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City of Parsons Hear Updates



The Pulp Mill Bottom Pond Restoration was discussed by the City of Parsons. The council discussed the need for cleaning out of the pond to stop the clogging of the fountain equipment. The city council also discussed the need for a trolling motor to assist in the cleanup.

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The City of Parsons City Council addresses ongoing projects and other city business. Among updates presented to the council, City of Parsons Police Chief Kevin Keplinger provided updates on law enforcement in the city and representatives from Thrasher Architecture, Engineering and Field Services provided updates on three projects.

Police Chief Kevin Keplinger told the council of an incident that concerned him recently. According to Keplinger about a week and a half ago, his department received a complaint about a four wheeler in the dead end of Main Street area that had interaction with residents. "By the time we got on scene, the patrolman got on scene, the four wheeler had already left," Keplinger said. "Had a little bit of interaction with some residents down there and a baggie of a

green leafy substance that to the best of my training, knowledge and experience I would say was marijuana, was recovered. When that was tested by field test kit, it tested immediately and very strongly for amphetamines. So we did not get a chance to interview this person. So I don't know if that was intentional. I don't know if we're dealing with laced marijuana, but it may not be. So just want to make people aware of that."

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Solid Waste Authority Welcomes New Member, On Track for Air Quality Permit



By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Solid Waste Authority welcomed its newest member to the board on July 24th. Lowell Moore's appointment filled a vacancy left when Diane Hinkle stepped down from the board in June after four and a half years of service. Moore was welcomed and introduced to the board by Presiding Chair Mark Holstine.

"First I'd like to welcome Lowell to the board," Holstine said. "Lowell is filling the seat vacated by Diane. And thank you very much for volunteering your time. I really appreciate you coming on board. We continue to have a really strong board, in my opinion. I look forward to continuing that."

According to Holstine, the Authority is on track with its Air Quality Permit. "The air permitting process is on schedule. They have to have the emissions inventory into the DEP by next Monday. They were on schedule to do that. They're supposed to have a draft of that to me and Jody this week for the rest of us to look at. Its going to be hard for me to critique. Inventory is inven-

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The Tucker County Solid Waste Authority examine documents July 24th at the TCSWA Office on Landfill Road in Davis.

911 Center Receives First Early Warning System in State, Simmons named 911 Director

By: Lydia Crawley
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911 Director Michael Simmons informed the Tucker County Commission on that his department was receiving a first of its kind in the state early warning system to monitor the power and temperature of the 911 Center's server room. The measure was a response to recent issues the center has encountered.

Simmons informed the Commissioners of equipment issues his department has been contending with recently. "We had a couple, I call them issues of interest that have happened in the past couple of days," Simmons said. "The AC unit that feeds our server room failed and that also caused damage to the head in the server room which is the air unit on the wall in there. We have about a quarter of a million dollars of county equipment in that room and the recommended temperature is 65 to 67."

Simmons said his department was using a portable floor unit in the interim. "We had commandeered a portable air conditioning unit on wheels, a floor model," Simmons said. "So the door's propped open to the room and its sitting in there and its keeping it not quite at tolerance, but close."

Simmons said the unit should be repaired by next Friday. "They should be there by Friday of next week to replace the compressor outside and put a new head unit in," Simmons said. "We went a size bigger than what we had because we kind of felt that the old one was working too hard with the added equipment in there that we put in there recently."

Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau questioned Simmons regarding an early warning system for system failures such as this. "I was going to ask you about that," Rosenau said. "We had talked earlier, you and I, about a warning system. Is that in the works with this new equipment being installed?"

"That is actually number two on my list," Simmons said. "There was a couple of issues. Every Tuesday, our generator does a half hour test. It kicks on, runs for a half an hour, when it cycles down, it kicks back on to the main power through the breaker in our server room. Everything being on battery backups, nobody knew it. Dispatchers can't hear downstairs, there was just no way to know. Once the batteries exhausted their life, everything started shutting off and it was urgent necessity to figure out what was going on."

Simmons said the problem has since been resolved. "They figured out the problem. We located the breaker that was tripped. We got it back on and everything back up and running within probably 25 minutes. What we did is we took certain pieces of equipment and spread them out around the room on different circuits. We kind of split the load. So we don't anticipate that happening again."

Simmons said there is no way to monitor the power levels in the server room. "We don't have a way to monitor the power levels in there," Simmons said. "And we don't have a way to monitor the temperature there. So, today we received the equipment - we are

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Hambleton Parks and Recreation Awarded Commission Funds

By: Lydia Crawley
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President of the Hambleton Park Board Adam Cassidy addressed the Tucker County Commission on to request funds for the Hambleton City Park.

"We built a park," Cassidy said. "The folks of Hambleton came together and got the money to build a park in the early 90s, 92. We've been trying to keep up with it and not waste the effort they put into it."

Cassidy said Covid had caused the board's funds to deplete due to the stoppage of their fundraisers during the pandemic. "Then during Covid, small communities, you can't have your cake walks, fundraisers and that stuff," Cassidy said. "So we mowed the grass and tried to paint and keep up. The roof's bad on the pavilion. Its starting to leak through the sheeting and eventually develop black mold. We're just trying to keep things going and keep it up for the people of the little town of Hambleton."

"I went out and checked it and it was spotless," Commissioner

Fred Davis said. "You keep it nice and by going up and seeing you keep it nice, I said we got to help you out. You do a great job, from what I can see, with what you have."

"The pavilion is used quite a bit during the summer," Cassidy said.

"I looked at your application, your funding request," Commissioner Mike Rosenau said, "and I saw where maintaining utilities has put a strain on you because you couldn't do fundraisers that much during the Covid epidemic. So, I've seen what you've done. Your cake walks, your other things you've had for fundraisers, but its depleted because of Covid. I appreciate this input, too. I see here you got \$2,000 from Parks and Recreation, but your overall project is going to be close to 7500."

Cassidy said he had a bid last year at this time, but suspected that costs may have changed. "I have a guy right here in Hambleton who has a contractor license," Cassidy said. "He's going to give me quote."

