Clerk of Tucker Co.  
By: M. Williams, Deputy Clerk

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(2021-S-00000315-Tucker County-PURNELL ENTERPRISES)

To: TUSCAN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION C/O AMY BARB, BROKER, 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, 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 as follows:

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 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 <b>The Honorable Jacob Kopec, Sheriff and Treasurer of Tucker County.</b>                                   | \$ 1,779.82 |
| Cost of Certification of Redemption - ashier check, money order or certified check or must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>   | \$ 35.00    |

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

**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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#### 2023 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW

The Tucker County Commissioners will sit as the Board of Equalization & Review during the following dates:

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tuesday, January 31, 2023     | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.          |
| Thursday, February 2, 2023    | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.           |
| Wednesday, February 8, 2023** | Noon - 2:00 p.m.                |
| Friday, February 10, 2023     | 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.           |
| Friday, February 17, 2023     | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sine Die |

\*\*Natural Resources and Industrial Hearing Only -

Date and Time Subject to Change pending State Approval

The purpose of these meetings is to listen to persons who appear before the COMMISSION for REVIEWING and EQUALIZING of their assessments for the tax year and to transact any other complaints concerning taxes, assessments, etc.

In no case shall any question of classification or taxability be considered or reviewed.

Each person requesting an appointment will be granted 15 minutes in which to present their case, and all persons must have an appointment. Taxpayers appearing before the Board of Equalization and Review will be given a written answer to their inquiry by no later than February 28, 2023. However, no decisions will be made on the day of the review. The burden of proof is the taxpayer's responsibility. To make an appointment, you must contact the County Commission Office at 304-478-2866, Ext. 1207.



## Mt. Lions Boys' Basketball Play Three Games in Busy Week

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team hosted Mountain Ridge, MD on Tuesday January 10th for a home game with the Miners. The Mt. Lions jumped out to an early lead and then cruised to a 71-36 win over Mountain Ridge.

The first quarter was controlled by Tucker County as they led over the Miners 19-9 after one quarter of play. The second quarter was also won by the Mt. Lions 21-5 to give Tucker County the 40-14 halftime lead.

The Mt. Lions exploded in the third quarter as they outscored Mountain Ridge 20-6 to put the score to 60-20 after three quarters of play. The visiting Miners outpaced Tucker County in the fourth quarter 16-11, but the Mt. Lions got the big win at home by the final score of 71-36.

Ethan Rosenau connected on six three point baskets in the game to lead Tucker County with 22 points. Owen Knotts and Maddox Anderson added 13 points each for the Mt. Lions in the win. Garrett Wilfong collected a team high 10 rebounds for Tucker County in the game. The Mt. Lions JV team picked up the win also 40-36.

KIDWELL – The Mt. Lions traveled to Tyler Consolidated High School on Friday January 13th to compete in in

a Basketball Tournament. The first round opponent for Tucker County was defending Class "A" State Champion #1 James Monroe. The game was close throughout, but the Mavericks pulled away late in the game to capture the 63-54 win.

In the first quarter both teams traded baskets throughout as the game was tied after one quarter 15-15. The second quarter continued to produce great basketball as neither team could build a lead as the game remained tied at the halftime break 33-33.

The Mt. Lions would gain a slight lead in the third quarter as they outscored James Monroe 12-10 in the third to make the score 45-43 at the beginning of the fourth quarter. The last quarter would belong to the Mavericks as they started to pull away slightly midway through the fourth. James Monroe would win the fourth quarter 20-9 to capture the win over Tucker County 63-54.

The Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Trevon Bonner with 20 points. Ashton Lycliter and Ethan Rosenau had 9 points each for Tucker County in the loss.

KIDWELL – Tucker County returned to Tyler Consolidated High School on Saturday January 14th for a Consolation game against host Tyler Consolidated. The Mt. Lions used a strong first half to get a win on the road

over Tyler Consolidated by the score of 61-32.

Tucker County had a great first quarter to lead after one quarter 20-4. The second quarter was also won by the Mt. Lions as they outscored the Knights 10-7 to make the halftime score 30-11 Tucker County.

