

We Get Letters

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New WV Bill Welcomed by Davis Property Rental Rights Group The WV House of Representatives Committee on Economic Development & Tourism introduced a bill limiting the ability of municipalities to regulate short term rental (STR).

This bill arrives amidst controversy in Davis regarding its own announced restrictions on property rental. The Davis Rental Property Owners Alliance is a group of approximately 60 owners. Those affected by Davis’s STR restrictions range from parents trying to keep the bills paid to business owners with upstairs apartments.

Kin Sayre, Bowles Rice partner and counsel for the Owners Alliance, has provided multiple legal explanations to the Town Council advising that their orders restricting land use were unlawful. Sayre, said, “HB 3554 will prevent the Town from arbitrarily prohibiting or regulating a property owner from using their property without proper zoning and land use regulations. The current moratorium would be in direct conflict with HB3554 and expose the Town to liability for their illegal actions.”

Craig O’Connor is an Army veteran with Davis properties. While renovating his house he was denied an STR request but was later granted a license during a gap in moratoriums. Next he experienced a jump in the town’s service rates.

“An important part of this legislation is that it will require municipalities to treat owners of STRs the same as other homeowners. No more double standards such as the trash rate for Davis homeowners who rent short term, which was raised up to the commercial rate.”

Nick Waite was born in Davis and moved to Virginia in his teens to pursue professional cycling. Waite is currently completing the renovation of a Davis house.

“The house hadn’t been lived in for years so renovation came with a huge price tag. I was able to justify the cost by the fact that I could rent the house when not using it.

When the Town issued its moratorium, offsetting my costs by renting appeared to no longer make financial sense. While the town did eventually grant me a license during a lapse of the moratorium, I feel uneasy about the Town Council’s hostility towards owners who want to use their property, responsibly, as they wish.”

Annie Snyder is a realtor with Cranston Real Estate, and has experienced instances of buyer concern due to the town’s rules involving rental property.

Realtors are concerned regarding the impact of the moratorium,” said Snyder. “It limits the part-time rental options of the owners and buyers, therefore it affects sales and value of Real Estate properties in Davis.

Thomas

in rent to cover the space and utilities.

“I told her I don’t know the state of those rooms but would pass along the message and request.”

Currently, the food pantry is in the basement of the Lutheran Church, but the organization needs to find a new location because the church will begin renovating the space this Summer.

Flanagan said he would contact Donna Davis, president of the Thomas Community Center, and talk with her about the possibility of the pantry using some of the classrooms.

While the city of Thomas owns the Thomas Community Center building and pays the insurance, the community center is a 501c3 with its board and governing bylaws.

In other business:

- The Thomas Volunteer Fire Department has scheduled the Mountaineer Days’ fireworks display for Saturday, July 1, allowing for a few rain dates if needed.

Smith said she would soon schedule a Mountaineer Days committee meeting and start planning the festivities.

- Thomas resident, Joan Emerson of Happy & Moore, located on Spruce Street, asked if she could serve on one or more of the city’s committees.

“We have the two perfect committees for you, Mountaineer Days and Parks & Recreation,” Flanagan said.

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Pete Johnson, longtime developer of Davis real estate, commented, “We all share concerns around fire codes, building codes, noise, parking, yard debris etc, but it is unfair to implement such rules only for certain property rentals. We also share a concern for providing affordable housing stock, but restricting private property rental rights only adds to affordability woes.”

The public can track progress of the bill at www.wvlegislature.gov. The Davis Rental Property Owners Alliance has a Facebook group that is listed as “Rental Property Owners - Davis WV”.

Janice Mandel

Letter to the Editor

House Bill 3554, originating in the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, has been introduced to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, by adding thereto a new section designated as §8-12-5h; all relating to prohibiting a municipality or the governing body of any municipality from limiting rental of a property in whole or in part, or as a limitation upon the duration, frequency, or location of such rental, by ordinance or otherwise. This bill is being pushed fast and a reading before our Legislature was Thursday, February 23rd, 2023. The second reading was scheduled Friday, February 24th, 2023, then moves forward to our State Senate. This is another example of state overreach concerning the powers belonging to municipalities to govern according to the best interest of their residents and communities. Under the guise of promoting tourism, they are bowing to lobbyists and those whose prime purpose is to “RAPE” our communities for as much profit as possible, regardless of the negative effects it leaves in it’s wake. Second home owners have bought up as much real estate as possible, paying exorbitant prices, causing a ripple effect; unaffordable housing, increased rental costs for long term renters, and lack of workers due to unavailability of housing. Tourism only creates minimum paying jobs with inadequate work hours and no benefits. No workers, no businesses, plain and simple. Apparently full control of our municipalities and revenue supersede the well-being of our residents and communities as far as our representatives and State are concerned. Maybe it’s time we start voting for those whose concern is foremost for “US” and not outsiders/tourists/lobbyists. WE, as True West Virginians, have always been resilient and will continue to fight to protect our residents and communities. I urge all residents of Davis to contact our representative John Paul Hott- johnpaul.hott@wvhouse.gov, (304) 340-3399 to vote against this bill. Also contact Randy

requests sent in by residents, council members voted unanimously to appoint Brad Carroll, Vivian Geroski, and Vince Lombardi to the Parks & Recreation committee. They also appointed Geroski and Emerson to the Mountaineer Days committee.

Council member Janice Mullenax agreed to chair the Cemetery Committee and recruit additional members.

Additionally, the council unanimously approved the slate of officers and members on the Thomas Planning Commission: JohnRyan Brubaker as president, Lois Nelson as vice president, and Juli Kimbrell as secretary. Other planning committee members include Nathan Baker, Trathen, and Flanagan (non-voting member).

If anyone else is interested in helping on a committee, please contact city hall at 304-463-4360, or drop off a letter.

- Council members agreed to issue an RFP asking for bids for the mowing of the Rose Hill cemetery this Summer. Potential bidders will be required to be a registered business and have liability insurance and workers’ compensation. The RFP will be posted in the Parsons Advocate.

- Kevin White, director of the Tucker County Office of Emergency Management, provided an update on what his office can do for the city and presented a storm-ready sign for the city to display.

Smith-randy.smith@wvsenate.gov, (304) 357-7995 and Jay Taylor- jay.taylor@wvsenate.gov, (304) 357-7914 as it moves forward to our State Senate.

*Jennie Helmick
Recorder, Town of Davis*

Short-term Rentals and House Bill 3554

There has been and continues to be much discussion about short-term rentals (STR). Some people like to say how good STRs are for town. I say that is nothing but misstatement, and in some cases, lies. It is all about money. Most short-term rental owners use STR to cover their bills, mortgages, and make as much money as they can. Here is the proof – why do they not rent to locals or workers who desperately need housing? Because they make more money renting to tourists. So, do not tell me they care about the community, because they do not. They are not concerned about the widow who lives two houses over or the family with small children who live next door. It is all about the money. They do not even know who is renting their house. Is it a bad person, a known sex offender, or worse? All they know is that someone is renting the house and they are making money. Do they care that eight people are in five vehicles and taking up all the parking spaces? Do they care that a house full of college kids are partying late and the next-door neighbor cannot sleep but has to wake up at 5 am to go work? The STR owner will not shed a tear and is not overly concerned as long as the money keeps rolling in.

In the Town of Davis, we tried to regulate and pass a sensible ordinance to allow STRs while protecting our full-time residents. No sooner did we start the process than STR owners lawyered up. I assure the residents of Davis that we have not given up, but now at least one person has successfully gotten a delegate from another district to introduce House Bill 3554 to further limit municipalities from being able to regulate STRs—a clear example of overreach by the State. How can a state law that applies to southern West Virginia, Mor-

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“Our office has the ability to leverage things at the state level, and we do have direct lines of communication to get resources needed for our county,” White said. “Don’t hesitate to reach out to us with your needs and questions.”

Tucker County is the 18th county in the state to be storm ready by the National Weather Service. White said the county reapplies every four years to qualify for the program.

“What this designation means is we have the mechanisms in place if there is a major weather event in Tucker County,” White said. “We have the ability to help mitigate and recover from any type of weather event, whether it be a flood, hurricane, or derecho.”

White also distributed emergency radios to the city of Thomas and the town of Davis.

