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Tucker County Girls' fall in State Championship Game 53-46



2023 Girls' Basketball Class "A" State Runner-Up, Tucker County Lady Mt. Lions. Photo by Becky Moore.

By Chris George
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CHARLESTON – The Lady Mt. Lions opened State Tournament play against Tolsia on March 8th at the Charleston Coliseum. Tucker County got off to a slow start, but a big second half allowed the Lady Mt. Lions to win the contest 66-44.

The Lady Rebels controlled the first quarter as Tolsia led after one quarter 12-8. Tucker County fought back in the second quarter as they outpaced Tolsia in the second 14-10 to tie the game 22-22 at the half.

The Lady Mt. Lions started to pull away in the third quarter as Tucker County outscored Tolsia 20-10 in the third to give Tucker County the 42-32 lead after three. In the fourth quarter the Lady

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City Council discusses concerns before approving minutes

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

Approval of the City of Parsons Council minutes was not an easy feat for the Council during the latest meeting. Councilwoman Kathy DiBacco started the debate by saying that she felt the wording under the "Public Comments" section was offensive and inaccurate. The section read, "Rebecca Myers voiced concerns and disrespectful treatment of a current employee, and presented awarded accolades achieved over 22 years from that employee that is working for the city." DiBacco said, "I do not like what was written. I am not sure if it should even say voiced concerns and disrespectful treatment of a current employee. I think it just maybe say Rebecca Myers. If you want to say that I think it gives too much information or just kind of negative information. I would prefer it say Rebecca Myers spoke to the Council."

Acting Recorder Councilman Tim Auvil said, "I tried to make it as simple as possible." DiBacco said, "Rebecca Myers spoke to the Council, that would be more simple and

less offensive." The discussion led to whether there should be detail under public comment and it was stated that it had been before to explain why the guest was there. Councilman Tim Turner said, "This is the way it works. If Kathy has an objection to something, when we vote, we vote with her recommended change and if that does not pass then it does not change and if it does it is changed."

Acting Mayor Bruce Kolsun said, "It seems like we pick and choose who we want to say a lot about and who we do not want to say a lot about." DiBacco said, "No, I think this is giving too much credence to what Rebecca Myers said. I think Rebecca Myers voiced concerns and you want to do that and end with employee and do not have presented accolades that is totally irrelevant."

Turner added by saying, "I do not think disrespectful treatment is appropriate because then you are saying that it did happen. Can you prove that happened? I mean this whole thing is going to head for a bad situation here shortly." Councilwoman Melissa Jones said, "My concern is that if we put that in there disrespectful treatment of employees and pre-

sented all those awards whenever she spoke you as Acting Mayor should have said something to her just make sure it did not come off as disrespectful treatment. We all understand what is going on around here."

Kolsun said, "It is not my place to stop a comment person." Turner remind Kolsun that it was his place as Acting Mayor to do so when specific Council members were mentioned to which Kolsun denied there be any mention of specific council members and Jones stated that yes there was. After more heated discussion it was voted to delete all wording and let the section be read as Rebecca Myers spoke.

Councilman James "Sam" Humphrey asked, "That night she was in here and I wanted to speak you stopped me. Why?" Kolsun answered "Because the thing is, Council is not to interact with guests. Is that so a negative thing that you are going to get into a confrontation with her to no end. I stopped you because we are not supposed to interact with guests." Humphrey said, "I appreciate you stopping me because I had a lot to say. I really did." Auvil said, "We can comment if they ask questions you

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TC Commissioners not giving up on Senate Bill 429

By: Jennifer Britt
The Parsons Advocate

The Commissioner gave an update on the Senate Bill 429. This bill would place a \$1 fee on entertainment tickets throughout the County to help fund EMS and fire departments. Rosenau explained, "It would help with fire companies in the state and EMS. It would be \$1 put on tickets for an amusement or recreation thing. We have had so much push back it has been unbelievable."

Rosenau explained how things worked in Charleston by saying, "A bill is presented by a Senator or Representative. Senator Randy Smith introduced this bill on the Senate side. It passed the Senate side and was sent to the House. It was assigned to two committees. The first committee it was assigned to was economic development/tourism. Gary Howell is the chairman of that committee. Until Delegate Howell says it can be brought by committee it lays there."

We called Delegate Howell's office. I called him personally every day since it was assigned to him. Not one time has he returned my call. I called his office requesting a meeting and the Tucker County Commission would go down anytime he says he is available. Well, he was out sick for two days. I called again. The secretary who is a wonderful lady and very nice said 'Commissioner Rosenau I will try my best to get ahold of Delegate Howell to see if he will be available to have a meeting with you.'

Well, the secretary about twenty minutes later called me, and she said Commissioner I am really sorry, but Delegate Howell does not want to meet with the Tucker County Commission. The delegate did not want to meet with the Tucker County Commission!

Delegate Howell represents Mineral County. Your Commission made a trip to Mineral County last week and asked their Commission directly since Delegate Howell is their state representative would you please contact Delegate Howell because he is not returning our calls. They said sure. Right in front of us they get on their phones and start texting Howell that this is a good bill please get back if there is any questions with the Tucker County Commission. Guess what? Nothing.

Delegate Howell guess he assumes that he knows what is best for our county or for any county in West Virginia that has a volunteer fire company or EMS. Like I have told the community hundreds of times, tourism is a hard thing to fight at our state capital, but if there is no ambulance there to take the tourist (if something was to happen) what reflection is that on the State of West Virginia and what reflection is that of Tucker County.

That is why we have fought so hard for years to put \$1 on amusement in Tucker County. One dollar! Our delegate told us 'Well, Mike, it does not look like it is going to the floor this year. Next year we are going to form another game plan.'

Davis added by saying, "I asked Mr. Hott, our delegate, he said it is not going to go through this year, so I said do me a favor and give me a call in two months

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St. George Canaan Valley Clinic and Pharmacy Announce Updated Hours

CANAAN VALLEY, W.Va. — The public spoke, and the St. George Canaan Valley Clinic and Pharmacy answered. St. George Medical Clinic recently distributed and completed a patient survey for local community members. The goal of the survey was to inquire if patients in the Canaan Valley-area were satisfied with the clinic and pharmacy's current hours, or if they would prefer a change.

