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## Parsons to Demolish Buildings

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The City of Parsons unanimously voted to demolish three dilapidated properties within the city. Agnes Arnold, City Administrator presented bids from four companies for consideration at the meeting, with winning bids going to two West Virginia contractors.

“On May 31 we had our bid openings on the three properties,” Arnold said. “I do appreciate having four companies bid for these.”

Arnold told the council that the city did not have enough grant money to demolish all three properties. “In order to do all three properties, we needed \$130,640. So, this made us short about \$20,640 to do all three properties.” According to Arnold, the initial grant from DEP was in the amount of \$110,000 for the demolition and reclamation of

dilapidated and abandoned properties. The money was issued through the WVDEP Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties (REAP).

Arnold said there was a discussion to figure out the best course of action considering the financial shortfall to complete all three properties with this round of grant funding. “We had another

discussion to see what we were going to do because we were short monies. I mean we can’t do all three of them because of being short in the monies. We wanted to fill out what our greatest need was with the lowest bids and what we are going to get in return with the demos. So, we talked about it. We thought the

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The City of Parsons just authorized the demolition of three properties within the city. The building at 193 Main St is one of three slated for demolition.



The Parsons City Council voted on Tuesday, June 6th to demolish three properties within the city. The property at 170 Spruce Street was one of three slated for demolition by the city.



The property of 110 Pennsylvania Ave was one of three slated for demolition by the city at the Tuesday, June 6th regular council meeting.

## Governor Justice Ground breaks on New Section of Corridor H



Tucker County Commissioners Fred Davis, Tim Knotts and Mike Rosenau greet Governor Jim Justice and Baby Dog following the groundbreaking for the new section of Corridor H in Tucker County.

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Representatives from around Tucker County assembled at the end of Wolf Run Road, just off US 219 to witness Governor Jim Justice break ground on Section 3 of the Kerens to Parsons Corridor H Project. Among those in attendance were Tucker County Commissioners Mike Rosenau, Fred Davis and Tim Knotts; Acting Parsons Mayor Bruce Kolsun; Parsons City Administrator Agnes Arnold; Parsons City Council Member Kathy DiBacco; Sheriff Jake Kopeck and City of Parsons Code Enforcement Officer Ricky Rosier were among those in attendance at the event. Also in attendance were representatives from Washington DC, the WVDOH and WVDOT, as well as neighboring WV counties.

The first speaker to be introduced at the groundbreaking was Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Transportation and Commissioner of the Division of Highways Jimmy Wriston. “Local West Virginian folks got up here, cut these trees down so that we can...get this project rolling this year,” Wriston said. “This is the first of the last of the last ones that’s coming, cause they’re coming. We’re going to build this road.”

Wriston said the new section of Corridor H construction will encompass about 3 miles of new road in the county. “This is about a three, a little over three miles, of brand new Corridor H roadway coming to your doorstep here,” Wriston said. “This is what is going to happen over the next two years, next year and a half, all the way until we connect this thing up. We’re going to get this thing done.”

Wriston introduced Governor Jus-

stice, the 36<sup>th</sup> Governor of West Virginia, at the event. Governor Justice explained the need for a delay in the proceeding that had occurred. The delay resulted from a fuel leak in the state plane that forced the Governor to drive to Tucker County instead of flying as he had originally intended. The delay also affected a groundbreaking on a veteran’s facility in Elkins that was scheduled following the Corridor H event.

“And a decision is made,” Governor Justice said, “well, the best thing, the only thing, I can possibly get to is maybe I can get to Elkins and do that. But I really mean this, I wanted to be here. And so, I said, ‘How long will it take to us to get there?’”

The Governor lightened the mood with by relating his three-hour journey from Lewisburg. “But I had to burn the tires off that baby right there coming here...This has been a journey and high-speed journey. I was driving and Drew, who is Captain Penelton, who is head of my detail he said like several different times, ‘Calm down, Ricky Bobby.’ Then I became Mario Andretti at some point, ‘Calm down, Mario.’”

Governor Justice went on to explain his commitment to the Corridor H Project. “I’ve said it over and over and over,” Justice said, “Corridor H is the most important of them all. That’s all there is to it, to me and some way, somehow – and I have driven Jimmy (Wriston) crazy – some way, somehow we’re going to be under contract to have Corridor H done, period, before I leave.”

The Governor also stated the importance of the Corridor H Project to the economic future of the area. “It is the absolute most important to drive growth, to drive business opportunity, to drive jobs, drive all

kinds of tourism, drive everything right here in our lap,” Justice said. “It’s really that important.”

Governor Justice also compared the Corridor H Project’s importance to a similar project in Southern West Virginia that is currently also underway. “Now I would tell you, a long, long ways from here – to me the second most important – is the Coalfield Expressway because it connects Southern West Virginia to the world like in many ways, Corridor H does for us here.”

The Governor expressed the importance of accomplishment over effort. “Really and truly, my dad would say, ‘Don’t confuse effort with accomplishment. I don’t care how hard you try.’ He’s told me that a thousand times. I don’t care how hard you try, how much money we spend, how much we’ve done, which is all good and we should be feeling great about that, but we need to accomplish. And we can see it. We can see it in our sights. We can see it in where Jimmy moves, all the great people that move, to be able to cut this timber to avoid a problem with the bat issue and all that kind of stuff, to where we can keep on going. This is really good and this is really important.”

The Governor also thanked everyone involved. “So all of you, in every way, I can never thank you enough. I’m really proud to be here – and believe me be, Drew Penelton is proud to be alive right now and I am, too,” Justice said.

Of course, the Governor also had his trusted companion, Baby Dog, with him as well. Following the event, Governor Justice and Baby Dog greeted and posed with a few people in attendance while his schedule permitted.

## Traffic Delays

US 219, Seneca Trail, in Tucker County, will continue to experience major delays on beginning Monday, June 19, 2023. Major delays are expected for US 219, Seneca Trail, Tucker County, approximately 2.70 miles north of the Randolph County line and approximately 1.00 miles south of County Route 219/10, Moore Station Road, beginning Monday, June 19, 2023, for continued construction work associated with Corridor H. Special accommodation will be made for emergency vehicles. All other motorists are advised to plan accordingly and use alternate routes as necessary.

## Committees Point of Contention at Council Meeting

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Councilman Timothy Turner discussed changes to committee assignments at the City of Parsons regular council meeting June 6<sup>th</sup>. The issue became a point of contention between members of the council with acting mayor Bruce Kolsun walking out of the meeting at one point and re-entering minutes later.

“I looked through the ordinances here and I would like for someone to tell me where in the ordinances it specifies that the mayor assigns the committees,” Turner said.

“There should be an ordinance in the jobs and duties,” Council Member Melissa Jones said.

Acting Mayor Kolsun said communication was key in the issue. “Can I say something about this first?” Kolsun said. “There’s no secret person who, ‘We have to put so and so on this committee.’ There’s nothing going on that’s against anybody when assignments are up for them. So, I don’t know if we even need to mess with this. If you want to be on a certain committee, then you talk to the mayor cause its a major thing to change all this. Just talk to the mayor because that’s how we do it. If you don’t want to be cooperative then I guess we have to do this, but if you want to be cooperative. If you tell me you want to be on this committee, this committee and this committee, but then another person wants to be on this committee, we

can discuss it. That person, the 3 people can discuss it.”

Jones asked about when council appointments would be. “So come July first you will be making recommendations for the committees,” Jones said.

“Right and I will talk to all the people,” Kolsun said. “But July first, that’s another thing, I believe the committees are reset after an election and we didn’t have an election this year, so next July first...If you want to be on another committee – I was on the youth committee and I was on the – I wasn’t always on the committees I’m on now. So I was on different committees. The way the committees work is we initiate. The chairman initiates that and there’s no set time that we have to have a committee meeting every month. Nothing has ever been said about that. There’s no reason the mayor and the council can work as a cooperative group rather than put it in writing and change. Because that’s what it says. It says the mayor appoints the committees. So if the mayor appoints the committees, we just need to work cooperatively and I hope that we can. If its me or whoever the mayor is.”

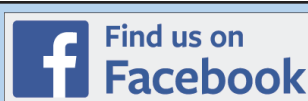
As Kolsun spoke, Turner said, “Where is it? Where does it say that? Where is it? Where did you find that?”

Councilman James Humphrey Jr said that he was happy with his committees but thought that perhaps other members may like a change. “I’m

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# St. George Senior Outpost News

The St. George Senior Outpost was held April 20, 2023 at St. George United Methodist Church. Sharon Daniels led the pledge of allegiance and the blessing of the food. Jessica Streets, Tucker County Extension Agent, presented a program on raising tomatoes including taking care of diseases. She handed out seeds of blight resistant tomato varieties produced in

West Virginia. Linda Bonner shared a reading and folks added several gardening stories. Door prizes were won by Virginia Popio, David Varner, and Rebecca Corcoran.

Attending in addition to the above were Shirley Cassidy, Jean Myers, Arlene Ramsey, Sylvia Rosenau, Dorothy Simpson, Jane Pifer, Dale Varner, Sue Carroll, Don Nestor, Betty Sturm, Carol Weinstein, Janice

Poling, James Poling, Jamie Lycliter, Brenda Jones, Raymond Collins, and Eleanor Nestor.

The next covered dish gathering will be May 18 at 6:00 pm at the church. The Parsons Senior Center usually provides a van and seniors are always welcome to come, bring a friend, and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship.

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## Demolish

Main Street one because it was low at \$91,890 and then the other one at Pennsylvania Avenue was \$18,950. Still put us a little bit over.”

Arnold recommended to the council that a contingency fund be added to the amount allocated for the project in case of any unforeseen costs during demolition. “What Shane had said would probably be best is to do some contingency because if something would happen, we need to have some kind of backup,” Arnold said. “Not knowing what can happen. So, we had to allot a little bit of that.”

Arnold presented the proposal from the series of talks to the council. “We proposed what I want to present to the council that we propose to the city council that you allocate \$100,000 to the Main Street building,” Arnold said, “which is \$91,890 to cover the bid and \$8,110 for the contingency fee and \$10,000 for the Pennsylvania Avenue building. However, the \$10,000 allocation for the Pennsylvania Avenue will be contingent upon the obligation of matching funds from the property owner. If there are contingency monies remaining after the completion of the Main Street building, said funds would be used towards the Pennsylvania Avenue building and subtracted from property owner’s match obligation.”

Arnold explained to the council what she learned from talking with DEP who funded the grant concerning the expectations for the grant spending. “That would just be those two,” Arnold said. “When we talked to DEP, what they were saying, you wanted to go with as much that’s going to start giving you future revenue back. And the next phase of monies handing out, you can do three homes or four, or whatever could be given.”

City Code Enforcement Officer Ricky Rosier was on hand during the meeting to help explain the program and his opinion on the properties slated for demolition. “They (DEP) want it to be where people are going to see so they can see that this pilot program is going to actually be where the public and the funding that they gave to these projects are being used where they can be seen,” Rosier said.

Councilman Timothy Auvil said he wanted to use demolition fund money to complete all three homes slated for the demolition. “I did a little rough math there – and you’re probably all thinking the same thing – we have \$33,500 in the demo fund.”

Arnold brought up the issue of liens to the properties should city

funds be utilized. “Then there is also putting liens on those properties that are going to take time to do those if you did that, if you put liens. I mean you can give it, if you’re wanting to put liens you’re going to have that cost, too.”

Rosier said he expects the next round of money will have a quick turnaround due to the way municipalities are utilizing the current pilot program funds. “The state’s allocated a pretty good bit of money for the next round and they are seeing the communities are utilizing it,” Rosier said. “So I think it is going to be extremely fast to be able to get the next amount of money for more projects than the ones we can complete.”

Auvil informed the council how the city could complete all three properties with existing money. “All I will say was if you take the three lowest bids, the 110,00 and 20,640 out of the demo fund, we still have 13,000 still in there.”

Council members Melissa Jones and James Humphrey said they were not aware the city would be placing liens on the properties. “We wouldn’t,” Arnold said. “If you give that money and you request liens that’s again delays. That’s where we are up against the timeline.”

Rosier said the deadline for the existing grant is September 30 “We have to have our money spent by September 30 or we lose it,” Rosier said. “We can maybe request for some extensions, but its coming at the end of the whole program and we want to be able to jump back in again and say, ‘Hey, we completed our projects, we used our funding, can we get some more and what houses or projects we can do again.’”

Councilman Timothy Turner said he was a proponent of issuing liens should city funds be used in the demolition projects. “We can’t start putting city money into this because if we put city money in this, then the next people come along and say, ‘We want city money because you gave city money the first time.’ That’s why I said that if we use city money, we have to put a lien on the property in order to recoup our money.”

“And you may never recoup the money,” Arnold said, “even putting liens...It could really still be years and that’s why I didn’t know if we wanted, you know we have that said about of money.”

