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White Voices Concern Over Building Project

By: Lydia Crawley
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Woodlands Development presented an update to the Tucker County School Board pertaining to the proposed development of the Board of Education building partially into apartments with the remaining space housing the board and two current nonprofits.

Tucker County School Board Member Kevin White voiced concerns over the project, especially in regards to the safety of children. "I have real concerns with the fact that we're putting housing in this building potentially with the fact that we it locally used for sporting events, activities for children



Woodlands Development and Lending has proposed a development plan for the School Board building that would turn a portion of the structure into 15 apartment units for residents making less than 60% of the area's median income.



In the proposal, the School Board retains ownership of the football field located next to the building.

and no offense to anybody, but who is going to control the type of people that can be placed in these apartments?" White said. "Because, I've seen similar projects that have went way wrong over the years."

Woodlands Representative Dave Clark addressed White's concerns at the meeting. "I wholeheartedly agree," Clark said. "From my perspective, it really comes down to two things as management and I invite anybody who wants to look at any of our other, we own about 30 some properties in the region now, anytime you want to take a look

at any of them, we'd be happy to show them to you. Management is absolutely key. We find, honestly early on, you know we do background checks, we do all kinds of screening...There's a whole host of things. Some people still get through. There are always one or two bad apples that get in. Getting on it right away, nobody likes to evict, but we evict right away and set the tone."

"A bad apple in a residential neighborhood is one thing," White said. "A bad apple with school kids is a totally different

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Falls: Tucker County Tiny But Mighty

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Bailey Falls, Director of the Tucker County Animal Shelter, updated the Tucker County Commission, in regular session, on the results of a trip two staff members took to the WV Animal Sheltering Summit in Charleston. "The West Virginia Animal Sheltering Summit, the Best Friends had gotten us and covered the cost of it for us and got lots of helpful information," Falls said. "They were asking questions. There were shelters from all over the state and they were asking questions like, 'Do you have a program for this?' and a couple of people raised their hands and, 'Do you have this?' And they were like, 'Alright Tucker County you need to stop responding cause you guys are doing everything.'"

Falls thanked the Commission for all their continued support to the animal shelter. Falls said, "That's again because of the support of the Commission, because of the support of the community we're able to really stay - even though we're tiny, we're mighty and we're trying to stay on the cutting edge of where we're going."

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Keen Receives Commission Award



Keen received an award certificate and \$50 from the County Commissioners on behalf of the County Commission Association of West Virginia.

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Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School student Abigail Keen was

honored by the Tucker County Commission at the DTEMS 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony May 30th. County Commissioners Fred Davis and Mike Rosenau represented the Commission

at the event.

"It's good to be here tonight," Davis said. "I was trying to figure out how many years ago I was sitting there. This class, this 8th grade class had an essay to write through the County Commission Association of West Virginia."

Keen had submitted an essay to the 2023 essay contest and took first place in the state. Her essay outlined not only what the Tucker County Commission does, but also outlined its mission to the county. She wrote, "In recent months the commission has been raising money to fund our Emergency Medical Services. The reason that EMS needs funding is in case they need to replace vehicles or gear, personal protective equipment, or charities. In 2022, the Tucker County Commission devoted 400,000 dollars to the Tucker County EMS. Elected official also tried to

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Lawyers, Skunks and Moonshine; Tucker Co Remembers One of Its Own



Panelists from Left to Right: Pat Nichols, Jr, Ronnie Beall, Ron Brown and Dan Hedges discussed the Crossland case and the court of Judge Cuppett during Moonshine Memories.

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"Ab Crossland was a well-known character in Canaan Valley with his grizzled beard, beat-up old pickup truck, and his colorful speech," Crossland neighbor Carl Harr said at the Moonshine Memories lecture at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis. "He also had pet skunks."

The Friends of the Blackwater presented the first of three upcoming events based on the life and controversial court case of late Tucker

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Barbara Alford shares memories of Ab Crossland during Moonshine Memories Saturday, May 20th at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis. Alford and her siblings were neighbors of Crossland in the area of Canaan Valley that is now Canaan Valley State Park.

Sanders Proposes Partnership with Tucker County Seniors

Lydia Crawley
Parsons Advocate

Deacon Mary Sanders, Executive Director of Community Lutheran Partners, addressed the Tucker County Senior Citizens, Inc. Board recently.

"Community Lutheran Partners is a ministry of the West Virginia, Western Maryland Senate," Sanders said. "We serve all of West Virginia and Garrett County, Maryland. We don't just serve Lutherans. We serve everybody in the senate and as a Deacon, my call is to service."

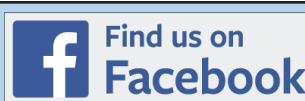
Sanders said she was reaching out to area that may not be as aware of her organization. "As part of that, as part of the Director of Community Lutheran Partners also serving that call, I am trying to build my network of places that are in the senate and particularly places that maybe have not experienced CLP (Community Lutheran Partners) so much.

Sanders explained the mission of her organization to the board. "CLP deals with a lot of different issues, but mostly we're know for disaster response which is good and right and will probably continue," Sanders said. "But there's also a lot of other things that actually contribute to disaster response. Things that need to be done in better weather. Disasters are not free-standing issues. They're connected to everything else. Disasters are always tied to something else. Something else can make a disaster worse, disaster always makes this other thing worse. And

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News of Record

The following criminal complaints have been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

- **Jason Ryan Sines**, of Hambleton, was charged with one count of Driving Revoked for DUI. According to the complaint on May 27 Deputy B.M. Gidley received a call for service in regards to a reckless driver in the Thomas area. The caller described the vehicle and stated the driver was driving reckless and was all over the roadway. The driver pulled into the Citgo in Thomas. Another call came in stating that the driver would speed and then slam on the brakes and had a loud exhaust. The caller stated he was following the vehicle and Gidley pulled over at Centennial Park to wait for the vehicle. The caller stated he pulled down Sugarlands Road and Gidley located the vehicle pulled over with lights on. He made contact with the driver and identified the driver as Jason Sines by his operators. The officer advised him that he had gotten calls of reckless driving and when asked if he had anything to drink he responded that he had not had anything for a while. The officer did not observe any alcoholic beverages, no slurring of speech and no other signs of intoxication. Tucker Communication advised that the driver was revoked for DUI effective May 18, 2018 with an indefinite Duration. Trooper Hawkins arrived on scene to assist and advised Sines that he was revoked for DUI and was placed into custody. Gidley asked Sines what he wanted done with his vehicle and he advised to leave it since it was off the roadway. Sines was given a citation for driving revoked for DUI and was transported to TVRJ.
- **Chad Nicholas Shaffer**, of Parsons, was charged with one count of Driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs. The complaint states that on Monday, May 29, Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff Office received an alert from Tucker 911 regarding a silver SUV swerving all over the road. The officer observed said vehicle at the entrance of Moore Station Rd. It appeared the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed and could not be found until around the area of Kingsford. While navigating around a turn just before the entrance to Kingsford, Summerfield observed said vehicle stopped in the North bound lane of US219. As soon as the vehicle saw the headlights of the cruiser it began to move again. The officer followed the vehicle and observed it swerving within its lane and crossing the center line. The vehicle drove to the entrance of Kingsford and stopped in the road again. Summerfield activated his emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop. He approached the vehicle and requested the driver to produce his operators, registration and proof of insurance. He observed the driver's eyes to be glassy and bloodshot, his speech was slurred and he could smell the strong odor of alcohol. The driver was identified as Chad Shaffer. Summerfield contacted Cpl. Wolford of the West Virginia State Police

- for assistance. He arrived and ran the driver's information through the Elkins Dispatch Center.
- A series of Field Sobriety Tests and Shaffer failed all of them including a breath test. Arrangements were made for someone to pick up Shaffer's vehicle and he was transported to the Parsons Police Detachment where a he was read his rights and a second breath test was performed that resulted in a .175 BAC. Shaffer was cited for Driving under the influence of alcohol and transported to the TVRJ.
- All individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Linda Sue Pagnotta, Clover District, Mineral 39 acres to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$2,000.
- Rhoda Bowers, Clover District, 39 acres minerals to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$1,500.
- William D. Mollard, Davis District, Lot 313 to Timothy S. Stonesifer, ET UX, \$165,000.
- Alva F. Knotts and Elda M. Knotts, Hendricks Corporation, Lots 37 & 38 to Donald F. Lowther and Paula A. Lowther, \$10,000.
- Brian K. Umstead and Betty J. Umstead, Dry Fork District, Unit E6 Week 25 to Land of Canaan Home owners Association Inc. \$543.50.
- Scott Withrow and Fatina Fail Withrow, Dry Fork district, Unit B3 Week 6 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc. \$0.
- Michael Vincent, Dry Fork District, Unit G4 Week 24 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to Christal Crouso, \$0.
- Peter Johnson, Davis Corporation, Lot 9, Davis Riverwalk, to Daniel Marsh, \$70,000.

