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City of Parsons Addresses Equipment Issues, Sewer and Water Improvements

By: Lydia Crawley
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The City of Parsons met in regular session to discuss and administer the city business for the month.

During session, the City approved a motion to pay off two of the city's vehicle fleet. Payoffs were approved on a 2019 Ford Truck in the amount of \$11,316.56 and a Ventrac Mower in the amount of \$10,794.73.

Despite the payoff of the Ventrac, during the maintenance report, it was revealed that the city is in need of a second mower in order to meet current needs. It was reported that the current mower is 27 years old and prone to break down.

The department has been borrowing equipment from the Parks Department when it is available. The City Council agreed to get quotes on a Kobota tractor and deck and revisit the issue at a later date.

Representatives from Thrasher Architecture, Engineering, Field Services reported on the Parsons Sanitary Sewer System Improvements and Parsons Water System Improvements Project.

In the Sewer Project, a funding application was approved by WVIJDC. It was also reported by the representatives that the estimated construction costs were \$3,100,000 and a total estimated project cost of \$4,010,000. A Facility Plan is being prepared by Thrasher for submission to WVDEP in April and a Design Plan is being laid out so that field work can begin, according to the representatives. Thrasher is also working on an easement list for the proposed replacement areas.

Thrasher also reported on the progress on the city's Water Improvement Project. As was the case with the Sewer project, a funding application was approved by WVIJDC. It was reported that Region VII has submitted the application to the DWTRF Program. Estimated Construction Costs are estimated at \$3,184,000 by the representatives, with a total estimated cost of \$3,984,000. According to the representatives, an application for Earmark Funds was submitted on the project and Thrasher has begun work on an environmental review and layout of design plans.

In other city business, the ongoing petition of GS Millwork, LLC was discussed.

Timothy L. Auvil, Council Member Ward 2, said, "We don't want to lose this company."

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Changing of the Guard at Annual Tucker County FFA Banquet

By: Lydia Crawley
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Members of the Tucker County Future Farmers of America met to celebrate a prosperous school year, the fruits of a year's hard work, and bid farewell to the graduating seniors of the organization. Members, along with their family, friends, and honored guests assembled in a packed hall to support the members of the club.

Paul Pennington, FFA Advisor, opened the festivities with a brief address to the group followed by the outgoing officers opening the meeting with a call of the stations. This was followed by a blessing of the meal. The meal was supplied by the FFA members, friends, and family.

The keynote address was given by State Senator Randy Smith. Smith praised the group and thanked them for the hard work and dedication. Smith also gave a brief anecdote about how he met his wife of 45 years because of the FFA.

"I love the FFA. I'm proud to wear the blue and gold," Smith told the group.

Smith also commented on the professionalism of the group during a recent citation presentation he was present at and referred to the FFA as the, "best youth organization in the world."

Smith also told the group that he encourages employers to hire FFA members



2022-2023 Tucker County FFA members met to celebrate their annual banquet and issue in new officers for the coming 2023-2024 school year.

due to their leadership and work ethic.

"Become an officer, become a leader. Those skills will follow you the rest of your life," Smith said.

Smith concluded his address by saying, "I will go to my grave loving and supporting the FFA."

State Officers were also in attendance as well as local representatives Mike Rosenau and Fred Davis from the Tucker County Commission and Cathy Hebb, Thereasa Simmons, and Mae Teter from the Tucker County BOE. The State Officers and Commissioner Rosenau addressed the group at the banquet. Rosenau congratulated the group.

"We're proud of you," Rosenau said and continued by referencing the annual Christmas Dinner that the FFA helps out with, "The professionalism is what really struck out to

me...thank you for all that."

The outgoing officers ceremonially turned over responsibilities to the newly elected officers for the coming 2023-2024 school year at the banquet. 2022-2023 President Hannah Cussins will be replaced by current Vice President Laney Burns in the coming year. Cussins will be assuming the role of Vice President in 2023-2024. FFA Secretary Zada Carr will resume

her current responsibilities in the coming year. Alicia Barb will replace Abby Kitzmiller as FFA Treasurer in 2023-2024. MaKenna Evans will pass the role of FFA Reporter to Emily Snyder. The role of FFA Sentinel will pass from Alicia Barb to MaKenna Evans for the coming school year. Current Parliamentarian Alyssa Darby will be replaced by Kristen Ritchey and the role

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Outgoing FFA President Hannah Cussins presents Greenhand Awards at the Tucker County FFA Banquet. The Awards were given to Makenna Evans, Kristen Ritchey, Logan Shahan, David Kopcik, Addison Hunt, and Kierstin Green.

Commissioners, Tucker County Ambulance Authority Address Budget Issues

By: Lydia Crawley
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Tucker County Commissioners pledged the Tucker County Ambulance Authority \$72,000

to help the authority meet remaining obligations through the end of the fiscal year.

"We can get you \$72,000 now. We'll revisit it in July," County Commission President Mike Rosenau said.

The Commission said they were dedicated to doing what they can and helping the entity make payroll and serve the community.

Tucker County Commissioners met with the county Ambulance Authority to discuss budget concerns and revisit the authority's financial status. "I'm happy with what you've done," Rosenau said. "It's a completely different conversation."

TCAA President Dennis Filler reported that the cost per run to the authority had decreased from \$1123 in February of 2022 to the current rate of \$734. He attributed this to changes the authority has made as well as reductions in overhead.

"There's a lot of variables, but we're holding our own," Filler said.

Employment and labor cost decreased from \$880,000 to a current \$658,000. However, the authority stressed the need for additional staff, especially the need to hire on paramedics.

The authority expressed concerns over being able to deliver service with a minimal personnel. Filler said the authority currently can only staff one station 24 hours with the current staff they have.

Filler and the authority reported that due to staffing issues, they have lost runs to other services and in

more critical cases, have to rely on other services for paramedics. The authority reported that it is costing the authority \$1200 every two weeks in paramedic intercepts.

"That's not the call where they came into the county and picked up the run. That's just because we don't have paramedics on staff and the person needed that level of care," Filler said.

The authority currently employs seven full time EMTs and one driver as well as PRN staff that can be called upon based on availability. "We're doing everything. Kudos to the workforce. They are raising to occasions to working way above their paygrades," Filler said. "How long we can sustain that with the few members we have. You burn out."

The authority reported that staff were working well beyond their scheduled 48 hours. It was reported that overtime can be 24 to 36 hours beyond their 48 hours scheduled.

The authority said they seek to hire three paramedics at a cost to the entity of \$65,000 a year per paramedic. The authority said this would help to eliminate a current rate of \$200 per run with an expected raise to \$250 a run that they are currently paying out to other entities for paramedics because they would have paramedics on staff to fill the need.

The authority also said there was a need to staff a second unit full time. The authority did acknowledge the pay discrepancy between Tucker and Randolph Counties. The authority reported that Randolph County pays an average of \$23 to \$27 an hour. Tucker County only pays \$14 to \$17 for the same positions. The authority said this has led to problems getting people to hire on.

Despite these difficulties, the authority said they are always actively seeking to hire another medic and are planning to send two to three individuals to medic school and one next year. The authority also stated several ideas targeted at developing and retaining staff, as well as continued personnel development which has led to the increased confidence in their staff in regards to their duties.

The authority has also increased their collections from February 2022's number of 481,000 to a current 525,000. Filler said the percentage of money collected remained about the same.

The Authority reported that cash collections had decreased in the past year. "We're charging more, but they're paying less," Filler said.

In February of 2022 the authority was receiving \$614 per call, but the current rate has been reduced to \$587. Filler attributed this to rates set by insurance and other entities. The authority and commissioners discussed the issues with Insurance reimbursement, especially in regards to Medicare and Medicaid programs which reimburses at a lower rate.

The authority said that Medicaid calls are the number one call they have in Tucker County, due to the majority of calls being made to older and poor individuals. It was also said by the authority that when a call has Medicare primary and Medicaid secondary, they often do not receive reimbursement by Medicaid which results in a 20 percent loss.

Despite these issues, the authority reported that they have been able to decrease their loss per run from \$409 in February of 2022 to \$147 today.

School Board Hosts Double Meeting

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County School Board met in a double header of their regular session followed by a special session to address the Levy Order and Rate Sheet.

The Board addressed the upcoming vacancy of Activities Coordinator due to the resignation of Sheryl Kines effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year. The Board accepted the resignation with a four to zero vote. There was discussion of how to fill the position. There was concern that the duties may be too much for one person to manage.

Alicia Lambert, Superintendent commented, "My preference is to post it as it is and see if we get anybody and if not, we'll get splitting it...that's it. Maybe it is too much for one person to handle...So that is something worth considering. I don't specifically know how we would split it, maybe down the middle."

Lambert reported in the meeting on a trip to Grand Canyon University. The Board approved in a four to zero vote for the district to participate in the PLLS program and partner with Grand Canyon University on an annual basis. The contract can be renewed annually.

"With the amount of counseling and advisers they have for students...it made it seem that it would be impossible not to succeed there," Lambert said.

The partnership Lambert said will benefit both students and staff with discounted tuition, free application to the school, and campus tours that are all expenses paid by GCU. The program also offers teacher resources such as lessons from professors with all supplies provided by GCU and dual credit opportunities at \$52.50 per credit

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YLA representative Jessica Wamsley poses with the Tucker County School Board following the Board's double header meeting.



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We Get Letters

Editor,

Recently, there has been a lot of discussion within our local communities regarding a can of Bud Light that was produced for a social media influencer. We want to provide some clarification to our local business partners and friends as there is currently an abundance of unclear and false information circulating about this topic.

AB is "our largest supplier with a very large media presence, including hundreds of influencers. The recent Bud Light influencer campaign that has gone viral was not a political statement, nor was the can intended for market distribution and it's not "for sale to the public." It wasn't produced in an AB brewery but rather a "third party agency. This particular can design decision circumvented the proper approved channels and this lack of over-

sight is being addressed.

