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City of Parsons Declares September Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month



Roxanne Bright stands with the Parsons City Council following the City's Proclamation of September 2023 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

At the City of Parsons regular meeting of the City Council, a Proclamation was approved designating September 2023 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Roxanne Bright was in attendance at the meeting to represent Ovarian Cancer Awareness in Tucker County.

"I just really appreciate Parsons being very supportive of this project," Bright said. "As you guys know, it's very near and dear to my heart."

Bright said her organization will be decorating the town on Saturday. "So, I know the City is being gracious enough to hang the banner out for us on the bridge," Bright said. "But we'll have everything that is not moving on Saturday have something teal attached to it in some way, shape, or form."

According to Bright the organization always receives compliments on the decorations they hang. "We always get a lot of compliments," Bright said. "People always say that they are always really impressed with how nice it makes the City look."

Bright thanked the City Council for their continued support of her organization. "We're always happy to do it and always appreciate the City's support. So, I thank you guys very much," Bright said.

According to Bright, there will be eight cadets volunteering with decorating for the Blackwater Canyon Half Marathon. "There will be eight cadets from the Mountaineer Challenge Academy that will be here Saturday to help us get Parsons all teal-ed up," Bright said.

According to their website, the Mountaineer



Roxanne Bright addresses the Parsons City Council during the Council's meeting. The Council passed a motion declaring September 2023 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

ChalleNGe Academy is a quasi military residential program targeted to assist at risk youth to complete their high school education. "This residential program provides Cadets with a safe, secure and structured learning environment as well as hands-on career training programs. So, if you strive to earn your diploma, improve your life and enhance your future, then the ChalleNGe experience is for you. Nearly 90 percent of our Cadets successfully complete the program and earn their high school diplomas – in only 22 weeks," the site said.

The Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy is located in Kingwood.

The next meeting of the City of Parsons City Council will be held on Tuesday, September 19th at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building at 341 Second Street in Parsons.

City of Parsons Sign MOU with Mountaineer Trail Network

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The City Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mountaineer Trail Network. Andrew Walker represented the organization at the meeting.

"I'd like to start as soon as possible, like the next couple of weeks," Walker said. "We will move into some projects, specific project ideas that the City of Parsons has. As soon as you like."

Walker asked who would be his point of contact with the city. "My question would be, what would be the appropriate body for me to communicate with? Would it be the City Council, is it the Park Board? Who should I be working with specifically?"

Councilman Tim Auvil said that would depend on the location of the project and focus he was addressing. "That would depend on what part of it you're working on," Auvil said. "If it's within the Parks area of responsibility or Parks property, then probably the Park Board, but if it was within the City's property, then it would probably be Aggie and the Mayor."

"The two parcels right now are the Parkwood Lane area and the 219 Bridge," Walker said. Walker went on to describe some of the plans that are proposed. "Probably next steps will be, I would like to identify some improvements that you all would see as needed."

According to Walker, there is funding already allocated for the organization's projects. "We've got some funds already allocated for those kinds of projects for signage and for some infrastructure improvements."



1923: Andrew Walker with Mountaineer Trail Network speaks to the Parsons City Council about the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Council with Mountaineer Trail Network at the September 5th session of the council. The MOU allows the city to work with the organization on improvements to land and water trails, as well as business development efforts the organization is seeking.

Walker said the organization is also applying to additional grant funding. "But we are also in the process of applying for some...recreation grant fund money. Those applications are coming due in October," Walker said.

According to Walker, the funding would be applied to several improvement projects the organization is working on. "So, we would love to be able to apply on behalf of the City of Parsons and some of the other partners to get some improvement money for put ins, gravel, potentially some paving, some extra stuff, just to make the access points a little bit better for folks."

The City Council approved a motion to sign the MOU and signed the document in session so that Walker could return with the document that night.



The Blackwater PSD discussed the issues surrounding the procurement of engineering firms and legal representation for the group.

Blackwater PSD Meet with DEP

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Blackwater Public Service District Advisory Board met at the Davis Town Hall to discuss the board's recent meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection and Public Service Commission in Charleston. Blackwater PSD President Alan Tomson discussed the particulars of the meeting. "So we had a meeting with the DEP and the PSC," Tomson said. "It was a combined meeting on the 24th down in Charleston at the DEP Headquarters."

According to Tomson, the meeting went well. Tomson said the DEP recommended consolidating the towns of Davis and Thomas into the entity as soon as feasible. "We had a good meeting," Tomson said. "The first thing that they said that we really need to look at is consolidating Thomas and Davis into the PSD relatively

quickly."