“Those are to let the mayors know there is a pending major weather event,” White said. “We only use the radios if there is an imminent and catastrophic threat.”

Flanagan thanked White for his recent assistance during the cold temperatures during the holidays and the emergency radio. He said the city would post the sign in a high-visibility traffic area.

“We appreciate everything you do for us,” Flanagan said. “You are a very valuable asset to the city of Thomas.”

gantown, Davis, and all of West Virginia solve the local challenges of STRs? Each community faces unique and different circumstances. There cannot be a ‘one solution fits all’ for these situations. I would argue that the mayor and council know better how to solve their local STR issues than lawmakers in Charleston. However, when money is at stake, that is when the lawyers and politicians raise their heads. It is all about money.

Owners of STRs are quick to explain that they provide Hotel Motel Tax monies to the town. Just to be clear, I will NEVER sell out our town for money. This issue is about our *community*, the place where we live. I will continue to fight the STR battle and stand up for our full-time residents who live and work in Davis. Not everything is about making money. I hope that HB3554 is defeated and that STRs are put in more appropriate locations, in commercial business areas/zones, and not where they can destroy our community and way of life.

*Al Tomson
Mayor, Town of Davis*

News of Record

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

- Nelson Sherrill, Thomas Corporation, Lot 680 to Running Cedar LLC, \$65,000.
- James Boyd Hull, Richard Allen Hull and Donna Sue Mason, St. George, 3.60 acres more or less to Carl Richard Ford Jr. and Beverly Ford, \$30,000.
- Kristen R. Hedrick, Hendricks, one half of Lot 39 ½ to Day Tripper LLC, \$70,000.
- Janet M. Walk, Dry Fork, Unit E3 Week 33 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$0.
- Katrina J. Caserta, Dry Fork, Unit G2 Week 9 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$543.50.

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

- Joyce Ann Retcofsky to David Roy Carrico on Feb. 5, 2023.
- Michelle Virginia Wallace to Alexandros Clarence-Christos Tsamasiros on Jan. 16, 2023.

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Alain Kieny

Alain Kieny, 75, of Parsons ended his life Feb 21, 2023 while in psychic pain not fully understood by others. He was born in Lyon France on November 4, 1947. He came to the United States in 1980, and lived in the Parsons area since 1988. He became a US citizen in 1995. He was a lifelong artist, photographer and avid reader. In his early professional life, he worked as a technical draftsman in Switzerland, and was also a farmer. Locally, he was a graphic artist, photographer and computer assistant. After retiring, he was a baker and the accountant at LaFontaine Bakery which closed during the Covid pandemic. For the past 5 years, he was a committed meditator, exerciser and daily walker on the bike trail and town roads. He was a pastel painter and had exhibited his work in Thomas and Elkins. His large-format painting from historic photos of Tucker County was exhibited in the Courthouse Annex outside the County Clerk's office during 2021. He loved his yard and garden and enjoyed making creative home improvements with improvised materials. He is survived by Mimi Kibler, his wife of 28 years. He was buried in a private ceremony with his family and friends on Saturday, February 25. He will be dearly missed. Memorial donations may be made to Highlands Trails Foundation, P.O. Box 196, Parsons, WV 26287.



Brother Robert Wheeler

Brother Robert Wheeler died on Monday, February 13th in Thomas, WV, from complications of cancer. Born into a navy family in Quincy, Massachusetts on January 1, 1949, Robert Lawrence Wheeler was the eldest son of Lawrence Abel and Isabel Lucille (Lake) Wheeler. The family moved from Palo Alto, CA, where his father was attending graduate school at Stanford University, to Newport, RI, Washington, DC, Viña del Mar, Chile, South America and McLean, VA, undoubtedly leading to his love of travel. He graduated from McLean High School, where he made many longtime friends. He attended University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, studying oceanography and theater, and the École Internationale de Mime in France, studying mime (he never spoke of it). He studied flamenco guitar in Spain. He graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR with a degree in English. Working as a ranch hand in Montana, led him to a degree in Range Management from Montana State University in Bozeman. He worked for Jacklin Seed Co. in Post Falls, ID, TRW, Inc. in Virginia and taught English as a second language (ESL) in Maryland.

Always on a spiritual journey, this quest led him to take vows in the Catholic Church as a religious hermit. He worked many years for Catholic Solitudes of Hebbronville, TX, France, Mexico and Littleton, WV. He enjoyed helping out at the Littleton Assumption Food Pantry with Rex and Elsie Lake and Samra Cunningham and crew.

Timmy Poling and Brother Robert built a hermitage on the top of a secluded mountain in Tucker

County where he was able to engage in solitary prayer and meditation.

Brother Robert spent the last, and best, years of his life in Thomas, WV. Assisting first Father Timothy Grassi, then Father Martin Smay, he lived in the schoolhouse of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, attended Mass, pursued his prayer life, and tried to be of use to his community.

Brother Robert was a kind and humble soul who has gone to await the Lord's return. He had no fear of death and passed peacefully.

The family is grateful for the care and love shown to Brother Robert by Father Smay and the St. Thomas Aquinas community and by the staff of Cortland Acres.

Brother Robert was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Nancy. He is survived by Lindy Bunch and Bradford Wheeler.

Service will be at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Thomas, WV on Monday, March 13, at 11:00 a.m. with reception to follow.

Bernettie Jean Nestor

Bernettie Jean Nestor, 68, a resident of Belington, passed from this life Monday, February 20, 2023, at her home and under the care of Mountain Hospice.

Bernettie was born on Friday, November 5, 1954, in Baltimore, MD, a daughter of the late Harold Nestor and Ramona Sherman Nestor.

Left to cherish Bernettie's memory are two children, Harold Bright and Nancy Hedrick and husband, Walter all of Belington, a brother, Jerry Nestor and wife, Lottie of Pifer Mountain and a sister, Lela Bohon and husband, Ray of Montrose, a grandchild, Nickia Runner and husband, David of Montrose, two great grandchildren, Dustin Roberts and Aiyana Runner of Montrose, special friends, Heather and Aaron Bailey, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Bernettie in death besides her parents was three brothers, Larry, Gary, and Matthew Nestor.

Bernettie attended Parsons High School and had worked as a home health care aide for the Tucker County Senior Center. She enjoyed cooking, watching the news and her pets, Katie and Kitty. She loved her family and spending time with her grandchildren.

Visitation was held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Friday, February 24, 2023, from 3 to 5 p.m., the funeral hour. Rev. Bryan Headley will officiate and then Bernettie's request for cremation will be honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Bernettie Jean Nestor. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



Charles "Chuck" R. Paugh, Jr.

Charles "Chuck" R. Paugh, Jr., 64, of Thomas, WV, passed away on February 22, 2023, at Stonerise Healthcare in Kingwood, WV. Born on October 13, 1958, in Parsons, WV, he was the son of Joan (Parsons) Wilcox and the late Charles Richard Paugh, Sr.

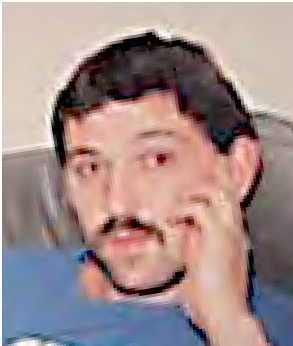
Chuck was a 1976 graduate of Mountaineer High School and pursued the career of a coal miner. He was a member of the Community Bible Church of Davis. Known as the "fast one", he was an exceptional softball player, playing with all of his friends for the Superclub and Paugh's Exxon for many years. He enjoyed watching sports, going hunting, and watching westerns. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his stepfather, Glenn "Ajax" Wilcox; two children, Holly M. Paugh and fiancé Freddy, and Aaron C. Paugh and fiancé Tracy; four grandchildren, Marcus Crowl, Kaili Crowl, Railynn Paugh, and Cameron Goodwin; three siblings, Teresa "Terri" Santello and husband Rich, Cheryl "Sherry" Paugh, and Brian "Scott" Paugh and wife Crystal; two step sisters, Lynette Myers and husband David, and Mary Susan McWhorter and husband Mark; aunts, uncles, and multiple nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one sister, Tamara Paugh; step sister, Elaine Wilcox; and step brother, David Wilcox.