The third quarter was also controlled by the Mt. Lions as they scored 18 points and held Tyler Consolidated to 10 points that pushed the Tucker County lead to 48-21 after three quarters of play. In the final quarter the Mt. Lions edged the Knights 13-11 to make the final score 61-32 Tucker County.

The Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Trevon Bonner and Maddox Anderson with 11 points each in the game. Levi Bennett added 9 points, while Owen Knotts and Ethan Rosenau had 8 points each for Tucker County in the win.

Tucker County(6-3) will return to action tonight Wednesday January 18th at Pendleton County. The Mt. Lions will then host Gilmer County on Saturday January 21st. The JV game will begin at 6:15pm at Pendleton County and the JV game will start at 5:45pm at home on January 21st. Varsity games will follow the JV game at each game mentioned above. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## Tucker Valley Girls' and Boys' Basketball Update

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

PHILIPPI – The Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball teams traveled to Philippi on Tuesday January 10th. In the first game of the night the Lady Wildcats JV team fell by the score of 22-8. Amesly Channell led the Tucker Valley JV with 4 points in the loss. The Varsity contest also went to Philippi by the score of 43-13. Peyton Hicks led the Lady Wildcats with 7 points in the loss

HAMBLETON – The Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball teams hosted Philippi on Tuesday January 10th. In the game the Wildcats took home the victory 45-40. Tucker Valley was led in scoring by Luke Barb with 26 points and Nate Davis added 12 points in the Wildcats win.

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

## Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball Update

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

MT. STORM – The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams traveled to Union on Wednesday January 11th. In the Girls' game Davis-Thomas got the win by the score of 23-15. The Lady Bears were led by Zoie Davis with 7 points. Peyton Cross and Ajila Long added 5 points each for Davis-Thomas in the win.

In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas also got the win by the final score of 54-22. The Bears were led in scoring by Emmet Felton with 18 points. Cayden Arnold and Drew Simmons added 13 points each for Davis-Thomas in the win.

TERRA ALTA – The Bears Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams traveled to East Preston on Thursday January 12th. In the Girls' contest Davis-Thomas fell 39-12. The Lady Bears were led in scoring by Zoie Davis with 5 points.

In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas pulled out a close win 40-36. The Bears were led in scoring by Emmet Felton and Cayden Arnold with 14 points each in the win for Davis-Thomas.

The Davis-Thomas Basketball teams will return to action tonight, Wednesday January 18th at Home. Both teams will then host Bruceton on Friday January 20th. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## Tucker County Girls' Win at Tygarts Valley and Moorefield

By Chris George  
TuckerCountySports.Com

MILL CREEK – The Lady Mt. Lions Basketball team traveled to Tygarts Valley on Wednesday January 11th for a road game against the Lady Bulldogs. Tucker County built a big lead in the first quarter and then they cruised to an 82-36 victory.

The first quarter was controlled by the Lady Mt. Lions as led after one quarter 22-2. Tucker County would outscore the Lady Bulldogs in the second quarter 15-10 to make the halftime score 37-12.

The third quarter was won by Tucker County 17-14 to push the score to 54-26 Lady Mt. Lions. In the fourth quarter Tucker County exploded to outscore Tygarts Valley 28-10 to give the Lady Mt. Lions a road win 82-36.

Kadie Colebnk led Tucker County with 17 points, 10 rebounds. Macy

Helmick added 14 points, 8 assists, 4 steals and Addie Hicks had a career high 14 points also for the Lady Mt. Lions in the win. Ericka Zirk chipped in 11 points, 5 rebounds and Brylee Wetzel had 10 points in the road win for Tucker County. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team won 47-22.

MOOREFIELD – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team traveled to Moorefield on Friday January 13th for a contest with a PVC rival. The Lady Mt. Lions built a lead in the first half and then Tucker County pulled away for a 59-30 win.

The Lady Mt. Lions came out strong as they led the game 13-8 after one quarter. Tucker County then built on their lead in the second quarter as they outscored Moorefield 21-9 to make the score 34-17 at the half.