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

- Norman Bright, III to Kathryn Blair Alexander on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.
- Garrett Nathaniel Carrico to Mikayla Cheyenne Long on Friday, May 5, 2023.
- Austin Knight Sutton to Caitlin A, Tanksley on Friday, May 5, 2023.
- Robert Frederick Haslacker, III to Elizabeth Nicole Williams on Thursday, May 11, 2023.
- Ronald Lee Lacy to Trina Allison Thornburg on Thursday, May 18, 2023.
- William Ryan Simmons to Bailey Alicia Skubon on Thursday, May 25, 2023.
- Hunter Mahanes to Skylar Moore on Friday, May 26, 2023.

Keen

pass a levy to fund the ambulance service in the same year. This was to make up for the loss of funds, which left only a few ambulance crews to take care of the entirety of Tucker County. However, the proposed levy was quickly denied. But with the commission raising money, this issue may be resolved.

Keen also wrote about the impact of the opioid epidemic on Tucker County and how the commission has responded to the issue. Keen wrote, "Ever since West Virginia became the epicenter of opioid abuse in 2015,

the whole state, including Tucker County, has been dealing with an increase in prescription drug overdose. This issue continues to be considerably significant, and has become a main concern of the Tucker County Commission. Even though there has been a 50% decrease in the production of opioid pills from 2014-2020, this is still a fairly prominent issue. Measures taken to address the opioid crisis have been taken, such as the inclusion of drug abuse prevention in education, treatment, and drug bans. There are also things that the WV

State Police Department has done to enforce these measures."

In Keen's conclusion, she wrote, "...the Tucker County Commission is an essential asset to the county as a whole, and they uphold many important duties which they have been elected to carry out. Their actions have shown that they exceed the county's expectations."

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Falls

The focus is the animal – human bond and keeping people together so things like the voucher program, that's awesome. So, again, we really appreciate the support of the Commission."

Falls also updated the Commission on the success of the Shelter's voucher program. According to Falls, the program has had nothing but positive feedback from the community. "The vouchers which that was through our grant that we received with your support and the feedback from the public on that has been really, really positive," Falls said. "We've issued 90 vouchers and that is for animals owned by Tucker County residents or community cats that Tucker County residents are feeding in Tucker County. We've gotten nothing but positive responses from folks. Also, its kitten season and I got six litters of kittens in foster homes right

now, but only one of the moms have to be adopted out because through the voucher program the ones are keeping the mom cats and keeping the kittens until they can be adopted out. So that's been really helpful and it's minimized our intakes and has put a little bit of the responsibility back onto the person that has the animal, but has also helped them out a lot. We've gotten a lot of positive feedback on that and we are very grateful for the Commission helping us out with the matching funds for that grant. That was the West Virginia Spay/Neuter Assistance Program through the Department of Agriculture."

Falls also informed the Commission that the Friends of the Tucker County Animal Shelter "Putts Fore Pets" raised over \$2,500 for the new shelter construction project. "All the players had a really good time and were



Bailey Falls, Director of the Tucker County Animal Shelter, updates the Commission on the success of the county's spay/neuter voucher program and the funds raised by the "Putts Fore Pets" golf tournament.

asking about next year," Falls said.

"That's just an example of how Tucker County works together," Tucker County Commission Mike Rosenau said. "The park board knew the need of the shelter. So, the park board says, 'We'll organize a golf tournament. You can have

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it free of charge to help you organization. That to me is a proud example of Tucker County."

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be Wednesday, June 14th at 9am at the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom.

Sanders

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The Tucker County Senior Citizens Inc. Board hear a proposal from Deacon Mary Sanders. Sanders is the Executive Director of Community Lutheran Partners at the Board's regular meeting May 31st.

so, part of what CLP is doing now, what's new with us is trying to help make communities more resilient, more prepared to deal with what could happen, what is happening, or what's happening that we're not terribly picking up on because there's other big issues that we're kind of dabbling in first."

The food insecurity needs of the community were mentioned by Sanders. "So, one of the things that I am really focusing right now is food insecurity," Sanders said. "You all are feeding people here. You know that, you know what the food insecurity is in this community. You know that it's an issue or you wouldn't be feeding people. Of course, you're also offering them community and relationship which is also very important. This is important to resiliency because we need to build those connections, build that network. Build that connection between one another in a community so that we are more resilient when something does happen and one of the easiest ways is through food."

Sanders outlined her proposal to the board members as a community outreach and learning program. "Helping people become more resilient by offering them ideas and information so that they don't necessarily have to depend on someone else for food. So, what I would like to do is offer a series of workshops and programs over a couple of months, six to eight months, on things like container growing, hydroponics, intensive gardening, things where you have a very small space or very limited space and you are trying to produce your own food. Enough food for yourself, but also for your neighbor or possibly even to sell at the farmers market in Davis."

"For me to offer those workshops or have people come in to talk about this, I need space to do it," Sanders said. "And I was wondering if you would be willing to offer your space to do this."

Sanders said she is looking at grants to fund the program. Financial Officer Marelena Broschart also said that the program would fit in with the Senior's existing funding well. The Board requested a plan be submitted and expressed interest in offering the program at both the Parsons and Thomas locations.

"I think it would be great to offer it to both locations if you're up for doing that," Broschart said. "I would like to offer it to both."

"I think it would be great too because you have a lot of young folks moving in from the city and they've never gardened, they've never canned, they've never done any of that," Board President Kathy Thomas said.

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OBITUARIES

Sarah Thompson Fletcher

Sarah Thompson Fletcher, May 30, 2023, surrounded by her family. Born on April 24, 1943, in Arthurdale, WV, she was the daughter of the late Ben and Barbra Dorothy (Mayor) Thompson.



After graduating from Mountaineer High in Thomas, Sarah attended George Washington School of Nursing in Washington D.C., earning her Diploma in 1964, Davis & Elkins College earning her Bachelors in the 80's, and was the in the first graduating class from the WVU Advanced Nurse Practitioners class, where she earned her Master's degree. Sarah worked for Memorial General in the labor and delivery unit until the hospital closed, then started to work for Youth Health where she assisted teenagers during pregnancy; she briefly retired before going back to work for Hospice of Randolph County and, after several years of service to Hospice, she finally retired for good. After her mother, Dorothy, passed, Sarah took over the operations of Ben's Old Loom Barn in Canaan Valley

Sarah was a member of the Buena Chapel United Methodist Church where she held a representative position for the conference and was a lay preacher; she was also a member of Canaan Valley VFD Ladies Auxiliary, the Local Book Club, Canaan Valley Cosner School, the American Nurses Association, and the WV Nurses Association, who once recognized her with a Nurse of the Year award. She volunteered for the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Sarah won the Governor's Cup Race in the 1960's, as she was an avid skier and worked as a ski patrol and coach.

With a loving heart, Sarah sponsored two boys at the Living Hope High School in Kenya, Africa, whom she joyfully visited on multiple occasions. She traveled voraciously, domestically and abroad. Her favorite trips included Israel, Kenya, Italy, and Alaska; just a few weeks ago she was planning her next trip to Greece. She deeply invested in her community through weaving, walking, knitting and reading groups. Her thirst for knowledge was never quenched and her mind remained sharp until the end. Sarah was a true servant to our communities; she loved volunteering for anything she could, leading to her receiving the prestigious "Tuckeneer" award from the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce in 2016. This is just a small sampling of the organizations she impacted over the years.

She is survived by her son, Ben Fletcher and wife Karen of Charlotte, NC; two granddaughters, Caroline Fletcher of Washington, D.C. and Maggie Fletcher of Charlotte, NC; a sister in law, Nancy Thompson; nephews and nieces, Jennifer Snyder and husband Bill, Robert Thompson and wife Kathy, Brian Thompson and life partner Daniel, Mike Fletcher, Leigh Fletcher, Kelly Fletcher, Johanna Weldon and husband Walt, and Jenny Faye and husband Chris; and great nephews and great nieces, Alex Snyder and partner Patty Riddle, and Adam Snyder and wife Emily; and a great great niece Lynnlee Snyder.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Fletcher, to whom she was married on June 15, 1968; and two brothers, Frank Thompson and Daniel Thompson.

Mrs. Fletcher's request for cremation will be honored. Friends were received on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 10 - 11 a.m., at Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home, 567 Thomas Avenue, Davis. A celebration of life was held at 11 a.m., in the funeral home with Pastor Jay Bunting officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saddles & Smiles (www.saddlesandsmiles.org) or to Tucker Community Foundation c/o Thompson Family Fund.

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

Carl Eugene Lipscomb

Carl Eugene Lipscomb, age 71 years, a resident of Parsons, WV departed this life Sunday afternoon, June 4, 2023 at the Allegheny General Hospital at Pittsburgh, PA surrounded by his loving family. He had been in declining health.

Funeral Arrangements are incomplete and are under the direction of the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home for Carl Eugene Lipscomb. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

Gary Means

Gary Means, 68, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at his home surrounded by family and under the care of Mt. Hospice.

Gary was born Saturday, January 22, 1955, in London, England, a son of the late Robert Means and Daphne May Robins Means. On December 17, 1983, in Wil- lowick, OH, he married Barbara Sue Eye Means, who survives. They had celebrated thirty-nine years of marriage.