Results showed that local Canaan Valley patients wanted morning hours for fasting blood work and for those needing an appointment before work.

St. George Medical Clinic is striving to provide that extension of their hours to best serve their patients.

The updated hours are as follows:

- St. George Canaan Valley Clinic:
- Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM -

- 6:00 PM
- Friday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
- Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- St. George Canaan Valley Pharmacy:
- Monday to Friday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Saturday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For more information on St. George Medical Clinic and the services they provide, including locations and appointment information, visit stgeorgeclinic.org.

About the St. George Medical Clinic
St. George Medical Clinic and Pharmacy is a non-profit organization which provides family centered health care to the residents of Tucker and surrounding counties in North-Central West Virginia. St. George

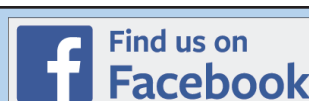
partners with individuals, families, and community organizations in order to maintain and restore and maintain health.

Advanced service departments are accessible to patients that provide them with convenient, efficient, and on-site services. St. George provides patients with a variety of services such as family planning, cancer screening programs, dermatology, radiology, physical therapy, dental, eye health, pharmacy, and much more. Arrangements for transportation to and from appointments are available as well.

St. George has conveniently expanded into several facilities located across Tucker County, including sites in St. George, Parsons, Hambleton, and Canaan Valley. For more information, contact St. George Medical Clinic at 304-478-3339 or visit our website at www.stgeorgeclinic.org.



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Senate Bill 429

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when this is over. Let me know what we must do to make things right and make this pass. He tried to tell me it was over a \$1 for a thing of golf balls. I started laughing on the dollar. People are not going to go on vacation if it cost an extra dollar. (What Davis is hearing from other people.) When I go on my vacation to Gettysburg, I love it. I do not call and see if they raised anything for \$1. If you are going you are going. I am tired of hearing the bull crap about it.

I love tourism. I love people coming here. That pays our bills. A lot of people get aggravated about it, but we cannot have anything unless we have tourism to pay our bills. If they pull out and leave, we would be broke. That is a fact.”

Rosenau said, “The only thing I am asking of tourism to do is the same thing we Commissioners do. We pay our share for emergency services out of our taxes that we receive in this county. The only thing I am asking is if you are a guest coming to this county to entertain yourself in Tucker County, please pay a portion of it. Because it is hard for us, 6,500 people, to support one million guests coming each year.

When our emergency services are on a call here and we have one squad 24/7 and they have done a wonderful job of trying to fill in the gaps of when our peak times are to have a full squad, but we have a budget that is so tight. What I am asking is they pay \$1 for their fair share. To me it is a no brainer.”

Davis explained that they do their best as Commission to take care of everyone with the hotel/motel tax. Davis said, “We try to help everybody with that. We used to have coal mines that helped everybody out, but we do not have that anymore. We help our community centers, our places where we have emergency shelter, our fire departments, and when you only have so much money you try to help people with that.”

Rosenau went to explain that tourism gets 50 percent of the hotel/motel tax right off the top and that there was no justification for the Commission to ask for help with what the county needs for the EMS and fire companies. They are a non-profit organization, so they do not follow the same guidelines as every other ethics commission such as the Commission has to follow. Rosenau said, “We give \$100,000 to our EMS. We give \$100,000 to our fire companies. We give \$110,000 out of our regular budget for EMS. We had extra funds out of our hotel/motel tax budget last year, so we gave the EMS \$40,000 and each one of fire companies \$10,000. We give our share.”

Animal Shelter Director Bailey Falls presented her monthly report to the Commission. Rosenau asked for an update on the dog that gained a lot of attention for being tied to a tree and shot in the neck area. Falls reported that the dog was doing great and will be continued to be cared for by the vet’s office until the end of the week, and thanks to the huge support of the community the shelter was able to raise \$13,000 in donations. Falls said, “We were able to pay off all of the vet’s offices that we work with and it was amazing how the community came forward.” The incident is under investigation in cooperation with the Tucker County Sheriff’s Office.

Rosenau said, “The bad part was the dog getting injured. The next part is what Tucker County is made of and that is people coming together and helping.”

The Commission then accepted with regret the resignation of Margaret “Maggie” Keane as Animal Control Officer.

Eldon Plaugter was re-appointed by the Commission to the Parks and Recreation

board. His term will expire December 31, 2024.

Assistant Director Kathy Phillips spoke to the Commission concerning the budget for the Five Rivers Public Library in Parsons and the Mountain Top Public Library in Thomas. Phillips thanked the Commission for their past support of the libraries and asked for continued support. Phillips said, “Libraries are a vital part of the community, small or large. We do make a difference in the lives of many people.”

Five Rivers was requesting a budget funding of \$12,000 and the Mountain Top Library requested \$14,500. Rosenau said, “Last year we gave \$12,000 plus \$3,500 from a grant that we had for reimbursement from COVID. What we need from that additional money last year as we explained to you is we need receipts. That must be justified through our grant.” Mountain Top Library Director Debbie Williams stated that they were not made aware of that request but would get the needed information to the Commission.

Commissioner Fred Davis made a motion to grant both libraries the requested amounts. Motion passed. Davis also congratulated the Mountain Top Library for placing second among all the libraries in the state of West Virginia. The trailer the library is in has been there since 1978 and needs replacement.

EMS Director Amanda Simmons presented to the Commission a request for replacing EMS’ cot systems. The new cot loading system will cost \$67,000. The warranty will cover three years for the cot and two years for the stabilizing plate. Rosenau explained, “The cots we have now are very old. The cot systems we have now on our ambulances they require the EMTs or paramedics to actual lift so if my fat butt is on a gurney and try to lift me up and take me down the steps it is going to be hard to do.” The cots weigh about 150 pounds just by themselves but the new cots will be self-loading and can literally be pushed into the ambulance with a finger for up to a 700-pound patient.

Commissioner Tim Knotts made the motion to fund EMS \$67,000 out of the ARP (American Rescue Plan) grant fund for a new cot lift system. The motion was approved. Rosenau said, “It has been a pleasure the last couple of months working together.”