Rosier said that currently the property owners are allowing access to the properties, but voiced concerns over the issue of potential liens affecting that access.

“When you put a lien on the

property, how does this lien work?” Rosier said. “Right now, the property owners are giving us voluntary access to the property and they get the property and everything back free, square, nothing against it. If it’s something they’re not going to be able to – it has to be theirs or they may not – and I’m just thinking – they may not be willing to voluntarily give us the property and we don’t have enough time to.”

Humphrey said, “If we try to put liens on everybody’s property that’s going to drag this out.”

Jones said she wanted to see the house on Spruce St. demolished due to continuing problems with the property. “We’re also talking about a house that should be completely condemned because its unfixable from a fire. We’ve had drug problems in that area and people moving in and out of there without any utilities in there and they’re selling by one of the major churches in town.”

Rosier clarified the reasoning behind the suggestion to demolish the Pennsylvania Ave property first. “The reason I’ve suggested the Pennsylvania Ave property is it’s the first thing you see when you come into Parsons and you see it from our parks. The Spruce St. one is top on our list as soon as the funding – we are going to get more funding if we utilize our funding correctly.”

Auvil said he thought it would look better on the application for the next round of grant money if they spent city money along with the grant to demolish all the properties on the list. “If utilize the money we allocated in the demo fund for that purpose and that is how we did the other demolitions that we’ve done. That will look even better on an application. What I’ll say and I think we are overthinking the thing because there is enough money there in the demo fund and in the grant to do all three and still have 13,000 leftover. And there is a couple of line items on here... that could be allocated to additional contingency...I just think we should do all three. We have the money in the bank.”

“There’s no good reason why we can’t do all three,” Acting Mayor Bruce Kolsun said.

The city council decided to move forward without placing liens on the properties. Reclaim Company, LLC out of Fairmont won the bids on two of the three properties: 170 Spruce St and 110 Penn Ave. Smokey Joe Enterprises, LLC of Beverly won the bid on the property at 193Main St. There is no timeline for the demolitions as of yet, but approval from the state is expected soon, according to Rosier.

# Tucker County Teens located

On Monday, June 5 at approximately 11:03 a.m. Trooper C.A. Hawkins received a direct complaint of two run-aways juveniles. The juveniles were identified as Isaiah Russell, 16 years old and Brooklyn Stemple, 14 years old. Both juveniles ran away from the Horseshoe Run area of Tucker County.

The Parsons Detachment of the West Virginia State Police reports both juveniles were located safe on June 10, 2023. The Silver Alert has been canceled. Information from the public was valuable in locating the juveniles.

## News of Record

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

- Jerry Curtice Mayor/Trustee, Kelly Lenae Mayor/Trustee; The Mayor Revocable Trust, Dry fork District, 1.88 acres and 2.15 acres to MTP-WV, LLC, \$0.
- Stacey Jade Knick and Heidi Orr, Parsons Corporation, ½ interest; 3.68 acres and 0.21 acres to Donna Roxann Orr, \$6,900.
- Robert Charles Hunt and Malinda Sue Hunt Teter, Dry Fork District, 1.92 acres to Robert Charles Hunt, \$0.
- James C. Nelson, Right of way to Canaan Valley Gas Company.
- Andrea M. Dearborn and Debbie A. Cooper, Right of Way to Canaan Valley Gas Company.
- Donald B. Myers, Clover District, 155 acres (1/7 interest) 146.55 acres to Patricia A. Raudonaitis and David P. Myers, \$0.
- Leslie G. Gordon, Dry Fork District, 2 acres Flanagan Hill to Adam Chase, \$210,000.
- Liesa D. Propst, Parsons Corporation, Tract A, 0.24 acres, Tract B, 0.17 acres to Liesa D. Propst, \$0.
- David W. Guy and Melissa Ann Guy, Parsons Corporation, 0.25 acres to David W. Guy and Melissa Ann Guy, \$0.
- Department of Transportation/DOH, Agreed Order Vesting Absolute Title and Final Order to JBE Construction Coordinators LLC.
- April H. Helmick Robert Scott Helmick and Carol M. Helmick, Dry Fork District, Lot 22 Canaan Vistas to Mountain Life Memories LLC, \$0.
- Belva A. Dilly and Terri Hovatter, Parsons Corporation, Northern Part of Lot #122 to Scott W. Bowley, \$0.
- Scott W. Bowley, Parsons Corporation, Northern Part of Lot # 122 to Phillip D. Claxton and Jenny E. Claxton, \$22,000.
- Eric M. Spurling and Melissa A. Spurling, Right of Way to Canaan Valley Gas Company.
- Waterdog LLC, Right of Way to Canaan Valley Gas Company.

## Randolph Tucker Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. Receives \$88,201 from Gov. Justice's West Virginia Child Advocacy Center Grant funds

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announced today that he has awarded \$2,118,686 million in West Virginia Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Grant program funds to 22 projects.

These funds are given to local non-profit CACs throughout the state to address the growing problem of child abuse and neglect.

These awards are focused on a multi-disciplinary response to the investigation, treatment, and prosecution of child abuse cases and by providing such services as advocacy, education, forensic interviews, evalua-

tions, and referrals. The State of West Virginia provided the funds and are administered by the Justice and Community Services (JCS) Section of the Division of Administrative Services (DAS).

Among awarded funds was the Randolph Tucker Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. — \$88,201

Funds will be used to support a child-centered team response to child victimization, which includes forensic interviews, medical, mental health, and advocacy services for children and their non-offending caregivers.

# Thank You

The family of Robbie “Mooch Kawasaki” Hull want to express our overwhelming gratitude for all the businesses and individuals across Tucker County who so generously donated to and/or volunteered at the spaghetti dinner benefit for his medical care.

*We are truly blessed.*

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# OBITUARIES

## Ruth Louise Bonner

Ruth Louise Bonner, 87, a lifelong resident of Tucker County, passed away peacefully in her sleep during the early morning hours of June 8, 2023, on the farm where she had lived for over 58 years. She had been in declining health since suffering a stroke in early December.



Ruth was born on Thursday, June 13, 1935, on the U.G. Lanham farm that is now part of the Canaan Valley State Park. She was the oldest of two daughters born to the late Hancel and Erma (Lanham) Mallow. She was raised on the old John Raese farm on Cortland Road that later became known as Mallow's Canaan Valley Dairy. Her formative years were spent working on the farm, milking cows, and delivering milk door-to-door to customers in the Town of Davis. After her parents built Mallow's Maple Grove Lake and Restaurant, she managed the horseback riding there until it was sold in 1961. She and her father also operated the first horseback riding concession at the Blackwater Falls State Park.

Ruth attended the Cosner School in Canaan Valley and graduated from Davis High School in 1952 as the salutatorian. She also attended West Virginia University.

On February 4, 1955, she was married to Kermit Lloyd Bonner. They remained married for 65 years until his death on December 31, 2020. Ruth and Kermit shared common bonds based on a love of farming, the land, and each other. She was a quintessential farm wife in all respects. Ruth fed livestock and delivered calves in the winter, tended garden in the summer, raised children and cared for grandchildren all while putting three full meals on the table seven days a week and managing a household with little complaint. A private person, the hallmark of her life was reserved grace. The phrase "They don't make 'em like they used to" was written with her in mind. Truly she was one of the last of a dying breed in the Dry Fork community. Her death is the end of an era and the turning of a page. Not many in the area did not sit at her table or enjoy a covered dish she prepared for a reunion or community function. She was a legend in her own time.

Ruth is survived by her sister, Betty Smigal of Davis, and by three daughters, Laura Kaye Mallow of Powhatan, Virginia, Linda Ann Adams and husband Jeff of Fort Ashby, and Kimberly Sue Bennett and companion Milton Waybright of Red Creek. There are five grandchildren, Margie Mallow Jurkuta, Warren Mallow, Alicia Taylor Kirby, Kermit Bennett and Lindsay Bennett Clark. There are also ten great grandchildren, Erica and Carter Epperly, Jaicob and Kylie Mallow, Deacon and Madeline Kirby, Elijah Bennett, Kaden Brown, and Audrey and Allison Clark. Several nieces and nephews also survive, as well as a multitude of cousins. Ruth was predeceased by a son-in-law, Patrick Taylor, and a brother-in-law, Alex Smigal, Jr.

As owners and operators of Stoneridge Farms in Red Creek since 1967, Ruth and Kermit received many honors for their work on the farm. She served on many committees and was a member of several organizations. She was once named West Virginia State Grange Association Secretary of the Year. Ruth was a long-time trustee and treasurer of the Buena Cemetery in Canaan Valley, and she attended the Flanagan Hill United Methodist Church.

The family received visitors on Sunday, June 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home in Davis, where the funeral service was conducted on Monday, June 12, at 11 a.m. Ruth was laid to rest beside her husband and her parents at the Buena Cemetery, within sight of her birthplace. She will never be forgotten.

A reception was held after the service at the Flanagan Hill Community Center.

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

## Norman Wade Bonner

Norman Wade Bonner 87, of Gladwin, WV, passed away after a short illness on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Born on August 18, 1935, in Gladwin, WV, he was the son of the late Iva (Smith) Bonner and Sturley Bonner.

He met the love of his life "Rosie" in Wetzell County, WV. They were married on September 24, 1955, and lived happily together for 67 years. He worked in farming and logging and was a skilled and accomplished equipment operator. He was especially known for the quality of his dozer work and treating his customers fairly. He completed many excavation jobs in Canaan Valley and for local family and friends throughout Tucker County.

Norman was a faithful member of Brights Chapel Church. He was a loving husband, father, and grandpa. He was honest, hardworking, a good neighbor, and a good example. He was truly loved by his family and friends, and will be forever missed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rose Bonner; a daughter, Ruth Buckley and husband Rick of Ripley, WV; a son, Joe Bonner and wife Kim of Gladwin, WV; four grandchildren, Adam Buckley, Aaron Buckley and wife Tiffany, Melissa Harlan and husband Kenneth, and Hannah Bonner; two great grandchildren, Ayva Buckley and Rachel Harlan; and a brother, Allen Bonner and wife Debbie of Haymarket, VA.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers, Ralph Bonner, Thomas Bonner, Raymond Bonner, Jackson Bonner, Theodore Bonner, and George Bonner.

Friends were received on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home, 567 Thomas Avenue, Davis. A funeral service were held on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 11 a.m. in Brights Chapel with Pastor Lonnie Daniels officiating. Interment will follow in the Brights Chapel Cemetery.

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

## Carl Eugene Lipscomb

On June 4, 2023, Carl Eugene Lipscomb passed away at the age of 71. Carl was born on March 10th, 1952, in Parsons, WV. He graduated from Parsons High School with the Class of 1970. On June 30th, 1975, Carl married the Love of his life Glenda Alice Poling. They raised three sons, Wayne, Michael, and Daniel (Danny) in the home he built with his own hands from the ground up.

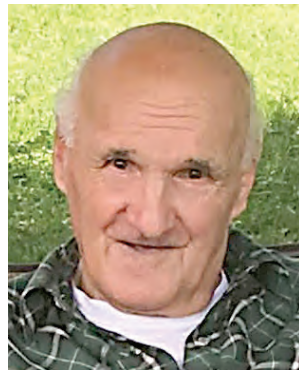
Carl had a passion for hunting and fishing. He loved to spend time at his cabin that he built from logs he cut, and hand hewed to fit. Carl loved to go for long walks with Glenda and the boys. He was known for his quick wit and infectious smile, as well as his kind and compassionate spirit. Carl was preceded in death by his father Alford, mother Ruby (Keister) Lipscomb, and son Wayne Allen Lipscomb.

Carl is survived by his wife Glenda, two sons Michael, Danny, Danny's wife Pamela, Wayne's wife Amber, two brother's Ronald (Ron) and Roy (Bones), four grandsons, Ty, Daniel (Blake), Chase, and Neal, one granddaughter Skye. Carl's parents had 3 sons, Carl had 3 sons, Carl's son Danny had 3 son's and Carl's son Wayne had 1 son before a daughter was born into the family. Skye was the first daughter born into the family in 3 generations. Carl had several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Not having a daughter of his own, Carl was particularly fond of his nieces Christine and Lindsay. Carl always liked how when Christine was little, she would call him Uncle Carter. He had a friend Victoria that call him her brother and he thought of as a sister.

Carl was a Christian and knew Jesus Christ as the Messiah. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and lifelong resident of Parsons, WV.