Left to cherish Gary's memory besides his wife are three children, Jason Todd Means and Stacey Marie Means, both of Perry, OH, and Rachael Eva Means of Cookeville, TN, two grandchildren, Jaylin Willow Means and Caleb Breckin Holbrook both of Geneva, OH, and a brother, Keith Means of Madison, OH.

Preceding him in death besides his parents was a brother, Russell Frederick Means.

Gary was a graduate of Geneva High School with the Class of 1973. He served with the U.S. Army for five years and afterward, due to his love of ships, he joined the Navy Reserves. Gary was employed as a factory worker with Lonza Inc. in Painesville, OH. He was an avid fisherman, and he enjoyed baseball and football. He loved spending time with his family and will be greatly missed by them.

Gary's request for cremation was honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Gary Means. Send online condolences to the family at: www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Tina Louise Lansberry Heckler

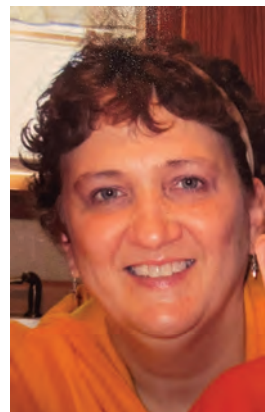
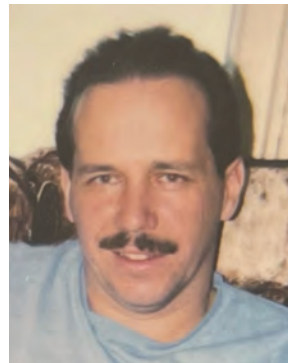
Tina Louise Lansberry Heckler, age 55 years, a resident of Hambleton, WV departed this life Tuesday afternoon, May 30, 2023, at her home surrounded by her loving family and under the care of Mountain Hospice.

She was born Sunday, December 31, 1967, at Parsons, WV, a daughter of the late Paul B. Lansberry and Betty Henline Moran, who survives at Hambleton. On November 21, 1986, at Hendricks, WV, she was married to Lawrence Heckler, who survives. They had celebrated thirty-six years of marriage.

Also surviving are two sons, Joshua L. Heckler and wife Megan and Austin L. Heckler and Hunter; four grandchildren, Kylan, Branson, Reid, and Joshua; three brothers, Bruce Moran, Mike Moran, Steve Moran and wife Susanne; four sisters, Judy Persutti, Donna Hebb, Anita Lansberry-Grant, and Connie Drainer; father and mother-in-law, John and Luanna Bava; special niece, Amber His- sam; and several nieces and nephews.

She graduated with the class of 1986 from Tucker County High School. She was a member of the Hambleton United Methodist Church and worked for the United States Postal Service as a clerk for the past nine years, where she always greeted her customers with a smile. Tina would like to be remembered as Grandma to Kylan, Branson, and Reid and Grandma Tina to Joshua. She dearly loved her husband and children and especially her grandchildren.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Saturday at 1 p.m. Pastor Susie Metzner officiated and interment followed at the Bethel Cemetery at Holly Meadows. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Tina Louise Lansberry Heckler. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com



Carroll Silas Roy

Carroll Silas Roy, 87, a former resident of Parsons and for the past fifty-five years, a resident of Bridgeport, passed from this life on Friday, June 2, 2023, at the Louis A. Johnson VA Center in Clarksburg.

Carroll was born in Parsons on Monday, March 30, 1936, a son of the late Wilbert Edgar Roy and Jessie Virginia George Roy. He was married to Dolores Jean Davis Roy who preceded him in death on May 9, 2001.

Left to cherish Carroll's memory are two sons, Kevin Roy and wife, Deborah and Michael Roy and wife, Sharon, all of Bridgeport, five grandchildren, Jeremy Roy and wife, Sara, Carolina Roy, Logan Roy and wife, Elizabeth, Hannah Roy, and Lilian Roy, three great grandchildren, Aubrey, Brilynn, and Camryn Roy, a sister-in-law, Barbara Roy of Parsons, five nephews, Pat, David, Roy Lee, Bob, and Eugene Roy.

Preceding Carroll in death besides his parents and wife, are two brothers Eugene Roy and Delbert Dean Roy and wife, Josephine, a sister, Marie Susan Roy, a great nephew, Benjamin Roy.

Carroll graduated Parsons High School and had served in the United States Army from 1959 until 1962. He worked as a mechanic having been employed by Craig Motors and Toothman Ford, from which he retired. His work as a "car doctor" earned him the nickname "Doc". Carroll had attended the Good Tidings Assembly of God on Location Road. He enjoyed playing guitar and the harmonica and enjoyed hiking, camping, and riding dirt bikes. Carroll was a bit ornery and enjoyed teasing his family whom he loved very much. Often, his teasing came in an attempt to bring cheer to those going through rough days. He will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be held at Hostetler Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., the funeral hour. Interment will follow at Parsons City Cemetery where members of the WV Honor Guard will present the American Flag. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Carroll Silas Roy. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.



Annual Andrew Jackson and Sarah Rebecca Hedrick Reunion

The 58th annual Andrew Jackson and Sarah Rebecca Hedrick reunion was held in Red Creek at the Flanagan Hill Community Building on Sunday, May, 28, 2023. There were 55 in attendance representing five states.

Richard Hedrick from Kentucky; Carl and Rita Lambert and Larry and Sharon Pillow from Ohio. Kelly and Sara (Pritt) Snyder, and Wes, Courtney, Reid, and Ravan Hedrick from Virginia; Karen Smith from Maryland; Matt and Carrie Bonner, Jack and Jean Hedrick, Scott and

Amanda Hedrick, Thomas, Amy, Willow and Brandon Simmons,

Dean and Judy Smith, Wesley and Amanda Fink, Lewis and Marie Smith, Jeff and Lora Cutright, Brad, Erica, Katelynn and Amie Smith, Anthony, Tina, Andrew and Caroline Bonner, Justin, Brandi and Karleigh Hedrick, Jonathan and Faye Hedrick, Jim and Kathy Hedrick, Audrey Nelson, Kevin and Julie Lewis, Janice Bonner, Tyler Phillips, Donna Eye, Jim and Betty Bonner, and Linda Bonner from West Virginia.

Mother Daughter Banquet

St. John's Women in Faith held their Mother Daughter Banquet and Memorial Service at the church on Saturday, May 13, 2023. The opening prayer and blessing of food was given by Sarah Bowley.

A Memorial Service was presented by Shelby Kiser for three members who passed away during the past year. Candles were lit for Marijane Martin, Wanda Fike and Mary Grado.

Sally Purnell presented the program on "Women of the Bible" and Rhonda Ends read a poem, "God's Helpers" by George Wiseman. The choir sang "Prayer Warrior."

A special recognition pin was presented to Lois Lipscomb and Mother of the Year plaque was presented to Patty Roy.

Rev. Neil Parsons gave the closing prayer. Those attending were: Sally Purnell, Sarah Bowley, Katy Ends, Jennifer Ends, Judy Parsons, Rev. Neil Parsons, Joyce Fansler, Beverly & Adalyn Bennett, Clarice Knotts, Melanie Lloyd, Shelia DeVilder, Louise Jo Fegal, Patty Wilfong, Paige Purnell, Elwin & Liliana Eckard, Rachel Aker, Kennedy Aker, Karsen Aker, Dominque Meadows, Beth Long, Roxanne Bright, Carroll Precht, Patty Roy, Joyce & Tina Metheny, Alisha Pitzer, Nola DeVilder, Rhonda & Sadie Ends, Desiree Parsons, Lisa Phillips, Bodhi Parsons, Carolyn Jones, Shaleia Purnell, Justin Purnell, Christian Purnell, Marcy Williams, Gracie Evans, Shelby Kiser, and Paige Purnell.

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thing.” “I totally understand,” Clark said. “Absolutely. The other piece of it is absolutely critical, I would say, is everywhere that our projects are really successful – could point to one or two where we’ve struggled with that is where we don’t have whole-hearted and general consensus from the community about what to do. If we don’t have community leadership behind us, willing to support us. I mean part of our background checks is going to the local police station and talking to them about the people that apply. If we don’t have cooperation from local folks, it also can’t work. People need to call us right away if there’s an issue with a unit and nobody’s calling us, we can’t do a lot about it. Sometimes you have to be willing to call the police, you have to call in the fire chief if there’s a code noncompliance that is going on and people are reluctant to do that. That can hurt.”

White questioned who controlled the building after the project is done. “But who controls it after it’s all done?” White said. “You got the building and there’s bad apples in it, who controls it?”

Clark said, “We do.” White said his concern is the lack of control the board will have later. “But we have no control. That is my point.”

“That’s true,” Clark said. “But I will say that if you get the police

called on you more than twice, we don’t often evict because of that, but we are allowed to. We can certainly, I don’t know if there is anything that we can legally do.”

White was informed that the county school board has a no trespass option for those who are disruptive or a threat to the students and that the policy could be used. “Kevin, one thing we can do that we do similar to what we do at some of our other schools, is no trespass somebody on our property,” Director of Support Services for Tucker County Schools, Jonathan Hicks said. “If it’s become that big of an issue, we no trespass and then they’re not allowed on school property. We can do that if it’s something that is impacting our students or our activities then you know we no trespass them. Hopefully that’s something that never has to come up, but that is something that we would still own everything except for the building... and the parking right here on the building. We still have that ability to no trespass.”