Tomson said that revenue was a factor in the need to incorporate the two towns. "And part of that has to do with revenue," Tomson said. "But one of the questions that was unanswered at the meeting, the research has to be done, is whether or not consolidation would have an adverse impact on the Federal Earmark that Davis has for our collection system."

According to Tomson, he didn't foresee any problems, but was erring on the side of caution. "I can't imagine it could make any difference," Tomson said. "But I don't want to risk five million dollars, either. So, they're checking on that."

Tomson also addressed the Town of Davis' current corrective order with the DEP. "We will need an order at some point for the consolidation," Tomson said. "And once we get the order, it will also establish

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Barb, Mullenax America's Strongest Teen Competitors

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Two Tucker County teens competed in Alameda, CA in the America's Strongest Teen Competition. Lucas Barb, 14 and Gavin Mullinax, 17 competed against teens from around the country in the one-day event. According to Barb, the event had a total of approximately 50 competitors. Barb took first place in his division with Mullenax finishing second in his.

According to Barb, he was encouraged to attend the competition by his friends. "So, around December, I was working out with one of my friends on the football team," Barb said. "Then Dillan and Becca Warren, they

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Luke Barb competed at America's Strongest Teen in Alameda, CA. Barb finished first in all but one category of the competition. Local teen, Gavin Mullenax also competed at the event, receiving second place in his division.

County Remembers the County Farm Graves

By: Lydia Crawley
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A Tucker County work crew has been cleaning and trimming the site of the old Tucker County Farm Cemetery, also known as the Poor Farm Cemetery, at Camp Kidd. Joe Long updated the County Commissioners on the progress of the project during the Commission's meeting.

Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenau requested an update on the progress of the cleanup at the site. "If you could give the Commission an update on the cemetery on Camp Kidd," Rosenau said.

Long said he had some staff attend to the cemetery. "He cleaned up that cemetery from where it used to be the County Poor Farm where some people had died," Long said.

Rosenau said that the name of the site has changed over the years, but it is still a part of Tucker County History. "Where I was raised it was called the Poor Farm," Rosenau said. "But now, I'm sure it's not politically correct, so it's the County Farm and so whatever the case may be, it's a part of our history in Tucker County."

According to Rosenau, the Commission only became aware of the site a couple of years ago. "And when the Commission was made aware a couple of years ago, that there's a cemetery there," Rosenau said. "It had just overgrown with briars and everything, but you could still see the indentations of the graves."

Rosenau said that the Commission could not let anyone be forgotten. "So, there were people that had just been forgotten," Rosenau said. "So, we the Commission

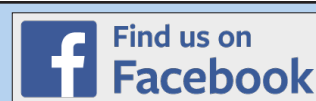
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Road Closure

County Route 7, (Horseshoe Run Road) Tucker County, will be closed until Wednesday, September 27, 2023. County Route 7, (Horseshoe Run Road) Tucker County, will be closed starting at the intersection of County Route 1, (Holly Meadows Road) extending until milepost 8.54 onto County Route 7/3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Wednesday, September 27, 2023, for paving. This will not include the weekend. Special accommodations will be made for emergency vehicles and school buses. All other motorists are advised to plan accordingly, to expect delays and to use alternate routes.



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Blackwater PSD

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dates for corrective action. That's to protect all of us. For example, Davis has an order right now that protects us because we're not in compliance with some of the things for our sewer plant. But everyone is aware that there is corrective action being taken. There's a schedule for the corrective action and EPA and DEP are satisfied with that."

According to Tomson a new corrective order will be issued once the two towns are under the umbrella of Blackwater. "So, when our problems go into the PSD, your issues go into the PSD," Tomson said. "A new overarching Protective Order will be written that will cover what you guys are doing and what we're doing and schedule associated with that."

The issue of leachate from the Tucker County Landfill was also discussed by Tomson. "We also talked about leachate quite a bit," Tomson said, "from the landfill. And for me the big take away was that they probably need to do some kind of leachate pre-treating at the Landfill to get the ammonia levels down before they would put it into our waste stream."

According to Tomson, the PSD met with Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Presiding Chair Mark Holstine on the issue of leachate. "So, after the meeting that we had with the DEP and the PSC, we went downstairs and talked with Mark Holstine at the Solid Waste Management Authority. And he understood where we were coming from when we brought up the topic and said that they should be agreeable to pre-treating and putting in some kind of treatment process to take some of that burden off of whatever we would be getting from the Landfill."

There was discussion by the board about the type of treatment the leachate would require. "Really all they would need is kind of like the set up that we have over there now," Blackwater Public Service District Treasurer Jody Flanagan said. "You know, that little mini plant."

"He said they would look at something else, too," Tomson said.

