

## Citizens Speak Out About Obscene Graffiti

By: Jennifer Britt  
The Parsons Advocate

Citizens of the City of Parsons have reached out to the council regarding the obscene language painted on a garage door, in the Pulp Mill Bottom, in Parsons. Trevor Vanscoy wrote an email to councilman Sam Humphry that stated, "Every Saturday I take my daughter to dance class in the Pulp Mill Bottom at the city building. On our way back from class, I get the privilege of my daughter asking me to read to her the profanity painted on a garage door along the baseball parking lot. I would like for someone to, please, provide a plan on what is going to be done about this. It is my understanding that the resident has painted this due to a dispute between the city and the resident. The residents of this community deserve to have this issue corrected ASAP."

Vanscoy went further to write that he understood the painted words were on private property, but he felt the City was also to



The City of Parsons Council from left to right: Melissa Jones, Sam Humphry, Administrator Agnes "Aggie" Arnold, acting Mayor Bruce Kolsun, acting Recorder Tim Auvil, Kathy DiBacco, and Tim Turner.

blame for not solving the dispute in a timely manner. Vanscoy ended his letter by saying, "Parsons, a small city with a big heart. Is this how you live up to this phrase? How can you be trusted to make decisions for the future of Parsons when you cannot handle a simple dispute? If the parties involved cannot resolve this quickly, they should recognize their failures as representatives of the community and resign from their positions."

Grand Slam Grill owner Trenton Helmick was in attendance at the council meeting, he asked for something to be done about the profanity as well. Helmick stated that it was hard enough to get patrons to visit his restaurant, off the beaten path, as it is and the adding of the obscene words that could be seen by everyone did not help his business any. Helmick said, "As a business and also as someone who lives in that community, it looks pretty bad on us



Trenton Helmick addressed the City of Parsons Council concerning the obscene words painted on a garage near his business and home.

as a community. If I was an out of stater that was coming to eat at my restaurant or coming down that way I would veto and get out of there because it makes us look like we are rolling into the ghetto. I am not sure what happened or

what needs to be done to take care of that but as a business owner I come to you asking that we get that taken care of just for the reputation of our own town as well as the community down there."

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The Town of Davis Council from left to right: Robert North, Joe Kosanic, Jeanette Ware, Mayor Alan Tomson, Recorder Jennie Helmick, and Doug Martin.

## North Seated on Town of Davis Council

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The Town of Davis Mayor, Alan Tomson, appointed Robert North as the newest member of the council. North has lived in Davis for the past two years after moving here to care for his mother. North will serve as council member until the end of June. North said, "My parents have been here for years. They lived down in Deerfield Village and then they moved up here to Thomas Avenue. My mom broke her hip back in 2006 and she could not get up and down steps. So, I ended up buying the house at the end of Henry Ave from the Walters. I now live here full time and have been here two and a half years.

I put all the excavators in the Washington subway system. I have been involved in construction supervision for the last 40 years. I am looking forward to dealing

with the community here and just helping out." The council members thanked him for volunteering and welcomed him to the council.

There will be another council seat available after the next council meeting. Ron Hollis will be relocating to Arkansas in February and leaving the council.

Guest Nancy Luscombe asked if there was an update from the Corridor H Committee report. Tomson responded saying that the report from the committee would be ready by the end of January. Tomson said, "We shot for a target date of sometime in January. So, end of January we are looking for a report. That will be a report that basically says this is what we investigated, and we are presenting the facts."

Judy Cronauer expressed gratitude to the water department staff for keeping the water going during the Christmas

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## City of Thomas adopts a new ordinance, seeks committee members



With the passage of an ordinance establishing minimum maintenance standards for buildings, the city of Thomas looks to remove more than a dozen structures, including the century-old Milkint Garage, which collapsed in March 2010.

By Kelly Stadelman  
For The Parsons Advocate

While the city of Thomas is one step closer to demolishing more than a dozen abandoned and dilapidated structures, it is looking to build up committees that have been inactive for several years.

"The city is actively looking for volunteers to serve

on the Parks & Recreation, Cemetery, Mountaineer Days, and New Historic Thomas committees," said Mayor Jody Flanagan. "If you are interested, please contact city hall, 304-463-4360, or drop off a letter."

Recorder Kimberly Trathen said she had been approached by several individuals who expressed interest in serving on the city's parks and recreation

board. "These people are interested in making sure the trails are kept up, and the trash is picked up," she said. "There are a lot of good ideas and money to be found, and we need to have people who want to be actively involved."

Flanagan noted that hikers and bikers frequently use the trails in the park.

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## EMS is Moving in Right Direction

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Interim 911 Director, Mike Simmons, was present during the Ambulance Authority meeting to conduct a Q&A session with the board members. Simmons answered questions about the new CAD system being implemented at the 911 call center and how the system will improve emergency services in Tucker County. The projected go-live date for the project is set for April 2, 2023.

Ambulance Authority President, Dennis Filler, updated the board members on the repairs and upgrades completed during the month of December. The EMS now has four operational ambu-

lance trucks in service. Filler said, "They have been gone through at least twice now mechanically. One is currently down for a fault of relay. I used the credit card yesterday to buy that part and it should be coming so we can fix the lighting system on it. We have had some problems with some of the lift systems. They have all been gone through and we have repaired and updated.

I will tell you some of our rigs were not road worthy. They are all now road worthy at this point. They have good rubber on all wheels. The brake systems, the calipers, whatever was needed to be repaired and bring it up to where I would put any of my family members on board was done."



TC Ambulance Authority board members working to make the EMS services structure prepared to provide the best possible medical care.

Every aspect of EMS has been overhauled from top to bottom according to Filler including communications with the ambulances that are out on calls. Filler said, "We bought two new iPads. Those coms also work with the med packs so that we can transmit call transit signals on site to either med-com or the receiving facility to provide better patient care for the individuals. The bot-

tom line is we took the opportunity to raise the quality of standard that we can provide health care wise."

Board member Diane Hinkle said, "I think I can speak for everyone on the board, especially with the timing of the year. It was an incredible effort on your (Filler) part and Mandy (Interim EMS Director) Amanda (Simmons) on your part. I am forever

grateful, and I think we are in a better place. I think everyone would agree that was an outstanding effort. Not many would have stepped up to the plate like you did. Thank you both."

There have been noticeable changes within the employee structure of the EMS. Filler said, "The squad we had in the beginning is not the squad we

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## News of Record

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

- Won S. Lee, Christine Lee/FKA/Christine Dalessandro; Christine Dalessandro/AKA/Christine Lee, Dry Fork, Unit 111 Building 3 Deerfield Village to Benjamin Abbott and Christa Abbott, \$320,000.
- Bernettie P. Gnegy, Donna Gnegy Spradlin and Deborah G. Graham, Black Fork, Partial Take 16.93 acres to WV Department of Transportation Division of Highways, \$172,800.
- Bernettie P. Gnegy, Donna Gnegy Spradlin and Deborah G. Graham, Black Fork, Partial Take 434 sq. ft. to WV Department of Transportation Division of Highways, \$1,000.
- Susan P. Moore, Dry Fork, Lot 41 North Lake II to Thomas David Bailey and Timothy N. Rexroad, \$50,000.
- Alonza P. Robosson and Diana L. Robosson, Dry Fork, Unit G3 Week 42 to Alonzo P. Robosson, Diana L. Robosson and Quentin T. Robosson, \$0.
- Vernon Patterson and Joanne Patterson, Dry Fork, Tract 9 Flag Run 2.125 acres to David A. Skoog, \$260,000.
- Bradley E. Phillips and May J. Phillips, Dry Fork, 1/3 undivided interest 2/5 acre to Bradley E. Phillips, Mary J. Phillips and Christopher F. Phillips, \$0.
- Cheryl L. Morris, St. George, 1/4 acres to Allison Morris McClure and Coleton Lane McClure, \$0.
- Richard M. Crout and Carmen Crout, Dry Fork District, Unit 137 Deerfield Village to Kimberly D. Whitehair and Ashley D. Watts, \$130,000.
- Keith N. McDaniel and Amy S. McDaniel, Parsons, Lot 9 Park Addition to Shavers Fork Properties LLC, \$165,000.

## Graffiti

Councilman Tim Auvil assured Helmick that the matter would be addressed during the meeting's agenda item for the parks and recreation report. During that report Auvil said, "The parks board voted to remove a certain number of posts to regain access to that garage in the area discussed if they paint over the obscenities first. (Addressing Parsons Police Chief Kevin Keplinger) I would like you to present that proposal to that individual." Keplinger agreed to address this with the individual and would provide a letter of intent to that person.

Parsons Fire Department Chief, Kevin White, requested the use of City of Parsons streets the week of September 24 to October 1, 2023, for the use of the annual Fireman's Homecoming Fair. The streets used would primarily be Second and Walnut. The council approved the request.