As a child Carl was a boy scout which helped fuel his love of the outdoors. Carl started working at a young age, working in the summers for Dewey Wilfong by making hay and operating farm equipment. After Carl turned 18 during his senior year in high school, he went to work at Dorman Mills Woolen Mill. Carl worked the 11 pm to 7 am shift while going to school during the day. After graduation, he worked at the Mill until it closed. He was then hired on at the Kingsford Charcoal Plant as a laborer before being promoted. When he retired after 40 years and 8 months of service, he had worked all the manufacturing manager positions and finished as the shipping manager. Carl had a full life as he stayed busy in different activities from hunting, fishing, serving at church, participating on the Tucker County Endowment Foundation, and laughing with friends and family. Above all he was known for the love he had for his family and friends.

The family received friends at the First United Methodist Church of Parsons, WV on Saturday, June 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Final Rites were conducted at the church on Saturday at 12 p.m. The Reverend William Brown officiated and interment followed at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Carl Eugene Lipscomb. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com)



## William Robert McCoy, Sr.

William Robert McCoy, Sr., known as Billy Bob in childhood, passed away peacefully on June 4, 2023 at 85 years of age. Bill was born on June 3, 1938 to Lola Margaret (Payne) and Troy Hayes McCoy in Huntington (Cabell County) West Virginia. Bill met Judith Irene Myers while they were students at the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, West Virginia. They married November, 1962 at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Oakland, Maryland. Bill graduated in 1958 receiving a full athletic scholarship to play basketball at Gallaudet University in Washington DC. After leaving Gallaudet in 1959, Bill worked in the Newspaper Industry allowing him to travel as a journeyman printer. He also worked as an upholsterer, barber, carpenter, and linotype operator before ending his career as a photo editorial assistant for the Detroit News. Bill and Judi made Royal Oak Michigan their home for more than 30 years before returning to their beloved West Virginia. Throughout his life, Bill was an active sports enthusiast and outdoorsman. He began trapping, hunting and fishing in early childhood and loved camping and hiking as well. In high school he lettered in Football, Basketball, and Baseball. His free-throw record of 15/15 from 1956 in still stands with the E.S.D.A.A Basketball Tournament. Bill was an active member of the Deaf Community participating in recreational teams and leadership roles for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Clubs in Akron and Cleveland Ohio. He competed in the Snowmobiling Association of the Deaf in Michigan and served in many roles for the Detroit Association of the Deaf and Michigan Association of Deaf Citizens including Editor, Board Member, President, and Vice-President. Bill was appointed as a State Commissioner for the Michigan Commission on Handicapper Concerns actively working to pass the DEAF PERSONS' INTERPRETERS ACT, Act 204 of 1982, an amendment to Section 504. Bill and his wife, Judi, picketed to demanding captioning of television programs and as a member of his beloved union during the Detroit Newspaper Strike from 1995 through 1997.

Bill is survived by his wife, Judith (Myers); his daughter Michelle L. McCoy (Eddie); his son William R. McCoy, II (Jamee); Brother, David Allen McCoy; Grandchildren Anthony Key (Krystal), Jesse Key (Danielle), Kit Martinez, Robert D. Martinez, Christine J. Martinez, Madeline J. Martinez, William R. McCoy III, and Connor J. McCoy. Great grandchildren Annie and Lennox. Bill was preceded in death by his sister Rebecca, father Hayes, mother Lola, and his beloved Aunt, Guardian and adoptive Mother, Katherine Eloise McCoy.

In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Bill's name to: The Gallaudet Alumni Association VP (202) 250-2590; Phone (202) 651-5060; Fax (202) 651-5062, and/or Deaf Community Advocacy Network, VP 248-209-6437; Phone 248-332-3331; Email [deafcan@deafcan.org](mailto:deafcan@deafcan.org)

## William Edward Simmons, Sr.

William "Bill" Edward Simmons, age 81 years, a resident of Elkins, WV departed this life Tuesday morning, June 6, 2023 at his home, surrounded by his loving family and under the care of WV Caring.

Bill was born Elkins, WV June 11, 1941 at Elkins, WV a son of the late Herbert Giles Simmons. He attended the schools of Tucker and Randolph County. He was a Corrosion Technician with Columbia Gas and retired after 32 years. Bill was a Master Mason with the Masonic Elkins Lodge #108.

Bill was an avid supporter to the youth in the community. He coached Little League baseball and All Stars League, and enjoyed being a leader and mentor to many kids.

On April 25, 1964, he was married to the former Sandra Jo McQuain Simmons. They shared fifty-six years of marriage and were a positive example of a loving relationship.

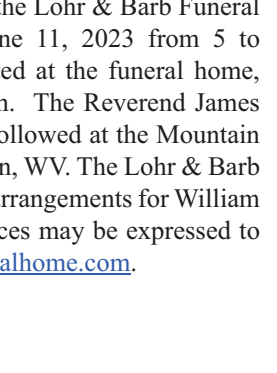
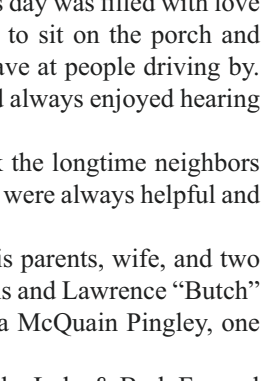
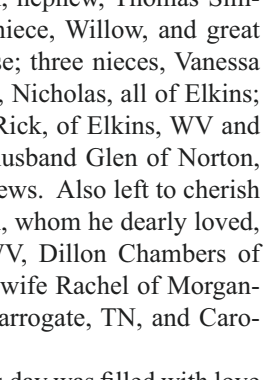
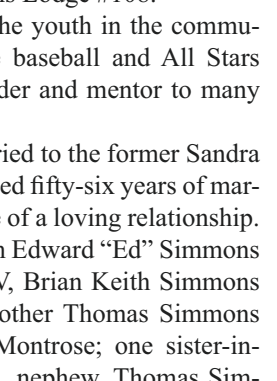
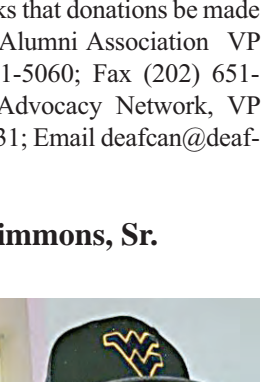
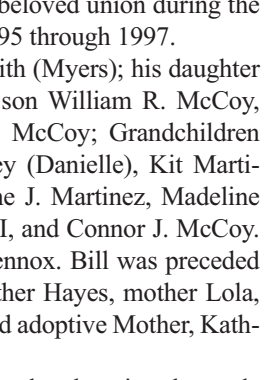
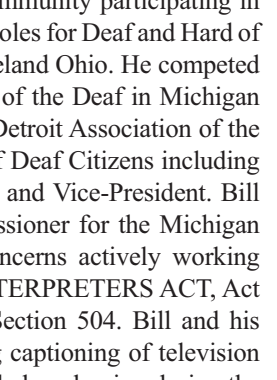
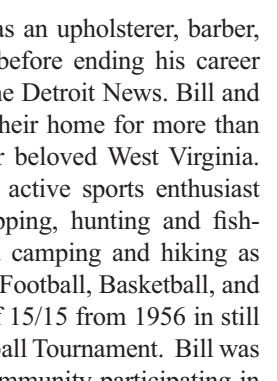
Surviving are two sons, William Edward "Ed" Simmons II and wife Andrea of Gladys, WV, Brian Keith Simmons and wife Julia of Elkins, one brother Thomas Simmons and wife Blanche "Bunny" of Montrose; one sister-in-law Johanna Daveanna McQuain, nephew, Thomas Simmons and wife Amy, and great niece, Willow, and great nephew, Brandon, all of Montrose; three nieces, Vanessa Carr and husband Leroy, and son, Nicholas, all of Elkins; nieces Becky Carr and husband Rick, of Elkins, WV and Christine "Booty" Hedrick and husband Glen of Norton, WV; and several nieces and nephews. Also left to cherish his memory are his grandchildren, whom he dearly loved, Erika Poling of Morgantown, WV, Dillon Chambers of Mesa, AZ, Garrett Simmons and wife Rachel of Morgantown, WV, Laura Simmons of Harrogate, TN, and Caroline Simmons of Elkins, WV.

When family wasn't around, his day was filled with love from his dog, Loki. They loved to sit on the porch and watch the birds, squirrels, and wave at people driving by. Bill had many lifelong friends and always enjoyed hearing from them.

The family would like to thank the longtime neighbors of the Glenmore Community who were always helpful and there in the time of need.

Preceding him in death were his parents, wife, and two brothers, Charles Dorsey Simmons and Lawrence "Butch" Simmons, one sister-in-law Maria McQuain Pingley, one daughter-in-law, Lisa Simmons.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Elkins on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 5 to 8 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home, Monday, June 12, 2023 at 11 a.m. The Reverend James Snyder officiated and interment followed at the Mountain State Memorial Gardens at Gilman, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for William Edward Simmons, Sr. Condolences may be expressed to the family at: [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).



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tickled to death with what I'm doing, the committees that I am on, but maybe Tim or Kathy wants to move to a different committee and if they do, so be it. Let them."

City Administrator Agnes Arnold said the policy was outlined in the city charter. "Its in the charter," Arnold said. "Its in the beginning part of it, I think that's where Pat seen it...and it may be just a policy."

"I've read the charter, I've googled it, I've pulled up the ordinances, its not in the ordinances. Its not in any of that stuff," Turner said.

Kolsun reiterated his position on the issue. Kolsun said, "You see what I'm trying to say? Is there any reason why you should oppose that?"

"Yes," Turner said.

"Because you don't want to cooperate with us," Kolsun said. "Is that what you are telling me?"

Turner clarified his opinion. "You can say your opinion," Turner said.

"No, its not my opinion," Kolsun said. "I'm trying to get a cooperative council and mayor to work together. If you don't want to that's – it can go on record that you don't want to."

"You just remember that you work for us," Turner said. "We don't work for you. The council runs the business."

"Nobody works for anybody," Kolsun said. "Don't tell me that."

Arnold read a document outlining the issue at hand. "It says, 'A review of the city rules establishes the power of appointment of members to standing committees is reserved to the mayor. This discretionary function can only be changed by enacting a new ordinance and prior to the term of the new mayor of amending the rules. This must be in accordance with West Virginia Code and our ordinances in effect.

A lot of committees is defined in the ordinance. Now this is a legal opinion by Mr. Nichols."

"But its not in our charter," Turner said.

Kolsun reiterated what the mayor's duties were in regards to appointments. "The mayor has the authority to remove or add any committee that he or she may deem necessary," Kolsun said. "There, that's what it says on this piece of paper."

Turner questioned the origin of the document Kolsun quoted. "Is it this?" Turner said. "This is council minutes. This is minutes. This is not an ordinance. This is just minutes of a meeting. Yes it is minutes because why would it say, 'Meetings, Committees, Agenda Items and Informational Packets'?" That's part of a meeting."

Kolsun responded by affirming his position that the council should work together. "I'm proposing that we work cooperatively as opposed to everything having a negative overtone to everything and trying to over-run everything. Let's work cooperatively. I'm for who wants to work cooperatively? I do."

"I don't think you can take a vote on that," Turner said.

"I can," Kolsun said. "Its informal. I want to work cooperatively. I can do what I want."

"No you can't," Turner said. "That's the problem. So, I think its been established that it is not an ordinance. It was part of a meeting because these are agenda. This is from a meeting because it says agenda items and informational packet. So, its part of an agenda. So, I will present at the next meeting something on setting and establishing committees and the responsibilities and rights."

Kolsun said. "The mayor, that position should have some responsibilities and

that's one of them. The mayor wants to work cooperatively with council and I'm not sure what the opposition is. That kind of bothers me that we have opposition to procedure."

Kolsun and Turner debated over who had the floor and the right to speak. "I had the floor," Kolsun said. "You were finished when I started. No, I didn't interrupt you. I will present something and we'll put it to a vote and whatever the vote is, that's what it will be."

It was at this point in the meeting that Mayor Kolsun made his apologies and left the room for a few minutes. "I'm sorry," Kolsun said. "I can't deal with the disrespect."

In response, Councilman Timothy Auvil said, "I don't think its necessary to rewrite the book on committees. I mean for crying out loud..."

Auvil was interrupted by Turner. "That's your opinion."

Auvil said, "That is my opinion. Now, you just said that you had the floor, you finished speaking, now may I speak now? You know if you look at state and federal governments, committees are assigned by ranking members. You know that's who chairs committees. When one party's in charge, then that party is the committee chair and vice versa, but I feel that I'm on certain committees because I have the most experience of basically the rest of you put together in this room. And that's because of hands on experience. I don't think anyone else knows as much about the water and sewer departments and how they operate then I do in here."

Humphreys addressed Auvil's experience. "That's what I was telling you last meeting, Tim," Humphrey said. "You know, God forbid something happened to you. Nobody else in this room can do your job."

Auvil responded to Humphrey's comment. "Sam, I can't train you guys," Auvil said. "I've done it for 16 years. That's just accumulated knowledge and hands on experience."

