

We Get Letters

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- William W. Hudzik and Maryann L. Nergaard, Dry Fork, Unit A6 Week 39 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.
- James R. Myers and Donna J. Myers, Dry Fork, Unit A3 Week 34 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.

tion, Inc., \$534.50.

Alan G. Shimp and Martha J. Guilliouma, Dry Fork, Unit C5 Week 28 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.

Matthew R. Fife, Dry Fork, Unit B5 Week 17 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$543.50.

Nancy J. Booth, Dry Fork, Unit E5 Week 9 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$543.50.

Rick C. Friel, Dry Fork, Unit A6 Week 39 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$543.50.

Dale A. Gardner and Joan E. Gardner, Davis Corporation, Lot 7 Tuscan Ridge .51 acres to Ruben Garcia Castilla, \$34,900.

Katherine A. Gaudet and Brian R. Eardley, Dry Fork, Lot 8 Windwood .315 acres to John A. Dehn and Jessica J. Dehn, \$30,000.

Donald Jenkins and Natalie Jenkins, Dry Fork, Unit No. 1257 Beaver Ridge Condo to Brent D. Carminati and Brian S. Hinegardner, \$100,600.

Leonard B. Knee and Brenda L. Gould, Dry Fork, 2.45 acres Canaan to Theodore J. Fries and Jane Riddick Fries, \$495,000.

Kenneth W. Kotchenreuther and Amy T. Donoghue, Dry Fork, Unit 9 Deerfield Village Condo to Megan Tubert and Devin Shawn Tubert, \$205,000.

David Heller and Charles Heller, Dry Fork, Unit 1122 Building 1 Ash Lodge Beaver Ridge Condos to Charles O. Heller, \$0.

Charles Heller, Dry Fork, Unit 1122 Building 1 Ash Lodge Beaver Ridge Condos to Charles Heller's Living Trust, \$0.

James Arnold and Joyce Arnold, Davis Corporation, Lot 211 to Christopher Sites and Ryan Sites, \$200,000.

Fonso O. Stalnaker, Dry Fork, 0.21 acres to Todd Stalnaker and William Stalnaker, \$0.

Richard B. Hedrick/Seller and Deborah L. Hedrick/Seller, Clover, Land Contract to Robert F. Jackson/Buyer, \$0.

Roberta Jean Alderman, Clover, 39 acres mineral rights to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$600.

David Allen Poling, Clover, 39 acres mineral rights to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$600.

Robert D. Poling, Jr., Clover, 39 acres mineral rights to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$600.

Robert L. Wheeler and Bradford L. Wheeler, Clover, ¼ mineral interest in 133.18 acres to Robert L. Wheeler and Bradford L. Wheeler, \$0.

Robert L. Wheeler, Bradford L. Wheeler; Trustees of the Lawrence A. Wheeler and Isabel L. Wheeler Trust U/D, Clover, ¼ mineral interest in 133.18 acres to Robert L. Wheeler and Bradford L. Wheeler, \$0.

Michael L. Cauldwell/Trustee/The Michael L. Cauldwell Trust and Gayla S. Cauldwell/Trustee/The Michael L. Cauldwell Trust, Dry Fork, Lot 73 Northface .278 acres to Joel Lucas and Angela Lucas, \$59,000.

Gary Forman, Cynthia Forman and Edgar Oswaldo Acosta Corrales, Dry Fork, Unit Lot 10 Black Bear Woods 2502.58 sq. ft. to Mary Mayzel, \$193,500.

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OBITUARIES

Sandra Sue Gravelle

Sandra Sue Gravelle, 74, of Davis, WV, passed away on January 29, 2023, at her daughter's home, under the care of hospice. Born on March 25, 1948, in Harman, WV, she was the daughter of the late Glen Lawrence and Clennis (Layberger) Halstead. Sandra worked for Blackwater State Park. She enjoyed crafting, baking and cooking. Sandy took an active part in her community and was loved by everyone. She enjoyed her family the most.

She is survived by her children, David Gravelle and wife Sandy, Tobie Gravelle and wife Samantha, and Lisette Popish; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and seven siblings, Mike Lawrence, Kay Hawks, Elsie Messenger, Murray Lawrence, Floyd Lawrence, Roxanne Slate, and Jared Lawrence.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Roland "Frenchie" Lawrence Gravelle; two sons, Shane and Joey Gravelle; and a grandson, Brian Hagedorn.

Friends were received on Friday, February 3, 2023, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home 567 Thomas Ave, Davis. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2023, in the funeral home with Pastor Bob Yothers officiating. Interment followed in the Buena Cemetery. Immediately following the interment, a meal was provided at the Thomas Community Center, Jacob Pace St., Thomas.

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

Ellen Frances Arnold

Ellen Frances Arnold, 101, of Davis, WV, passed away on January 29, 2023, at Cortland Acres. Born on August 20, 1921, in Thomas, WV, she was the daughter of the late Charles H. Sr., and Alma (Mcveigh) Coffman.

Ellen was a proud homemaker and mother. She and her husband owned and operated Coffman Department Store in Thomas, where many locals enjoyed shopping. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Davis and a member of the Tuesday Night Club. Ellen enjoyed going on daily walks with her friends, crossword puzzles, and watching Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, and WVU Basketball. She was always happy to see her family and loved when kids were around.

She is survived by five children, Frances Turek, Jim Arnold and wife Joyce, Rebecca Paugh, Charles Arnold and wife Paula, and Pat Arnold and wife Kathy; eight grandchildren, Kristen, Heidi, Chuck, Meredith, Sonja, Bethany, Daniel and Laurie; sixteen great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and a brother, Robert Coffman and wife Shirley.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Stewart Arnold, Sr., to whom she was married on September 13, 1942; and four siblings, Charles H. Coffman, Jr., William E. Coffman, Ruth Parks, and Edna L. Pacella.

Friends were received, Friday, February 3, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home, 567 Thomas Avenue, Davis. A funeral service was held at noon with Pastor Ruth Bullwinkle officiating. Interment followed in the Davis Cemetery.

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



Clyde Franklin "Hank" Nestor

Clyde Franklin "Hank" Nestor, 88, a resident of the Mt. Zion Community, Tucker County, passed from this life Wednesday, February 1, 2023, near his home. He had been in his usual health and death was unexpected.

Hank was born Wednesday, July 25, 1934, in Tucker County, a son of the late Floyd Jennings Nestor and Ethel Fawley Nestor.

Left to cherish Hank's memory are two sons, David Wayne Nestor and Mark Allen Nestor, both of Mt. Zion, one sister, Ruth Bott of Florida, and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding Hank in death besides his parents were three children, Joe, Billy, and Barbara, two brothers, Harold Nestor and Eugene Nestor, and three sisters, Betty Phillips, Blanche Falls, and Elsie Jones.

Hank attended the school at Mt. Zion. He worked many jobs in various industries, but he loved being a mechanic and working on cars.

Visitation will be held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Thursday, February 9, 2023, from 3 until 5 p.m. Hank's request for cremation will then be honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Clyde Franklin "Hank" Nestor. Send condolences to the family at: www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



James "Jim" Berton Bava

James "Jim" Berton Bava, 72, a resident of Hendricks, passed peacefully from this life Thursday, February 2, 2023, at his home. He had been in declining health, but death was unexpected.

Jim was born Monday, April 17, 1950, in Parsons, a son of the late Joseph Harry Bava, Sr., and Norma Elene Bohon Bava. On December 31, 1972, in Hendricks, he was united in marriage to the former Donna Jean Plumley, who survives. They had celebrated fifty years of marriage.

Left to cherish Jim's memory besides his wife are two sons, Leroy Bava and wife, Tiffany, of Narrows, VA and Rocky Bava and wife, Gloria, of Petersburg, a granddaughter, Serena Bava, three brothers, John Bava and wife, Louanna, Pete Bava and wife, Kay, and David Bava, three sisters, Diane Phillips and husband, Pete, Connie Rosier and husband, Denver, and Louanna Carr and husband, Pat, four brothers-in-law, Tom Plumley and wife, Christine, Boyd "Bimbo" Plumley, Carl Plumley and wife, Barbara, and Mike Plumley and wife, Tammy, one sister-in-law, Joyce Kyle and husband, David, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding Jim in death besides his parents was a brother, Joseph Bava, Jr., two sisters, Dorothy Oberding and Joann Jarosiewicz.

Jim graduated Parsons High School with the Class of 1970. He had been employed as a truck driver and maintenance man with the Tucker County Board of Education for over thirty-nine years, from which he retired. Jim enjoyed hunting, camping, gardening, ramp digging, cutting and splitting firewood, riding trains, and spending time with his dogs. He especially loved hunting and spending time with his boys, Leroy and Rocky. His boys and granddaughter, Serena, were his pride and joy. He loved his family.