Chair of Homeowners Voice Kathryn “Kathy” J. Knight informed the Commission of her partnership with West Virginia’s Attorney General’s office to advocate for HOA (Home Owners Association) of any type throughout the state. Knight said,

“We are partnering with the Attorney General’s office to bring forth legislature in the 2024 session of some type because West Virginia has never had, ever, legal oversight of any type for HOAs.

There are two main problem areas for HOAs. We have the rogue HOAs and the zombie HOAs. The zombie HOAs are the ones that can not die. Somebody somewhere 20 years ago handed somebody in the county clerk’s office a piece of paper that said they were an HOA. Delegate up and dies, moves, or goes bankrupt you can not undo that in the present scenario at all. The Attorney General’s office has no oversight if something goes awry i.e., rogue HOA. We are 501c4 which means we can lobby, and we just came back from the legislature last week.”

A 501c4 is a tax code identifier used by the IRS for non-profit organizations that promote social welfare causes. Examples of 501c4 organizations include civic leagues, volunteer fire companies, and tenants’ rights groups. Knight explained that the Homeowners Voice is part of projects such as broadband initiative and food pantries.

Development Authority Director Steve Leyh requested a funding match for the Prodigy LEAD Broadband Project. Leyh said, “As you know broadband is a major issue for the county. This project is a state grant called the Line Extension Advancement and Development Program or LEAD program. We have an internet service provider that is interested in applying. That is how the program works. They want to run 126 miles of fiberoptic cable through Tucker County through Aurora to the central part of Tucker County.

Every address that they pass that is not identified as targeted they must pay a fee of \$500. It comes up to about \$900,000 worth of fees for those served addresses to hit the locations that are unserved. Mr. Waltrin from Prodigy is going to ask the state to waive some of that given Tucker County’s remote nature and given the fact that we have a very tiny budget and we do not really have the resources to

do that. But it does look good if the County Commission has some skin in the game and contributes towards this project.”

If the project was granted by the state, the total cost would be an estimated \$7.7 million. Prodigy has agreed to pay the match of \$71,000 on the 146 miles through Preston County. There is no guarantee that Tucker County will receive this grant but Leyh said, “We have a shot and this is a good project. Prodigy is based in Preston County and they have had multiple rounds of success with the program.”

Rosenau said that during current work sessions with Leyh it was discussed what would be needed for a match. Rosenau motioned for a grant match of \$50,000 from the ARP grant funding contingent upon the approval of the LEAD program grant. The motioned passed. This will bring another fiber optic internet provider competitor to the county if approved.


A memorandum of understanding with Community Corrections was approved. The grant received for the Community Corrections program has saved the county thousands of dollars.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held on March 22, 2023, at 4 p.m. and located at the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom.

News of Record

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

- Noah D. Kelley, Davis Corporation, All of Lot 318 and a piece of parcel of real estate being 3 feet in width and 132.5 feet in length to INKA Properties LLC, \$935,000.
- David E. Cuppett ET UX and Karen S. Cuppett, Dry Fork District, Lot 39 Northface Timberline Four Seasons Resort 0.180 acres to Marguland LLC, \$765,000.
- Vickie L. Harper, Dry Fork District, Unit A6 Week 20 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$1,077.
- Deborah W. Olson and Fredrix M. Olson, Dry Fork District, Lot 10 Winterset to Bryan Jones Etux. and Kristin Jones, \$625,000.
- Linda Teagarden, Dry Fork District, 1.13 acres to Josh Rammel and Megan Rammel, \$35,000.
- Tammy Nicole Taylor Poole, Thomas District, Lot 100 and 100A to Timothy Cosner and Fulton Properties, LLC, \$34,000.
- Dylan Johnson, Thomas District, Lot 91 to Sophia Rehak, \$75,000.



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OBITUARIES

David Andrew Bonner

David Andrew Bonner, 74 years of age, son of Clifford M. and Kathryn M. (Parsche) Bonner Sr. Born on Halloween a long time ago.... at 8:29A.M. at Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio. Dave was greeted into heaven by all the angels on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 10:34 A.M. at Cleveland Clinic Main Campus surrounded by his loved ones.



Graduate of Kenston High School, class of 1967, he then served in the United States Navy from 1967-1969 during the Vietnam Era as an aviation machinist mate & wing walker. Dave and Lisa finally found each other and were married on February 10, 2002, third times the charm. Dave was a Master Mason for Golden Lodge #245 F. & A.M. A successful entrepreneur, farmer, COL semi driver, and certified diesel mechanic. When the stars lined up on 2018, Dave was blessed with a lung transplant. Survivors include his wife Lisa, his daughters; Casey (Don) Davis, Faith (Scott) Lilly, Heather (Justin) Crowder; sons Jack (Angel) Riggs, Mike and Mark Papp, and many grandchildren. Siblings; known as the Fossil Club, Carol (Pete) Clemens, Cliff Bonner, Judy Cullen "BBC", Richard (Rae Lynn) Bonner, Peggy "Taters", Bob (Cupcake) Smith, Kathy "Booty" (John) Franks, Billy (Chris) Bonner, and Patty (Lou) Duplago. Hundreds of nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

Preceded in death his parents, son David Jr., sister Linda (Ed) Lee, brother-in-law Don Cullen, and Toni Bonner. His favorite things were farming, trucking, his deep appreciation for the mountains of West Virginia, family, people, camping and Bob and Tammy. His favorite terms of endearment were Mooning and flipping the bird. He will be greatly missed by all our friends and Boy do we have a butt load!! Until we meet again, See Ya. Calling hours was Saturday, March 11, 2023, at The Green Family Funeral Home & Crematory Service, 4668 Pioneer Trail, at the corner of St. Rt. 44, Mantua, Ohio, 44255, from 2 - 5 p.m., where his funeral service was held Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 12 Noon. Final resting place followed at the Bonner Family Farm Cemetery in Freedom Twp. Honored to serve as pallbearers was Dick Bonner, Cliff Bonner, John Bonner, Joe Bonner, Billy Bonner, Scott Lilly, Alex Slaker and Bob Davis. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105-3678. His video tribute, obituary, condolences and memories, may be viewed at www.greenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

To send flowers (/obituary/David-Bonner/symp-athy-landing) to the family or Plant a tree (/obituary/David Bonner/1069087/memorial-tree). in memory of David A. Bonner, please visit our floral store.