In an attempt at compromise, Humphrey made a suggestion. "Maybe lets put Tim on the water thing and I'll switch him."

"I don't want to be on the water thing," Turner said. "That's things that Red should be knowing."

Auvil said, "But Red's not on our council. Red's just a chief operator. He attends the water sewer committee meeting to inform the council's water sewer committee and its every committee's responsibility to present adequate information and homework to council to be voted on. The committees just make recommendations. Its not etched in stone when committee makes the decision. Its brought before council and then its the final decision of the majority of council of what a recommendation from any committee. Whatever it is. From personnel to cemetery to streets to whatever. So what I'm saying is, I think you are going to get into a little rift because you got 7 members who all want to be on the same committee. Four of them are going to be upset...One person has to make the decision of who's going to be on."

By this point in the discussion, Mayor Kolsun had returned to the council room. "And that would be the mayor," Kolsun said. "They make a decision, they talk to everybody. Maybe it wasn't done that way before, but that what, if its me, that's how I like to do it. I want it to be totally fair. That's the only way it can be fair. That's what I want."

The next meeting of the Parsons City Council will be Wednesday, July 5 at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second St., Parsons.

## Lanesville Bridge Replacement Among \$1.1M in Deferred Maintenance Projects on Monongahela National Forest

ELKINS, W.Va., June 8, 2023 – Monongahela National Forest has received \$1,092,000 million in funding from the Great American Outdoors Act to support three deferred maintenance projects in West Virginia for 2023. These investments are made from the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund established by the Great American Outdoors Act.

These projects support the recent announcement by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior proposing a combined \$2.8 billion in funding for Fiscal Year 2024 to improve infrastructure, recreation facilities, public lands access, and land and water conservation, as the legislation enters its third year out of five.

Including the three projects funded in 2023, Monongahela National Forest currently has nine Legacy Restoration Fund projects in various stages of development.

### The three projects funded for Monongahela National Forest this year include:

Stream Crossing Structures for Trout Fisheries (Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties) -- This project implements the Panther Ridge Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project and replaces undersized and deteriorating stream crossing culverts on Forest Road 296 and Forest Road 298 in Laurel Run and Forest Road 999 in the Williams River watershed. The project addresses passage barriers for aquatic species and this is particularly important because one of these crossings occurs on a stream in which an isolated trout population was recently found.

International Mountain Biking Association Ride Center, Tea Creek Mountain Bike Trail Improvements (Greenbrier, Pocahontas and Randolph Counties) -- This project includes repairing drainage

structures, hardening tread with aggregate, and replacing trail signs to provide a sustainable trail system.

Holcomb Bridge Repairs (Webster County) -- This project addresses deferred maintenance and structural deficiencies on the Holcomb Bridge.

### Work is underway on six other projects including:

- Red Creek (Lanesville) Bridge Replacement (Tucker County)
- Williams River at Tea Creek Bridge Replacement (Pocahontas County)
- Forest Road 209 Culvert Replacement with Bridge (Randolph County)
- Lake Sherwood Campground Rehabilitation (Greenbrier County)
- Tumbling Rock Bridge Replacement (Nicholas and Pocahontas County)
- Red Oak Fire Tower Lightning Protections and Improvements (Webster County)

Since 2021, the Forest Service has completed more than 122 deferred maintenance projects across 53 national forests in 25 states with more than 880 additional projects currently funded and in various stages of completion.

For additional information about the Forest Service implementation of the Great American Outdoors Act, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/gaoa>.

The Great American Outdoors Act addresses the growing \$7 billion backlog of deferred maintenance on national forest and grasslands. The Forest Service currently administers more than 370,000 miles of roads, 13,400 bridges, 159,000 miles of trails, 1,700 dams and reservoirs, 1,500 communications sites, 27,000 recreation sites and 40,000 facilities of other types across the United States and Puerto Rico.

## Five Rivers Public Library Newsletter

Summer Hours, June - August  
Monday ..... 8:30 a - 6:30 p  
Tuesday – Friday...8:30 a - 4:00 p  
Saturday .....9:00 a - Noon  
Closed all Legal Holidays

### June Happenings

- \*Summer Reading registration ended on May 20
- 7 - Summer Reading Program @ 10 a.m. *Science*
- 12 - Movie Event showings @ 1:30 and 5:30
- 14 - Summer Reading Program @ 10 a.m. *Community Helpers*
- 19 – Closed - Juneteenth Day
- 20 – Closed - WV Day
- 21 - Summer Reading Program @ 10 a.m. *Bee Happy*
- 21 - Book Club Discussion @ 1:30 p.m.
- 28 - Summer Reading Program @ 11 a.m.
- Pizza party @ Parsons Splash Park

### Book Donors

Debbie Gutshall; Sherry Burns; Becky Arbogast

### Book Club Discussion Group

June the Book club will meet Wednesday, the 21st at 1:30 p.m. Usually Meets the third Tuesday monthly at 1:30 p.m. Book for June is Jaber Crow by Wendell Berry Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter.

### MOVIE EVENT

- Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters
- Monday, June 12
- Afternoon showing 1:30 p.m.
- Evening Showing 5:30 p.m.
- Run Time 94 minutes
- Not Rated
- Snack & Drinks Provided
- Free Community Event

### Summer Reading Program

- Wednesdays June 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:00 a.m.
- \*The 28th will meet @ 11 a.m. at Mill Race Park
- for Pizza Party at the Splash Park in Parsons\*
- Crafts/Activities, Reading, Snacks
- Ages up through 5th grade
- \*Registration ended on May 20<sup>th</sup>

### MOVIE EVENT – July 10

Jesus Revolution  
Run Time 120 minutes Rated PG-13

- Notaries are now available for your convenience during library hours. Signer Photo ID required Donations accepted
- Ancestry Library Edition available at the Library. Check with Library staff for assistance.
- Do you have an E-Book reader, cell phone or other device? Check out WV READS for Free E-Books, Audio Books and e-Magazines. Download the Libby App at <https://wvreads.overdrive.com/> Learn more at [meet.libbyapp.com](https://meet.libbyapp.com)

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**Do You Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior of the World?  
Are You Confused Because Many Churches  
Are Changing Their Teachings on Right and Wrong?  
Are You Looking for Christian Teaching Rooted  
in the Bible and Morality That Does Not Change?  
Are We to Conform God's Teaching to Ourselves,  
or Should We Be Conforming Ourselves to God's Teaching?**

In Saint Paul's second letter to Timothy, he warns that "the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings and they will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths." As society shifts away from Biblical morality, there are many who wish to change the teachings of Jesus Christ to suit themselves. They want to call themselves Christians and at the same time set aside the very teachings of Christ. The Catholic Church continues to faithfully teach Biblical morality and faithful Catholics seek to conform their hearts and minds to that teaching, even if falling short at times.

**If you are interested in learning about the often misunderstood teachings of the Catholic Church or would like to ask questions about what faithful Catholics believe, please join us in the social hall located directly behind Our Lady of Mercy Church, 221 Water St., Parsons, WV on Wednesday, June 21st at 6:30pm or at the Saint Thomas Center, 324 Brown St., Thomas, WV on Thursday, June 22nd at 6:30pm. Bring your Bible!**

# What's Happening

## Farmer's Market Coupons

Starting Tuesday, June 20 at 9 a.m. the Tucker County Senior Center will begin passing out farmer's market coupons at the Parsons and Thomas locations.

## Reunion

The Jesse Anderson-Virginia Carr family reunion will be held Sunday, July 2 at the Hendricks Park Pavilion. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and lunch will start at 12:30 p.m. bring your favorite covered dish and join us. Call 304-745-3553 for more info.

## Retired School Employees Meeting

Tucker County Association of Retired School Employees meeting is at noon on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at B & J Family Diner. All retirees are invited to attend.

## Vacation Bible School

On Site with Jesus Vacation Bible School will begin June 19 - 23 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Hendricks Free Methodist Church. Everyone Welcome! Bible lessons, crafts snacks, prizes, music, games and fun for all.



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

**June 14, 1912:** Botanist Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Bartholomew was born in Wheeling. Bartholomew was instrumental in building the dried plant collection at West Virginia University from 30,000 to 140,000 specimens, and she initiated a 2,000-plant seed collection.

**June 15, 1876:** Attorney and civil right activist T. G. Nutter was born in Maryland. The first Black delegate from Kanawha County, he helped establish Lakin State Hospital and other institutions for the Blacks, and crafted an anti-lynching law.

**June 15, 1880:** Musician "Blind Alfred" Reed was born in Floyd County, Virginia, though he spent most of his life in West Virginia. He composed and recorded some of the most creative topical country songs on Victor Records between 1927 and 1929.

**June 15, 1963:** The Cass Scenic Railroad took its first passenger trip during the state's Centennial celebration.

**June 16, 1842:** Margaret Agnew Blennerhassett, wife of Harman Blennerhassett, died in poverty in New York City. She lived from 1800 to 1806 in a grand 16-room mansion she and her husband had constructed on an Ohio River island near present Parkersburg. She and her son, Harman Jr., were

reburied on Blennerhassett Island in 1996.

**June 17, 1813:** General Thomas Maley Harris was born at present Harrisville. He rose to prominence after the Civil War, when he served on the military commission that tried conspirators who acted with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.

**June 17, 1916:** The West Virginia High School Athletic Association was organized at Charleston with 11 charter members. Its name was changed to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission in 1955.

**June 17, 1961:** A Wayne County bridge was named in honor of TV newsman David Brinkley. The bridge's condition had become a news item during the 1960 presidential primary; state officials closed the bridge, repaired it, and invited Brinkley to return for the ceremony officially naming it the "Brinkley Bridge."

**June 18, 1937:** Jay Rockefeller was born in New York City. He served as West Virginia's 29th governor from 1977 to 1985 and in the U.S. Senate from 1985 to 2015.

**June 18, 1944:** *It's Wheeling Steel* aired its last program. A half-hour musical variety radio program that drew upon talented Wheeling Steel employees and families, the show ran eight years and was broadcast nationally.

**June 19, 1905:** Senator Rush Dew Holt was born in Weston. At 29, Holt was the youngest person ever elected to the U.S. Senate,

earning him the nickname "Boy Senator." Since the Constitution sets 30 as the minimum age for senators, Holt had to wait until his birthday in June 1935 to take his seat, nearly six months into the 74th Congress.

**June 19, 1909:** Oak Park, an amusement park in Preston County, opened. The park was an easy ride from Morgantown and helped fill up trains on weekends and holidays. On one summer day in 1909, 14 trains brought more than 4,000 people to the park.

**June 20, 1861:** Francis Pierpont was unanimously elected governor of the unionist Reorganized Government of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.

**June 20, 1863:** West Virginia became the 35<sup>th</sup> state. Arthur Boreman was the state's first governor.

**June 20, 1932:** The West Virginia capitol was officially dedicated. Construction had begun in 1924.

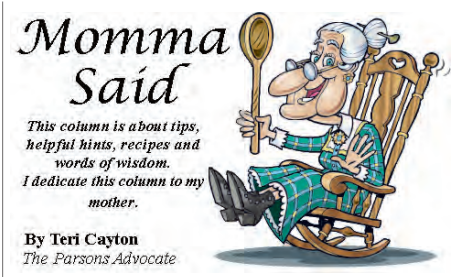
**June 20, 1963:** On the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of West Virginia, President John F. Kennedy made his last appearance in West Virginia. Speaking in Charleston in a pouring rain, he said, "The sun does not always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do."

**June 20, 1970:** The play *Hatfields and McCoys* opened at Grandview State Park amphitheater. Written by Billy Edd Wheeler with music by Ewel Cornett, the show joined *Honey in the Rock* as a regular summer offering.

I am so glad the forecast is calling for rain because this smoke from Canada is killing me. I know we are not getting it as bad as the northern states but it has been so hazy this week that I can actually smell it. Here it is the second week of June and the temps have been in the freezing range at night. **Momma Said**, "We may be closer to the end because Hates might be freezing over."

I feel for the people closer to the smoke and fire it has to be terrible. I have been hearing on the news that the air quality in New York is hazardous to breath. Even down here in West Virginia my brother is having trouble breathing. I hope the rains come and slow it down or put it out completely.

Summer will be here and we will still be wearing our winter coats. I don't like being cold in the winter and I sure as heck don't like to be cold in July.



At least the cooler weather has slowed down the lawn mowing my grass is just not growing. I'm not complaining but I think I would rather mow grass than having the furnace running at night.

Last year at this time the temps were in the 90's so I guess the weather can't please everyone. If it would just meet in the middle I would be happy, (Probably not, but I can tell myself that). Regardless, as long as it doesn't start to snow I will be content with whatever Mother Nature throws my way.

