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## Tucker Boys' Fall in State Championship to James Monroe 66-35

By Dave Helmick  
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CHARLESTON – The Mt. Lions Boys' Basketball team traveled to Charleston to compete in the WV State Tournament. Tucker County faced off against East Hardy in the first-round game on Wednesday March 15th. The Mt. Lions pulled away in the third quarter to get the win over the Cougars 77-51.

Tucker County got off to a good start in the game as they led after one quarter 25-10. East Hardy battled back in the second as the Cougars outscored the Mt. Lions 17-11 to make the halftime score 36-27 Tucker County.

The Mt. Lions would explode for 23 points in the third quarter, while holding East Hardy to 9 points in the period to make the score 59-36 after three quarters. The final quarter was also won by



2023 Boys' Basketball Class "A" State Runner-Up, Tucker County Mt. Lions. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Tucker County 18-15 to give the Mt. Lions the Quarterfinal win by the final score of 77-51.

Tucker County was led in scoring by Trevan Bonner with 17 points and Levi Bennett added

14 points in the win for the Mt. Lions. Ashton Lycliter had 10 points, 8 rebounds for Tucker

County, while Owen Knotts and Garrett Wilfong collected 8  
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## TVEMS Robotics Team Spreading Positive Message



TVEMS Robotic Team presented to the TC Commissioners their project for conserving energy.

By: Jennifer Britt  
The Parsons Advocate

Students from the TVEMS Innovation Project Robotics Team, led by Christine Ward, presented the Tucker County Commission with their First LEGO League projects. Oliver Archuleta, Lela Wright, Shilah Jones, Lylee Jones, and Logan Kopec gave an informative presentation on renewable energy. Archuleta said, "We are one of the first LEGO League's representing Tucker Valley. Each year our robotic teams are consistently creating innovation projects. Each team in the league identifies a problem related to the theme of the challenges for the year and comes up with possible solutions for that problem. Then the team presents their projects to a group of judges at the end of the meet."

This year's theme is "Superpower". It relates to energy production, conservation, and clean energy. The administrators of the First LEGO meet wanted the students to imagine a better energy future. Their answer was to research different alternative forms of clean energy, advocate clean energy conservation, and spread awareness for the importance of clean energy. This year for their innovation project they hope to advocate some of the main ways citizens as individuals can conserve and use renewable energy. They have created flyers to spread awareness and put them up around the county.

Hydropower was introduced by the students, and they said, "One way to use renewable energy within your home is hydropower. Hydropower uses moving water to flow through a pipe or penstock (A penstock is a sluice or gate or intake



Oliver Archuleta, Lela Wright, Shilah Jones, Lylee Jones, and Logan Kopec gave an informative presentation on renewable energy to the TC Commission.

structure that controls water flow, or an enclosed pipe that delivers water to hydro turbines and sewerage systems.) to push against or turn blades in a turbine to produce electricity. We researched different ways to install hydroelectric into residential homes and found multiple things people can place in their homes to utilize hydropower. Such as a hydroelectric closet that produces electricity by the water used to wash your hands and a hydroelectric turbine generator that you can place in nearby creeks, streams, or rivers to create hydroelectric power."

The students explained how just using hydropower for half a year could save an estimated \$500. They explained that even the cheaper \$200 wind turbine could produce 600 watts of energy which would average around \$4.17 a year where it would normally average around \$1,000 a year.

The general goal for the team presenting to the Commission was

to inform and spread their message for their cause. They will continue to place flyers around the county to inform people on how to conserve energy and spread a positive message. Commissioner Mike Rosenau said, "I think you guys did a wonderful job getting your message out. We have boards throughout the courthouse and the annex, and you are welcome to put your flyers on them. I appreciate you guys coming and making us aware. I did not even know about the robotics. I did not even know the class was at the school."

I thank you for coming forward and educating the County Commission with what is going on with the school systems. So, thank you and never hesitate to come to a Commission meeting. We are here to represent everybody. Please come anytime and I mean that. Please make yourself active in your community and working together is what it is all about."

## Mook, Henline, and Heckler in Judge Courier's Courtroom

By: Jennifer Britt  
The Parsons Advocate

The Honorable Judge James Courier presided over cases for Tammy (Nelson) Mook, Bradley Henline, and Emily Heckler.

Mook was indicted on two felony counts of burglary, two felony counts of grand larceny, two felony counts of receiving, transferring, concealing stolen property, and two felony counts of conspiracy in June of 2018. Since this time, she has been convicted of one count of felony burglary and received three years of probation and ordered to pay restitution within a year.

The next jury trial is set to begin on June 9 after Mook did not accept a plea bargain presented to her by Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins. The trial will hear witness testimony from three witnesses on behalf of the defense that would include an officer of law, the homeowner of the home allegedly burglarized, and a co-defendant. Pre-trial motions are set for May 18 at 1:15 p.m.

Henline has been evaluated by a state approved professional and has been deemed competent to stand trial. Magistrate Court had sent the case to the Circuit Court level to get the needed evaluation and after being found criminally responsible for his actions Henline's case was referred back to Magistrate Court for further proceedings on March 22 at 10 a.m.

Emily Heckler was represented, in court, by her attorney, Jeremy Cooper, to file a motion to allow E. Heckler to start community integration. Community integration would allow Heckler the privilege of leaving the Highland Acute Behavioral and Mental Health Hospital, in Clarksburg, on day trips with a group of other patients. The patients would go to places like the movies, shopping, or restaurants.

In April of 2021 E. Heckler was found not guilty by reason of mental health for the 2019 stabbing and killing of her stepmother, Marion Heckler. E. Heckler, 19 at the time, allegedly slit M. Heckler's throat, and stabbed M. Heckler 42 times in her back, killing her

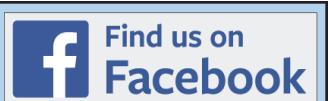
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Bradley Henline entering into Judge Courier's court.



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## We Get Letters

### Editor

A few weeks back I saw a bumper sticker on the way to a beer festival that read, “FOSSIL FUELS ARE SO LAST CENTURY” and had to stifle a laugh. Aside from the riotous irony that the owner of that KIA had to fill up at the pump, same as me, to get to that same festival, there’s also the pesky little detail (obvious to those of us still living in the land of sanity) of how a glut of cheap and available fossil fuels is what’s literally been keeping us all affordably warm and our tummies full for over a century now, by orders of magnitude. Both in terms of the tremendous reduction of time required to create these ideal conditions, but more importantly, the amount of physical energy needed to be spent, quantified in the daily number of calories burned by a person in order to achieve the standard of living we all enjoy today.

Don’t believe me? Look at Germany. Their people are fixing to freeze next winter, now that the Nord Stream 2 pipeline’s effectively been turned to Swiss cheese. A grievous wound, not only to their ability to stay warm, but a deathblow to their industry and service sectors and therefore, their economy, which again, subsequently helped send their food prices skyrocketing to the moon by nearly 22% as of February. So much for that solar and wind technology the Deutchlanders were so heavily invested in. Bit hard to produce enough power when it’s cold, cloudy, calm, or nighttime, turns out. Much to the chagrin of the Green New Deal movement.

Anything to rescue us from those icky archaic fossil fuels, though. Can’t have cheap food and utility bills. No no no no no. How ‘bout you just take cold showers and wear an extra sweater from now on. That’s, no joke, what the German government told their citizens to do...with a straight face. Needless to say many of them are now fleeing to the woods for firewood.

To all the liberals breathlessly clutching their pearls at this, you might wanna reacquaint yourselves with the Haber-Bosch process. It’s

going to have quite a bit to do with how much you’ll be paying in the near future to keep the lights on, stay warm, and most importantly, fed. Developed in the early 20th century, it was a new innovation in fertilizer manufacturing on an industrial scale, curtailing the growing problem of soil depletion and meeting the growing demands of a growing world population. It’s a hydrocarbon based process that combines nitrogen from the air and hydrogen to produce ammonia, the pillar ingredient in fertilizers, and is crucial for feeding half the world’s population today. It can ONLY be done using natural gas. And with Russia and Ukraine alone producing nearly 30% of the stuff, currently at war, combined with the Biden Regime cutting off our own natural gas supply, a massive dearth is gonna be a grim certainty in the coming years, I’m afraid.