City Administrator Agnes "Aggie" Arnold presented the council with a proposal from US Cellular. The proposal was for the intent of seeing whether the council would be interested in entertaining the possibil-

## Tucker County Sheriff Office Monthly Activity

### Month of December 2022

- Felony Arrests (charges or indictments) 1
- Persons Arrested on Felony charges 1
- Misdemeanor arrest (charges or indictments) 2
- Persons arrested on misdemeanor charges 2
- Misdemeanor citations issues 3
- Hazardous moving violations tickets issued 4
- Other traffic violations tickets issued 4
- Hazardous moving violations warning issued 26
- Other traffic violations warning issued 50
- DUI arrest (Driving under the influence) 1
- Motorist Assists ie. broke down vehicle 7
- Vehicle crashes where a crash report was generated 4
- Felony cases fielded resulting in a police report 1
- Misdemeanor cases fielded resulting in a police report 4
- Drugs confiscated in dollar street value amount \$0
- Other contraband confiscated \$0
- Domestic violence petitions served 0
- Job Tasks completed 334

- Calls for service either through 911 or walk ins resulting in Police action 95
- Mileage Report (Total miles traveled by the Department patroling) 5,349 miles
- Additional Notes : The Sheriff's Office will be hosting its yearly Conceal Carry Class on February 4th 2023, 10:00 AM sharp, at the Old Courthouse . Cost is \$ 55.00 call 304-478-2321 to get signed up for a reminder call at no cost pay on day of course.
- Taxes can now be viewed on line and paid on line at tuckertax.com-piled-technologies.com, the system is user friendly and a receipt can be printed off as well.
- Unpaid real estate taxes for the year of 2021 and 2022 have been certified to the State. This means if you did not pay your real estate taxes for these years you have to redeem them from the State by calling 304-558-2262.

This monthly report has been prepared by Sheriff "Jake" Kopec for educating the public as to how their tax dollars are being put to use at the Tucker County Sheriff Office.

## We Get Letters

### Davis and Thomas—Let's Get Together

As Corridor H approaches, consider the many benefits of Davis and Thomas agreeing on what is best for both communities. Let us present a strong, collective message to the WV Division of Highways (DOH)—a combined agreement of both Davis and Thomas. The alternative: DOH decides for us: "Well, let's see, Davis

wants this...Thomas wants that, so let's flip a coin to decide who'll get what."

Removing trucks from Thomas seems a universal goal. DOH presented a hastily drawn bypass last fall at B.F.S.P.—both convoluted and dangerous. Multiple lefthand turns across traffic, at night, in the fog, snow, ice...this is dangerous; moreover, it is unnecessary. Alternatives exist. The bypass is one big issue: Let's not forget the road's impacts on streams and wetlands; what might be the most attractive gateway to the Canaan Valley region; how about bike route connections to entice even more visitors...there are many topics needing discussion and agreement.

The two towns should address and reach consensus on both communities' concerns. Early on, it's conversation and discussion: reach no consensus, or worse, don't even try, and it becomes argument, lawsuit, and delays. It's either the towns make the decisions—or we hand over the decision making to DOH or the Courts.

All Federal Highway construction occurs under National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) guidelines. NEPA empowers local communities by mandating DOH must consider communities' inputs when making highway decisions. It is up to Davis and Thomas to articulate and express our collective wishes to DOH. Will we come together and benefit from this NEPA-provided power, or squabble and squander that power? The choice is ours.

Davis and Thomas, what would it take to sit down and talk?

**William Peterson**  
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ity of allowing US Cellular to rent a 100-foot by 100-foot area on the back side of the water treatment plant. They presented two options for the easement that included a monthly rental with a two percent increase yearly or a one-time payout of \$130,000. The proposed lease was for a time length of 100 years. The council members voted to entertain a written proposal from US Cellular.

Arnold also provided the council with a letter from the Citizens Bank of West Virginia stating the William Mahan Harman Fund will be able to make distributions of \$969,789.86 during 2023 as per approval of the Parsons City Council. The amount disbursed is calculated by taking the market value of \$19,395,797.03 and multiplying it by five percent.

The next City of Parsons Council meeting will be held on February 7, 2023, at 6 p.m. and located at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons. If you would like to place an item on the agenda, feel free to contact the Parsons Business Office at (304) 478-2311.

affect our state's farm operations, communities and industries," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "That is why it's important that every producer in West Virginia is counted and represented."

Farm operations of all sizes, urban or rural, which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2022, are included in the census. The data inform decisions about programs, rural development, and research. The Census of Agriculture is the producer's voice in the future of American agriculture.

"The 2022 Census of Agriculture is an opportunity for West Virginia ag producers to make their voices heard. The data will tell the story of agriculture at the national, state, and county level,"

said West Virginia State Statistician Alissa Cowell-Mytar. "Ag census data are used by decision-makers in government, businesses, research institutions, and more. To make response easier and save time, NASS improved the online questionnaire at www.agcounts.usda.gov so that it skips questions that do not pertain to you and includes some previously reported data."

Producers can respond to the census online at www.agcounts.usda.gov or by mail. The deadline to respond is February 6, 2023. All information will be kept confidential by Federal law, published in aggregate, and will only be used for statistical purposes.

For more information, visit www.nass.usda.gov/agcensus or call 888-424-7828.

## 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: Macaroni & cheese with chicken, stewed tomatoes, broccoli, and pears. Tues.: Beans & wieners, buttered potatoes, corn bread, and cottage cheese with fruit. Wed.: Beef stir fry, vegetables, Brussel sprouts, and applesauce, Thurs: Chicken parmesan, carrots, and bread Fri.: Cook's Choice

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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**EMS**

have now. I see a moderate morale. I see employees taking accountability, responsibility, and stepping up.” There has even been rare kudos from the Medical Director P.S. Martin.

A. Simmons started her interim director’s report by saying, “I am here to serve whatever as an agency that is needed. I have had to maintain what is needed verses what is wanted. Needs and wants in EMS are totally different but sometimes when you come with the preceptive of employer verses employee it is totally different. Thankfully I worked there until June of this year (2022), so I had a vague idea of what was already needed. There were a couple of things that did not cost the company anything it was just operational wise we just needed to change around a little bit. The morale immediately was like, “Wow!”, boosted because of just those simple little things.”

During the following weeks, the licenses for everything from the vehicles to the personnel were touched upon. There will be five firefighters from Company 10 (Parsons Fire Department) and an estimated three to five from Company 30 (Canaan Valley Fire Department), and five from Davis/Thomas Fire Departments that are willing to be trained to acquire the required license through the state to drive the ambulances for the EMS crews in emergency situations.

Refusal forms for individuals in police custody refusing medical treatment have been amended to provide the proper paper for police officers to take said individuals directly to lockup. In the past if the individual did not have a refusal form the officer would have to take the individual to the ER and wait an estimated four hours to obtain the refusal form. A. Simmons has worked with the state, the prosecuting attorney, and lawyers to update this form. Now EMS will have the ability to give the form to the person and it will be placed in their belongings.

Commissioner Tim Knotts commended A. Simmons and Filler for doing a job well done. Knotts said, “You (A. Simmons) are doing a wonderful, great job and I thank you (Filler) for all the time you have put in. It is looking a whole lot better from when I campaigned this past year. It has been remarkable. Keep it up. Thank you!”

Board members provided brief updates for their committee reports. Treasurer Chris Davis was unable to attend the meeting for the finance committee report, but Filler provided the needed information. Harold “Rocky” Spencer provided an update on the bylaws. Lenore Howell provided analytics. Steven Sponaugle went over the EMS policy/procedures and employee handbook update, and

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Diane Hinkle touched base on the community outreach and communications that included the 339 donations totaling \$42,365. Hinkle said, “It did well in the beginning, but now it is trickling in and it is on us to revive that, and we need to be strategic about how and when we do that.” Donations can be sent to PO Box 333, Parsons, West Virginia, 26287.

Moving forward the authority will continue to work towards the goal of having an EMS service that not only provides citizens and visitors with the best possible medical care but also raises the bar for its employees while obtaining a steady income to cover the cost of operations. The board then went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

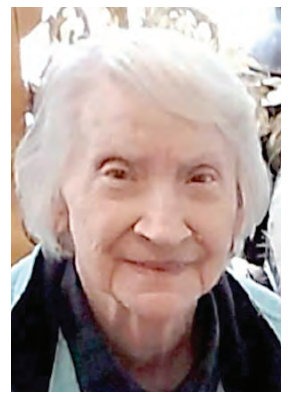
After the conclusion of the executive session the board voted to approve the pay adjustments for individuals discussed during the session.

The next Tucker County Ambulance Authority meeting will be held on February 28, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The location of the meeting is to be determined. Meeting agendas with time and locations can be found on the Tucker County Commission website under the Ambulance Authority information tab located at <https://tuckercountycommission.com/county-government/county-boards/ambulance-authority/>.

**OBITUARIES**

**Bessie Jane Sell**

Bessie Jane Sell, 91, of Eglon, WV, passed away peacefully at her home on January 17, 2023. Born on January 1, 1932, in Eglon, WV, she was the daughter of the late Alpha and Bertha (Knotts) Slaubaugh.



Bessie was a graduate of Aurora High School Class of 1949. She worked as a teacher for over 40 years. She was a member of the Northeastern Ohio American Federation of teachers Cleveland school system, the Teacher’s Union Election Board, and the Mt. Grove Church of the Brethren. Bessie enjoyed Botany, sewing, word search, embroidery and keeping statistics. She attended classes with Sugarfoot Line dancers; she would frequent the family antique shop; and loved to volunteer in community, especially at the Mt. Grove VFD Fire Hall, where she remained active throughout her later years. Most of all, she loved caring and helping her family.