A large percentage of our operating budget goes to supporting local businesses, organizations, and events throughout our market consisting of charitable donations, gun bashes, golf tournaments and others. In fact, 25 cents per case for every case of Busch Light sold is donated to support the agricultural industry.

We ask that you continue to support our brands and our business, as we have supported you and our communities throughout the years. Please don't let a viral video made by an influencer from far away erase the friendships we have built and all the good we have been able to do together in our communities.

Sincerely:
Scott Parkes, Owner
Northern Eagle Distributing
Elkins, WV

Editor,

To the Tucker County youth, whether you're grade school, middle, or high school, may this message find you and find you well. Especially now with Prom just around the corner for a lot of you. Chemical warfare is being waged on us in the form of fentanyl, and you kids are the primary target, it sickens me to say it.

It isn't my intention to scare you. Honest to God it isn't. But we've got to address the fifty thousand kilo dragon in the room that's killing well over a hundred thousand Americans a year by the Chinese government and the Mexican cartels who are shipping this nightmare into our neighborhoods, en masse.

Let me just say to start, as someone who grew up as a kid in the 80's and a teenager in the 90's, I cannot even begin to fathom how hard it is for you growing up in these times. With the myriad of utter madness you're exposed to on a daily basis. As a grown man, with only a cat to take care of and a house to tend to, I'm barely able to hold it together myself, as I marvel in horror at how fast the nation is going down in flames, from every conceivable vector imaginable.

But, with a glass of Jim Beam I guess I manage, I'm not proud to say. Especially, knowing how many have it worse than me. I can't help but feel like a complete craven failure to not just myself, but my fellow humans for not doing more. On many a late night. Such as this one.

Perhaps we're more blessed than other areas of the country, in the sense that we are better insulated from this poison than say, Manchester, New Hampshire or Flint, Michigan or even Huntington, West Virginia, for that matter. But I have to believe at this point that we as a nation are unreservedly saturated in fentanyl. Saturated.

I graduated from Elkins High in '98. Went to WVU after that, when Morgantown at the time was notoriously the college party town of the nation. Per capita, the city of fifty thousand was drinking for a million, with the students no doubt imbibing the lion's share. The partying and drug experimenting even back then was dangerous. Christ knows I did some monumentally stupid things in those days that could've killed me. And of course we knew people who did die in my high school and college years. From pills, usually.

But now. Today. Anything and everything is laced with fentanyl. Police officers die just from accidentally touching it. It's killed toddlers in city parks who find it on the ground. It's fused in most recreational drugs. Cocaine. Pills. Even marijuana joints. It's slipped in drinks at even the most seemingly innocuous parties.

The world ain't what it used to be, kids. I'm sorry for that. But for the sake of your future, you have got to steer clear of it all.

Be well.
Christopher Phares
Thomas, WV 26292

News of Record

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

Curtis Haug and Shannon D. Haug, Dry Fork District, Unit D5 Week 28 to Shannon D. Haug, \$0.

Anthony W. Spessert and Christine A. Spessert, Licking District, 1.60 acres to Todd Wayne Spessert, \$0.

Sarah Kelley, Parsons Corporation, Lot 12 Yellow Spruce St. to Dennis P. Kelley, \$2,500.

Stephen J. Klein and Elaine M. Strauss, Dry Fork district, Lot 10A Mt. Side 23 acres to Stephen J. Klein; Klein-Strauss Revocable Trust Agreement, \$0.

Rebecca S. Demick Hollar, St. George District, 2.4 acres, 1.7 acres and 1/2 interest in R/W to Rebecca S. Demick Hollar and Bennie B. Hollar, \$0.

Denise Allen and Carol Helmick, Fairfax District, Lot 81 to Carol Helmick.

Mark Cunningham, Dry Fork District, Unit

A6 Week 36 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.

Burl A. Baker and Vickie Baker, Dry Fork District, Unit F1 Week 27 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.

Mark J. Skinner and Jacqueline Long, Dry Fork District, Unit B5 Week 45 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$1,077.

Michael A. Liptak, Dry Fork District, Unit B6 Week 21 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$2,111.

George M. Lavalette and Patricia R. Lavalette, Dry Fork district, Unit G1 Week 36 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.

Ellen F. Arnold and James S. Arnold, Sr., Davis District, Part of Lot #415, all of Lot 414 and Part of Lot 413 to James S. Arnold, Sr. and Ellen F. Arnold, \$0.

Barbara Batze, Clover District, Mineral Rights to Shilo Quarry, \$0.

Grant County Bank Announces Local Food Pantry Donation of \$10,000

Davis, WV — Grant County Bank is pleased to announce the donation of \$10,000 to Blackwater Ministerial Association, Inc. (BMA), which operates a food pantry that services the Davis, Thomas, Canaan Valley, and Harman-areas of West Virginia.

As the food pantry searches for a permanent location, this donation is more important than ever. Since losing its permanent site last year, BMA has found itself moving from temporary location to temporary location.

"The mission of the food pantry is to purchase, manage, and distribute perishable and non-perishable food to people who are home-bound, food insecure, and those living on marginal levels of income in the Davis, Thomas, Canaan Valley, and Harman-areas of Tucker and Randolph Counties," says Veronica Staron, Blackwater Ministerial Association Director.

Currently, BMA serves food to 75-90 households each month and also provides emergency assistance to community members in need.

"This donation will greatly assist the food pantry in jump-starting the fundraising campaign to build an appropriate location to serve as a hub for the storage, packaging, and distribution of food and other emergency needs. Most importantly, this donation will help us meet the vital and basic needs of people and families in the communities we serve," says Staron.

Plans are in motion for BMA to locate a new, permanent site to serve as a food pantry hub for future growth.

"We are thrilled to be able to assist in this project, which will provide the food pantry with a permanent location

to continue to carry out the impactful and needed services that they provide to struggling families in the area," says George Ford, President and CEO of Grant County Bank.

The Grant County Bank was chartered as a West Virginia state bank on August 6, 1902 and began operations on August 15 with its first office in Petersburg, WV. Our mission of providing financial services and products to families, small businesses, and the agricultural community has

served both our customers and the bank well over the years.

Subsequently, The Grant County Bank has expanded its marketplace throughout the Potomac Highlands and now operates a total of seven offices in six counties. After more than a century of continued service, The Grant County Bank is truly "Committed to The Communities We Serve" and is a subsidiary of Highlands Bankshares, Inc., also headquartered in Petersburg, WV.



What's? Happening

Canning Class

The Tucker County Extension office will be holding a canning class at Camp Kidd on May 16 and 17. There is a \$10 dollar fee for supplies, and you must attend both days. Learn the science behind canning, water bath canning, and pressure canning. To register call 304-478-2949. When registering, please specify if you would like to be in at 1 to 4 p.m. class or 5 to 8 p.m. class.

Dining with Diabetes

The Tucker County Extension office, Tucker County Health Department and WVU Medicine have teamed together to offer a Dining with Diabetes class. This

four-week course will help diabetics and their families gain diabetic education as well as nutrition and daily exercise tips. Classes will be held at the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Parsons every Monday in May from 5-7 p.m. For more information or to register please call the office at 304-478-2949.

Mt. Grove VFD

It is with great regret that the Mt. Grove Volunteer Fire Department will no longer have our annual ramp dinner. The Fire Department would like to take this time to thank everyone that has supported this event over the years and the continued support from the community.

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OBITUARIES

Janet Lee Simmons Summerfield

Janet Lee Simmons Summerfield, age 72 years, a resident of Hambleton, WV, went home to be with the Lord on her birthday, Friday, April 21, 2023, at her home, surrounded by her loving family and under the care of West Virginia Caring.



She was born Saturday, April 21, 1951, at Tacoma Park, MD, a daughter of the late Delmer and Emma Carr Simmons. On May 19, 1967, at Oakland, MD, she was married to Glenn Connard "Joe" Summerfield, who survives. They had celebrated fifty-five wonderful years of marriage.

Also surviving are one son, Glenn Summerfield and wife Sandy of Hambleton; one daughter, Connie Sponaugle and husband Dee of Parsons; one sister, Roberta Knotts and husband Danny of Holly Meadows; two grandchildren, Canan Summerfield and wife Courtney and Cheyenne Summerfield; two step grandchildren, Kandice Sponaugle and Steven Sponaugle and wife Danielle; and six great grandchildren, Brantley Summerfield, Riley Summerfield, Ryder Sponaugle, Charlie Sponaugle, Chase Sponaugle and Oliver Sponaugle.

She attended Parsons High School. She was an employee of the former Parsons Footwear, and she was a caregiver working for the Tucker County Senior Center. She was a member of the St. George Church of God. Janet loved going to church, going to 4-wheeler races and riding side by sides, but most of all she loved her children and being Mam Maw to her grandchildren dearly.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 11 a.m. Pastor Carolyn Shreve officiated and interment followed at the Fansler Cemetery at Hendricks, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Janet Lee Simmons Summerfield. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohr-barbfuneralhome.com.

Mary Virginia "Gin" Winters

Mary Virginia "Gin" Winters, 93, of Fort Ashby, died April 19, 2023, at The Dawn View Center.



Born March 15, 1930, in Dunbar, PA, she was the daughter of the late Richard Thomas "R.T." Friend and Mary Louise (Spedden) Friend.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Winters; siblings, Richard "Dick" Friend and Katherine L. Friend; and, daughter-in-law Brenda Winters.

Her surviving family members include sons, Steven A. Winters and L. Wayne Winters; siblings, Rebecca McDowell, Carol Huggins and William "Bill" Friend; grandsons, Joshua Winters and Ethan Winters; one great granddaughter and four great grandsons; and nieces and nephews.

She had attended Mt. Zion Church. In her spare time, "Gin" enjoyed gardening and taking care of her flowers. The loves of her life were her children and grandchildren.