Hicks also said that the board was one major problem away from having to vacate the building. “Maintenance the facility, the finance and we’re one major problem...” “It’s an albatross, I’ll admit that,” White said.

“So that’s where this kind of started five years ago,” Hicks said of the building’s age and prob-



The proposal for development of the building would include the need for a total of 30 parking spaces to be reserved for tenants of the 15 proposed apartment units.

lems. “We’re one major issue from having to be gone anyway and we were trying to come up with something that utilizes the space to allow the building to still be here, to allow us to be here. We pay for everything here forever. So, in the agreement would be us being here lease free for a good extended period of time. So that would be beneficial to us as well because we’ve looked around trying to find other space and it’s really just nonexistent. I think your concerns are 100% spot on, but I think that’s just in a nutshell over five years that’s where this started. For example, we redid Davis-Thomas roof pre-Covid, so it’s been a long, \$800,000 just for that and that was five years ago. The boiler

down there was done before I was here so it’s been 12 to about 15 years ago. I think that price tag was half a million, 400,000.”

White admitted the building was a financial burden on the county. “I can’t argue the fact that is a financial burden,” White said. “I just also have to look out after the wellbeing of the people that I’m representing. I can’t just turn a blind eye to a possible situation.”

Hicks commented also on the lack of control the county would have should the building become vacant. “I think from our prospective too, if the building went vacant completely, we would have less control over what is going on here over the status of the building or what we can do

having football field here and other things here at the building.”

There were also concerns over parking during events raised by the board. Clark said the firm would require 1 ½ parking spaces per unit with a total of 30 spaces for the apartments.

The Tucker County School Board voted four to one to approve an updated transfer agreement at the meeting regarding the building. Kevin White was opposed with the reason documented as, “Lack of information.”

The next meeting of the Tucker County Board of Education will be Monday, June 5th at 4:30pm at the Tucker Valley Board of Education Office, 100 Education Lane, Parsons.

Lawyers

County Resident Ab Crossland. The program included speakers Barbara Alford, Carl Harr and Phyllis Garcia, all former Crossland neighbors. West Virginia University Professors Bob Batress and William Hal Gorby also spoke at the event about the legal precedents set by the case as well as how the formation of Legal Aide influenced the case and its outcome. There was also a panel discussion with Ron Brown, Dan Hedges, Ronnie Beall, and Pat Nichols, Jr that was moderated by Tom Rodd that centered around the colorful Tucker County character.

“This afternoon we are going to focus on how Ab Crossland’s lifelong practice of the art of making moonshine whiskey resulted in two historic confrontations with the legal system,” speaker Barbara Alford said.

The first case involved a raid, during the Depression, on Ab and his neighbor and friend Joe Heitz, Sr.” still, located where the Canaan Valley ski slopes are now located. In exchange for Ab taking the blame and serving jail time on a federal charge, according to Alford, Heitz, Sr. agreed to allow Crossland to live rent free on the land for the remainder of Crossland’s life.

“Ab lived there for the next 43 years,” Alford said. The Crossland case revolved around Ab Crossland who lived in a cabin on land owned by a friend in Canaan Valley. The state attempted to evict Crossland during the 1960s during the formation of Canaan Valley State Park. Crossland was represented in the case by legal aide.

During the panel discussion, the panelists remembered the Tucker County legal system in the late 1960s, as well as Judge Cuppett who presided over much of the case. According to the panel, Cuppett was known to have a pay to play system that kept many low-income individuals from seeking justice.

“The biggest issue around court in Tucker County was Judge Cuppett collecting fees for everybody for years and years,” Dan Hedges said. “And one of the reasons people didn’t have access to court at the time was because he would hold docket. It would go three times a year. It would go on from 9 a.m. til 4 p.m. and every case that had been on the docket there previous, I don’t know how many years, would have fees attached to it and Judge Cuppett would make sure that he

would collect fees from people... You couldn’t get a case set for hearing unless you attend every one of his three docket days and sat there. So, lawyers didn’t want to take cases in Tucker County.”

Hedges, according to moderator Tom Rodd, was one of three attorneys who went to the West Virginia Supreme Court over Cuppett.

“The first case,” Hedges said, “was to get the court to finalize a divorce that Judge Cuppett refused to finalize until the fees were paid, even though an affidavit had been filed and there were judges of this mode. Even after the Supreme Court ruled in that case and told Cuppett to process the divorce in Taylor County, Judge Luft said, ‘It ain’t happening in this county!’ and he ordered the clerk to put any files filed by legal aide in a bag in the corner, don’t put them in a filing cabinet. They don’t count and they’re not going to get any proceedings pursued until they pay the fees. And then when he was taken to the Supreme Court, he filed a response saying, ‘Well, if you prevail, then every one of those persons will be a pauper and under our state law, paupers can’t vote and I’m going to order to have their names stricken from the voter rolls.’ Judge Luft said that. And that was his response to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court didn’t pay much attention to him because they were upset that they had already ruled in Judge Cuppett’s case to let the case proceed. So, they came down hard on Judge Luft and that’s just a reflection of the change of poor people having access to the court system and the lawyers they didn’t have before.”

Pat Nichols, Jr, the son of one of the lawyers involved in the case also spoke on what he remembered about Judge Cuppett and the Crossland case. “I remember the case. What I remember most about the case is my dad was from Davis and Ab was always in Davis, he was always going to the bars, he was always downtown hanging around with the rest of the crew down there,” Nichols said. “He had to sell his product. He visited all the bars. What he remembered about the case was, Cuppett, dad said Cuppett was a hard-nosed. His people originally came from Thomas. His dad was from Thomas. And Cuppett knew these people. He rode the circuit. He was the judge in Tucker, Grant and Mineral County back then. But Cuppett

was hard-nosed when it came to money. You are exactly right, but I think that is the way the whole system was back then. I think everyone had a soft spot for Ab. And I think when you read back through the transcript that you can see that Cuppett did bend over a little bit for him. He did give him a free transcript and when you read through the transcript, you can see that he left an avenue for a settlement to be made. As Ronnie said, everyone knew Ab, everybody.”

Nichols summed up his view of Cuppett’s court. “Cuppett took things pretty personal,” Nichols said. “He ran, as dad would say, a pretty tough court, did he not? It was his court, his procedure and you played by his rules.”

Ron Brown, one of Crossland’s attorneys, also commented on Judge Cuppett and the state of Tucker County law during the trial. “I do want to tell a couple of stories about our representation of Ab that I think you will find of interest,” Brown said. “First of all, on the point of Judge Cuppett collecting fees, we conferred with one of the local lawyers about that. He said, ‘You know, Judge Cuppett is so stingy, he refuses to sit on his back porch at night because he doesn’t want to spend the evening.’”

Brown went on to talk about visiting Ab at his cabin in the valley. “The state sued Ab and I was preparing an answer to it,” Brown said. “And we had to get it verified. Ab had to sign and have his signature notarized. So, Mr. Beall was a notary public and he went with me to Ab’s cabin to get that answer notarized. And Ab kept a loaded pistol under his pillow on his bed and there was a junk car there in the driveway and we would pound out a message on that junk car’s fender so Ab knew it was friendly people. We didn’t want him getting his pistol out. So anyway, Mr. Beall and I went in and we made our bangs on the car and Ab came out and he received us. We went in his cabin and Ab was sitting there on a stool or something and we were sitting on his bed, Mr. Beall and I. He had newspaper stacked almost to the ceiling. It was really something to see... Before that happened, Ab came out with a quart Mason jar full of moonshine. He said, ‘Mr. Brown, I got this for you.’ and he said, ‘If you don’t mind...we’ll all take a drink before you take it home.’ I said, ‘Ab, I’m driving and I can’t take a drink of it and if



Carl Harr talks about his former neighbor Ab Crossland. Harr and his two sisters lived near Crossland in Canaan Valley.



Phyllis Garcia shares stories of her former neighbor, Ab Crossland, at Moonshine Memories.

I got caught with this on the way home, all three of us would be in jail!”

The one subject that the audience kept insisting to hear about was Ab’s skunks. “I think Ab had at least three skunks,” Brown said. “They lived under his cabin, had names for them. ‘Ab, what in the world are you keeping these skunks for?’ He said, ‘They keep the strangers away!’”

From the audience, Moderator Tom Rodd’s wife shared a story she heard about Ab’s skunks. “I thought the story about the skunks was that Ab had trained them so that when he beat on the side of the cabin – he thought the revenuers were coming – he could beat his shotgun on the side of his cabin and the skunks would come running out with their tails raised. They were part of his defense. They weren’t just pets. They were protection.”

Moderator Tom Rodd replied, “Well we have a photo on the front page of the Dominion

Post of the skunks on his porch so that’s pretty good evidence. One of the things you will learn about local legends is that stories change tremendously as they are told from one person to another. There’s nothing like a photograph to tell you what you can count on. But it seems that there is a consensus that Ab had these skunks as an important part of his life.”