She is survived by a daughter, Jane (Sell) Judy-Knotts and husband Richard; four grandchildren, Jacie Judy-Evans and fiance Ron Cangle, Danny Cottrell and wife Ginger, Jarolyn Judy-Phillips and husband Zac, and Tonya Cottrell Suther and husband Craig; seven great grandchildren, Lacy, Owen, Emilee, Easton, Brianna, Camden and Kartyr; two great great grandchildren, Brantly and Willow; a sister, Shirley Ann; a long term friend, John Kilcoyne; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband on May 6, 2016, Levi “Bud” Franklin Sell, to whom she was married on January 10, 1950. Also preceding her in death are a daughter and her husband, Jessie (Sell) Delaney and Wayne; and fourteen siblings, Milton Floyd, Earl Cecil, Viola Mae, Alfred Lawrence, Leroy Richard, Arnold Roy, Elva Marie, Delton Troy, William Arthur, Myrtle Ruth, Julia Faith, Mary Catherine, John Albert, and Joseph Franklin.

There are no services scheduled for Mrs. Sell. Interment will follow in the Gnegy Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mt. Grove Fire Dept. 385 Maple Spring Hwy, Eglon, WV 26716.

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

**Rev. Dr. Donna Andes**

Rev. Dr. Donna Andes, 92, of Thomas, WV, went to be with her Heavenly Father on January 13, 2023. Born on October 29, 1930, in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, she was the daughter to the late George and Marie (Schmitt) Mehrwerth.



Donna graduated from Cathedral High School in St. Cloud, Minnesota in 1948. That fall she entered the Franciscan Sisters Convent at Little Falls, Minnesota. She graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

After 21 years, Donna left the convent. She married Walter Steron and after a few years of marriage, he graduated to heaven. Knowing marriages can be happy, she prayed for another Christian husband. For 28 years, Donna was married to Clifford Andes, who preceded her to his heavenly home.

Mrs. Andes received her Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctorate Degrees in Theology from Life Christian University in 2001. She authored two books, Know Thy Enemy, and her autobiography entitled, I Would Do It All Again. She became a missionary to Africa and traveled there 16 times as well as to Cuba once. She began her missionary trips at the age of 73.

Donna helped families get out of debt and become financially independent as a Representative for Primerica Financial Services. She also became a distributor for Life Vantage, helping people prevent disease and aging.

Donna had a heart for children and wanted to see them raised in the admonition of the

Lord by developing Godly leaders that could impact the world. She obtained her own 501c(3) to start a school which she called Bethel Lighthouse.

Surviving are four step children, Olan Andes, Janielle Embrey, Berle Andes, and Twyman Andes; two sisters, Mary Lou Schwieters of Waite Park, Minnesota and Marjo Keller of Breckenridge, Minnesota.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two older sisters and three older brothers.

Much of the above obituary was written by Donna Andes on January 12, 2022.

Donna loved flowers and plants of any kind. In memory of Donna, friends may wish to order a floral arrangement for someone who needs the encouragement and love that flowers convey.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at the Davis Fire Hall. Following the service, friends are welcome to stay and share memories. A meal will follow at 4 PM in the fire hall.

The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be caring for Ms. Andes at this time.

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**Thomas**

“One my ideas is, where the Laurel is in there by the pavilion, is to put more picnic areas,” he said. “Put in four or five of those there so you can utilize the area along the river.”

Trathen said the committee will need to be forward-thinking about protecting the city park so everyone can enjoy it now and into the future.

“That park is a micro-ecosystem of this whole county,” she said. “The amount of plant, fungal, and flower species that are in there need to be protected.”

Council member Erika Smith added, “Since the committee and others have been dormant, I feel like we have the opportunity to appoint new people to the committees who are interested.”

During the Jan. 17 regular council meeting, members unanimously passed a new city ordinance establishing minimum maintenance standards for buildings. Members voting in favor of the ordinance include Recorder Trathen and council members Christine Kozan, Janice Mullenax, Charlie Davis, and Smith. Council member Junior Davis was absent.

The ordinance establishes minimum requirements for the maintenance of existing building structures. It contains mechanical, fire protection regulations, site conditions, and more to ensure homes and busi-

nesses stay strong and secure.

Flanagan said the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) announced in October 2022 the city was awarded \$250,000 to remove abandoned and dilapidated structures.

“We are one of 21 cities in the state of West Virginia to get this grant,” he said. “This is a pilot program, and if we do a good job with it, we may receive other monies.”

For the grant application, Flanagan worked with Emily Wilson-Hauger of Woodlands Development and put together more than a dozen properties that qualified for the grant.

“We had to redo what Emily did 10 years ago for the city,” Flanagan said. “We went around, took updated photos of all the properties, and put together descriptions. I called every single one of these property owners. They had to write letters saying that the city was allowed to tear down the structure. The good thing about this program is they keep their land.”

The grant also allows the city to pay for asbestos abatement.

“As soon as we get this ordinance passed, all those abandoned and dilapidated structures will be gone,” he said. “Region 7 will administer the grant and take care of the bid process. It will probably be issued in March or April.”

In other business:

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- Council members are reassessing the city’s Garbage ordinance for residents and businesses. The current ordinance is dated 2007, the last time rates changed.

Flanagan asked city accountant Mark Joseph to conduct a financial review of the Garbage account for the past two years.

“We are starting the review of the garbage ordinance and fees,” Flanagan said. “We are just in a discussion right now about the ordinance, and until we get some numbers.”

- Flanagan informed the council that he spoke with the engineers at CEC, Inc., the firm the city of Thomas hired to complete an inflow and infiltration study on the sewer system. The company completed smoke testing of the city’s sewage system in the fall and is finishing up the inflow study.

“They will be providing a full report to the city in the next couple of weeks,” Flanagan said.

- Council members voted unanimously to accept a bid from Chips Networking to build a website for the city of Thomas pending collecting additional information about setting up a bill pay option for residents.

- Council also voted unanimously to move forward with acquiring a state purchasing card from the West Virginia Auditor’s office.

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holiday and asked if water services were going to be included in the Blackwater PSD. Mayor Tomson responded by saying, “There is no discussion at all that has been had with regards of putting water into the Blackwater PSD. That question was specifically asked if there was any intention to do that and right now the answer is no. It is still just sewer.”

Tomson then explained why it was just going to be sewer in the new PSD and said, “Water in Davis is not a problem. Sewer is problematic. We have a collection system that needs to be fixed, which we are working on. We have a lagoon system that is antiquated and can be an issue at times. So, really the question was is Davis going to do something with its lagoon; is it going to upgrade it, which is tough to do; is it going to replace it with a package plant. Then the question came up then let us not just focus on Davis let us come together as a larger based community and talk about what we need on top of the mountain.”

Tomson presented an update on where the Town of Davis is financially. Tomson

mentioned hearing rumors that the Town was broke and running out of money. Tomson stated, “Sometimes statements are made that the Town is running out of money and that may apply in certain situations, but it is not an across-the-board statement.” Tomson explained that in the municipality and sales tax account that is also known as the one percent account has \$289,000, the hotel/motel tax account has \$124,000 but the Town does not own all that money due to disbursement issues with Air BNB, and of the \$280,000 American Rescue Plan received there is \$180,000 remaining.

Tomson also explained that the general account that pays all of the Town’s bills except water and sewer is solvent. Solvency is the ability of a company to meet its long-term debts and other financial obligations. The water account is also solvent, but the sewer remains the only account with a money shortfall or deficit. Tomson explained that the sewer rate increase went into effect in October and the funds are starting to increase but it is not where they

need to be as of yet and may not by the end of the fiscal year. American Rescue Plan funds can be used to help with the shortfall in a revenue account. Tomson said, “I just want to make everyone aware that Davis is not rolling in dough (money), but we are not in fiscal jeopardy either.”

Digging will start at the industrial park to fix the sewer leak that has been happening for many years. The leak was seeping into the wet lands. To help with funding the Town has applied for an emergency requisition from the State and received \$191,000. The project is to be completed within the next week or two.

In reference to correspondences put out about Corridor H, Mayor Tomson stated, “I finally got a copy of the correspondence today. After receiving numerous phone calls to include the mayor of Thomas and who all had copies of this correspondence saying what is Davis doing, what is Davis’s position. The letter was sent out by two private individuals, but they also happen to regency put in there that they were part of the Town Council Corridor H Committee.

Which did not need to be put in there if you are sending out private correspondences.

And, I am particularly distressed in the correspondence by the one individual that is an engineer, and the other that is an architect and a planner. They put in all these issues to think about that we were really hoping people would start looking at factually. The compounders of the issues that are in the correspondence are biased. They are not projective. They are subjective. They are people’s opinions that vary from as many people that you might run into and overall, I think that the letter that was sent out by the members of the Corridor H Committee did a disservice to their reputations and to the Town.”

Building permits were approved for Patrick Paugh at 623 Fifth Street to replace a 12 X 20 shed, and Pamela Cosner at 229 Blackwater Avenue for a 10 X 12 shed.

The next Town of Davis Council meeting will be held on January 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. and located at the Davis Town Hall.