Friends were received at the Upchurch Funeral Home, Inc., Fort Ashby, on

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The funeral service followed at 1 p.m. with Pastor Jerry Eisenhour, officiating.

Interment was at Fort Ashby Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fort Ashby Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1110, Fort Ashby, WV 26719.

The family appreciates the kind, compassionate care provided by the staff at The Dawn View Center.

Meeting

hour with more strict GPA requirements than other schools.

The Ohio-WV Youth Leadership Association representative Jessica Wamsley addressed the Board on a grant funded opportunity for students. The proposal was described as civic related and consisting of six 30-minute sessions.

"The pilot is fully funded, its fully staffed, its everything. It's even going to include a discounted rate for schools to send their students to Youth in Government Seminars," Wamsley said.

Wamsley said the program would be run on a club-styled student-driven format with it being school run with community partners after the grant-funded two-year period. The Board approved the proposal with a four to zero vote.

Board members approved the hire of two Extra-Curricular Personnel. Effective the 2023-2024



The Tucker County School Board meets in double header session.

school year, Carmon DiBacco will become Assistant Football Coach at TCHS and Elizabeth Smith will become the Athletic Director at TVEMS. The motion was passed with a four to zero vote.

In a four to zero vote, the Board agreed to the Superintendent's recommendation of the reduction of hours for Stephanie Murphy, Itinerant Transition Specialist/ Job Coach to half time at TCHS. Murphy will remain in her position at Tucker Valley.

The Board approved

four Out-of-State Travel requests for field trips: DTEMS students will be travelling to Kennywood Park in PA; the Senior trip to Virginia Beach, VA; a student will attend the SREB Conference in Orlando, FL; and a Pre-K trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo.

Board members also completed the third and final reading of the district's Nalozzone policy

and approved the new policy with a four to zero vote. The new policy will allow the district to have Narcan on site in case of an emergency.

All members were present with the exception of Daniel "Chopper" Evans, President of the Board. In this absence, Board Vice President Teresa Simmons chaired the meetings.

Improvements

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Discussion included that due to a property owner's objection, a section of Brooks St. between Davis St. and Elkins St. could not be abandoned as requested. As for the request from G.S. Millwork, LLC to purchase or lease the parking lot adjacent to their Pulp Mill Bottom facility, discussion included the issues from FEMA buyout land and the possibility of a long-term lease.

The Board also discussed the need for a round table discussion with the landowners in the area and the need for more information. The issue was continued until the next meeting.

The Police report attributed community support and information for the formation of suspects in a series of property destruction cases. The police chief, Kevin Keplinger, indicated that there are five known victims, but if any other individuals have been affected, they are to contact the police department.

There was also an incident of vandalism at the park down by the river, according to the police. Keplinger indicated he is seeking video evidence from surrounding cameras. According to the police, a

vehicle had driven through the area of the park that the city had just completed work on and done damage. The case is still under investigation.

The police also reported that the department received two AED's that are currently being recalibrated. It was reported that this will allow the department to have one per vehicle. The department also received two short barrels to replace the current barrels on their service rifles. Keplinger reported that this will make the rifles more effective and easier to handle in the vehicles.

The police also reported that the Governor had issued a fire ban for the month the morning of the April 18. There are some exemptions according to Keplinger, but it is a strict ban and enforcement has been encouraged by the state.

The Council entered into Executive Session over a hiring issue. When the council reconvened in public session, the motion was approved to readvertise the Sanitary Equipment Operator Position for two weeks and approved the recommendation for hiring of Municipal Judge.

Banquet

Cont. From 1A



State Senator Randy Smith addresses the 2022-2023 Tucker County FFA members, family, and friends at the annual banquet held in the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department.

of Historian will be held by Christopher Donnellan in 2023-2024. A new Chaplin has yet to be determined to replace outgoing Emily Snyder. These new officers closed the meeting and officially assumed their duties for the year.

Various awards were also issued at the event. Addison Hunt received recognition for the top sales in the Gun Raffle. Abby Kitzmiller was recognized

for Top Freezer Raffle Sales. Top Strawberry Sales went to Makenna Evans.

Laney Burns and Hannah Cussins received recognition in anticipation of their State Degrees. Advisor Paul Pennington reported that they had completed all the necessary work and anticipates the official award of the degrees this coming July.

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Barney Schilansky lived in Thomas as early as 1886. He was a pack peddler, selling his wares from home to home or possibly even to lumber camps. He had a general merchandise shop in Davis as is evidenced in the advertisement. I feel sure he had a store in Thomas, also. He as well as the other Jewish residents of Thomas were strictly Orthodox. Several different Rabbis including Morris Levine, Harry Barbakow, Lazer Flax, and others served the needs of the Jewish population. Barney had a special room set aside in his home where the Sefer Torah was kept, and the religious services of the Thomas Community were held. It is believed that the Torah never left the house and that it was kept in a small ark. One person reported that the Torah belonged to the Schilanskys. Barney operated a sawmill, several small farms and owned or operated many buildings in Thomas. In the great fire of 1901, 65 of the buildings that he owned or operated burnt to the ground. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

The Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau's Annual Report Shows Strong Tourism Growth in 2022

Davis, W.Va. — The Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) recently released its annual report, showcasing significant growth in tourism in 2022. According to KeyData statistics, Tucker County vacation rental occupancy increased by 18%, with the highest increases in July and February.

Tucker County witnessed consistent travel patterns in 2022. Despite experiencing below-average snowfall, the investment in Timberline Mountain to offer a reliable winter experience led to continued growth during the season.

According to the CVB's website data, Tucker County is a desirable tourist destination among individuals from various states. Virginia emerged as the top state in terms of site visits, surpassing in-state residents. Additionally, the site attracted numerous visitors from Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. The CVB's mission is to enhance the tourism industry in Tucker County. To fulfill that mission, the CVB expends the majority of its budget on advertising. At the end of 2022, the CVB expenditures reflected 73% on advertising, 22% on payroll and 5% on operational expenses.

Exceeding the West Virginia Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus' accreditation guidelines of 40% on advertising, 40% on payroll and 20% on operational expenses.

This approach has yielded impressive results in 2022, including the successful Take in Tucker campaign. A Scavenger Hunt-specific portion was included in the campaign and enticed participation from over 250 individuals and resulted in 1,250 visits to prominent outdoor attractions in Tucker County. The campaign also introduced a new video series that ran throughout all four seasons and promoted summer activities in Tucker County, generating over 29 million impressions and 24,025 clicks.

The spring/summer campaign, which included the Take in Tucker general and Scavenger Hunt portions, received approximately 52 million impressions and 84,000 clicks, while the fall campaign had over 6 million impressions and nearly 12,00 clicks.

The CVB also received 11 Marketing Sponsorship requests in 2022, awarding close to \$14,000, and encourages more organizations to apply in 2023. In addition to the Marketing Sponsorship, the CVB has introduced a Tourism Sponsorship to support tourism development and enhance the visitor experience in Tucker County. To apply for either sponsorship opportunity, contact Jessica Waldo, Executive Director, by email to obtain an application form.

To view the 2022 Annual Report, visit the Tucker County CVB website at gettuckered.com.

Gas Prices Drop in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is three cents lower this week at \$3.560 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices:	Northern WV Average
Average price during the week of April 10, 2023	\$3.595
Average price during the week of April 18, 2022	\$3.869

The following is a list of the average prices in several West Virginia locations:

\$3.599	Bridgeport
\$3.581	Clarksburg
\$3.560	Huntington
\$3.657	Martinsburg
\$3.489	Morgantown
\$3.571	Parkersburg
\$3.484	Weirton
\$3.545	Wheeling

Trend
The national average for a gallon of regular gasoline rose

Analysis:

11 cents over the last week to hit \$3.67. The main culprit is the cost of oil, gasoline's main ingredient. Prices have hovered in the low \$80's per barrel for about two weeks after spending much of March around \$70 per barrel. The national average has risen daily since March 29. Today's average of 3.67 is 22 cents more than a month ago but 41 cents less than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand decreased from 9.3 to 8.94 million barrels per day last week. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks dropped slightly by 400,000 barrels to 222.2 million barrels. Lower demand would typically push pump prices down; instead, elevated oil prices have pushed them higher.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate increased by \$1.73 to settle at \$83.26. Oil prices increased after the U.S. Labor Department said the U.S. Consumer Price Index rose 0.1% in March, a lower rise than the market expected. Additionally, the EIA reported that total domestic commercial crude inventories increased by 500,000 barrels to 470.5 million barrels last week.

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

Eastern fuels demand for local food through ag entrepreneurship and CSA programs

The Agriculture Innovation Program at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is fueling demand for locally grown foods through expansion of the Potomac Highlands Producers community supported monthly food box and experiential learning opportunities for aspiring ag entrepreneurs.

In October 2021, Eastern Ag Innovation launched the first Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) box in the Potomac Highlands Region to increase access to local foods. The initiative, known as the Potomac Highlands Producers, has grown to include 25 local producers from the region, all of whose products are periodically featured in the monthly box available for purchase online.

"CSA programs provide an avenue for the direct sale of local products," said Ag Innovation Program Coordinator Maya Paul. "Not only is it healthier to eat fresh foods that are produced in our region, but it also benefits the success of the rural economy, which relies heavily on agriculture and agritourism and helps the local farmers succeed."

Consisting of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker Counties—the Potomac Highlands Region of West Virginia is the largest agricultural region in the state and provides access to a large volume of wholesale goods ranging from a variety of meat and dairy products to a diverse range of fresh fruits and vegetables, and dry goods like jams and jellies, teas and coffees, and other seasonally available items.

The products in each box include a rotating mixture of nearly a dozen different seasonal goods from local producers, allowing customers the opportunity to sample products and connect with a variety of different businesses in the region.

