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## Students' Request for After School Program Granted



Tucker County Board of Education members remembering Dr. Roy Moss in a moment of silence.

By: Jennifer Britt  
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The Tucker County School Board of Education meeting started with a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Roy Moss. Moss was the Superintendent for Tucker County Schools from 1979 to 1986. Board President Daniel "Chopper" Evans said, "He went from homeroom school teacher, to counselor, to psychiatrist for the school, and then Superintendent for the county."

Superintendent Alicia Lambert reported that students were conducting benchmark testing for the second nine weeks and the results should be available at the next school board meeting. Lambert also mentioned that students have requested to extend the after-school program. Lambert said, "We have had this request from students and we were trying to do some surveys because we were not going to

be able to run buses for it this time because of all the extra-curriculars going on and buses going in multiple directions. Which is why we usually do not start it back up until March when the seasons have concluded, but students were really asking for it."

Lambert explained that there was a questionnaire passed out to the students for parents to complete as to whether the parents could provide transportation for their student. At first there were only 12 responses received online at the school board office but upon further discussion with school principals it was discovered that many others had responded on written forms to the schools. Lambert stated that it has officially started the program back up. Currently there will be only one English and one math teacher at each school until the actual number of students staying after is calculated.

Lambert said, "We are hopeful. I think it speaks volumes that our students are asking for after school. Whether that be because we are coming to the end of the semester and some of them are struggling and did not want to take credit recovery classes, or they just knew they needed the help. Whatever it means I am happy that they want that and that we are in a financial position where we can afford that right now. That is not always the case for us. So, while we have that available to us we want to do whatever we can to help our kids be successful in the classroom."

The board approved a trip to Phoenix, Arizona on March 21-25, 2023, for Lambert to meet with Grand Canyon University. The purpose of the trip is to address teacher shortage in the state of West Virginia. Lambert said, "This was requested to me last week. They are looking for rural

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## Commission Rallies for County in Charleston

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Commission President, Mike Rosenau provided a brief recap of what the Commissioners have been accomplishing in the last 30 days. On January 16 the Commissioners went to Charleston and met with Senator Jay Taylor, Senator Randy Smith, and Tucker County Representative John Paul Hott to discuss issues in Tucker County. Rosenau said, "We had dinner with them that evening and we had close to a three hour meeting on discussion of what took place and what we need within Tucker County."

Then on January 17, we met at the Capitol to answer any questions the Senate Government Organization Committee has on the amusement tax. Tucker County Day was January 17, so while we were in the parking lot Senator Smith sent me a text that said Mike can you all come up to the Capitol. I said yes we can, we will be right there. We could not attend the meetings that were planned for the Tucker County Day because we were called to the Capitol. The reason we were called to the Capitol is that they have the first bill on the amusement tax.

The amusement tax was going to the Government Organizational Committee. All senators in that committee can ask questions concerning that bill. So, if there is somebody in the audience from our county that can answer the questions it helps the bill move forward.

There were also representatives from tourism to give their take on things. The senators did not ask either one of us but at least we were there to give our point of view if they would have asked. That bill passed the Government Organizational Committee that day. It passed unanimously and went on to the Senate Finance Committee. There has not been a date set up yet for when it will show up on the committee floor. If it passes the Finance Committee then that amusement tax bill moves on to the full Senate floor. I hope it passes like it did last year. Our legislators are working diligently on it. They really are. Senator Smith, Senator Taylor, House Representative Hott are working hard for Tucker County to get this bill passed for our emergency services.

Then if it passes the Senate it goes to the House of Delegates. It does the same process on the House side it did on the Senate side. So, during our time there we have answered a lot of questions from various senators that said 'Oh you are from Tucker County. Talk to me about that amusement tax bill.' The Commission has tried to pull all stops and telling everybody in the Capitol how we feel and how it will benefit our county and how they do not have to accept it or adopt it in their county if it is not a right fit but please support us in that vote.

We also had a planned meeting with the Department of Highways. In that meeting we discussed everything. We discussed big trucks on secondary roads in Tucker County. They have a solution that would help us with that, and we have pursued that solution. Hopefully it will deter some of those trucks from going down those roads like Leadmine and Sugarlands.

We talked about a bypass around Thomas with the new Corridor H. We talked about the heavy traffic in Thomas and Davis during peak times. We explained it was hard for a local resident to even go check their mail in their town. The possibility of accidents. All of that we covered with them thoroughly. We talked about the completion of Corridor H. Safety issues like with the exit on the new roadway up on the mountain by the high school. We talked about the elevation of the new highway. We are glad they are going to this other route to keep us out of the fog.

On January 22 we met with other County Commissions throughout the state to discuss issues they were having so we may also learn what we can apply to our county to make it better.

January 25 we were called back to the Capitol and met with Delegate Hott. We had a meeting with Jessica Waldo the Director of Tucker County CVB and Tom Price the Director of Operations at Timberline. Delegate Hott wanted both parties in the room to explain their situations and what their stance was on the amusement tax. Mr. Price explained that he felt that the additional \$0.95 on a lift ticket that cost \$95 would deter people from coming to his facility. We tried as a Commission to explain to the delegate that deterrent would be if there was an accident on the slopes or in the roadway coming there and we didn't have an ambulance that would take care of the person coming to the facility to enjoy themselves. How that would impact Tucker County and tourism. The Commission is totally for tourism but we have to prioritize how our dollars are spent and to me the safety of our community is most important. That meeting we were able to convey to the delegate the importance of the amusement tax."

Rosenau went on to explain how the Commission met with Senator Shelley Moore Capito who gave them ideas on how to apply for some grants and information on earmarks that may have some effect on Tucker County for the new Blackwater PSD. There was discussion held concerning the Opioids settlement and how the county could spend the money to help the community. During dinner that evening all three commissioners rallied for EMS funding with the legislatures that were present and discussed options with other

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## Upgrades and Improvements at Camp Kidd



Camp Kidd Advisory Board members from left to right: Commissioner Tim Knotts, Danni Pennington, Cindy Harsh, Terry Blosser, Kevin White, and Ryan Rosenau.

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The first order of business during the Camp Kidd Advisory Board Council meeting was to renew the lease agreement with Jeff Kiess that includes an estimated 50 acres of fields in the upper and lower parts of the grounds for \$1,250 yearly. According to Commissioner Mike Rosenau, Kiess fertilizes the land on the upper hill in exchange for the hay. Board member Kevin White asked the question of whether they were short changing themselves with the current lease agreement or were they charging too much. Commissioner Tim Knotts, being a farmer himself, stated, "That is a very fair price, especially since he was fertilizing the fields. The thing is, it is going to get harder and harder to find people to keep the ground up because nobody is wanting to do it anymore."

Board member Terry Blosser explained that Kiess plants corn in one field and makes hay in the other for one year and then switches it the following year. Knotts stated that this process was costing Kiess quite a bit to do. White motioned that the board renew the lease for a two year term. Motion carried. Motion was approved.