## The Cafilisch Lumber Company’s Railroad to the Mackeyville Area

By Donald L. Knotts

Tucker County Historical Society

In 1902, the Elklick Lumber Company, built a single band saw mill across the Blackfork River from the mouth of Roaring Run. W.H. Heggelfinger was the superintendent at this time. The Tucker County Four Wheeler’s race track now occupies this land. There were parts of the concrete foundation and brick boiler house that could still be seen before the construction of the race track in 1986. This area is known as “Elklick Bottoms”. Elklick Lumber Company built a standard gauge railroad up Elklick Run and cut timber from the “Arnold Tract”.<sup>2</sup> They had a long wooden trestle across Blackfork River at the mouth of Roaring Run, carrying a standard gauge railroad for a connection with the West Virginia Central and Pittsburgh Railroad.

In about 1910 the Elklick Lumber Company was purchased by the Cafilisch Lumber Company, a corporation from Union City, Pennsylvania. Albert Cafilisch was president. Albert’s younger brother Edward George Cafilisch lived in Parsons and ran the local operation. The Cafilisch Lumber Company purchased several hundred acres of timberlands up the left fork of Roaring Run on the waters of Slip Hill Mill Run, and Wolf Run, emptying into Cheat River in Holly Meadows. Most of this land was purchased from the Beulah Lumber Company, along the present Wolf Run Road. The Cafilisch Lumber Company also obtained some timber from private farms in that area, including Henry Phillip’s farm. It is now part of the property owned by Minear’s at Mackeyville.

Beginning in 1911 the Cafilisch Lumber Company constructed a standard gauge railroad up Roaring Run. It began at the northern end of their long wooden trestle across the Blackfork River. The railroad followed the main Roaring Run for about three-fourths

of a mile. It then turned left up the left fork of Roaring Run for about two and a fourth miles. At this point the railroad switched back over another high trestle located at the edge of the farm, formerly owned by Henry Phillips. The track curved around the end of a ridge and went up a hollow. The hollow leads to the Marvin Knotts’ farm on Wolf Run Road at Mackeyville.

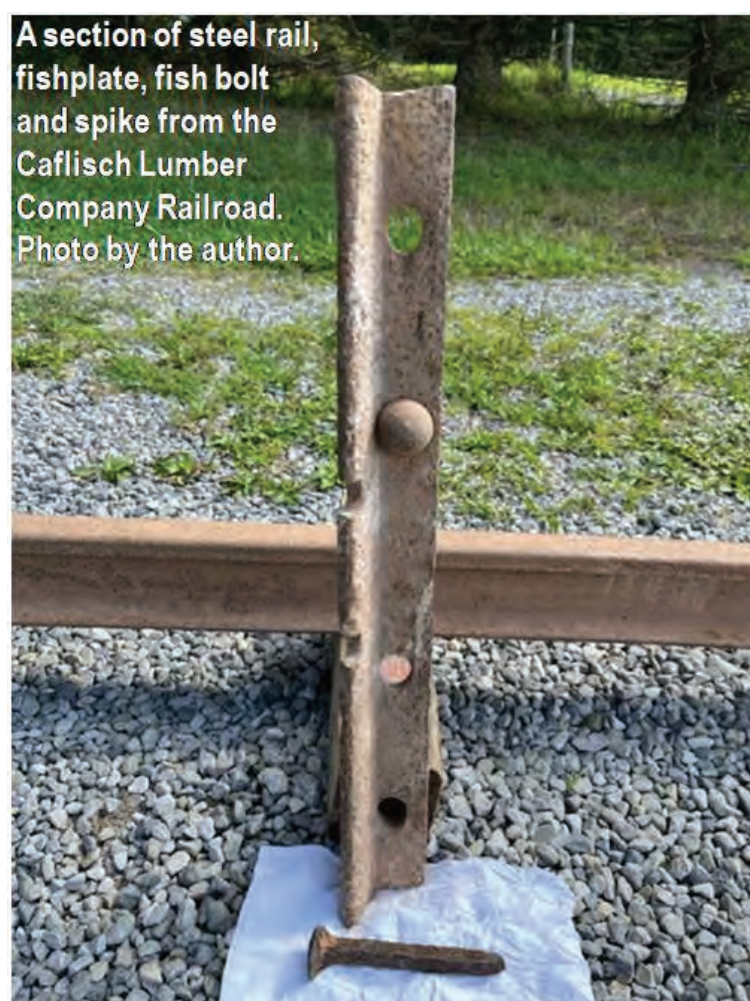
The present Knotts’ farm was where the companies logging camps and barn for the horse teams were located. At this point the railroad went through a gap at the hollows head and dropped down the side of the mountain by means of five switchbacks to Slip Hill Mill Run. The road crossed the creek on another trestle and continued for about one and a fourth of a mile to the fork of Slip Hill Mill Run and the mouth of Mink Run. The railroad crossed the creek another three times in this distance on low trestle works. After reaching Mink Run a branch turned up the creek approximately two-hundred feet and ended. The fourth switchback was very lengthy. It extended around the hill approximately one-third of a mile, ending at School House Hollow. In this switchback the railroad crossed another deep cove on a log trestle about thirty-five feet high. School House Hollow was a location where logs were skidded down the slopes on either side and loaded on the train by a steam loader that ran on its own tracks on top of the cars. The logs were loaded in the front car and the loader would proceed back to the next car. The loader would end up on the back car, to be able to be pushed off and unhitched at a switchback or siding.

One-fourth of a mile before the third switchback on the aforementioned mountainside the railroad branched. This branch went up the side of a ridge on about an eight percent grade and over the ridge. It then swung along the side of the ridge above Wolf Run,

crossing two coves on trestles about ten feet high. Then proceeding through one deep cut to another switchback. The road then crossed another deep hollow on a log trestle about twenty-five feet high, and went directly into the creek bed of Wolf Run. The road followed the creek for about three-hundred feet and ended. Horse teams were then able to skid logs into the creek from either side of Wolf Run, and be loaded on the train by a steam loader. This branch ended approximately three-fourths of a mile from the mouth of Wolf Run in Holly Meadows. After this branch crossed the second cove it went through a deep cut some one-hundred feet long. Making this cut could not have been easy with a pick, shovel, black powder, or dynamite which was all that was used to grade this road. No power driven machinery was used.

In 1916 the cutting of the virgin timber in this area, which consisted of mostly red oak, chestnut and hemlock was complete. The Cafilisch Lumber Company removed their camps, tore up their railroad and dismantled the single band sawmill and left for other lumber jobs. Its timber land on Roaring Run, Slip Hill Mill Run and Wolf Run were sold to individuals and the Monongahela National Forest. This is not the last of them in West Virginia. They later took over the Kendall Lumber Company at Cheat Haven and Albright in Preston and Monongalia counties.

In 1923, they returned to Tucker County to cut part of 540 acre tract of timber they owned at the lower end of Ship Hill Mill Run. (Their Railroad did not go down this creek only up the creek) This timber was again skidded by horse teams. However, a truck road was built, and the logs were removed by two White Brand Motor trucks. It was trucked less than two miles to the Preston Railroad near the mouth of Horseshoe Run and loaded on



railroad log cars there by a steam loader. The logs were hauled to the old Kendall Lumber Company mill at Crellin, Maryland. (Which was then controlled by the Cafilisch Lumber Company) and sawed into lumber there.

The railroad itself was laid mostly with 40 lb rail as is evident from some scraps and sections of rail which I have found along the old grade. The ties were hewed out from timber obtained along the road. This is evidenced from the ones that can still be seen today. Sawed ties were used on trestles only. The motive power used by the Cafilisch Lumber Company Railroad appears to have been a thirty-eight ton class b Climax engine and a twenty-five ton Shay.

I have undertaken a description of this railroad because of much confusion as to where it went, when it was built, etc. On pages 296-297 of his “History of Tucker County”, Homer Floyd Fansler states “They also built a railroad up Roaring Run and onto the north side of Turkey Knob which was logged by them”. This gives many people today the impression that the railroad ended on the north side of Turkey Knob. This was not the case. In fact, as evidenced from the grades and its seven switchbacks this railroad was over twelve miles long. Many people confuse this railroad and its many log trestles with the old tram road of John Mackey to Mackeyville, as is described very well by Fansler beginning on page 491 of his “History of Tucker County”. This tram road was torn up and gone ten years before the Cafilisch Railroad was built. However, this horse drawn tram road did have some light steel rails on it, but followed an entirely different route up the right branch of Roaring Run. Many people confuse the log roads built by Parsons Forest Industries in 1969-1970 as part of the old railroad grades. In fact, they did clean out, and enlarge most of the old grades in Slip Hill Mill Run and part of the

Wolf Run branch. However, at this time much of the old grade can still be traced unchanged. PFI built a lot of new log roads and built a new approach to the old railroad grade beginning at the steel gate just before the old school house/church at Mackeyville.

The railroads grade up Roaring Run and the left branch of Roaring Run averaged between three and five percent. About one fourth of a mile above the switchback and trestle to the former Henry Phillips farm, the grade rose sharply to about eight to ten percent for over one-third of a mile. A sand house was located on this steep section of the railroad to store extra sand for traction.<sup>4</sup> After it went through the gap at the hollows head it again leveled to three percent to five percent for the balance of its route, except for the section of eight percent grade on the Wolf Run branch.