Friends were received on Friday, February 24, 2023, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home, 567 Thomas Avenue, Davis. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2023, in the funeral home with Rev. John Callaway officiating. Interment will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

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



Iris "Jean" Simmons Loughry

Iris "Jean" Simmons Loughry, 81, a former resident of the St. George area and a resident of Cortland Acres Nursing Home in Thomas, passed from this life Wednesday, February 22, 2023. She had been in declining health.

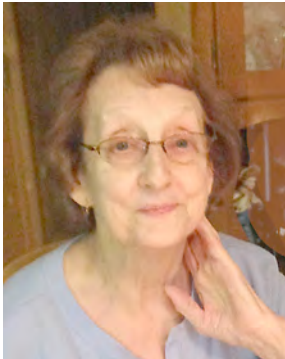
Jean was born on Monday, May 19, 1941, in Canaan Valley, a daughter of the late Herbert Jesse Simmons and Gaynel Thelma Bonner Simmons. On August 16, 1972, in Oakland, MD, she married Fred Leroy Loughry, who preceded her in death on October 12, 2012.

Left to cherish Jean's memory are two daughters, Brenda J. Arnold and husband, Leonard, and Sharon K. Moats and husband, William, two sons, Randy A. Carr and wife, Tammy, and Stephen D. Carr and wife, Trina, all of Parsons, five grandchildren, Todd Arnold and wife, Tara, Julie Parks and husband, Donald, Travis Moats and wife, Chelsie, Scott Moats, and Melissa Burns and husband, Andrew, seven great-grandchildren, two brothers, Frank and Olin (Peck), eight sisters, Thelma (Fid), Erma, Patsy, Mary, Shirley, Virginia, Ruby and Mildred (Cindy), several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Jean in death besides her parents and husband, were two brothers, Herbert (Faye) and George, and a sister Carol Sue.

Jean attended the schools of Tucker County in the Red Creek and Davis area. She had previously been employed with the Hinchcliff Lumber Company in Hendricks for more than twenty years. Jean was a member of the Rowlesburg Post #3008, VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She was a Methodist by faith and had attended the Macedonia United Methodist Church. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, and crocheting, and she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and providing for her family.

Visitation was held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. Funeral services was conducted in the funeral home chapel on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 11 a.m. Reverend Brad Barton officiated, and interment followed at the Parsons City Cemetery. The Hostetler Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements for Iris "Jean" Simmons Loughry. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



WVDA Launches WV Grown Partner Program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has launched a West Virginia Grown Partner Program to incorporate supporters of local agricultural products into the branding program. West Virginia Grown has historically focused on only those who produce agricultural products. The WVDA wants to expand the reach of the program by bringing in new affiliates.

"We recognize we have to create more resilient food systems given recent supply chain issues and the pandemic. What West Virginia Grown does is identify to consumers the businesses working on building those food chains. Now, we want to bring in other partners dedicated to that same mission," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

Developed in 1986, West Virginia Grown was designed to market West Virginia grown and made products to consumers. By placing the West Virginia Grown logo on a product, they are assuring buyers that product was grown or processed, with quality ingredients, in the Mountain State. Building on the success producers have experienced from West Virginia Grown branding, the Partner Program will attract new members, enhancing the reach of the brand to help increase production and consumption of locally grown and manufactured foods.

The West Virginia Grown Partner Program will provide the same benefits that current members enjoy:

- Use of the popular logo
- Inclusion in WV Grown directories
- Promotion through WVDA's many media channels and special events
- The goodwill of consumers throughout the state who are anxious to support local food and farms

"With more than 300 existing producer members, and the logo appearing on hundreds of products, there is no doubt about the growing value of West Virginia Grown. We hope people will be lining up to join this partner program," Leonhardt said.

For more information or to join WV Grown, contact Buddy Davidson at wvgrown@wvda.us or 304-558-2210. Membership is free.

Call fentanyl what it is: A Weapon of Mass Destruction

The United States had 107,622 drug deaths in 2021, a 15% increase of 13,967 from 93,655 in 2020. Almost the entirety of the increase is due to fentanyl. West Virginia had 1,194 fentanyl and other synthetic opioid deaths in 2021, up 10% from 1,083 in 2020.

This substance is now the No. 1 killer of adults aged 18-45.

There's no question why state attorneys general are pushing the Biden administration to classify fentanyl as a Weapon of Mass Destruction. This deadly synthetic opioid is mainly being funneled through our unprotected southern border—Chinese chemical manufacturers are making and sending the raw ingredients to make fentanyl to Mexican drug cartels, which are in turn making and trafficking fentanyl on an industrial scale. But in the face of this evolving and significant problem, the federal government has seemed content to stand by.

This is a matter of life or death and we need to treat it as such. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, powdered fentanyl looks just like many other drugs. It is commonly mixed with drugs like heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine and made into pills that resemble other prescription opioids. And because of the low cost of production, inherent lethality and vast availability of the substance, fentanyl is an ideal choice for bad actors to use as a chemical weapon. Classifying fentanyl as a WMD would require the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Drug Enforcement Administration to coordinate a response with other agencies, including the Department of Defense—as opposed to the federal government only treating the substance as a narcotics control problem.

Behind the statistics are stories of people who have lost loved ones to this menace. I was recently joined by eight of those families in calling for more action to curb the illicit flood of fentanyl into West Virginia and the nation. Their stories are what drives me to go the extra mile in doing everything I possibly can within the boundaries of the law to push the Biden administration to classify fentanyl as a Weapon of Mass Destruction.

Enough is enough. Far too many people are dying because of this menace. It is these families' voices that must be heard, their warnings that we must hear and their calls to action that we must heed.

I will keep fighting for them. The stakes are too high and failure is not an option.

Patrick Morrissey is the Attorney General of West Virginia.

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question is this. Does every single person on this team know what the budget is? Do they know how much money they have to hire a new captain? Do they know what that captain’s job consisted of? Do you guys know? That is the question. Have you asked? Has anyone gone to that captain that happens to still have your back and asked any of those questions?”

Councilman James “Sam” Humphrey tried to answer that question at this point, but B. Myers said, “As the Mayor was told when she was here before she left, let me speak and then you can speak. How does that sound? Because I read that in the paper.” At which point Councilman Tim Turner reminded B. Myers that she was running out of the five minutes that is allocated to guest speakers.

B. Myers continued and said, “I understand, thank you. Basically, my concern is if you do not know those answers, how can you pick a new team player. How can you pick a new team captain to your team? You know you come in and you should have goals, some successes, and some achievements. (Holding up a stack of papers) These right here are achievements. Achievements of 22 years. Twenty-two years of the love that a person has for the City of Parsons and its citizens. Twenty-two years never has let you down one time. Has not let this city down and loves his family, his community, but the disrespect that I have seen I do not like it. I do not like it at all.

In fact, I am embarrassed. Embarrassed by the activity that has come out of some of you. So, honestly I think you need to think long and hard before you decide who your next captain is going to be. That is what I have to say because I am concerned for this city. I am afraid for this city. If you treat your citizens like you treat your employees I fear for how long you will have some.

I love every single person in this community and our heart is here, but you guys need to get it together.” Humphrey said, “I would like to get you together with all the city employees and let you tell them all the same

speech because they will tell you differently.” B. Myers came back with “And that is not the truth.” Humphrey said, “I will guarantee that is the truth.” Acting Mayor Bruce Kolsun jumped in and said, “There should not be interaction between the guest. No interaction with the guest, please.”

At this point the Council moved on to other items on the agenda.

Eric Sharad from Thrasher Engineering provided the Council members with an update on the projects currently in progress. Those projects include the Parsons-Hamrick PSD Emergency Interconnection, the Parsons Sanitary Sewer System Improvements, and the Parsons Water System Improvements Project.

City Administrator Agnes “Aggie” Arnold presented the Council with invoices in the amount of \$27,647.83 for approval. Arnold also presented the monthly financial report for the month ending January 31, 2023, that was prepared and submitted by Acting Treasurer J. Myers.

A levy estimate worksheet was also presented to the Council. J. Myers explained that the worksheet was just an estimate until the new Harman Fund money was allocated next month.

Arnold moved on to the quotes for new playground equipment to be placed in Mill Race Park. The equipment will be a Tortugas WillyGoat Playground Climber for the price of \$6,637 and a single post swing set for \$2,005. The equipment will be installed by city workers saving the City over \$5,400. The money for the playground equipment was already allocated in the budget and Council approved the request.