Mary Elizabeth Knotts Watring

Mary Elizabeth Knotts Watring, age 95 years, a resident of Shaffertown, more recently of Cortland Acres Nursing Home, Thomas, passed this life Tuesday, March 7, 2023 with her devoted and loving family at her side.

Mary was born January 20, 1928 in Thomas, WV, a daughter of the late Arthur Arnsworth and Martha Ellen Helmick Knotts.

On December 2, 1945, in Red House, MD, she married Berdean O. Watring who preceded her in death October 21, 1994.

Mary attended school in Sugarlands, she later got her GED. Mary was a homemaker and known for her homemade coconut crème pie. She enjoyed singing in the choir at church and at the Parsons Senior Center. Mary loved to cook, bake, read, crochet, embroidery, sew and especially quilting. She loved to cook for her family. Mary was a member of the United Methodist Women for over 60 years, serving and held many offices. She served as a board member of the Parsons Senior Center. She was a member of CEOS formally known as WV Extension Homemakers for many years. All who knew her will miss her.

Left to cherish her memory are three daughters, Mary Jane Smith, Rebecca Ann (Rick) Filler, both of Shaffertown and Nancy Moore, of Clover Run.

Five grandsons, Scott (Misty) Filler, Chad (Penny) Smith, Jason (Lisa) Smith, Bryan (Stephanie) Moore, Steven (Cheri) Filler, one granddaughter, Latisha (Tim) Poe; Ten great grandchildren, Adair, Trent, Karlee, Gracie, Camille, Gunnar, Avery, Elizabeth, Jonathon, Brycen and Jaydan. Two great great-granddaughters, Asa and Zailee and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death besides her parents and husband, were two sisters, Elise (Eston) Roy and Bernice (Clifford) VanMeter and one brother Elwood (Hazel) G. Knotts. Two son-in-laws, Neil Moore and Wayne Smith. Mary was the last member of her immediate family.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Monday, March



13, 2023, at 11 a.m. The Rev. J. Michael Lantz officiated and interment followed at the Bethel Cemetery at Holly Meadows. Family suggests Memorial donations in memory of Mary be made to Fiver Rivers Public Library, 301 Walnut St., Parsons, WV 26287. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Mary Elizabeth Knotts Watring. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarb-funeralhome.com.

Davis Medical Earns 2023 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital Standing Award Recognizes Outstanding Performance

March 10, 2023 / Tracy Fath

ELKINS, WV – Davis Medical Center has been recognized, again, as a Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital. Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, this annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation's rural hospitals based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX™.

"In spite of a very challenging last two years, the dedication of our staff to serve this community hasn't wavered," said Vance Jackson, President and CEO of Davis Health System. "This recognition affirms the work of our employees, and their commitment to higher standards of quality and excellent patient care."

Davis Medical Center was among thousands of hospitals across the United States analyzed for the Top 100 designation. It was the only West Virginia hospital to earn the Top 100 title in the Rural and Community Hospital category. Follow this link to see complete list. <https://www.chartis.com/top-performing-rural-hospitals>

Davis Medical has achieved Top 100 status several times in the past, and in 2018 earned the Top 20 designation.

"Continually earning the Top 100 designation is confirmation that our outstanding performance is by design, not by accident," said Jackson. "The integrity of our people, at every level of the organization, has established a higher level of quality, compassion and professionalism. I am humbled to work beside such a great team."

"Across the nation, top 100 rural providers continue to serve as a source of inspiration for hospital leadership teams and staff working diligently every day to improve the delivery of care within their local communities," said Michael Topchik, National Leader, the Chartis Center for Rural Health. "The list of award winners in each category is as geographically diverse as we've seen in some time, which is wonderful to see. We're thrilled to be able to honor the outstanding efforts of these top performing rural hospitals."

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We Get Letters

Editor,

Disclaimer: this document is not speaking for Davis' Corridor H Committee. I reiterate my earlier position: DOH should be required to newly consider a Corridor H, northern alignment. Reasons: read on.

During a recent town council meeting attended by citizens of both Davis and Thomas, DOH representative Travis Long appeared and indicated DOH is proceeding with the ROPA based upon the 2003 letter of endorsement from the then Davis Town Council. He indicated no other route is being considered. He failed to consider—DOH's rationale of using Davis' 2003 letter of endorsement is no longer valid.

For reference, let me include this portion of the

Davis' 2003 letter to DOH: "NOW THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF DAVIS, TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA THAT THE REVISED ORIGINAL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (OPA) WITH THE TRUCK ROUTE (TR) OPTION IS THE MOST COST EFFICIENT AND FEASIBLE ROUTE AND THEREFORE IS THE ROUTE WE HEREBY SUPPORT WHOLE HEARTEDLY. ADOPTED: September 10, 2003"

Something significant has changed and other than a recent Letter to the Editor in the Advocate, few have seemed to have noticed.

Davis supported a ROPA that ran from the current 4-lane east of Davis

to an interchange on the south, Elkins side, of Parsons. But, the Parsons' interchange has now been moved to the north, St. George side, of Parsons. The current ROPA is not the ROPA the Davis Town Council endorsed! Davis' 2003 endorsement is no longer valid in supporting DOH's opinion the ROPA is "...the most cost efficient and feasible route." From the current Parsons' interchange a northern route, as in the 1-D east alignment, is clearly shorter and more direct.

Travis used a recent diesel spill on 219 to bolster the dangers of building a highway over a town's water supply, yet that is precisely what DOH has proposed doing for Wardensville and has done in countless other communities. As DOH explained, with a proper highway design, concerns about a highway affecting a town's water supply are unfounded.

In summary Davis has not endorsed the ROPA as it currently exists and should make that clear to DOH. A northern alignment is shorter and does not divide the towns of Davis and Thomas. It further requires no expensive, multi-turn, truck route around Thomas and removes the need for a 175-foot-tall bridge over the Coke Ovens that Travis suggested is now even longer (and more expensive.) This northern alignment is supported by a preponderance of local businesses, citizens, and the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce—in 2023, not 2003!