"That's the community working



The Hambleton Parks and Recreation Board requested funds from the Tucker County Commission on July 26th. The funds will be used for maintenance and repair of the city park in Hambleton.

together," Rosenau said. "You're wanting \$5500, right?" Davis said. "I make a motion that we give you \$5500 for your park."

"The measure passed unanimously. "Keep it up," Commissioner Tim Knotts said. "Keep it looking good."

"I've been keeping an eye on

the parks," Davis said. "They're all kept up in the whole county. We should be happy with what we've got."

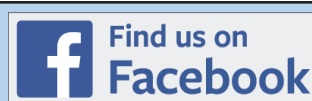
"What's going on in this county," Knotts said. "Tucker County is by far, leading the State of West Virginia. I believe that."

"We're such a small county," Rosenau said. "Such a small voice, but we work together."

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held August 9th at 9 a.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom in Parsons.



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We Get Letters

“Virtues, when taken too far, become vices.”

Can't remember where I heard this. Aristotle maybe? Or YouTube perhaps, where some 50 plus year old dating coach is coping with their own past failed relationships in the form of dispensing “advice”. Not really sure, to be honest. Regardless, wherever it came from, the statement is one zillion percent true. Of that I'm positive.

Of the seven cardinal virtues, when it comes to charity, there are people that've taken the reigns of our Republic (and by taken I mean viciously stolen through 'lawfare' and fraud) who ostensibly tell Americans, particularly their

guileless supporters, that it's somehow loving and wonderful to bus tens of millions of illegal aliens into the country. Unvetted. Undocumented. No idea whatsoever of who they are or where they're from. No meaningful plan of where they're gonna go, where they're going to stay, or how they're going to be fed and cared for. And worse, no screening for the myriad of diseases that they're bringing with them. Drug resistant tuberculosis, polio and HIV being among the worst of them.

Since January, 2021, when the Biden regime took over, we have seen an absolute deluge, tidal wave, tsunami of crime, violence, and death flooding into

the country. With much of it also occurring on Mexico's side of the border, and most of it facilitated by, let's face it, paramilitary narcoterrorism outfits like MS13, who've for some reason been given red carpet treatment by the Democrats and RINO Republicans alike. The most gut wrenching result of the runaway lawlessness in D.C. of course, is the millions of women and unaccompanied children who are sex trafficked and in many cases brutally murdered throughout all of this.

These people are cynically being used as a voting block in my view to swing elections, with the promise of free welfare and housing. Neither of which

they'll really get. Especially after the cartels, NGO's and crooked politicians finish skimming the funds off the top. They'll become instead a weaponized permanent underclass with no jobs and no prospects of a better life to speak of. Hapless pawns in a sick game of political dominance.

For those of us who saw the glaringly obvious disaster and humanitarian crisis that would come about from such an insidious policy, we genuinely, honest to God tried to warn everybody. Tried voting against it. Tried peacefully protesting. Tried going through all the legal channels. Tried desperately, in the insurmountably Sisyphean task, to not only put a pin in the

madness, but to reverse it all completely. And of course, as is par for the course, we were unapologetically maligned, slandered, shamed, sued, and savagely cudged with the social justice shillelagh.

We're now witnessing a nightmare societal collapse scenario unfolding before our eyes that makes the Visigoth sacking of Rome look like Candyland. And despite what many empowered lunatics on the left still might think, pathological altruism is not a virtue. It's lethal. It's disastrous. It's evil. And it's gotta stop.

*Christopher Phares
Thomas, West Virginia, 26292*

News of Record

The following criminal complaint has been filed in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

- **Marshall Dwaine Parsons**, of Parsons was charged with one count of Driving while license revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol 2nd offense. The complaint states that Patrolman First Class N.C. Gidley received a call from Tucker County 911 in regards to a complaint at 107 Loughry St. in Parsons. Tucker 911 advised that DNR 100, L. Dudley was on scene requesting assistance with two males who were removing items from a building where one male had been given an eviction notice prior to which stated that he was to be out of the residence by July 7 at midnight.

Upon arriving on scene Gidley observed a white and black Ford pickup with a trailer attached backed up to a garage door at the residence. A green Jeep was observed parked off the roadway with a trailer attached but did not have a registration plate attached. He then met with Officer Dudley who stated that when she arrived she came into contact with two male individuals inside the garage. They appeared to be removing objects from the garage and onto a trailer. Upon making contact with the subjects they were identified as Jeremy Cussins and Marshall Parsons (DOB: 4-1-84).

Gidley was informed by Tucker 911 that Parsons' driver's license was revoked for DUI and that he had been charged in the past for driving revoked DUI (1st offense) in 2018. Upon questioning Parsons, he stated that he drove the truck up to the garage to help Cussins, and he knew his license was revoked. He stated that he served 24 hours in jail and a six month probation period for the charge in 2018.

Morgan Parsons arrived on scene to drive both individuals since they could not legally drive on the roadway.

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

- John H. Lipscomb and Lucinda Lipscomb, St. George District, surface 102 acres to James H. Bolyard, \$600.
- Kenneth L. Langer Et Al and Jennifer L. Smith, Dry Fork District, Lot 49 Blackwater Section of Timberline Subdivision to John Thomas Gasper \$650,000.
- Aspen Development LLC, Dry Fork District, Lot 12 Aspen Village to Robert W. Lackland, Trustee of the Robert and Pamela Lackland Trust and Pamela F. Lackland, Trustee of the Robert and Pamela Lackland Trust, \$125,000.
- Shelley L. Nehl, Clover District, mineral interest in 35 acres, 2 chains and 10 poles to Rose Holdings LLC, \$1,500.

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911

actually going to be the first people in the state to have this. It will monitor the power levels of every device in there. Let us know if power fails or gets low and will also monitor the temperature and will alert us if the temperature rises above a set temperature. We can go check and see what is going on.”

Simmons said that by spending the money on the system now, he hopes to prevent damage to equipment in the future. “The thought process is spend a little money now to prevent harm to the expensive equipment that is already in there. So kind of excited about that.”

Simmons said the system is monitored 24/7 by the company supplying the system. “They will monitor it 24/7 for us,” Simmons said. “And I can also have it set up to send me an alert or other dispatchers, anybody we deem necessary to get an alert. Maintenance guys, whatever.”