A private family viewing will be held at Hostetler Funeral Home, and Jim's request for cremation will then be honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for James "Jim" Berton Bava. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



Brenda Sue Isner Shaffer

Brenda Sue Isner Shaffer, age 72 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life Monday morning, January 6, 2023 at her home surrounded by her loving family and under the care of West Virginia Caring. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and are under the direction of the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home for Brenda Sue Isner Shaffer. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.



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it's eight-county service area. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Foundation is "to create opportunities for the communities we serve". For more information on how to set-up an endowed fund or to learn about the foundation, call 304-478-2930.

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close to 3463 acres – nearly five and a half square miles of the Upper Cheat River portion of Monongahela National Forest, including mature and old-growth trees that President Biden specifically called out to protect for their value in slowing climate change, in his Executive Order issued last Earth Day, April 2022.

Another aspect of history the U.S.F.S. seems to have forgotten is the consequences of earlier clear-cuts: the floods of 1907, 1936 and 1985 when heavy rains hit steep slopes denuded of trees and sent flood waters cascading into the Cheat River, downstream into Pittsburgh, turning downtown streets into canals wreaking damage of \$5 million and \$250 million.

We face the same dangers today. Clear-cutting is an ugly forest management practice that decimates not only every standing tree but, in its wake, the forests' former networks of tree roots die and no longer holds the soil. The forests proposed for this upcoming operation are on slopes above farms and towns, some so steep that the U.S.F.S. plans to bring helicopters in to reach the trees.

This cost to carry out the operation will exceed any gains from the timber taken, by an estimated \$1.4

million dollars.

That may be a low estimate of the potential loss. The most recent harvest, there were no buyers. The century-old trees were chipped and sold to a local charcoal factory.

The land proposed is home to 225 bird species and sixty fish species and federally protected northern flying squirrels, Cheat Mountain salamander and rare green salamander. Endangered Northern long-eared bats and other bat species slalom through the tree trunks. Brook Trout thrive in the Christal waters.

The Forest Service's principal rationale for the Upper Cheat River project to create varied-age landscapes, early successional habitat. But right next door is all kinds of private property, already clear-cut, patchworked around the proposed National Forest project by entities such as Western Pocahontas, the State of WV and private land owners.

What's rate in the East is old growth. Monongahela's old trees now store over a century's worth of carbon, keeping it from wreaking exponentially more havoc in causing extreme heat, cold, droughts and floods.

Just last month the Forest Service withdrew a plan to log 2000 acres of older forests in Oregon's Willamette National Forest, Headwaters of the McKenzie River.

We're asking the Forest Service to change course on the Upper Cheat River Project, to reconsider its role as purveyors of publicly owned resources to private industry. The ultimate long-term value of our National Forests is to the public, in clean air, clean water, recreation and the carbon-eating power of big old trees. We hope the U.S.F.S. will rise to a higher purposed and protect them.

Joseph W. Dumire

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that the county has nothing in and that fifty percent goes directly to the municipalities.”

Rosenau asked how much did they receive from the county. Waldo stated that she had budgeted \$530,000 for this year. Waldo went on to explain that last year the total was \$544,000 and the year before was \$620,000. Rosenau said, “That is roughly \$685,000, and with us we have needs in our county too. And when I look at \$685,000 roughly coming into the CVB, and I appreciate tourism and I appreciate all the effort, but I question when we have ambulance service in our county that is in dire need and the fire departments the same way. They are taking care of not only Tucker County residents but also the million plus guests. To me, CVB should be a part of funding those agencies.” To which no one from the CVB board responded.

Commissioner Fred Davis added by saying, “The thing is with the taxes and stuff they have been wanting to do this for years in Charleston to help out the emergency services just like the EMS and fire departments. We spent roughly about \$32,000 to purchase a piece of equipment to go out in the woods to get the bicyclers and lost hikers. There is a lot of different things besides ambulances that would help out.”

CVB board member and General Manager of Canaan Valley Resort, Matthew Baker, explained that the value of growth could not be ignored as well. Baker said, “The value of growing, the value of continuing to draw folks to this area, there is a value to that and it is hard to put a dollar value on that.” Rosenau responded by saying, “Do you think the Commission would ever not want that growth?” Baker in turn said, “You can say you do not but what about the next commissioner and the commissioner after that.” Davis added, “They would have to help you out because tourist are paying the bills.” Baker said, “I am not saying you do not, I believe you when you say you do.” Rosenau said, “You would be crazy not to. But the point is the state already mandated you (the CVB) get 50 percent of it (hotel/motel tax) regardless. I do not like the state regulating what the county can do with their funds.”

Waldo explained that the tax was charged and the CVB was created as a way to keep generating funds. Waldo said, “Our sole purpose is to advertise the areas of tourism designations to continue the growth.

adhere to those at the CVB accreditation process to be sure we continue to advertise the area as a tourism destination and in turn increasing our hotel/motel tax.” Waldo explained that advertising brought in the businesses that kept the area going during the downfall of when businesses went bankrupt and the CVB helped in bringing restaurants to Thomas and Davis, Timberline Ski Resort, and several other entities. Waldo said, “The bill was designed so we are governed by our tourism partners so our board is made up with a majority of tourism partners. We do diverse our board to try and include others, but the opportunity for those that are collecting the tax and are providing a service to the visitor to be able to govern the funds that are generated by the tourism. So that is our opportunity to look at how those things are spent and how we can assist them.”

Rosenau stated the issue he saw with the board members of the CVB being made up of major shareholders of the big businesses in Canaan. He said, “We have a board that governs the money. If I owned a knife sharpening business and I voted to add county money to advertise my knife sharpening business it would be an ethical violation. You vote on the boards to advertise for your business free of charge and it is not an ethical violation. I have an issue with that. That is tax payers money any way you look at it. So, your board members are benefiting from that, not necessarily in money wise but in kind payment. That is one of the issues I have. If it were state regulated you just could not do that. There is no state agency that can do that with the exception of the CVB because it is really not a state agency.

The legislature said here is 50 percent of whatever is collected in your county and you promote tourism. It does not matter who is on your board. It does not matter if they benefit from it because it is not covered by ethics. That is one of the issues that I have.”

CVB board President and General Manager of Timberline Mountain Ski Resort, Tom Price, said, “The CVB really promotes Tucker County tourism, we do not promote Canaan Valley Resort or Timberline Mountain specifically.” Baker said, “As far as the ethics issue, I sit on the board, and I obviously do not own but I manage (Canaan Valley Resort) and in your words I benefit from that but no

been on the board says that you are not promoting Canaan Valley enough and that my vote counts towards promoting Canaan Valley more.”

Rosenau raised the question if the board voted to keep Waldo every year. Waldo stated that they conduct employee evaluations every year. Rosenau said, “Does your vote hire Jessica every year? So, the way I look at it just from my talk to the ethics committee her influence on you would to be give you good recognition in the advertisement, because you are her employer. I am not criticizing anybody. I am saying we talked about that law, and these are the reasons that I have myself for looking that the County Commission should mandate how the funds are spent.”

Price said, “I can absolutely understand looking in from the outside how it could look that way. We all know sitting on the inside that is not how any of us look at it. We are also a really small county so people have lots of hats and we all joined the board to give back to the county the same way you ran for County Commissioner. If I ran for County Commissioner would it be unethical to continue my job as running the ski area?”

Rosenau explained that the commissioners have to sign a business clause when they took office and Waldo stated the board members did the same and signed a standard of conduct form and agreed to send the Commission a copy of the form.

Waldo went on to explain that when using the words Canaan Valley or Blackwater Falls was for the benefit of marketing the area with key search words. Words like hiking and biking are also used.

Price said, “What we can do better as a CVB is explain the positive impacts of all tourism and the heart of where those tourism dollars are going and how they can affect the community because we are going to have about two and a half million dollars’ worth of payroll and I know some of that is going to be down here in Parsons. This is one of the many reasons we try to employee people locally as much as we possibly can. We really do want to be a positive piece of the community as a tourism member.

Maybe as a CVB we need to help spread the word. When we, as a CVB, advertise the tourism of Tucker County it is so that those businesses can grow and so that those dollars can work their way back into the community. If tourism does not keep going or stagnates then progress cannot happen.”

Both parties agreed to work together to

find a solution for the necessary funding the county as a whole needs. One suggestion from Waldo was the CVB could possibly fund needed equipment, repairs, or other projects the county may need freeing up county money for emergency services.

CVB board member, Kevin White, mentioned that anyone can go on the CVB website to add county events. White said, “When our tourist are searching Tucker County or searching hiking it comes up Blackwater Falls and the event calendars come up they see hey if I go hiking the week of September 27 they see Parsons is having a fair going on, or Leaf Peepers is going on in Davis. That is a tool that is out there. It is a good tool that reaches out to the whole county not just a particular part of the county.”

White also explained how important the construction of a new visitors center is by saying, “I would like everyone to know how important building a new tourism center is to tourism in our county and what we are trying to operate out of now. God bless the rent that we get because it is a great deal. It really is, but the facility is very inadequate. It is not visitor friendly. It is not handicap accessible. They are running all the offices basically out of one little tiny office space. We do not even have a bathroom for the people coming in to use the facility, or to get a rack card. I want people to understand why we need a new tourism center.”