The Council also voted and approved to renew the preventative maintenance contract for the fitness equipment at the Wellness 24 Fitness Center. The yearly contract covers maintenance and repairs for one year at the cost of \$2,111.50.

Councilman Tim Auvil presented the Council with a quote from Cummings Construction Company for labor to complete a 100 foot by 22 foot lean-to that will be added to the City’s maintenance building. The materials



Council members Melissa Jones, James “Sam” Humphrey, City Administrator Agnes “Aggie Arnold”, Action Recorder Tim Auvil, Kathy DiBacco, and Tim Turner.

for the project will be purchased locally. The purpose of the lean-to is to provide shelter for equipment and a hoist will be added at a later date that will help with the loading and unloading of spreaders.

A request was submitted by Nicholas Gidley of the Parsons Police Department for a non-reflective wrap and decals made by Bigfoot Designs located in Belington, West Virginia. These will be placed on the sides and back of his 2020 Ford Explorer police cruiser. The cost of the wrap and decals are \$1,400. The Council approved the request.

The request from US Cellular to place a tower on the back side of the water department building was continued until a meeting could be held with Mark Gibbons to discuss the lease agreement and its terms. Councilwomen Melissa Jones and Kathy DiBacco will host the meeting with Gibbons and City Attorney Pat Nichols.

Also continued was the request from GS Millwork to purchase or lease the parking lot adjacent to their facility in Pulp Mill Bottom. The Street Committee met with Eric Wamsley and after the meeting requested a schematic with dimensions and locations for the request to place a awning type coverage over the road. The line items were continued until GS Millwork produced what was requested.

There are several events occurring in the upcoming months. The Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the City of Parsons and Parsons Parks and Recreation will be held on

April 8 at Mill Race Park starting at 1 p.m. for children up to the age of 12. Arnold thanked the Tucker County Family Resource Network for donating 1700 new eggs for the hunt.

Tucker County High School Senior flags are also available for purchase. Anyone can purchase a 18 inch by 45 inch double sided banner. The banners will be hung throughout Parsons and Mill Race Park until the end of June and then returned to the purchaser. Anyone wishing to purchase one or has any question should contact Mistee Griffith at (304) 478-2311 or emailing her at mistee.griffith.parsonswv@gmail.com.

Beginning on February 20, the Wellness 24 Fitness Center began hosting a S.W.A.T. (strength, weight loss, agility, toning) class at the Parsons Community Center. The class will be held on Monday’s at 7 p.m. The classes are free for Wellness 24 Fitness Center members and \$5 for anyone not a member. Anyone with questions can call (304) 478-2311.

Code Enforcement Officer Ricky Rosier presented his recommendation from the Building and Property Compliance Committee for the demolition of unsafe structures in the City. Rosier said, “I am just bringing the recommendations for the program that we are doing to further reap where we received \$110,000. Today we met and we discussed a couple of properties. They decided on two properties that we are looking at, which is the Jividen property at the red light, and the other

would 170 Spruce Street. The house that burned. The program really works by what betters the citizens and what is safe. So, we picked those two and we will see how much we have left after we put out the bid for those two and if you want to pick more we can go back and pick another one or more if money allows.”

\$80,000 of the Demolition Grant acquired from the State would be used to help Woodlands remove the Jividen property and the remaining \$30,000 would be used for Spruce Street and whatever else the funds allow for. The Council approved the request. Arnold thanked Rosier for his help on the project.

The Council approved a request from the SArt (School-Town Art) show to sponsor a \$50 award. The art show is hosted by the WVHighlands Artisans Group.

Lastly Council members voted to approve the recommendation from the Personnel Committee to hire Melissa Bibb for the position of part-time/as needed Office Support Specialist. The Personnel Committee also recommended an extension on the full-time treasurer position in order to perform a second round of interviews. Council approved. Turner thanked the committee for moving forward with the process.

The next City of Parsons Council meeting will be held on March 7, 2023, at 6 p.m. and is located at the Charles W. “Bill” Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons.

Cont. From Front Page

Spill



Crews working to absorb any remaining fuel along the roadways to prevent cross contamination into any streams or rivers.

White said, “That was the initial response to get something on the road to start absorbing that material. At about 8:30 a.m. we made the call to completely close the road. This was due to the fact that it was hazardous. It was still raining, and the material was just getting tracked further up 219. So that was just making a bad situation worse.

That was an agreement among many parties from my office at OEM, the Department of Highways, law enforcement, fire department, and the actual construction companies onsite. We all made that determination as a group.”

The river creek and spring that run along 219 and Moore Station Road were checked

thoroughly for any contamination. Parsons water department shut off all pumping of water until it was determined the water was completely safe. White said, “We have monitored the river and Parsons’s water has been monitoring everything. As a precaution that morning after speaking with the water plant, that had two days of water supply, was not going to fire up their pumps at all and did not.

After 48 hours of monitoring the situation of getting in tune of where the spill was and the type of water ways we had, nothing has been at any time been detected in the stream or in the river. It was able to be contained with Haz-mat being able to come out and put pigs, pads, and materials

around all drainage that led to a stream or a river.”

As the clean-up is still ongoing with traffic being let through the area with only one lane of traffic it is extremely difficult to determine how many man hours it will take to complete the project. White stated that hundreds of men have worked hard to make sure the roads are safe to travel. White said, “With the construction, all the entities involved, with the outside sub-contractors coming in there is literally hundreds of men that is working around the clock on this project. They are working to make sure the road is made safe, and there is no contamination getting into any infrastructure such as water supply.”

White explained that crews have worked with Kingsford and Ricottilli Lumber to ensure employees and trucks were able to access the plants.

White ended by saying, “All of our entities have worked well together be it local, be it state, or be it the construction

companies themselves. Kokosing has been more than cooperative. They have agreed to everything we have asked them to do and they are even taking measures beyond what we expect them to do. They are going above and beyond. They realize that is a bad situation. They cannot change the situation. They can only be willing to help fix it and that is what they are willing to do.

I cannot name all of the entities with all the police departments, the fire departments, the Department of Environmental Protection, State OEM, Tucker County OEM it has just been one collaborative effort. We reached out to all the local infrastructures, all the emergency services, and the school board.”

It is a very big operation that we do not take lightly, and we are going to make sure everything is going to be made safe for the public before it is released.” A reevaluation of the situation was set for Monday at 1 p.m. with US219 remaining as a one lane traffic until then.

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What's? Happening

Homemade Easter Eggs

St. John's United Methodist Women and Win-One Sunday School Class will

have ½ pound Easter Eggs on March 21. Peanut Butter, Cherry Nut & Coconut, for a \$5 donation for each. To order call Sally Purnell at 304-478-3507.



The West Virginia Encyclopedia

www.wvencyclopedia.org

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.

March 1, 1831: Jackson County was created from parts of Wood, Mason and Kanawha counties and named in honor of Andrew Jackson, the seventh president.

March 1, 1870: The legislature passed an act to create a branch normal school at West Liberty. For the next 61 years, the school was a teacher preparatory institution. It is now a university.

March 1, 1898: Homer Adams Holt was born in Lewisburg. In 1937, he became West Virginia's 20th governor.

March 2, 1840: The Virginia General Assembly granted a charter for Bethany College. From the beginning, it has been a four-year, baccalaureate-degree college, the oldest such institution in West Virginia.

March 2, 1896: Clair Bee was born in Pennsboro. Bee was a successful, innovative college basketball coach and widely published author of both technical basketball books and young adult fiction centered on sports.

March 2, 1915: A blast swept through Layland No. 3 Mine in Fayette County, killing 114 men.

March 2, 1927: The West Virginia capitol building known as the "pasteboard capitol" was destroyed by fire. This wood-frame building in downtown Charleston had been built in just 42 days after the previous Victorian-style capitol building burned in 1921.

March 2, 1961: Governor Wally Barron signed legislation that granted Marshall College university status.

March 3, 1843: Barbour County was created from parts of Lewis, Harrison and Randolph counties and named for the distinguished Virginia jurist Philip Pendleton Barbour.

March 3, 1890: Teacher and civic activist Memphis Tennessee Garrison was born in Virginia. She helped develop NAACP chapters in southern West Virginia and created the Christmas Seal Project.