"If he could pre-treat it like we (Thomas) did before it went into our plant," Flanagan said, "and the new plant have that same set up that we had, it would be treated at the Landfill, pre-treated again at the PSD and then again before it goes into Plant. That would probably help out a tremendous amount for that leachate because it takes a lot of air pre-treating it."

Tomson said the DEP suggested the board focus on the qualifications of the Engineering firms during the interview process in regards to the firm's knowledge and experience with leachate. "The other thing that the DEP said was that when we interview Engineers for the project, we really need to explore what they know about the leachate issue and



PSD 2: Blackwater PSD members Alan Tomson, left, and Judy Cronauer, center, along with Jim Marshall from Region VII PDC listen to board member Jody Flanagan, not pictured, during the board's August 29th meeting at the Davis Town Hall.

solutions for that other than dilution."

"This solves a lot of problems, this PSD, for both the towns," Flanagan said. "Basically on top of the mountain, all of the water and sewer issues. And they've been waiting for this for years, the DEP has for years."

"So, they're pretty happy with this," Tomson said. "They couldn't be happier."

Prompted by a question by a member of the public, Rachele Davis of Douglas, Tomson clarified the board's current opinion on placement of the new treatment facility. "We really don't know where the plant is going to go," Tomson said. "We are going to leave that to the Engineers when they actually do the Engineering Study. We've talked about Douglas Falls and we, in this previous meeting, talked about the Thomas Waste Treatment Plant Site as another possibility, but we are going to leave it to the Engineers to figure it out because they have to take into consideration factors like the volume of water that's in the stream that you are going to put your output into and also the slope of that stream so it can be aerated. And we all are not the experts."

Davis had voiced concern during public commentary on the placement of the plant in the Douglas area. She also asked the board about a proposed DEP project. "When you met with the DEP folks in Charleston, did anybody mention anything about the treatment project with Friends of the Blackwater there that they've proposed?" Davis said.

"They did not," Tomson said.

"So, in one case it would be below – if you stayed in Thomas – it would be, their treatment would be, below the facility. If it was at Douglas, it would be, sounds like above, DEP facility would be above. I don't know a lot about it."

"What would they be servicing?" Tomson said.

"They're trying to treat the Black-

water," Davis said. "Reintroduce aquatic life and I don't know if it's feasible, but it is a DEP project and I thought that they might have mentioned that."

"They're going to put some sort of a lime station in," Flanagan said. "They have some of the funding, but they're still short of funding...It's a liming station to neutralize the water. But, yeah, that will be a DEP project if they can get that funded."

Davis asked the board about the focus on "current customers" in the project scope and asked about someone she knows in Davis who currently did not have service. Tomson also clarified the board's definition of "current customers." "Well, when we say 'current customers,' what we're saying is the Town of Davis. So, if somebody, for example, was not in Davis for whatever reason, we would suck them in. Same thing with Thomas. Thomas is a customer and we are assuming everybody in the Thomas area will be brought in, whether they are currently on or not. They will get brought in one way or another and the other customers will be the State Park and the Landfill and the Industrial Park and so on and so on."

"So if you were a resident of Thomas and didn't have any service currently?" Davis said.

"We would look at getting you service somehow," Tomson said.

According to Tomson, the current treatment plants in Thomas and Davis will be decommissioned, as will the Blackwater plant, once the Blackwater PSD plant is operational. "They (Blackwater) would decommission it. We will decommission ours in Davis. Thomas will decommission their existing plant."

The board scheduled interviews with the top three Engineering firms for September 12th. The next public meeting of the Blackwater PSD has not been announced yet.

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County Graves

decided we can't just let people be forgotten in our community. Like they didn't even exist."

Plans for preservation of the site, according to Rosenau, include reusing wrought iron fencing from the old jail to surround the site. "So what we're doing right now is, we're clearing the area of debris, leaving the trees to make a serene place – we're trying to - and our long-term goal is we have fencing left from our old Jail House, that wrought iron fencing the older people in our community remember it, so we want to incorporate a fence of some kind around that cemetery," Rosenau said.

According to Rosenau, the County has contacted a company to survey the site and determine the number of burials. "We contacted...we are actually waiting on a phone call back, to determine how many people are buried there," Rosenau said. "A company that does that. They done throughout the county in other cemeteries. To ensure that we incorporate the whole lot."

Initial estimates of the graves, according to Rosenau, are between 20 and 30 burials. "I'm telling you, just looking at the indentations down there in the graves, there's 20 to 30 people buried there at least," Rosenau said.