"We have had almost 80 percent of our box buyers become repeat customers," said Paul. "The same folks

have been consistently supporting the beginning and we recently doubled the quantity of boxes we sell to meet consumer demands."

The boxes are currently available for pick-up out of the Potomac Highlands Producer's location on Eastern's Main Campus in Moorefield. Additional drop-off locations have been established in Tucker County, and the Potomac Highlands Producers are looking to expand their distribution network to more counties in the region.

A recent \$124,065 grant awarded by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation will help expand the capacity of the Potomac Highlands Producers and establish the Agriculture Growth through Entrepreneurship Experience (AGEE) Program.

The AGEE Program will provide a one-year paid agricultural experiential learning program to up to six students within the Potomac Highlands Region. Participants can range in age from high school juniors and seniors to college students, veterans or individuals studying career pivots.

"The new program will allow students to strengthen the Potomac Highland Producers monthly box program and learn more about where their food comes from, including the agricultural operations behind each product," said Eastern's Dean of Advancement and Continuing Education Dr. Megan Webb.

Those admitted to the Food Agriculture Entrepreneur Program will receive on-the-job training while supporting the growth of the Potomac Highland Producer's monthly community supported agriculture box program.

Students will gain business and management skills through customer interaction, financial management and wholesome food responsibility. Accepted AGEE students will earn \$12 per hour for up to 40 hours of service to their experiential learning program with the Potomac Highlands

Producers Program. They will also receive free access to up to four agriculture workforce microcredentials including: farm business management, agribusiness diversification and value adding, horticulture management Systems, and livestock management systems offered by Eastern Ag Innovation and partners.

Students will also have their tuition waived for at least one three credit academic course and receive mentorship from the Agribusiness Coach, David Workman, while pursuing their agricultural entrepreneurial development.

At the end of the program, which is now open for enrollment, successful student completers will receive a \$700 stipend and be recognized during the 2024 Eastern Foundation Farm to Table fundraising dinner.

"Many thanks to the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation for supporting our institution and growth in agricultural experiential learning programs that offer real-world experience to our students and enhance their access to affordable and accessible education," said Webb.

"The Benedum Foundation is excited about this opportunity to expand agricultural entrepreneurship and also meet a local need for more fresh food options," said Bill Woodrum, senior program officer at the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. "Eastern is a great example of an institution being responsive to their local community and helping build capacity for their future growth."

To learn more about Agriculture Innovation academic and workforce development training programs including the AGEE program visit, easternwv.edu/ag-innovation/ or email aginnovation@easternwv.edu

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Tucker County Receives Community in Schools Grant

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

At the meeting of the Tucker County School Board, Superintendent Alicia Lambert informed the board that the county has received a grant to create three new positions within the county.

“We have been blessed to receive a grant to become a Community in Schools (CIS),” Lambert said.

The three new CIS Site Resource Facilitator positions will consist of one facilitator at TVEMS, DTEMS, and TCHS. The positions are fully grant funded through a five-year grant “For the first year will be \$95,000 per site that we will receive. It will be a five-year line item budget through the governor’s office,” Lambert said.

Lambert stated to the Board that the grant is guaranteed for five years with the goal of being self-sufficient at the end of the five-year grant. “The grant pays for more than just the salary,” Lambert said.

Lambert proposed the idea of a Therapy Dog for the district through the CIS grant.

“The students have been reaching out and asking for that,” Lambert said.

The new positions will work in conjunction with the Family Resource Network.



TCHS AP Literature students with cast members of the American Shakespeare Center pose for a picture during a recent trip, funded by a grant from the Tucker Community Foundation.

DHHR Recruiting Efforts Lead to Increased Hires of Child Protective and Youth Service Workers

CHARLESTON, W.Va.

– The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) continues efforts to increase staffing for Child and Youth Protective Service Workers. Through targeted recruitment, job fairs, and hiring incentives, 29 employees have been hired since January 2023. “Protecting our children is the most important work and also the most challenging,” said Jeff Pack, Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Social Services. “During Child Abuse Prevention Month, I am particularly pleased to see that we are making progress in filling these critical roles. I am grateful for our dedicated staff who protect West Virginia’s children and youth, and welcome our newest hires.”

This progress is part of the ongoing series of actions designed to make continued improvements to protective services in West Virginia.

“The complex nature of Child Protective and Youth Services cases have made these positions challenging to fill,” said Cammie Chapman, DHHR’s Deputy Secretary of Children and Adult Services. “The progress in recruitment and hiring is a direct result of the support that has been provided by Governor Justice, the West Virginia

Legislature, and Interim DHHR Cabinet Secretary Jeff Coben.”

Individuals who are interested in these positions may apply or attend one of the many job fairs occurring throughout the state. For a full list of job fairs visit <https://dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx> or email DHHR-Jobs@wv.gov. Individuals currently enrolled in a bachelor’s or master’s social work program may receive tuition assistance. Please email DHHREAP@wv.gov or call 304-558-6700 for more information.

Tucker Community Foundation Grant Sends TCHS AP Literature on Trip

The Tucker County High School AP Literature Class, through a grant funded by the Tucker Community Foundation, enjoyed a rewarding trip to the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton, VA, on April 19, to see a production of “As You Like It”. The class participated in a Talkback afterwards. The kids went to A Taste of India after they left the production and for most of the students it was the first time they ever got to try Indian food. “Thank you again for providing such a unique experience for the young adults of Tucker County at no expense to

them. The work that you do for this community is immense and enriching beyond words.” said Erin Marks, ELA Teacher at TCHS.

“This is the most rewarding part of our jobs, to see how our Scholarships and Grants make a positive impact on the young people of our local communities,” said Michael Moore, Chief Financial Officer for the Tucker Community Foundation. “We create opportunities for the everyday donor to give ‘bigger’ as a group than what they could achieve and fund on their own. This is what our com-

munity foundation is all about.”

The awards were made possible by resources from the Foundation’s designated and unrestricted endowment funds, agency funds and donor advised funds. The grants support the arts and culture, education, emergency assistance, community and economic development, senior services, recreation and youth. The next grant cycle will begin October 1, 2023.

Tucker Community Foundation manages over 140 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to nonprofits and charitable causes in Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph, and Tucker counties in W.Va. and in Garrett County, Md. To learn more about establishing an endowment or supporting an existing one call 304-478-2930 or visit www.tuckerfoundation.net

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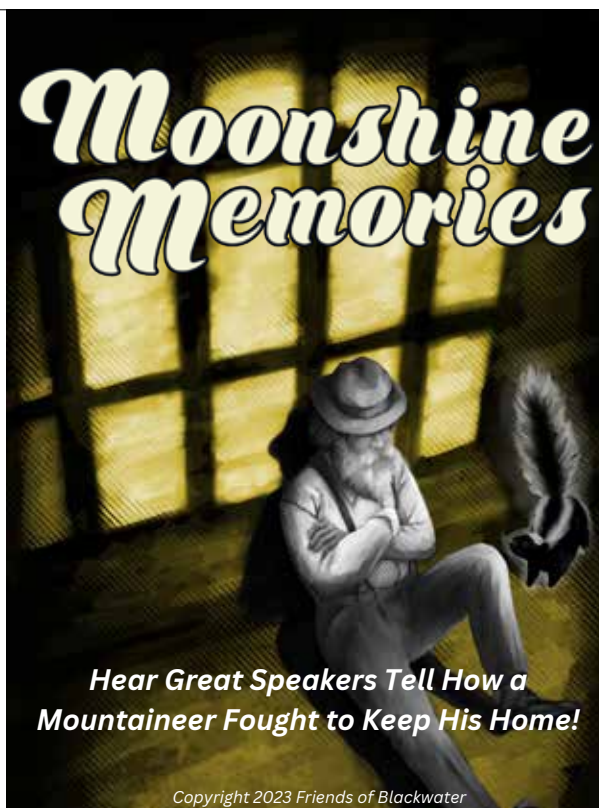
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Any items that are left on the gravesites which are determined unsightly will be removed by our staff & Cemetery Committee Volunteers.

All new flowers should not be displayed until after clean-up.

The Town of Davis makes every effort possible to protect items on display at each gravesite; however, we will not be held responsible or liable for items that are damaged or stolen. When displaying flowers, we strongly encourage everyone to use permanent vases. Otherwise, flowers displayed directly in the ground may be damaged by mowing and trimming equipment.

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RESIDENT ASSISTANCE DAYS

The City of Parsons has designated Tuesday, May 2nd and Thursday, May 4th as Resident Assistance Days. What does this mean? This means the employees of the City of Parsons will assist residents in hauling their refuse to the Parsons Maintenance Building. Residents that need assistance with hauling their refuse need to call the Parsons Business Office at (304) 478-2311 to schedule a pickup.

Employees of the City of Parsons reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all items that are picked up at the curbside or brought to the Parsons Maintenance Building.

This event is sponsored by the City of Parsons.

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The Parsons Advocate Graduate Submissions

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This special section is made possible through the generosity of St. George Medical Clinic.

SPORTS



Tucker County Baseball player Sam Marks waits for a pitch in a recent game. Photo by Dave Helmick.

Mt. Lions baseball win at Pocahontas, fall at Midland Trail

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

DUNMORE – The Tucker County Baseball team traveled to Pocahontas County on Saturday April 15th for a single game against the Warriors. The Mt. Lions got started early with 2 runs in the 1st inning to make it 2-0 after 1 inning. Tucker County would then add 2 runs in the 3rd inning and 7 runs in the 4th inning to give the Mt. Lions a commanding 11-0 lead after 4 innings. Tucker County would add 2 more runs in the 5th inning and the game ended due to mercy rule. The Mt. Lions got the road win by the final score of 13-0.

Justin Robeson went the distance on the mound for Tucker County as he allowed just 1 hit and struck out 9 batters. The Mt. Lions racked up 13 hits and were led by Ethan Rosenau with 3 hits(1 double). Mason Kisamore(double), Dom Mullenax(double) and Nate Ricottilli had 2 hits. Sam Marks(triple), Xander Lambert, Reid Kisamore and Justin Robeson added 1 hit each for Tucker County in the win.