## Blueberry Bread Pudding with Maple Mascarpone Sauce

### INGREDIENTS

- Unsalted butter to grease the pan
- 6 eggs
- ¾ CUP brown sugar
- 1½ TEASPOONS pure vanilla extract
- 1 TEASPOON ground cinnamon
- PINCH ground nutmeg
- PINCH salt
- 3 CUPS milk
- 1 POUND loaf challah or brioche bread cut into 1-inch cubes (12 cups)
- 1½ CUPS blueberries
- 2 TABLESPOONS sliced almonds
- MAPLE MASCARPONE SAUCE:
- 8 OUNCES mascarpone cheese
- ¼ CUP maple syrup

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Grease a 9-inch by 13-inch baking pan with butter.
2. Combine the eggs, sugar, vanilla extract, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in a large bowl and beat well. Add the milk and whisk all the ingredients together.
3. Add the bread cubes and toss to coat the bread with the egg custard. Let the bread sit in the custard for 10

- minutes or so to absorb the liquid.
4. Meanwhile, pre-heat the oven to 350°F.
5. Toss the blueberries with the soaked bread and pour the mixture into the greased baking dish. (It might be easier to add some bread to the baking dish, scatter some of the blueberries in, add more bread and scatter in the remaining blueberries.) Sprinkle the sliced almonds on top.
6. Transfer the bread pudding to the oven and bake at 350°F for one hour, or until a skewer inserted in the center of the pudding comes out clean and the top is nicely browned and springs back when you touch it.
7. While the bread pudding is baking, make the maple mascarpone sauce. Combine the mascarpone cheese and maple syrup in a saucepan. Heat over low heat, stirring often. When the mascarpone starts to melt in the pan, whisk until it becomes a smooth pourable consistency. Keep the sauce warm or re-heat over low heat when ready to serve.
8. Let the pudding cool to an edible temperature. Then serve with some warm maple mascarpone sauce drizzled on top.

## Super Crossword 'TWOULD BE NICE

<b>ACROSS</b>	49 A noble gas	97 Time of day for muscle spasms?	4 Mother of Mars, in myth	36 Oregon's capital	82 Corrida cheer
1 "Bluff City Law" network	50 Wedding page word	102 That, in Lima	6 Goller Michelle	38 Wildcats with ear tufts	83 Blasting stuff
4 Mandible site	51 Top-notch	103 Any day now	7 Possess jointly with someone else	42 Caviar eggs	84 Part of 130-Across: Abbr.
7 Talks lovingly	52 Genetic stuff	104 "I goofed!"	8 Big name in toothbrushes	43 Seine, for one	86 Slangy denial
11 One painting with dots	53 Major exhibition	105 K-12 org.	9 Come — (temptations)	44 Royal Botanic Gardens site	90 Container for flats or heels
19 Long-popular ISP	56 Perform gastric bypasses?	106 Expert at recognizing the finest strong string?	10 Old JFK flier	45 Pan's cousin	92 Stupidity
20 Mythical horses	61 Coastal inlet	112 Lacking spice	11 Of a pelvic bone	46 Corsage flower	93 Things unlike all the others
22 Indy 500, e.g.	64 Roof overhang	113 "— it grand?"	12 City northwest of Genoa	47 Get a whiff of	94 Exchanged, as an older model
23 Outdoor food party for 11- and 12-year-olds?	66 Musical sign	114 Tofu source	13 Ending for krypton	48 In conclusion	96 Franc division
25 Some very valuable violins	67 "Say again?"	115 Call to squad cars, for short	14 Yappy lap dog, in brief	49 In regard to	97 Slage award
26 Old Texas siege site	68 One working to promote high-quality serge and denim?	116 Lamp dweller	15 Precadament	54 Fathers	98 Go after romantically
27 Saddlery tool	75 Fuzzy picture	117 Arbitrator	16 Oahu porch	55 Eggs	99 Ending of some pasta names
28 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"	76 Tilted type: Abbr.	120 Super-itchy wool cloth?	17 Virtual b'day greeting, e.g.	57 Bacterium in the gut	100 Debtor's slip
29 Not adorned	77 Imitate a lion	124 Coveted part for an actor	18 Look at again (temptations)	58 Furry TV ET	101 "Says You!" ailer
30 Type	78 Susan of "L.A. Law"	125 Big Apple animal attraction	21 Certain dried berry	59 Small cask	103 Noisy sleeper
31 Identical sibling near some falling rocks?	79 Contest to see who has the cleverest taunts?	126 — Lanka product plugs to websites	22 Banned apple spray	60 "So cute!"	106 Florida city
37 Caesar's 106	85 Have too much of, for short	127 It provides product plugs to websites	23 Banned apple spray	61 Easter animal	107 Use, as a tool
38 Neighbor of Vietnam	87 Lance of the O.J. trial	128 Skin malady	24 911 VIP	62 Hurrier's cry	108 Pakistan's longest river
39 River through Orsk	88 Paris hub	129 Passports et al.	25 911 VIP	63 Share a border with	109 "— Mio"
40 "Norma —"	89 Negatives	130 IRS form fig.	26 Banned apple spray	64 Not cooked	110 Anglo —
41 "Happy Days" star with gleaming eyes?	91 "Wonder Woman" star Gal	<b>DOWN</b>	27 Banned apple spray	65 Give moral guidance	111 Back column
45 Ingredient in Nutella	95 CBer's lingo system	1 "Solaris" actress	28 Banned apple spray	66 Part of MoMA	112 Kitten's cry
		2 Amaze	29 Banned apple spray	70 Ballplayer Mel	116 Old Pontiacs
		3 Glade	30 Banned apple spray	71 Not cooked	118 Opp. of departure
			31 Body pic	72 Hugs, in a love letter	119 "Mazel —!"
			32 "Amazing!"	73 Father	120 Pacers' org.
			33 Brynner on Broadway	74 "Wild Thing" singers, with "The"	121 Foe of Frodo
			34 Plural "is"	80 Not rigid	122 Rambo's gun
			35 Brand of clog remover	81 Triage physician, for short	123 Grassy turf

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### Precipitation

Week 0.04"  
April 6.65"  
2023 19.77"

### Snowfall

New Snow 0"  
Snow on ground 0"  
Winter Total 11.5"

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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# A Brief History of the Thomas, West Virginia Area

By Joseph W. Dumire  
Tucker County Historical Society

## IN THE BEGINNING:

Close your eyes. Imagine the early beginnings of the area surrounding Thomas. The year was 1746. Thomas Lewis and Col. Peter Jefferson who was the father of Thomas Jefferson were commissioned by Thomas, 6<sup>th</sup> Lord Fairfax to survey the lands of his Northern Neck Proprietary that Lord Fairfax had inherited from his father the 5<sup>th</sup> Lord Fairfax being 5/6 of the original 5,282,000 acres granted by King Charles II on September 18, 1649, to Fairfax's father the 5<sup>th</sup> Lord Fairfax. The land included the headspring of the North Branch of the Potomac River and was marked by the Fairfax Stone (dtd. 1746, replaced 1910, replaced 1957) which is believed to have been set by a youthful George Washington and currently marks the meeting place of Preston, Grant and Tucker Counties in West Virginia as well as Garrett County, Maryland. This survey succeeded the original survey of 1736. At this time in history the area was still part of the State of Virginia.

This region of land was a vast wilderness covered with vast expanses of virgin forest consisting of red spruce, beech, walnut, ash, poplar, sugar maple, cherry, red and white oak, and chestnut. The laurel and rhododendron were so thick and intertwined it was necessary to cut through them to make the way traversable. The lands were abundant with wildlife including deer, beaver, mink, turkey, black bear, elk and many other types and kinds of wildlife and fish. It was a land of unequalled beauty and savage grandeur.

## ENTER U. S. SENATOR HENRY GASSAWAY DAVIS (b. 1823-d.1916):

Henry Gassaway Davis was born in 1823 near Baltimore to a genteel family who had previously lived in London, England. However, the family had fallen on hard times and his father died young. So, Henry was relegated to leaving school early on with little education beyond the elementary grades to help support the family. In his twenties Henry became a brakeman on the B & O Railroad which became the early start of his success. From 1875 to 1905 he became one of the more prominent and significant secondary political and business leaders of the country during the industrial age of America. In 1904 at the age of eighty-one he was nominated for vice-president of the United States.

An astute businessman, Senator Davis acquired great wealth during the "Gilded Age." He founded several towns and several banking institutions, built churches and schools, a children's home and a fine hospital. In association with his son-in-law, Senator Stephen Benton Elkins, he helped found Davis & Elkins College which bears their names. Senator Davis associated with other rich and famous industrialists of the period including John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius Vanderbilt and Henry Clay Frick. While being philanthropists, these men gave generously to community needs, but at the same time they treated their employees harshly.

Senator Davis acquired many thousands of acreages in West Virginia and Maryland during his career. He saw the wealth potential of the virgin forests and seams of coal. During the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the Senator began removing and selling the timber and coal reserves from his lands. Getting the products to market was an arduous and dangerous

venture during the early years of his business ventures. So, the Senator decided he needed a more efficient means of getting his coal and timber products to market from this undeveloped region.

## THE HEYDAY OF SENATOR DAVIS' EMPIRE:

Senator Davis' Davis Coal & Coke Co. was chartered on January 17, 1889, and his West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh Railway was chartered in February 1881. These new charters were the result of the merger of Senator Davis' various real estate and railway companies. The Buxton & Landstreet Company Store was chartered on August 7, 1889, as the retail arm of the Davis Coal & Coke Company. The original wood frame structure burned down and was replaced by the current brick structure in 1900. The Davis Coal & Coke Administration Building was also constructed in 1900 for the oversight of the real estate, coal, coke and timber operations. The main office locally for the railway operated out of the city of Elkins, West Virginia.

The first leg of the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh Railway stretched from Piedmont, WV to Elk Garden, WV and opened on November 2, 1881. The railroad was completed to Thomas, WV in August 1884, to Parsons in 1888 and Elkins November 1889, and then on to Huttonsville, WV. Eventually the railroad connected with the B & O Railroad at Cumberland, MD. There were excellent connections to the North, East and West. During the heyday of Senator Davis' industrial empire his railroad carried 245,838 tons of lumber in 1899 alone which is equal to 125,000,000 board feet. Holdings of the railroad included the Blackwater Hotel at Davis. Thomas became the great industrial center of the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh Railway, and including the suburbs had a population of 5,000 people.

Davis Coal & Coke Company controlled coal, timber, and coke operations as well as owning a hotel in Davis, and electric power plant in Thomas which also supplied the electricity to the city of Thomas. There were nine coal mines in Thomas alone and one-thousand coke ovens. At one time the sky over Coketon was so brilliantly lighted with the glow from the coke ovens that it was comparable to the aurora borealis, and the glow could be seen for miles around. The first mine opened in 1883 and coal was waiting to be shipped by the time the railroad arrived in 1884. Company offices were in New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Wilmington, Delaware, Trenton, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., Cumberland, Maryland and Thomas, WV. Company business employed a President, Vice-President, General Manager, General Sales Agent, General Superintendent, nine local superintendents, and over one-hundred clerks, foremen and other office employees. Were it not for Senator Davis along with his Davis Coal & Coke Co. and the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh Railway the local communities would not exist. No single industry ever did so much for Thomas, Coketon and Douglas as the Davis Coal & Coke Co. True, this company was contingent upon the railway company; But, at the same time, the railway company was contingent on the Davis Coal & Coke Co. The Davis Coal & Coke Co. was one of the largest and best-known coal companies in the world.

Immigrants of sixteen different nationalities and race flocked to Thomas and Davis to mine the coal, cut the timber

and work the coke ovens. There were people from Lithuania, Italy, Austria, Ireland, Poland, Slovenia, Russia and other countries. African American workers were brought in as strike breakers when Company employees became dissatisfied with working conditions, poor pay and being forced to buy goods at the Company store. Thomas became a city with a cosmopolitan flair. In 1906 Davis Coal & Coke owned 100,000 acres of coal land that produced 8,000 tons per day with Thomas alone producing half of that amount. About thirteen hundred men were employed and the Company payroll was about \$75,000 per month. During the golden age of the Company Davis Coal & Coke employed nearly one-thousand people in Tucker County with a payroll approximating \$100,000. In 1903 a Polish gentleman by the name of Wladyslaw Dackiewicz came to Thomas as interpreter for the Davis Coal & Coke Company. He spoke six or eight languages. He lived in Thomas.