**Christopher Phares  
Thomas, WV**

### Editor,

It is Now Time to Build Corridor H Greetings. There was a letter to the Editor by Rachele Davis. Unfortunately, the letter cites a petition signed by over 5,000 people that is based on outdated information, personal opinions, and erroneous information that misleads the public regarding the Revised Original Preferred Alternative (ROPA). The information has been used to create a public frenzy that at best proves to be misguided.

The first point raised by the petition: “This plan would undermine the connection between the local communities and make it dangerous to travel between the towns on foot or bicycle.” This comment was wrong when originally discussed and is more factually inaccurate with the latest roadway revisions. We have used the analogy before that DOH is building an underpass NOT A WALL. Between the municipalities traffic will use a wide roadway at grade level while corridor H passes under the road. It will be extremely broad and landscaped allowing safe travel for both pedestrians and riders. It will be just as easy in the future to tran-

sit between Davis and Thomas as it is today.

Next point: “An elevated 4-lane highway through the beautiful Blackwater area is not in the interest of the local economy.” The road is not “elevated,” but it is shielded from view using earthen berms and vegetation. The bridge over the North Fork nor the roadway is visible from the Blackwater State Park Lodge, Lindy Point, or Pace Point Overlook. This has been verified using mapping techniques and topographical maps. All of that being true, none of that will negatively impact our tourist economy.

Another point: “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.” Ironically, that is all true. Corridor H will actually increase the number of visitors to our area, which in turn will create more jobs – not less. And, the corridor will make it easier, quicker, and safer for worker living in other areas to commute to their workplace.

Final point: “Thomas and Davis have become destinations in the last 20 years with a thriving diversified economy. Directing commercial traffic traveling to locations outside the county through the center of our towns would have a detrimental impact on our businesses.” We agree that Davis, Thomas, and Canaan Valley are thriving destinations. Where we disagree is with the impact of Corridor H on our area. The roadway will actually make it easier to travel to the area and that will only increase, not decrease, the demand upon our area. We are the desired destination of choice.

One more point. Some argue that the historic nature of the coke ovens will be ruined by a bridge passing overhead. To that we say nonsense. All over the country and the world historic sites co-exist and integrate successfully with modern amenities. We maintain the coke ovens will remain viable and can endure in harmony with Corridor H.

Therefore, build the road now and use the ROPA.  
**Al Tomson**

# Sinkland Farms 1st Annual Easter Eggs-Travaganza

Hop on over to Sinkland Farms for an Eggs-citing day at their 1st annual Easter Eggs-Travaganza! Bring the family for a fun-filled day with Easter egg hunts, visit with the Easter Bunny, and enjoy plenty of activities at the premiere local destination for spring festivities unlike anywhere else. This will be a two-day weekend event on April 1st and 2nd.

There is something for everyone, but especially the kids! Come for the Easter Egg Hunt for ages 2-10 and bring your baskets. The Easter Bunny will be there both days to visit with kids and special photo opportunities will be provided. There will also be a huge kid’s zone with a giant slide, games, a kid-friendly zip, a barrel train ride, and so much more! Also

new this year will be fun activities in the Craft Station with Giant Bubbles, Color & Stickers, and Plant-a-Seed. Families can enjoy sing-along music, face painting, kid’s karaoke, the Easter Story, and a Princess & Superhero Parade both days. Bring your kites to fly in the spring wind on the farm too!

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## News of Record

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

- Karen J. Bonner, Davis District, Release of remaining life 3.00 acres more or less to Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge, \$17,823.
- Tammy Nicole Taylor Poole, Thomas District, 13,446 sq. ft. Thomas Corporation to Timothy Cosner and Fulton Properties LLC, \$34,000.
- Edward Fulton, Davis District, Yellow Creek South Lot 2, 1.13 acres more or less to Fulton Properties LLC, \$0.
- Dylan Baker and Alexis Brooke Baker, Davis District, Yellow Creek South Lot 2, 1.13 acres more or less to Edward Fulton, \$0.
- Dylan Johnson, Thomas District, Lot 91 to Sophia Rehak, \$75,000.
- North Lake LLC and North Lake II LLC, Dry Fork District, Lot 24 containing .709 acres more or less North Face Section V to Brent H. Maynard and Sharon F. Maynard, \$80,000.
- Paul K. Bright, Black Fork District, 2.234 acres more or less to Danny Walker and Lisa Walker, \$30,000.
- Paul K. Bright, Black Fork District, 1.49 acres more or less to Rachel Arbogast.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, Unit B2 Week 2 to Clint West and Dominica West, \$225.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, Unit B2 Week 1 to Clint West and Dominica West, \$225.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, Unit C2 Week 7 to Katrina West and Kevin West, \$300.
- Andree Nemeroff Jenner, Dry Fork District, Minerals and royalties Allman Unit to Community Minerals II LLC, \$5,250.
- William Bradley Stevens, Parsons Corporation, Lot 14 and 15 to William Bradley Stevens and Houston H. Walton, \$0.
- Barbara J. Reynolds, Hendricks Corporation, .80 acres Tract #1 Lots 65, 66 and 67 to Barbara J. Reynolds and Raymond H. Reynolds, \$0.
- James E. Simmons, Tessa B. Simmons, formerly Tessa B. Reynolds, St. George District, Lots 4 and 5 parcel in rear to Ashley N. Ware, \$110,000.

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# Interagency Team Wins Forest Service Award Presented by Chief Randy Moore

**ELKINS, W.Va.**, An interagency team including staff from Monongahela National Forest, the Forest Service's Eastern Regional Office, and the West Virginia Division of Highways was presented with a national honor award by Forest Service Chief Randy Moore in an online ceremony.

The team collaborated on the replacement of a closed bridge in Tucker County, West Virginia. The closure impacted access to about 20 homes in the Laneville area and a popular trailhead in the Dolly Sods Wilderness.

"I'm proud of these employees and their dedicated work to ensure the safe and timely installation of the replacement bridge," said Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran. "It's always rewarding to work with folks across agencies and from other offices, and I'm grateful for the assistance of the West Virginia Division of Highways and staff from the Forest Service's Eastern Region."

The team obtained funding and environmental permits, wrote a statement of work, awarded a construction contract, coordinated closely with the contractor and residents, obtained a temporary replacement bridge, installed a temporary pedestrian bridge, and provided public information. Thanks to their efforts, the bridge was opened to the public significantly ahead of schedule and with no injuries or safety issues.

The Red Creek Bridge Recovery Project Team was presented with the 2022 Chief's Honor Award in



Laneville Bridge over Red Creek attached. USDA Forest Service photo

the category of "Deliver Benefits to the Public". Recipients include:

Amy Albright, NEPA Coordinator, Monongahela National Forest

Brooke Andrew, Natural Resource Specialist, Monongahela National Forest

Chad Arbogast, Civil Engineering Technician, Monongahela National Forest

Clark Bartelt, Contracting Officer, Forest Service, Region 9, East Zone

Mark Beverage, Equipment Operator, Monongahela National Forest

Donald Bolden, Equipment Operator, Monongahela National Forest

David Buck, Equipment Operator, Monongahela National Forest

Jeff Dulka, Bridge Program Manager, Forest Service, Region 9, Engineering

Kendre DiPietro, Civil Engineer,

Monongahela National Forest

Zoey Fox, Civil Engineer, Monongahela National Forest

Jeremiah Knavenshue, Design Engineer, West Virginia Division of Highways

Nathan Parsons, Forestry Technician, Monongahela National Forest

John Waggy, Forestry Technician, Monongahela National Forest

Leo Weese, Civil Engineering Technician, Monongahela National Forest

Kelly Bridges, Public Affairs Officer, Monongahela National Forest

Patrick Hampston, Civil Engineer, Forest Service, Region 9, Technical Services

James Rossi, District Engineer, West Virginia Division of Highways

Benjamin Shaffer, Forest Engineer, Monongahela National Forest

## DHHR and DEP Announce Proactive Drinking Water Working Group Following EPA Proposals

**CHARLESTON, W.Va.**

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Bureau for Public Health and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced a new working group to collaborate with select public water systems to develop plans to treat drinking water for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), part of a large group of lab-made chemicals known as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today proposed to regulate PFOA and PFOS at a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) where they can be reliably measured, at 4 parts per trillion. In addition to these two MCLs, EPA is proposing to address four additional PFAS (GenX, PFBS, PFNA, and PFHxS) as a



mixture using a Hazard Index.