Rosenau mentioned that an agreement could be discussed in depth at a later time about the possibility of using the four acres beside Station 2 in Davis. Waldo agreed to consider the property and wishes to walk the land and see if it matched the needs of a new center.

Rosenau recapped the meeting by saying, “What I am taking from this meeting today is that we are all here to benefit the citizens. That is the main thing. They are the people that live here daily. They are the ones that pay the bills with the exception of the hotel/motel tax. It is the betterment of Tucker County as a whole and I think we can agree on that. I like the point that you brought up if the money we have budgeted trying to make Camp Kidd safe, the money we have budgeted trying to improve our courthouse, and if you (the CVB) can contribute to that then we can contribute more hotel/motel money to EMS.”

It was agreed that a quarterly work session meeting was needed in order to continue to communicate better. No date was set for the next meeting.

Five Rivers Public Library Newsletter

September – May Hours	
Monday	8:30 a - 6:30 p
Tuesday – Friday	8:30 a - 5:00 p
Saturday	9:00a – Noon
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February Happenings

- 1—Toddler Time 10 am -- Transportation
- 6 – Movie Day Monday, 1:30 p.m. and 5:50 p.m.
- 8 – Toddler Time 10 am -- Birthdays
- 15 – Toddler Time 10 am -- Valentine’s Day
- 20 – Closed Presidents’ Day
- 21 – Book Club Discussion @ 1:30 p.m.
- 22 – Toddler Time 10 am -- Penguins

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Debbie Gutshall: Sherry Burns; Tara Lane, Becky Arbogast, William Ricks, and Tina McWilliams.

Book Club Discussion Group:

Meets at the library the third Tuesday monthly at 5:00 p.m. Book for February 21st, “The Truth According to us” by Annie Barrows. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter.

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What's Happening

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Tucker County Animal Shelter Fundraiser

Friends of the Tucker County Animal Shelter will be hosting a Soiree, the proceeds will go towards building a new animal shelter. This Soiree will be at Canaan Valley Lodge on Saturday, April 1, from 5-9 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. accompanied by

live music, a silent auction, and 50/50 drawing. Non-alcohol drinks will be provided, a cash bar will be available. Formal wear required. Tickets are \$100 per dinner. Tickets are for sale online at tcanimalshelter.org, or in person from Shelter staff and board members.

Historic Landmark Commission Meeting

The Tucker County Historic Landmark Commission will meet Monday, Feb. 13, 2023 at Parsons Railway Depot at 5 p.m. The public is invited.

DAR Meeting

The Blackwater Chapter DAR will meet Feb. 11 at 12:30 p.m. at B & J's Diner. Order meeting at 1 p.m.



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

Feb. 8, 1892: Cartoonist Irvin Dugan was born in Huntington. For many years, his "Adam" cartoon character was a feature on the editorial pages of the *Herald-Dispatch*.

Feb. 8, 1915: Photographer Volkmar Kurt Wentzel was born in Dresden, Germany. He emigrated with his family to the United States at age 11. As a teenager in West Virginia, Wentzel took up with an eclectic group of people who had retreated to Youghiogheny Forest, a Preston County artists colony.

Feb. 8, 1918: Medal of Honor recipient Herbert Joseph Thomas Jr. was born. He excelled in football as a halfback for South Charleston High School, and Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston is named for him.

Feb. 9, 1843: Republican Party leader Nathan Goff Jr. was born in Clarksburg. In 1888, Goff lost West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election to A. B. Fleming. Goff's initial 106-vote majority was challenged by Fleming, and both men were sworn in on inauguration day. The case dragged on until 1890, when Fleming was determined to be the rightful winner.

Feb. 9, 1900: "Aunt Jennie" Wilson was born near Henlawson. Wilson was a Logan County traditional musician, considered a master of clawhammer-style banjo playing.

Feb. 9, 1950: U.S. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's speech to a group of Wheeling Republicans launched the 1950s red scare. McCarthy, a Wisconsin Republican, claimed in his speech to have a list of 205 communists who worked in the U.S. State Department.

Feb. 10, 1904: Jay Legg was shot and killed by his wife, Sarah Ann, in their home in Clay County. The trial, conviction, appeal and acquittal of Sarah Ann led to a popular West Virginia folk ballad, "The Murder of Jay Legg."

Feb. 10, 2010: Frederick Appleton "Fred" Schaus, West Virginia University basketball All-American, coach, and athletic director, died at age 84 in Morgantown. Schaus coached WVU from 1954 to 1960 to a 146-37 record.

Feb. 11, 1903: Artist Grace Martin Taylor was born in Morgantown. In addition to producing an immense body of work in a variety of styles, Taylor enjoyed a lengthy career at the Mason College of Music and Fine Arts in Charleston.

Feb. 11, 1904: Clarence Watson Meadows was born in Beckley. His mother hoped he would become a Baptist minister, but he ultimately entered politics, becoming the 22nd governor of West Virginia.

Feb. 11, 1911: The Charles Town Opera House opened. The 500-seat theater ushered in an era of entertainment and service lasting more than 30 years.

Feb. 11, 1923: Eight members of the Black Hand were arrested in Harrison County. The Black Hand was the name and symbol of an underworld society of Italian immigrants that extorted money from other Italian immigrants.

Feb. 11, 1935: The first houses in the Tygart Valley Homesteads were ready for occupancy. One of three resettlement projects in West Virginia, the homesteads were intended to provide a new start for unemployed farmers, miners and timber workers.

Feb. 12, 1867: Barboursville was incorporated by an act of the state legislature. Originally the county seat of Cabell County, it lost that honor after the C&O Railway was completed to Huntington.

Feb. 12, 1899: Karl Dewey Myers was born in Tucker County with severe birth defects. He never attended school but educated himself through persistent self-study. He was named the state's first poet laureate in 1927.

Feb. 13, 1800: General John Jay Jackson was born near Parkersburg. He served in the Seminole Wars as a member of Gen. Andrew Jackson's staff.

Feb. 13, 1913: Mother Jones was arrested in Charleston after supporting union miners on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.

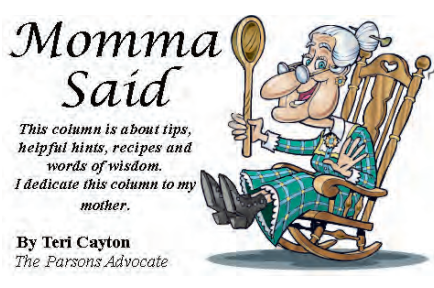
Feb. 13, 1923: Chuck Yeager was born at Myra, about seven miles from Hamlin. On October 14, 1947, in a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour.

Feb. 14, 1866: Grant County was created and named for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, who later became the nation's 18th president.

The groundhog predicted six more weeks of winter, but in this area we haven't had much bad weather anyway. We were having a bit of a cold snap but it is back up in the mid 40's and 50's this week. The news said we are in the middle of a winter drought as we have only received about 1/7 of our annual snow fall.

We never had that problem back in the good ole days. When October rolled around you could expect snow clear up into March of the next year. Now we are getting polar vortexes (which we never heard of all we knew was that it was COLD). *Momma Said*, "The only fancy names we had for the cold weather was... **IT IS WINTER so get over it."**

We are lucky now if we get as much snow in a whole season as we used to get in just one storm. The world is changing and it does not surprise me that things



are not as they once were. I'm not sure if this is what is called progress or not.

I don't mind not getting the snow because of travel difficulties but the big problem will come in the spring and summer when we don't have any water. The winter drought will cascade over into a summer drought and the ball just keeps rolling downhill collecting all the casualties. *Momma Said*, "Waste not, want not...turn off that faucet when brushing your teeth!"

Chocolate Banana Bread

Ingredients

- 4-5 ripe bananas, 2 cups mashed
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted (can substitute olive oil or coconut oil)
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips, plus more for topping the bread

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. In a large mixing bowl, mash the bananas until smooth. Few chunks here and there are fine. You can also pulse the bananas a few times in a blender if you prefer.
3. In the bowl with the mashed bananas, add the sugar, melted butter, eggs and vanilla extract, mix on low until combined.
4. In a separate mixing bowl, com-

bine the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Gradually mix the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients. Stir in the chocolate chips with a spatula, mix just until combined.

5. Pour the batter into a 9 x 5 inch loaf pan (greased or lined with parchment paper). Add additional chocolate chips to the top of the bread if desired.
6. Bake for 60 minutes. Check the bread and add additional time in 5 or 10 minute intervals until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean or with a few breadcrumbs. The baking time is a large range because every oven is different and various loaf pans cook at different times. There are two popular loaf pan sizes – 9x5 and 8.5x4.5. Even though the numbers are similar, the pans actually differ in size by 15%. The 8.5x4.5 pan will yield a tall more domed bread and will take 5-10 minutes longer when baking. Cool for 15 minutes in the baking pan and then transfer to a wire rack until cooled completely.