The Friends of the Blackwater will be hosting two live dramatic recreations of the Ab Cortland case based on recently uncovered original transcripts of the trial. The first will be held Sunday, July 23 at Canaan Valley State Park and the second will be held Sunday, July 30 at the old Courthouse in Parsons. Both events will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This event will also include a community cast and live music. This is a free, child friendly event. To RSVP for the event, please visit <https://saveblackwater.org/moonshine-memories>.



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PHS Alumni Meeting

PHS Alumni Meeting June 8, 2023 at Grand Slam Grill at 1 p.m. (note change of place).

Elkins Purple Majesties

The June meeting of the Elkins Purple Majesties will be Monday, June 12 at the Philippi Inn, 14914 Barbour County Hwy, Philippi, WV at 11:30 a.m.. The menu will consist of Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Roll and Pie. Cost: \$20. Please let Bonnie, (NOT Connie this time), know by noon on Thursday, June 8, if you are

coming or need to cancel. Her number is 304-642-8773. Leave a message if you don't get an answer. We will be having our Red Hat Items yard sale at this meeting. If you have items you'd like to donate, bring them with you as well as extra cash to purchase what you'd like. As always, everyone welcome.

Historic Landmark Commission Meeting

The Tucker County Historic Landmark Commission will meet on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 5 p.m. in Hendricks Town Hall (Old Jail). The public is welcomed to attend.



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

June 7, 1899: Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee was born in Radford, Virginia. She became West Virginia's first female member of Congress in 1951.

June 7, 1926: An explosion at a sand mining operation in Morgan County killed six men. Their deaths were the inspiration for the ballad "The Miner's Doom."

June 8, 1893: Entrepreneur Donald F. Duncan was born in Ohio but grew up in Huntington. Duncan founded the Duncan Yo-Yo Company and the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation.

June 9, 1927: Karl Dewey Myers was named the state's first poet laureate by Governor Howard Mason Gore. Myers held the post for 10 years.

June 9, 1957: T. D. Jakes was born in South Charleston. As a boy, he preached to imaginary congregations and carried a Bible to school, which earned him the nickname "Bible Boy." He is the senior pastor at the Potter's House, a nondenominational church in Dallas, Texas.

June 10, 1775: The Berkeley County Riflemen were organized by Capt. Hugh Stephenson of Shepherdstown, in response to a call for Revolutionary War soldiers by Gen. George Washington.

June 10, 1921: Labor leader Daniel Vin-

cent Maroney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Maroney served as the international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union from 1973 to 1981.

June 11, 1866: Architect Elmer Forrest Jacobs was born in Preston County. His work can be seen particularly in downtown Morgantown, in residential South Park, and on the West Virginia University campus. Most of his Morgantown buildings are now listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

June 12, 2006: Robert C. Byrd became the longest-serving United States senator in history. He served in the Senate from 1959 until his death in 2010. His record was broken in 2013 by Congressman John Dingell, a Michigan Democrat, although Byrd retains the Senate record.

June 13, 1861: The Second Wheeling Convention began in the federal courtroom of the Wheeling Custom House. This convention declared the Confederate state government in Richmond illegal; created a Reorganized Government of Virginia loyal to the United States; elected Francis Pierpont governor of Virginia; and called for the western counties to be formed into a new state.

June 13, 1928: Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. was born in Bluefield. In 1994, Nash was honored with the Nobel Prize in Economics. He was the subject of a best-selling biography, *A Beautiful Mind*, which was later made into a movie.

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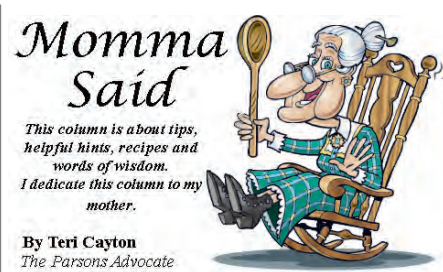
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Puzzle answers page 7

Well summer has surpassed spring with a vengeance. The temperature has been in the 90's already and that is breaking records that have stood for decades. *Momma Said*, "If you play with fire you will get burned so wear your sunscreen."

I have found some furniture to restore and I am in heaven. It seems to go in cycles, I can't find any then I am over-run, but when it is good, it is good. I have a credenza, two chairs, a side table, a storage table with wicker baskets, two small metal side tables, a small metal box to make a jewelry box out of, an old window and an eight foot round woven rug that needs a good bath.

It is so relaxing for me to do this, I just need to get my stuff on marketplace or facebook or somewhere that people can see it. I was lucky enough this past week to sell a beautiful china cabinet. It went to a very nice new home and will



be used hopefully for generations to come.

I would like to have enough money to quit working and open a small shop for my creations. I guess I could do an online shop but it would cost a small fortune to ship the furniture. I would like to be able to find homes for all my creations so people could enjoy the resurrection of a lost or forgotten piece of craftsmanship. *Momma Said*, "They just don't make it like they used to."

7 Money Saving Cleaning Hacks for a Spotless Home Using Cornstarch

If you're looking for an affordable and non-toxic way to keep your home clean and fresh, look no further than your pantry! Cornstarch, a common kitchen ingredient, can be used in many surprising ways to keep your home looking and smelling great.

1. Scrub pans

You can use cornstarch as an effective and natural cleaning agent to clean a greasy pan or surface.

Simply sprinkle a small amount of cornstarch onto the greasy area and scrub it around, spreading it evenly across the surface. Once the cornstarch has been applied, you can rinse it off with water to reveal a clean and grease-free pan.

Cornstarch is particularly effective for cleaning greasy areas because it is a natural absorbent of both oil and fat. This means that it can easily break down and remove the build-up of grease on your pans or surfaces without the use of harsh chemicals.

2. Polish silver

Cornstarch can be a great option if you're looking for an easy and affordable solution for cleaning silver, like jewelry or utensils.

To use cornstarch for silver cleaning, simply mix a small amount of cornstarch with water, being careful not to create a paste. Then, take a cleaning object, such as a microfiber cloth you don't mind using for this purpose, and scrub the mixture onto the silver. This will help remove the tarnish and restore the shine to your silver items.

3. Stovetop cleaning

If you're wondering how to clean grease with cornstarch on your stovetop, then this tip is for you. Simply sprinkle a small amount of it onto your burner and let it sit for a few minutes. The cornstarch will absorb the grease, making it easier to remove.

After a few minutes, use a cloth or sponge to scrub away the scorch marks and grime. You'll find that the cornstarch cuts through the grease, making it easier to remove.

4. Stain removal

Let's move on to another great cornstarch cleaning tip: using cornstarch for oil stains and grease stains.

To begin, mix a small amount of cornstarch with water in a container to form a paste. This paste will be quite thick and dense. Next, apply the cornstarch paste to the affected area of the fabric, rubbing it in thoroughly. Leave the paste on the fabric until it dries completely, which

may take some time, once the paste has dried use a fork or knife to gently scrape it away from the fabric removing any stains or greasy marks along with it.

5. Deodorize shoes

Another natural cleaning tip with cornstarch is to use it for odor control. If you are dealing with stinky shoes, cornstarch can be a lifesaver.

To get rid of unpleasant shoe odors, simply take a pinch of cornstarch and sprinkle it inside each shoe. Shake the shoe around to distribute the cornstarch then let it sit for a while. The cornstarch will absorb any moisture and odor inside the shoe, leaving them smelling fresh and clean.

6. Refresh books

To freshen up a musty book, consider cleaning it with cornstarch. Open up the book and sprinkle a small amount of cornstarch evenly throughout the pages. As you flip through the pages, the cornstarch will help absorb any unpleasant smells.

After you've finished, shake out any excess cornstarch. One of the benefits of using cornstarch is that it won't leave any residue or marks behind since it doesn't contain any grease. This natural cleaning tip can help give new life to your favorite books.

7. Cornstarch for Window cleaning

Get your windows streak-free with this DIY cornstarch cleaning solution!

Start by adding a tablespoon of cornstarch to a cup. Next, add some white distilled vinegar. Carefully pour the mixture into a spray bottle, over the sink to avoid spills. Screw the top on and now you have a cornstarch window cleaner.

When cleaning windows, spray the mixture onto the glass and use a cloth to wipe away dirt and grime, including built-up grease. This natural cleaning tip with cornstarch is an affordable and eco-friendly alternative to commercial window cleaners.

A guide to cleaning with cornstarch

Cornstarch is a cheap and effective, non-toxic cleaning product that can be used in many different ways to keep your home clean and fresh. Whether you're looking to scrub pans, polish silver, or remove stains, cornstarch is a natural and powerful solution.

So the next time you're at the grocery store, pick up a box and save money with cornstarch, your wallet and home will thank you.