Davis or some other entity or entities should communicate promptly and legally with DOH and advise them—when DOH moved the Parsons' interchange, that change rendered Davis' original ROPA endorsement null and void. DOH should have requested a new endorsement based on the route having been changed. As DOH did not request a new endorsement, planning and construction related to the

current ROPA—without the required community endorsement—should cease. DOH should immediately proceed with an honest investigation of what may now constitute a new, locally supported "preferred—northern—route."

Reflecting the views of a recent letter, I am not adamantly advocating—GO NORTH; rather suggesting DOH be required to consider that alternate in light of 2023 realities and sensibilities. Travis indicated DOH might have an SEIS available in 2024.

This NEPA mandated Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement was created to qualify design choices. The SEIS function is not to explain or justify what you have already done! If, as Travis has said, DOH is proceeding with the ROPA, a 2024 SEIS is pointless and superfluous.

This area has grown and matured: this is not the Davis and Thomas of 20 years ago. Today's decisions should reflect today's realities and priorities.

William Peterson

Editor,

Over 5,000 individuals have now signed a Change.org petition advocating for a northern route for Corridor H between Parsons and Davis. Thomas resident and Tucker County native Rachele Davis initiated the petition titled A Better Route for Corridor H.

Davis said that she started the petition to make it convenient for local residents to voice concerns about the West Virginia Department of Highways' (DOH) preferred route known as the Revised Original Preferred Alternative (ROPA). "When public meetings resumed with DOH representatives, we were shocked to be presented with just one route. Many of us of fully expected to see at least two options," Davis explained. "The petition has been shared 1,365 times since June, so naturally, not

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know if we have a guests that wants to know the answer to something.”

Turner stated that it becomes a liable issue when the guests attack specific people and said, “It is slander. Some of the things said cannot be proved in a court of law and they may be called upon to do that. So, I think we need to tread carefully.”

Parsons Chief of Police, Kevin Keplinger, stated during his report that there have been several identity theft cases in the past few weeks. Keplinger would like to make everyone aware of spam callers and advised the public not to give personal information out over the phone. He would also like to remind the public to be aware of the rules and regulations for riding ATVs and UTVs on public roads.

City Administrator, Agnes “Aggie” Arnold, reported that spring banners have been hung up through Parsons. Gravel has been placed on the water plant road and the lean-to at the maintenance shop has been started. Arnold reported that during the last severe windy day the metal on the roof of the stage at Mill Race Park blew off and it has been reported to the insurance company to get replaced. Arnold reminded Council members that appli-

cations for the Harman Fund was due by March 16 at 1 p.m.

Auvil reported that there will be another picnic area with grill and trash bin added to the Pulp Mill Bottom Pond area.

Arnold presented a letter from US Cellular that stated that upon further analysis the cite behind the water department that was requested for a cell tower would not meet their needs and withdrew their proposition.

Council also voted to remove two agenda items for the request from GS Millwork until the requested schematics were brought to the Council.

The Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters pertaining to the hiring of a part-time, as needed office assistant and full-time City Treasurer. Upon returning from the executive session DiBacco rescinded her previous motion to hire Melissa Bibb for the part-time as needed office assistant and motioned that Rachal Wilfong instead be hired for the position pending background check. A motion was also made that the name of the recommended person for the Treasurer’s position be withheld until drug/alcohol testing and background checks were completed. The Personnel Committee will

divulge the person’s information during the March 21 meeting provided all steps were completed.

Council accepted the resignations of James A. Thompson as sanitation equipment operator and Garrett Crossland-Bolyard as Municipal Judge. The Municipal Judge position will be posted until the position is filled. The sanitation equipment operator position will need further discussion with the sanitation department supervisor before or if posted.

During the Good of the Order Turner asked for the City’s policy on sick leave and vacation be sent to all Council members especially since a recent employee has used 15 months of sick leave. Turner also requested a copy of the contract from the state auditor. Humphrey also asked how the City’s Charter could be changed to which the consensus from other council members was that it was a very long and hard process.

The next City of Parsons Council meeting will be held on March 21, 2023, at 6 p.m. and located at the Charles W. “Bill” Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia.

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Emergency Food and Shelter Dollars Available

Area counties have been awarded federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the emergency food and shelter national board program.

The following have been chosen to receive funding to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in their respective counties through phase 40 of the program.

- Marion County: \$23,217
- Taylor County: \$6,471
- Tucker County: \$2,800
- Randolph County: \$11,409

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross; Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; and, the United Way of America. The Local Board is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county.

Agencies interested in applying for phase 40 should visit the United Way website at <http://tvuw.us/efsp>. All applications are due by 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Agencies do not have to be a United Way agency to apply.

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everyone who has

endorsed it is from the area or even the state,” Davis said. “It has reached a wide audience of locals, former residents, second homeowners, vacationers, and those who have other ties to the area or who just appreciate our unique region and the road’s potential impact on us. People are especially familiar with Blackwater Falls State Park and the Blackwater Canyon, great areas of concern,” she added.

A paper petition also is circulating locally, and hundreds of individuals and business owners have signed that version to support a different route from Parsons to Davis. Both petitions state that the DOH-favored route would undermine the connection between the local communities and make it dangerous to travel between

the towns on foot or bicycle. “An elevated 4-lane highway through the beautiful Blackwater area is not in the interest of the local economy. Valuing our natural resources and public lands adds to our quality of life and draws people to our communities. These visitors create jobs in Thomas, Davis, and Canaan Valley.”

Hendricks resident and Tucker County native Lucas Warner is one of 180 Change.org petition signers who provided a comment along with his signature. “The northern route preserves the historic and scenic integrity of the communities and landmarks through which the highway passes. It is not only my home but is, in fact, one of the primary destinations of the corridor for folks traveling from both directions,” Warner stated.

Davis business owners and other individuals filled Davis City Hall to capacity during a recent meeting of the city council where project engineer Travis Long and other DOH representatives were invited to address questions. Sandra Goss, owner of a popular Davis restaurant, was on the agenda.