Super Crossword

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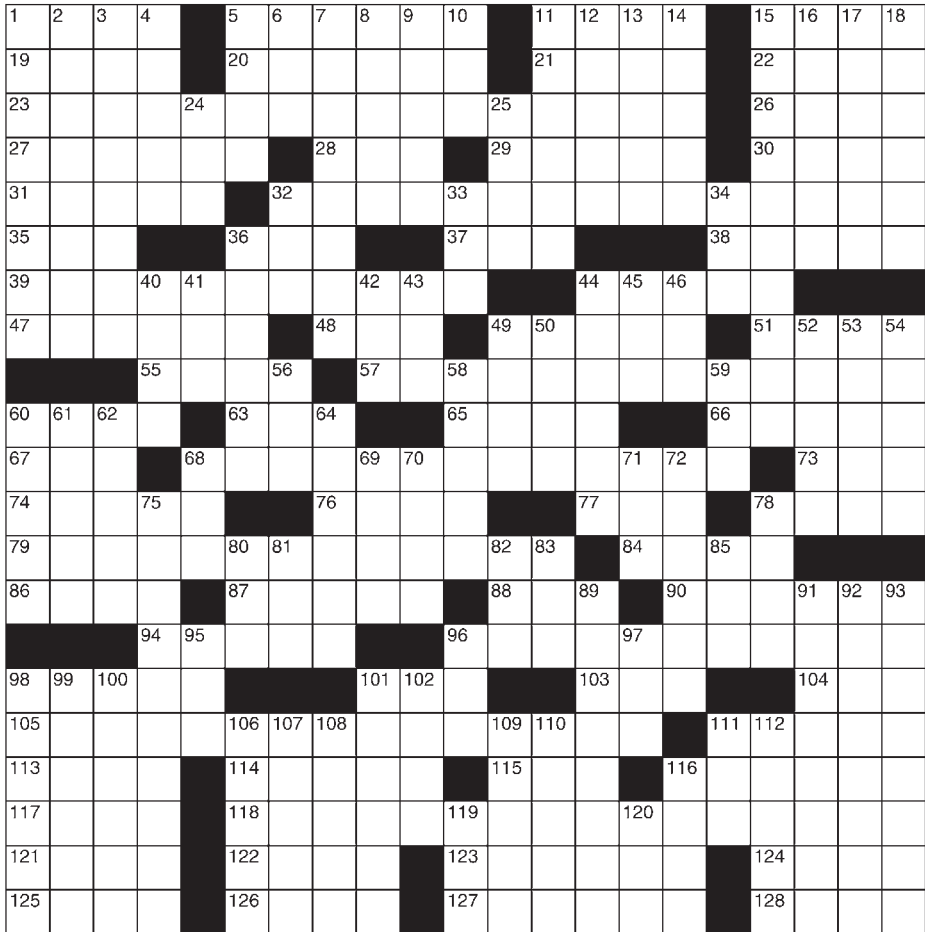
ACROSS

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5 "My stars!"
11 Source of poi
15 Baseballer Ty
19 "Don't stop!"
20 Foray
21 State firmly
22 Voiced
23 Put on some wrist jewelry?
26 Actress Foch
27 Connect for use, to Brits
28 With 86-Across, China's place
29 Haunting
30 Mike Brady's three kids, e.g.
31 Greek fabulist
32 Pair of poetic lines about the army?
35 — Valley, San Francisco
36 Disney frame
37 FedEx rival
38 Layers
39 Healed a fictional prince of Denmark?
44 Striped feline
47 "And others," in footnotes
48 Mineo of "Dino"
49 Steer snarer
51 Re
- 55 Home of Taj Mahal
57 Extra wrestling garment in case the main one gets lost?
60 Heifer's home
63 "Hulk" director Lee
65 Blind as —
66 Earp of the O.K. Corral
67 Sound of wonderment
68 Bright red Kleenex?
73 Foot part
74 Cause, as havoc
76 City in Kansas
77 Time on end
78 Bison group
79 Secondhand apartment rental in Rome?
84 — gin fizz
86 See 28-Across
87 Gamma follower
88 Just so-so
90 Warship fleet
94 Test, as ore
96 Coated pill produced in Antarctica?
98 Oak nut
101 Letter before dee
- 103 "— got it!"
104 Partner of 67-Across
105 Parents-to-be expecting three babies at once?
111 "The — come out tomorrow" (start of an "Annie" song)
113 "Mystic Pizza" actress Taylor
114 Turkish coins
115 Out-of-date
116 How cats ask for Meow Mix, per a slogan
117 Lady friend, in France
118 Pleasing answer when actress Kate asks her agent "Who wants me next?"
121 Job detail
122 "Huh-uh!"
123 Cyclops' odd feature
124 Actress Falco
125 Car roller, to Brits
126 Secy., e.g.
127 Less wordy
128 Also- — (race losers)

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2 Validated, as a claim
3 Period of Model T's
4 Right-hand book page
5 Pickle choice
6 Ending with ethyl
7 Many indie movies
8 Like queens
9 New Zealand native
10 Univ. URL ending
11 Gunlike stunners
12 Animator Tex
13 Saintly article
14 "— ed Euridice" (Gluck opera)
15 Nefarious group plot
16 Bobolink's kin
17 Big headline
18 Explosions
24 "The Raven" poet's initials.
25 Gather in
32 "— culpa!"
33 Boy pharaoh
34 4x4, in brief
36 Jacques of France
40 Panache
41 Use a shovel!
42 Vegas lead-in
43 Wallach of "Firepower"
44 African fly

- 45 Suffix with organ
46 Mass of may, say
49 Pride parade letters
50 Jai —
52 Glide on ice
53 Teach privately
54 Decided (to)
56 Actress Ortiz
58 Of birth
59 Astonishment
60 "Fame" vocalist David
61 Major artery
62 Ostrichlike birds
64 Horrific
68 Glide on snow
69 Uncouth guy
70 Napoleon's exile isle
71 "He-e-elp!"
72 Loosen, as a shoe
75 Decorative church screen
78 Cannabis fiber
80 Paid promos
81 Tch'r.'s org.
82 Comic Philips
83 Phone no.
85 "... man — mouse?"
89 Clairol products
91 "M*A*S*H" co-star
92 Request for a poker hand
93 Olympics participants
95 NBC show since '75
96 Writer's tool
97 Trailer park campers, for short
98 "Finally!"
99 Like pie crusts with pressed-in ridges
100 Greasier
101 Dry red wine
102 Simple
106 Kagan of the court
107 Some DVR systems
108 Sets up, informally
109 Herman's Hermits frontman Peter
110 Senior
111 Wd. of similar meaning
112 Auto racer Al
116 Funeral platform
119 Net automaton
120 Letter before zee



Puzzle answers page 9

LET US KNOW "WHAT'S HAPPENING"
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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DEADLINE
8AM
MONDAY

Weather Totals

Jan. 24- Jan. 31

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 58° F
Min 23° F

Precipitation

Week 1.28"
January 4.05"
2023 4.05"

Snowfall

New Snow 3.25"
Snow on ground .25"
Winter Total 8.25"

U.S. Forest Service

Monongahela National Forest Selected to Provide 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree

Monongahela previously provided the People’s Tree in 1970 and 1976.

ELKINS, W.Va., – Monongahela National Forest is honored to provide the 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree on behalf of the USDA Forest Service, kicking off a year-long celebration with the theme of “Endlessly Wild & Wonderful” to connect people to West Virginia’s public lands.

The U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree – known as “The People’s Tree” reflecting the nickname for the U.S. House of Representatives, the People’s House – adorns the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol and is selected each year from a different national forest.

“It’s an honor to have a tree from our backyard selected as the official 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree,” West Virginia Governor Jim Justice said. “This shines a positive light on West Virginia and I am thrilled in every way. I also want to acknowledge the Monongahela National Forest officials for their care of the forest. Without them, this would not have been possible. Congratulations to all involved.”

Monongahela National Forest was the first national forest to provide the People’s Tree on behalf of the Forest Service in 1970, and again in 1976. 2023 will be the third time West Virginia will have the distinction.

“The Capitol Christmas Tree is a wonderful, historic tradition that brings our great country together during the holidays, and I am thrilled that the 2023 tree will be from West Virginia’s Monongahela National

Forest,” said Senator Joe Manchin, Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. “The 2023 Capitol Christmas Tree will represent the wild and wonderful nature of the Mountain State – including our remarkable forestry and wildlife – for the first time since 1976. I’m grateful to the Forest Service for their hard work and partnership on this event, and I look forward to celebrating this honor with my fellow West Virginians and Americans.”

Monongahela National Forest has partnered with the non-profit Choose Outdoors to assist in the creation of a year-long conservation education campaign about the multi-use mission of the Forest Service in support of a multi-stop tour in November that will take the selected tree around West Virginia and surrounding states before delivering it to the Architect of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. The initiative is made possible with support from the presenting sponsor, 84 Lumber, and with cash and in-kind contributions from companies large and small, along with vital support from volunteers locally and across America.