HICO – The Mt. Lions Baseball team traveled to Midland Trail for Game 2 of the day on Saturday April 15th. The 1st inning started out good for Tucker County as they scored 1 run in the 1st inning, but Midland Trail answered back with 1 run in the bottom of the 1st to make the score 1-1 after 1 inning. Trail then got 2 runs in the 2nd inning, 4 runs in the 3rd inning and 2 runs in the 4th inning to take

See BASEBALL page 6B

AREA SCHEDULE:

Wednesday April 26th

Tucker County Softball vs Moorefield @ Home 6pm
Tucker County Baseball @ Pendleton County 5pm
Tucker County Track – PVC Championship @ Keyser 4:30pm

Tucker Valley Baseball vs Elkins @ Home 6pm

Thursday April 27th

Tucker County Softball vs Philip Barbour @ Home 5:30pm
Tucker County Track @ Keyser 4pm
Tucker Valley Softball @ Tygarts Valley 6pm
Tucker Valley Softball @ Doddridge County 6pm

Friday April 28th

Tucker County Softball vs Elkins(DH) 5:30/7:30pm
Tucker Valley Track @ Lewis County 4pm

Saturday April 29th

Tucker Valley Softball @ Central Preston 12pm

Monday May 1st

Tucker County Baseball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 6pm
Tucker County Softball – Sectionals – TBA

Tuesday May 2nd

Tucker County Baseball vs Notre Dame @ Home 6pm
Tucker Valley Baseball @ Pendleton County(DH) 6pm/7pm

Tucker County softball fall at Petersburg, beat East Hardy

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PETERSBURG – The Lady Mt. Lions Softball team traveled to Petersburg on Monday April 17th. The home-standing Lady Vikings got the scoring started in the bottom of the 1st inning as they collected 4 runs to lead 4-0 after 1 inning. Tucker County scored 2 runs in the top of the 3rd, but Petersburg added 1 run in the bottom of the 3rd to make the score 5-2 Lady Vikings through 3 innings. Petersburg then added 2 runs in the 5th inning to push the score to 7-2 Petersburg. Tucker County then got 2 runs in the 6th inning, but the Lady Vikings answered back with 1 run in the 6th. Neither team scored in the 7th to seal the victory for Petersburg by the score of 8-4.

Tucker County had 5 hits at the plate. Addie Hicks led the Lady Mt. Lions with 2 hits, while Autumn Russell added 1 double. Paige Shaffer and Kate Simmons chipped in with 1 hit each for Tucker County in the loss. Ava Shaffer got the start on the mound and she took the loss for the Lady Mt. Lions.

CAMP KIDD – The Tucker County Softball team hosted East Hardy on Thursday April 20th. The Lady Mt. Lions bats started hot as they scored 3 runs in the 1st inning and 6 runs in the 2nd inning to build a 9-0 lead after 2 innings. Tucker County added 1 run in the 3rd inning and then the Lady Mt. Lions ended the game early with 5 runs in the 4th inning. The game was ended by the mercy rule to give Tucker County a 15-0 victory.

The Lady Mt. Lions exploded in the game with 15 hits. Katie Hicks led Tucker County with 4 hits(1 double, 1 triple). Ava Shaffer for the Lady Mt. Lions had 3 hits(1 double), while Addie Hicks and Corrinia Lipscomb(1 double) had 2 hits each. The Lady Mt. Lions got 1 hit each from Kate Simmons(double), Paige Shaffer, Autumn Russell



Tucker County's Ava Shaffer catches the pitch in a recent game for the Lady Mt. Lions Softball team. Photo by Dave Helmick.

and Raven Matthews. Paige Shaffer pitched a complete game for Tucker County on the mound as she struck out 5 batters in the 4 innings of work.

Tucker County(11-9) will return to action Wednesday April 26th at home against Moorefield at 6pm. The Lady Mt. Lions will then host Philp Barbour on Thursday April 27th at home at 5:30pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.

Mt. Lions track team runs at Keyser and Doddridge

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

KEYSER – The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Track Teams traveled to Keyser on Tuesday April 18th. The Girls' team finished in 4th place on the night and the Boys' team ended the night with a 5th place finish as a team. Tucker County results from Keyser.

Girls Results – 100m: 5th-Mayah Gross(14.36). 200m: 6th-Mayah Gross(30.57), 12th-Hannah Cussins(31.42), 17th-Gabby Gross(33.50). 400m: 1st-Katie Hicks(1:09.48), 12th-Gabby Gross(1:19.70). 800m: 2nd-Erin Chambers(2:44.18), 3rd-Katie Hicks(2:44.24), 9th-Gabby Gross(2:58.49). 1600m: 2nd-Hannah Hardy(6:16.82). 3200m: 1st-Erin Chambers(12:41.15). 4x100m Relay: 6th-L.Callaway, H.Hardy, M.Callaway, M.Gross(59.34). 4x200m Relay: 6th-L.Callaway, A.Moats, M.Callaway, M.Gross(2:05.88). 4x400m Relay: 2nd-K.Hicks, E.Chambers, M.Callaway, A.Moats(5:23.74). 4x800m Relay: 2nd-K.Hicks, E.Chambers, H.Hardy, A.Moats(11:15.05). Shuttle Hurdles: 5th-A.Moats, H.Cussins, M.Callaway, L.Callaway(1:21.79). Shot Put: 12th-Kristen Ritchey(23'10"). Discus Throw: 16th-Kristen Ritchey(60'02"). Final Team Scores: 1)Mountain Ridge(155), 2)Fort Hill(138), 3)Keyser(100), 4)Tucker County(64), 5)Petersburg(50), 6)Moorefield(30).

Boys Results – 100m: 37th-Hunter Ware(14.73), 200m: 41st-Hunter Ware(28.94). 400m: 11th-Nate Ricottilli(57.79). 800m: 22nd-Gavin Mullenax(2:47.43). 1600m: 8th-Cameron Judy(5:25.13), 20th-Lynk Suesli(5:53.04). 3200m: 3rd-Cameron Judy(11:42.68), 7th-Lynk Suesli(12:31.91). 300mHurdles: 13th-Allan Boyles(49.37). 4x100m Relay: 5th-D.Mullenax, Ax.Boyles, H.Smith, N.Ricottilli(51.54). 4x200m Relay: 5th-D.Mullenax, Aln.

Boyles, R.Scott, N.Ricottilli(1:47.06). 4x400m Relay: 4th-Ax.Boyles, C.Judy, R.Scott, G.Mullenax(4:34.78). 4x800m Relay: 3rd- N. Ricottilli, C.Judy, Ax.Boyles, Aln.Boyles(10:05.98). Shuttle Hurdles: 4th-D.Mullenax, Ax.Boyles, H.Smith, Aln.Boyles(1:18.97). Shot Put: 9th-Hayden Smith(35'01.50"), 11th-Gavin Mullenax(35'10"), 30th-Hunter Ware(24'08"). Discus Throw: 12th-Hayden Smith(107'10"), 17th-Gavin Mullenax(94'03"), 35th-Hunter Ware(64'06"). Final Team Results: 1)Mountain Ridge(190), 2)Keyser(154), 3)Fort Hill(106.50), 4)Moorefield(52), 5)Tucker County(24), 6) Petersburg(23.50).

WEST UNION – The Mt. Lions Track Teams traveled to Doddridge County on Friday April 21st for the Cline Stansberry Invitational.

See TRACK page 6B



Tucker County's Cameron Judy competes in 3200m event at Doddridge County on April 21st. Photo by Robin Hardy.

Tucker Valley and Davis-Thomas track update

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

KEYSER – The Tucker Valley and Davis-Thomas Middle School Track teams traveled to Keyser on Monday April 17th.

Girls Results:

100m: TV-1st-Lela Wright(14.21), DT-18th-Hannah Nestor(19.16), DT-27th-Nettie Nelson(23.68). 200m: TV-7th-Rachel Hile(33.51), TV-8th-Madelynn Helmick(34.73). 800m: TV-10th-Rachel Cummings(3:12.09). 1600m: TV-7th-Rachel Cummings(6:57.65). 100m Hurdles: TV-1st-Peyton Hicks(20.30), TV-3rd-Madelynn Helmick(20.76), TV-7th-Rachel Hile(22.33). 200m Hurdles: TV-1st-Lela Wright(33.74), TV-7th-Peyton Hicks(44.47). Shuttle Hurdles: TV-1st-M.Helmick, P.Hicks, R.Hile, L.Wright(44.36). High Jump: TV-2nd-Lela Wright(4'04"), TV-6th-Peyton Hicks(3'06"). Shot Put: TV-7th-Mary Phillips(22'08"), DT-8th-Hannah Nestor(19'07"), TV-10th-Shilah Jones(19'01"), DT-11th-Arabella Phares(18'10"), DT-14th-Nettie Nelson(16'05"). Discus: DT-8th-Arabella Phares(47'07"), TV-9th-Mary Phillips(41'03"), TV-10th-

Shilah Jones(39'07").

Boys Results:

100m: TV-1st-Oliver Archuleta(13.10), DT-18th-Mitch Neil(15.68), DT-29th-Evan Nexom(16.40). 200m: TV-2nd-Oliver Archuleta(26.86), TV-4th-Liam Davis(28.66), TV-13th-Logan Kopec(31.98). 400m: TV-2nd-Oliver Archuleta(1:05.20). 800m: TV-11th-William Gilligan(3:02.26), TV-17th-Zane Carr(3:44.02), TV-18th-Hunter Grafton(3:45.94). 1600m: TV-8th-William Gilligan(6:22.10), TV-14th-Zane Carr(7:53.48), TV-15th-Hunter Grafton(7:53.86). 3200m: TV-4th-William Gilligan(13:23.64). 100m Hurdles: TV-3rd-Liam Davis(18.96), TV-5th-Logan Kopac(20.01). 200m Hurdles: TV-2nd-Logan Kopec(33.32), TV-2nd-Liam Davis(33.32). Long Jump: TV-1st-Liam Davis(16'05"), DT-7th-Evan Hexom(12'11.50"). Shot Put: TV-13th-Hunter Grafton(18'06"), TV-15th-Zane Carr(14'04"). Discus: DT-13th-Evan Hexom(57'04"), TV-19th-Hunter Grafton(42'05"), TV-20th-Zane Carr(28'07").