"At the Governor's direction, in an effort of collaboration, our state partners proactively reached out to water systems in West Virginia in preparation of these revised EPA guidelines and have formed a work group to address any potential concerns," said Dr. Matt Christiansen, State Health Officer and Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Public Health.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), under the direction of DHHR, tested the raw-water (pre-treated water) for 279 public water systems across West Virginia. In the USGS report, of the 279 systems, thirty-seven were identified to have detectable PFOA and PFOS in their raw-water source. Additional tests by USGS are pending on the finished drinking water for the 37 systems and will be shared when finalized.

The EPA recently announced that West Virginia will receive \$18.9 million in federal funding over two years to address emerging contaminants like PFAS in drinking water. That funding can be used for a wide-range of activities, including research and testing, treatment, source water activities, restructuring, consolidating, or creating water systems, technical assistance, and more. DHHR

will be coordinating with the impacted communities to administer the funding.

"A collaborative approach between DHHR, DEP, and our public water systems will be the most effective way to treat PFAS in our state," said DEP Secretary Harold Ward. "By working together, we can leverage our respective strengths and expertise to protect the health and well-being of our citizens and the environment."

PFAS are chemicals used in thousands of applications throughout the industrial, food, and textile industries and are an ingredient in some firefighting foams, food packaging, cleaning products, and various other household items. They are classified as possible carcinogens and may create other adverse health effects. Exposure to PFAS over a long period of time may lead to negative health effects.

## OBITUARIES

Roger Lee Collett

Roger Lee Collett, 78, a resident of Parsons and more recently of Cortland Acres Nursing Home in Thomas, passed from this life on Monday, March 13, 2023. He had been in declining health.

Roger was born in Hambleton on Wednesday, August 23, 1944, a son of the late Howard Collett and Elma Mallow Haddix.

On September 9, 1966, he was married to Mildred Grace Collett, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were his sister, Arbutis (Clint) Wilson and his brother, John (Maxine) Collett. Roger was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Roger, having no children of his own, took pride in helping to raise his nephew, David Kyle, and his nieces, Debra Kyle and Cindy Helmick. Also left to cherish his memory are nephews John Collet Jr. and Forest Conrad Jr., and great nieces Melissa Rhoads, Angiy (Justin) Browning, and Kelsey, Kenzie, and Karley Kyle, and great nephew, Buck (Kylie) Helmick.

Roger attended the schools of Tucker County. He was employed at Kingsford Manufacturing and later with Mallow Construction where he enjoyed many years of working with his uncles and cousins. He attended Riverview Chapel in Porterwood.

Roger loved the outdoors. He was an avid gardener and fisherman. He also loved spending time with his family, especially Izabella, Addalyn, Kennedy, and Carter. Most recently, he enjoyed putting puzzles together.

Visitation will be held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Thursday, March 16, 2023, from 11 am to 1 pm., the funeral hour. Rev. James Snyder will officiate and Roger's request for cremation will then be honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Roger Lee Collett. Send online condolences to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com).

Vincent Geroski

Vincent Geroski was called to rest on March 12, 2023, after a long illness. He passed peacefully with his family by his side.

He was born on July 21, 1944, in Albert, WV, the son of Francis and Rose Mettica Geroski who preceded him in death. His brother, Joseph Geroski, and his sister Linda Geroski Avery also preceded him in death.

He served as an aircraft electrician in the U.S. Air Force from 1962-1966 stationed at Dover AFB. After his discharge, he worked as a Millwright at Playtex for 38 years. He was a mechanical whiz whose motto was "If I can't fix it, it ain't broke." Many called him a genius because of some of his inventions. He enjoyed tinkering in his three bay shop which was known as West Dover Hardware because he had almost every tool ever made x10 as well as other necessities such as bolts, screws, scrap metal, etc. He saved everything because some day he might use it, and he usually did or passed it on.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting in every open season. He loved fishing and crabbing and most of all good friends who gathered at his shop to enjoy a beer or his famous homemade wine. He was witty and funny and always brought laughter with his tales. Almost everyone he ever met has a favorite story about his antics.

Vince Geroski was a good man, a hard worker, a good husband, father and grandfather. He was loved dearly by his family and friends and will never be forgotten.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Beverly Maravia Geroski, his son Andrew Geroski (wife Joanna Busch Geroski) of Bellefonte, DE, and his daughter, Tammy Geroski Harrall (husband Randy Harrall); grandsons Dustin Harrall (wife Samantha Zeman), of Magnolia, DE, Joshua Harrall of Magnolia, DE, and Trey Harrall of Milton, DE; his Granddaughters Alie, Sadie and Alana Hernandez; and great-granddaughters, Hannah Mae and Hailli Harrall.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 25 at Torbert's Funeral Home South, 1145 E. Lebanon Road (Route 10) at 1 p.m. with visitation one hour prior. His ashes will be taken to his beloved mountains in West Virginia where they will be scattered at his hunting camp, his hooch, and released in his favorite trout stream. A gathering will be held there in the spring for his good friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Assn.

Letters of condolence may be sent, and guestbook signed at [www.torbertfuneral.com](http://www.torbertfuneral.com)



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## Monongahela National Forest Plans Spring Pile Burns

**ELKINS, W.Va.**, – Staff on Monongahela National Forest are planning to burn several woody debris piles this spring on National Forest System lands.

Pile-burning may take place at any time from now until early June. Burning may take place in several locations. Planned pile burns include:

### Pendleton County:

Mowery-Glover grazing allotment, east of Seneca Caverns, area of Reeds Creek and Dry Run. For more information call the Cheat-Potomac District at (304) 257-4488.

### Grant County:

Smokehole-Champ grazing allotment, area east of Smoke Hole Road. For more information call the Cheat-Potomac District at (304) 257-4488.

### Pocahontas County:

Pile located behind the Greenbrier District Office in Bartow, Pocahontas County. For more information call (304) 456-3335.

Gay Sharpe grazing allotment, near state Route 55 and Forest Service Road 202, Pocahontas County. For more information call the Marlinton-White Sulphur District Office at (304)

799-4334.

Okay Beale Hacking grazing allotment, area of Buzzard Ridge Road, Pocahontas County. For information call the Marlinton-White Sulphur District Office at (304) 799-4334.

Signs will be posted on roads near the burn areas when burning is taking place. Residents and forest visitors may see and smell smoke. County emergency operations centers will be notified when burning begins.

Burn alerts will also be posted on the public website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF>.



Judge Courier listening to testimony presented by Emily Heckler's psychologist and case to obtain approval to leave the mental facility on outings.



Tammy (Nelson) Mook entering into Judge Courier's courtroom to set a date for her trial to begin.

with an eight-inch wooden-handled kitchen butcher knife.

During the trial E. Heckler testified that her and M. Heckler had gotten into an argument and during that argument she had flashbacks to a previous argument that involved a knife with her mother, which she claimed caused her to flip out and stab her stepmother.

After entering this plea, E. Heckler was committed to a secure mental health facility and will be under the court's jurisdiction for the maximum term for first-degree murder, which is life. E. Heckler will also undergo an annual evaluation to determine if she poses a danger and whether such a facility is still appropriate.

On this day in court Cooper motioned for an approval that would allow E. Heckler to go on outings. Cooper argued that

Heckler has been improving, taking her medications, and doing well with her treatments. Cooper also argued that Heckler was no longer a criminal defendant as she was acquitted of all charges and placed in a mental institution as part of her plea agreement.

Cooper presented two witnesses that work with E. Heckler during her treatment. One witness is E. Heckler's psychological doctor and the other is her social services case worker. The psychological doctor has only been working with Heckler since October of 2022 and determined that Heckler was stable enough to travel outside the facility with trained staff. The doctor stated that E. Heckler has been taking her medications and has improved. Cooper also argued that Heckler would be overseen

by professionals on her excursions.

Wilkins questioned the witness as to how long they had been treating E. Heckler. The witness stated since October of 2022 for an estimated 30 minutes once a month. The witness also answered the question of whether she had reviewed the case with the crime scene photos as no. Nor was she aware of the other incidents that had occurred during E. Heckler's incarceration where E. Heckler had allegedly strangled a guard.