March 4, 1849: Earl Williams Oglebay was born in Bridgeport, Ohio. He became one of Wheeling's most successful industrialists and generous benefactors.

March 4, 1893: Governor William MacCorkle gave his inaugural address in which he warned that West Virginia was "passing under the control of foreign and non-resident landowners."

March 4, 1924: Blues musician Nathaniel H. "Nat" Reese was born in Salem, Virginia. Growing up in Princeton, Reese learned and played blues, jazz, country and dance music throughout the southern coalfields. He is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

March 5, 1856: Calhoun County was created from neighboring Gilmer County and named for John C. Calhoun, who served as vice president under John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson.

March 5, 1963: Country musician Hawkshaw Hawkins was killed in a plane



Nat Reese



Memphis Tennessee Garrison

crash in Tennessee, along with Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas, and Randy Hughes. Hawkins was born in Huntington.

March 6, 1820: Joseph H. Diss Debar was born in France. Diss Debar was the designer of the Great Seal of West Virginia and the state's first commissioner of immigration.

March 6, 1828: Johnson Camden was born in Lewis County. In 1861, he opened one of the state's first oil wells, in Wirt County, and a refinery in Parkersburg in 1869. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1881.

March 6, 1900: A mine explosion at the Red Ash Mine in Fayette County killed 46 men. It was the state's first major mine disaster of the 20th century. Five years later, another 24 men were killed at the same mine.

March 7, 1856: Tucker County was formed from Randolph County and named for Henry St. George Tucker Sr., a Virginia soldier, statesman and jurist.

March 7, 1929: The legislature adopted the official state flag. The state's coat of arms is emblazoned in color in the center. Above the seal is a red ribbon lettered "State of West Virginia," and a wreath of rhododendron surrounds the lower part of the seal. The white field of the flag is bordered on four sides by a strip of blue.

March 7, 1990: West Virginia teachers went on strike after negotiations with the governor's office and legislature failed to produce an agreement on a pay package. Teachers in 47 of the 55 counties were involved in the 11-day strike.

I am sure the majority of you out there will remember most of these things that **Momma Said:**

What part of "NO" don't you understand?

I don't care who started it!
Money doesn't grow on trees
Your face will stay like that
Your hands are not broken
Beds are for sleeping, not jumping on
No dessert until you finish your supper

No one said life is fair
Eat your vegetables
Carrots help you see in the dark
I don't know is not an answer
Because I said so...that's why
You'll take someone's eye out with that

Don't get smart with me
If someone told you to jump off a cliff would you?

Say pardon not "What"
Just go ahead it'll end in tears
Back in my day you never talked back

Homemade Carpet Deodorizer Powder

Ingredients & Supplies Needed:

- 1 cup baking soda
- 1 cup cornstarch
- ½ tablespoon salt
- 15-20 drops of orange essential oil
- 15-20 drops of rosemary essential oil
- 15-20 drops of ylang-ylang essential oil
- Container with a lid
- Funnel
- measuring spoon

Momma Said

This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate



Close the door, were you born in a barn?

"I want" never gets you anywhere
Do what I say, not what I do
And last but not least,
I tole you that would happen but did you listen?

I can say that I heard Mom say every one of these things at one time or another. And today when those words come out of your mouth, just give your Momma a little smile and say, "I know you tole me but did I listen?" And to this I can honestly say, "Yes Momma, I heard you every time."

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Super Crossword

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- 1 Bell sounds
6 Headwear for the slopes
12 Dinner, e.g.
16 Truckload
19 Politico Palin
20 14th-century sculptor
21 Impala, e.g.
23 Pairs figure skater who won 10 consecutive world titles [2014]
25 Frozen cube producer
26 Figure skater
27 "Hack My Life" channel
29 Pooh creator
30 Stimulus for a reaction
34 "The Greatest" boxer [1996]
36 Spanish gold
37 Alley Oop's girlfriend
40 "Please reply" abbr.
41 Barrett of Pink Floyd
42 Australian sprinter who specialized in the 400 meters [2000]
46 Fabled man?
50 Confounded
51 Tiny division of a min.
52 First female figure skater to land a triple axel in competition [1998]
56 Sportscastrer Bob
59 Nearly dried-up sea
61 Shot glass
62 Uninteresting world titles [2014]
65 Prefix with athlete
66 Imitator
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68 Peace activist
69 What this puzzle's featured athletes did in the years indicated
74 "As I see it," to texters
75 O'er and o'er
76 Stared at
77 NHLer Bobby
78 "It comes — surprise ..."
79 It's hit in a fiesta
81 Lavish dance
82 "Up in Smoke" persona

- 84 Phoenix Suns point guard who was the 2005 and 2006 NBA MVP [2010]
86 Not on time
88 Pope's crown
92 Trial excuse
93 1950s-'60s champion decathlete [1984]
96 Here, in Paris
99 Icelandic literary saga
101 Some jazz combos
102 Solder metal
103 Alpine skier voted Canada's female athlete of the 20th century [2010]
108 Salad endive
111 Go places
112 Monte —
115 Physically fit theorem
116 All by oneself
118 Hockey player voted Canada's male athlete of the 20th century [2010]
123 Windshield condensation clearer
124 Major South Korean airline
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126 Suffix with Japan
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129 Braga of film

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10 Per —
11 Flawlessly
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13 Slept in tents
14 Top players
15 Helping theorem
16 Writer Alice B. —
17 Not in private
18 Water nymph
22 Placed
24 Like a — sunshine
28 VCR format
30 — -Cola
31 "I smell —!"

- 32 Little children
33 Thing at the end of a foot
35 To no — (in vain)
38 Reduced by
39 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)
43 "Notorious" screenwriter Ben
44 Ex-Rocket Ming
45 Without instrumental backup
47 Stay a while
48 Large bay window
49 Porker
52 Artist Chagall
53 Some horror film helpers
54 Mortise insert
55 Maine city
57 Singer Gwen
58 Jogging gait
60 Actress Tara
62 Radar spots
63 Ceiling
64 Make up for
66 — nitrite (vasodilator)
67 Game similar to baccarat
70 Ritz or Hilton
71 "You bet!"
72 Social circle
73 Singer Bobby
80 Director DuVerney

- 81 Back of a 45
82 Suffix with prank or mob
83 Ordinal suffix
85 Scottish port on the North Sea
87 Sternward
89 Concerning
90 Muddy up
91 Diarist Frank
93 Skedaddled
94 Voicer of Olaf in "Frozen"
95 Award for Mel Brooks
96 Not outdoors
97 Brings about
98 Wages
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106 Arrive at
107 Wipe clean
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by Linda Thistle

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DEADLINE
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Weather Totals

Feb. 14- Feb. 21

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 69° F
Min 19° F

Precipitation

Week 1.36"
February 1.55"
2023 5.60"

Snowfall

New Snow 0"
Snow on ground 0"
Winter Total 8.75"

U.S. Forest Service

As the tourism sector becomes increasingly important to Tucker County's economy, the local convention & visitor's bureau can create more opportunities for local businesses and organizations that benefit residents.

The Tucker County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) office expanded the existing marketing sponsorships to include a tourism partnership program.

Jessica Waldo, executive director of the Tucker County CVB, said that last year the CVB board and its staff developed a three-year strategic plan focusing on the growth of these programs.

"The tourism partnership is more than marketing," Waldo said. "It involves working with a local organization or business throughout the county to help them improve their tourism product and other tourism development opportunities. We have started working with Heart of the Highlands and look forward to adding more businesses and organizations to our partnership directory."

The CVB will host a Tucker County Tourism Partnership meeting in late April to discuss the partnership program, the marketing sponsorships, and GA4, a new Google Analytics alternative. The meeting is open to any interested business, organization, or resident.

“During the meeting, we will share our goals for the year and want to hear from each tourism partner what they are doing,” Waldo

said. “We want to hear about the needs, concerns, and challenges each may be experiencing.”

Marketing sponsorships are open year around. Organizations can contact the CVB at 800-782-2775 for more information on requesting a marketing sponsorship application. Applications need to be submitted at least a month before the event. People can also stop by the office at 410 William Ave., Davis or email Jessica Waldo at jessica@canaanvalley.org.