Simmons also informed the Commission of issues with the State siren tower. “The third item of interest is our State siren tower,” Simmons said. “It is a hub for not only Tucker County, but surrounding counties for the radio communications. A lot of other counties utilize a microwave system, come use a different set up, but it all goes to that tower. And the other day, the air conditioning unit outside the building exploded.”

Simmons described the incident to the commissioners. “There's oil, there's gas. It just completely failed,” Simmons said. “The siren tech come in. He said – you know its the same way, the temperatures have to be within a

certain tolerance and it was almost at a 100 degrees in there. To the point that it was tripping the power breaker and he said you're in danger of losing this tower.”

Simmons said they reached out to the state. “So we were able to get a hold of the Watts center who contacted the National Guard and they brought in one of those big outside heat pump air conditioning units they used to power their FEMA tents. They brought one of those in and its up there sitting in front of the building, the doors open and its got thick duct work ran in there, pumping air in and its within tolerance, but its a band aid.”

Simmons said he received a contact number to reach out to the party responsible for replacement of the unit. “I was able to get a contact number for the person responsible for replacing that because apparently, the building is still owned by the DOH. He replied to me just before leaving work today that he was out of the office, but he would be back first thing in the morning and he would do what he could to get that expedited because I explained to him the urgency of it and it affected multiple counties. It was the only resource any of our first responders had for communication.”

Rosenau questioned Simmons as to how often the State has inspected and monitored the tower. “When you talk to him tomorrow, I want to know if they periodically check that building and the equipment,” Rosenau said. “Its their responsibility. I want to know what schedule they are going to main-

tain in checking that building and the equipment.”

“The siren network,” Simmons said, “that's their part of the kitty, per se, for having their stuff in that building was that they maintain the watt, not the air conditioning unit. So, he makes his rounds about every 15 to 20 days, he said. He weed eats, mows, checks everything out.”

“Let me ask you this, that is for their equipment,” Rosenau said. “What about the heat system in the winter? What about the cooling system in the summer? Who checks that?”

“Nobody,” Simmons said.

“So that's the Department of Highways responsibility,” Rosenau said. “So I want to know from Mr. Shay, what their responsibilities are and how they are going to maintain that

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building. Because that affects the communication of our 911 Center. Not only ours, but you explained, several counties around.”

Also at the meeting, Simmons was unanimously appointed to 911 Director. Simmons had previously been Interim Director. “You to me deserve it,” Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis said. “You work hard, you've done everything we've asked. You went beyond things that we didn't know that you've done. And I know all three of us commissioners are proud of you. We appreciate you very much.

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Keplinger also updated the council on the latest developments in the city. “We had 40 calls for service, 911 calls for service, CAD calls for service since our last meeting,” Keplinger said. “Several of those have included some rather complex investigations that we’re working right now kind of hand in hand with the Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services on a few abuse/neglect complaints that I think we are probably going to end up presenting to the fall grand jury.”

Keplinger said his department had several successful hearing on several felony charges, as well. “We successfully had a preliminary hearing on several felony charges for Homewood St. Those were bound over for trial,” Keplinger said. “So those will proceed to trial very shortly.”

Keplinger also told the council that the two AED units donated to the department by the Tucker EMS

are now in the vehicles and ready for use should the need arise. “There’s been several times that I’ve been out on a call that I could have used them and I anticipate that at some point in time we probably will.”

Keplinger also said he had been contacted by Tucker County Emergency Management Director Kevin White about a state program supplying Narcan and Epipens. “The Governor is going through a, I guess an emphasis on pushing Narcan for first responders. We carry Narcan. That was one of the first things I did when I came here, but there’s an expiration date and ours expire January of 24. So I’m going to get together with Kevin White and we are going to pick up some fresh supply of Narcan.”

In regards to the Epipens, Keplinger said he had some liability concerns about his department carrying and distributing them. “He’s also getting Epipens,” Keplinger said.

“I am a little leery about that and I just think maybe and reach out to me sometime. My concern is the liability. If I was to have an Epipen and I give it to somebody else and they use it, you know is that different then trying to use it myself? You understand my concern with it? So, its an absolutely important thing, but I don’t want to put us in a position of liability with anything like that.”

Thrasher provided information to the council on the status of the Parsons-Hamrick PSD Emergency Interconnection, Parsons Sanitary Sewer System Improvements and Parsons Water System Improvements Project.

In regards to the Emergency Interconnection project, Thrasher said they are still awaiting Bid Authorization from the WV Development Office. Other updates included that all bid documents are ready and all permits have been received as was a preliminary title

opinion. Thrasher said that both their organization and Region VII have repeatedly reached out for updates on the bid authorization documents.

The Parsons Sanitary Sewer System Improvements updates given by Thrasher included a funding application that was accepted by WVJDC and a facility plan was submitted to DEP. Other updates on the project included the sewer replacement design was in progress with the field layout complete, mapping is being updated, bid documents on the project are 60 percent complete and the design plan is 20 percent complete. Thrasher said they are going to prepare an easement list for the proposed replacement areas and the Project Team will soon begin having conference calls with DEP on the project. According to the Thrasher, the estimated construction cost of the project will be \$3.1 million with a total estimated project cost of \$4.01 million.

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Lowell Moore joined the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority July 24th.

“I’m not familiar with the calculations myself, but I’ll look over them when they send them in. So we should be on track to hit that deadline and we still have til like the end of September to have the air quality Title Five application in to the DEP and are very confident that they will make that happen in plenty of time.”

In other business, Holstine presented the Authority board with the financial report in the absence of Accountant Mark Joseph who was unable to attend the meeting. “Net income for the year is the next thing that I look at,” Holstine said, “is 344,086. That is 12 percent higher than previous fiscal year. So that’s showing growth.”

Holstine also informed the board of the gross profits for the Authority. “Gross profits at three mil-

lion for this fiscal year,” Holstine said. “Previous fiscal year’s gross profit was 2.5 million. So that was a 24 percent increase which is related directly to tipping fees. The percentage increase is almost identical.”

Holstine said that while profits are up for the authority, so are expenditures. “Expenditures are up 28 percent from last year,” Holstine said.

“And this is with this earlier half of the year,” Vice-Chair Dennis Filler said. “It was tough and go the first part this fiscal year.”