Rosenau added that the lease needed to include the stipulation that access to the lower fields remain available. Rosenau said, "In the lease I want to make sure we have access, because what we are going to do now is put in a road. The only access for those bottom fields right now is through Jeff Kiess farm or through the middle of the golf course. So, we are having a road way put in on our property so we can access those fields."

Once the county commission decides on what is going to happen on those fields, there is going to be times we will need access. We are talking about the possibility of fishing in the slew part of it for the kids. That will require machinery in there to clean the bank out because it is all grown up now. I just want the board to know what our plans are for the future."

Board member Dani Pennington reported that the live nativity scene and Christmas light show presented by the volunteers of the Tucker County Fair Association at Camp Kidd was a huge success. Pennington said, "We were not expecting that at all. It was very successful, and I just want to thank you for letting the fair have it and we are going to try it again next year. Hopefully it will be bigger and better." Knotts said, "I thoroughly enjoyed it when I came down and went around. That was wonder-

ful." Pennington reported that an estimated \$800 was raised for the fair and all proceeds are going towards the next live nativity scene.

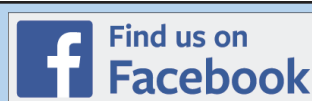
The board discussed ideas for revamping the contracts for leasing out the main lodge and the bunkhouse. The main lodge is booked for one or two groups every month except for the month of October. The group discussed what the cost of renting the lodge should be and what it should include. The 10 percent discount for locals will remain. There was also discussion that included adding a 65-inch TV for the renters to use during down time or organizations like the Tucker County 4-H can utilize training videos for students. A require property damage insurance policy may also become effective with new contracts. The board voted to table the contracts until next meeting to provide ample time for board members to review and add any ideas or changes.

The advisory board members then discussed the possibility of obtaining AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) for medical emergencies. An AED is a portable device that is used to diagnose and treat through the victim's chest to stop these life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias. This allows the board to re-establish a sustainable pulse. The board will be looking into

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# News of Record

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

- Hallie M. Oxley, Sr. and Sharon J. Oxley, Davis District, Lot 219, 60x132.5; Lot 220, 40x 132.5 and Lot 221, 40x132.5 to Halley M. Oxley, Jr., \$0.
- Melvin O. Owens, Licking, 3.16 acres and 25.34 acres to Mark Owens, \$0.
- Oscar W. Carson Jr., Black Fork, Revocable Trust to Oscar W. Carson, Jr., \$0.
- Oscar W. Carson, Jr., Black Fork District, ¼ acre more or less to Walter Blackburn and Amanda Blackburn, \$0.
- Sandra M. Black/AKA/ Sandra M. Boyer, Dry Fork, Blackbear Woods Lot 81 to MSOP Investments LLC, \$205,900.
- Matthew Clem, Thomas, Lot 680 to Nelson Sherrill, \$30,000.
- David L. Gross and Victoria Hanham, Dry Fork, Right of Survivorship, 44.35 acres to David L. Gross and Victoria Hanham, 40.
- Dorothy Cooper and Orville Cooper, Clover 1.0, 1.5 acres more or less to Suzanne Powell and James Powell, III, \$113,000.
- G. David Ravencraft and Charlene S. Ravencraft, Dry Fork 0.26 acre to Beaver ridge 251 Associates/A Virginia General Partnership, \$0.

## Gov. Justice cheers House passage of 50% personal income tax cut

Largest tax cut in state history 2/3 of the way home, now goes to Senate

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice issued the following statement today after the West Virginia House of Delegates voted bipartisanship to pass his proposal to reduce the state's personal income tax by 50%:

"I thank Speaker Roger Hanshaw, Deputy Speaker Matthew Rohrbach, Majority Leader Eric Householder, Finance Chairman Vernon Criss, and members of the House of Delegates for voting overwhelmingly to pass the largest personal income tax cut in state history.

"I encourage the Senate to expediently vote in favor as well.

"It's time we reward all the great West Virginians who have stayed the course through decades of being 50th. It's time we really, truly, help West Virginians combat the rampant inflation they're seeing. We've worked really hard to turn our state around from deficits to major surpluses and now our state is blessed with an opportunity for prosperity

and growth unlike any before in our history.

"Cutting our personal income tax will put money in the pockets of hardworking West Virginians and bring prosperity to our state for generations. There is no better incentive than this. Period.

"This is the quickest way to return tax dollars to our people and puts West Virginia on a pathway to eventually eliminate the personal income tax entirely, which will drive phenomenal growth to our state for generations to come. With the unbelievable economic growth our state has achieved, now is the time to provide this major tax break for our people."

The Governor's proposal includes a 50% personal income tax reduction over three years while setting aside \$700 million to establish a Personal Income Tax Reserve Fund that almost equals our current Rainy Day Fund. This insurance policy protects against any shortfalls as we go forward.

The phase-out begins with a 30% reduction in June 2023, and another 10% reduction in the following two years.

## We Get Letters

Dear Editor,

Parsons-area residents shared the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Generosity throughout contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected over 9.3 million shoebox gifts in 2022. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2022, the ministry is now sending nearly 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes—packed with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items—Parsons-area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first

gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Samaritan's Purse delivered its milestone 200 millionth shoebox, which was packed on a country-wide tour and then hand-delivered to a young girl in Ukraine.

Across WV, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at [samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ) or by calling 937-374-0761.

Although local dropoff locations for gifts are closed until Nov. 13 – 20, 2023, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at [samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline).

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Sincerely,

**Casey Goodwin**  
SAMARITAN'S  
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Editor,

It was a sad day for all of us in Tucker County when we recently lost our EMS Director and Assistant

Director after many years of dedicated service! The unfortunate reasons will remain unspoken at this time.

Rather, it is my pleasure to be able to offer these few words for and about Sheila Marsh, who has tirelessly served the residents and visitors of Tucker County as a dedicated paramedic and EMS Director.

Her leaving marks the end of an era at Tucker County EMS. I know we will all come to appreciate her much more when we try to fill the void she's leaving. In her 44 years of service to the people of Tucker County, she has been an exceptional leader and mentor to many EMT's and Medics.

She has been a skilled technician and caregiver to so many sick and injured people. She led with conviction, passion, and purpose over an extended period of time with limited resources in a geographic area that provides its own unique challenges.

During her 15 years as Director, she has taken Tucker EMS from a part-time volunteer organization with minimal equipment and services, to a modern professional operation able to cover the entire county with two stations, four ambulances and two crews with medics on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

She possesses a rare combination of vision, fairness, firmness and understanding – crucial qualities for an effective Director. This success didn't happen overnight; it took many years of education, experience, continuing education

and tireless effort.