“The annual journey is only possible with the help of strong partnerships throughout West Virginia and beyond state lines,” said Bruce Ward, president of Choose Outdoors. “We’re proud to welcome 84 Lumber back as presenting sponsor for the second year and look forward to bringing

people together to celebrate our public lands, our diversity and the joy of the holiday season.”

“It’s wonderful to have this opportunity to celebrate the diverse and complex natural ecosystems and cultural heritage that thrive here in central Appalachia. Monongahela National Forest and West Virginia really are endlessly wild and wonderful, and we are excited to share these special places over the next year on a national level, reaching both residents and folks who may have never experienced our home among the hills,” said Shawn Cochran, Forest Supervisor.

Follow the journey of the 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree and be a part of the festivities at www.uscapitolchristmastree.com, [@uscapitolchristmastree](https://www.facebook.com/USCapitolChristmasTree) on Instagram, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/USCapitolChristmasTree>, or the Monongahela National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> and <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>.

For more information:
Read about the history of the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree on the Architect of the Capitol’s website at <https://www.aoc.gov/what-we-do/programs-ceremonies/capitol-christmas-tree>.

Contact Choose Outdoors President Bruce Ward at bruce@chooseoutdoors.org to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

Contact 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Project Manager Amy Albright at amy.albright2@usda.gov for more information about the project and to get involved.

Gas Prices Lower in West Virginia; National Average Continues to Climb

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is three cents lower this week at \$3.468 per gallon, according to AAA East Central’s Gas Price Report.

This week’s average prices:	
• Northern WV Average	\$3.468
• Average price during the week of January 23, 2023	\$3.490
• Average price during the week of January 31, 2022	\$3.113

The following is a list of the average prices in several West Virginia locations:	
\$3.506	Bridgeport
\$3.462	Clarksburg
\$3.269	Huntington
\$3.487	Martinsburg
\$3.563	Morgantown

\$3.359	Parkersburg
\$3.545	Weirton
\$3.554	Wheeling

Trend Analysis:
The recent run of daily one- to four-cent price increases slowed heading into this past weekend, with prices now dipping slightly to start the week. However, increased demand and higher global oil prices pushed the national average for a gallon of gas up eight cents since last week to \$3.50. Today’s national average is 33 cents more than a month ago and 14 cents more than a year ago.

According to data from the Energy Information Administration, gas demand rose slightly from 8.05 to 8.14 million barrels per day last week. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline

stocks increased by 1.7 million barrels to 232 million barrels. Rising gas demand and elevated oil prices have contributed to higher pump prices.

At the close of Friday’s formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate decreased by \$1.33 to settle at \$79.68. Although a higher dollar contributed to pushing prices lower at the end of the week, oil prices rose earlier last week amid ongoing market optimism that global oil demand will be more robust than anticipated in 2023. This is partly due to China re-opening its economy after imposing strict COVID-19 lockdowns that curtailed demand.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and countywide at gasprices.aaa.com.

Historic Preservation Development Grants Available

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Applications are now available for matching historic preservation Development Grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the Department of Arts, Culture and History. Eligible projects include the restoration, rehabilitation or archaeological development of historic sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Deadline for receipt of applications is postmarked, or submitted through our on-line portal (GoApply), by March 31, 2023.

It is anticipated that approximately \$400,000 will be available for these grant awards, which are contingent upon an appropriation of funds from the West Virginia Legislature or United States Congress.

Privately owned properties are only eligible in instances where there is evidence of public support or public benefit. Governmental properties that are not accessible to the public are not eligible for funding. Applicant may be a state or local government agency, not-for-profit organization, private citizen, for-profit

firm or organization, religious organizations, education institution or Certified Local Governments.

A complete program description, including funding priorities and selection criteria, and access to the GoApply on-line grant application portal, are available at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/grants/>

or contact Christy Moore, grants coordinator for the SHPO, at (304) 558-0240 or Christina.J.Moore@wv.gov.

The Department of Arts, Culture and History is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Tucker County residents named to Shepherd University’s Dean List

SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV— Of the 900 students named to the Dean’s List at Shepherd University for the fall 2022 semester, two are from Tucker County. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must achieve a minimum 3.4 grade point average for the semester while carrying at least 12 hours of coursework.

Named to the list are: Raina C. Burton, of Davis,

and Mary B. Carr, of Parsons.

Nominations now open for inductees to the 2023 West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame

CHARLESTON, W.V. — The West Virginia Division of Forestry today announced that nominations are open for the next round of honorees for West Virginia’s Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame (WVAFHF).

The Hall of Fame highlights the people, businesses, organizations, institutions and foundations that have significantly contributed to agriculture, forestry, and family life in West Virginia. Selected nominees will be inducted during a recognition dinner in July at Jackson’s Mill.

Submitted nomination forms must be received by Feb. 17.

“This honor is given to those who have lived in West Virginia and have had a long-tenured association with agriculture, forestry and/or family life and have made outstanding, direct contributions to those industries,” said Jeremy McGill, Assistant State Forester with the West Virginia Division of Forestry, and Second Vice President of the WVAFHF “Past inductees have demonstrated the highest standards of leadership and contribution on a local, state, national and international level and we look forward to the opportunity to recognize a new cohort into the Hall of Fame.”

Nomination forms are available from the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame website or by contacting McGill via email at Jeremy.R.McGill@wv.gov or by phone at (304) 439-3003.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF TRUSTEE

WHEREAS Pat A. Nichols is named as Trustee in that certain Deed of Trust dated December 31, 2008, executed by Ashley R. Hebb and Robert Jesse Roy, Jr., and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 236 at page 42.

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that the lender, at its option, may from time to time remove a Trustee or Trustees and appoint a Successor Trustee to any Trustees appointed in the said Deed of Trust by an instrument recorded in the county where the deed of trust is recorded, and that upon such substitution, the successor trustee shall succeed to all the title, power and duties conferred upon the Trustee or Trustees in said deed of trust and by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Valley Bank, N.A., Elkins, West Virginia, is the beneficial owner of the indebtedness described in said Deed of Trust and desires to substitute Jaclyn L. Nichols as Substitute Trustee in the place and stead of Pat A. Nichols, or any other previously substituted or named Trustee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises Mountain Valley Bank, N.A. does hereby appoint Jaclyn L. Nichols, of P.O. Box 201, 200 Main Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287, as Substitute Trustee under the aforesaid Deed of Trust in the place and stead of Pat A. Nichols or any other previously substituted or named trustee, under the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

Dated this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

Mountain Valley Bank, N.A.
By _____
Its _____

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF _____, to-wit:
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this the ____ day of 20____ by _____,
Its _____ of Mountain Valley Bank, N.A., on behalf of said bank.
My commission expires _____
AFFIX
(NOTARY SEAL) _____
NOTARY PUBLIC

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF TRUSTEE

WHEREAS Rebecca L. McClung is named as Trustee in that certain Deed of Trust dated September 29, 2015, executed by Jeremy D. Lower and Ryan D. Lower, husband and wife, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 274 at page 591.

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that the lender, at its option, may from time to time remove a Trustee or Trustees and appoint a Successor Trustee to any Trustees appointed in the said Deed of Trust by an instrument recorded in the county where the deed of trust is recorded, and that upon such substitution, the successor trustee shall succeed to all the title, power and duties conferred upon the Trustee or Trustees in said deed of trust and by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, Mountain Valley Bank, N.A., Elkins, West Virginia, is the beneficial owner of the indebtedness described in said Deed of Trust and desires to substitute Jaclyn L. Nichols as Substitute Trustee in the place and stead of Rebecca L. McClung, or any other previously substituted or named Trustee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises Mountain Valley Bank, N.A. does hereby appoint Jaclyn L. Nichols, of P.O. Box 201, 200 Main Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287, as Substitute Trustee under the aforesaid Deed of Trust in the place and stead of Rebecca L. McClung or any other previously substituted or named trustee, under the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

Dated this the ____ day of _____, 20____.