“I’m very comfortable where we are financially,” Holstine said.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority will be held August 28th at 3 p.m. at the TCWSA Office located at 284 Landfill Road, Davis.

The Parsons Water System Improvements Project updates included a funding application approved by WVJDC, a application submitted to the DWTRF Program by Region VII, an application for \$500,000 in Earmark Funds was submitted and passed the first step of approval. Other updates on the project included information on the Waterline Replacement Design process. The field layout is 50 percent complete and the mapping is being updated on the project. According to Thrasher, the project team is discussing additional grant eligibility through the Economic Enhancement Grant Funds. Thrasher reported that the estimated project cost is \$3.184 million with a total estimated project cost of \$3.984 million.

Councilman Tim Turner updated the council on a conversation that was held with the Softball League over damaged equipment. According to Turner, the league agreed to pay for the

damaged rake right away and will be paying off the other damages over time. “They are going to work at paying for the rake and the other thing they are going to have to pay over time because they don’t have a regular income coming in. So I guess it will just be whatever they can charge groups or teams or leagues or whatever. So they will pay that over time.”

City Administrator Agnes Arnold informed the council that the demolition of the three buildings approved by the council previously was on track to be completed by the deadline. According to Arnold, the city is only awaiting release by DEP to begin the demolition and Arnold said she is confident that all properties will be demolished by the September 30 deadline.

The next meeting of the Parsons City Council will be held August 15th at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. “Bill” Rosenau Municipal Building at 341 Second Street in Parsons.

OBITUARIES

Bernard “Pete” Allen Tompkins

Bernard “Pete” Allen Tompkins, 63, of Parsons, WV, died on July 28, 2023, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV, surrounded by his family. Born on July 1, 1960, in Adrian, Michigan, he was the son of the late Herman Henry and Ilene Mae (Lansberry) Tompkins.



dogs, Sugar, Kiara and Candy.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Earl Moats; four uncles, Paul, John, and Bussie Lansberry, and Charles Kardatzke; and an aunt, Nonnie Evans.

Friends were received at Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home on Sunday, July 30, 2023, from 4 to 7 p.m.. A funeral service was held on Monday, July 31, 2023, at 11 a.m., in the funeral home with Pastor Brad Barton officiating. The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Tompkins family at this time.

Pete worked for and retired from the City of Parsons as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He really enjoyed working on cars and, in his spare time, he would enjoy hunting, fishing and camping. He especially loved Sunday dinners spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Merry Ellen (Kennedy) Tompkins; two daughters, Amanda Tompkins and Jennie Tompkins and fiancé Micheal Minton; a brother, Nick Tompkins and wife Kim; two sisters, Marylu Moats, and Diana Mullenax and husband Frank; an uncle, Sherman Kardatzke; an aunt, Midgie Garner; many nieces and nephews; along with three

New Minister at First United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church Women hosted a picnic for the new minister Rev. Julie Davis and husband Josh on July 13, 2023. The following people enjoyed a variety of delicious food and good fellowship: Deanna and Marvin Canfield, Barbara and Mont Miller, Dorothy Carr, Tucker Carr, Lill White, Sharon Phillips, John Cale, Linda Persutti, Jeanette Crosten, Katherine Pine, Jesse Pine, Phil Carr, Yvonne Parsons, Jared Parsons, Ed and Eileen Poling, Diane Miller and son, Glenda Lipscomb, Judy Ingram, Alice Phillips, Gloria Fox, Butch Fox, Luann’s and John Bava, Janet and Gary Nestor, Wanda Booth, Eldon and Linda Plaugher, Eldon and Frances Harper, Billie McDonald, Bobby and Anita Phillips, Liz Lancaster, and Dennis and Kay Flanagan.

After dinner Tucker Carr, grandson of Dorothy Carr and a student at WVU, entertained the group about his experience on the Allegheny Trail. Tucker and his friend had made plans for a 15 day hike. With their food, water, and back packs, they started the trail at Durban, but after two days of encounters with rattle snakes, no water resulting in dehydration and little sleep it turned into a two day hike.

Women’s healthcare coming to Davis, WV

ELKINS, WV – Beginning August 2, women will have access to specialized care at a Women’s HealthCare outreach clinic in Davis, WV.

The clinic will be open on Wednesdays and will provide the diagnosis and treatment of most gynecological health services.

“We are excited to bring our women’s outreach care to Davis,” said Dr. Jeffrey Sellers, Director of Women’s HealthCare at Davis Medical Center. “Women can get an appointment quickly, at a location more convenient for our Tucker County patients.”

Davis Medical Center’s qualified team of certified nurse midwives will staff the clinic and provide a “whole-person” form of care, which blends education, physical wellness and mental health for women.

The providers are Brittany Breeden, CNM, Morgan McKinney, CNM, and Hannah Sulver, CNM. The team supports the Davis Medical Center women’s health program with midwifery care including obstetrics and gynecology services in Elkins as well as outreach clinics in Philippi, Buckhannon, and Cowen, WV.

At the clinic in Davis, the providers will offer routine gynecologic care for women across the lifespan. Services include wellness visits, pelvic pain, birth control, abnormal pap smears, menstrual disorders, and other GYN care.

The clinic is located at Shop-N-Save in Davis, WV at 371 William Avenue.

To schedule an appointment, or for more information call 304.637.3948.

About DMC Women’s HealthCare

Davis Medical Center’s Women’s HealthCare provides a wide array of obstetrical and gynecological care including minimally invasive surgical techniques, menstrual disorders, urogynecology, menopause and more. The team includes three board-certified obstetrician/gynecologists, and three certified nurse midwives. Care is delivered at Davis Medical Center, Broadus Medical Care, Buckhannon Medical Care and the Cowen Clinic.

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U.S. Department of Labor grant provides stability and expansion for WV apprenticeship programs

The West Virginia Department of Economic Development (WVDED) and the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) are pleased to receive a U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) grant to support the state's K-12 Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program (T-RAP). The USDOL recently announced that

West Virginia is among 45 states to receive a total of \$65 million to enhance the National Apprenticeship system. The Mountain State will receive \$465,113 with annual renewals available for an additional four years.

Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) are federally recognized, high-quality career pathways that offer paid, on-the-job learning that is supported by coursework. The K-12 Teacher Preparation program in West Virginia is a USDOL-recognized RAP. It removes barriers to economic opportunity and time for high school students interested in a teaching career.

ing career.

West Virginia implemented the Grow Your Own Teaching Pathway in the 2022-23 school year. Seven Grow Your Own counties have committed to implementing a teacher apprenticeship program. To date, nine high school students have been hired by their counties as teacher apprentices.

"This grant not only recognizes the current work in our state to address workforce needs through student preparation, but it also identifies funding that allows us to continue to grow and build the next generation of our state's great workforce," said Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development Mitch Carmichael. "This will be of tremendous assistance to the WVDED team as we continue to support West Virginia's current and

future workforce needs."

"This support will allow us to expand and sustain the work that has already begun in West Virginia," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "We continue to explore ways to extend opportunities to our students while also addressing workforce demands. This grant will assist these efforts and have a significant impact for years to come."

The award provides planning funds to states, such as West Virginia, that have committed to increasing sustainability and substantially increasing the number and diversity of RAPs among in-demand industries. This allows the state to evaluate options to expand this federal distinction to other fields such as nursing, tourism and culinary industries.

Bright's Chapel Homecoming

The Bright Chapel's Homecoming was held Sunday, July 23, 2023 at the Bright's Chapel church house pavilion with 107 in attendance. Norm Kight gave the blessing of the food. Jack and Scott Hedrick, Karen Bright, Randy Thomas, Aimee Canfield, Mike Moran, and Daniel Jenkins entertained the family and friends with wonderful music.

Special prizes were given as follows: Woman who celebrated the most birthdays (Oldest woman): Beatrice Long (89 years), Oldest Man: Herman Long (88 years) Couple married the longest – Herman and Beatrice Long (69 years), Couple most recently married – Brandon and Katelyn Riden (6 years). The youngest boy- Ivan Reeves (6 years), Youngest girl – Sophia Dockery (3 years). Traveling the farthest were Jim and Jeannie Lewis (2000 miles from Arizona). The Special Appreciation award was awarded to Dawn Kight. All those attended enjoyed reliving old memories, making new memories, eating delicious food, and listening to good music.

Those attending were: Randy Thomas, Don Knotts, Susan Knotts, Jim Lewis, Jeannie Lewis, Lillie Bell Bright, Matthew "Tom" Bright, Brooklynn Bright, Thalia Bright, Sabrina Thomas, Alice Jones, Karen Bright, Nathan Bright, Andy Bright, Paula Bright, Shelley Bright, Sean Bright, Christina Bright, John Cunningham, Pate Cunningham, Gabe Bright, Sue Bonner, Eston Bonner, Mike Kight, Becky Kight, Donald Kight, Dawn Kight, Cathy Kight Radi, Joe Summerfield, Michael Bowman, Mike Bowman, Alicia Bright, Erica Bright, Shane Bright, Pryse Okijie, Peace Okojie, Jeanette Bishoff, Aimee Canfield, Jim Canfield, Mike Moran, Herman Long, Beatrice Long, Linda Shrader, Jack Hedrick, Jean Hedrick, Rose Bright Haga, Norman Kight, Rita Kight, Dee Sponaule, Connie Sponaule, Tom Reeves, Jamie Reeves, Vladimir Reeves, Magnus Reeves, Nikolai Reeves, Cassidy Reeves, Ivan Reeves, Bob Lambert, Sandy Lambert, Scott Hedrick, Amanda Hedrick, Lilly Hedrick, Donna Carr Arnold, Marie McDaniel, Madison Lambert, Jeff Carr, Brenda Eye, Cathy Carr, Bub Carr, Vicki Mullenex, Dan Kight, Keagan Kight, Gerry White, Kathy White, Tammy Lawrence Davis, Jim Davis, Debbie Ellison, Jesse Ellison, Kim Bonner Bennett, Kaye Bonner Mallow, Daniel Jenkins, Katelyn Riden, Brandon Riden, Bayley Riden, Hoyo Carr, Shirley Carr, Shug (Sharon) Blough, Gary Blough, Linda Kight, Bob Davis, Tammy Lambert Davis, Lisa Rouse, Buddy Rouse, Cheryl Canfield, Melanie Duvall, George Duvall, Brandon Dockery, Linsea Webb, Steve McDaniel, Megan Rimmell, Josh Rimmell, Cara Day, Cole Anderson, Carlene Pownell, Roger Pownell, Richard Bonner, and Matthew Bright.

Next year's reunion is scheduled for July 28, 2024 (4th Sunday in July, as always).

Canaan Valley Resort Offers Outdoor Adventure, Exploration & Education Weekend of Aug. 4

Davis, W.Va. (August 2023)

– Canaan Valley Resort will host multiple fun and educational guided hikes, outdoor, live music and much more August 4-6 weekend.

"We recognize guests are interested in getting outdoors while learning new things and the activities we've got planned provide the perfect opportunity," said Matt Baker, general manager of Canaan Valley Resort.

On Friday evening, Aug. 4, as part of the Mountainside Music Series at Quencher's Patio at the ski area, *Ryan Cain & The Ables* will perform from 6-9pm slope side. Pub fare, as well as local craft brews, are

available for purchase at Quencher's Pub. Scenic chairlift rides will be available throughout the evening, as well as the weekend.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, the resort will host the Mid-Summer Walk Between the Parks. This eight-mile, moderately strenuous hike between Blackwater Falls State Park and Canaan Valley Resort. The registration fee (\$15 per person) includes shuttle service from Canaan Valley Resort State Park. For more information, or to pre-register, call (304) 866-2215.

Additionally, guests can participate in the Edible Plants Hike from 9-11am and 2-4pm. Taking place on the trails, fields and forests of Canaan

Valley State Park, the excursion will introduce participants to techniques for finding and identifying wild plants that are safe to eat. Hikers will also learn how to use trees and plants to build fires, create shelter and for other survival purposes.

Throughout the weekend guests have access to the resort's outdoor pool, miles of hiking and biking trails, and the 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.