She expressed frustration during the meeting, saying she feels those with valid concerns about the DOH-preferred route have been ignored. Goss hosted a fundraising event last year at her restaurant to support the Better Route movement. “We all understand this highway is a permanent addition, and we only want the choice of location to be the best possible placement for our communities,” Goss said earlier.

More information, including maps, project history, and links to news coverage, is available at <https://www.wvhighlands.org/highways/>, <https://www.saveblackwater.org/corridor-h>, and <https://transportation.wv.gov/>.

Rachelle Davis

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

March 15, 1882: Union leader Frank Keeney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Keeney, who went to work in the mines as a boy, became a rank-and-file leader during the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912-13.

March 15, 1952: Governor Earl Ray Tomblin was born in Logan County. He was elected as a Democrat from Logan County to the House of Delegates in 1974, when he was only 22 years old and still a senior at West Virginia University.

March 16, 1906: Country musician Buddy Starcher was born Oby Edgar Starcher near Ripley. In 1946, Starcher cut his first recordings on Four Star, including his best-known composition, "I'll Still Write Your Name in the Sand," which became a hit in 1949.

March 17, 1837: Mercer County was created from parts of Giles and Tazewell counties and named for Hugh Mercer, a Revolutionary War general.

March 17, 1858: William Edwin Chilton was born in Coalsmouth, now St. Albans. A lawyer, U.S. Senator and businessman, Chilton expanded Charleston's electric streetcar system and was publisher and editor of the *Charleston Gazette*.

March 17, 1891: West Virginia State University was founded as the West Virginia Colored Institute by the legislature. It was one of 17 Black land-grant colleges established under the Second Morrill Act of 1890.

March 17, 1912: Athlete Joe Stydahar was born in Pennsylvania. A star in football and basketball at WVU, he was the first-round selection of the Chicago Bears in the first NFL draft of college players in 1936.

March 18, 1820: William Stevenson was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, but later moved to Wood County in western Virginia. In 1868, he was elected the third governor of West Virginia.

March 18, 1922: Athlete Frank "Gunner" Gatski was born in Farmington. Gatski played 11 years for the Cleveland Browns (1946-56) and one for Detroit

Lions (1957). He played in 10 championship games, eight on the winning side.

March 18, 1950: Actor Brad Durif was born in Huntington. He is best known for his portrayal of offbeat characters, including Billy Bibbit in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and Grima Wormtongue in Peter Jackson's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

March 19, 1925: Basketball teams from 11 of West Virginia's 24 African-American high schools took the court at West Virginia State College (now University) in Institute for the first West Virginia Athletic Union (WVAU) state basketball tournament. Lincoln High School of Wheeling defeated Kimball, 25-24, in the final game to win the championship.

March 19, 1992: Four miners were killed at the Blacksville No. 1 Mine in Monongalia County while it was being sealed. Drainage pipes were being welded together, and a spark fell into the shaft, igniting methane gas.

March 20, 1849: Businessman James Kay was born in Scotland. He constructed the coke ovens at Hawks Nest, installed a cable car to carry coal across the New River, and installed a tramway to move miners and coal up and down the gorge face at Kaymoor.

March 20, 1897: Musician Frank Hutchison was born in Raleigh County. With a slide guitar sound akin to the bottleneck style, he helped instill a blues strain into modern country music and was influential among coalfield musicians.

March 20, 1936: Recurring storms led to major flooding on the Potomac River, hitting record levels in Harpers Ferry. The Ohio River at Parkersburg reached 10 feet above flood stage.

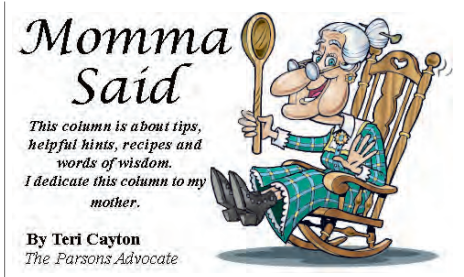
March 21, 1914: The first West Virginia boys' high school basketball tournament began in Buckhannon. The event was sponsored by West Virginia Wesleyan College, which at the time had West Virginia's largest and finest gymnasium.

March 21, 2018: Sculptor Frank Gaylord died. Born 1925 in Clarksburg, his best-known work is "The Column," a platoon of 19 larger-than-life, stainless steel soldiers comprising the central element of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington.

I am trying so hard to socialize Ripley with other dogs and it is just not happening. The only dogs she has been around are her sisters and my brother's dogs. She is so hyper that it is going to take some work. I tried to introduce her to a hybrid wolf dog that is the same age as her. He was such a sweetie, he was submissive to her and she tried to bite him on the nose. Some first date, huh?

Momma Said, "You can't rush love it just happens when it happens." I wasn't looking for a love connection for her, just someone she could play with. It will just take time I guess. I would like to hook her up to a wagon and run some of the energy out of her. Maybe I will get her some backpacks like I see on TV. She can start to carry her load and maybe work some of the sass out of her.

March is turning out to be a month of changes. One day sunshine, next day rain and just throw some snow in for the heck of it. It is a time of the year for



things to start waking up and I see Forsythia blooming, my maple tree is starting to bud and I just hope we don't get a late frost and kill everything. As long as the fruit trees don't start to bloom and get hit with a freeze, it will be alright.

I just want it to stay dry and not turn the yard into another mud hole. I think I am just going to get tons and tons of stone and turn the yard into a huge patio. **Momma Said,** "I am sure the dog will find another way to get dirty." You've got to love them no matter what.

Million Dollar Spaghetti Casserole

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 jar spaghetti sauce
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- ¼ cup sour cream
- ½ lb. cottage cheese (equals 1 cup)
- ½ cup butter (1 stick)
- 1 16 oz. pkg. spaghetti
- Grated cheddar cheese

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat your oven to 350°. Boil your spaghetti noodles until al dente (firm). Drain and set aside until ready to assemble.
2. Combine the cream cheese, sour cream and cottage cheese until well blended.
3. Brown your hamburger and when done, drain well. Combine the

hamburger with your spaghetti sauce.