Mountain Valley Bank, N.A.
By _____
Its _____

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF _____, to-wit:
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this the ____ day of 20____ by _____,
Its _____ of Mountain Valley Bank, N.A., on behalf of said bank.
My commission expires _____
AFFIX
(NOTARY SEAL) _____
NOTARY PUBLIC

Tucker County Students Named to Glenville State University Honor Roll

GLENVILLE, WV – Christopher Chambers and Samantha Chambers, both of Parsons, have been named to the Glenville State University Provost’s Honor Roll for the

Fall 2022 semester. To be named to the Provost’s Honor Roll, students must have grade point averages between 3.5 and 3.9 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

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(2021-S-00000036-Tucker County-JESSICA TAYLOR)
To: OCCUPANT, NORMAN A. LONG, MELISSA A. JONES, OCCUPANT, WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, COMPLIANCE DIVISION, MELISSA A. JONES, MELISSA A. JONES, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA TAX DEPARTMENT COMPLIANCE DIVISION, 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 ST. GEORGE MAP 244 PARCEL 0021 0000
You will take notice that JESSICA TAYLOR, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000036, 12.5 SLIP HILL, located in ST. GEORGE, which was returned delinquent in the name of LONG NORMAN A, 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, \$ 432.12 to March 31, 2023.
Amount of subsequent years taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest \$ 318.83 to March 31, 2023.
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for \$ 787.29 preparation of the list and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022 following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2023.
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to \$ 87.14 March 31, 2023.
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must \$ 1,625.38 be made payable to **The Honorable Jacob Kopec, Sheriff and Treasurer of Tucker County.**
Cost of Certification of Redemption - ashier check, money order or certified check or \$ 35.00 must be made payable to **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.**
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return this letter and both certified funds to the
West Virginia State Auditor's Office,
County Collections Division,
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114,
Charleston, West Virginia 25305
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
CANAAN CROSSING HOMEOWNER'S
ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
v.
ROBERT THOMAS PENIC
Defendant.
Civil Action No. 22-C-48
Judge David H. Wilmoth

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONER SALE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by Order of the Circuit Court of Randolph County, West Virginia, entered on the 17th day of November, 2022, in Civil Action No. 22-C-48, entitled Canaan Crossing Homeowner's Association, Inc. vs Robert Thomas Penic, as Special Commissioner of said Court, shall **on the 24th day of February, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.** proceed to sell at public auction **at the front door of the Randolph County Courthouse** to the highest bidder(s), the following hereinafter described real estate, together with any buildings, structures and other improvements situated thereon and any and all appurtenances located on the real estate herein, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
All that tract or parcel of land situate in Dry Fork District, Randolph County, West Virginia, known as Lot 18, of the Roaring Plains Section of Canaan Crossing Corporation Development, containing 3.50 acres, which said Lot 18 is more particularly shown on a map or plat of said Roaring Plains Section, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Randolph County, West Virginia, in Plat Cabinet C at Slide 23.
SUBJECT TO all restrictions, reservation, covenants, exceptions easements and right of way easements, including utility right of ways as set forth in the chain of title.
AND BEING the same real estate as conveyed unto Robert Thomas Penic, single by Mark C. Anderson and Mary Loretta Anderson, husband and wife, by deed dated December 31, 1998 and of record in Deed Book 463, at page 679.
1. Said sale will be held **at the Randolph County Courthouse**, in Elkins, Randolph County, West Virginia.
2. The Special Commissioner will allow all prospective purchasers to visually inspect the real estate to be sold from the roadway adjacent to the property from 10:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the day of sale.
3. This sale will be by the boundary and not by the acre without warranty as to the quantity of acreage contained on said real estate.
4. The sale shall be made with special warranty of title and subject to all reservations, exceptions, covenants, restrictions, easements, limitations, conditions, minerals rights, rights of way or easements, and other servitudes, if any, made, retained or otherwise created by deeds or other instruments constituting the record chain of title to the real estate aforesaid.
5. The sale shall be made subject to any and all liens and encumbrances affecting the real estate, to all unpaid or any accrued real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. The proceeds from the sale will be applied to pay the judgments/obligations owed to Canaan Crossing Home Owners Association (CCHOA) of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Randolph County Commission. CCHOA will release those judgments, upon receipt of the payment.
6. This sale shall further be made subject to all necessary rights of way for ingress, egress and regress, water/sewer, and utility service to the real estate.
7. Any sale hereunder may be postponed from time to time or adjoined without any notice other than an oral announcement at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting notice. The Special Commissioner reserve the right to reject any and all bids.
8. Opening bid: Bidding will start at \$28,000.00. The real property will not be sold for less than the opening bid amount.
9. Conveyance of the real estate will be made by a Special Commissioner Deed in the form prescribed by W.Va. Code 38-1-6, subject to any and all effective and enforceable exceptions, reservations, conditions, covenants, restrictions, limitations, assessments, easements, rights of way, mineral severances and other encumbrances as have been created with respect to and/or imposed upon said real estate by the Grantor or its predecessors in interest in title prior to the recording of the Deed in the aforesaid Clerk's office. All real estate, and any improvements located thereon, are sold in **"AS IS"** condition and are **FINAL**. The Special Commissioner do not make any representations or warranties as to the physical condition of the real estate. Prospective purchasers are responsible for inspecting the title to the real estate prior to the Special Commissioner Sale. Any and all legal procedural requirements to obtain physical possession of the real estate and personal property after the sale are the responsibility of the purchaser(s). Anyone interested in purchasing the subject property should review the contents of this case file (Randolph County Civil Action No. 22-C-48), of record in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Randolph County. Risk of loss or damage will be the purchaser's from and after the sale. All outstanding taxes, assessments and utility charges will be the responsibility of the purchaser(s).
All settlement fees, costs of conveyance, examination of title, title fees and recording charges shall be at the expenses of the purchaser(s). Special Commissioner makes no representation regarding the state of title to the real estate or personal property. Purchaser(s) shall bear the responsibility and risk of any inspection of the real estate and shall take title to the real estate subject to any existing leases, land contracts, or other agreements recorded and unrecorded affecting the real estate and shall take title to the personal property subject to any liens and UCC filings.
The purchaser(s) shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by Article 2 of Chapter 11 of the West Virginia Code. Sale is made subject to the right of the Internal Revenue Service to redeem the real estate as provided by Section 7425 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Additional terms and conditions shall be announced at sale.
The real estate being sold is currently occupied. The purchaser shall be solely responsible for removing any existing tenant or person occupying the real property, as well as any personal property remaining on the real property after the sale. The Special Commissioner shall neither have a duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, nor shall the Special Commissioner have a duty to cause any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the real property to be removed.
Approval of the Circuit Court: This sale is subject to the approval and confirmation by the Circuit Court of Randolph County, West Virginia.
Terms of sale: Ten (10.00%) of purchase price due on day of sale by certified check, payable to the Special Commissioner and the balance in immediately available funds at closing, which shall be within thirty (30) days from the day of sale. The Special Commissioner reserves the right to accept or reject such other terms as to payment or delivery of payment as may be agreed to by the Special Commissioner and the bidder(s). If the successful bidder(s) fails to deliver the deposit and/or total purchase price within the prescribed time, the Special
Commissioner may proceed to resell the real estate and personal property, or the applicable portion thereof, or, at the discretion of the Special Commissioner convey the real estate and personal property to the next highest bidder if such bidder will honor said bid.
JEFFERSON L. TRIPLETT, as
Special Commissioner

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The Region VI Workforce Development Board (RVI WDB) is requesting proposals for the provision of a program of activities and services for youth in the thirteen-county area of Region VI. Beginning February 1, 2023, interested organizations should contact the RVI WDB at (304)-368-9530 to obtain a copy of the Request For Proposal (RFP), OR a copy of the RFP can be downloaded from the RVI WDB website at www.regionviwv.org. The period of service provision is from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 with the possibility of a renewal contract negotiated for an additional two years, based on yearly performance and cost effectiveness. All parties interested in submitting proposals in response to this RFP **MUST** attend a bidder's conference to be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 13, 2023, at the Region VI Workforce Development Board offices at 17 Middletown Road, White Hall. Further information on the bidder's conference is included in the RFP. The proposal in response to this RFP is due by 4:00 p.m. on March 2, 2023 and must be received by post or by hand delivery in to the RVI WDB offices located at 17 Middletown Road, White Hall, WV 26554. Fax or email submissions will not be accepted. Refer to the RFP information for the complete details on the process for the submission of a proposal. The RVI WDB reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals submitted. For more information, contact Amy Hall at the Region VI WDB office at 304-368-9530. 100% Federally funded program. Equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. WV Relay 7-1-1

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Williamson Shriver Architects Project #2022-062
The Tucker County Board of Education, Parsons, WV, will receive bids for Security Camera Upgrades for Davis-Thomas Elementary Middle School, Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School, & Tucker County High School until **1:00 p.m.**, local prevailing time on the **23rd day of February 2023**, at the office of the Tucker County Board of Education, Parsons, WV, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Conference has been scheduled for **10:00 a.m. on February 9, 2023**, at the Tucker County Board of Education, 100 Education Lane, Parsons, West Virginia 26287, A site visit will be conducted following the meeting.
The contract documents are available only from the architect's Project Management Website. Login credentials will be sent to plan rooms, all prospective contractors, subcontractors and suppliers after the request is made to biddoes@wsrgarch.com. Addenda will be only distributed electronically to bidders registered in attendance at the mandatory pre-bid meeting.
This Project is funded through a Homeland Security State Administrative Agency (HS SAA) and subject to all Federal and State Guidelines including but not limited to 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 for Equal Employment Opportunity, 40 U.S.C. 3141-3148 for the Davis-Bacon Act, 40 U.S.C. 3701-3708 for Contract Hours and Safety Standards, 2 CFR §200.321 contracting for small and minority business, women business enterprises and labor surplus area firms, 34 CFR §75.609 and §75.610 for access by persons of disabilities and all Federal statutes in regards to discrimination.
The Board of Education of the County of Tucker, Parsons, WV, reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
THE TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ms. Alisha Lambert, Superintendent