Frequently we don't realize the job of a first responder is filled with overwhelming stress for all personnel; when a call comes in, no matter the time of day or weather, they proceed to the scene not knowing in advance how serious the situation might be – accident, sickness, drug overdose, sometimes with attendant violence requiring a call for police backup. The point being, it takes very special people to face the unknown day after day, week after week! All our first responders are heroes!

Recently I came across the lyrics of a piece of music that clearly expresses the commitment and dedication of our departing Director, Sheila Marsh; I hope you'll agree with me..... it goes like this.....

"If you want more happy than your heart will hold,

If you want to stand taller if the truth were told,

Take whatever you have, and give it away.

If you want less lonely and a lot more fun,

And deep satisfaction when the day is done,

Then throw your heart wide open and give it away."

These words define & describe the manner in which Sheila has lived and worked for us all these years ----- She HAS "thrown her heart wide open, and given it away", over and over again for the ultimate benefit of the Citizens of Tucker County. May her future be filled with happiness and peace.

Thank you,  
**Terry Silk**  
**Hendricks, WV**

## Annual "Hearts for Hospice" Campaign

WV Caring is kicking off its 14th Annual "Hearts for Hospice" campaign to increase awareness and raise money for patient care. The "Hearts for Hospice" campaign is for those who want to honor someone or show their support of WV Caring Hospice.

Hearts for Hospice is a community-based campaign because it is supported by local businesses, individuals, and organizations. Even though this campaign looks like a national in-store campaign, all the money that is raised stays right here in our local communities. One dollar or more donated by many individuals makes a significant difference in our loved ones and neighbor's lives who need end-of-life care.

A fun way to show you care for someone is through our Virtual Hearts Wall. Individuals can send a virtual heart to someone for a small donation. That special person will receive an email stating that a person donated for them in the form

of a heart. Then both their names will appear on the "Hearts for Hospice Shout Outs" Virtual Wall on WV Caring's website home page at [wvcaring.org](http://wvcaring.org).

The goal for this year's campaign is \$5,000 which benefits patient care for WV Caring, your local, community based 501(c) 3 non-profit hospice provider for 40 years. All proceeds raised will cover local patients who do not have insurance or the ability to pay for end-of-life services. The campaign will run through the entire month of February.

"We hope local businesses will help us to invest in the lives of those who need our care, said Cindy Woodyard, Vice President of Public Affairs for WV Caring. "The virtual hearts are fun and easy to send at any time or anywhere during this campaign, especially now as we continue to be safe during this flu and virus season," Woodyard noted.

Local businesses, organizations and individuals are encouraged to participate. You can support West Virginia Caring's mission through sponsorship or allow your customers to donate \$1 or more and proudly honor their loved one on a heart displayed in your business. WV Caring provides you with all the materials free of charge to participate.

Look for the online virtual campaign on social media and WV Caring's website, [www.wvcaring.org](http://www.wvcaring.org). Individuals can donate and send a heart to those in their life or anyone to be honored on the virtual Hearts Tribute wall. A special email message will be sent to the recipient letting them know that a donation was made in their name. All contributions are tax deductible.

For more information or to participate please contact Kim Riley at 1-800-350-1161 or email [kriley@wvcaring.org](mailto:kriley@wvcaring.org).

## Students'

counties because it is an online platform and there a lot of people that want to extend their education but are not able to get to colleges and get the course work because of where we live."

Lambert explained the idea is to extend the online platform and make that more beneficial for teachers to expand their degrees or people to obtain their initial teaching licenses. She said more information would be available once she completed the trip with five others from the West Virginia

Association of School Administrators (WVASA).

The board members then went into executive session to discuss personnel matters and upon returning to regular session the action to accept the resignation of Neil Kisamore II, Principal at DTEMS, effective February 28 was presented by Lambert. The vote was spilt four to accept to one against with board member Cathy Hebb being the one vote against. It was voted also to accept the action presented that Kisamore remain on as Substitute Teacher

for the remainder of the school year.

The resignation of Melissa Taushcher the ALC Coordinator/Instructor effective January 27 was also presented by Lambert and received a vote of four to one as well. Again, Hebb was the one vote against.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Board of Education will be held on February 6, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. and located in the Tucker County Board of Education office at 100 Education Lane, Parsons, West Virginia 26287.

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# Beginner Farmer Series Planned

The WVU Extension Service in Tucker County announced a new educational series for beginner farmers to be held in March and April. If you have ever thought of raising and marketing agricultural products, this series is for you.

The series will be held on Mondays, March 13 through April 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. All of the March programs will be held at the Harrison County Parks and Recreation Complex in room B. April pro-

grams will be held at the Barbour County Extension Office. Educational materials will be provided for participants to take home and create a successful farm business.

Speakers will include local agriculture and natural resource organizations and agencies, farmers, WVU Extension educators, and industry leaders. Topics of interest for the beginner farmer series include crop and livestock production, marketing and record keep-

ing, forage management, soils and more! Participants can plan to go home with production knowledge as well as a new network of fellow farmers.

Registration is open to registrants that sign up by Friday, March 3 at 4 p.m. Registration can be found at [tinyurl.com/BegFarm23](http://tinyurl.com/BegFarm23). Contact the Tucker County Extension Office at 304-478-2949 or email [Jessica.Streets@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Jessica.Streets@mail.wvu.edu) if you have questions.

# OBITUARIES

## Rosetta Gertrude Frymyer Phillips

Rosetta Gertrude Frymyer Phillips, 80, a former resident of St George and for the past six years, a resident of Evans, passed from this life Friday, January 20, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington. She had been in declining health.



Gertrude was born Wednesday, October 7, 1942, in Morgantown, a daughter of the late James Willard Frymyer and Rosetta Belle Beckett Frymyer. She was married to Charles Thomas Phillips who preceded her in death in 1986.

Left to cherish Gertrude's memory is one daughter, Marie Turley of Ripley, with whom she had made her home and one son, Larry Phillips and wife, Linda of Hambleton, two sisters, Mary Katherine Savage and Louise Waybright, seven grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Gertrude in death besides her parents and husband were two daughters, Dessie Darlene Phillips and Debra Ann Jones, a son, Charles Phillips, four brothers, Buddy, Otis, James, and Paul Frymyer, three sisters, Freda Mae, Macel, and Grace, and a grandson, Thomas Jones.

Gertrude attended Parsons High School and had worked at the Parsons Bowling Alley, Parsons Shoe Plant, Blackwater Falls, Odd Fellows and was the owner of Gertie's Cleaning Service. She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, planting flowers and watching them grow. Her great love was spending time with her children, grandchildren and especially her great-grandchildren. They held a special place in her heart.

Visitation was held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Friday, January 27, 2023, from 1 until 3 p.m., the funeral hour. Rev. James Snyder officiated, and interment followed in Parsons City Cemetery. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Rosetta Gertrude Frymyer Phillips. Send online condolences to the family at: [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com).