Tucker County controlled the third quarter 15-4 to push the Lady Mt. Lions lead to 49-21 at the end of the

third quarter. In the fourth quarter Tucker County edged the Yellowjackets 10-9 to make the final score 59-30 Tucker County.

The Lady Mt. Lions were led by Kadie Colebank with 14 points, 10 rebounds and Brylee Wetzel added 12 points, 4 steals for Tucker County. Macy Helmick had 12 points, 6 assists, while Ericka Zirk had 10 points and Jayden Moore collected 7 rebounds off the bench for Tucker County. The Tucker County JV team also won 50-32.

Tucker County(10-0) will return to action on Friday January 20th at Pocahontas County. The Lady Mt. Lions will then host Phillip Barbour on Tuesday January 24th. The JV games, both nights will start at 5:45pm with the varsity contests to follow the JV games. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

### AREA SCHEDULE:

#### Wednesday January 18th

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ Pendleton County 6:15pm
- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball @ Belington 5:45pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs Philippi @ Home 5:30pm

#### Thursday January 19th

- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball vs Belington @ Home 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Terra Alta 6pm

#### Friday January 20th

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ Pocahontas County 5:45pm

- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs Bruceton @ Home 5:30pm

#### Saturday January 21st

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball vs Gilmer County @ Home 5:45pm

#### Monday January 23rd

- Tucker Valley Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs East Preston @ Home 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Harman 6pm

#### Tuesday January 24th

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

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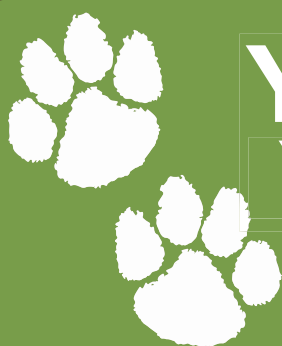
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## TUCKER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DAY REPORT OFFICER EMPLOYMENT OPPURTUNITY

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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# Eastern commences Ag Workforce trainings in coordination with WVU Extension Service for 2023



Eastern's Ag Innovation, in partnership with WVU Extension Service held Ag Workforce trainings on financial and production risks on campus. Participating in-person were: (l-r) Maya Paul, Eastern Ag Innovation program coordinator; Trish Halterman, Eastern Ag Workforce fellowship and student training coordinator; Farm Fellows: Aiden Riggleman, Helen McCarty, Morisah Alexander, Elijah Rexrode, Lindsay Paul; Dee Singh-Knights, WVU Extension specialist; and Megan Webb, Eastern dean of advancement and continuing education. Farm fellows not pictured are Kim Dollinger, Kendra Waybright, Collin Waybright, Tiffany Waybright, and Jacob Evans.

**MOOREFIELD, W.Va.** — Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College held morning and afternoon training sessions in-person and on Zoom for the general public, and farm fellows trying to obtain micro-credentials for the Farm Business Management Certification on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

The morning session covered "Managing Production Risks", and the afternoon session, "Managing Financial Risks." These two programs were instructed by WVU Extension specialist Dr. Dee Singh-Knights, with the support of Maya Paul, ag innovation program coordinator, and Trish Halterman, ag workforce fellowship and student training coordinator. They gave insight into how to keep track of expenses, budgeting, costs, and returns, as well as how to estimate the likelihood of success for their business endeavors by analyzing the current market and production-driven data. When asked about why this program is needed and is beneficial for the Potomac Highlands region, Dr. Singh-Knights said, "For every six retirees, we only have one young person going into agriculture, so, we are really trying to ramp up the numbers of new and beginning farmers."

The Farm Fellowship, offered by the Ag Innovation Trainings in coordination with West Virginia University Extension Service, provides in-depth intensive training experiences. The fellowship combines classroom training with hands-on practical experience, allowing on-farm mentoring and

apprenticeships with local farmers, so fellows have real-life training in addition to the more traditional course learning. Students participating in mentorships are helping to strengthen the Potomac Highlands agricultural workforce by bringing the next generation in to learn the skills and cultivate the stamina needed to work in this field.