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2022-C-000017	2021	3567	SCB PROPERTIES LLC		LOT #330 PHASE 2 .95 AC	DAVIS CORP	\$417.69
2022-C-000018	2021	4513	CROSSED PAWS LLC		UNIT H8	DRY FORK	\$2,174.72
2022-C-000019	2021	4681	DUNLOP CAMERON VARLEY		UNIT/LOT 19 .092 SQ FT	DRY FORK	\$2,553.36
2022-C-000020	2021	5154	HERZ HERZ & REICHLER INC		COMMON AREA .168 AC	DRY FORK	\$259.12
2022-C-000023	2021	6064	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC	ROCK WILSON	TRACT 1 HUMMINGBIRD LAND	DRY FORK	\$522.31
2022-C-000024	2021	6065	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC	ROCK WILSON	TRACT 2 CORTLAND VILLAGE RD	DRY FORK	\$641.91
2022-C-000025	2021	6066	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC	ROCK WILSON	TRACT 3	DRY FORK	\$660.47
2022-C-000026	2021	6067	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC	ROCK WILSON	TRACT 4 ALPINE VIEW LANE	DRY FORK	\$325.72
2022-C-000027	2021	6068	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC	ROCK WILSON	TRACT 5 THISTLE LANE	DRY FORK	\$519.30
2022-C-000031	2021	7320	JOHNSON DAVID & ELLEN		LT 11	FAIRFAX	\$817.01
2022-C-000032	2021	7321	JOHNSON DAVID & ELLEN		LT 10A 94X150X80X150	FAIRFAX	\$182.01
2022-C-000033	2021	7583	CROSS DENVER & MELISSA JONES		PT LOT 72 & ALL LOT 73	HAMBLETON CORP	\$825.73
2022-C-000037	2021	8435	MURPHY NADA		1/7 M 188 ACRES	LICKING	\$162.79
2022-C-000039	2021	9090	GOSS LEO H JR		PT LOT 7	PARSONS CORP	\$753.59
2022-C-000041	2021	9872	ADAMS BENJAMIN DEAN		35' X 35' OR .028 AC	ST. GEORGE	\$164.37
2022-C-000042	2021	9906	ANSTINE FLODA ELLEN		1.04 AC	ST. GEORGE	\$325.55
2022-C-000044	2021	10619	MEGA ENERGY ETAL		OIL & GAS MINERAL INTERESTS	ST. GEORGE	\$564.12
2022-C-000046	2021	10891	SAGA PETROLEUM LLC		55% OF 1/2 M - 128 - 67 - 10	ST. GEORGE	\$170.55
2022-C-000047	2021	11006	STANSBERRY ELMA		1/5 MIN IN 98 ACRES	ST. GEORGE	\$161.55
2022-C-000051	2021	11574	MELLER RICHARD S	UNDERHILL KAREN C	N PT LOT 81	THOMAS CORP	\$216.07
2022-C-000052	2021	11652	REZA JOSEF		PARCEL	THOMAS CORP	\$1,460.81

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Payments must be received prior to the close of business the day prior to the land sale. Given under my hands this 22nd of May, 2023.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of TUCKER County

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Tucker County Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, invites qualified contractors to submit sealed bids for Renovation to the Tucker County Court House Clock Tower. Sealed bids will be received in the Old Courtroom of the Tucker County Courthouse located at 215 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287 until 10:00 a.m. local time, July 12, 2023 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read. Bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m. or at such time immediately following the conclusion of the regularly scheduled meeting of Tucker County Commission at the Tucker County Courthouse - Old Courtroom. Bids that are being mailed in must arrive prior to the Bid Date and Time and are to be sent to the following Address:

Shelia DeVilder, Administrator
Tucker County Commission
211 First Street, Suite 307
Parsons, West Virginia 26287
(304) 478-2866 x1207
(304) 478-2446 (fax)

Bids that are being delivered by hand at Bid Time are to be delivered by 10:00 a.m. on July 12, 2023 at the Old Courtroom.

Prequalification of Bidders is required for this project and the required submittal information and submittal form are bound in the Project Manual portion of the Bidding Documents.

Owner will receive sealed Submittal of Qualifications until the time and date at the location given below. Owner will consider submittals prepared in compliance with this section, and delivered as follows:

- Date: **June 28, 2023.**
- Time: 12:00 noon local time.
- Location: Offices of ZMM, Inc. Architects and Engineers, 222 Lee Street West, Charleston, West Virginia 25302.
- Deadline for Bidders' questions is **June 28, 2023** at 12:00 noon. Submit questions by email only to nhs@zmm.com.

Submittals of Qualifications will thereafter be evaluated by ZMM, Inc. and those bidders who are admitted as prequalified bidders will thereafter be notified. Prospective Bidders' qualification information shall be considered privileged and confidential.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 a.m. local time, on **June 14, 2023** in the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom located at 215 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287. Attendance at pre-bid conference is mandatory for prime bidders only.

Bidding Documents can be obtained by one of the following methods:

- Prime Contract Bidders only may contact ZMM, Inc. Architects and Engineers **Attn: Receptionist; reception@zmm.com** and request information to access the firm's online ShareFile site for the **Renovation to the Tucker County Court House Clock Tower** project. Once access is gained, Bidders can download Bidding Documents in the form of PDF files at no charge. Requests for access to documents must be made by email, and those requests received through mail, telephone, fax transmission, or other online communications will not receive a response.
- Hard Copies may be obtained from Charleston Blueprint (304-343-1063) by General Contractors, Subcontractors, material suppliers and dealers by paying the actual cost of printing, binding and mailing; however such cost is not refundable.

Bidding documents may be examined at Viewing Depositories listed in the Bidding Documents. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, made payable to the Owner, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, the right to waive minor informalities and procedures in bidding, and the right to withhold final award of contract for 60 days after opening bids. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall execute and deliver to the Owner within 10 days after the award, and before signing the contract, a Performance Bond and Payment Bond utilizing the bond forms bound in the Project Manual each in a penal sum equal to at least the contract sum and the cost of such bonds shall be included in the bid.

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Tariff Form No. 8-A
(Tariff Rule 8.1.a. et seq.)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION WITHOUT PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

NOTICE is hereby given that Allied Waste Services of North America, LLC d/b/a Mountaineer Transfer Station, a public utility, has on May 17, 2023, filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, and charges for furnishing waste disposal services to customers at the Mountaineer Transfer Station in Westover, West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$1,892,594.71 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 31.38%. The purpose of Mountaineer Transfer Station's rate case filing is to increase rates and charges for increased operation and maintenance costs relating to Mountaineer Transfer Station's compliant and continued operations. The proposed increased rates and charges will not become effective until approved by the Commission. Mountaineer Transfer Station's current and proposed rates, on a per ton basis, are as follows:

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	\$\$\$ Increase	Percent Increase
C & D	25.75	44.75	19.00	73.79%
Landfill and Assessment	36.50	36.50	.00	
Total Gate Rate - C & D	62.25	81.25	19.00	30.52%
MSW	25.75	44.75	19.00	73.79%
Landfill and Assessment	36.50	36.50	.00	
Total Gate Rate - MSW	62.25	81.25	19.00	30.52%
Recycling	35.00	54.00	19.00	54.29%
Recycling processing charge	16.35	16.35	.00	
Total Gate Rate - Recycling	51.35	70.35	19.00	37.00%
Minimum Charge	2.90	10.90	8.00	275.86%
Landfill and Assessment	4.10	4.10	.00	
Total Gate Rate-Minimum Chg.	7.00	15.00	8.00	114.29%
Bag Rate	0.62	2.12	1.50	241.94%
Landfill and Assessment	0.88	0.88	.00	
Total Gate Rate - Bag Rate	1.50	3.00	1.50	100.00%

Both the present and proposed rates referenced above, excluding recycling, minimum charge and bag rate, are exclusive of any legislatively mandated or authorized per-ton assessment fees and any other per-ton assessment fees due to any governmental entity.

Mountaineer Transfer Station has no resale customers.

The increases shown are based on the averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within thirty days, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rule on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P. O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Executive Secretary at the address above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of Mountaineer Transfer Station to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the office of Mountaineer Transfer Station located at: 201 12th St., Fairmont, WV 26554.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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TOWN OF DAVIS, WEST VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ABSTRACT OF BOND ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given to any person interested that on May 24, 2023 the Town Council of the Town of Davis, West Virginia (the "Town") adopted an ordinance which, among other things:

- Authorized the design and other pre-construction costs of certain extensions, additions, betterments and improvements to the sewage portion of the existing combined public waterworks and sewerage system of the Town of Davis and the financing of the cost thereof, not otherwise provided, through the issuance by the Town of Davis to (1) reduce inflow and infiltration and overflows, (2) constructing new storm bioswales, (3) upgrading existing pump stations, (4) installing new WWTP influent flow meter, (5) providing emergency connection for a generator, and rehabilitating existing lines, of not more than \$200,000 in original aggregate principal amount of Combined Waterworks And Sewerage System Design Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 A (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund); (the "Bonds").
- Directed that the Bonds be issued in such principal amounts, bear interest at such rate or rates, not exceeding the then legal maximum rate, mature on such dates and in such amounts and redeemable, in whole or in part, as prescribed in a supplemental resolution.
- Directed the continuation of a revenue fund and the disposition of the System revenues; provided for the payment of operating expenses of the System and debt service on the Bonds; directed the creation of a sinking fund and a reserve account for the Bonds and creation of the renewal and replacement fund; and directed the creation of a bond trust fund and the disbursement of Bond proceeds.
- Provided that the Bonds shall not be or constitute a corporate indebtedness of the Town within the meaning of any statutory or constitutional limitations, but shall be payable solely from the Gross Revenues of the System; pledged the Gross Revenues of the System to payment of the Bonds and established the rights of the registered owners of the Bonds to such Gross Revenues; provided certain conditions for the issuance of additional bonds.
- Provided for insurance coverage on the Project and the System, enforcement of collection of fees, rates or other charges for the System and other covenants in favor of the registered owners; established the events of default and the remedies of the registered owners; and provided for the modification or amendment of the Ordinance upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Ordinance.