Mr. Hall the social services case worker basically stated that he was a part of E. Heckler's treatment by handling her discharge voucher, cash withdrawals, and keeper of her treatment plan but was not part of the transport team that would accompany E.

Heckler out on excursions. Hall did state that precautions were taken on the trips that included all the floor and transport staff being trained in crisis situations and two to three staff members accompanying an individual on an outing.

Wilkins questioned Hall as to what was the discharge voucher or plan for E. Heckler to which Hall answered none at this time until they find suitable placing. Hall stated to Wilkins that the crisis training was recertified by staff every one to two years and the training sessions were one to two hours long with testing being completed online.

Wilkins argued that given E. Heckler's past she was a flight risk and was in a facility to receive treatment for her mental issues as ordered by the courts

and allowing her to not go see a movie or eat at a restaurant was not a punishment but a safety precaution.

Judge Courier ruled that given the evidence provided that E. Heckler was doing well with her treatments he would allow her to go outside the facility on a limited individual basis with at least two crisis trained staff members but not as part of a huge group. Courier stated that once Heckler has proven herself, her defense could motion the court for an approval of small group outings. Courier said, "Not going to say I will ever approve a huge group outing."

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

## Morrisey Reminds Consumers to Research Tax Prep Services

CHARLESTON — It's that time of the year again, so West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is reminding consumers to be cautious and to protect personal information when preparing and filing their federal and state income taxes, particularly since some tax preparers offer remote/online assistance.

The federal and West Virginia tax filing deadline this year is April 18.

If opting for a remote or virtual transaction, make sure you're dealing with a legitimate tax preparation service. Also, make sure the tax preparer uses a secure portal to receive sensitive information involving income, Social Security numbers, finances, birth dates, addresses and other items scammers could steal.

"Tax season is in full swing and so are scammers who are busy trying to steal your personal information," Attorney General Morrisey said. "That's why it's imperative for consumers to be mindful of how they handle tax information and who processes tax-related documents on their

behalf. Make sure you work with the right person or business. Research their reputation, qualifications, and be on guard for any phony or dishonest preparer who would jeopardize your personal information."

Consumers can greatly reduce the risk of fraud by filing their return well before the April 18 deadline. This gives thieves less time to file a false return since Internal Revenue Service records would show a filed return in the consumer's name. Consumers also should use a secure internet connection, and never file their return via publicly available WiFi.

Consumers should ask for the Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) and check the IRS list found at <https://irs.treasury.gov/rpo/rpo.jsf>.

Legitimate tax preparers will ask for records and receipts. Additionally, they will never ask a client to sign a blank tax return. If they suggest as much, it should raise an immediate red flag.

Consumers should also ensure their tax preparer signs and includes his or

her IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number. Federal law requires paid tax preparers to take both steps.

Other tips to consider if hiring a tax preparer:

Research tax preparers online and/or seek a trusted friend's recommendation.

Make sure the tax preparer offers e-file. Anyone who prepares and files more than 10 returns for clients generally must do so electronically.

Make sure the tax preparer will be available after filing the return should any questions arise about the filed tax return.

Taxpayers who file through traditional mail should use caution and consider taking the mail to a local post office—tax identity thieves have been known to steal tax documents from mailboxes.

Consumers who believe they may be the victim of tax-related identity theft should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office at 800-368-8808, or file a complaint online at [www.ago.wv.gov](http://www.ago.wv.gov).

## Over \$1.75 Million for Emergency Response and Violence Prevention

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$1,755,887 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs (OJP) for the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security. The funding will be used to develop and staff a new crisis intervention advisory board that will include representatives from local law enforcement, the community, courts, prosecutors, behavioral health providers, victim services providers, and legal counsel.

"Maintaining safe communities across our state is so important, and efforts like the West Virginia Crisis Intervention Advisory Board can go a long way in helping to achieve that goal," Senator Capito said. "I'm proud to announce this funding that will promote safety within our towns and cities, and continue to support emergency response teams with the tools needed as they assist those who may pose a risk to themselves or others."

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# What's? Happening

## Sinkland Farms Easter Eggs-Travaganza

Hop on over to Sinkland Farms for an Eggs-citing day at their Easter Eggs-Travaganza! Bring the family for a fun-filled day with Easter egg hunts, visit with the Easter Bunny, and enjoy plenty of activities at the premiere local destination for spring festivities unlike anywhere else. This will be a two-day weekend event on April 1 and 2. Easter Egg Hunt for ages 2-10 and bring your baskets, also special photo opportunities will be provided. There will also be a kid's zone with a giant slide, games, a kid-friendly zip, a barrel train ride, and so much more, also fun activities in the Craft Station with Giant Bubbles, Color & Stickers, and Plant-a-Seed, sing-along music, face painting, kid's karaoke, the Easter Story, and a Princess & Superhero Parade both days. Bring your kites to fly in the spring wind on the farm too, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, April 1 and

Sunday, April 2, 2023. For more info: <https://sinklandfarms.com/easter-egg-stravaganza>

## St. John's United Methodist Choir Presents the Night Before Easter

St. John's United Methodist choir will present "The Night Before Easter", a resurrection musical cantata, on Sunday, March 26 at 10 a.m. during the worship service at St. John's United Methodist Church in Parsons. Everyone welcome.

## Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Dinner

The Maple Springs Church is sponsoring a buckwheat and sausage dinner from 3 – 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 1. Donations are \$10; children 6-10 years \$5 and children 5 and under eat free. For more information call 304-735-5202.



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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**March 22, 1922:** Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia. She became the first Black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Governor Wally Barron appointed her director of the Department of Mental Health.

**March 23, 2003:** Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

**March 24, 1890:** Confederate General William Lowther "Mudwall" Jackson died in Louisville. Jackson, who was born in Clarksburg, joined the Confederate Army as a private. After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel. He served on the staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and was jokingly nicknamed "Mudwall."

**March 25, 1878:** Attorney General Armistead Abraham "Cousin Abe" Lilly was born at Jumping Branch, Summers County. Lilly appealed the Virginia Debt Suit to the U.S. Supreme Court; when settled, it was estimated that Lilly had saved the state a large sum of money.

**March 26, 1851:** Upshur County was created from parts of Randolph, Lewis and Barbour counties, with Buckhannon as the

county seat.  
**March 26, 1863:** The state's first constitution was overwhelmingly ratified by the voters, by a majority of 28,321 to 572. The constitution was drafted during the state's first Constitutional Convention at the federal custom house in Wheeling.

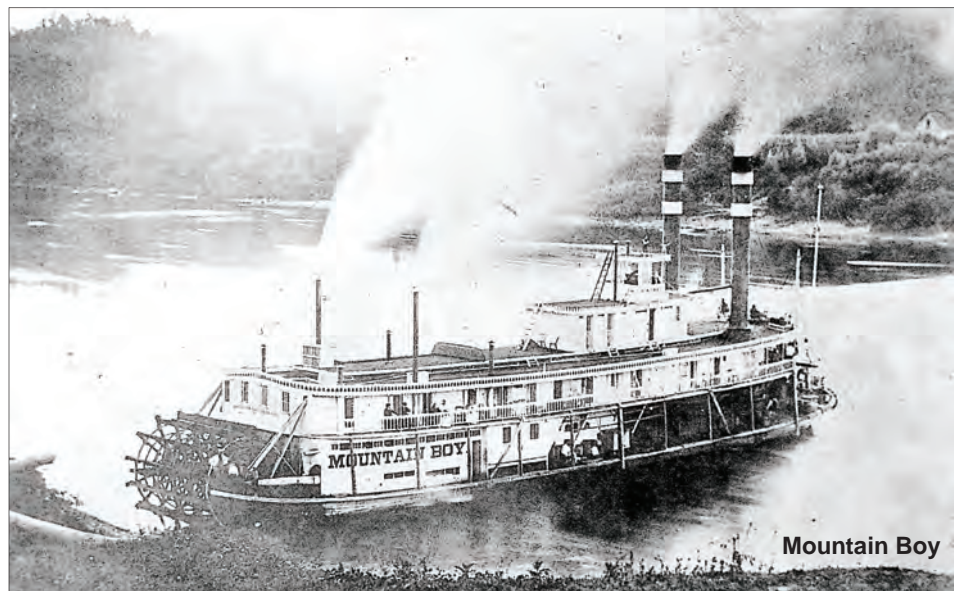
**March 26, 1920:** Aviator Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins was born. She was the first Black woman to become a solo pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training Program at West Virginia State College (now University).