4. Put a few slices of butter into a 9×13 pan then pour half of your spaghetti noodles on top.
5. Take your cream cheese mixture and pour on top of the noodles. Spread well over noodles.
6. Pour the rest of the noodles on top of the cream cheese mixture. Put a few more slices of butter on top of the noodles.
7. Pour your spaghetti and meat sauce on top of your noodles.
8. Now it is ready to put into the oven for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes, pour the desired amount of grated cheese on top and return to the oven for 15 minutes to allow cheese to melt.

Free tire collection

CHARLESTON, WV - The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) is hosting free tire collection events.

Individuals can dispose of up to 10 tires per person. The tires must be off the rims and only car and light truck tires will be accepted. The WVDEP requests

that individuals stay in their vehicles when dropping off tires.

Tucker County offers ongoing tire collection events on the first (1st) Thursday of each month from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tucker County Landfill.

The 2023 tire collection event calendar and updates can be found on the WVDEP website.

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Weather Totals

Feb. 28- Mar. 7

Nursery Bottom
 Parsons

Temperature

Max 73° F
 Min 23° F

Precipitation

Week 0.71"
 February 3.23"
 2023 7.99"

Snowfall

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

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TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is the straight road through Canaan Valley. At the time, it was said to be the longest straight road in the State. This road was kept above an elevation of 3000 feet so the dam (proposed Canaan Valley Dam) would not flood it when constructed. The road is known as Route 32 and the work began in 1932 and ended sometime in 1937. Many folks refer to this section of road as Canaan Straight. The road did not have a hard top surface in 1936 when the first school bus ran from the Valley to Davis. As you can see, the road is not paved in the photo. Ideas, suggestions, comments, items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

Kids Kick Opioids Contest Deadline Nears

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is reminding schools and parents of the upcoming deadline for the office's 7th Kids Kick Opioids contest—Friday, April 14.

The contest provides an opportunity for students to learn the dangers of prescription painkiller abuse. It has also given many an outlet to express the personal impact of opioid abuse upon their lives and that of their loved ones.

"Every year, the Kids Kick Opioids contest exposes the immeasurable talent and creativity of the students in our elementary and middle schools," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Their entries viscerally demonstrate that the opioid epidemic resonates in classrooms across West Virginia. Kids Kick Opioids gives students an outlet to express their concerns, while using the creativity and talent of all participants to raise awareness of the epidemic."

Kids Kick Opioids has drawn more than 14,400 entries since its inception.

Students can work individually or in groups. Submissions may include drawings, poems, letters or anything that would promote awareness.

The winning entry will appear as a statewide newspaper public service announcement. Regional winners will be displayed in the State Capitol.

Thousands of West Virginians have lost their lives to a drug overdose, many of which were opioid related.

Reversing this trend has been a top priority for Attorney General Morrisey. He has fought the epidemic on multiple fronts, including a lawsuit against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation's

drug quota system.

The Attorney General also has battled the opioid crisis with civil litigation, multistate initiatives, funding to target opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education.

Contest entries must be postmarked by Friday, April 14, and mailed to the Attorney General's Office at 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E., State Capitol Building 1, Room 26-E, Charleston, WV 25305, or sent by email to AGPSA.contest@wvago.gov.

MGC Participates in Rail Trail Clean-Up



Spring cleaning is not limited to homes. Mountaineer Garden Club member, Glenda Lipscomb, volunteers Mimi Kibler and Michelle Felton with Master Gardener and Mountaineer Garden Club member Faith Moore, spent two rainy hours on March 7 picking up trash along the rail trail from

the nursery bottom to Hambleton. Supplies were obtained from the DOH. Any group, club or individual can access supplies and pick up trash in any public area. Despite the rain, all members of the group voiced their satisfaction in making a difference in the community.

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Mt. Lions Win Regional Championship Over Tygarts Valley 77-35



2023 Regional Champions - Tucker County High School Boys' Basketball. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Tucker County's Aaron Quattro takes the ball to the basket against Tygarts Valley on March 9th. The Mt. Lions won the contest 77-35. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team hosted Tygarts Valley on March 9th for the Regional Championship. The Mt. Lions jumped out to an early lead and never looked back as they won the game by the final score of 77-35.

The first quarter was controlled by Tucker County as they led after one 15-8. The Mt. Lions continued to build on their lead in the second quarter as they outscored the visiting Bulldogs 16-5 in the second to push the score to 31-13 Tucker County at the half-time break.

The Mt. Lions would explode for 28 points in the third quarter,

while holding Tygarts Valley to 12 points in the period to make the score 59-25 after three quarters. The final quarter was also won by Tucker County 18-10 to give the Mt. Lions the Regional Championship win by the final score of 77-35.

Tucker County was led in scoring by Trevan Bonner with 22 points and Aaron Quattro

added 15 points in the win for the Mt. Lions. Maddox Anderson and Owen Knotts added 8 points each for Tucker County in the win. Garrett Wilfong collected a team high 15 rebounds.

The win by Tucker County(19-4) qualified them to the WV State Tournament in Charleston on March 15th. The Mt. Lions earned a #3 seed and

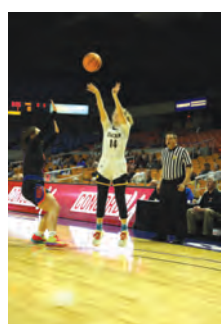
will face #6 seed East Hardy on Wednesday March 15h at 11:15am at the Charleston Coliseum. The Class "A" Semi-Final games will be played on Friday March 17th at 9:30am and 1pm. The Class 'A' Championship game will be played on Saturday March 18th at 12:30pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Basketball

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Tucker County's Kadie Colebank(41) and Macy Helmick(22) were selected to the State All-Tournament Team. Photo by Becky Moore.



Mt. Lions continued to pull away from the Lady Rebels as they outshot Tolsia 24-12. This gave Tucker County the Quarterfinal win over Tolsia 66-44.

The Lady Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Ericka Zirk with 19 points, 10 rebounds and Macy Helmick had 14 points, 6 assists. Kadie Colebank added 10 points, 10 rebounds, 8 blocks for Tucker County and Raven Matthews chipped in with 8 points, 7 rebounds in the win.

CHARLESTON – The Tucker County Girls' faced off against Doddridge County in the Semi-Finals on Friday March 10th. The Lady Mt. Lions battled back again in the second half to win over the Lady Bulldogs 51-43.