The Town contemplates the issuance of the Bonds described in, and under the conditions set forth in the Ordinance abstracted above. Any person interested may appear before the Council of the Town of Davis at a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Davis Town Hall, 505 Williamson Ave. Davis, West Virginia, and present protests and be heard as to whether the above-described Ordinance shall be put into effect.

A certified copy of the Ordinance as adopted by the Council of Town on May 24, 2023, is on file with the Recorder for review by interested persons at the Town Hall during regular office hours.

/s/ Jennie Lynn Helmick
Recorder of the Town of Davis,
West Virginia

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**TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, TUCKER COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12 as amended, the Tucker County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the 2020 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

	General Current Expense Fund	Special Revenue Expense Fund	Federal Stimulus & Stabilization Fund	Capital Projects Fund
Estimated revenues:				
Local Sources:				
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 4,696,825	\$ 35,000	\$	\$
Other local sources				
State Sources:				
State aid to schools	5,484,348	183,154		8,000
Other	2,753,966			
Federal Sources:		1,312,728	924,240	
Total estimated revenues	12,970,139	1,495,882	924,240	8,000
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	176,026	205,326		
Beginning balance	1,000			
Total estimated revenues & other financing sources	\$ 13,147,165	\$ 1,701,208	\$ 924,240	\$ 8,000
Estimated expenditures:				
Instruction	\$ 7,799,077	\$ 675,660	\$ 569,113	\$
Supporting services:				
Students	701,728	10,823		
Instructional Staff	6,000	33,222	148,140	
Central administration	547,840			
School administration	678,639			
Central services	386,663	1,802		
Operation & maintenance of facilities	1,474,966	4,822	29,801	8,000
Student transportation	1,216,251			
Food services		943,375	38,664	
Capital Outlay				
Total estimated expenditures	12,811,164	1,669,704	785,718	8,000
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	336,001	31,504	138,522	
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 13,147,165	\$ 1,701,208	\$ 924,240	\$ 8,000

I, Alicia Lambert, Secretary of the Tucker County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the board of education on the 22nd day of May, 2024.

Alicia R. Lambert

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RESULTS 43RD CHALLENGE IN THE HILLS

SATURDAY FLAT DRAGS RESULTS

74 ENTRIES

WOMEN'S FLAT DRAGS

G CLASS - 1ST PLACE - KATELYN KING, CLARKSBURG, PA
 F CLASS - 1ST PLACE - JUDY LAMBERT, THOMAS, WV (TC4X4)
 H CLASS - 1ST PLACE - NANCY SIMPSON, PARSONS, WV (TC4X4)

WOMEN'S TOP ELIMINATOR - JUDY LAMBERT, THOMAS, WV (TC4X4)

STREET STOCK CLASS

1ST PLACE - CODY MOATS, PARSONS, WV
 2ND PLACE - MARK PORTER, MT. SAVAGE, MD

OPEN PRO CLASS

G CLASS- 1ST PLACE - JOHN DELSIGNORE, WEIRTON, WV
 2ND PLACE - JOSH SIMPSON, DRY FORK, WV
 F CLASS - 1ST PLACE - TED LAMBERT, THOMAS, WV TC4X4
 2ND PLACE - HUNTER TANNER, DUCK, WV
 E CLASS - 1ST PLACE - BRENT BALDWIN, RENICK, WV
 2ND PLACE - KEVIN CASTO
 D CLASS - 1ST PLACE - TYLER ARMSTRONG, PHILLIPI, WV
 2ND PLACE - MIKE HARDY, PARSONS, WV TC4X4
 C CLASS - 1ST PLACE - GAVIN MCROY, SUM-

MERSVILLE, SC
 2ND PLACE - DANIEL SIMPSON, DAVIS, WV TC4X4
 A CLASS - 1ST PLACE - DOUG SMITH, ROGERS, OH
 2ND PLACE - TOM HARDY, HAMBLETON, WV TC4X4

TRACK RECORD : DOUG SMITH, ROGERS, OH
 TIME - 3.019 SECONDS
 FASTEST TIME: DOUG SMITH, ROGERS, OH
 TIME- 3.019 SECONDS
 TOP ELIMINATOR : DOUG SMITH, ROGERS, OH
 BEST REACTION TIME: JOSH SIMPSON, DRY FORK, WV .407

SUNDAY JUNIOR DRAGS RESULTS

14 ENTRIES
 AGES 0-10 YEARS OLD LITTLE ELIMINATOR - GABE SOUTHERN, HAMBLETON, WV
 AGES 11-15 YEARS OLD BIG ELIMINATOR - DOMINIC DELSIGNORE, WEIRTON, WV
 1ST ANNUAL DYLAN MARSH TOP ELIMINATOR - GABE SOUTHERN, HAMBLETON, WV

SUNDAY MUD PIT RESULTS

80 TOTAL ENTRIES

OUTLAW CLASS

1ST PLACE-RICH EVANS , KITZMILLER, MD
 2ND PLACE - BEN BUTLER, CAMERON, WV
 3RD PLACE - RICHARD KNOTTS, HAMBLETON, WV, TC4X4
 4TH PLACE - CORY HARVEY, NEWBURG, WV

LITTLE OUTLAW CLASS

1ST PLACE - JUSTIN EVANS, KITZMILLER, MD
 2ND PLACE - PHILLIP PEER, FORT ASHBY, WV
 3RD PLACE - BILLY WOOD - CLINTON, MD

CUT TIRES

1ST PLACE - JUSTIN EVANS, KITZMILLER MD
 2ND PLACE - BRANDON PENNINGTON, PARSONS, WV
 3RD PLACE - DERRICK WRATCHFORD, PETERSBURG, WV

SUPER MODIFIED

1ST PLACE - PHILLIP PEER, FORT ASHBY, WV



Gabe Southern from Hambleton, winner of the First Dylan Marsh Top Eliminator in the JR Drags, pictured with him is Dylan Marsh's father JW. Dylan passed away in a car crash in November of 2020. He started racing in the JR drags before him and his dad JW built a racer to run in the pro classes.

2ND PLACE - DYLAN PUGH, PARSONS, WV
 3RD PLACE - KEVIN VANMETER, ELK GARDEN, WV

MODIFIED

1ST PLACE - NANCY SIMPSON, PARSONS, WV TC4X4
 2ND PLACE - JOSH SIMPSON, DRY FORK, WV
 3RD PLACE - MIKE SIMPSON, HAMBLETON, WV TC4X4
 4TH PLACE - CHESTER SGAGGERO, OAKLAND, MD
 5TH PLACE - DANI PENNINGTON, PARSONS, WV

SUPER STOCK

1ST PLACE - SUZANNE ALLEN, CHLOE, WV
 2ND PLACE - PRESTON ROSS, ALUM BRIDGE, WV
 3RD PLACE - RONNIE ALLEN, CHLOE, WV
 4TH PLACE - CURTIS ALLEN, CHLOE, WV
 5TH PLACE - JARROT ALLEN, CHLOE, WV

STREET LEGAL STOCK

1ST PLACE - CHARLES SMITH, NORTON, WV
 2ND PLACE - ZEB WILLIAMS, FAIRMONT, WV
 3RD PLACE - JEFFERY WILLIAMS, FAIRMONT, WV



Tom Hardy of Hambleton, racing the Mudrat IV in A Class turning on the crowd.

Dog wash



Davis Fire Hall hosted the Tucker County Animal Shelter's Dog Wash fundraiser. Shelter staff and volunteers were on hand from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds from the event went to fund a new animal shelter. Tucker County Animal Shelter Director Bailey Falls, left, helps wash a Great Dane named Galileo at the event.

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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.*

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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.

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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

\$12 Million To Upgrade Water Infrastructure in Davis, Buckhannon

Washington, DC – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, announced \$12,037,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Canaan Valley Public Service District and the Hodgeville Public Service District. The funding will support upgrading and improving water infrastructure in Davis, Buckhannon and the surrounding communities.

“Every West Virginian deserves clean water to drink and fresh air to breathe. I’m pleased the EPA is investing more than \$12 million in constructing a new water treatment plant in Davis and upgrading water infrastructure in Buckhannon, which will promote safe drinking water and reduce utility costs for the surrounding communities,” **Senator Manchin** said. “As Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural

Resources Committee and as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources to protect the health and wellbeing of communities across the Mountain State.”

Individual awards listed below:

\$8,000,000 – Canaan Valley Public Service District, Davis

This funding will be used to construct a new water treatment plant, which will serve the Timberline Four Seasons Resort, Beaver Ridge Resort, Northpoint Homeowners Association, North Lake Homeowners Association and Black Bear Woods Resort.

\$4,037,000 – Hodgeville Public Service District, Buckhannon

This funding will be used to replace approximately 1,200 water meters and approximately 21,500 linear feet of main water line, as well as install new water storage tanks and booster pump stations.