Footnotes/Credits:

<sup>1</sup> Homer Floyd Fansler, History of Tucker County, West Virginia, McClain Printing Co., Parsons, West Virginia, 1962 page 297

<sup>2</sup> This was the tract of land containing 4,130 acres obtained by Francis Deakins and William Deakins by land grant from the state of Virginia and signed by Edmund Randolph, Governor thereof on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1788.

<sup>3</sup> From recollections of “old timers”. My grandfather Walter Clarence Martin worked on this job in the cutting crew.

<sup>4</sup> An excavation of this sand house site found remains of sand and parts of a stove.

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**Jan. 25, 1814:** Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.

**Jan. 25, 1878:** Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnettsville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage movement and the temperance movement.

**Jan. 25, 1889:** Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, Gates was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.

**Jan. 26, 1850:** Wyoming County was formed by the Virginia General Assembly from part of Logan County.

**Jan. 26, 1960:** Burnsville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game against Widen, setting a national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.

**Jan. 27., 1933:** Folk artist George Conard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County. A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in stone and wood.

**Jan. 27-28, 1998:** Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh county line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.

**Jan. 28, 1902:** Miners Hospital No. One opened at Welch, with a young Dr. Henry Hatfield as president. The legislature had passed a law requiring the building of state hospitals for those engaged in dangerous occupations, and eventually three hospitals were built in different sections of the state.

**Jan. 28, 1937:** In a flood that drove a million Ohio Valley residents from their homes, the Ohio River crested at Huntington at 69.45 feet, more than 19 feet above



**Jan. 27, 1925: Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, Coffindaffer erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.**

flood stage. By the time the water receded, five people were dead, and the city was in ruins. Parkersburg, Ravenswood, and Point Pleasant also were badly damaged.

**Jan. 29, 1903:** The great rhododendron was designated the official state flower of West Virginia, after being recommended by the governor and voted on by students in the public schools.

**Jan. 30, 1818:** Nicholas County was created by the Virginia legislature from parts of Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Randolph counties. The county was named for Wilson Cary Nicholas, a Virginia governor and U.S. senator who lived from 1761 to 1820.

**Jan. 30, 1895:** Mingo County was created from the southern part of Logan County. Mingo is the youngest county in West Virginia.

**Jan. 31, 1878:** Educator William Woodson Trent was born in rural Nicholas County. He served as state superintendent of schools from 1933 until 1957.

**Jan. 31, 1922:** Movie and television actress Joanne Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan. Her movie career included more than 40 films. Her brother, singer and TV host Peter Marshall, is also a West Virginia native.

**Jan. 31, 1945:** Sergeant Jonah Edward Kelley of Mineral County was killed in action while leading his squad against German positions during World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his "superb courage."

## 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

The gas prices in this country are like a yo-yo, up one day, down the next. I am sure I have mentioned before that in my part of town there are five gas stations within rock throwing distance of each other. Three of those five have other stations on the other end of town which can't be more than two miles apart.

On my way to work I have to pass all five on my end of town. The prices will mostly be comparable among them but lately all have stepped out of the box I guess. We have prices ranging from \$2.99 to \$3.65 and they can look out the window and see each other's prices. The thing I cannot understand is people still buying gas at the higher price. **Momma Said**, "Why pay 66 cents more for a gallon of gas?"

Maybe they don't want to shop at a particular store but why pay the higher price? I know people have principals they want to uphold but as you may well have guessed by now the lower price is Wal-Mart. I know they have the power to buy

in bulk but why must the prices be such a huge difference? The world is in a state of turmoil right now and we the people are getting the short end of the stick so to speak.

Russia is killing Ukrainian people left and right, six year old kids bringing guns to school, politicians paying hit men to shoot up the houses of people after an election, secret documents being found in homes and offices of our elected officials, rockets going into space carrying more satellites to probably spy on us. (FYI, just remember how the movie Terminator started out.) **Momma Said**, "I am still ready to pack my bags and move to Mars."

## Three Ingredient Sponge Cake

### Ingredients

- 3 eggs (separated into whites and yolks)
- 6 Tablespoons of granulated sugar (divided in half)
- 3 Tablespoons **cake flour**

### Decorations (optional)

- whipped cream
- strawberries
- chocolate drizzle

### Directions

Separate 3 eggs into a medium bowl. Put the egg whites in a small bowl and the egg yolks in a large bowl.

Whip egg whites with a mixer starting at low speed and gradually increasing to high speed. Once the mixture is light consistency, add 3 tablespoons of granulated sugar.

Continuously beat for 3-5 minutes until glossy and stiff peaks form.

Beat egg yolks until broken up, add 3 tablespoons of granulated sugar until it becomes a light yellow color.

### Baking Instructions

Sift in 3 tablespoons of cake powder. Mix until well combined, folding in the flour. A spatula works best.

Add in meringue, fold it in by scooping and folding one third at a time. The Batter

should be nice and smooth.

Line a 5-inch (12cm) cake pan with parchment paper sides and bottom. Fill up with batter. Give a shake and tap to remove air bubbles.

Bake at 320F or 160C for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Set on a cooling rack. Once cooled, remove parchment paper carefully. Start slicing layers evenly.



## Super Crossword

SCRAMBLING TO GET THINGS DONE

**ACROSS**

1 "Just a moment!"  
7 Crusade  
14 Changes gears  
20 Debonair  
21 Spiritedly, in music  
22 Bull battler  
23 Clinton drains material away by percolation?  
25 Celebrity chef  
26 Deborah of "Separate Tables"  
27 Coach  
28 Competent  
30 "Red Book" chairman  
31 Presley wears a disguise?  
35 Rathbone jumps ship?  
38 RSVP encl.  
39 Ideologies  
40 Kylo — (Darth Vader's grandson)  
41 British peer  
42 Prefix with angle  
43 Lumpy lump  
44 Keaton argues back in a debate?

49 Longhorn's gridiron rival  
51 Anticipated  
53 Downy quilt  
54 Locke adds decorations?  
57 Carders' demands  
60 Nothing more than  
61 Work for  
62 "ER" roles  
63 Up — (cornered)  
65 Cobra variety  
66 Romero competes in a relay?  
70 Ford marks a word for omission?  
72 "7 Faces of Dr. —" (Tony Randall film)  
73 Matt of "Good Will Hunting"  
74 Links org.  
75 FBI guy, e.g.  
76 Words clarifying a spelling  
78 Osaka money  
79 Heaney makes people smile?  
84 Fiber for hose  
86 Kept safe  
88 Submit taxes paperlessly

89 Leroux does a ballroom dance?  
92 Santa — (desert winds)  
95 Zero  
96 Engrave  
97 Singer Janis  
98 Baseball's Felipe or Moises  
99 Scottish Celt  
100 Thompson works as an usher?  
104 Deane goes on a cruise?  
106 Bush press secretary  
107 Old British gun  
108 Alternative to Yahoo  
109 Russia's — -Tass  
110 One of Janet Jackson's sisters  
112 Wiig mends a sweater?  
119 Precursor to web forums  
120 Tartish brew  
121 Peanut butter cup brand  
122 Composed  
123 Transition

124 Will subject  
**DOWN**  
1 Ogre of myth  
2 "Uh-uh"  
3 Scratch (out)  
4 Chicken with long, soft plumage  
5 Curvy letters  
6 Herb of the parsley family  
7 Actor Linden  
8 Ryan and Tatum of film  
9 Fib tellers  
10 Family rec facility  
11 Infant cry  
12 Lunched, e.g.  
13 Lovers' flowers, in Spain  
14 Superb  
15 Native  
16 Wrath  
17 Physicist Enrico  
18 Case hearing  
19 Goes it alone  
24 "Am not!" comeback  
29 Funeral stand  
31 These, in Mexico  
32 Slowly, musically  
33 Winner's hand gesture  
34 Tough dude's self-assertion  
35 Surpasses  
36 Cost of cards  
37 Picture book  
40 Devastates  
43 Actor  
44 Depardieu  
45 Tweeks text  
46 Of the middle eye layer  
47 Concise  
48 Footfalls  
50 Mental flash  
52 Part of NOW  
55 Matrix  
56 Jim Croce's "I Got —"  
58 Wine barrel residue  
59 Actress Blair  
63 "There Is Nothin' Like —" (softly)  
64 "Daniel Boone" actor  
66 Trolley sound  
67 Cushy course  
68 Stains  
69 Winding-line dance  
70 "Yipes!"  
71 Adequate, to L!l Abner  
74 Argentina's Juan or Eva  
77 Lecture jottings  
79 Long stories  
80 Politico Mo  
81 Exodus peak  
82 Architect  
83 Peddles  
85 "So far, no"  
87 Army group  
90 Univ. in Raleigh  
91 Fare-well link  
93 Condition in outer space  
94 Morally strict  
98 Actress Quinn  
99 Precious red stone  
100 Bone of the 103-Down  
101 Scratch out  
102 Located  
103 Foot-leg joint  
104 — voice (softly)  
105 "— alive!"  
108 At — time (prearranged)  
111 Words before dare or diet  
113 Rocker  
114 "I believe," to a texter  
115 Scot's denial  
116 "There — god!"  
117 New Year in Vietnam  
118 MI-to-SC dir.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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# Bucher reflects on his career at Cortland Acres

When Dan Bucher accepted a job at the age of 25 as a social worker for Cortland Acres, he could not have foreseen becoming one of the youngest nursing home administrators in the state and the tremendous growth that would occur under his guidance and leadership.