The Tucker Valley Track team will return to action Friday April 28th at Lewis County and Davis-Thomas Track team was scheduled to travel to Preston on April 24th. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



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Student Art Exhibition

The WV Highland Artisans Group is thrilled to announce the return of STArt-School Town Art- Student Art Exhibition, K-12. All schools in Tucker County will be participating. The show kicks off Saturday, May 6th, from 2 until 5, at the Davis Firehall, in Davis, WV. On Sunday, May 7, viewing hours will be noon till 3:30 p.m., with light refreshments being served. The awards ceremony for the winning artworks will start at 3:30 p.m. This year's judge is Preston County art teacher and former Teacher of the Year recipient, Claire Jones. Come by, enjoy the artworks of our talented young people and cast your vote for your favorite art piece for the

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Consumer Confidence Report - 2023

Covering Calendar Year - 2022

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, please call ALAN TOMSON at 304-259-5302.

Your water comes from:

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Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPNCDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming. **Pesticides and herbicides,** which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 950 and is required to test a minimum of 1 sample per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2022 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1 - December 31, 2022. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter(ug/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results for: DAVIS WATER WORKS

Microbiological Source	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COLIFORM (TCR)	In the month of July, 1 sample returned as positive	Treatment Technique Trigger	0	Naturally present in the environment

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	4/4/2022	0.0098	0.0098	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE	4/18/2019	0.992	0.992	ppb	6	0	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
NITRATE	4/4/2022	0.13	0.13	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NITRITE	4/4/2022	0.13	0.13	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection By-products	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest LRAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	DOLLAR STORE	2022	76	9.89-76	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
THM	DOLLAR STORE	2022	68	3.28-68	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2020-2022	0.114	0.046-0.131	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2020-2022	11	<0-40	ppb	15	1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

DAVIS WATER WORKS is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. The most up to date inventory is located at **Davis Town Hall**, if you have any questions about our inventory, please contact ALAN TOMSON at 304-259-5302.

Chlorine/Chloramines	Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
2022-2022		1.9000	MG/L	1.2	MG/L

Total Organic Carbon	Lowest Month for Removal	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
CARBON, TOTAL		8/9/2022	5.9	0-5.9	MG/L	0	Naturally present in the environment

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
No detected results were found in the Calendar Year of 2022.				

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	04/18/2019	0.275	0.275	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants - Non Health Based Contaminants - No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
CARBON, TOTAL	10/4/2022	8.4	0-8.4	ppm	10000
NICKEL	4/4/2022	0.0011	0.0011	MG/L	0.1
SODIUM	4/4/2022	13.9	13.9	MG/L	1000
SULFATE	4/4/2022	2.6	2.6	MG/L	250

During the 2021 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
5/1/2022-5/31/2022	TURBIDITY	MONITORING, ROUTINE (IESWTR/LT1), MINOR
1/1/2021-12/31/2021	CHLORINE	MONITORING, RTN/RPT MAJOR (SWTR-FILTER)
12/1/2022-12/31/2022	TURBIDITY	MONITORING, ROUTINE (IESWTR/LT1), MINOR

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Infants and children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4761). Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Total organic carbon (TOC) has no health effects. However, total organic carbon provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts. These byproducts include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Drinking water containing these byproducts in excess of the MCL may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous system effects, and may lead to an increased risk of getting cancer.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No violations occurred in the Calendar Year of 2022.				

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

There are no additional required health effects notices.

Your CCR is available at <https://daviswv.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/CCR-Report-2022-Filed-2023.pdf>. This report will not be mailed unless requested. This report may be found in our local newspaper The Parsons Advocate, on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/townofdaviswv and on our website at the address listed above. To request a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at 304-259-5302.



West Virginia Caring hospice care, celebrated their volunteers with a Mexican fiesta meal reception recently at the Elkins Office. Volunteers support West Virginia Caring with music respite visits with patients' families, outreach, fundraising and a variety of things. If you'd like to share your talents with West Virginia Caring or learn more contact Nancy at 304-614-6223 or ndotson@WVCaring.prg.

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
James W. Long, Jr.	Zachary S. Long
1st publication 4/26/23	56 Railroad Street
2nd publication 5/3/23	Hendricks, WV 26271
Lynn Rupp	Robert O. Rupp
1st publication 4/26/23	10 E. Main Street
2nd publication 5/3/23	Buckhannon, WV 26201

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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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before the Tucker County Commission at 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV 26287.

That no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the following decedent has been filed with the Tucker County Commission and is of record in the Tucker County Clerk's Office.

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1st Publication Date: April 19, 2023
 Decedent: Ellen Mae Zukas
 Filed By: Jo Anna Cessna
 14900 Weitzel Rd, SW
 Cumberland, MD 21502
 Relationship: Daughter
 Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 13, 2023
 Sherry Simmons
 Tucker County Clerk

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Mary Elizabeth Watring	Mary J. Smith
1st publication 4/19/23	8464 Horseshoe Run Rd.
2nd publication 4/26/23	Parsons, WV 26287
Linda Lee Moore	Gregory H. Moore
1st publication 4/19/23	15 Bluebell Drive
2nd publication 4/26/23	Clarksburg, WV 26301
Keith Wayne Jones, Sr.	Gracie E. Jones
1st publication 4/19/23	162 Spruce Street
2nd publication 4/26/23	Parsons, WV 26287
Roger Lee Collett	Cynthia K. Helmick
1st publication 4/19/23	29 Chris Drive
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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

LEGAL

Tucker County E-911 Communications Center will be providing (3) readings of a proposed amendment pursuant to section three-cc, article one, chapter seven (7-1-3cc) of the West Virginia Code. The first reading will be held 5/10/23 at the Tucker County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. The second reading will be held 5/17/23 at the Tucker County Courthouse at 9:00 a.m. The final reading will be held 5/24/23 at the Tucker County Courthouse at 6:00 p.m.

ORIGINAL

The imposition, pursuant to section three-cc, article one, chapter seven (7-1-3cc) of the West Virginia Code, of a fee of \$1.50 per month per local exchange service line equivalent, except for Tel-Assistance lines, is proposed to finance the projected costs of the enhanced emergency telephone system. Such Fee is proposed to become effective beginning on June 1, 2022.

AMENDED Changes are underlined.

The imposition, pursuant to section three-cc, article one, chapter seven (7-1-3cc) of the West Virginia Code, of a fee of \$2.25 per month per local exchange service line or line equivalent for residential use and \$3.00 per month per local exchange service line or equivalent for business use, except for Tel-Assistance lines, is proposed to finance the projected costs of the Enhanced Emergency Telephone System and Enhanced Emergency Dispatch Equipment. Such Fee is proposed to become effective beginning on July 1, 2023.

LEGAL

THOMAS CITY OF WV3304709
Consumer Confidence Report - 2023
Covering Calendar Year - 2022

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affects drinking water quality or if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please attend any regularly scheduled water board meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall or call JODY FLANAGAN at 304-463-4360.

Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
INTAKE - IMP UNNAMED TRIB N FK BLKWTR RI	Surface Water

Buyer Name	Seller Name
There are no additional purchases to display.	

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800- 426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

- Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.
- Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.
- Organic contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 753 and is required to test a minimum of 1 sample per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2022 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2022. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results for: THOMAS CITY OF

Microbiological Source	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022				

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	5/17/2022	0.0047	0.0047	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
HEXACHLORO-CYCLOPENTADIENE	10/18/2022	0.1	0-0.1	ppb	50	50	Discharge from chemical factories

Contaminant	Effective Date	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source		
NITRATE-NITRITE	4/5/2022	0.05	0.05	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection By-products	Sample Point	Monitoring Period	Highest LRAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	MAXIMUM RESIDENCE TI	2022	43	18-67.3	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	WADE ZIRKS EUCLID AVENUE	2022	110	22-25.57	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	MAXIMUM RESIDENCE TI	2022	25	9-40	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	WADE ZIRKS EUCLID AVENUE	2022	58	17.6-23	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2017-2019	0.05	0.0034-0.069	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2017-2019	0.6	0-0.93	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

THOMAS CITY OF is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is

Chlorine/Chloramines	Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
2022-2022	1.2000	MG/L	0.9	MG/L	

Total Organic Carbon	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
Lowest Month for Removal	6/8/2019	1.11	0-1.11	MG/L	0	Naturally present in the environment

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022				

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year 2022							

Secondary Contaminants - Non Health Based Contaminants - No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established	Collective Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	12/1/2019	59	59	MG/L	10000
ALUMINUM	4/8/2021	0.0804	0.0804	MG/L	0.05
CARBON, TOTAL	7/11/2019	5.1	0-5.1	ppm	10000
IRON	4/8/2021	0.324	0.324	MG/L	0.3
MANGANESE	4/8/2021	0.268	0.268	MG/L	0.05
SODIUM	4/8/2021	5.94	5.94	MG/L	1000

During the 2022 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
12/1/2021-2/28/2022	TTHM	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
12/1/2021-2/28/2022	TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
5/14/2022	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
6/1/2022-8/31/2022	TTHM	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
6/1/2022-8/31/2022	TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
7/1/2022	CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RULE	CCR REPORT
8/13/2022	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
10/1/2022	LEAD & COPPER RULE	FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)
10/1/2022	CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RULE	CCR ADEQUACY/AVAILABILITY/CONTENT RULE

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

There are no additional required health effects notices.