DTEMS Celebration



The community came together to celebrate the promotion of the eighth grade class of Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School students. The class of 23 will join the high school in the fall. The student’s message was delivered by students Miriam Spencer and Hannah Nestor. Principal Cynthia Shaffer reminisced

that she never thought she would be back at DTEMS after attending school there herself. Shaffer also said she had only been in the job for three months but has grown close to the students in the brief time she has been there. The evening ended in a silly string fight amongst the students, staff, and guests.

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Mr. H. B. Cottrill worked in the mines as a tippie man and quickly was promoted to mine boss in the H. G. Davis Coal Company. He left that company to enter the retail liquor business in Thomas. He was very successful in his venture; he suffered a heavy loss when the Great Fire burned Thomas. He built the Cottrill Opera House and opened it for business. The first floor housed an elegant liquor store, and the second floor contained the opera house. He served on the city council three times and was a director in the Miners and Merchants Bank. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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WVDNR stocks 43 waters

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced on Monday that the following waters were stocked during the week of May 23-27:

- Anthony Creek
- Blackwater River
- Bullskin Run
- Cacapon Park Lakes
- Cherry River
- Cranberry River
- East Fork Greenbrier River
- Elk River (Randolph, Webster)
- Evitts Run
- Gandy Creek
- Glady Fork
- Indian Creek
- Knapps Creek
- Laurel Fork (Randolph)
- Little River East Fork Greenbrier River
- Little River West Fork Greenbrier River
- Lost River
- Middle Creek (Berkeley)
- Mill Creek (Berkeley)

- New Creek
- North Branch Potomac River (Jennings Randolph Tailwaters)
- North Fork Cherry River
- North Fork Patterson Creek
- North Fork South Branch
- North Fork South Branch (Catch and Release)
- Opequon Creek
- Rich Creek
- Rocky Marsh Run
- Seneca Lake
- Shavers Fork (Bemis)
- Shavers Fork (Lower Section)
- Shavers Fork (Upper Section)
- South Branch (Franklin)
- South Branch (Smoke Hole)
- South Fork Cherry River
- Spruce Knob Lake
- Summersville Tailwaters
- Summit Lake
- Trout Run
- Waites Run
- Watoga Lake
- West Fork Greenbrier River

• Williams River Trout stocking updates are also available by calling the trout stocking hotline at 304-558-3399. They are also posted online at WVdnr.gov/fish-stocking. For a complete list of stocking locations and frequency of stockings, anglers should consult pages 14 and 15 of the 2023 West Virginia Fishing Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations.

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license, trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing for trout. Licenses and stamps can be purchased at 175 retail locations across the state or online at WVfish.com.

To learn more about fishing opportunities and trout stockings in West Virginia, visit WVdnr.gov/fishing.

Social Security Administration Expands Outreach and Access for Supplemental Security Income

Campaign Also Targets Underserved Communities

Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, announced that the agency has expanded its outreach to people in critical need of financial help who may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

SSI provides monthly payments to adults age 65 and older or to other adults – and children – with a disability or blindness who have limited income and financial resources. SSI helps pay for basic needs like rent, food, clothing, and medicine.

“Helping eligible people access critical benefits, including SSI, is part of Social Security’s core mission,” said Acting Commissioner Kijakazi. “Underserved communities face additional challenges, like unreliable or no access to the internet and computers, that widen the divide. Social Security’s campaign strives to reach people in their communities to tell them about the eligibil-

ity criteria for SSI, and how to contact us online at www.ssa.gov/ssi or by phone for more information or an appointment to apply.” The campaign supports President Biden’s Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.

Social Security used data to identify and reach underserved communities in rural and urban areas across the country where it noted the greatest decline in SSI applications since the pandemic, and where the majority of people living in those zip codes are people of color and/or people living at or below the 150 percent Federal poverty threshold.

Social Security’s campaign uses a variety of ways to reach people, including radio and television public service announcements (PSA), radio ads, mailers, bus shelter and other large signs, flyers distributed to local stores, and printed publications in several language options.

Social Security also is reaching more people online through

social media, digital, YouTube ads, and search engine marketing.

Individuals who receive SSI may qualify for other financial help, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as food stamps), Medicaid, and discounted internet service through the Federal Trade Commission’s Affordable Connectivity Program. Individuals who receive Social Security benefits may also be eligible for SSI.

People with limited income and financial resources, and with access to the internet, should visit www.ssa.gov/ssi to learn more about SSI eligibility and request an appointment to apply for benefits. People without access to the internet can call Social Security’s National 800 Number at 1-800-772-1213 to speak with a representative.

In addition to this campaign, Social Security recently proposed simplifications to the SSI program when people are receiving food assistance. The proposed changes will simplify the rules, making it easier to understand and comply with program requirements. This will save time for the public and Social Security and improve the equitable treatment of food assistance within the SSI program. Social Security accepted comments about the proposed rule through April 17, 2023.

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"Moonshine Memories" July 23 and 30 Performances Announced



Audience at Canaan Valley State Park

On Sunday, July 23 at Canaan Valley State Park, and on Sunday, July 30 at the old Court- at <https://saveblackwater.org/moonshine-memories>, or 304-345-7663.

house in Parsons, the "Moonshine Memories" story of Canaan Valley's Albert "AB" Crossland (1884-1973) will be presented as an exciting courtroom drama! There will be a community cast, and music from the award-winning artists Gerry Milnes and Mike Miller of Elkins.

The family-friendly performances begin at 2 p.m., and admission is free. RSVPs are requested but not required.

The July performances follow a successful historical discussion program on May 20, 2023, at Canaan Valley State Park. 140 people "packed the hall" to learn how Crossland -- a long-time Valley resident and well-known "moonshiner" -- won a famous legal battle in 1970 to remain in his cabin on the Park grounds.

The May program speakers included attorneys Dan Hedges and Ronald Brown, who worked with the late Justice Larry Starcher, then a Legal Aid lawyer, to defend Crossland -- along with long-time Valley resident Ronnie Beall. They were joined by attorney Pat A. Nichols, whose father was involved in the case.

An illustrated narrative about Crossland's life was presented by his family neighbors, Barbara Alford, Carl Harr, and Phyllis Garcia. WVU Professors Hal Gorby and Robert Bastress spoke about the historical importance of Legal Aid, and the history of moonshining in West Virginia.

The Moonshine Memories programs are organized by Friends of Blackwater, partnering with the Tucker County Historical Society; ArtSpring; the Tucker County Highlands History and Education Project; Cottrill's Opera House; and the Aurora Project; with support from the Tucker Community Foundation and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

Keyser, WV Golfer Hits Two Holes-In-One on Same Hole at Canaan Valley Resort Golf Course in Just Over a Month



Davis, W.Va. -- Keyser, West Virginia resident Blaine Royce made two holes-in-one within a little over a month on hole number six at the Canaan Valley Resort Golf Course.

"Hat's off to Mr. Royce for accomplishing twice what many may never experience in a lifetime," said Matt Baker, Canaan Valley Resort General Manager. "His holes-in-one on the sixth hole par three are an incredible accomplishment. The fact they occurred in such a short period of time is even more remarkable."

Baker said Royce, who is a season pass holder at Canaan Valley Resort

Golf Course, made the first hole-in-one on April 16 and the second on May 23. He used an eight-iron each time. Both aces were witnessed by fellow season pass holder Gregg Corley, who is also from Keyser.

"I've been playing golf since 1986 off and on and I really enjoy Canaan's golf course," said Blaine Royce. "I never expected to get one hole-in-one, let alone two. When I realized I drained the first one, I was kind of in shock, and when I got the second ace, I got really excited."

The Geoffrey Cornish-designed course, which sits at more than 3,000 feet above sea level and offers panoramic views of the surrounding mountains, offers eight holes with water hazards, over 60 sand bunkers, meticulously groomed fairways, and lush greens. With five different sets of tees, measuring 6,984 yards from the Championship tees to 4,689 yards on the forward tees, the course is perfectly suited to all abilities and levels of play.

For contact information for Mr. Royce, please contact Mark Moody at (304) 940-6632 or via email at marketing@canaanresort.com.

SGMC Pharmacy hosts TCHS students



Paige Shaffer (photographed left) and Joselyn Burnside (photographed right) participated in Tucker County High School's Pharmacy Technician Certification Program this spring in partnership with St. George Medical Clinic Pharmacy. The students began the program by taking an online study course and then transitioned into working alongside the staff at the pharmacy. At the end of the program, Shaffer and Burnside will take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam to become Certified Pharmacy Technicians (CPhTs).

St. George Medical Clinic Pharmacy located in Parsons, West Virginia hosted two students from the Tucker County High School Pharmacy Technician Certification Program this spring. The two students hosted were Paige Shaffer and Joselyn Burnside, both residents of Tucker County and students at Tucker County High School.

Mountaineer Garden Club presents a check Tucker County 4-H Clubs



The Mountaineer Garden Club presented a check in the amount of \$100.00 to the Tucker County 4-H Clubs to support students attending Camp. Pictured left to right are Mountain Garden Club members, Faith Moore and Linda Sherman with Cindy Harsh of Tucker County Extension Department

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