**March 27, 1826:** Laura Jackson Arnold, the younger sister of "Stonewall" Jackson, was born in Clarksburg. During the Civil War, she was a staunch Unionist and opened her home to care for sick and injured troops.

**March 27, 1917:** Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. In 1978, Vance was instrumental in the Camp David peace accord between Egypt and Israel and in negotiating the Panama Canal Treaty.

**March 28, 1870:** State officials, with state records and property, boarded a steamboat called *Mountain Boy*, one of six steamboats that moved West Virginia's capital from Wheeling to Charleston.

**March 28, 1941:** Musician Charlie McCoy was born in Oak Hill. One of the most significant harmonica players in country music, his work can also be heard on rock 'n' roll albums, including several of Bob Dylan's. He was the musical director for the TV program *Hee Haw*.



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

### Weather Totals

Mar. 7- Mar. 14

Nursery Bottom  
*Parsons*

**Temperature**  
Max 54° F  
Min 18° F

**Precipitation**  
Week 0.50"  
March 1.21"  
2023 8.49"

**Snowfall**  
New Snow 2.25"  
Snow on ground 2"  
Winter Total 11"

U.S. Forest Service

Spring has sprung and I am so happy. The Spring Equinox was March 22 and the time has sprung forward, maybe for the last time. I am seeing more and more trees already starting to bud and I hope we don't get a late frost and ruin everything. *Momma Said*, "We need some apples this year so hope it stays warm."

I am sending thoughts and prayers to all the people in California. They are having so much weird weather with all the snow and now rain. They received snow in places that have not seen snow in years, if ever. This this summer when they need the rain for all the forest fires they will not get any. *Momma Said*, "Too little, too late it is all or nothing for them."

The seasons have changed so erratically that you just don't know what to expect anymore. Weather patterns have moved so much that nothing is as it was. We have had no winter to speak of and other places are getting covered in feet,

## 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

not inches, of snow. It will take until July for it all to melt. Spring will come and go for them and they will still be covered in snow.

It is just a month until the Easter Bunny comes to see everyone. I love this time of year when everything is coming to life and all the beautiful blooms on the trees, all the baby calves running around and to see the robins back. If the weather we have been having holds on, it won't be long before we are mowing the grass. UGH!!

## OLD FASHIONED HOT FUDGE SUNDAE CAKE

### Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 Tablespoons baking cocoa (unsweetened)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped nuts (pecans or walnuts), optional
- 1 cup light brown sugar (packed)
- 1/4 cup baking cocoa (unsweetened)
- 1 3/4 cups very hot water
- Ice Cream, optional

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In an ungreased 9x9 square baking dish, using a fork, mix first set of dry ingredients – flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder and salt – mix well.
3. Next, stir in milk, vegetable oil and vanilla, mix until smooth. If using nuts, add them now. Spread batter evenly in pan.
4. Last, sprinkle batter evenly on top with brown sugar and remaining 1/4 cup baking cocoa. Pour hot water over top (do NOT mix) and bake on middle rack of oven for approximately 40 minutes, until top layer has a dry, brownie-like top.
5. When ready, remove and spoon warm cake/fudge sauce over ice cream. Enjoy!

## Super Crossword

### STUDY OF GENESIS

**ACROSS**

1 Downhill's headwear  
8 Mexican beach resort  
14 Island home of Odysseus  
20 University of Wyoming's city  
21 Moon-landing program  
22 Had to have  
23 They appear before a film's first scene  
25 Viewed to be  
26 Cakes of cornbread  
27 Indy units  
28 Bichon — (white dog)  
30 Stitch's cartoon friend  
31 Bleating females  
32 Speedy plane  
33 It turns a computer on  
35 Always, to bards  
36 Vintage auto  
38 Active Sicilian volcano  
39 Holders of emergency supplies  
43 Women with babies on the way

47 Puccini work  
51 Gala after a presidential oath  
54 Cutting noise  
55 Quadrillionth: Prefix  
56 — epic scale  
57 Musical insensitivity  
59 Sets for viewing  
60 Perfume by Dana  
61 Lured  
63 "You Gotta Be" singer of 1994  
65 Graduation address deliverer  
71 Keyless, musically  
72 Many a Netflix show  
73 — Dinka Doo" (Jimmy Durante tune)  
75 Candy in collectible dispensers  
76 "Mice" or "lice," but not "rice"  
81 Blowout, e.g.  
82 Look for prey, as a lion  
83 Cyber- addresses  
85 Membership ceremony  
88 Phony: Prefix

90 Camera item for a long or short view  
91 Down Under dweller  
92 "Me? Never!"  
94 — Cruces  
95 Says "yes" to  
96 Celebratory event for a rollout  
102 Swung tool  
103 Green gem  
107 Prefix with directional  
108 Cosmetician  
109 Sainly  
111 Birds-and-bees class  
112 Stick together  
114 Bible's first words (apt for this puzzle's theme)  
117 Actress McNichol or Swanson  
118 Quarterback great Dan  
119 Flow out  
120 Smallish sofa  
121 Slip away  
122 City in Arizona or Mexico

4 Lion features  
5 French buds  
6 Moral failure  
7 Bowler, informally  
8 Koi, e.g.  
9 Clumsy sorts  
10 Signal "yes"  
11 Actor Montgomery  
12 Radical sort  
13 GI's "Uh-uh!"  
14 Owing money  
15 PGA peg  
16 Shoe lifts  
17 Grant entry to  
18 Singer/rapper Green  
19 Attach  
24 Purring pet  
29 "Remington —"  
32 Bach's —, Joy of Man's Desiring"  
33 Mediciore  
34 108-card game  
35 Frozen waffle brand  
36 Move in circles  
37 "Lose Yourself" rapper  
39 Natural ability  
40 Many short plays  
41 Hoodwink

42 One of the four seasons  
43 Wildly excited  
44 Blast stuff  
45 Sapporo sash  
46 Prohibit  
48 Just between us  
49 Stream in the title of 1957's Best Picture  
50 Church area  
52 Horse color pattern  
53 Fills with freight  
58 Irish actor Stephen  
61 Lawyer Melvin called "The King of Torts"  
62 — Moines and maxis  
66 GPS display  
67 Tetley competitor  
68 Bridal gown features  
69 Grain towers  
70 Hammer's striking end  
71 Since Hector was —  
74 Everybody, in Essen  
77 Starts to remove a jacket, say  
78 — de Janeiro  
79 — Z (total)

80 Fashion designer Phillip —  
82 Name shared by 12 popes  
84 Least cloudy  
86 Join forces  
87 Fall lawn tool  
89 Rx writer  
93 A flirtatious look  
95 Element #8  
96 Safe secures  
97 Love, in Italy  
98 Not stricken  
99 — or two (on occasion)  
100 Kidney-related  
101 "Neon" fish  
102 Schooner fill  
103 One of the Bush twins  
104 Around a line of symmetry  
105 AI — (a bit firm)  
106 Knife features  
109 Birds sitting on clutches  
110 Conical-bore woodwind  
111 Hosiery flaw  
113 GPS display: Abbr.  
115 Trendy  
116 "It seems to me," online

**DOWN**

1 Inclined land  
2 "Bam!"  
3 Singer Cara  
41 Hoodwink

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# Opening Dates Announced for Monongahela National Forest Recreation Sites

**Elkins, W.Va., March 8, 2023** — Monongahela National Forest has announced the 2023 opening dates for developed recreation sites across the Forest. These dates may change based on local conditions. Visit the Forest's Recreation Conditions Report at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/mnf/recreation> for the most current information.

Campground and picnic shelter reservations for some sites may be made at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Roadside camping, also called dispersed camping or boondocking, is available in many areas of the Forest year-round. Call local offices listed below for details.

Learn about recreating safely and responsibly on your national forest at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-you-go/responsible-recreation>.