The retail arm of the Davis Coal and Coke Company was the Davis Coal & Coke Company Store. It sold everything needed by the miners and their families including food, clothing, furniture, etc. The Company paid the miners in scrip which meant the miners had no choice but to buy everything from the Company. In addition to anything charged on credit at the Company store, things such as water, lights, UMW dues, rent for a Company house or doctor bills to the Company doctor or medical bills at the Company hospital in Elkins were taken out of the miners' wages. So, if the miners were not careful, they could end up not receiving any wages because they were in the hole for what was owed back to the company as an account receivable. Thus, the words in an old song "I owe my soul to the company store." It was a way of keeping the miners down and under the complete control of the Company. Each of the towns where the Company had a coal mine there was a branch of the company store including Pierce, Benbush, and Kempton, Maryland. The store at Thomas was the main or central store and actually sat at the beginning of the Company town of Coketon. Each even included a post office. Whenever the Company opened a mine and started a town they opened a store.

## END OF AN ERA:

Around the 1920's the timber industry had pretty much denuded the area around Thomas of any trees. And, by 1950 the

coal mines in the local area were worked out and began to close. As each of the mines closed and the miners were laid off, they began to leave for cities such as Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Detroit for other employment opportunities

In 1902 the railway, along with Davis Coal & Coke Co. was sold to the Fuller Syndicate led by George Gould. In 1905 they were merged into the Western Maryland Railway which classified the operation as a field office and in 1973 they became part of the Chessie System and then CSX Transportation in 1980. In 1981 the last supervisor of the local operation passed away and was not replaced. The field office was down to one secretary and one engineer, and was managed out of the Huntington, WV office. It became a shadow of the former glory days. During 1985 CSX Transportation closed the field office and tore down properties it considered a liability including the coal lab next to the administration building, and the depot along with numerous sheds and other structures along the railroad grade. An era of local history had sadly come to an end. Towns like Thomas, Davis, Coketon, Douglas, Benbush and Pierce became ghosts of themselves. Today these communities rely on the tourist industry for survival, and it is providing a certain amount of resurgence.

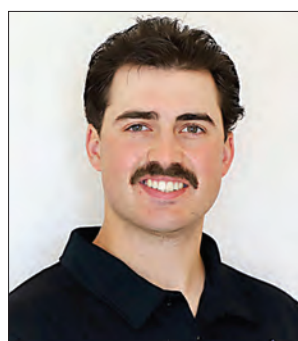
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## Williams Joins Eastern College as Potomac Highlands Producers Coordinator

**MOOREFIELD, W.Va.** – Sloan Williams, a resident of Old Fields, West Virginia, and a tenth-generation farmer, has been hired as the AGEE PHP Coordinator to work in Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College's Ag Innovation Department. He is the son of Sam and Kelly Williams, who own and manage South Branch Potomac Lanes Bowling Center, Strikers Grill & Pizza, South Branch Cinema 6, South Branch Inn Moorefield & Romney, Old Fields Country Store and Boot Outfitters, South Branch Cattle & Meat



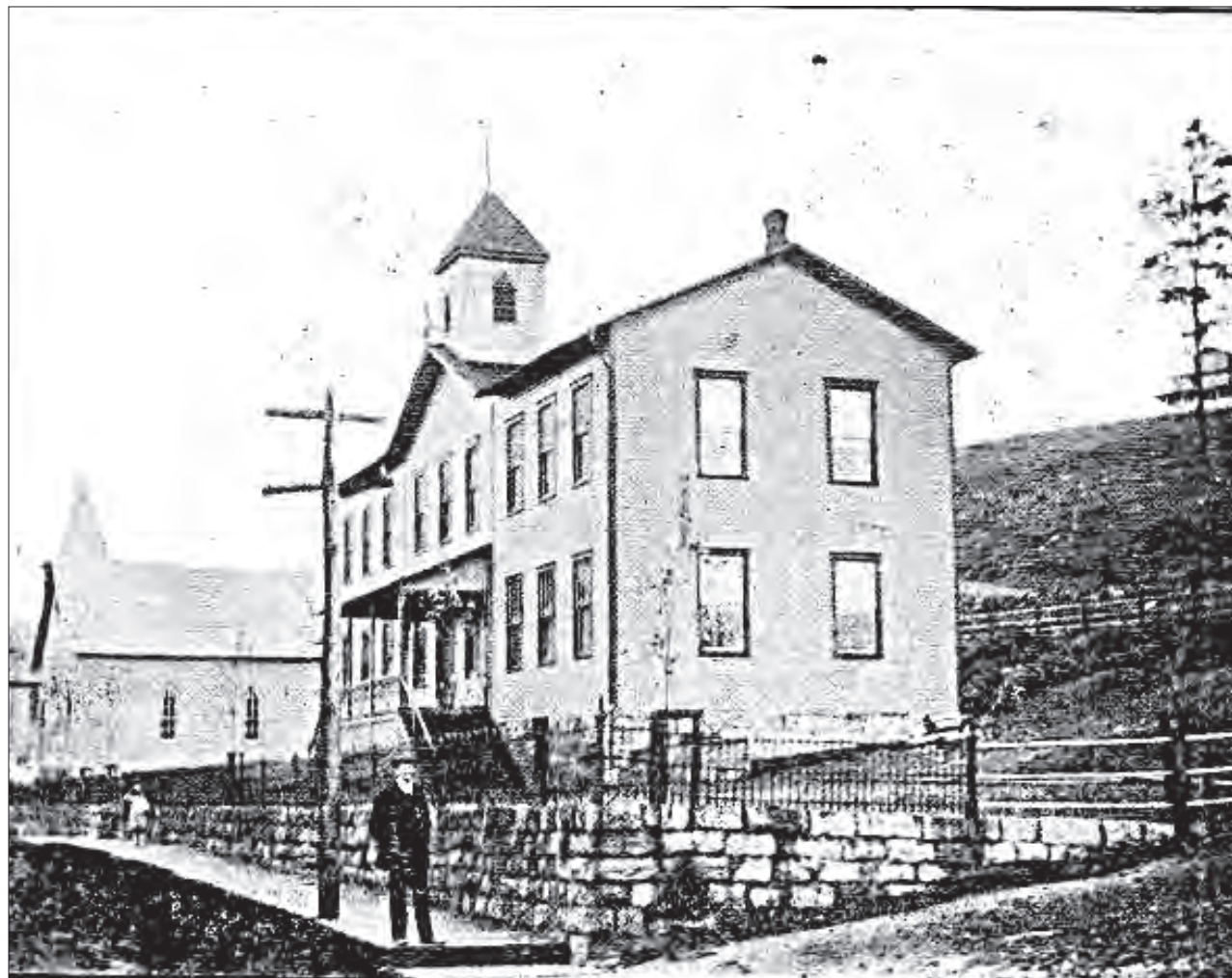
Company, Sweet Rose Ice Cream, and Williams Farms & Sweet Corn.

Williams holds a bachelor of science from West Virginia University, where he dual majored in Agricultural Business and Energy Land Management. He also completed a

minor in Agricultural Law and graduated Summa Cum Laude in the Spring of 2021.

Before joining the Eastern team, Williams co-founded the South Branch Cattle & Meat Company. "It is a local meat company providing high-quality beef and pork to the Potomac Highlands Region," said Williams. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and anything outdoors. When asked about what he likes most about working at Eastern, he said, "The friendly faces and everyone working together as a team."

## TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo from Thomas of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and The Central School Building. I don't know when the school started or was replaced. Ideas, suggestions, comments contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

## REUNION

The Jesse Anderson-Virginia Carr family reunion will be held Sunday, July 2 at the Hendricks Park Pavilion. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and lunch will start at 12:30 p.m. bring your favorite covered dish and join us. Call 304-745-3553 for more info.

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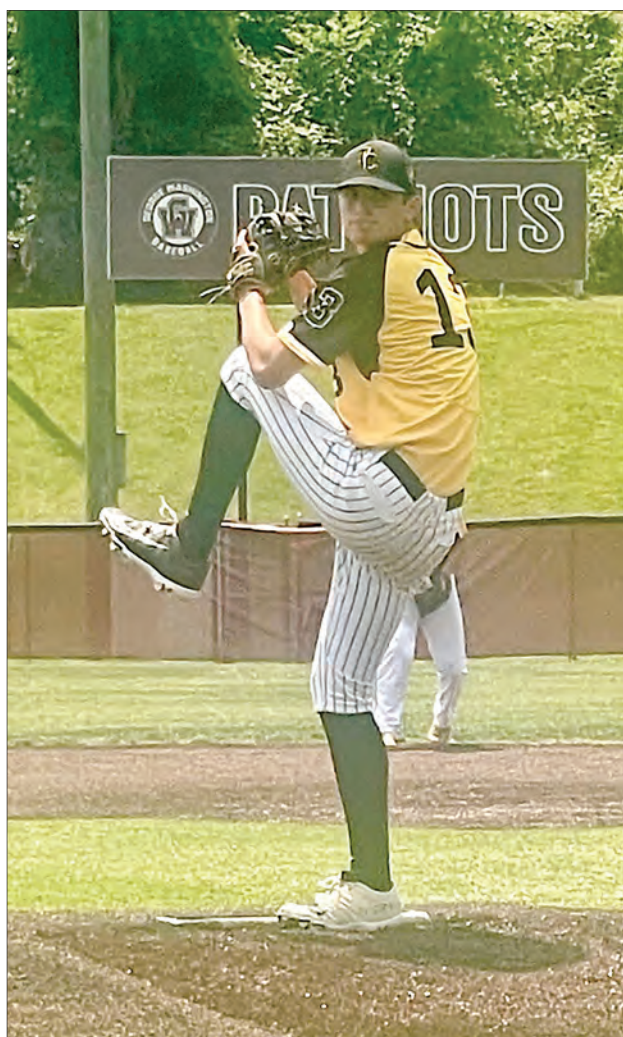
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# SPORTS

## TCHS Athletes Participate in North South All-Star Games



Tucker County's Mason Kisamore delivers a pitch in the North South All-Star Baseball game on Sunday June 4. Photo by Amanda Kisamore.



Tucker County's Dom Mullenax competed in the North South All-Star Football game on Saturday June 9. Photo by Greg Carey.



Tucker County's Kadie Colebank compete in the North South All-Star Basketball game on Friday June 9. Photo by Dave Helmick.

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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.

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Tucker County's Paige Shaffer was selected to compete in the North South All-Star Softball game on Thursday June 8. Photo by Cynthia Saffer.

### Shaffer Earns Honorable Mention All-State

The West Virginia Sportswriters announced the Softball All-State Selections on June 7. Tucker County's Senior Paige Shaffer received an Honorable Mention selection.



## WVDNR announces catfish stockings

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has stocked 28 waters around the state with catfish, the agency announced on Wednesday.

- Anawalt Lake
- Anderson Lake
- Babcock State Park Lake
- Barboursville Lake
- Berwind Lake
- Cedar Creek State Park Lake
- Charles Fork Lake
- Chief Logan S.P. Pond
- Conaway Run Lake
- Coonskin Park Pond
- Coopers Rock Lake
- Deegan Lake
- Frozen Camp (Right Fork)
- Hinkle Lake
- Hurricane Lake
- Laurel Lake
- Little Beaver State Park Lake
- Logan County Airport Pond
- Mason Lake
- Moncove Lake
- Mountwood Lake
- North Bend State Park Pond
- Pendleton Lake
- Plum Orchard Lake
- Rollins Lake
- Teter Creek Lake
- Tracy Lake
- Wirt County Farm Pond

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

In addition to the above catfish stockings, trout were stocked in North Fork South Branch, Shavers Fork (Upper Section) and South Branch (Catch and Release). Trout stocking will resume for two weeks during the weeks of Oct. 16 and Oct. 23. A trout stamp is needed while fishing for trout.

To learn more about fishing opportunities and stockings in West Virginia, visit [WVdnr.gov/fishing](http://WVdnr.gov/fishing).

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# TCHS Scores Above Average

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County High School Principal Alex Cork updated the Tucker County School Board on the progress of the high school over this school year at the board's regular meeting.

"I know the superintendent has already kind of let you know that I'm embargoed from giving exact numbers, but academically this year with the university assessment we had a very good year," Cork said. "I want to commend our students on that. That Junior Class is extremely bright and is a super proud point of our school and our county."

Cork also commended his staff for their work over the past school year. "I want to commend our teachers as well because I talked to you earlier in the fall, we began PSAT testing every kid this year. Back in October, we did our 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> graders. One of things we are trying to develop with that is we're trying to figure out where do we need to grow, where are we doing, do we regress, do we grow and so just the numbers from PSAT, on our 11<sup>th</sup> graders, to the SAT, I can't give you exact numbers. But I can tell you, our mean score from the fall to the spring – from the PSAT in the fall to the SAT in the spring, those kids grew 45 points on the mean score, they

grew 30 points in the ULA score and they grew 15 points on the Math score. Our teachers need to be commended on that number because that growth occurred from October all the way, just through, April. So that's something we are really proud of. That number to me is kind of the number we are looking at the most. You're baseline is going to be different every year."