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2022				

There are no additional health violation notices.
 There are no additional required health effects notices.

To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above (304-463-4360).

Stuart Receives Employee of the Year for Outstanding Patient Care



Donna Stuart, Activities Coordinator for Davis Medical Center's (DMC) inpatient geriatric behavioral health program received national recognition as the Psychiatric Medical Care (PMC) 2022 Inpatient Division Employee of the Year. Pictured from left are Davis Health System (DHS) VP & Chief Nursing Officer Kathy Sturm, Donna Stuart, and DHS CEO Vance Jackson, FACHE.

ELKINS, WV – Laurel Place is pleased to announce that Donna Stuart, Activities Coordinator for Davis Medical Center's (DMC) inpatient geriatric behavioral health program, has received national recognition as the 2022 Inpatient Division Employee of the Year.

Program Director for Laurel Place Mar-lana Pennington shares in the excitement of the announcement.

"Donna is an inspiration to all of us. She supports the patients and her team members with positivity, a unique perspective, detail for quality care, and creativity," said Pennington. "Dedicated employees like Donna are the backbone of our program."

Stuart accepted the award in March with representatives of Psychiatric Medical Care (PMC), Davis Medical Center and Laurel Place there to offer congratulations.

"I am humbled, thankful and so very grateful to be named PMC Employee of the

Year," said Stuart. "Engaging patients in activities makes such a difference to those who are withdrawn or secluded. Seeing them smile is worth the world to me."

Helping her own father in his battle with dementia inspires Stuart's care of Laurel Place patients. "I am blessed to be able to share my love of creating meaningful activities with patients every day."

Stuart studied Psychology at Southern WV Community and Technical College, and worked in the activities department at Highland Clarksburg Hospital. She is a Certified Activities Director.

DMC's Laurel Place provides round-the-clock care for seniors 55 and over struggling with depression, anxiety, mood disorders, memory problems, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other mental illnesses. Patients receive treatment in a short-term inpatient setting until they are able to return home.

St. George's Dental Staff Recognizes April as Oral Cancer Awareness Month

April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month: Schedule Your Screening!

April is recognized as Oral Cancer Awareness Month. Oral cancer occurs when cells in an individual's mouth tissues mutate and divide uncontrollably. The St. George Medical Clinic dental staff want to remind our patients and the community that early detection is key, and that scheduling screenings for this lesser-known disease is significant to maintaining a healthy smile for years to come.

Read on to learn about the causes, signs, symptoms, and treatments for oral cancer, and what steps you can take to prevent this disease.

There are several key steps that you can take to protect yourself from oral cancer. The most important step is to be *routinely* screened for the disease. To be screened, you can simply book a regular check-up with your dentist.

Dentists scan for any

signs or symptoms, and will examine your mouth and lips for anomalies including:

Difficulty chewing and/or swallowing

Irritations or surface changes in the mouth such as bumps, lumps, or progressive swelling

Chronic ulcer(s)

Persistent red or white speckled patches

Prolonged hoarseness

Sores

Unexplained teeth movement

Unexplained oral bleed-

ing
Some additional steps that you can take to prevent oral cancer are avoiding the use of tobacco products, moderate and decrease your alcohol consumption, regularly visit the dentist, limit exposure to direct sunlight, and vaccinate for Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

Oropharyngeal Cancer—a specific type of oral cancer—can be caused by HPV. According to Yale Medicine, nearly 80 million Americans have HPV, therefore, almost half of the U.S. population is at high-risk for this disease.

If not diagnosed and treated early, oral cancer

can be life-threatening. The best way to get ahead of the disease is with preventative care and early detection.

Oral cancer can be found in numerous areas of the mouth such as:

- Cheeks
- Floor of mouth
- Hard and soft palates
- Lips
- Sinuses
- Throat
- Tongue

According to the American Cancer Society, only 50% of oral cancer patients are cured, and oral cancer kills one person per hour. This survival rate is low, due to the disease usually being diagnosed in the late stages. Maintaining a healthy mouth requires more than basic oral hygiene. Both lifestyle and diet changes, as well as routine dental cleanings and exams are vital to maintaining good oral health.

St. George's Dental Clinic staff encourages you to schedule regular dental appointments, so we can help you maintain healthy oral hygiene. Call us today at 304-478-6000 for more information.

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Get Screened for Risks of Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease
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FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE
Parsons Water Customers

The City of Parsons Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants throughout its entire water system starting on Monday, May 8, 2023, and running through Wednesday, May 10, 2023, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

As our staff starts flushing fire hydrants near your neighborhood, you may notice a slight discoloration in your water. This is temporary and poses no health risk. Simply run your water for a short period of time until it clears up. Do not do any laundry until you are sure your water is clear. If the discoloration persists, please contact our business office at (304) 478-2311.

We apologize for any inconvenience this fire hydrant flushing may cause you. This procedure is necessary to insure the continued cleanliness of our water system. We appreciate your patience, cooperation, and understanding.

John E. Lipscomb
Chief Water Operator

YOU CAN HELP...
WARM THE CHILDREN
Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need

In Tucker County, local children will go cold this winter without your help.

Just what is The Parsons Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN FUND?

The Parsons Advocate's **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND** is neighbors helping neighbors in Tucker County. The Parsons Advocate is asking readers to donate to the fund and the proceeds will be used to buy new warm winter clothing for local children. There are no administrative fees. All the money donated is used to buy new clothing.

How will the children's clothing be purchased?

The Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN coordinator has made arrangements with a local store and assigns volunteer shoppers to take the children and their parents shopping. Shoppers will be people like you, anyone in the community willing to help by donating a little of their time to this worthwhile cause.

How can I help?
Simply complete the coupon below and send it with your donation to the address on the coupon. Thanks for your generosity. **All donations are tax deductible.**

CLIP & MAIL

Enclosed is my donation to the WARM THE CHILDREN FUND. Make checks payable to WARM THE CHILDREN FUND.

Please check if you do not want your name published on the donor list.

Name: _____
Address: _____

MAIL TO: **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND**
c/o The Parsons Advocate
P.O. Box 345, Parsons, WV 26287
or drop off at the Advocate's office at 219 Central Ave., Parsons, WV

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Monday thru Friday

DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

Mountain Top Hunting Club

PO Box 68, Thomas, WV 26292 • 304.463.4387

HELP WANTED

Mountain Top Hunting Club
is accepting resumes for a

Full-Time Security Guard

Must be a club member.

Submit resume to

MTHC, PO Box 68, Thomas, WV 26292.

Deadline is May 8, 2023.



HELP WANTED SANITATION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

The City of Parsons is seeking a full-time sanitation equipment operator to work on its garbage collection routes. Candidates must be 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, have a high school diploma or equivalent, possess a valid West Virginia driver's license (Class B Commercial Driver's License with tanker endorsement preferred) with good driving history, knowledge of machinery and equipment operation and maintenance, knowledge of safety practices and requirements, ability to take and follow directions from supervisor, ability to perform strenuous and routine work, ability to maintain harmonious and effective working relationships with other employees and respond to general public complaints; ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing; ability to comply with all City policies and procedures; ability to maintain good health and physical condition sufficient to permit the full performance of the duties for this position. Before making a job offer, the candidate must consent to a criminal background check as well as a drug and alcohol test. Compensation will be based on the applicant's qualifications and experience. The benefit package for this position includes health insurance, life insurance, retirement plan, uniforms, boot allowance, wellness program, vacation days, sick leave, and personal days.

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, May 5, 2023. Those who do not apply by this date may or may not be considered.

Legal Disclosure – The City of Parsons does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy or gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor

Dental Hygienist - Dental Clinic

St. George Medical Clinic, Inc.-Dental Clinic is seeking a motivated, goal-orientated individual to help provide the most efficient dental-care as a Dental Hygienist. SGM-C-Dental is a fast growing federally qualified dental clinic providing superior quality dental care for patients of all ages. Qualified candidate must be courteous and professional to both co-workers and patients, be a team-oriented individual with the ability to assess, perform and reinforce productive preventative dental care. Qualified candidate must communicate diagnosed dental treatment needs through established corporate protocols. Other essential responsibilities include:

- Follow organizations practice protocols: quality assurance, biohazards, infection control, charting, referrals, emergency medicine, implants, and emergency treatment
- Demonstrate proficient skills in dental prophylaxis and proper use of equipment.
- Demonstrate complete knowledge and usage of dental terminology, dental instruments, tray setups and instrument sharpening.
- Effectively communicate oral hygiene instructions and dispense proper oral hygiene aids.
- Comply with practice guidelines listed in employee handbook.
- Proficient in electronic charting - including graphical charting, and proper chart documentation.
- Understand and utilize basic insurance knowledge and financial policies.
- Provide positive and professional leadership role.
- Properly handle specialty referrals.
- Successfully maintain recall system.
- Dentr x computer experience a plus
- Achieve defined goals established by organization
- Other duties as assigned. Required Skills:
- Current dental hygiene license in the state where job is located.
- Current CPR training.
- Associate Degree in dental hygiene a minimum, bachelor's degree preferred
- Two years of practice experience is preferred but not required.
- Ability to perform basic computer functions; Excel, Word, Dentrax, etc.
- Exercise knowledge of dental instruments and terminology.
- Support corporate vision and strategy, both short term and long term.

SGMC-Dental offers a competitive salary and excellent benefit package, based on experience, to include: health insurance, short and long term disability insurance, sick leave, vacation, holiday, and PTO. Current hours of operations are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.



St. George
MEDICAL CLINIC, INC.