## James M. Morvay

James M. Morvay, 81, of Canaan Valley, died peacefully at his home on Saturday, January 21, 2023. Born on September 6, 1941, he was the son of the late Walter R. and Betty A. (Sweas) Morvay. He was the beloved husband of Katherine K. Morvay, celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary on Dec. 31, 2022.



Jim was a 1959 graduate of Wheaton Central High School in Wheaton, Ill. He attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, leaving school to work for Butler Aviation and then enlisting in the United States Army. He served in Korea and at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. After returning home, he worked for the Jewel Tea grocery chain before joining IBM Corp. in September, 1967. IBM transferred Jim to Bethesda, MD in April 1973. Jim and Katie raised their family in Rockville, MD, making many good friends over the 31 years they lived there. Later in his career, Jim's work as a Senior Programmer Analyst took him to both the United Kingdom and Denmark. He retired from IBM on December 31, 2000.

In July 2004, Jim and Katie moved into their dream home, a log home they had built in Old Timberline, and became involved in various community organizations.

Jim was a "car guy" before he could legally drive and always had a hot car from his 1958 Chevy Impala to the 2008 Corvette C6 he drove off the production line himself. Jim became a licensed private pilot in 1962 and was previously part owner of two airplanes. Jim was an avid traveler -- visiting all but four of the 50 states. He made more than a dozen trips to Yellowstone National Park, visited all the Canadian Maritime Provinces with Katie and took two extended driving trips across the U.S. to show some of his favorite places to granddaughters, Katie Grace and Tessie.

Jim was a talented woodworker who learned his skills from his father. After their daughter married a dairy farmer, he spent many happy hours helping on the family farm. He was delighted to become a great-grandfather in August 2022. Jim was a man of strong Catholic faith.

The family offers heartfelt gratitude to his physicians, Fresenius Kidney Care Elkins, Cortland Acres Physical Therapy, the Tucker County and Randolph County Ambulance Services and the many dear friends who offered their love and support, especially over the past year.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by his daughter, Joanne M. Weant and husband Todd; son, Michael S. Morvay and wife Terri; grandchildren, Katie Grace Fox and husband Kaden, Tessie Weant, and Calli and Brady Morvay; great-grandson, Jaxson Fox; siblings, Patricia Peters and husband John and Terry Morvay and wife Donna; as well as cherished nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by his pastor, Rev. Fr. Martin J. Smay at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023, at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 3rd Spruce St., Thomas, WV.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on May 6, 2023, with a Memorial Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish followed by fellowship at the Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish or the Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry, c/o Ms. Kathy Thomas, P.O. Box 52, Davis, WV 26260.

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

## Camp Kidd

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New futons added to the main lodge at Camp Kidd.

the possibility of hosting CPR certification and first aid training sessions for county employees.

Pennington also mentioned that the Tucker County Fair got a \$2,500 grant from the Community Foundation to upgrade the rabbit and chicken pens. She also stated that clinics for shearing or getting cattle ready for a show was also in the works. Pennington said Eric Mullenax was working to gather all the people needed for the different clinics and she was just waiting for dates to be confirmed.

Blosser provided updates on the projects completed for the 2022 year. In the main lodge new curtains and rods have been hung along with new blinds. The block work and under pinning has been replaced as well as new plastic installed under the main lodge. New furniture was ordered and delivered that included eight round tables, 92 new chairs, a rack to hold the chairs, and four futons.

The concession stand's

rotten windows and doors have been replaced with new ones. The doors to the bunkhouse have also been replaced. Gable ends on the barn and pavilion have been replaced along with a white fence around the grounds. A 14 foot by four-foot concrete pad has been added to the chicken burn pavilion area and a picnic table added to the slab. The concrete used was overage left over from the concrete ordered to use around the kitchen. Heat and air conditioning has been installed in the bunkhouse and all decks have been power washed.

There are plans to add a new water line going to Camp Kidd increasing the line size from a four-inch pipe to a six-inch pipe enabling the installation of another fire hydrate and a fire retention system in the main lodge. Blosser has ordered and received the parts needed for Hamrick PSD to install the water line.

Lastly Rosenau discussed how Blosser was

hired and the work schedules for the maintenance crews. He said, "I will explain to you just for the knowledge of how we did it. In our budget we have three maintenance people. One of them quit. He left the county and that left a vacancy. Well at about the same time we acquired the facility down here which increased our area we had to cover for maintenance. We took that position that was at the courthouse to maintain all that stuff up there and incorporated down here. So, now they work together. If there is a

job going on at the courthouse that they need Terry (Blosser) to assist he goes up and helps them. If Terry has something going on down here and needs help they come down here. We have not increased our budget to have an additional person because we do not have an additional person they just all work together."

The next meeting of the Camp Kidd Advisory Board will be held on April 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and located at Camp Kidd, 115 Country Farm Road, Parsons, WV, 26287.

## SENIOR NEWS

On February 14, 2023 the Parsons Center will be holding their Valentine's celebration. From Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> until Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. those that come to the Center regularly will be allowed to vote once for both King and Queen of Valentine's. The winners will be announced and crowned on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> after lunch (approximately 12:15).

The Free lunch days for February are: Mt. Top--February 2<sup>nd</sup> courtesy of Cortland Acres; Parsons--February 2<sup>nd</sup> courtesy of Citizens Bank of WV; Mt. Top--February 16<sup>th</sup> courtesy of Davis Medical; and Parsons--February 17<sup>th</sup> courtesy of Davis Medical.

February 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Parsons Outpost. The entertainment for the day will be the Goldenaires choir and Meg and Jim Buddingh. They will present various songs for your enjoyment. This is a covered dish dinner so we ask that everyone provide side dishes and desserts to go with the chicken mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, and rolls provided by the Center.

The Mt. Top Outpost will be on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Next week's menu is: Monday: Beef & noodles with peas, carrots, and peach cobbler. Tuesday: Chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, and rolls. Wednesday: Navy beans, spinach, cornbread, and pears. Thursday: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, and applesauce. Friday: Fish sticks, tater tots, beets, and fruit.

Tomorrow is Groundhog Day. Will French Creek Freddie see his shadow? How do you feel about this weather predictor?

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Birds Eye View of Hambleton.W.Va. Mar.1910

This is a bird's eye view of Hambleton from March 1910. The place of Hambleton has had many names: Rush's, Goff's, Goff Town, Black Fork, Hulings and Hambleton. I heard once that when the town began, the mail was put in a wooden box, under a bed, in a back room. The mail came up from Rowlesburg two time a week and was carried by horseback. The lumber and leather businesses brought money into the town with huge payrolls. The first school was a one room school and eventually was replaced by a six-room school. In 1906, the town boasted a total of seven hotels. The town was incorporated in 1905. Ideas, comments, suggestions, items to share, contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

### 2023 Inspiration Tour of West Virginia with the Laurel Fork Falconer

The Laurel Fork Falconer is traversing the state of West Virginia and wants you to come along with him! Collin Waybright, known as the Laurel Fork Falconer, is a licensed Master Class Falconer and one of the youngest Master Class Falconers in the state of West Virginia. He is now taking reservations for his **2023 Inspiration Tour of West Virginia**.