Cork said that his students scored above average in all categories this year. "We were above the state average in every single category and so that's something to be tremendously proud of. I don't know if since using SAT, we've ever been able to say that. And we have never met a national average before, but we just missed the ULA by less than 10 points, I think it's less than 10. So, we're very proud of that."

Cork said that the number of students that met standards has grown significantly in the last three years. "Just in the last three years, so the first year, going back to the 2021 assessment, we only had five students that year that met the national benchmark standards," Cork said. "That number was expanded to eight, I think, last year. I believe, it is not quite finalized...but it looks like it's going to be around 15 students. So, tripling that number over the past three years. We're really, really proud of that. I'm

so proud of those students. I'm so proud of those teachers. The data shows their hard work and I have to commend them on that."

Cork did admit to the board that baselines change every year and the sophomore class has its challenges. "Baselines are different every year. I'm not going to stand around here and sugar coat it, our sophomores have a further distance to go. I will say I am proud of this; in that we're not winging it this time. Whereas before, over the years we're like, 'Yeah, I think they're a little bit behind.' I've got the data to prove it."

Cork said that TCHS was perhaps the only school in WV to do a mock digital SAT test. "So, what we did this year, we ran a mock SAT. Our freshmen and sophomores took the 2022 SAT, the exact one, digitally...we might be the only school in the state that did a mock digital run at it because its going digital next year. So our kids have already done that at some point, which is really good."

Cork said the purpose of the mock SAT testing of freshmen and sophomores was to target where their skills can be developed. "When we look back at that data...we saw a lot of similarities between that 2022 assessment and this years. So what we look at that more, not so much in the averages, because you've got

to remember that they're taking a test meant for juniors as freshmen and sophomores, but what we saw was that the freshmen class's is very good and the sophomores, they are within instructing distance of where we want them to be. But we are looking at it more for specific standards and questions. We are looking at it to try to figure out, 'Ok, where are we teaching this skill or not teaching this skill. Where are we at.'"

Cork addressed the struggles the high school is having with students utilizing the supplemental resources. "We're having the same challenges that, it kind of sounds like, the other schools are, with getting students to utilize this kind of supplemental resources effectively," Cork said. "So, we're going to take, and for those juniors this year, we ran an experimental run. Mr. Evans took a group of kids that were really wanting to really better themselves for their SATs. He took them and he just took their PSAT scores, identified where they were weak at in skills and standards with it and he just took and ran and taught them those skills."

Cork said the experiment was a success. "Every single one of those kids, except for one, met the prominence and so that experiment went very well. And by the way the one that didn't, they missed by the absolute skin

of their teeth."

Cork said that the data is going to be used to create pods for English and Math for next year to assist the students. "I know some other schools that are doing that," Cork said. "We are going to take our juniors next year and we are going to use this SAT benchmarking data. We are going to take this data and create some pods for English and Math to where we are going to do that all year with our Juniors."

Cork said that the school is utilizing Khan Academy for the freshmen and sophomore enrichment. "Here is what I will say about Khan, every kid who utilizes it will better themselves. There is no doubt about it. We're trying to figure out ways to incentivize it...I'm continuing to explore all options to try to get them to take the Kahn Academy programming seriously because its effective, its driven off their PSAT information, if they just take it seriously."

Khan Academy, according to Cork is a free asset to the county and supplies the students with Credit Recovery, supplemental enrichment and synchs with the students PSAT scores.

The next regular meeting of the Tucker County School Board will be Monday, June 19 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tucker County Board of Education Office, 100 Education Lane, Parsons.

# School Board Updated on TVEMS Year

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

Principals from three Tucker County Schools addressed the Tucker County School Board at their regular meeting. Kelly Thompson from TVEMS presented the board with an end of year report of student progress.

Thompson gave a favorable report on the progress of her students at Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School. She gave the credit to both her staff and students' hard work. "I think the teachers and the kids worked really hard," Thompson said. "Even Middle School, usually they are the one that it's hard to motivate, they had a big jump, too. I was really happy about, some of them went to the two and three grade levels above. So, that's pretty good for Middle School kids, any kid, but Middle School kids."

Board Member Cathy Hebb questioned Thompson on the issue of testing preparation time. "This year, weren't there more times to be on the computer and do testing?" Hebb said. "To familiarize themselves with the process?"

Thompson said that the county had set a goal for the children to meet in regards to the computer testing system. "Alicia (Lambert) wanted us to set like how many lessons completed," Thompson said, "which was a really big feat for some of them, but with certain circumstances she let us play with those a little bit because with some kids, you know, they will spend forever on one lesson just to get it finished. So, there were certain things we threw in there. Some did complete the lessons, but some didn't get it. Some were close, but we had to set some kind of rule just to motivate them to just try and reach as close as we could. I think the program is a good program. I think it is the more consistent we

use it; I think it is geared more towards the GSA demands."

Lambert commented on the growth shown by those students that met their goal, versus those who did not. "You can definitely see in the students that did meet their goals; their percentage of growth far exceeded the typical student. So, there is proof in the data that it works, but getting them onboard to try to want to do that."

Student participation has been a struggle according to Lambert. "The first year we assigned a time frame. You had to spend 45 minutes on each, one reading, one math," Lambert said. "What we found were students were spending the time, but they weren't completing any lessons. We had maybe one student complete the lessons for the year and he had huge growth. He came up two grade levels and scored mastery level GSAs that year. So there's proof that it works."

Lambert also said that the county had addressed this year differently in response to last year's problems. "So, this year we approached it differently and said 25 lessons per nine weeks for a total of 100 for the school year," Lambert said. "We didn't have a lot of students that met that goal. We had several very close, but we didn't have a lot that met the goal of a hundred. So, I've been sending out emails all this week trying to recognize the students that did meet that goal, to the teachers, so that they know that we are looking at that data. But those who did it really did have substantial growth. They all met their stretch growth target or exceeded it."

Lambert said student participation and

engagement is key to the program's success. "Getting the buy in, I think is really important," Lambert said.

Thompson said her teachers had more time to study the data and target the skills the students were needing most. "The teachers, they kind of had a little more time to look at the data and the interventionists are involved in that, too," Thompson said. "Then they can pick apart skills that they are weak in and work on those skills. So, I think that was really helpful this year, too."

Lambert also informed the board that some teachers have felt more comfortable with their own instruction. "And we have said, in fairness as well, that if teachers are doing their own interventions and not using the program, but are going teacher led interventions, we are in full support of that because I think a teacher taught lesson takes the place of any computer program ever, but we didn't want to give them one more thing to prep for. So, here's the program that will do it for you, but if you choose to say, 'No, my kids really struggle with comprehensions so I need to do a very rigorous activity on comprehension and intervention.' I am completely fine with that. I just told them to make sure to let their administrators know what they are doing. Now, that's not a free pass to go outside and play during intervention time, but if you want to teach lessons versus this, then we are in full support of this as well because we did have some teacher who felt more confident in giving the direct instructions themselves. Which I appreciated. It's just one more thing for them to prep for."

Thompson also informed the board of the accomplishments of her students over the year. The students had participated and won in a variety of academic fairs, events, and competitions over the year. "That was exciting," Thompson said. "Because the school, I don't really think they made it mandatory to do these fairs and I think that with Covid and everything, we got out of it. I think the kids really took pride in their projects. So it was nice to see as much interest as was there."

Thompson also said the students did projects for nursing home residents and planted seeds with the county extension office staff among other projects such as Cooking Around the World, Random Acts of Kindness Week, tree planting and an end of the year celebration with a mechanical bull, inflatables, dunk tank and snow cones, among other treats. "We went out with a bang," Thompson said.

Thompson also updated the board on training the staff has undergone in preparation for the next school year and the steps her staff is taking towards next year's academic season.

Hebb thanked Thompson on behalf of the board for the hard work that Thompson and her staff have put into this year. "You and your staff have done a wonderful job this year," Hebb said. "A lot of positive things. Congratulations to you all."

The next regular meeting of the Tucker County School Board will be Monday, June 19 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tucker County Board of Education Office, 100 Education Lane, Parsons.

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# Changes Coming to DTEMS Next School Year

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School Principal Cynthia Shaffer updated the Tucker County School Board on the status of her students at the board's regular meeting. Shaffer outlined the successes and struggles her students have experienced over the school year.

"I spent two thirds of the year at Tucker Valley," Shaffer said. "When I interviewed for Davis Thomas, when they asked what I was going to do, I said survive. And for three months, I felt like I was in survival mode. When I'm saying survival, I don't mean that it was all bad."

Shaffer said that she plans to change how the kindergarten students are tested next year. "Kindergarten did not take the diagnostic at the beginning of the year. I'm changing that for next year. Don't know why they were afraid that the kindergartners couldn't manipulate the system. So what you're looking at, for kindergarten, is from January until May. So, from mid-year to the end of the year...Next year I'm

anxious to see where they are in the beginning."

Shaffer said that the elementary students had significant growth whereas the Middle School had its share of challenges, especially in regards to behavior issues. "The elementary grades grew significantly (in reading). We still have some work to do in middle school. Going into this position, middle school at Davis Thomas has proved to be a challenge. So, I was dealing with a lot of behavior issues and trying to get things set up and I said at the program, I'm not as nice as Mr. Kaismore and I have higher expectations."

Shaffer informed the board of her thoughts on why the middle school scores were as low as they were, "So when I look at the middle school score, I hope next year that we don't see all that red. Right now, I know that they look basically on the minutes versus lessons passed, unlike Tucker Valley and that shows because a lot of them would turn it on and just let the time go and they were finished, or so they thought."

Shaffer said she has a plan for next year

in regards to the problems she has faced with the middle school. "So next year, I'm really going to watch this," Shaffer said. "Some teachers were more diligent to have students complete these lessons than others. So, that will be different."

Shaffer also said that there were areas in need of improvement in math as well. "Then math, once again we have areas of growth or areas that we need to improve upon."

Shaffer informed the board of her plans to combat the behavioral and attitude issues she has faced since March. "So, hopefully, I can't speak a lot on what happened through the year, but going forward I want to bring back a lot of the academic achievements and recognize kids for the Golden Bears like we used to do when Alicia (Lambert) was principal. Recognize them for their character, their attendance, their grades because I feel like that hasn't been done in the past and they are like, 'I don't care to take this test. What does it matter?' I spoke with all of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders before the GSAs and their attitudes were, 'Why? What makes the difference?' This determines what you are going to be in high school, in remedial classes. So hopefully next year bringing back some incentives for students who are doing what they are supposed to will help."

Shaffer said that the school has potential going forward. "We have room to grow," Shaffer said. "And I feel like being in this position and starting in August will be a lot different than starting in March. So, hopefully the scores next year will be better. I have confidence. The teachers are excited, I'm excited and hopefully we'll get the students excited about learning."

Board Member Cathy Hebb acknowledged the issues that Shaffer has faced since assuming the position as principal in March. "It's difficult to change, especially when you change principals at the end of the semester," Hebb said. "In the middle of the semester, they know someone is leaving, it's just like now what? There's a lot of uncertainty and you should be commended for jumping into that role as enthusiastically as you did...You're here to be the principal and get the best out of the kids you can. I commend you for that. The scores were good considering because they could have just freaked out, but they didn't and I think they are going to do better next year. You and your staff did very well."

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## BOE Acknowledges Boys and Girls Basketball Teams



Tucker County Superintendent Alicia Lambert introduced the Boys and Girls basketball teams at the Tucker County School Board meeting. She said, "We wanted to take the opportunity and honor both our boys team and our girls team for their state runner up title. They really exceeded expectations and did a great job. This is the first time in a very long time with the boys and the girls that we have been able to bring that designation home." Lambert said, "We expect great things out of both teams again next year, as well."

## More Than 5,000 Students Now Awarded Hope Scholarship For Upcoming School Year

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore, chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, today announced his Office has approved the Hope Scholarship for more than 5,000 West Virginia students for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, with several hundred more students potentially being awarded in the coming weeks.

"There has been a tremendous interest in the Hope Scholarship this year and our Office has been working diligently to ensure every eligible West Virginia family that wants to take advantage of this program to educate their children can do so," Treasurer Moore said.

As of Monday morning, June 5, the Office had approved 5,099 Hope Scholarship applications for the 2023-2024 school year that begins this fall. There were 6,321 applications received by the May 15 deadline and 1,029 are still being processed in various stages of submission, review or on hold awaiting further documentation. All applications are set to be reviewed by July 1.

So far, the Office has only deemed 179 of the submitted applications as ineligible

for the program, while 14 families decided to decline the award after being approved.

"If current trends hold, we could approach nearly 6,000 students receiving the Hope Scholarship this fall – remarkable growth for the second year of this program," Treasurer Moore said. "That tells me West Virginia families have a strong desire for school choice and educational freedom options for their children."