DMC increases access to behavioral health

ELKINS, WV – Davis Medical Center welcomes Dr. Lauren DeMarco, psychiatrist. Dr. DeMarco will provide outpatient behavioral health care beginning August 1 at a clinic on the Davis Medical Center campus, 213 Main Street, Elkins.

Outpatient psychiatry is a new and highly anticipated specialty offered as part of DMC's overall Behavioral Health program.

"Nearly 1 in 5 persons living in rural America has mental illness," said Catherine Chua, D.O., and Chief Medical Officer for Davis Health System. "Bringing access to a full range of behavioral healthcare is

something the health system has been working hard to achieve. We are very fortunate that Dr. DeMarco has joined our team. She brings an invaluable breadth of experience in the field."

Dr. DeMarco is a native West Virginian, and is relocating to Elkins from Rochester N.Y., where she completed a fellowship in Forensic Psychiatry at the University of Rochester-Strong Memorial Hospital.

"I chose to work at Davis Medical Center because they have strong work val-

ues, ethics, and genuinely care about their patients and clients," Dr. DeMarco said. "Patients are at the forefront of everything they do, and this organization is very much somewhere I can see myself working for a longer period of time. I look forward to making a positive difference in my patients' medical care during the most difficult times in their lives."

"Psychiatric disease has increased significantly over the last few years, and there is definitely a need for

greater access to this care," said Dr. Chua.

In addition to her outpatient clinic, Dr. DeMarco will serve as the Medical Director for DMC's inpatient geriatric behavioral health unit, Laurel Place. She will also oversee the outpatient group therapy programs at Broadus and Webster Memorial Hospitals.

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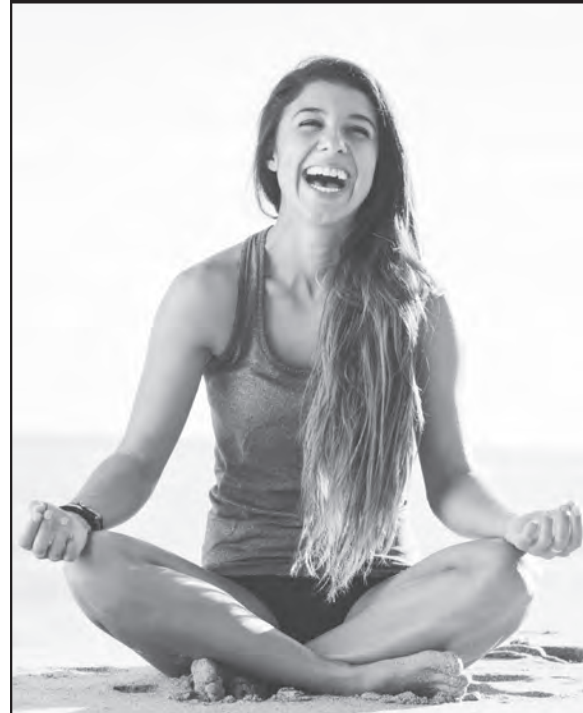


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Tucker County Teen at YLA Leadership Summit

Tucker County High School's Belle Gregory joined teens from Ohio and West Virginia to convene YLA's June 18-24 Leadership Summit at YLA Camp Horseshoe in Tucker County. During her time at Horseshoe, Gregory learned numerous leadership skills. She also met many new friends. "It's a fun, exciting week to spend your week and make new friends," Gregory said.

YLA works to build better communities," explained West Virginia's student elected Youth Governor Ella from Hedgesville, Berkeley County. "We take what we learn and use it to improve our schools and communities."

YLA Executive Director Tony Antonini said, "YLA is open to all. Schools, organizations, and communities find YLA prepares their youth for more effective civic

responsibility. Everyone is welcome. Call YLA at 304-478-2481 to get involved."

YLA's Leadership Partners include Tucker County High School, Advisors Alex Cork & Anita Helmick, as well as schools across West Virginia and Ohio, US Forest Service, Ohio-West Virginia Youth Leadership Association (YLA) is a not-for-profit focused on youth civic leadership development. YLA signature programs are local YLA Chapters, Youth in Government at the Ohio Statehouse and West Virginia Capitol, Camp Horseshoe in West Virginia, and YLA's new Cave Lake Center for Community Leadership in Ohio. YLA programs are open to every school, home school, community, and youth organizations. For more information or to get involved, call 304-478-2481 or visit ylaeads.org.



Stanford Student Returns Home to Complete Summer Internship

Nevaeh Nichols, a Class of '22 Tucker County High School graduate, currently attending Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, returned home for the summer to complete an internship with the Tucker Community Foundation (TCF). Nevaeh received the Kep and Alice Smith Scholarship from TCF in 2022 and will continue to do so until 2026. She said, "it was not hard choosing the Foundation for my placement. I know all the amazing things they have done and continue to do, and I want to be a part of something as dedicated as the Foundation one day."

Throughout high school, Nevaeh was involved in multiple aspects of the community. Much of her high school experience was devoted to volunteer work with the Girl Scouts and Mountain Top Senior Cen-

ter, as she plans to dedicate her future career and life to public service. "I hope that one day I can not only bring positive change to the places in the world that need it most but also give back to the community that has done so much for me," Nevaeh stated.

In addition to her community service during her time at Tucker County High School, Nevaeh was a triathlete, participating in varsity basketball, volleyball, and track, and spoke for the student body as a student council representative and class vice president. She was also a member of the National Honors Society and Davis & Elkins Upward Bound Program, which introduced her to the Leadership Enterprise of a Diverse America (LEDA). Nevaeh was one of 100 first-generation, low-income students nationwide to be selected by LEDA to

become a scholar and participate in their program. With the advice, guidance, and support from LEDA, Nevaeh was admitted into prestigious universities that rank among the best in the world, including but not limited to Stanford University, Brown University, and Yale University. After serious consideration, she decided that Stanford was the only place she could call her home away from home.

Nevaeh remains just as active in the Stanford community as a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, Fashion X, the Outdoor Outreach Program, the Alt Protein Project, Cap & Gown, Stanford Women in Law (SWIL), and the Stanford Pre-Law Society. While Nevaeh has yet to declare her major at Stanford, she plans to major in Earth Systems under the Human Environmental Systems

track or in International Relations with a primary specialization in Economic Development and the World Economy and a secondary specialization in Social Development and Human Well-Being. She also wants to minor in Public Policy and Spanish. Towards the end of her undergraduate career, she is considering applying for a coterminous degree program to receive her master's degree in International Policy in only one additional year or applying for law school at Stanford or Yale to earn a Juris Doctor.