"We have a very diverse group of farm fellows for 2023, ranging from high schoolers just getting started in agriculture to current producers that are looking to boost their skillset. They are all really excited about this unique learning oppor-

tunity, and I'm looking forward to working with each of them," said Halterman.

Back in June 2022, Eastern held a Farm-to-Table dinner to recognize the program and the success of the farm fellows thus far. Highlighting the importance of supporting local farmers is a priority for Eastern. The fundraising dinner was an opportunity to feature the work of local farms and show how the partnership between WVU Extension and Eastern is working to raise a new generation of agriculture farmers. Another Farm-to-Table will be held again in June of this year as well.

Each Ag Workforce training is available for enrollment, even if not completing a certification micro-credential. There are different micro-credential options, including training and individual certifications, which can be found under the course schedule on Eastern's website at <https://easternwv.edu/ag-innovation/farm-fellowship/>

Micro-credential completion is not required, but is available through Eastern's Workforce Education Department. For more information about trainings or the farm fellowship, contact [Aginnovation@easternwv.edu](mailto:Aginnovation@easternwv.edu)

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## THANK YOU

The family of the Reverend Pat Cassidy would like to express their appreciation for all the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, food and flowers during this difficult time. I am truly sorry this was so late in being published. First, I would like to thank the Lord for being there with us from day one of his diagnosis He truly carried us through this time.

I would like to thank Sycamore Church and Mackeyville Community Churches for all the support...spiritually and financially, we had this past year and a half. We truly would not have made it without all your love and support during this difficult time in our lives. God bless you all!

Thank you to Pastors Kevin Gainer and Lowell Moore for the wonderful service and your words of comfort to us during this time and being there with calls and encouragement through all the months of Pat's treatment. Also, for stepping in and helping us to keep the churches going during this time and for being able to take over afterwards.

To the singers Bonnie Wright, Sam Freeman and Rocky Hebb for your beautiful words of comfort in your songs, they were very appropriate for Pat's service.

Thank you to Nick and Anita Barb of Lohr & Barb Funeral Home for your precious words of comfort as I made the arrangements for Pat, we have been truly blessed to have been a part of your lives for so many years. For all the family and friends that sent so many beautiful flowers. I am sure Pat would have been so blessed to have seen them and to Stevens' Florist for all the beautiful floral arrangements.

Thank you to all those family and friends that came to the viewing and how most of you had to wait so long going through the line and all those that came to the funeral the following day. Thanks to all the area pastors that came as well. Your prayers and presence was greatly appreciated.

To those who donated their time in providing all the food that was served at the church after the service, whatever you may have wanted was there, thank you and God bless you.

To Pat's sisters, Cathy and Connie for being there for your brother through this whole journey, he appreciated you both so much, God Bless you for all that you did for us.

Thank you to Kim and Hunter Beth for your calls and prayers the night before each of his treatments to pray with us, it meant so much to us.

To his special sisters in Christ, Mikie Dumire and Kelly Pugh, he loved you as if you were his true sisters, you were there through this journey with us with your comforting words and prayers just about weekly, God bless you both and his special sister in Christ, Denise Casteel, your weekly cards with scriptures were so much appreciated.

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To the doctors at Mary Babb Cancer Center and for all that they did to help Pat and the 24 hour service for any questions that I had, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To the VA Center in Parsons and Clarksburg, thank you for all your help and to Marlayne Kalar Nestor of WC Caring for helping us get set up with you for those last few days, I would never have been able to do everything, you all are fantastic people, you took the time to explain everything to me, for all the workers, sorry I can't remember all your names, but thank you to Vickie Propst, Victoria, and all the others.

To the Veterans for doing the gravesite rites, may the Lord bless each of you.

And lastly, a big thank you for all of you that have supported me with calls, text messages and cards since Pastor Pat received his heavenly wings. I thank you for all the love shown to me in this time of loss.

*My love and prayers to you all,  
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