Waybright, 22, experienced an outstanding year in 2022 by logging over 10,000 miles of presentations all across West Virginia and surrounding states. One special highlight was a falconry demonstration for the Embassy of the Czech Republic and the European Union in Washington DC in September 2022 for their Mountaineering Day event. He said he hopes to add even more miles to this year's journey to teach others about his passion, falconry.

He is stepping into 2023 with the goal to inspire "West Virginia to look up!" Laurel Fork Falconry not only specializes in engaging educational presentations for schools, libraries, organizations, and public events, but also gives falconry demonstrations and Hawk Walks at the Laurel River Club Bed & Breakfast in Jenningson, West Virginia. Waybright has recently made some impressive additions to his already amazing line up of birds, including the newest team member, a Peregrine Falcon. Others raptors used by Waybright include Rico the Red-Tailed Hawk, Charleston the Barred Owl, and Eddy the Harris's Hawk.

He embarked upon his initial falconry adventure at age 14 when he trapped his first Red-Tailed Hawk, Ace, from the wild. In addition, Waybright has trained an American Kestrel for the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, PA, and is one of the youngest people in the US to work with a Bald Eagle. Known as Mr. Spectacular, the Balk Eagle is a non-releasable bird and is now an educational ambassador, used to teach others about falconry.

Waybright was homeschooled and upon graduating high school in 2018, he spent 10 months working at the Ararat Ridge Zoo located at the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY. His nine+ years of experience as a West Virginia Falconer, working with a West Virginia raptor rehab center and the Ararat Ridge Zoo, has allowed Collin to work with a number of different birds including some a raptor might even consider "lunch". Waybright spent over a year as the Executive Director of a raptor rehab center in West Virginia, gaining valuable knowledge to add to his obvious joy of working with these birds. People are often amazed at Collin's God-given talent of working seemingly effortlessly with birds. Of course, if you ask him, he will assure you that there is certainly more to training birds than what meets the eye.

Each Falconry/Bird of Prey presentation is tailor-made for the intended audience and lasts about an hour, he said. Whether you want to learn about the art of falconry, the ecology of raptors and why they are so important to the environment, or whether an owl can really turn its head 360 degrees, any of the Laurel Fork Falconers programs can provide answers. Waybright can supply the material and live birds to keep any age audience fully engaged in the learning process and separate fact from fiction. Find out what it takes to become a falconer in the state of West Virginia and the proper care of these amazing birds, while learning the fascinating story of how Waybright became a falconer at age 14.

For more information on the Inspiration Tour of West Virginia, pricing or to reserve your presentation, please visit [www.laurelforkfalconry.com](http://www.laurelforkfalconry.com), call the Laurel River Club Bed & Breakfast at (304) 402-7095 or email [laurelforkfalconry@yahoo.com](mailto:laurelforkfalconry@yahoo.com). You can find the Laurel Fork Falconer on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and Tiktok.

### ArtSpring free Community Drawing Nights

ArtSpring, a nonprofit arts organization in Tucker County, is hosting free Community Drawing Nights twice a month till the end of April, at the Purple Fiddle, in Thomas. Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of drawing, either from a still life or from a live model in a variety of costumes and poses. Beginners and all skill levels welcome.

Our next Community Drawing Night will be Feb 8, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Purple

Fiddle. Other dates for Drawing Night will be Feb 22, March 8 and 15, and April 12 and 22. This is not a teaching class per se but there will be a proctor to lead warm up exercises.

Bring paper or sketch pad and your favorite drawing tool. ArtSpring will also have paper and drawing tools on hand if needed. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. To reserve your spot go to [www.artspringwv.com](http://www.artspringwv.com) and click on ArtSpring Events.

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# DHHR Reminds Residents that SNAP Emergency Allotments are Ending in March

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Family Assistance is reminding residents receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits that the last issuance of COVID-19 SNAP Emergency Allotments (EA) will be in February 2023 due to the funding being discontinued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

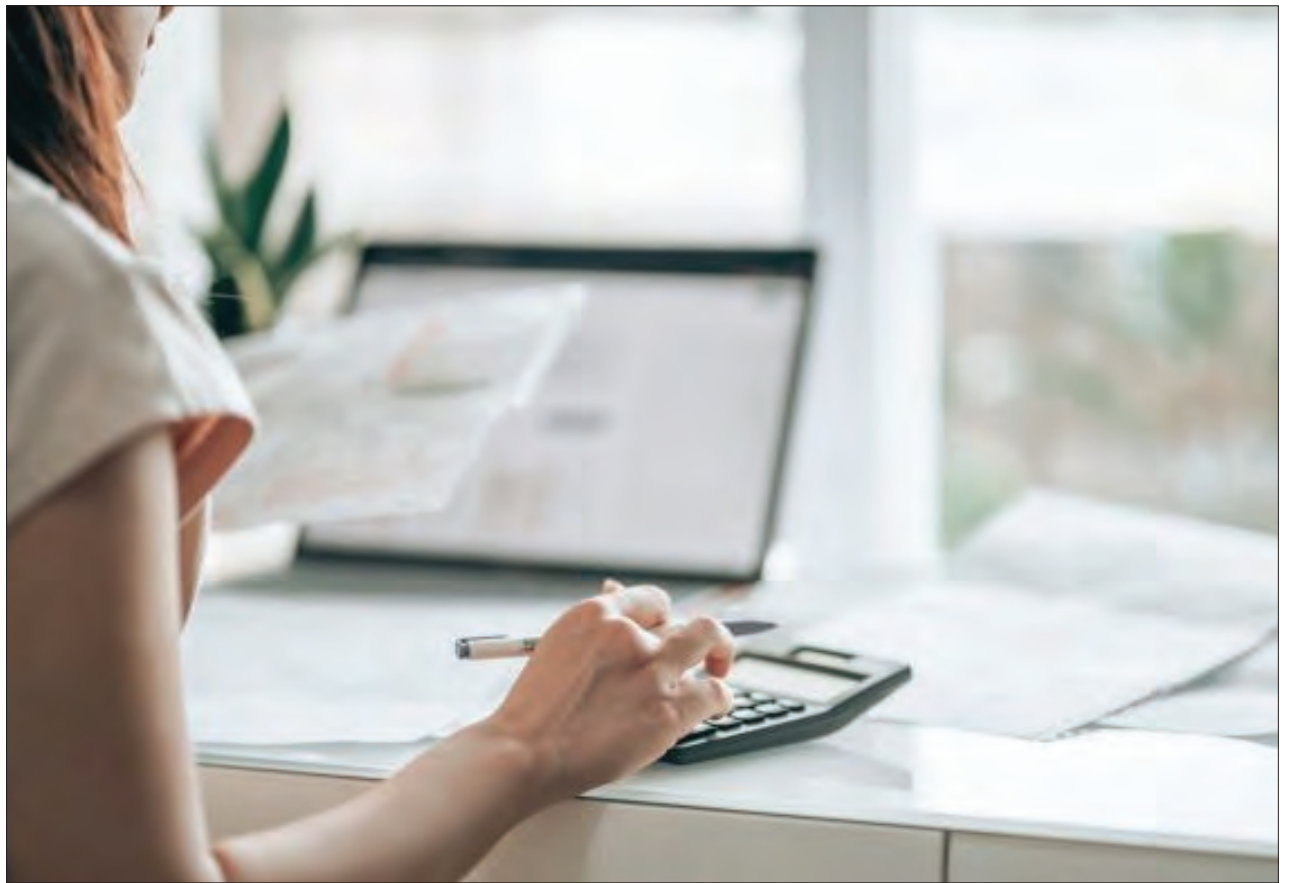
Since April 2020, DHHR has issued SNAP EA which increased the household's monthly SNAP benefit to the maximum benefit allowable by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Effective March 1, 2023, monthly SNAP benefits will return to the pre-COVID-19 Public Health Emergency level and will again be based on the