Throughout her journey she has received generous support from those around her, but the Foundation remains a critical financial support system for her to achieve her dreams. "As a first-generation, low-income student from rural WV, I never imagined I

would be able to attend a university like Stanford. Fortunately, scholarships I have received, such as the scholarship from the Foundation, have given me a chance to be exactly where I want and belong to be. I will forever be grateful for all the Foundation does for our small community, and I'm so glad that I have the opportunity to work with them this summer," Nevaeh said.

After college, Nevaeh plans to work internationally with government agencies and non-profit organizations on international policy, sustainability, education equity, and human rights. After seeing the rest of the world, she hopes to return to Tucker County and work for a non-profit organization to bring positive change to our small community.



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Red Cross needs help to avert a blood shortage

Chance at shark dive trip, \$10 e-gift card for donors in August

MORGANTOWN, WV, July 24, 2023 — After a summer of declining donations, the American Red Cross needs the public's help to prevent a blood shortage. When a donor makes and keeps an appointment to give blood in the weeks ahead, they can help ensure trauma patients, those undergoing cancer treatment, and people with lifelong blood disorders can get the blood they count on.

Right now, the Red Cross especially needs type O negative, type O positive and

type B negative blood donors. Donors of all blood types can schedule an appointment to give by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross is teaming up with Warner Bros. for the theatrical release of Meg 2: The Trench to celebrate a summer of sharks and help stave off a summer blood shortage. All who come to give through Aug. 12 will be automatically entered for a chance to win a three-night New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure at Long Island Aquarium. Those

who come to give throughout the month of August will also get a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of their choice. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Movie.

How to donate blood

To make an appointment, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individu-

als who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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A stable blood and platelet supply is critical to national preparedness. Additionally, as we approach the beginning of what is expected to be another active hurricane season, the Red Cross urges everyone to get ready now and consider becoming a

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DAVIS CEMETERY COMMITTEE LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

The Davis Cemetery Committee was created in September 2022 to help improve and maintain the appearance of the final resting places of our loved ones. We have a group of local interested persons/volunteers who have worked diligently over the past many months.

These have been the results thus far:

- Identification of shifted and/or toppled gravestones;
- Research of owners of Cemetery Lots and possible contact information;
- Acquisition of firm which will reset and/or stabilize specific gravestones;
- Removal of all faded and/or out-of-season decorations or flower arrangements;
- Removal of all debris
- Trimming and/or removal of shrubbery and other plants obscuring or dislodging the gravestone;
- Identification of all Military Veterans and their specific Cemetery location;
- Placement of United States Flags on all Veteran gravesites
- Monthly Cemetery Committee meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Davis Town Hall, Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m. Time/day may vary due to elections, holidays, or weather conditions. We will be addressing the standing water issue in the Newer Cemetery with draining ditches.

The Davis Cemetery Committee will contact current owners of gravestones/gravesites to request signatures for permission/refusal to reset the stones, waivers concerning possible damage, and for monetary assistance.

The Davis Cemetery Committee appreciates any and all donations. If you wish to donate to this endeavor, please send your donation to:

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On Memo, please indicate Cemetery donation. This is most important.

If you have questions, please call Tina at Town of Davis (304-259-5302) or Jeannette Tekavec Ware, Council Chairperson (304-259-4200; you may leave a message with your name and call-back number.)

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Sources of funding for these projects may include but are not limited to, the WV Community Development Block Grant Program, WV Department of Environmental Protection Abandoned Mine Lands Economic Revitalization, US Economic Development Administration, WV Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJC), WV Department of Environmental Protection State Revolving Fund (SRF), and WV Economic Enhancement Grant funds.

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with WV Code Chapter 5G and 2 CFR 200. All firms interested in being considered for this selection must submit an expression of interest detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management/staffing capabilities, related prior experience, and professional references. The competitive process aims to objectively select the firm that will provide the highest quality service. Accordingly, technical expertise and related experience will be weighed heavily. The candidates judged most qualified based on a review of the statements of qualifications will be interviewed. The firm determined to be the most qualified based on an evaluation of the interviews will be asked to prepare a fee proposal for engineering services as the project scopes are finalized. The selected firm will be required to register and keep an active registration during the life of the project with the U.S. federal government's System for Award Management (sam.gov).

Each interested firm shall submit four Expression of Interest documents to the following: Blackwater PSD, PO Box 85, Davis WV 26260, and one electronic copy to jmarshall@regionvii.com. Submissions will be accepted until Friday, August 11, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

The Blackwater PSD reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all submissions. All work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by State and Federal agencies relative hereto. The selected candidate may be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement, and the Access to Records provisions. The Blackwater PSD shall ensure, to the fullest extent possible, that positive efforts are made to utilize small businesses, including those in rural areas, minority-owned firms, women-owned business enterprises, and disadvantaged businesses. The Blackwater PSD will not discriminate against any interested individual or firm on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in an award of the contract.

LEGAL

Tariff Form No. 8-C

(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed decreased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will decrease revenue approximately \$50,389,000 annually, a decrease of approximately 24.2%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	DECREASE	DECREASE
Residential	\$ 14.12	14.36 %
Commercial	\$ 66.16	16.67 %
Industrial	\$ 1,142.00	19.46 %
Resale	\$ 2,226.79	20.39 %

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas Company, City of Philippi, and Southern Public Service Company.