Tucker County residents are also invited to attend one of the four meetings in March when the CVB presents the 2022 Annual Report; the city of Thomas at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 14; the city of Parsons at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 21; the Tucker County Commission at p .m. Wednesday, March 22, and the town of Davis at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 22.

The new tourism partnership program and the marketing sponsorships are part of the CVB's overall mission to promote Tucker County as a tourism destination to increase tourist visits to the area.

"In turn, tourism generates direct and indirect revenue and taxes for the state and local economy," Waldo said. "The monies we receive through the tourism industry allow us to leverage monies for small businesses throughout the county and advertise in places they can't afford."

One of the primary sources of funding for the CVB is the hotel-motel tax collected by lodg-

ing accommodations. A six percent hotel-motel tax is added to each overnight visitor stay which is equally distributed, with three percent going to the municipality or county and three percent to the CVB.

"If the visitor's overnight stay is within a city or town limit, half of the tax collected goes to the local municipality, and the other half goes to the CVB," Waldo said. "Any hotel-motel tax collected outside the city or town limits, such as from the Canaan Valley Resort and the Timberline areas, is split between the county and our office."

The county and municipalities must follow guidelines when using their portion of the hotel-motel tax proceeds. These include parks, recreation, beautification, and historical to name a few. In past years the county has used money from the tax to fund EMS, emergency services, park & recreation and grants for local events and organizations, upkeep of Holly Meadows, renovations at Camp Kidd, and updating the emergency shelters.

“We spend the majority of our portion on advertising and promoting Tucker County as a tourism destination, in turn meeting our mission,” Waldo said. “We also use our funds to participate in the state’s tourism co-op program, which enables us to stretch our marketing dollars, reducing advertising costs for our tourism destinations.”

Several members of the CVB board and the staff attended a work session with the Tucker County

Commission to discuss how the CVB can help fund some of the tourism projects currently supported by county monies.

"We hope to schedule a second work session in the coming weeks and continue the discussions," Waldo said. "We want to work with the commission to find a permanent funding solution for EMS not just in Tucker County but all 55 counties in West Virginia."

Tucker County is fortunate to be one of the top tourism destinations in West Virginia for out-of-state and in-state residents. The growth of the tourism industry has created a healthier local economy, more businesses, and more work opportunities for residents.

“Tucker County hasn’t always had the successful and robust tourism industry we have today,” Waldo said. “Not that long ago, many local businesses had to rely on the summer and fall seasons to make enough gross revenue to survive during the winter months. They struggled, and some didn’t survive. Now, with Perfect North’s purchase of the Timberline Ski area and the state parks investments, we are extremely fortunate, and tourists travel to Tucker County year around.”

This year the 2023 *West*

Virginia Governor's Conference on Tourism, the state's premier tourism event, will be held at Canaan Valley Resort from Sept. 10 to 12.

"This event provides an opportunity for tourism industry partners to come together to find new and innovative ways to promote West Virginia as a top-tier vacation destination."

tion,” Waldo said. “We will have more than 200 partners from around the state in our backyard and want to showcase the beauty of our entire county.”

Canaan Valley Resort to Host *Hometown Brewfest* Mar. 4

Davis, W.Va. – Featuring craft ales from West Virginia breweries, live music and a day of on-snow activity, Canaan Valley Resort will host the *Hometown Brewfest* from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 4 at the ski area.

“West Virginia is blessed to have multiple, local craft beer producers, several of which are right here in our own backyard,” said Matt Baker, Canaan Valley Resort General Manager. “We’ll feature several of them on March 4 during Hometown Brewfest, while offering all the makings for a great day on and off the ski slopes.”

Baker said brewers participating in the event, include: Stumptown Ales, Mountain State Brewing, Hawk Knob, and Big Timber Brewing. Additionally, Big Timber will launch one of their newest creations, the *Back Hollow Kölsch*.

Live music will be offered throughout the day, with performances by DJ Strizy, Josh Folmsbee & the Crooked Roots, and the Sodapop Gypsies. The resort will also host a raffle to help the Tucker County Ambulance Authority. An array of prizes will be offered.

For lodging, reservations, or additional information, contact the resort at 800-622-4121 or visit the website at www.canaanresort.com.

New Data Shows FTC Received 8,578 Fraud Reports from West Virginia Consumers in 2022

West Virginia consumers reported losing \$19,381,378 to scams last year

The Federal Trade Commission received 8,578 fraud reports from consumers in West Virginia in 2022, according to newly released data.

West Virginia consumers reported losing a total of \$19,381,378 to fraud, with a median loss of \$500.

The FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network is a database that receives reports directly from consumers, as well as from federal

state, and local law enforcement agencies, the Better Business Bureau, industry members, and non-profit organizations. Reports from around the country about consumer protection issues—including identity theft, fraud, and other categories—are a key resource for FTC investigations that stop illegal activities and, when possible, provide refunds to consumers.

Across all types of reports, the FTC received a total of 15,624 reports from consumers in West Virginia in 2022.

The top category of reports received from consumers in West Virginia was

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TURNER'S TIDBITS

The Moon Club
WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST
DANCE
THURSDAY, JANUARY TWENTY-FIFTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTEEN
FOX'S HALL
DAVIS, W. VA.
GRAND MARCH 9:30. DANCING TILL 2 O'CLOCK
MUSIC
ISLE'S SAXAPHONE ORCHESTRA
KEYSER, W. VA.

This is an invitation from The Moon Club to attend their first dance on January 25, 1917. The dance will be held at Fox's Hall in Davis with dancing until 2 o'clock. Music provided by Isle's Saxophone Orchestra from Keyser, WV. Mr. S. Fox was one of the pioneer merchants of Davis; sell Gent's Furnishings. The demand for ready-made suits and made-to order clothing was so great that an extra department was set aside to fill the needs of the customers. Evidently Mr. Fox was in at least a two-story building as Fox's Hall would have had to been above the store. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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Town of Hendricks Advertisement for Bids

The Town of Hendricks will be accepting bids for property located at 188 7th Street, Hendricks, WV.
Terms and Conditions: The property will be sold as is.
Time and Place of Bids: Sealed bids will be received at Hendricks Town Hall or via mail to Town of Hendricks, PO Box 122, Hendricks, WV 26271 until March 8, 2023.
Rejection of Bids: The Town of Hendricks reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Darrell L. Heckler	Trina D. Carr
1st publication 2/22/23	2188 Location Rd.
2nd publication 3/1/23	Parsons, WV 26287
Ellen F. Arnold	James S. Arnold, Jr.
1st publication 2/22/23	PO Box 472
2nd publication 3/1/23	Davis, WV 26260

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Carol J. Thomas	Deborah Hatfield
1st publication 3/1/23	PO Box 132
2nd publication 3/8/23	Parsons, WV 26287
Jeffrey M. Hebb	Donna J. Hebb
1st publication 3/1/23	PO Box 97
2nd publication 3/8/23	Hendricks, WV 26271

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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LEGAL NOTICE STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING

A meeting of the Stockholder of Miners & Merchants Bank of Thomas, West Virginia, will be held at the Bank's Main Office Building located at 16000 Appalachian Highway, Thomas, West Virginia, on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, beginning at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting.
Given under my hand this 14th day of February, 2023.
Jennifer Newland
CEO

DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE SITUATE IN TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA PARSONS CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to you that pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned Substitute Trustee, Jaclyn L. Nichols, said Substitute Trustee having been appointed by Mountain Valley Bank, N.A. as Substitute Trustee, which document is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission in Deed of Trust Book 317 at page 651, and pursuant to that certain Deed of Trust executed by David L. Howell securing the Mountain Valley Bank, N.A., Elkins, West Virginia, in the payment and performance of certain obligations set forth therein, which Deed of Trust bears date of May 4, 2015, and which Deed of Trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission, Parsons, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 272 at page 476, and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party of the said Deed of Trust to foreclose thereunto and the makers of the said note and obligations having failed to pay the obligations as provided under the terms of the said Deed of Trust and Note and the holder of said Deed of Trust and Note having declared the whole of said indebtedness to be due and payable, and having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in writing to make sale of the said real estate, located in Parsons Corporation, Tucker County, West Virginia and described in said Deed of Trust as follows:

Map: 6 Parcel: 112

The following piece or parcel of real estate, situate in Parsons Corporation, Tucker County, West Virginia, together with any and all appurtenant easements which may benefit same, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a post on the Old County Road, now a part of Yellow Spruce Street in the City of Parsons, an agreed corner of the Lee Baker lot and running thence S. 80 1/4 W. 198 feet to a post; thence in a southern direction with the Lee Baker line reversed 120 feet to a post, formerly a corner of Lee Baker lot; thence N. 80 1/4 E. 198 feet with Lee Baker wire fence to a post in the Old County Road; thence in a northerly direction in a straight line with the said Old County Road 120 feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same parcel of real estate conveyed by Deed of Michael L. Nestor and Vera Nestor, husband and wife, to David L. Howell, dated October 24, 2003, which deed is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission in Deed Book 176 at page 520.