household's income, assets, household size and other non-financial factors.

Each SNAP household will receive a letter from DHHR notifying them of this change and provide direction on any questions they may have.

"We were pleased to be able to provide this extra assistance during the Public Health Emergency to combat hunger," said Janie Cole, Interim Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance. "We encourage SNAP recipients to begin today to budget their family's benefits in preparation for this benefit change."

Questions related to SNAP may be directed to DHHR's Office of Constituent Services at 1-877-716-1212 or a local DHHR office.



## TCHS

county commissioners.

The Commission was once again called down to the Capitol by Senator Smith to meet with Senator Glenn Jefferies to discuss funding for the Blackwater PSD. Rosenau said, "Senator Jefferies has ties to the funding and how to apply for it. We appreciate the effort to take the time to talk to us, the Commission. We appreciated that and we thank him."

Rosenau disclosed that there many little things that were discussed during the commission's trips to Charleston. Some of those items included discussion on why the county was not getting the appropriate funding from the windmills, how other counties render EMS services (private vs county), affordable housing, and allocation of the hotel/motel tax monies. For additional information Rosenau said, "50 percent of the hotel/motel tax is mandated by the state to go to the CVB, (Convention and Visitors Bureau). We use our 50 percent to fund ambulance services, fire departments, historical sites, and making Camp Kidd electrically safe. Those are things we use our hotel/motel money on so we do not have to incur on the people of the county."

Tucker County Animal Shelter Director Bailey Falls presented her annual report to the Tucker County Commission. Falls reported for the year 2022 they had 557 intakes and of those intakes 237 were adopted, 41 were owner reclaims, 12 were euthanized, zero were euthanized for space, 13 deceased for various reasons, 145 were placed in foster homes, 130 were trapped neutered and returned, and 94 were transferred to rescue partners. Currently there are 25 animals in care with nine in the shelter and 16 in foster homes.

Falls said, "So just to sum up those numbers in comparison to 2021. We have increased our adoptions by 96 percent. For 2023 we are going to focus on increasing our volunteer involvement, implementing

behavioral modifications and enhancement, staff training and retention, grant allocation and long-term planning along with community programming. These are our main focuses for 2023 moving forward. Looking back at 2022 and seeing what we have accomplished and where there's room to improve."

Upcoming events include a rabies clinic on April 27. On this date there will be one clinic held in Parsons and another one on the mountain, most likely in Davis. There are also upcoming fundraiser events that can be found listed on the Tucker County Animal Shelter website located at tcanimalshelter.org or on their Facebook page.

The Tucker County Animal Shelter board will meet on February 7 and the Friends of Tucker County Animal nonprofit will meet on February 15. Falls said, "Anyone who would like to attend is always welcome to attend these public meetings."

Commissioner Tim Knotts said, "I came down and checked you guys out the other week and everything looks really good. You guys are doing a wonderful job." Falls answered with, "We have come a long way but there's always room to improve."

Terry Silks submitted his resignation from the Corridor H Authority Board to the Commission. Commissioner Mike Rosenau said, "We will have to do some investigating on that first to see if we (the Commission) are the appointing authority before we accept it. We will have to carry it over to the next agenda." Silks resignation was tabled until next meeting.

The Commission voted to approve appointing four members to the Planning Commission. Ben Herick will be reappointed for a three year term. Newly appointed members included Okey Eye for the remaining term of the resigned William "Bill" Shahan that ends on December 31, 2024. Kelly Stadleman and Skyley Humphrey were approved for three year terms. Other appointments included Janet

Canon the Local Emergency Planning committee member replacement for the 911 Advisory Board effective through March 31, 2023. Cindy Harsh was reappointed to the Hamrick PSD for a six year term. Interim EMS Director Amanda Simmons was appointed to the 911 Advisory Board as the EMS representative. Phil Fansler and Mary Sagace reappointments to the Parks And Recreation Board was tabled until more information can be received as to when their terms expire.

The Commission approved the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department's request to use the parking lot on September 24 through October 1, 2023, for the fair. The Commission also approved the recommendation to accept the fiduciary commissioner's report on the Waybright estate.

There will be a meeting change for the month of February. There will be only one meeting to be held on February 15, 2023, at 9 a.m. as the Commission has another meeting in Charleston to the betterment of the county and cannot be back in time. Rosenau asked to move the meeting halfway between the two regular scheduled meetings. The meeting change was approved.

The commissioner's reports started with Knotts who stated, "Really enjoyed being in Charleston these past two weeks, working for this county, and getting the support we are getting down there from our legislator and senators. We have three people, our two senators and one legislator, that are really working hard for us, and I really appreciate not only them three but a lot more. We have met a lot more and talk to them. Things are looking good for Tucker County. Keep us in your prayers."

Commissioner Fred Davis first thanked everyone in the county, his fellow commissioners, Sheila DeVilder, and everyone that has given his family prayers this week during the birth of his grandbaby.

Davis then provided an update on East-

ern College working with the residents of Tucker County. Davis said, "Eastern College wants to meet with the Commission to provide classes to the residents of Tucker County that are of any age. The idea is to help educate our people or further someone's education so that they can obtain better jobs and earn better pay if they wish to do so. This is a great thing we are trying to get brought into this area."

Rosenau stated, "We go back to Charleston again to discuss the same things we have addressed. As they say, the squeaky door gets the oil, and we are going to fight all we can for Tucker County." Anyone wishing to find out information on the West Virginia State Legislature can do so by visiting their website at www.wvlegislature.gov or by contacting the Tucker County District Representatives in writing or by calling the numbers listed below:

- Senator Randy Smith at P.O. Box 387 Thomas, WV 26292 District Phone: 681-270-1497;
- Senator Jay Taylor at 87 Zara Lane Grafton, WV 26354 District Phone: 304-319-2327;
- House Representative John Paul Hott at 207 N. Main St. Petersburg, WV 26847 District Phone: 304-257-4494.