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 29, 2019, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 295, at Page 327, Hobert Ray Wolford did convey unto Rock S. Wilson, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party 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 22, 2023, at 3:45 PM
The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Black Fork District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:
.19 Ac Miller Addition P/Lots 108 & PT 109, which is situate in Black Fork District, Tucker County, West Virginia.
At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 354 Cheat Valley Highway, Parsons, WV 26287.
AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Hobert Ray Wolford by Deed dated July 29, 2019, from Popcorn Properties, LLC, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 235, at Page 22.
The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid 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: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.
Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
Richard A. Pill, Member
P.O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404
Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840, e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvllaw.com

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until 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
023	2021000793	S399-RPM-23 00	HSIP-2023(055)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS 2023 RPM PAVEMENT MARKINGS COUNTY: STATEWIDE

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. All bidders holding valid bidding proposals will be notified of such deferment, delay or postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened.
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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State of West Virginia
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345
TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440
APPLICATION FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE GENERAL WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NO. WV0115924
Public Notice No.: SM-13-2023 **Public Notice Date:** February 8, 2023
Paper: The Parsons Advocate
The following has applied for coverage under the General WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0115924 for this facility or activity:
Appl. No.: WVR112013
Applicant: WVDEP OFFICE OF ABANDONED MINE LANDS & RECLAMATION
601 57TH ST SE
CHARLESTON, WV 25304-2345
THOMAS, TUCKER COUNTY
Location:
Latitude: 39:12:16 **Longitude:** 79:30:02
Receiving Stream:
UNBT/North Branch Potomac Rv./North Potomac Rv.
Activity:
24.60 Acres of Earth Disturbance for the rehabilitation of an existing mine refuse treatment area.
Business conducted:
Discharge of treated Stormwater into an unnamed tributary of the North Branch Potomac Rv.
Implementation:
N/A
On the basis of review of the application the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.
Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:
Director, Division of Water and Management, DEP
ATTN: Sharon Mullins, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345
The public comment period begins February 8, 2023 and ends March 10, 2023.
Comments received within this period will be considered prior to issuance of the permit. Correspondence should include the name, address and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing when ever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to site registration permit application and this facility's coverage under the General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information.
The application may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. Copies of the application and the General Permit and Fact Sheet may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost. Individuals requiring Telecommunication Device (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304)-926-0493. Calls must be made 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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The Region VI Workforce Development Board (RVI WDB) is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of Assessment and Case Management/Employers Services Assistant for Adults, Dislocated Workers, Youth, and employers in the thirteen-county area of Region VI. Beginning February 1, 2023, interested organizations can contact the RVI WDB at (304)-368-9530 to obtain a copy of the RFP, OR a copy of the RFP can be downloaded from the RVI WDB website at www.regionviwv.org. The period of service provision is from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 with the possibility of a renewal contract negotiated for an additional two years, based on yearly performance and cost effectiveness. All parties interested in submitting proposals in response to this RFP **MUST** attend a bidder's conference to be held at 2:00 p.m. on February 13, 2023, at the Region VI Workforce Development Board offices at 17 Middletown Road, White Hall. Further information on the bidder's conference is included in the RFP. The proposal in response to this RFP is due by 4:00 p.m. on must be received by post or by hand delivery in to the RVI WDB offices located at 17 Middletown Road, White Hall, WV 26554. Fax or email submissions will not be accepted. Refer to the RFP for the complete details on the process for the submission of a proposal. The RVI WDB reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals submitted. For more information, contact Amy Hall at the Region VI WDB office at 304-368-9530. 100% Federally funded program. Equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. WV Relay 7-1-1

DEADLINE 8AM MONDAY



AREA SCHEDULE:

- Wednesday February 8th**
- Tucker County Boys’ Basketball @ Tygarts Valley 5:45pm
 - Tucker Valley Girls’ Basketball vs Philippi @ Home 6pm
 - Tucker Valley Boys’ Basketball @ Philippi 6pm
 - Davis-Thomas Girls’ & Boys’ Basketball vs Union @ Home 5:30pm
- Saturday February 11th**
- Tucker County Boys’ Basketball vs Southern, MD @ Home 5:45pm
 - Tucker Valley Girl’ & Boys’ Basketball vs Davis-Thomas @ TCHS 11am
 - Davis-Thomas Girls’ & Boys’ Basketball @ TCHS 11am
- Monday February 13th**
- Tucker County Girls’ Basketball @ Pendleton County(Varsity only) 6:30pm
 - Tucker County Boys’ Basketball vs Pocahontas County @ Home 5:45pm
 - Tucker Valley Boys’ Basketball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 6pm
 - Davis-Thomas Girls’ & Boys’ Basketball vs Kasson @ Home 5:30pm
- Tuesday February 14th**
- Tucker County Girls’ Basketball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 5:45pm

Mt. Lions Basketball cruises to win at Gilmer county 67-23

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

GLENVILLE – The Tucker County Boys’ Basketball team traveled to Gilmer County on Thursday February 2nd. The Mt. Lions got off to a quick start and never looked back as they got the road win by the score of 65-23.

The first quarter was won by Tucker County as they led after one quarter 26-6. In the second quarter the Mt. Lions extended their lead as they outscored Gilmer County 8-4 in the second to make the half-time score 34-10.

The Mt. Lions continued to dominate the game in the third quarter as they outpaced the Titans 13-5 to make the Tucker County lead 47-15 after three quarters of play. The visiting Mt. Lions then scored 20 points in the fourth as they held Gilmer County to 8 points. This made the final score 67-23 Tucker County.

Ethan Rosenau and Travon Bonner led Tucker County in scoring with 13 points each. Owen Knotts chipped in with 11 points, 7 rebounds. Ashton Lycliter led the Mt. Lions on the boards with 9 rebounds. The Mt. Lions JV team picked up the win also 33-23.

Tucker County(10-4) will return to action tonight Wednesday February 8th at Tygarts Valley. The Mt. Lions will then host Southern, MD on Saturday February 11th at 5:45pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Davis-Thomas girls’ and boys’ basketball update

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HARMAN – The Davis-Thomas Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball teams traveled to Harman on Wednesday February 1st. In the Girls’ game Davis-Thomas got the win by the final score of 47-14. Izzy Kitzmiller led the Lady Bears with 16 points and Peyton Cross added 13 points in the win. In the Boys’ game the Bears won 53-4. Cayden Arnold

led Davis-Thomas with 15 points. Emmet Felton and Dominic Delsignore added 6 points each for the Bears in the win.

The Davis-Thomas Basketball teams will return to action tonight, Wednesday February 8th at home against Union. They will then play Tucker Valley at TCHS on Saturday February 11th with the Girls’ game starting at 11am. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Lady Mt. Lions get win at Elkins, beat East Hardy and win at Union

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

ELKINS – The Tucker County Girls’ Basketball team traveled to “AAA” Elkins on Tuesday January 31st for a contest with the Lady Tigers. The Lady Mt. Lions pulled away from Elkins in the third and then Tucker County held on for a 59-49 road victory.

The first quarter was back and forth as the Lady Mt. Lions held a slim 13-11 lead after one quarter. The homestanding Lady Tigers fought back in the second quarter to outscore Tucker County 11-10 to make the halftime score 23-22 Lady Mt. Lions.

The third quarter would belong to Tucker County as they pulled away from Elkins after outpacing the Lady Tigers 18-10 to make the score 41-32 after three quarters of play. The Lady Mt. Lions would build a double digit lead in the fourth quarter. Elkins would fight back late in the game, but Tucker County outscored the Lady Tigers 18-17 in the fourth quarter to give the Lady Mt. Lions the road win by the final score of 59-49.

Kadie Colebank led Tucker County with 17 points, 9 rebounds, 7 assists and 7 blocks. Ericka Zirk added 15 points, 8 rebounds for the Lady Mt. Lions and Macy Helmick chipped in 7 points. Avery Colebank added 7 rebounds for Tucker County in the win. The Tucker County JV team won over Elkins 54-50.

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Sectional foe East Hardy on Thursday February 2nd. Tucker County outscored

the visiting Lady Cougars 55-25 after the first quarter to give the Lady Mt. Lions the 64-34 home victory.

Tucker County started the game well as they led 7-0 halfway through the first quarter. East Hardy fought back to tie the game after one quarter 9-9. The Lady Mt. Lions then picked up the offense and defense in the second quarter as they outscored East Hardy 23-7 in the period to give Tucker County a 32-16 halftime lead.

The Lady Mt. Lions continued to score in the third quarter as they outshot the visiting Lady Cougars 19-9 in the third to put the score to 51-25 after three. Tucker County would control the final quarter as well 13-9 to give the Lady Mt. Lions the 64-34 home victory.