Now, 40 years later, Bucher is stepping back from his daily duties as the development director of Cortland Acres.

“Cortland Acres has always been woven into my daily life, and it will continue to be,” Bucher said. “However, beginning January 2, I am just working on a few of the specific development projects outlined in Cortland’s Vision 2030. They include the continued expansion of The Pines retirement community and the development of the Mountain Top Village workforce housing initiative.”

Beth Clvenger, administrator of Cortland Acres, said that Dan has been an important and integral part of Cortland Acres’ history and development.

“Dan’s commitment to Cortland Acres has enriched our facility and staff and ensured we are positioned to provide excellent care for the residents and families we serve,” Clvenger said. “Dan’s tenacity laid the groundwork for the growth of Cortland Acres so many years ago, and I’m thrilled he will continue to



direct our future by assisting on special development projects.”

Bucher’s career at Cortland Acres started on April 7, 1980. He became administrator of the facility in 1982 and remained in that position until Jan. 5, 2001. Afterward, he served Cortland as a board of director member for 14 years while employed in administration at Elkins Rehabilitation and Care Center, and then at Davis Health Systems, establishing several programs during his time there. In 2015 he returned to Cortland and accepted the position of development director.

During his more than four decades, Cortland Acres experienced many additions and improvements, including the opening of two retirement communities: Pineview Apartments and The Pines, the creation of

Daybreak, one of the state’s first memory care units, the construction of a facility used by Tucker County EMS, the expansion of the original kitchen, laundry, therapy, maintenance, dining and administration areas.

When the Preston-Taylor Community Health Center needed a new home for the Mountain Top Clinic, Bucher and board president Pat Nichols along with other board members, quickly pulled together a plan and built a temporary site. A permanent site was constructed a year later, with the former building becoming medical specialties offices for visiting medical providers.

Under the board’s initiative, Bucher led the establishment of the Cortland Foundation and the construction of the Blackwater Short-term Rehabilitation Center. Other development projects followed, a \$1 million renovation of all resident rooms and common areas in the skilled-nursing facility, continued expansion of The Pines community, planting of fruit trees in two orchards, construction of a greenhouse, development of a walking trail, intergenerational and music program, and building two workforce housing units. Also, during this time, Cortland Acres entered into an agreement to purchase additional acres of land to accommodate growth and expansion.

“These accomplishments are those of the entire organization, which includes a team of individuals who had a dream and worked diligently to turn Cortland Acres into a premier facility,” Bucher said. “I am grateful for the support from the board of directors and the latitude they gave me. While we have always had a structured plan of visions guiding our growth, it is fluid and has evolved throughout the years. The vision of Cortland Acres is bigger than any one person.”

When asked about highlights of his tenure, Bucher said seeing the needs of others being met is so rewarding. I am also honored to have worked with such a talented and caring staff over the years.

“Cortland Acres has earned a good reputation in our community and also throughout the state. The nursing home’s five-star rating awarded by Medicare reflects our caring and compassionate employees” Bucher said. “I am proud of our entire staff. They have my highest respect.”

One of Dan Bucher’s most challenging days was when he admitted his father, Dr. Samuel J. Bucher, as a resident to the nursing home. Dr. Bucher helped found Cortland Acres and later served as its medical director. He passed away while a resident of the facility.

“As much as you counsel everybody else in the world on how to do this when it is your turn, it is tough,” Dan Bucher said.

One of Bucher’s favorite quotes, “Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men’s blood...” by American Architect Daniel Burnham has guided him in the past. It will continue to influence his future, whether it be spending time with family and friends or volunteering at Cortland’s greenhouse.

“As I reflect on my involvement at Cortland Acres, I am thankful for the relationships with the current and past residents, the families, the volunteers at the facility, and the dedicated staff,” Bucher said. “My heart is full of all of the friendships I have made through happy and sorrowful times. My driving strength is to honor God in all I do. He is the One who gives our lives meaning and purpose.

The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs, rental apartments in Pineview and garden and patio homes in The Pines. For more information about The Pines or Cortland Acres or to set up an appointment for a tour of the facility, call 304-463-4181 ext. 203, or visit [www.cortlandacres.org](http://www.cortlandacres.org).

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A Public Meeting to discuss the upcoming Parsons Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project, construction alternatives, and environmental impacts will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, at 341 Second Street, Parsons, WV. The project is proposed to be funded by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

## LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Wayne Clark Smith	Mary Jane Smith
1st publication 1/25/23	8486 Horseshoe Run Rd.
2nd publication 2/1/23	Parsons, WV 26287

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

## LEGAL

### AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE Notice of Intent to Approve

On November 9, 2022, CJS Cremation Service, LLC applied to the WV Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality (DAQ), for permit to construct the Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home Crematory to be located at 567 Thomas Avenue, Davis, Tucker County, WV, at latitude 39.12884 and longitude -79.46788. A preliminary evaluation has determined that all State and Federal air quality requirements will be met by the proposed project. The DAQ is providing notice to the public of its preliminary determination to issue the permit as R13-3579.

The following potential emissions will be authorized by this permit action: Carbon Monoxide, 0.03 tons per year (TPY); Oxides of Nitrogen, 1.61 TPY; Particulate Matter less than 2.5 microns, 0.18 tons per year TPY; Particulate Matter less than 10 microns, 0.18 TPY; Particulate Matter, 0.18 TPY; Sulfur Dioxide, 0.31 TPY; and Volatile Organic Compounds, 0.45 TPY.

Written comments or requests for a public meeting must be received by the DAQ before 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2023. A public meeting may be held if the Director of the DAQ determines that significant public interest has been expressed, in writing, or when the Director deems it appropriate.

The purpose of the DAQ’s permitting process is to make a preliminary determination if the proposed project meets all state and federal air quality requirements. The purpose of the public review process is to accept public comments on air quality issues relevant to this determination. Only written comments received at the address noted below within the specified time frame, or comments presented orally at a scheduled public meeting, will be considered prior to final action on the permit. All such comments will become part of the public record.

Joe Kessler, PE  
Engineer  
WV Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Air Quality  
601 57th Street, SE  
Charleston, WV 25304  
Telephone: 304/926-0499, ext. 41271  
Email: [joseph.r.kessler@wv.gov](mailto:joseph.r.kessler@wv.gov)  
Additional information, including copies of the draft permit, application, and all other supporting materials relevant to the permit decision may be obtained by contacting the engineer listed above. The draft permit and engineering evaluation may also be downloaded at: <https://dep.wv.gov/daq/permitting/Pages/NSR-Permit-Applications.aspx>

## LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Virde Marie Rizer	Karen E. Nestor
1st publication 1/18/23	3094 Seneca Trail
2nd publication 1/25/23	Montrose, WV 26283
Theresa Marie Molone	Tyler L. Molone
1st publication 1/18/23	205 Jameson Ave.
2nd publication 1/25/23	Parsons, WV 26287
William R. Davis	Paula J. Harsh
1st publication 1/18/23	639 Wolf Run Rd.
2nd publication 1/25/23	Hambleton, WV 26269
Sharon L. Woods	Gregory E. Stevens
1st publication 1/18/23	111 Weeping Willow Rd.
2nd publication 1/25/23	Parsons, WV 26287
James E. Grafton	John A. Grafton
1st publication 1/18/23	Marie A. Grafton
2nd publication 1/25/23	164 Lower Lot Rd.
	Hambleton, WV 26269

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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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. 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.

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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 March 14, 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
021	2022880016	R088-REM/GR-23. 00		GUARDRAIL D8 2023 REM GUARDRAIL D8 2023 REM GUARDRAIL COUNTY: PENDLETON, TUCKER, POCAHONTAS, RANDOLPH

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

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay or postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on 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
004	2022880003	S388-REC/AL-23. 00	STBG-2023(010)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-8 RECALL STRIPING 2023 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: PENDLETON, RANDOLPH, POCAHONTAS, TUCKER

**DBE GOAL:** 7% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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

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

**REMARKS:**

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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) 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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(2021-S-0000015-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-0000015, 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**

**TURNER'S TIDBITS**



**This is the Robert "June" and Dora Judy Harman Family. Back row James "Jim" Harman, Christine "Chrissie" Harman, Denice 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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**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated December 2, 2019, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Document No. 153258, in Book No. 294, at Page 646, Kenneth R Smith and Dawn A Smith did convey unto Westcor Land Title Insurance Company, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Crosscountry Mortgage, LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons, West Virginia, on

February 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 01 - BLACK FORK District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

The following piece or parcel of real estate together with the improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in the Black Fork District, Tucker County, West Virginia, described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at an iron stake at the Creek on the Blackman Flats County Road; thence in a straight line 220 feet to an iron stake in the Phillips line; thence left with the Phillips line for a distance of 180 feet to an iron stake in the Phillips line; thence 90 degrees left in a straight line for a distance of 220 feet to an iron stake at the edge of the County Road; thence 90 degrees left with the County Road for a distance of 180 feet to the place of beginning, containing 39,600 square feet.