The Hope Scholarship Program is an education savings account, available for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. It is designed to allow parents and families to use the state portion of their child's education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience through the approved Hope Scholarship Program Schools and Education Service Providers.

The scholarship amount varies each school year; for the 2023-2024 year, it will be \$4,488.82. The first portion of Hope Scholarship funds will be distributed to approved students through the program's online portal by Aug. 15, with remaining funds distributed by Jan. 15, 2024.

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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of TUCKER have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of **Delinquent and Nonentered Lands** of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Big Courtroom on the 27th of June, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME	NAME 2	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT	AMOUNT DUE
2022-C-000005	2021	754	LONG GERRI		.22 AC	BLACK FORK	\$156.61
2022-C-000007	2021	1107	POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC		LOT 2 PORTERWOOD	BLACK FORK	\$288.88
2022-C-000008	2021	1672	BEDFORD JAMES A & JUANITA M		100.18 AC	CLOVER	\$999.46
2022-C-000012	2021	2050	POLING HARRY A	%LARRY POLING	PARCEL PIFER MT	CLOVER	\$162.80
2022-C-000013	2021	2054	POLING LARRY A ET AL		MIN INT IN	CLOVER	\$180.77
2022-C-000014	2021	2294	WILLIAMS VIVA		M. 40 ACRES	CLOVER	\$168.08
2022-C-000015	2021	3056	DUNLOP CAMERON VARLEY		LOT 19	DAVIS CORP	\$4,159.77
2022-C-000016	2021	3521	REDELMAN GREGORY L		LT 357	DAVIS CORP	\$2,142.63
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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**PUBLIC NOTICE IN CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES**

NOTICE is hereby given that MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY, public utilities, have filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing electric service to approximately 550,000 customers in northern, central, eastern and northwestern portions of West Virginia in all or portions of the following counties: Barbour, Berkeley, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Lewis, Marion, Mineral, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, and Wood.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective June 30, 2023 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce a \$207,452,687 increase in base rates, which is an increase of approximately 13.0%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	Base Rate Increase	
	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$18.07	15.0%
Commercial	\$55.16	12.5%
Industrial	\$478.70	9.4%
Street Lighting	\$155.13	17.2%

There are no resale customers of Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or lesser than the average shown. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to September 30, 2023 unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention and refer to Case No 23-0460-E-42T. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests and interventions should be addressed to The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company: 5001 NASA Blvd., Fairmont, WV 26554.

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

Monongahela Power Company  
The Potomac Edison Company

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Trustees, Richard A. Pill and David D. Pill, by that certain Deed of Trust dated December 29, 2006, executed by the B01 Towers, David K. Boyles and Mona L. Boyles, to Richard A. Pill or David D. Pill, either of whom may act, the Trustee(s), of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Book 219, at Page 435. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of RR 2 Box 490, Parsons, WV 26287, and, upon information and belief, is now known as 1842 Holly Meadows Rd, Parsons, WV 26287. The Borrowers defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Trustee(s) have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee(s) will sell the following described property, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances belonging, to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Tucker County, in Parsons, West Virginia, on the following date:

June 28, 2023, at 9:15 a.m.

Located in the District of St. George, County of Tucker and State of West Virginia, to-wit: Parcel No. 1: A parcel containing 0.69 of an acre, more or less, subject to an outsale by Donald J. Bennett to Howard G. Ferguson, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description. Parcel No.2: A parcel containing 0.083 acres (erroneously referred to in the current deed as 0.83 acres), more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPTING THE FOLLOWING:

0.31 Acres identified as Tract Two on the attached exhibit which is a survey by James T. Carr, WV Licensed No. 920.

The remaining portion being Tract One which is a parcel comprised of 0.34 acres as shown on the said Exhibit [attached to the Deed recorded in Deed Book 189, at Page 697] and is referred to for a more specific metes and bounds description.

And being the same property conveyed to David K. Boyles and Mona L. Boyles by Deed dated December 27, 2006 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County in Deed Book 1 89, at Page 697.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

- The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS O physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

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*David D. Pill*  
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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**

CASE NO. 23-0030-E-D  
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY  
Request to approve new depreciation rates for the Companies' existing and future capital assets pursuant to rule 20 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. 1

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

On January 13, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company (Companies) requested that the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) approve new depreciation rates for their existing and future capital assets pursuant to its rules and statutory authority. The new depreciation rates have been suspended by the Commission until further notice with the intent to place any new depreciation rates into effect at the same time as any rates stemming from a base rate case filing. The base rate case was filed on May 31, 2023, Case No. 23-0460-E-42T. The requested net change in the annual depreciation charges is an increase of \$75,472,059 per year and is principally due to an increase in generation depreciation rates.

Should the total depreciation rate increase be granted in full and incorporated into base rates, the average monthly bill for their various classes of customers would be changed as follows:

Customer Class	Average Increase/month	Net% Increase
Residential	\$6.14	5.1%
Commercial	\$19.92	5.2%
Industrial	\$7,387.48	4.0%
Streetlighting	\$8.53	2.1%

The Companies estimate that for an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month, the net rate impact of the requested increase will represent a monthly increase of \$6.14 to a total bill of \$126.34. The rate impacts shown above are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive a net increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive net increases that are greater or less than average. Additionally, these proposed increases are based on a Class Cost of Service Study that will be updated in the Companies' upcoming base rate proceeding which will alter these proposed rate increases among the Customer Classes.

By Order dated March 3, 2023, the Commission set an evidentiary hearing that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 and continue (if necessary) through Friday August 25 in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Anyone desiring to intervene in the proceeding should file a written petition to intervene not later than June 30, 2023. All petitions to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and petitions to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Ms. Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/defaultcfm> until the date of hearing by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

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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.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must be filed with the County Commission within 60 days after the first publication date within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

1st Publication Date: June 7, 2023  
Decedent: Harry Robert North  
Filed By: Robert Timothy North, Sr.  
PO Box 263  
Davis, WV 26260

Relationship: son  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 30, 2023

Sherry Simmons  
Tucker County Clerk

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**Randolph and Tucker Counties (TMU-156 Loughs Lane-William 138 kV)**  
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## PHS Alumni Banquet

The 50th anniversary of the Parsons High School Alumni Banquet was held on May 27, 2023 at Tucker Valley Elementary School. Entertainment was provided by Dennis Filler during registration. The program was opened by Marvin "Bud" Parsons, President, by welcoming those in attendance. He began by introducing the cooks: Nancy Dotson, Sandy Shaffer and Ellen Shaffer. "Chopper" Evans gave the invocation followed by Ellen Shaffer leading in the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. A memorial service was held with Rev. Evans assisted by Candy Sommerville and Sylvia Rosenau. The Veterans were honored by Ellen playing music from each prospective branch of service as the Veterans stood in honor.

Dinner was served by "Chopper's" group, Younglife, also J.R. & Tammy Helmick and Cathy Hebb. Following dinner, a spokesperson from each class was asked to speak on their behalf. Martin Ferguson spoke on behalf of

the class of 1953; Lou Sponaugle on the class of 1963 and Kathy DiBacco on the class of 1973, their 50th anniversary.

The Hall of Fame awards were presented by William Jack Miller, first in honor Post-humous of Sue Ann Silk to her husband Terry Silk, next to Harry Sommerville,

Dorothy Carr, Tom Felton and Charles "Punkin" Rhodes.

The Scholarship Awards were given to William Jacob DeVilder and Hannah Hardy in attendance, others named were Avery Smith, Jacey Davis and Camille Smith. Door prizes were then given out by Bud and Jane Parsons, Sharon Daniels, and Carol Weinstein. Following dinner, the 50/50 drawing was held in the gymnasium with Jan Rae Summerfield being the winner. The tickets were sold by Jeanie Ledden, Debby Phillips and Jeanette Bishoff. The results of the silent auction were then given by Jean Morrison and Sharon Daniels. Several items were donated for the auction for our scholarship fund and some were given in honor of Evelyn Moore by the Moore Family. The benediction was given by the Rev. Daniel "Chopper" Evans.

Members and guests attending the banquet included Sharon Daniels, class of '66, Jack W. Miller, '56; Sylvia Rosenau, '56; Jonna Miller; Larry Denison '65; Janet Denison '67; Clarice Knotts '70; Candy & Harry Sommerville '56; Marvin "Bud" Parsons '56; Jane Parsons '55; Nancy Arbogast Nestor '64; David Nestor '60; Diane & Bill Dilly '55; Frank & Barbara Watring '70; Narel Hebb '70; Ralph Hebb '63; Russell Shahan '65; Lovanna Shahan '70; Phyllis

Carr '59; Danny Carr '58; Yvonne Parsons '61; Phil Carr '61; Joanne & Robert Lambert '50; Priscilla Flanagan '57; Fred Jones '63; Branda Jones '70; Shirley Moody '59; Nola DeVilder '51; Lessie Jean Morrison '55.

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## West Virginia Days Weekend at Canaan Valley Resort

### Features Civil War Reenactments, Outdoor Adventure June 16-18

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"The smell of gun smoke and cook fires will permeate the mountain air as Civil War reenactors relive battles and camp life during the West Virginia Days Celebration," said Matt Baker, Canaan Valley Resort General Manager. "There will be a variety of additional activities for kids and families to enjoy, like live music, field games, food vendors, an Irish Road Bowling contest, and the Wings of Wonder birding seminar."

Baker noted that Civil War reenactment units, to include the Barbour Grays from Philippi, WV, West Virginia 3<sup>rd</sup> Calvary Company «C», the 140th Volunteers from Green County, PA, and the West Virginia Light Artillery, will bring history to life throughout the weekend. Guests will witness a "living" Civil War encampment with both men and women in period dress going about their daily chores interspersed with exciting live battlefield skirmishes.

Live skirmishes will take place at noon

and 5:30pm on Saturday and noon on Sunday. The encampment will be open on Friday, June 16 from 6-8pm, on Saturday, June 17 from 9am-8pm, and Sunday, June 18 from 9am-noon.

On Friday evening, June 16, *Andrew Adkins & 1863* will perform outdoors on the Quenchers Plaza, slope side at the ski area from 6-9pm. Sunset chairlift rides will also be available.

For those interested in something totally different, the resort will host an Irish Road Bowling tournament at 1:30pm on Sunday, June 18. Irish Road Bowling is a sport in which competitors attempt to take the fewest throws to propel a metal ball – known as a "bullet" – along a predetermined course of country roads. Fun for all ages, no experience is necessary to participate.

At 4pm on Sunday, June 18, Three Rivers Avian Center will host *Wings of Wonder: WV Birds of Prey*. Featuring birds of prey in attendance, this presentation discusses the incredible abilities of raptors, their differences, and how connected birds are with their ecosystems. There is no fee to participate.

Throughout the weekend guests have access to the resort's outdoor pool, miles of hiking and biking trails, sporting clay shooting range, and an 18-hole championship golf course, among other amenities offered at the property.

For additional information, or to make reservations, contact the resort at 1-800-622-4121 or visit the website at [www.CanaanResort.com](http://www.CanaanResort.com).

## St. George Ridge Runners 4-H club



The St. George Ridge Runners 4-H club picked up trash along the Rail Trail from Kingsford to the Grand Slam Grill. After their community service activity, they enjoyed a meal together at the Grand Slam.

## First Annual Walk 100 Miles Event Held at Eastern College



**Moorefield W.Va.** – Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern) kicked off the first annual Walk 100 Miles event by tie-dyeing shirts on May 26. For the first half of the event on May 26th, the attendees showed up at 11 a.m. to tie-dye shirts with an array of colors to choose from. Light refreshments were provided to everyone once they were finished. Then on June 1, everyone was able to come back wearing their tie-dyed shirt to walk the first mile, where Ed Cole, Student Services Specialist, led everyone around the parking lot at Eastern. This counted as their first mile to write down.

"This summer, Eastern is getting out and walking with our Walk 100 Miles event. We currently have seventy-six participants. Moreover, the community has been buzzing with positive feedback from individuals who were unable to participate this year but are eager to join us next year. Engaging in this activity allows you to enjoy the advantages of both physical exercise and emotional well-being. Walking regularly not only provides the physical benefits of exercise but also contributes to alleviating symptoms associated with chronic mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression," said Ed Cole,

Student Services Specialist, "However, it's crucial to acknowledge that while walking can be beneficial, it should not replace professional mental health treatment. Remember to consult with a licensed mental health professional for comprehensive support."

This event was open to the community and participants were able to register in advance to secure a shirt for tie-dyeing. Walk 100 Miles was created in tandem with May being Mental Health Awareness Month, and to support others in building healthy lifestyle habits. In total, there are seventy-six participants, who will, over the course of ten weeks, walk a total of one hundred miles. They will keep track of how much they have walked, and by the end of the ten weeks, be able to turn their time in to be entered into a raffle to win prizes like a Fitbit.

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