Opening dates for recreation sites on Cheat-Potomac Ranger District (304-478-2000) in the Elkins and Parsons areas:

- Bear Heaven Campground – April 14
- Horseshoe Recreation Area – May 12
- Lower Glady Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 162) – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 14
- Stuart Recreation Area – April 21

Opening dates for recreation sites on Cheat-Potomac Ranger District (304-257-4488) in the Petersburg and Seneca Rocks areas:

- Big Bend Campground – April 7
- Dolly Sods Picnic Area – April 15, weather permitting
- Forest Road 19 in the Dolly Sods area – April 1, weather permitting
- Forest Road 75 in the Dolly sods area – April 15, weather permitting
- Gandy Creek Dispersed Camping (County Route 29) - Area opens when

- snow-free; toilets open April 14
- Gatewood Group Campground – April 21
- Jess Judy Group Campground – April 7
- Red Creek Campground – April 15, weather permitting
- Seneca Rocks Discovery Center – March 31
- Seneca Rocks Picnic Area – March 31
- Seneca Shadows Campground – April 7
- Spruce Knob Lake – Lake open year-round; toilets open April 14
- Spruce Knob Lake Campground – April 21
- Spruce Knob Observation Tower – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 14

Opening dates for recreation sites on Greenbrier Ranger District (304-456-3335) in the Bartow area:

- Gaudineer Knob Picnic Area – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 14
- Island Campground – April 14
- Lake Buffalo – Lake open year-round; toilets open April 14
- Laurel Fork Campground – April 14
- Little River Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 17) – Area opens when snow-free
- Middle Mountain Cabins – April 14
- Mower Tract Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 227) – Area opens when snow-free
- Old House Run Picnic Area – April 14
- Stonecoal Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 209) – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 15

Opening dates for recreation sites on the Gauley Ranger District (304-846-2695) in the Richwood area:

- Bear Run Dispersed Camping (Forest Road 223) – Area opens when snow-free

- Big Rock Campground – April 7
- Bishop Knob Campground – April 21
- Cranberry Campground – April 7
- Cranberry Glades Boardwalk – Boardwalk open year-round; toilets open April 13
- Cranberry Mountain Nature Center – April 13
- Cranberry River Developed Dispersed Campsites – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 7
- Falls of Hills Creek – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 7
- North Bend Picnic Area – April 7
- Summit Lake – Lake open year-round; toilets open April 7
- Summit Lake Campground – April 7
- Third Bridge and North Bend Dispersed Camping (State Route 55) – Area opens when snow-free
- Williams River Developed Dispersed Campsites (Sites #1 to #6, #8 to #20) – Area opens when snow-free; toilets open April 7
- Woodbine Picnic Area – April 7

Opening dates for recreation sites on the Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District (304-799-4334) in the Marlinton area:

- Day Run Campground – April 7
- Highland Scenic Highway – Road opens when snow-free; toilets open April 7, weather permitting
- Pocahontas Campground – April 14
- Rimel Picnic Area – April 7
- Tea Creek Campground – April 7
- Williams River Developed Dispersed

- Campsites – opens when snow-free; toilets open April 7
- Williams River Fishing Pier – Area opens when snow-free; toilet open April 7

Opening dates for recreation sites on the Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District (304-536-2144) in the White Sulphur Springs area:

- Anthony Creek Dispersed Camping (State Route 21/2) – Area opens when snow-free
- Blue Bend Recreation Area – Campground and small pavilion opens March 24. Large Pavilion opens May 19.
- Blue Meadow Group Campground – May 19
- Hopkins Mountain Fireman's Cabin – April 7
- Lake Sherwood Recreation Area boat ramp and trailhead – open year-round
- Lake Sherwood Recreation Area entrance road dispersed camping (State Route 14) – opens when snow-free
- Lake Sherwood Recreation Area West Shore Camping Loop – April 14
- Lake Sherwood Recreation Area remaining campground loops, group camping, picnic area, picnic pavilion and swimming beach – May 19. Day Use fee will be charged beginning May 19.

For more information about recreation facilities, contact the District Office near the location you would like to visit. Contact information is listed at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mnf/about-forest/offices>.

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This advertisement is lifted from the Tucker County Business Directory of 1909. The booklet was compiled by L. W. Hulings of Davis and the price was \$1.50 for the booklet. This is one of the most comprehensive business advertisement booklets I have seen. I have a limited access to the booklet as it was lent by a friend of the county. I will be lifting these advertisements for a while so that folks can see what businesses existed in the early 1900. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share, contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

## This Week's Submitted Photos



This week's photo is of a full moon, submitted by Bill Peterson. Email photos, where it was taken and who took it to [mikie@parsonsadvocate.com](mailto:mikie@parsonsadvocate.com)

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# SPORTS

## Basketball

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rebounds each for the Mt. Lions in the win. CHARLESTON – Tucker County then played Tug Valley in the State Semi-Finals on Thursday March 17th. The Mt. Lions got the win over the Panthers 71-58 to advance to the State Championship.

The game was back and forth in the first quarter as Tug Valley led 12-11 after one quarter. Tucker County then outscored Tug Valley in the second quarter 17-9 to make the halftime score 28-21 Mt. Lions.

The third quarter was another close quarter as the Panthers edged Tucker County in scoring 18-17 to put the score to 45-39 Mt. Lions after three quarters of play. The final quarter would belong to Tucker County as they outshot Tug Valley 26-19 in the fourth to give the Mt. Lions the big Semi-Final win 71-58. The win put Tucker County into the State Championship game for just the third time in school history. The last time Tucker County played for a State Championship was 2004.

Trevan Bonner led Tucker County with 22 points and Levi Bennett added 13 points, 7 rebounds. Ethan Rosenau added

11 points and Ashton Lycliter chipped in with 10 points, 10 rebounds.

CHARLESTON – The Mt. Lions took the court again inside the Charleston Coliseum on Saturday March 18th as they took on James Monroe in the Class “A” State Championship. The Mt. Lions were outscored 36-15 in the second half as James Monroe got the win by the final score of 66-35.

The first quarter was highly competitive as both teams battled with the Mavericks leading 13-9 after one quarter. James Monroe then controlled the second quarter, but a little run by Tucker County at the end of the quarter cut the Mavericks lead to 30-20 at the halftime break.

The third quarter would belong to the defending State Champion James Monroe as they outscored Tucker County 18-8 to expand their lead to 48-28 after three quarters. The Mt. Lions were not able to mount a comeback in the fourth as the Mavericks controlled the final quarter 18-7 to give James Monroe the win and the State Championship by the final score of 66-35.



Tucker County's Trevan Bonner(10) and Ashton Lycliter(24) were selected to the State All-Tournament Team. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Trevan Bonner led Tucker County with 14 points and Garrett Wilfong added 11 points, 5 rebounds for the Mt. Lions in the loss. Bonner and Lycliter were named to the State All-Tournament team.

The Mt. Lions finished the season with a 21-4 record, and they were presented the State Runner-Up Trophy after the game. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



### Tucker County Girls' Basketball Players Make All-PVC Conference

By Chris George  
TuckerCountySports.Com

The PVC Conference announced their Girls' Basketball All-PVC Conference members on Monday March 13th. The Lady Mt. Lions placed three players on the list. Kadie Colebank and Macy Helmick earned 1st team All-PVC honors. Brylee Wetzel also earned 2nd team All-PVC honors. Complete list: 1st Team – Kadie Colebank(Tucker Co), Macy Helmick(Tucker Co), Braylee Corbin(Petersburg), Sterling Kump(Moorefield), Ana Young(Pendleton Co). 2nd Team – Avery Townsend(Pendleton Co), Brylee Wetzel(Tucker Co), Kennedy Kaposy(Petersburg), Nellie Whetzel(Petersburg), Olivia Vandevener(Pocahontas Co). PVC Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year: Dave Helmick, Tucker County.