Being all the premises conveyed to Kenneth R. Smith and Dawn A. Smith, husband and wife, as joint tenants with full right of survivorship, from Dawn A. Smith and Kenneth R. Smith, her husband, by deed dated August 02, 1994, recorded August 02, 1994, in Book 145, Page 541, in the Official Public Records of Tucker County, State of West Virginia.  
Tax ID No. 284-23.2

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 244 Rabbit Run Rd, Hambleton, WV 26269.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$7000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.  
5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
(304) 413-0044  
(304) 292-2918  
Toll Free: (888) 534-3132  
Reference File No. 81324

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**ADVERTISEMENT (MR-34-BM)**

Notice is hereby given that VINDEX ENERGY LLC, 100 TYGART DR, GRAFTON, WV 26354 has submitted an application for the **modification** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV0060372 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150, in order to delete outlets 007 and 008 and associated stream monitoring station DUTSR; remove dissolved oxygen, BOD, nitrogen nitrite, nitrogen nitrate, mercury and fecal coliform from outlet 002; remove nitrogen nitrite, nitrogen nitrate and mercury from stream monitoring stations DSBC-1, UNBCUS -2 and USBC-3.

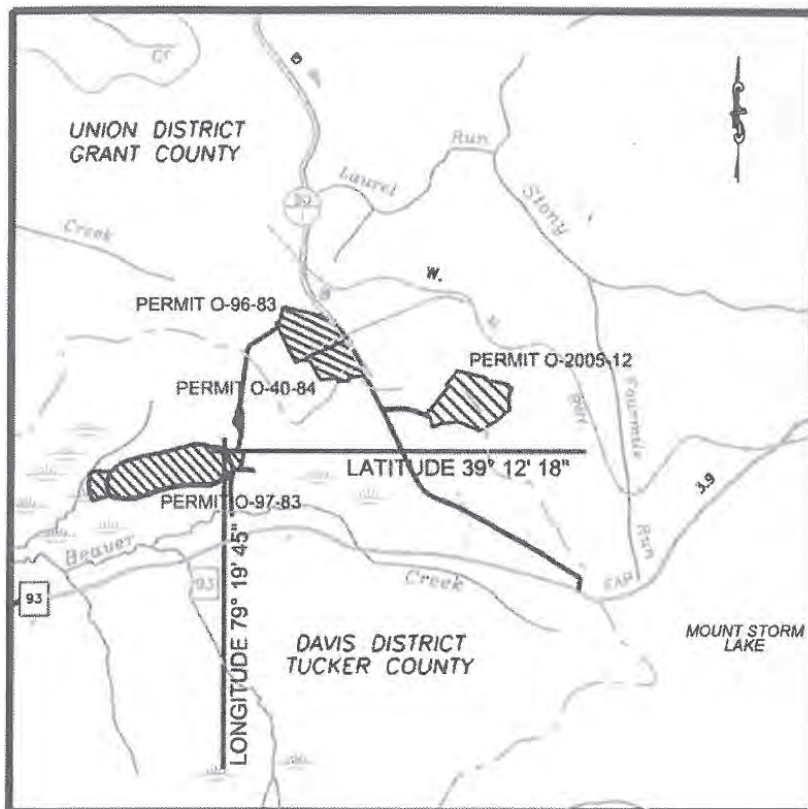
The operation will discharge treated storm water into an unnamed tributary of Beaver Creek and Beaver Creek of Blackwater River of Black fork of Cheat River and unnamed tributary of unnamed tributary (Laurer Run) of Stony River of N. Potomac River and is located 5.0 miles southeast of Bayard, in Union and Davis Districts of Grant and Tucker counties, Longitude 79°19'45" and Latitude 39°12'18" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, Tier 2 protection is also afforded because the agency has made a determination that the discharge(s) will not cause significant degradation to the receiving stream(s) for any parameters of concern.

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by February 24, 2023, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional Office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219 Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV0060372



**LOCATION MAP**

SCALE: 1"= 1 MILE

NPDES PERMIT NO. WV0060372  
UNION DISTRICT, GRANT COUNTY  
DAVIS DISTRICT, TUCKER COUNTY  
MT. STORM, WV U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE

**DEADLINE 8AM MONDAY**



# Tucker Boys' Basketball Win at Pendleton, Defeat Gilmer

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

FRANKLIN – The Mt. Lions Boys' Basketball team traveled to Pendleton County on Wednesday January 18th for an away home game with the Wildcats. Tucker County trailed after three quarters, but the Mt. Lions got a big fourth quarter to pull ahead for the win on the road by the score of 58-47.

The first quarter was controlled by Pendleton County as they led Tucker County 18-13 after one quarter of play. The second quarter was also won by the homestanding Wildcats 12-7 to give Pendleton County the 30-20 halftime lead.

The Mt. Lions responded in the third quarter as they outscored Pendleton County 12-7 to cut the Wildcats lead to 37-32 after three quarters of play. The visiting Mt. Lions then exploded in the final quarter as they outscored Pendleton County 26-10 to get the comeback victory by the final score of 58-47.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County in scoring off the bench with 18 points as he made 5 three point baskets in the game. Levi Bennett and Maddox Ander-

son added 8 points each for the Mt. Lions in the win. Ashton Lycliter led the Mt. Lions on the boards with 10 rebounds. The Mt. Lions JV team picked up the win also 40-30.

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team hosted Gilmer County on Saturday January 21st for a Varsity only contest. The Mt. Lions controlled the game from the start as they cruised to a 65-23 victory.

In the first quarter Tucker County jumped out to a big lead as they led after one quarter 19-4. The second quarter was also dominated by the Mt. Lions as they outscored the Titans 16-7 to make the halftime score 35-11 Tucker County.

The third quarter was won by the Mt. Lions 16-4 to push the lead up to 51-15 Tucker County after three quarters. The Mt. Lions outscored Gilmer County in the final quarter 14-8 to give Tucker County the 65-23 win.

The Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Maddox Anderson with 14 points and Ethan Rosenau added 9 points for Tucker County in the win. Ashton Lycliter and Garrett Wilfong led the Mt. Lions with 8 rebounds each.

Tucker County(8-3) will return to



Mt. Lions Basketball player Ashton Lycliter dribbles the ball against Gilmer County on Jan. 21st. Photo by Brittany Channell.

action Thursday January 26th at East Hardy. The Mt. Lions will then travel to Southern, MD on Friday January 27th. The JV games for both nights will begin

at 6pm, and the varsity games each night will follow the JV game. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## AREA SCHEDULE:

### Wednesday January 25th

• Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Belington 5:30pm

### Thursday January 26th

• Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ East Hardy 6pm  
• Tucker Valley Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs Aurora @ Home 6pm

### Friday January 27th

• Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs Gilmer County @ Home 5:45pm  
• Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ Southern, MD 6pm

### Monday January 30th

• Tucker Valley Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs Union @ Home 6pm

### Tuesday January 31st

• Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ vs Elkins 5:45pm

# Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball Update

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

THOMAS – The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams hosted Philippi on Wednesday January 18th. In the Girls' game Davis-Thomas fell in the game 40-14. The Lady Bears were led by Hailey Crossland with 6 points.

In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas fell to Philippi in the contest 38-30. The Bears were led in scoring by Cayden Arnold with 12 points and Emmet Felton added 8 points in the loss for Davis-Thomas.

THOMAS – The Bears Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams hosted Bruceton on Friday January 20th. In the Girls' contest Davis-Thomas fell in a close game 27-25. The Lady Bears were led in scoring by

Izzy Kitzmiller and Peyton Cross with 8 points each in the loss for Davis-Thomas.

In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas got the big win 64-39. The Bears were led in scoring by Emmet Felton with 18 points and Cayden Arnold followed close behind

with 17 points each in the win for Davis-Thomas.

The Davis-Thomas Basketball teams will return to action tonight, Wednesday January 25th at Belington. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

# Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball Update

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball teams hosted Belington on Thursday January 19th. In the JV game the Lady Wildcats JV fell in the contest 36-10. Amesly Channell led the Tucker

Valley JV with 7 points. Belington also won the Varsity game by the final score of 62-8. Lela Wright led Tucker Valley with 3 points.

The Tucker Valley Girls' and Boys' will return to action on Thursday January 26th at home against Aurora. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

# Lady Mt. Lions Fall to Pendleton, Win at Pocahontas County



Tucker County's Brylee Wetzel drives to the basket against Pendleton County on Jan. 17th. Photo by Becky Moore.

By Chris George  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team hosted Pendleton County for a Varsity only contest on Tuesday January 17th. The visiting Lady Wildcats built a lead and held off a Lady Mt. Lions comeback to give Pendleton County the 67-54 victory.

The first quarter was controlled by Pendleton County as they led after one quarter 13-7. The Lady Mt. Lions fought back early in the second quarter, but the Lady Wildcats made a run late in the quarter to outpace Tucker County 14-8 in the second period to make the halftime score 27-15 Pendleton County.

The third quarter was won slightly by

Pendleton County 23-19 to give the Lady Wildcats a 50-34. The Lady Mt. Lions battled in the fourth as they cut the Lady Wildcats lead down to 10 points, but the 20-17 advantage by Tucker County in the fourth was not enough. Pendleton County got the road win over Tucker County 67-54.

The Lady Mt. Lions were led by Kadie Colebank with 31 points, 14 rebounds and Avery Colebank added 8 points for Tucker County in the loss. Brylee Wetzel added 5 rebounds and 5 assists for the Lady Mt. Lions in the loss.