The Lady Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Brylee Wetzel with 17 points and Macy Helmick added 12 points, 8 assists. Kadie Colebank finished the game with a triple double as she had 11 points, 10 rebounds and 11 blocks for Tucker County in the win. Addie Hicks chipped in with 9 points for the Lady Mt. Lions. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team got the win in the first game over Buckhannon-Upshur 48-30.

MT. STORM – The Tucker County Girls’ Basketball team traveled to Union on Friday February 3rd for a JV and Varsity contest. The Lady Mt. Lions built an early lead and pulled away for the 67-28 road win.

The first quarter was controlled by Tucker County as they led after one quarter 19-4. The Lady Mt. Lions won the second quarter



Tucker County's Addie Hicks dribbles the ball up the floor in a recent game. The Lady Mt. Lions defeated East Hardy 64-34 on Feb. 2nd. Photo by Becky Moore.

13-10 to make the halftime score 32-14 at the halftime break.

Union fought back in the third quarter as they outpaced Tucker County slightly 12-11 to put the score to 43-26 Lady Mt. Lions. The road team Tucker County then responded in the fourth quarter as their defense clamped down to outscore the Lady Tigers 24-2 in the final quarter to make the final score of the game 67-28 Lady Mt. Lions.

Macy Helmick led Tucker County with 15 points, 6 assists and Brylee Wetzel added 12 points. Kadie Colebank had 11 points, 12 rebounds, 5 assists and Ericka Zirk contributed 11 points, 12 rebounds for the Lady Mt. Lions in the road win. The Tucker County JV also won in the first game 51-5.

Tucker County(14-2) will return to action on Monday February 13th at Pendleton County for a varsity only contest at 6:30pm. The Lady Mt. Lions will then host Tygarts Valley on Tuesday February 14th and then Tucker County will travel to Notre Dame on Thursday February 16th for a varsity only contest at 7pm for the last game of the regular season. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker Valley girls’ and boys’ basketball update



Tucker Valley's Evan Witt goes up for a shot against Union on Jan 30th. Tucker Valley got the win 61-30. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker Valley Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball teams hosted Union on Monday January 30th. In the Girls’ game the Lady Wildcats won the contest 36-18. Peyton Hicks led Tucker Valley with 11 points. Emma Wilfong and Madelynn Helmick added 8 points each. In the Boys’ game Tucker Valley picked up the win 61-30. Ethan Cummings



Lady Wildcats player Aleyah Jackson plays defense against Aurora on Jan. 31st. Photo by Brittany Channell.

led the Wildcats with 22 points and Evan Witt added 8 points for Tucker Valley in the win.

HAMBLETON – The Wildcat Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball teams hosted Aurora on Tuesday January 31st. In the first game of the night the Tucker Valley Girls’ fell in the contest 34-17. Peyton Hicks had 6 points for the Lady Wildcats and Kenna Griffith added 4 points for Tucker Valley in the loss. In the Boys’ game Tucker Valley got the win over Aurora 59-29.

Ethan Cummings led Tucker Valley with 27 points and Luke Barb added 15 points in the win for the Wildcats.

AURORA – The Tucker Valley Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball teams traveled to Aurora on Wednesday February 1st. In the Boys’ game the Wildcats won the contest 59-28. Luke Barb led Tucker Valley with 19 points and Logan Kopec added 9 points in the Wildcats win. In the Girls’ game Aurora got the win over the Lady Wildcats 32-18. Emma Wilfong, Aleah Jackson and Kenna Griffith led Tucker Valley with 4 points each.

HAMBLETON – The Tucker Valley Boys’ team hosted Barrackville Middle on Saturday February 4th for a JV and Varsity contest. I the JV game Barrackville got the win over the Tucker Valley JV 41-14. Tucker Valley JV was led by Isaiah Leary and John Tuttle with 4 points each. In the Varsity game Tucker Valley fell in the contest 44-30. Ethan Cummings led the Wildcats with 16 points and Luke Barb added 10 points for Tucker Valley in the loss.

The Tucker Valley Girls’ and Boys’ will return to action tonight Wednesday February 8th. The Girls’ team will host Philippi and the Boys’ will travel to Philippi on the same night. Both teams will then play Davis-Thomas at TCHS on Saturday February 11th with the Girls’ game starting at 11am. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



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Miller Among Almost Heaven Governor’s Art Exhibition winners

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice, along with the West Virginia Department of Tourism and the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH), today announced the winners of the fifth annual Almost Heaven Governor’s Art Exhibition.

Designed to showcase student creativity and the arts, this year’s exhibition called for one-of-a-kind postcard designs illustrating a favorite West Virginia park (state, city or county). Selected postcard artwork will be used by the Department of Tourism to personally invite travelers to



Almost Heaven.

Winners were chosen in three categories – Elementary School, Middle School and High School – and a Best of Show award.

Middle School winners are first place, “Blackwater Falls” by Olivia Miller, Andrew Jackson Middle School, Kanawha County; second place, “Seneca



State Forest” by Ethan Floyd, Lincoln Middle School, Harrison County; and third place, “Beauty at Hawk’s Nest” by Charlotte Ray Lawson, Lincoln Middle School, Harrison County.

The Best of Show was awarded to Olivia Miller’s rendition of “Blackwater Falls.”

Winners will receive Blick



Art Materials gift cards in the amounts of \$100, \$50 and \$25. An exhibition of all selected

entries is on display outside the Governor’s Office at the State Capitol in Charleston.

NRCS is accepting applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program

MORGANTOWN, W.Va., The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service is accepting applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

CSP offers technical and financial assistance to help agricultural and forest producers to take their conservation efforts to the next level. Landowners of farmland or forestland may apply for this program regardless of the size of operation. The entire operation will be enrolled for a period of five-years, with payments being issued as soon as practical after October 1 of each fiscal year for contract activities installed and maintained in the previous fiscal year and completed before September 30.

Through CSP, NRCS can work with you to develop a plan tailored to your operation. It offers an opportunity for both agricultural and forest managers to enhance their operations while adopting conservation activities that will enhance work you have already completed. Practices and enhancements are available to improve resource concerns such as soil health, water quality, wildlife habitat, or reduce soil erosion.

Whether you are looking to improve tree stands, plant cover crops, install pollinator habitat, establish riparian buffers, or incorporate enhanced grazing management activities, we can custom design a plan to help you meet those goals.

Applicants must establish records with USDA-Farm Service Agency (FSA) and meet both land and producer eligibility. This includes compliance with both Adjust Gross Income (AGI) requirements, as well as highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements. Additionally, participants must meet stewardship threshold eligibility, which is a term NRCS uses to determine if a CSP applicant is currently meeting or exceeding an adequate level of conservation criteria for a particular natural resource concern. They must be the landowner or legal operator and be in control of the day-to-day operations, but do not have to be a resident of the state in which the property is located.

NRCS is committed to helping landowners improve and maintain quality forest and agriculture land. Please visit our website or call your local field office for more information. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Blackwater Chapter DAR News



Ladies in attendance at the meeting were (bottom row l to r): Betty Kniceley, Cathy Hebb, Diane Beall, Pam Lackland. Back row (l to r): Liz Beall, WVDAR State Regent and Blackwater Chapter member Jane Larke, Kathy DiBacco, WVDAR Corresponding Secretary and Blackwater Chapter former Regent Cynthia Kolsun, Daryla Rapp, Judy Kittle, Amy Goughnour, Terri Lawrence, Phyllis Garcia, Mary Ann Tomson, and Karen Peterson

The Blackwater Chapter DAR programs for this calendar year got off to a roaring start with Liz Beall Gregory’s program “Could You Become a US Citizen?” Her presentation and the discussion during and after were very informative. She also gave us a sample test that prospective US citizens must pass in order to achieve their goal of US citizenship.

On the agenda for the meeting Saturday, February 11 (Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. at B&J’s Family Diner (former Depot Diner). The meeting will start around 1 p.m.) is further discussion about the State DAR Convention to be held at Canaan Valley in May

Daryla Rapp will be speaking about the 125th Anniversary of the DAR Hospital Corps formation. Kathy Dibacco will be giving a program about the DAR pins.



Liz Beall Gregory Tucker County Educator

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This is a business card for the Billings Brothers operated by E. J. and S. O. Billings of Parsons. They advertise that they manufacture and are dealers of White Pine Shingles. They also offer cut and long hay as well as choice buckwheat flour. Samuel Olin Billings was involved in partnerships with several businesses in the area including the Cheat River Milling and Feed Company. It is assumed that Billings Street may have gotten its name from the Brothers. Perhaps they lived in the area, or their business was in the area. Ideas, suggestions, comments or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

This Week’s Submitted Photos

This week’s photo of Sandy and Frenchie’s yard, in Davis was submitted by Carrie Hawkins. Email photos, where it was taken and who took it to mikie@parsonsadvocate.com

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