### AREA SCHEDULE:

**Wednesday March 22nd**

- Tucker County Baseball @ East Hardy 5pm
- Tucker Valley Baseball @ Taylor County 6pm

**Thursday March 23rd**

- Tucker County Baseball @ Moorefield 6pm
- Tucker Valley Softball @ Bruceton 6pm

**Friday March 24th**

- Tucker County Softball @ Gilmer County 5pm
- Tucker Valley Softball @ Gilmer County 6:30pm

**Saturday March 25th**

- Tucker Valley Softball vs Buckhannon-Upshur @ Home 12pm

**Monday March 27th**

- Tucker County Baseball @ Tygarts Valley 6pm

**Tuesday March 28th**

- Tucker County Softball vs Southern, MD 6pm
- Tucker County Track @ Buckhannon-Upshur 4pm
- Tucker Valley Baseball @ Tygarts Valley 6pm

Photos by Brittany Channell



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Davis Thomas Bears



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(2021-S-0000035 - Tucker County - MARK MYERS)

To: MITCHELL COOPER, SHERRY COOPER, NORMA COOPER, RHONDA COOPER, BEVERLY EYE, JENNIFER DODD, SHERRY COOPER, NORMA COOPER, RHONDA COOPER, BEVERLY EYE, JENNIFER DODD, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT ST. GEORGE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0110 01003005**

You will take notice that MARK MYERS, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000035, 1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/20 UND INT MIN THUNDERSTRUCK RUN, located in ST. GEORGE, which was returned delinquent in the name of COOPER MITCHELL, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Tucker County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 10th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 23, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 22, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 22, 2023.	\$ 100.06
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 22, 2023.	\$ 4.76
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023.	\$ 784.08
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023.	\$ 174.28
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Jacob Kopec, Sheriff and Treasurer of Tucker County.</b>	\$ 1,063.18
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

**You may redeem any time before April 22, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

**Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2**

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(2021-S-0000016 - Tucker County - ERNEST F. MUNDAY AND CLETA L. MUNDAY)

To: SAM ROBIN TRANUM C/O THE DUBLIN INQUIRER, PARKVIEW HOUSE, LOIS VIDYA KAPILA, C/O THE DUBLIN INQUIRER, PARKVIEW HOUSE, SAM ROBIN TRANUM C/O FOUR COURTS PRESS, TUSCAN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, C/O AMY BARB, BROKER, SAM ROBIN TRANUM, LOIS VIDYA KAPILA, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT DAVIS CORP MAP 6 PARCEL 0008 0000**

You will take notice that ERNEST F. MUNDAY AND CLETA L. MUNDAY, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000016, LOT #79 PHASE 1. 60 AC TUSCAN RIDGE, located in DAVIS CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of TRANULM SAM ROBIN, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Tucker County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 10th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 23, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 22, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 22, 2023.	\$ 251.39
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 22, 2023.	\$ 144.04
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023.	\$ 878.63
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023.	\$ 210.71
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Jacob Kopec, Sheriff and Treasurer of Tucker County.</b>	\$ 1,484.77
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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**LEGAL**

CANAAN VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT  
CASE NO. 23-0268-PSD-19A

ATTACHMENT I

APPROVED INTERIM RATES  
Subject to refund.

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable within the entire territory served.

**AVAILABILITY**

Available for general domestic, commercial, industrial and sale for resale sewer service.

**MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE**

\$72.14 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)<sup>1</sup>.

**DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY**

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid in full when due, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

**TAP FEE**

The following charges are to be made whenever the Utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant.

A tap fee of \$300.00 will be charged to customers applying for service before construction is completed adjacent to the customer's premises in connection with a certificate proceeding before the Commission. This pre-construction tap fee will be invalid after the completion of construction adjacent to the applicant's premises that is associated with a certificate proceeding.

A tap fee of \$300.00 will be charged to customers applying for service outside a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system.

<sup>1</sup> An EDU is equivalent to 280 gallons per day.

CASE NO. 23-0268-PSD-19A

CANAAN VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT,  
a public Utility.

Rule 19A application to change sewer rates and charges.

**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY INTERIM RATES**

The Public Service Commission has approved an emergency interim rate increase for the Canaan Valley Public Service District.

On March 1, 2023, Canaan Valley Public Service District requested emergency interim rate relief. On March 14, 2023, Commission Staff recommend an emergency interim rate increase of 10.98% over the Utility's current rates. Staff recommended a \$72.14 charge per Equivalent Dwelling Unit. Staff indicated that the Utility was operating in financial distress. Staff recommended that the rate increase be subject to refund contingent upon Staff's detailed review of the Utility's operations. Individuals may protest the rate increase by sending a written protest to the Executive Secretary, West Virginia Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may also be filed through the Commission's website using the "Submit a Comment" link.

CANAAN VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

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**Tariff Form No. 8 (RULE 23)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES**

NOTICE is hereby given that Mountaineer Gas Company, a public utility, has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing a requested increase in rates and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective Friday April 5, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$19,740,000 annually in additional revenues, or an overall average increase in revenues of approximately 6.08%. The \$19,740,000 consists of an increase in base rates of \$37,649,000 and a decrease in the Company's Investment Replacement and Expansion Program ("IREP") of \$17,909,000. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ 7.08	% 7.85
Commercial	\$ 10.26	% 2.68
Large Commercial	\$ 747.47	% 0.70
Industrial	\$ 293.54	% 0.40
Resale	\$ 100.00	% 1.70
Other	\$ -	% -

This increase incorporates the rate impact of the cumulative Investment under the IREP that was placed into service as of December 31, 2022. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Resale customers of Mountaineer Gas Company include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas, City of Philippi and Southern Public Service Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a part in the case should file on or before June 5, 2023 a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R.1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protest should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protest and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and the addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the Company's tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office of the Company:

501 56th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

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(2021-S-0000037 - Tucker County - MYE JAKS)

To: WV DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, EDWARD ALLEN SLAUBAUGH, EDWARD ALLEN SLAUBAUGH, MELISSA EVANS, MOUNTAIN VALLEY BANK NA, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT ST. GEORGE MAP 167 PARCEL 0019 0001**

You will take notice that MYE JAKS, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000037, 7.1 AC LEADMINE, located in ST. GEORGE, which was returned delinquent in the name of SLAUBAUGH EDWARD ALLEN, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Tucker County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 10th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 23, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, April 22, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 22, 2023.	\$ 202.47
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 22, 2023.	\$ 108.15
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023.	\$ 1,031.88
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 22, 2023.	\$ 43.57
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Jacob Kopec, Sheriff and Treasurer of Tucker County.</b>	\$ 1,396.07
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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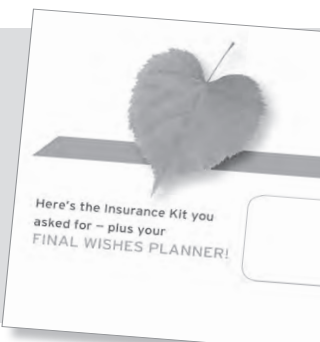
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# Classifieds

## LEGAL

### WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until May 09, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
005	2021000740	S399-STR/IP-23. 02	NHPP-2023(244)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS INTERSTATE STRIPING STATEWIDE COUNTY: TUCKER, TYLER, UPSHUR, WAYNE, WEBSTER

**DBE GOAL:** 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

### REMARKS:

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

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com).

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.



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This part-time position is anticipated to work 10-12 hours per month. This position may be able to telework but will also be expected to work at the office in person, as needed.

Interested individuals may pick up an application at the Parsons Business Office, located in the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (EDT), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Applications will be accepted until a qualified pool of candidates is established, or the position is filled, but preference will be given to complete applications received by 4:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, March 24, 2023. Those who do not apply by this date may or may not be considered.

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010	2022990095	S399-050/00-0.00	HSP-0050(429)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS 2023 APD STRIPING STATEWIDE COUNTY: STATEWIDE

**DBE GOAL:** 10% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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## LEGAL

### 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

## LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
David J. Orr	Donna R. Orr
1st publication 3/15/23	306 Sunnyside Ln
2nd publication 3/22/23	Parsons, WV 26287

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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# Child Abuse Awareness Month

## We All Can Play a Part in Supporting Strong and Thriving Families

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. MountainHeart Community Services, Inc. encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making every community a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources that they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by creating strong and thriving children, youth, and families in our communities. Research shows that protective factors are present in healthy families. Protective factors are conditions or attributes of individuals, families, communities, or the large society that reduce risk and promote healthy development and

wellbeing. Promoting the following protective factors is one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting skills and child/youth development
- Social connections
- Concrete support for parents
- Social and emotional competence of children