Rosenau said the Commission appreciated the effort the work crew put into the site. "So, I looked down there the other day after they had cleaned it off," Rosenau said. "And they hadn't dressed up the sides or anything yet, but honest to golly, it looks like a different place. I was proud. The view that we have from that cemetery in that little knoll, I was just proud of the work that they done down there."

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held September 27th at 6 p.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom in Parsons.

News of Record

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

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- Sheila Estes, Clover District, 35 acres, two chains and ten poles to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$1,600.
- Mark E. Myers and Jessica E. Myers, St. George District, 60 acres and ½ minerals interest Hile Run to Jordan Skipper, \$131,000.
- Jon R. Tallman, Janice Ruth Brzezinski and Carolyn Kosko-Pell, Davis Corporation, Lot 60 Davis to Christy N. Parke, \$175,000.
- Helen L. Reed and Thomas Reed POA, Dry Fork District, Unit F-3 Week 33 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Donna Reed, \$1,000.

The following marriage has been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

- Thomas Stephen Andrews to Kelsey Grace Cox on Monday, Sept. 4, 2023.

Congressman Alex X. Mooney Comments on August Inflation Report

WASHINGTON – Today's Consumer Price Index report showed the inflation rate surged to 3.7% - more than 2.5x the rate when Joe Biden took office. As a result of "Bidenomics," prices are up 17.4% and real wages are down 3.1% since President Biden was sworn in.

"Today's report shows the failure of Bidenomics and runaway Democrat spending, which is not only bankrupting our country, but also West Virginia families," said Congressman Alex X. Mooney.

Congressman Mooney added, "We must get government spending under control. Washington spending is fueling record inflation. The House of Representatives must pass a fiscally responsible budget."

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OBITUARIES

WV Secretary of State Mac Warner secures agreements with key states to assist with preventing voter identify fraud

Charleston, W.Va. – WV Secretary of State Mac Warner has announced data-sharing partnerships with several key states to assist with efforts to prevent and identify election fraud, adding to his Office's success in increasing confidence in elections and securing the election process and results.

Secretary Warner has secured data-sharing agreements with Ohio, Virginia, and Florida, and is nearing an agreement with Tennessee. The agreements set forth general terms to securely share data between states for the purpose of preventing and identifying fraud and form a foundation for future state partnerships ahead of and after the 2024 election cycle.

"These agreements allow our states to continue our critical work of identifying and deterring fraud in our own backyards with secure, uniform processes that work best for West Virginia," said Secretary Warner. "West Virginia maintains its national leadership in election security, and we look forward to more states in our region and across the nation joining us in data sharing that is free of partisanship and outside influence."

Based on efforts from 2017 through early 2023, West Virginia's surrounding states make up the majority of identified duplicate registrations. The states that have signed agreements account for nearly 50% of all abandoned registrations since 2017. This regional foundation forms the beginning of onboarding other states interested in identifying and prosecuting fraud.

"By using technology and leveraging our exceptional local assets, West Virginians can have confidence that our election officials are securing the integrity of our state and national elections," Secretary Warner continued. "I am looking forward to working with other states in the region and across the country to continue our fight against election fraud."

Gary Lee Kisner



Gary Lee Kisner, 73, a resident of Hendricks, passed from this life Sunday, September 10, 2023, at Davis Medical Center.

Gary was born on Sunday, December 11, 1949, in Elkins, a son of the late Elmer A. Kisner, Sr. and Margaret Everett Kisner. On March 14, 1998, he was united in marriage to the former Bobbi Lynn Hockman, who survives. They had celebrated twenty-five years of marriage.

Also left to cherish Gary's memory his daughter, Garilee Mallow and husband, William, of Montrose, seven grandchildren, Ariel Mallow and companion, Alex, of Lumberport, Jasmine Mallow of Morgantown, and Brayden, Lucas, AJ, Avery, and Hazel, all of Montrose, one step-daughter, Barbara (Bobbi) Curtis and husband, Brad, one half-brother, Phil Brake, all of Elkins, one half-sister Juanita of Virginia, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Gary in death besides his parents was a daughter Chrissy Triplett, a brother, Elmer A. Kisner, Jr, two half-brothers, Greg Brake and Randy Brake, and his first wife, Judith Meadows.

Gary attended the schools of Ran-

dolph County and served with the United States Marines during Vietnam. He then went on to serve with the United States Army Reserves. He had worked at the Elkins Railroad Roundhouse until it burned in 1981. He then worked for Reliable Roofing before spending twenty-six years working for Hogan's Transfer and Storage along with Elkins Iron and Metal from which he retired. In his retirement, he enjoyed working in the garage cleaning scrap metal and hanging out with his neighborhood buddies. He enjoyed watching NASCAR, football (especially the West Virginia Mountaineers) and the Atlanta Braves.