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive a decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased 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 decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, 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:

Mountaineer Gas Company Office
• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304

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

The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Job Title:
Closing Date:
Supervisor:

Deputy Program Coordinator
August 4, 2023
Tucker County Program Coordinator (CPC)

SUMMARY

This position which is headquartered in Parsons, WV, provides administrative secretarial support in the WVU Tucker County Extension Office for the extension agent assigned to the 4-H Youth Development (4HYD), Families and Health (F&H), and Agricultural and Natural Resources Development (ANRD) Programs of the WVU Extension Service and provides technology support following established departmental policies, procedures, and methods.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- In conjunction with county extension agent and staff, support 4-H and youth, families and health, and agriculture and natural resource programs, and provide administrative, and technological support for the Tucker County WVU Extension Office.
- Serves as first contact with the public either by telephone or office visits. This position represents and upholds the principles of WVU Extension Service. Maintains and coordinates the calendars of all office personnel. Knowledge of co-workers' commitments and gathers additional information to work with co-workers' calendar.
- Reviews, opens, and stamps incoming mail, directs email, faxes and phone calls for the staff, prioritizing those requiring immediate attention, preparing responses, delegating as appropriate.
- Prepares correspondence, letters, class handouts, meeting notes, evaluations, reports, and surveys from draft copy to final form utilizing Microsoft Word in a Windows environment.
- Prepare bulk mailings by typing, collating, labeling and preparing for post office. Collect and deposit outgoing mail for the office area in an appropriate location. Collect, open, date stamp, sort and distribute incoming mail to staff within the office area.
- Responds to direct telephone inquiries from statewide constituents as first position for office telephone coverage and direct callers to appropriate personnel.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience:

- Experience working in an office setting which has face to face contact with the public as well as clerical duties required, or an equivalent combination of education/experience is acceptable.
- 1-2 years' experience working with the general public and youth.
- Within the first 6 months of employment must complete the WVU Extension vetting process.

ABILITIES:

- Ability to complete assigned duties with minimal supervision.
- Ability to operate standard office equipment (fax, copier, scanner, postage meter, computer).
- Ability to operate computer utilizing various software packages and programs such as Windows, Microsoft Office (Access, Excel, Word, Publisher, PowerPoint), Email, etc.
- Ability to update software on computers.
- Ability to manage numerous projects simultaneously, reprioritizing them as necessary to meet deadlines.
- Ability to be assertive and proactive while being a self-starter.
- Ability to learn policy and procedures of WVU, WVU Extension, and the Extension Programs.
- Ability to maintain WVU attendance and punctuality standards.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to work independently, in a structured environment, exercising judgment, tact and diplomacy in all interactions.
- Ability to operate effectively in a fast-paced, high volume environment that requires accurate information.
- Ability to work as a team member with supervisor and other staff members.
- Ability to communicate clearly and work effectively with persons from various cultures and backgrounds.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships and deal tactfully with both internal and external constituents.

This position requires a great deal of multi-tasking between several WVUES programs and county events, such as: CEOS, 4-H, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Farm Bureau, Tucker County Fair, Energy Express, Master Gardener, etc.

BENEFITS

This is not a WVU paid position. Salary will be provided through the Tucker County Commission. This position is for 16 hours per week. A 90-day performance review will be conducted by the county commission.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please email cover letter, resume and references to the sdevilder@tuckercountycommission.com or mail to Tucker County Commission, 211 First Street, Suite 307, Parsons, WV 26287. **Application deadline is August 4, 2023 @ 12:00 PM**

THANK YOU FOR READING
THE PARSONS ADVOCATE

Myers Wins Five National Title's at The World's Miss Tourism National Pageant



Bridgeport, West Virginia - Jaelyn Myers from Harrison County, formerly of Parsons, West Virginia, traveled to Nashville, Tennessee to compete with contestants from different parts of the World at The World's Miss Tourism National Pageant.

Jaelyn competed for the titles in Cover-Girl, Cover Model Photo, Media Photo Model, Super- Model, All American-Model, Interview, Photogenic, Gown Modeling, and State/Heritage Costume.

Tourism Queens participate in community service during their reign. It is very important to give back to their communities. Tourism Prides itself on Influencing, Leading, and Inspiring others, they stand true to their anti-bullying platform and dedicate their platform to ensuring that all of their queens adhere to the same values and spread them as well. Kindness is a key element to a successful reign as a queen.

Jaelyn was crowned as World's Miss Tourism Role Model 2024 Princess, World's Miss Tourism Cover-Girl 2024 Princess, World's Miss Tourism Cover-Photo Model

2024 Princess, World's Miss Tourism Media-Photo Model 2024 Princess, and World's Pre-Teen Miss Tourism Director's Choice 2024.

Jaelyn has competed in pageantry for nine years. She has won more than one hundred titles in her tenure. Her plans are to continue leading, inspiring and influencing others to

give back and by spreading her kindness everywhere she goes. She is the daughter of Jason and Rebecca Myers of Bridgeport, West Virginia. Jaelyn is homeschooled and in the seventh grade; she is the middle school class president for Soaring Eagles Homeschool Co-op.



Strutters Compete in National Championship

Strutters Baton and Dance Team was originally established 23 years ago by Patty Delauder in Barbour County as a nonprofit organization offering free baton twirling classes and dance to children ranging in two to 25 years of age and still in school. The group has since grown into Tucker, Randolph, Upshur, Harrison, counties.

The group not only participate in parades but also enjoy performing as a competitive team traveling throughout West Virginia and surrounding states to compete in baton twirling and dance competitions. The group has traveled to the Citrus Bowl to perform as halftime performers in 2018 and 2020 and have also performed in the Neptune Festival Parade at Virginia Beach, Virginia. This year was the very first time in 23 years the kids were able to compete at a National level and they traveled to Aiken South Carolina where they competed for a National Championship for the Drum Major-ettes of America where they won a National Championship Trophy in their Xlg Junior Dance line and their Large Junior Dance line. The performers competed throughout the day with 96 other teams. The group has won several State, Regional and now National Titles for their 2022-2023 season. The group is currently accepting new members and is inviting children to join for the upcoming fall and winter season. No monthly fees or Membership fees. Please contact Patty at 304-621-3382



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WARM THE CHILDREN

Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need

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

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

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

How will the children's clothing be purchased?

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

How can I help?

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

CLIP & MAIL

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

YOU'RE INVITED | **Join Us for Patient Appreciation Day!**

Thursday, August 10th
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. George Medical Clinic
8591 Holly Meadows Road
Parsons, WV 26287

St. George Canaan Valley Clinic
6368 Appalachian Highway
Davis, WV 26260

Join us for food trucks at both the St. George Medical Clinic and Canaan Valley Clinic; Serving from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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