I, Jaclyn L. Nichols, Substitute Trustee, shall offer for sale the above-described real estate at public auction at the front door of the Old Tucker County Courthouse, 215 First Street Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, 26287 on:

March 8, 2023
At
11:00 A.M.

The real estate and mobile home identified above will be sold in its present (AS IS) condition, and the highest bid may be accepted by the Substitute Trustee, and the Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenants and/or persons occupying any of the above-described parcels of real estate to vacate the real estate. Any personal property remaining on the real estate after the date of the public sale will be disposed of and considered abandoned by the successful bidder or bidders.

TERMS OF SALE

1. Cash in hand on day of sale or of the purchase price by certified check or by a letter of credit from a leading institution on day of sale delivered to the Substitute Trustee and approved by the said Substitute Trustee or such terms as agreed to by the Substitute Trustee.
2. The above-described parcel of real estate will be sold subject to all prior liens senior in priority to the Deed of Trust, described above, the redemption right of the Internal Revenue Service as set forth in 11 U.S.C. Section 7425, and any and all unpaid real estate taxes or encumbrances and claims in favor of any municipality, county, or government entity, or other party, if any, and also further subject to any covenants, restrictions, conditions, reservations, rights-of-way and easements recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office prior to the Deed of Trust and affecting the subject real estate as well as any prescriptive easements that are unrecorded, if any, that may exist. The successful bidder shall pay all transfer stamps and recording fees, associated with the deed to be issued by the Substitute Trustee and the successful party shall have twenty (20) days to close the transaction after the public sale.
3. The above-described real estate will be sold by the undersigned Substitute Trustee at public auction to the highest bidder subject to the right of the undersigned Substitute Trustee to reject any and all bids if, in his opinion, said bids are inadequate.
4. The owner of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust shall have the right to bid at the public sale; and
5. The public sale shall be without representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, and the Deed to be issued in this matter shall reflect the same and shall be a Special Warranty Deed.
6. The undersigned terms as may be announced at the time of sale.

The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to continue the public sale or to adjourn the public sale for a time or from time to time without further notice other than oral public announcement at the time and place of sale as hereinabove set forth or at any continuance or adjournment thereof.

The Sale shall be made WITHOUT WARRANTY OF TITLE of any nature.

Any questions regarding the Public Sale should be directed to the undersigned Substitute Trustee.

Jaclyn L. Nichols
Attorney At Law
P.O. Box 201
Parsons, West Virginia 26287
434-409-9426
jackienicholsesq@gmail.com
WVSB 13730

Given under my hand this the 9th day of February, 2023.

Jaclyn L. Nichols
Jaclyn L. Nichols
Substitute Trustee

Commission

situation described was a synopsis of if an animal is attacking someone. Wilkins said, "We have a dog that is attacking someone. So obviously that is an emergency if it is actively happening, and someone is being bit by some kind of animal. A 911 call would be made and then to whoever the first available law enforcement officer is because that is an emergency situation and someone is going to get hurt.

If it is a situation where say you were out walking your dog last night and another dog comes out and bites you and they want a report that there was a bite and there was not an emergency then report to the shelter."

Rosenau explained it by saying that if he was out walking his dog and another dog came out and bit me or got into a fight with his dog. The attacking dog then runs home. He would then call 911 and the policy would state that the report would be handled the following morning by the animal shelter. The animal shelter would then take the report, investigate whether the dog had his/her rabies vaccination and quarantine the dog if required.

Wilkins said that during an emergency situation animal control would not respond unless called to seize the animal.

Commissioner Tim Knotts asked what were

the repercussions of someone shooting an animal that was attacking him. Wilkins stated, "Not really any. You have the right to do that." Falls added by saying, "If you are defending yourself against imminent danger or even if you are defending your animal or grandchildren, etc." then you have the right to defend yourself by shooting the attacking animal. Sheriff Kopec stated that a report should then definitely be filed and documented by calling 911.

The synopsis of an animal attacking other animals was explained by Wilkins. The same procedure would be followed as mentioned before. If it is an active attack and 911 is called law enforcement would respond, but if the event occurred and is over then the humane officer would investigate. There would be no response from the animal shelter unless requested.

Animal cruelty was discussed next. And as before, if it is an emergency situation law enforcement would be dispatched and even in the event of a non-emergency situation the call would still be dispatched by 911 and either the humane officer will respond, or the shelter would be asked to assist.

Wilkins explained that in this scenario the person being accused of the abuse was facing prosecution with possible jail time, seizure of the animal and

the possibility of not being able to own an animal for a period of five years. The animal shelter would be called in to assist in the event a crime has been committed and the animal in question is being seized. Rosenau stated that in his opinion the two agencies should work together to address this issue.

Rosenau said, "This is a team." and gave the example of if law enforcement was out on a wrecked vehicle call and then another call came in about an abused animal then Kopec should be able to call the animal shelter and ask them to check out the animal abuse call and report back to Kopec as to whether or not the animal is being abused. Wilkins stated this was acceptable, but it was a call Kopec would have to make at that time.

The discussion led to who would be responsible during what time of day for the capture of an animal. The animal shelter is open five days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during those hours the animal shelter would be responsible but after hours law enforcement would be responsible. The equipment and vehicle required to capture animals is to be left at the shelter after hours so that law enforcement could have access to the necessary equipment.

Davis asked if there was a call made by a concerned

citizen that an animal was not being fed or did not have access to water could the animal be seized on-site. The answer was no, not if the animal was on someone's property and yes if the animal was running at large in the road.

Proper euthanasian of animals by law enforcement was discussed and Falls will assist law enforcement in learning the proper techniques of using a catch pole.

At the end of the work session there was a better understanding of who was responsible for what. Mainly non-emergency calls during the week can be handled by the animal shelter. Emergency calls should be placed by calling 911 and then Kopec can decide the best course of action. Rosenau said, "You guys have personal lives. I do not want your lives to be all about the animal shelter as much as you would like it to be. What can wait until Monday can wait until Monday.

Communication is key. We are all on the same page. We do not want animals hurt. We want them taken care of. Plus, you (animal shelter) have certain hours and Jake (Kopec) has certain responsibilities. We have to prioritize."

All ordinances pertaining to animal control can be found on the animal shelter's website at tcanimalshelter.org.

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Tucker County Girls' Win Sectional Championship Over Union

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

KEYSER – The Lady Mt. Lions traveled to Keyser High School to face Union for the Sectional Championship on Thursday February 23rd. Tucker County got off to a quick lead and then cruised to a 79-25 victory to win the Sectional Championship.

The first quarter belonged to Tucker County as they led after one quarter 22-7. The Lady Mt. Lions continued to outscore the Lady Tigers in the second quarter 18-3. The score at halftime was 40-10 Tucker County.

Tucker County would outscore Union in the third quarter 23-5 to make the score 63-15 at the end of three. In the fourth quarter the Lady Mt. Lions outpaced the Lady Tigers 16-10. Tucker County then closed out the game with a win 79-25 to capture the Sectional Championship.

The Lady Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Kadie Colebank and Brylee Wetzel with 17 points each. Avery Colebank and Macy Helmick added 9 points each. Kadie Colebank collected a team high 15 rebounds and Macy Helmick dished out 7 assists.

Tucker County(18-2) will return to action on Thursday March 3rd at Keyser for the Regional Championship at 7pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County Lady Mt. Lions, 2022-2023 Region 2 Section 1 Champions. Photo by Becky Moore.