DUNMORE – The Lady Mt. Lions Basketball team traveled to Pocahontas County on Friday January 20th for a road game against the Lady Warriors. Tucker County jumped out to a quick lead and

then they cruised to a 65-22 victory.

The first quarter was controlled by the Lady Mt. Lions as led after one quarter 21-4. Tucker County then outscored the Lady Warriors in the second quarter 17-6 to put the halftime score at 38-10.

The third quarter was also won by Tucker County 15-9 to push the score to 53-19 Lady Mt. Lions after three quarters of play. In the fourth quarter Tucker County held Pocahontas County to just 3 points and the Lady Mt. Lions scored 12 points in the fourth to make the final score 65-22 Tucker County.

Kadie Colebnk led Tucker County with

15 points, 10 rebounds. Macy Helmick added 14 points, 6 rebounds, 6 assists and Ericka Zirk had 14 points in the win for the Lady Mt. Lions. Brylee Wetzel and Addie Hicks chipped in with 8 points each for Tucker County. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team won 36-14.

Tucker County(11-1) will return to action on Friday January 27th at home against Gilmer County. The Lady Mt. Lions will then travel to Elkins on Tuesday January 31st. 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.

# WVDNR posts list of waters stocked

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced on Monday that the following waters were stocked during the week of Jan. 9–13:

- Anderson Lake
- Blackwater River
- Bullsken Run
- Cacapon Park Lake
- Cedar Creek Lake
- East Fork Greenbrier River
- Evitts Run
- Gladly Fork
- Knapps Creek
- Krodel Lake
- Lick Creek Pond
- Little River East Fork Greenbrier River
- Little River West Fork Greenbrier River
- Middle Creek (Berkeley)
- Miletree Lake

- Mill Creek (Berkeley)
  - Mountwood Park Lake
  - North Bend Tailwaters
  - Opequon Creek
  - Ridenour Lake
  - Rocky Marsh Run
  - Rollins Lake
  - Shavers Fork (Bemis)
  - Shavers Fork (lower rail stocking from Bowden to Bemis; High Falls)
  - Shavers Fork (lower section)
  - Shavers Fork (upper rail stocking Cheat Bridge to Beaver Creek)
  - South Branch Potomac River (Petersburg from the bridge in Petersburg to Brighton Park)
  - Watoga Lake
  - Wayne Dam
  - West Fork Greenbrier River
- Trout stocking updates are also posted online at

WVdnr.gov/fish-stocking. For a complete list of stocking locations and frequency of stockings, anglers should consult pages 14 and 15 of the 2023 West Virginia Fishing Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations.

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license, trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing for trout. Licenses and stamps can be purchased at 175 retail locations across the state or online at WVfish.com.

To learn more about fishing opportunities and trout stockings in West Virginia, visit WVdnr.gov/fishing.



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A local Randolph/Tucker Master Gardener Association is available to help participants earn their hours. Call your county Extension office for information on registration and fees. Randolph office: 636-2455, Tucker office: 478-2949, Barbour office: 457-3254, Upshur office: 473-4208



Extension agent Jody Carpenter leads a continuing education session for Master Gardeners.



Master Gardeners work to create a perennial garden around the welcome sign at the entrance to Davis.

## Sentman promoted to student program advisor at Eastern



MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Tiffany Sentman is the new student program advisor at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, promoted from student services coordinator.

A resident of Petersburg, WV, her entire life, Sentman lives with her husband, Stanley. “He keeps me grounded,” she said, “I couldn’t ask for a better partner.” They have three children, Acacyah, Addylin, and Kaisyn, and two cats, Nora and Nellie.

Sentman graduated from Potomac State College in 2006 with an associate in pre-social work. “I decided on a whim in 2017 to go back to school for something completely different; business,” she said. In 2020, Sentman graduated from Eastern WVCTC with two associate’s of applied science, one in account-

ing and the other in business management. Currently, she is working on her bachelor of applied science in business management, which she will complete in the Spring of this year.

In her free time, Sentman likes to shop, go to the gym, binge Netflix documentaries, and read. “To me, the best thing I can do is sit on the couch under a heated blanket and watch a good show,” she says, “I am fascinated with the ‘unknown’; I think I have watched over a thousand hours of documentaries.”

Sentman has worked at Eastern for two years and considers the best part of the job to be seeing students succeed. “The smiles on their faces keep us going in the Student Services department,” said Sentman, “I enjoy coming into work every day and not knowing who I get to see or

talk to during the day.”

Going forward, Sentman hopes that everyone sees the importance of higher education. High school students in the surrounding area can take college classes at a reduced rate. They get the opportunity to earn their associate’s degree while also receiving their high school diploma. “The fact that this is accessible, even in our area, and that everyone can utilize it, is great,” she says, “education is something that nobody can take from you; it is always yours.”

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, based in Moorefield, serves six counties in the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia and offers academic programs and workforce training. Learn more about Eastern at <https://easternwv.edu>

## WV IJDC announces funding for 4 water projects

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council announced funding for 4 water system improvement projects at its meeting on Jan. 11. Details for the project is listed below.

### Town of Elizabeth

The council approved a \$766,000 grant to the Town of Elizabeth in Wirt County to extend water service to 14 homes along Tuckers Creek and to connect with Mineral Wells PSD as an emergency source of water. This grant, along with funds from the county commission, will provide \$1.5 million for the project.

### Mason County PSD

The council approved a \$164,059 bid overrun grant to the Mason County PSD to extend water service to 28 homes along Kanawha and Flatfoot Roads. This grant, along with funds from the county commission, will provide \$1.7 million for the project.

### City of Milton

The council approved a \$1.4 million grant (includes a \$129,000 bid overrun) to the City of Milton in Cabell County to replace its water main along Newman’s Branch. This grant, along with funds from the county commission, will provide \$1.6 million for the project.

### Town of Pineville

The council approved a \$500,000 grant and \$2.7 million loan to the Town of Pineville in Wyoming County for improvements to its water system. These funds, along with funds from the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund, the county commission, the town of Pineville and other programs, will provide \$8.3 million for the project.

### Other Business

The council also approved technical reviews and requests to pursue funding for an additional 12 sewer and water projects. The approval of these reviews and requests helps cities, municipalities and public service districts save taxpayer money and keep their water and sewer projects moving. The 12 projects found to be technically feasible and approved to pursue funding are listed below.

- Cowen PSD water service extension to serve 60 homes along Route 82 estimated to cost \$5.5 million.

- City of Hinton Bellepoint sewer system improvements estimated to cost \$6.5 million.
- City of Parkersburg Little Kanawha sewer interceptor improvements estimated to cost \$26 million.
- Town of Paw Paw Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements estimated to cost \$3.7 million.
- Pea Ridge PSD Guyan Estates sewer system improvements estimated to cost \$3 million.
- Pea Ridge PSD sewer system extension to serve 710 customers along Route 2 estimated to cost \$29 million.
- Village of Valley Grove water system improvements estimated to cost \$7.5 million.
- Flemington Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements estimated to cost \$6.5 million.
- Grandview Doolin PSD industrial park extension and Water Treatment Plant improvements estimated to cost \$5.6 million.
- City of Parsons sewer system improvements estimated to cost \$4 million.
- Putnam County PSD sewer service extension to 25 homes, shopping center and hotel estimated to cost \$9.9 million.
- Norton Harding Jimtown PSD source water improvements estimated to cost \$1.6 million.

About the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council

The WV IJDC was created by the WV Legislature in 1994 to serve as a funding clearinghouse for water and wastewater projects around the state. Gov. Jim Justice serves as council chairman, with Deputy Chief of Staff Ann Urling serving as his designee.

The council will meet again on Feb. 1. For more information, visit [wvinfrastructure.com](http://wvinfrastructure.com).

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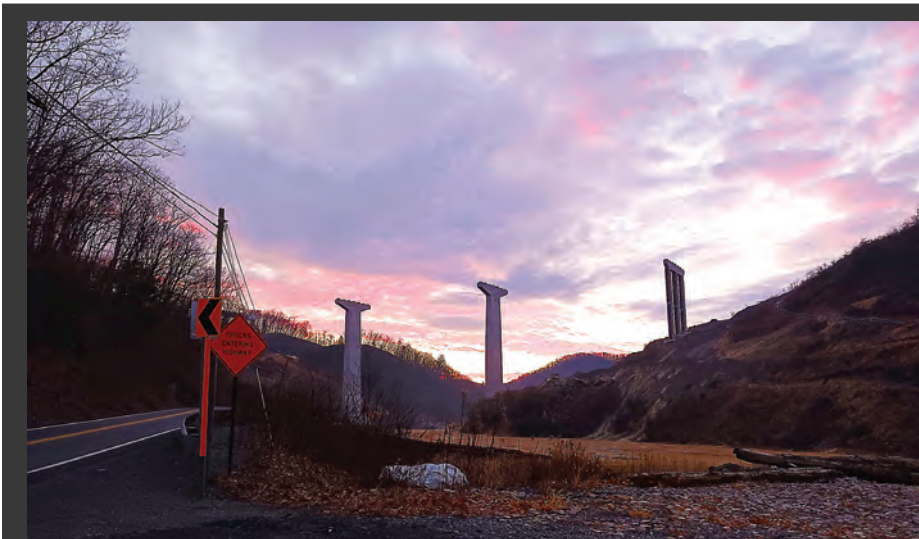


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