You may also contact your commissioners at:

- Commission President, Mike Rosenau, 304-614-4006
- Commissioner, Fred Davis, 304-614-3227
- Commissioner, Tim Knotts, 304-478-2070

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be February 15, 2023, at 9 a.m. and located in the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom at 211 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia, 26287.

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# SPORTS

## Tucker County Girls' Fall to Gilmer County at Home 51-49

By Chris George  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Gilmer County on Friday January 27th. The visiting Lady Titans held on late for the road win over Tucker County by the final score of 51-49.

The first quarter was back and forth as Tucker County held a slim 10-8 lead after one quarter of play. The Lady Titans started to hit their shots in the second as they outscored the Lady Mt. Lions 19-10 to give Gilmer County the 27-20 lead at halftime.

Tucker County fought back in the third quarter as the Lady Mt. Lions edged the Lady Titans 12-9 in

the third quarter to make the score 36-32 Gilmer County. The fourth quarter was a back and forth battle as the Lady Mt. Lions cut the Gilmer County lead down to 50-49 after a Kadie Colebank 3 point basket with 3 seconds to play. The Lady Titans made 1 foul shot and Tucker County was unable to get a shot off as time ran out to give Gilmer County the win by the final score of 51-49.

The Lady Mt. Lions were led by Kadie Colebank with 21 points, 8 rebounds and Brylee Wetzell added 9 points for Tucker County in the loss. Macy Helmick dished out 6 assists and Ericka Zirk collected 8 rebounds for the Lady Mt.

Lions. The Tucker County JV team got the win in the first game of the night 37-33.

Tucker County(11-2) will return to action on Thursday February 2nd at home against East Hardy. The Lady Mt. Lions will then travel to Union Friday February 3rd. Tucker County will then host Moorefield for Senior night on Tuesday February 7th. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

**Right: Tucker County's Kadie Colebank shoots the ball against Gilmer County on Jan. 27th. The Lady Mt. Lions fell in the contest 51-49. Photo by Becky Moore.**



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

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

BELINGTON – The Davis-Thomas Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams traveled to Belington on Friday January 27th. In the Girls' game Davis-Thomas fell in the game 50-13. The Lady Bears were led by Bella Rivera and Hai-

ley Crossland with 4 points each.

In the Boys' game Davis-Thomas got the win over Belington 37-24. The Bears were led in scoring by Emmet Felton with 21 points and Cayden Arnold added 12 points in the win for Davis-Thomas.

The Davis-Thomas Bas-

ketball teams will return to action tonight, Wednesday February 1st at Harman. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## Mt. Lions Basketball Fall at East Hardy, Win at Southern, MD

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

BAKER – The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team traveled to East Hardy on Thursday January 26th for an away home game with the Cougars. The Mt. Lions got down early, and Tucker County could not complete the comeback as East Hardy picked up the big PVC Conference win 58-53.

The Cougars raced out to an early lead as they led Tucker County 18-8 after one quarter of play. The Mt. Lions fought back in the second as they outscored East Hardy 8-5 in the second to make the halftime score 23-16 Cougars.

East Hardy would edge Tucker County in the third quarter 17-16 to put the score at 40-32 Cougars heading into the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter the Mt. Lions outscored East Hardy 21-18, but the Cougars held off Tucker County to capture the win 58-53.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County in scoring with 18 points. The Mt. Lions JV team got the win over East Hardy 57-40.

OAKLAND, MD – The Mt. Lions traveled to Southern Garrett, MD on Friday January 27th for a matchup with the Rams. Tucker County rallied back from a halftime deficit to get the win 56-40.

The first quarter was controlled by the home team as Southern led after one quarter 12-7. The Mt. Lions edged the Rams in the second quarter 13-12 to make the halftime score 54-20 Southern.

The Tucker County defense then clamped down on the Rams as they held Southern to just 6 points in the third and the Mt. Lions scored 13



**Mt. Lions player Ethan Rosenau takes a shot in a recent game. Rosenau scored 18 points in the game at East Hardy. Photo by Brittany Channell.**

points to put Tucker County ahead after three quarters 40-33. The defense for the visiting Mt. Lions continued to dominate the fourth as Tucker County outscored Southern 16-7 in the fourth to give the Mt. Lions the victory by the score of 56-40.

Trevan Bonner led Tucker County

in scoring with 23 points in the Mt. Lions win. The Tucker County JV team also picked up a win in overtime by the score of 41-37.

Tucker County(9-4) will return to action Thursday February 2nd as they will travel to Gilmer County. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

### AREA SCHEDULE:

#### Wednesday February 1st

- Tucker Valley Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Aurora 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Harman 6pm

#### Thursday February 2nd

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball vs East Hardy @ Home 5:45pm
- Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ Gilmer County 6pm

#### Friday February 3rd

- Tucker County Girls' Basketball @ Union 6pm

#### Saturday February 4th

- Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball vs Barrackville @ Home 12pm

#### Monday February 6th

- Tucker Valley Girls' Basketball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 6pm
- Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs South Preston @ Home 5:30pm

#### Tuesday February 7th

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





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## McClain Printing Company's Annual Christmas Party



Pictured are MPC Employee of the Year 2022, Cody Beadle, and MPC President and CEO, Ken Smith.

McClain Printing Company held their annual Christmas Party Dec. 16 at Pico Paula's. The enjoyable evening included delicious appetizers, entrees and desserts, music, a Christmas music puzzle game and lots of laughs.

Ken Smith, owner and CEO of MPC, presented the annual Employee of the Year award to press operator, Cody Beadle. Cody has been with MPC for four years and operates a Heidelberg five-

color press. Cody is the son of Shelli Beadle of Parsons and is an avid gamer.

Those attending the party were: Ken and Bonnie Smith, Kevin and Debbie White, Shelly Mullenax-McKinnie, Melinda and Paul Pennington, Chopper and Barbie Evans, Jack Plum and Diane Johnson, Roy and Melinda Lipscomb, Ray and Lindsey Amie, Jerry Kelly, Chris Reynolds, Cody Beadle and Jodi Pence.

## Morrisey's Mobile Office Sets Feb. Stops

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced a representative from his office will meet with north central West Virginia residents in February to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what

is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure."

Pam Krushansky, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the event on Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Parsons Senior Center, 217 Senior Lane, Parsons

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Pam Krushansky at 304-741-5834. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

## Cortland Foundation unveils photography art winners

The Cortland Foundation unveiled the photography art winners for the seventh annual Photography Exhibition. The winning prints were displayed during the ARTober FEST event held at Timberline Mountain in conjunction with ArtSpring.