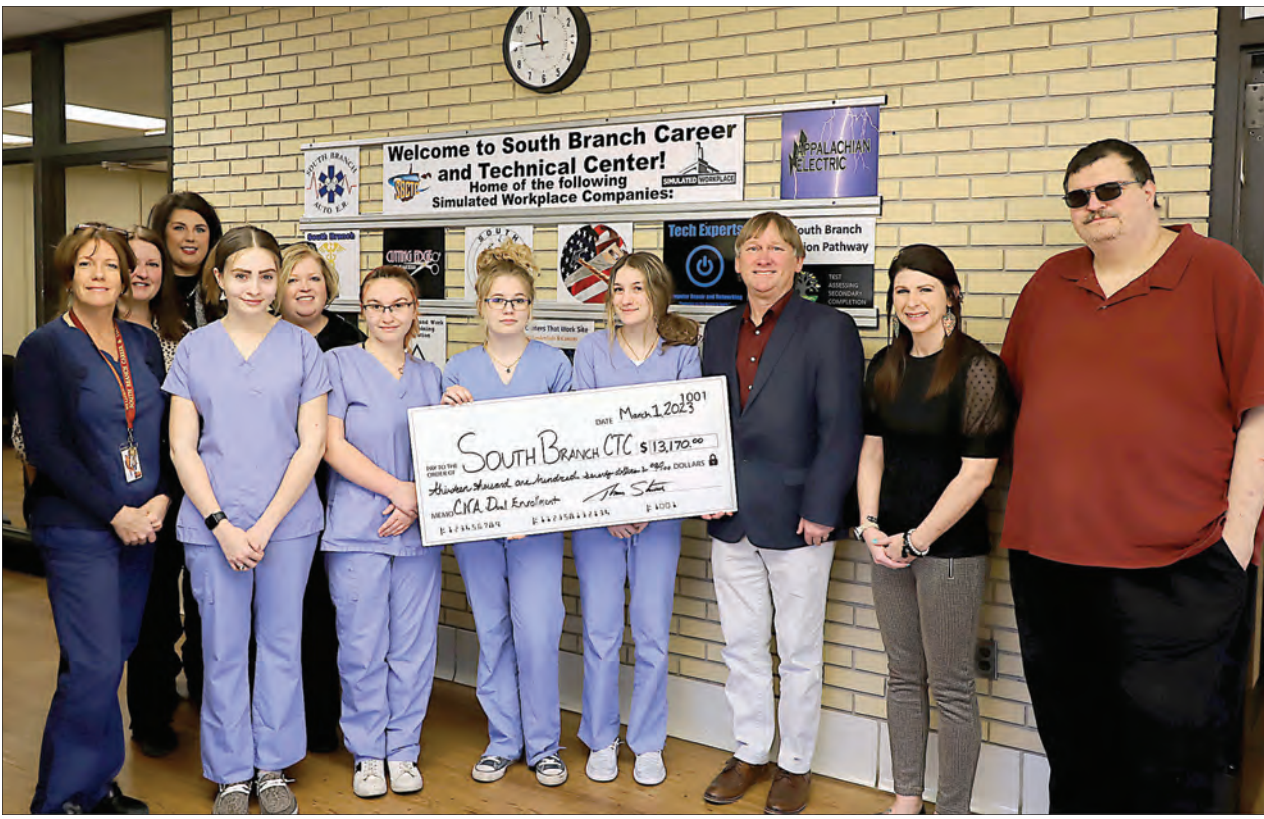
April is a time to celebrate the important role the communities play in protecting children and strengthening families. Peggy Rittenhouse, Community Resource and Outreach Specialist, stated “Everyone’s participation is critical. Focusing on ways to connect with families is the best things our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child

abuse and neglect.”

In support of these efforts, the Children’s Bureau, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with its information service, the Child Welfare Information Gateway, the Office of Child Abuse and Neglect, the FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, and over 30 national prevention partners, has created the 2021/2022 Prevention Resource Guild: Strong and Thriving Families, Prevention with a Purpose. The resource Guide, designed for service providers who work throughout the community to support families is available online at: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/resources/resource-guide/>

For additional information, please contact the Petersburg office at 304-257-9375.

# Check Presented to South Branch CTC for Dual Enrollment Program



Picture of Candace Kite, Therapeutic Services & Allied Health Sciences, Julie Colaw, Assistant Principal, Shelly C. Crites, Administrative Director, C.N.A Program Students receiving a check from Dr. Tom Striplin, President, Dr. Megan Webb, Dean of Advancement and Continuing Education, Tiffany Sentman, Student Program Coordinator, and Rob Burns, Director of Non-Profits.

PETERSBURG W.VA. – Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College visited South Branch Career & Technical Center to present a check for \$13,170 to their Certified Nursing Assistant Program (C.N.A.) students, Candace Kite, Therapeutic Services & Allied Health Sciences, Julie Colaw, Assistant Principal, and Shelly C. Crites, Administrative Director. These students have enrolled in South Branch CTC’s dual-enrollment program with Eastern to advance progress toward a career pathway in healthcare. The C.N.A. dual-enrollment allows student completers to increase their likelihood of acceptance into Eastern’s Nursing Program. Eastern has partnered with South Branch Career & Technical Center, Hampshire High School, and Tucker County High School on this dual-enrollment initiative. Dr. Tom Striplin, President of Eastern, and Dr. Megan Webb, Dean of Advancement & Continuing Edu-

cation, presented the \$13,170 check to strengthen the partnership and further the growth of South Branch CTC’s existing C.N.A. Program.

Eastern received the Perkins Reserve Grant, which supports the projects of community and technical colleges that provide students with either dual-enrollment programs, work-based learning for skills needed in workforce areas, or industry-recognized credentials. “South Branch Career and Technical Center’s partnership opportunities with Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College have been growing over the last two years,” said Crites, “High school students attending SBCTC now have the opportunity to extend their education beyond high school with the addition of dual enrollment credit thanks to Eastern’s strong commitment to collaborate with our facility. We appreciate this effort and students within our region benefit as a result”.

In response to the growing need for healthcare professionals with multiple skills, the C.N.A. Program is designed to give students a comprehensive suite of administrative and clinical skills. After completing the program, an aspiring healthcare professional would possess the necessary skills to perform multiple tasks in a complex and dynamic healthcare environment. In addition to acquiring multiple healthcare professional skills, students who complete this program would be eligible to sit for multiple National Healthcare Association certification exams. “This grant has afforded a wonderful opportunity to offer dual-enrollment for a much-needed area in health care. The partnership between South Branch CTC and Eastern exemplifies the importance of higher education with positive impacts on student outcomes and a bridge to post-secondary learning,” said Melissa Shockey, Workforce Program Director.

# \$3.2 Million to Upgrade Underground Storage Tanks, Prevent Hazardous Leaks Across West Virginia

Washington, DC –U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$3,252,469 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. The funding will support properly maintaining, monitoring and upgrading underground storage tanks across West Virginia to prevent releases of petroleum and other hazardous substances into the environment.

“Every West Virginian deserves clean water to drink and fresh air to breathe,” said Senator Manchin. “I’m pleased the EPA is investing more than \$3.2 million to ensure our under-

ground storage tanks across West Virginia are properly monitored, maintained and upgraded where necessary to protect our communities from hazardous leaks. The funding announced today will help prevent releases of petroleum and other harmful substances into the environment, as well as enhance public health and safety for all West Virginians. As Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources to protect the wellbeing of communities across the Mountain State.”

**Individual awards listed below:**

- \$1,900,191 – West Virginia

Department of Environmental Protection: Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Program

- This funding will assist in state-wide efforts to investigate suspected petroleum releases and to perform corrective action on these releases.
  - \$1,352,278 – West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection: Statewide Underground Storage Tank Program
- This funding will be used to assist owners and operators of underground storage tanks in properly maintaining and monitoring the tanks, as well as strengthen inspections, operator training, enforcement initiatives and additional activities to prevent hazardous leaks.

# Russell returns home from deployment

Local Soldier, Specialist Zechariah Russell, returns home from deployment.



SPC Russell deployed to Guantanamo Cuba May 2022 with the 1303rd Military Police Company. SPC Russell is a 2019 graduate from Tucker County, Mountaineer Challenge Academy, and also graduated from Eastern Community College with his degree in Medical Assisting and Phlebotomy. After achieving this at just 16, he then joined the United States Army with the 363rd Military Police Battalion out of Grafton WV at 17 years old.

In his civilian job Russell is a Correctional Officer with the state of WV at Tygart Valley Regional Jail. While deployed SPC Russell was promoted from PFC, he also received the Army Achievement Medal.

Russell plans on deploying again this summer and looks forward to becoming active duty and working towards becoming a drill Sgt. For now, he will return home in St George with his parents, Brent and Wendy Gidley, and his siblings Raleigh, Isaiah, and Matthew. Welcome home soldier!



## Congratulations!

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