Doddridge County got off to a good start in the first quarter as they led Tucker County after one quarter 14-9. The Lady Mt. Lions cut into the

Lady Bulldogs lead in the third as Tucker County outscored Doddridge County 10-9 to make the halftime score 23-19 Doddridge County.

The third quarter belonged to the Lady Mt. Lions as they outshot the Lady Bulldogs 16-7 to give Tucker County the 35-30 lead after three quarters. Doddridge County could not complete a comeback as Tucker County won the fourth quarter 16-13 to give the Lady Mt. Lions the 51-43 Semi-Final win. The win put Tucker County into the Championship game for the first time since 1998.

Tucker County was led in scoring by Kadie Colebank with 19 points, 21 rebounds, 5 blocks and Macy Helmick had 12 points, 4 assists. Avery Colebank added 10 points, 5 rebounds for the Lady Mt. Lions in the win.

CHARLESTON – The Lady Mt. Lions played in

the Class "A" Championship game against Cameron on Saturday March 11th. Tucker County got off to a slow start and their second half comeback attempt fell short as Cameron won the game 53-46.

The Lady Dragons controlled the first quarter as they led after one 13-6. The second quarter was also won by Cameron as they outscored the Lady Mt. Lions 15-8 to put the halftime score at 28-14.

Tucker County started to fight back in the third quarter as the third was even in scoring at 16-16 to make the score 44-30 Cameron after three. In the fourth quarter the Lady Mt. Lions made a run as they cut the Lady Dragons lead down to 48-46 after a basket by Ericka Zirk with 54 seconds left in the game. Tucker County then got a steal, but the Lady Mt. Lions could not get a shot to fall. Cameron made their foul shots

down the stretch to hold on to win the game by the final score of 53-46.

The Lady Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Kadie Colebank with 13 points, 7 rebounds and Ericka Zirk had 11 points, 6 rebounds. Macy Helmick added 10 points, 4 assists in the loss for Tucker County.

Tucker County(21-3) finished the season as Class "A" State Runner-Up. Kadie Colebank and Macy Helmick were named to the State All-Tournament team. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

See BASKETBALL page 2B

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday March 15th

- Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ WV State Basketball Tournament vs East Hardy 11:15am

Thursday March 16th

- Tucker County Softball Scrimmage vs Liberty @ Home 6pm

Friday March 17th

- TCHS-East Hardy winner vs Tug / Wahama winner @ WV State Basketball Tournament 9:30am

Saturday March 18th

- Class "A" Boys' Basketball State Championship Game @ 12:30pm

Monday March 20th

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Basketball

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TUCKER VALLEY BOYS BASKETBALL



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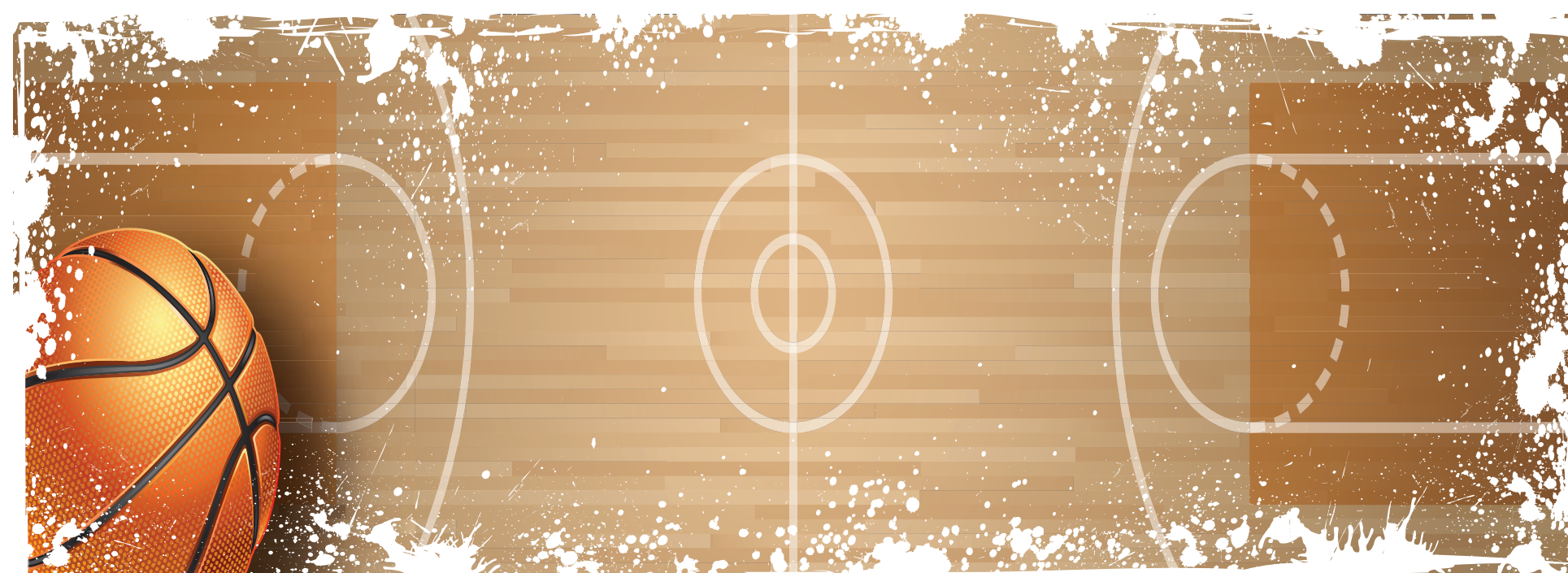
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Jennifer Newland
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TUCKER COUNTY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



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2023



Knights of Columbus State Free-throw Competition



Left to right: Isabella Kitzmiller, Morgan Simmons, Elizabeth Delsignore, Peyton Hicks, Ty Ricottilli and Owen Helmick. Individual picture: Adalyn Johnson missed group picture since she left early to play in tournament game.

The Knights of Columbus Council 2010 of Thomas had seven winners from the district competition compete in The Knights of Columbus State Free-throw Competition held in Weston on Sunday, March 5, 2023.

First place winners: Adalyn Johnson and Peyton Hicks

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