Mt. Lions Collect Home Wins Over Tygarts Valley and Petersburg



Tucker County's Trevan Bonner goes up for a layup against Petersburg on Feb. 24th. The Mt. Lions won the game 84-34. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team hosted Tygarts Valley on Wednesday February 22nd. The Mt. Lions got the home win victory 62-36.

The first quarter was back and forth as Tucker County pulled away slightly at the end of the first quarter to lead 13-8. The second quarter was controlled by the Mt. Lions as they outscored the Bulldogs 16-9 to push the Tucker County lead to 29-17 at halftime.

The Mt. Lions continued to pull away in the third quarter with an 18-11 edge in the period to make the score 47-28 after three quarters. The final quarter was won by Tucker County also as they outshot Tygarts Valley 15-8 to give the Mt. Lions the 62-36 win.

Tucker County was led in scoring by Maddox Anderson with 12 points. Trevan Bonner and Garrett Wilfong added 10 points each for the Mt.

Lions in the win. Wilfong also collected a team high of 9 rebounds for Tucker County. The Mt. Lions JV team got the win in the first game as they defeated Tygarts Valley 62-48.

HAMBLETON – The Mt. Lions hosted Petersburg on Friday February 24th. Tucker County got off to a fast start and never looked back as they cruised to an 84-34.

The first quarter was dominated by the Mt. Lions as they led 20-8 after one quarter. In the second quarter Tucker County continued to score the ball well as they outscored Petersburg 25-8 to give the Mt. Lions the 45-16 lead at the half.

The third quarter would also belong to Tucker County 21-6 to make the score 66-22 after three quarters. The fourth quarter was won by the Mt. Lions 18-12 to make the final score 84-34 Tucker County.

Trevan Bonner led Tucker County with 30 points, with 27 points com-

ing in the first half. Garrett Wilfong added 10 points for the Mt. Lion off the bench. Owen Knotts chipped in with 8 points, 11 rebounds for Tucker County. Aaron Quattro and Brok Bennett had 8 points each for the Mt. Lions in the win. The Tucker County JV team won the JV game 55-44. Tucker County(16-4)

will return to action tonight Wednesday February 22nd at home against Tygarts Valley. The Mt. Lions will then finish their regular season with a home contest on Friday February 24th against Petersburg. JV action will start at 5:45pm for both games. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

- Thursday March 2nd**
- Tucker County Girls' Basketball Regional Championship vs Pocahontas County @ Home 7pm
- Saturday March 3rd**
- Tucker County Boys' Basketball – Sectional Championship vs East Hardy @ Keyser 6pm
- Tuesday March 7th – March 11th**
- WV High School Girls' Basketball State Tournament @ Charleston Coliseum
- Thursday March 9th**
- Tucker County Boys' Basketball - Regional Championship vs TBA @ TBA 7pm

Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball Update



Tucker Valley's Boys' Basketball 8th grade players were recognized at a recent game. Front Row(L-R): Evan Witt, Owen Bolyard, Isaac Knotts, Logan Kopec. Back Row(L-R): Aaron Thompkins, Nate Davis, Luke Barb, Ethan Cummings, Oliver Archuleta, Colton Teter. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker Valley Boys' Basketball teams hosted Tygarts Valley on Monday February 13th. In the JV game the Wildcats JV won the contest 23-18. Isaiah Leary led the Tucker Valley JV with 11 points and John Tuttle added 8 points in the Wildcats JV victory. In

the varsity game Tucker Valley fell by the score of 63-49. Luke Barb led Tucker Valley with 22 points and Ethan Cummings added 16 points in the loss for the Wildcats.

ELKINS – The Wildcat Boys' Basketball teams traveled to Elkins on Thursday February 16th. In the JV game the Tucker Valley JV fell by the score of 68-16. Landon Wilfong

led the Wildcat JV with 6 points and Brayden Bennett added 5 points for the Tucker Valley JV in the loss. In the second game the Tucker Valley varsity team fell in a closet contest 38-35. Ethan Cummings led Tucker Valley with 14 points and Luke Barb added 10 points in the loss for the Wildcats. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



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The Knights of Columbus Free-throw Competition



Left to Right: Owen Helmick, Wade Boyles, Nolan Luzier, Ethan Cummings, Peyton Hicks, Isabella Kitzmiller, Lela Wright, Morgan Simmons, Elizabeth Delsignore, Adalyn Johnson. The Knights of Columbus District free-throw competition was held at Tucker Valley Middle School on Saturday, Feb. 18. Tucker County first place winners for their age division were: Owen Helmick, Wade Boyles, Nolan Luzier, Ethan Cummings, Peyton Hicks, Isabella Kitzmiller, Lela Wright, Morgan Simmons, Elizabeth Delsignore and Adalyn Johnson. The District winners will compete in the state competition to be held in Weston on Sunday, March 5.

Eastern offering free drone training for agriculture and tourism businesses



MOOREFIELD, W.Va.— Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College’s Workforce Education Department, in collaboration with National Drone Services, is offering free hands-on drone training for individuals and businesses in the agriculture and tourism industries.

The trainings will be held on March 23, 24, 30 and 31 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Eastern’s Main Campus in Moorefield.

The practical application of drone technology is only just beginning to be realized in both the agricultural and tourism industries.

In the agricultural sector, drones are being used to monitor plant and crop health, manage livestock, and for soil analysis and pest control. They are increasingly being proven useful to detect the signs of potential problems for large-scale farming operations in real-time.

For the tourism industry, drone videography is a powerful tool in tourism marketing. As West Virginia seeks to capitalize on its natural beauty for recreation and agritourism begins to blossom across small farms in the state, drone footage can offer a unique and eye-catching perspective for potential visitors.

Course attendees will receive hands-

on flight training using a number of specialized drone platforms. Areas of focus include aerial photography and cinematography, automated data collection for aerial mapping and 3D modeling. No prior experience is required.

Spots are limited and fill quickly. If you are interested in attending a training, please contact Workforce Education at WorkforceED@easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000 ext. 9253 to register for a training session.

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Members of DAR meet



DAR ladies are: Bottom row - Debbie Stevens, Regent Cathy Hebb, Vice Regent Daryla Rapp, Registrar Phyllis Garcia, Recording Secretary Kathy DiBacco. Back row - Diane Beall, Pam Lackland, soon-to-be member Terri Lawrence, Amy Goughnour, Linda Sherman, and Historian Mary Mullenax. Chaplain Betty Kniceley left prior to the group picture as did guest Peggy Arnold

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Identity Theft; followed by Imposter Scams; Prizes, Sweepstakes and Lotteries; Online Shopping and Negative Reviews; and Banks and Lenders.

Fraud Losses Up Nationwide

Nationally, consumers reported losing nearly \$8.8 billion to fraud in 2022, up from \$5.8 billion in 2021. Consumers reported losing more money to investment scams—more than \$3.8 billion—than any other category in 2022. That amount more than doubles the amount reported lost in 2021. The second highest reported loss amount came from imposter scams, with losses of \$2.6 billion reported, up from \$2.3 billion in 2021.

The FTC received fraud reports from 2.4 million consumers last year, with the most commonly reported being imposter scams, followed by online shopping scams. Prizes, sweepstakes, and lotteries; investment related reports; and business and job opportunities rounded out

the top five fraud categories.


Sentinel received more than 5.1 million reports overall in 2022. Of these, more than 1.1 million were identity theft reports received through the FTC’s IdentityTheft.gov website.

The FTC uses the reports it receives through Sentinel as the starting point for many of its law enforcement investigations, and the agency also shares these reports with approximately 2,800 federal, state, local, and international law enforcement professionals. While the FTC does not intervene in individual complaints, Sentinel reports are a vital part of the agency’s law enforcement mission.

A full breakdown of reports received in 2022 is now available on the FTC’s data analysis site at <https://ftc.gov/exploredata>. The data dashboards there break down the reports across a number of categories, including by state and metropolitan area.

The Federal Trade Commission works to promote competition, stop deceptive and unfair business practices and scams, and educate consumers. Report fraud, scams, or bad business practices at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Get consumer advice at consumer.ftc.gov. Also, follow the FTC on social media, subscribe to press releases, and read the FTC’s blogs.

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This Week’s Submitted Photos



Two rainbow trout were caught while ice fishing at Blackwater Falls’ Pendleton Lake. Submitted by Beverly Ellison
Email photos, where it was taken and who took it to mikie@parsonsadvocate.com

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