A total of 31 winning photographs were selected from the approximately 160 images submitted for consideration, Cortland Foundation Executive Director Crystal Boone said. The selected images were made into high-definition canvas prints.

"Each image captures the scenic beauty and landscapes of Tucker County and the surrounding region," Boone said. "The prints are on display throughout Cortland Acres until September. New entries for 2023 contest will be submitted late Spring 2023 for judging. At that time, these images will be sold with all proceeds benefiting the Cortland Foundation."

Currently, the Cortland Foundation is selling scenic landscape prints from the 2021 exhibition. Small prints (16 inches by 24 inches) are \$100, and the large prints (30 inches by 45 inches) are \$250. To view the available prints, contact Boone at 304-463-4181.

David Miller returned as the judge and curator for this year's exhibition. A former resident of Canaan Valley, Miller was instrumental in creating and overseeing the first several years of the Cortland Acres Photography Exhibit. An experienced photographer, Miller is known for his artistic judgment and appreciation for different forms of photography.

A retired Ph.D. chemist and hobbyist photographer, Miller first visited the Canaan area in 1981. He and his wife, Debbie, became vacation homeowners in the mid '90's and permanent residents in 2009. During his residence in the area he researched and wrote about local history, culminating in co-authoring the book 'Fortune Seekers in the Promised Land.' In 2018 he and Debbie moved west to be closer to family and presently reside on Whidbey Island in Washington state. Some of his photography work can be found at djamillermiller.com

Winning photographers for the large prints (30 inches by 45 inches) include: "Child of God" by Rose DePospero,



A total of 31 scenic photographs were selected for display throughout Cortland Acres over the next year. Prints from the 2021 photography exhibition are now on sale and can be seen by calling 304-463-4181. All proceeds benefit the Cortland Foundation.

"Back Hollow Road Canaan Valley" by Carl Feather, "Shades of Green" by Ed Rehbein, "Feeling like Money" by Kilsong Cox, "One of a Kind" by June Proctor, "Winter on the Mountain" by Charles Cropp, "Wintersong, Northfork Mountain" by Bob Stough, "Last Light on Dragonfly Pond, Ottercreek Wilderness" by Strough, "Autumn Morning on the Roaring Plains" by Strough, "Moonrise Over Sites Homestead" by David Johnston, "An Offering" by Johnston, "Lunar Eclipse, Seneca Rocks, West Virginia" by Johnston, "Spring Brings New Life" by Nathaniel Peck, "Summer in the Roaring Plains" by Peck, "Hidden Valleys" by Van Slider, and "Still Waters" by Slider.

The winning photographers for the smaller prints and display in the Gallery include: "Make a Wish" by Lisa Warnick, "Hilleman Road Tree Win-

ter" by Carl Feather, "Country Roads" by Ed Rehbein, "Water Music" by Rehbein, "Old School" by Saundra Miller, "Old Maple and Autumn Ferns" by Michael Ribas, "Morning Has Broken" by Ribas, "Frog on Lily Pad" by Kathy Jenkins, "Snow Glow" by David Proctor, "Slow Motion" by Sheila Jenkins, "Lost Feather" by Jenkins, "A Branch of Home" by Wendy Parks, "Blue Bird" by Parks, "Misty Meadow" by Renee Morris, and "Mother and Son" by Natasha Schuhnfer.

The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs, and rental apartments in Pineview, and garden and patio homes in The Pines. For more information on the Cortland Foundation or Cortland Acres call 304-463-4181 or visit [www.cortlandacres.org](http://www.cortlandacres.org).

## Henry Repeating Arms Presents \$25k to Second Amendment Foundation



BELLEVUE, WA — Henry Repeating Arms chose the backdrop of the 2023 Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade (SHOT) Show to present a check for \$25,000 to the Second Amendment Foundation, making the company a "Gold Sponsor" of the gun rights organization.

On hand to receive the check were SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan Gottlieb and Executive Director Adam Kraut, SAF Vice President for Development Lauren Hill and SAF National Director of Advancement J. Pierce Shields.

"We are very grateful for

Henry's generous support," Gottlieb said. "Our mission to protect Second Amendment rights in 2023 will be helped enormously by this timely donation, and we are proud of the financial assistance."

"All Henry Repeating Arms are made in America, just like the Second Amendment," Gottlieb stated.

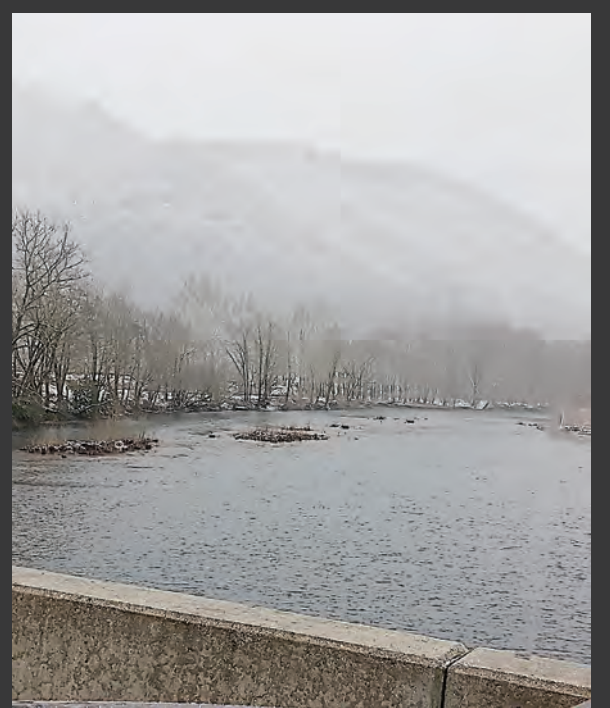
"Henry Repeating Arms will never back down in its support of the individuals and organizations that work tirelessly to preserve the Constitutional rights afforded to us as citizens of the USA, including our friends at the Second Amendment Foundation who have proven themselves time and time again as leaders in the space," said Henry Repeating Arms founder and CEO Anthony Imperato.

"We're humbled at the

trust and faith Henry and Anthony Imperato have shown for SAF and the job we're doing," Kraut added. "Rest assured, we're going to put this to good use in our effort to challenge and erase unconstitutional gun control laws."

"Henry Repeating Arms has joined us on the front lines of the fight to defend the right to keep and bear arms," Gottlieb added. "While we have seen victories all the way up to the Supreme Court, the billionaire-backed gun prohibition movement appears more determined than ever to turn this right into a heavily-regulated privilege. With the support of Henry Repeating Arms and other industry sponsors, SAF can continue toward its goal of restoring firearms freedom, one lawsuit at a time."

### This Week's Submitted Photos



This week's photo, from the Cheat River Bridge at St. George, was taken early last week and submitted by Teri Cayton. Email photos, where it was taken and who took it to [mikie@parsonsadvocate.com](mailto:mikie@parsonsadvocate.com)



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