8591 Holly Meadows Rd., Parsons, West Virginia 26287
Phone (304) 478-339 • www.stgeorgeclinic.org

HELP WANTED

Hamrick PSD is now hiring for Operator in Training, Class One or Class Two Operator

Applications can be picked up
in the HPSD Office at
76 Second St. St. Hendricks
from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
Monday through Friday

Dental Assistant - Dental Clinic

St. George Medical Clinic, a Federally Qualified Health Center, is seeking a full time, certified Dental Assistant at its dental location. This position is a full-time, fully benefited position, which includes health, life, accident, and disability, vision, critical illness, and dental insurance. Salary will be based upon experience.

Qualified Candidate must perform, at a minimum, the following Dental Assistant duties:

- Prepares treatment room for patient by following prescribed procedures and protocols.
- Prepares patient for dental treatment by welcoming, comforting, seating, and draping patient.
- Provides information to patients and employees by answering questions and requests.
- Provides instrumentation by sterilizing and delivering instruments to treatment area; positioning instruments for dentist's access; suctioning; passing instruments.
- Provides materials by selecting, mixing, and placing materials on instruments and in the patient's mouth.
- Provides diagnostic information by exposing and developing radiographic studies; pouring, trimming, and polishing study casts.
- Maintains patient appearance and ability to masticate by fabricating temporary restorations; cleaning and polishing removable appliances.
- Helps dentist manage dental and medical emergencies by maintaining CPR certification, emergency drug and oxygen supply, and emergency telephone directory.
- Educates patients by giving oral hygiene, plaque control, and postoperative instructions.
- Documents dental care services by charting in patient records.
- Maintains patient confidence and protects operations by keeping information confidential.
- Maintains safe and clean working environment by complying with procedures, rules, and regulations.
- Protects patients and employees by adhering to infection-control policies and protocols.
- Ensures operation of dental equipment by completing preventive maintenance requirements; following manufacturer's instructions; troubleshooting malfunctions; calling for repairs; maintaining equipment inventories; evaluating new equipment and techniques.
- Maintains dental supplies inventory by checking stock to determine inventory level; anticipating needed supplies; placing and expediting orders for supplies; verifying receipt of supplies.
- Conserves dental resources by using equipment and supplies as needed to accomplish job results.
- Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops; reviewing professional publications; establishing personal networks; participating in professional societies.
- Contributes to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed.

Qualifications:

- Certified Dental Assistant license from an Accredited agency
- Licensed in the State of WV
- Use of Medical Technologies
- Perform Diagnostic Procedures
- Collection of BMI, Blood Pressure, and Diabetic Checks
- Late evenings and Weekend hours may be required



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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED - JOB OPPORTUNITY! Part-Time

CDL Instructor - Eastern WV Community & Technical College This position provides quality training that produces skilled drivers to safely operate commercial vehicles and meet industry workforce needs by providing a learning environment that guides and encourages students to obtain their WV Class A CDL. Must have knowledge of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) guidelines (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/>) to ensure compliance. This is a part-time, non-benefits eligible position. For more information, visit <https://easternwv.edu/employment-opportunities/> or email careers@easternwv.edu.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE – 42" Murray, 17 HP riding mower, good condition, \$500 OBO, 8' 20 blade adjustable tractor disc, \$500. 304-478-2570.

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**BLACKWATER FALLS
STATE PARK**

Blackwater Falls State Park is accepting applications for the following positions.

**Cabin & Lodge Housekeeping
Maintenance Workers
Snack Bar Attendant
Campground Attendant
Front Desk Attendant
Trading Company Attendant**

For applications, please call 304-259-5216 or in person at Blackwater Falls Lodge.

Help Wanted

Reporter for a local newspaper

Hours flexible. Must be reliable.

For more information contact:
The Parsons Advocate
219 Central Ave.
Parsons, WV 26287

DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

51st Reunion for the Class of 1971



Front Row: Carolyn Bennett Jones, Marty (Plum) Nestor, Pam McCauley, Anna Mae (Harman) Clay, Frances (Pennington) Fluharty, Beverly (Allender) Stewart and Beverly (Phillips) Rosier. Back Row: Becky (Roy) Nelson, Sandie (Knotts) Owens, Carol (Nestor) Hovatter, Allen Hedrick, Sandy (Lowther) Kisamore, Mary (Hinkle) Isaacson, Pete Bava, Kay (Hedrick) Bava, Pete Liller, Debra (Rosenau) Phares, Jerry Nestor, Barbara (Knotts) Hottle, Noah Rhodes, Rick Knotts, Pat Gray. Next class reunion will be held Aug. 19, 2023.

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Boys Results – 400m: 9th-Nate Ricottilli(54.29). 1600m: 19th-Cameron Judy(5:26.40), 30th-Lynk Suesli(5:47.87). 3200m: 13th-Cameron Judy(11:34.73), 17th-Lynk Suesli(12:17.97). 300m Hurdles: 12th-Allan Boyles(50.59). 4x100m Relay: 13th-D.Mullenax, Alex Boyles, G.Mullenax, N.Ricottilli(51.78). 4x200m Relay: 13th-D.Mullenax, R.Scott, Aln.Boyles, N.Ricottilli(1:45.22). 4x800m Relay: 10th-N.Ricottilli, C.Judy, Alx.Boyles, Aln.Boyles(10:02.48). Shuttle Hurdles: 7th-D.Mullenax, Alx.Boyles, R.Scott, Aln.Boyles(1:15.85). Long Jump:

27th-Braxton George(13'08.5"). Shot Put: 18th-Hayden Smith(36'02"), 24th-Gavin Mullenax(33'02"), 38th-Hunter Ware(26'05"). Discus Throw: 13th-Hayden Smith(109'09"), 14th-Dom Mullenax(109'06"), 21st-Gavin Mullenax(102'11").

Girls Results – 400m: 15th-Mayah Gross(1:16.23). 1600m: 10th-Hannah Hardy(6:13.68). 3200m: 5th-Erin Chambers(12:32.32). 300m Hurdles: 8th-Mayah Gross(54.15). 4x100m Relay: 12th-L.Callaway, H.Hardy, M.Callaway, M.Gross(1:00.03). 4x400m Relay: 10th-E.Chambers, H.Hardy, M.Callaway,

A.Moats(5:00.79). Shuttle Hurdles: 7th-A.Moats, E.Chambers, M.Callaway, L.Callaway(1:20.87). Shot Put: 25th-Kristen Ritchey(22'10.50"). Discus Throw: 26th-Kristen Ritchey(60'05").

The Tucker County Track team will return to action on Wednesday April 26th at Keyser for the PVC Championship. The TCHS Track team will then return to Keyser for a meet on Thursday April 27th. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Baseball

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a 9-1 lead after 4 innings. Tucker County could not get the bats going the rest of the game and Midland Trail got the win at home over the Mt. Lions 9-1.

Tucker County managed just 3 hits in the contest and was led by Mason Kisamore with a double. Xander Lambert and Ethan Rosenau added 1 hit each for Tucker County in the loss. Ethan Rosenau got the start on the mound for the Mt. Lions and went 2 innings. Reece Poling went to the mound in relief for Tucker County.

PHILIPPI – The Tucker County Baseball team traveled to Philip Barbour on Tuesday April 18th for a single game with the Colts. The Mt. Lions struggled early as Philip Barbour scored 7 runs in the 1st inning to take a 7-0 lead after 1. The Colts would add 1 run in the 2nd inning, 4 runs in the 3rd inning and 1 run in the 4th inning. Tucker County would get on the scoreboard in the 3rd inning with 1 run off a steal of home by Blaike Adams. The game would end early with the final score of 13-1 Philip Barbour.

Mason Kisamore collected the only hit for the Mt. Lions on a fly ball to left field. Reece Poling started the game for Tucker County on the mound.

Same Marks and Maddox Anderson entered the game in relief for the Mt. Lions.

PARSONS – The Mt. Lions Baseball team ended the week with a home contest against Petersburg on Wednesday April 19th. The bats were hot early for both teams as Petersburg scored 3 runs in the 1st inning, but Tucker County fought back with 2 runs in the 1st to make the score 3-2 Vikings after 1 inning. The Mt. Lions would take the lead in the 3rd inning as they scored 3 runs to make the score 5-3 Tucker County after 3. Petersburg then answered with 4 runs in the 4th inning to put the Vikings back to the lead 7-5. Petersburg then added 1 run in the 5th inning and 2 runs in the 6th inning to put the score to 10-5 after 6 innings. Tucker County then rallied in the bottom of the 7th inning with 5 runs to tie the game at 10-10 and send it into

extra innings. The top of the 8th inning showed the Vikings scoring 5 runs to make the score 15-10 midway through the 8th inning. The Mt. Lions scored 1 run in the 8th, but could not complete another comeback as Tucker County fell to Petersburg in an exciting game 15-11.

Tucker County had 10 hits in the contest and was led by Ethan Rosenau and Maddox Anderson with 3 hits each. Mason Kisamore added 2 hits(double) for the Mt. Lions, while Justin Robeson and Reid Kisamore added 1 hit each. Mason Kisamore got the start on the mound for Tucker County and went 4 innings, while collecting 7 strike outs. Robeson, Rosenau and Nate Ricottilli went to the mound in relief for the Mt. Lions.

Tucker County will return to action on Wednesday April 26th at Pendleton County for a 5 pm start.



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Any weathered or out-of-season flower arrangements must be removed by Monday May 8th, 2023.

Any items that are left on the gravesites which are determined unsightly will be removed by our staff & Cemetery Committee Volunteers.

All new flowers should not be displayed until after clean-up.

The Town of Davis makes every effort possible to protect items on display at each gravesite; however, we will not be held responsible or liable for items that are damaged or stolen. When displaying flowers, we strongly encourage everyone to use permanent vases. Otherwise, flowers displayed directly in the ground may be damaged by mowing and trimming equipment.

The Town of Davis Cemetery relies heavily on donations. All donations are greatly appreciated and we ask that they be dropped off at Davis Town Hall or mailed to

Town of Davis, PO Box 207, Davis, WV 26260
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