Gary's request for cremation will be honored with no services. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Gary Lee Kisner. Send online condolences to the family at: www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Margaret Evick Stevens



Jacqueline "Jackie" Margaret Evick Stevens, age 85 years, a resident of the Holly Meadows Community, Parsons, WV departed this life Thursday afternoon, September 14, 2023, at her home surrounded by her loving family and under the care of WV Caring.

She was born Thursday, February 3, 1938, at Parsons, WV, a daughter of the late William Ray and Margaret Marie Filler Evick Harlow. On November 4, 1957, at Oakland, MD., she was married to George Lawrence "Darney" Stevens, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Brian Stevens and wife Debbie, one daughter, Dawn Harper, daughter in law, Kathleen "Kathy" Stevens, one brother, William Ray Evick, Jr. and wife Linda, all of Parsons; and four grandchildren, William "Brad" Stevens, Leslie "Dee" Stevens, Emilee Harper and Kelsey Jordan; and two great grandchildren, Wesley and Liam. Preceding her in death is one son,

returned to Parsons, WV and worked for State Farm Insurance, Citizens National Bank and retired from Mountain Valley Bank in 2000. She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Parsons. Jackie always had a smile and was a sweet lady, who loved her family very much and especially enjoyed her car rides with "Darney".

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. Final Rites were conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 11 a.m. The Reverend Neil Parsons officiated and interment followed at the Bethel Cemetery at Holly Meadows, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Jacqueline "Jackie" Margaret Evick Stevens. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

William George "Bill" Stevens.

She was a graduate from Parsons High School with the class of 1956. After school, she worked for the F.B.I. in Washington, D.C. She then

Jack William "Bill" Miller



Jack William "Bill" Miller, age 84 a resident of Moatsville, passed away unexpectedly Thursday September 14, 2023 at his residence. Jack was born December 30, 1938 in Parsons, WV a son of the late Jack William Miller and Evelyn Yvonne (Ball) Miller Zipkin. Jack was twice married, first to Doris (Wolford) Miller, and second to Doris (Cook) Hoffman Miller both whom preceded him in death.

Surviving are daughters, Ellen Y. Shaffer and husband Ronald of St. George, WV, Jonna Lea Miller of Moatsville; grandchildren, Dr. Emily M. Shaffer of Hempstead, NY, Tyler L. Shaffer of Morgantown, WV, Leanne R. Bamberger-Sagman and husband Tyler of Martins Ferry, OH; dear special friend Sylvia Lea Rosenau of Parsons, WV; brother, Harris T. "Terry" Zipkin and wife Janet of Baltimore, MD; sister, Susan G. Burrows-Heckler and husband Carl of Baltimore, MD; and several nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, wives, daughters, Rebecca

Miller of Martins Ferry, OH, Cheryl A. Miller of Canton, OH, grandson, Bradley P. Shaffer of Morgantown, maternal grandparents Floyd and Leona Ball whom raised Jack.

Jack retired in 1994 from the Barbour County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service USDA as the County Executive Director. He had a total of 32 years of Federal Government Service.

Jack was an avid farmer, life member of the National Rifle Association, and the PA Gun Collector Association. He was also a member of the Philippi Lions Club, past Chairman of the Chestnut Ridge PSD, and member of Crim Memorial United Methodist Church where he also served as a Trustee.

Jack graduated from the Parsons High School Class of 1956. He was a member of the Alumni Association, and the Hall of Fame. After graduation Jack attended and graduated from WVU Class of 1962 with a Bachelors Degree in Agricultural Education.

Friends were received at the Wright Funeral Home and on-site Crematory 220 N. Walnut St. Philippi on Monday September 18, from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday September 19, from 9 a.m.- 8 p.m., and Wednesday September 20, from 9-11 a.m. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in the Mt. Vernon Memorial Cemetery. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.wrightfuneralhomeservices.com.

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The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is five cents lower this week at \$3.561 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices: Northern WV Average \$3.561
 Average price during the week of September 5, 2023 \$3.611
 Average price during the week of September 12, 2022 \$3.538

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

- \$3.471 Bridgeport
- \$3.526 Clarksburg
- \$3.463 Huntington
- \$3.712 Martinsburg
- \$3.698 Morgantown
- \$3.374 Parkersburg
- \$3.699 Weirton
- \$3.543 Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

The national average for a gallon of gas is two cents over the past week to \$3.83. The increase comes after a recent uptick

in the price of oil, the primary ingredient in gasoline. Today's national average is a penny less than a month ago but 12 cents more than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand increased from 9.07 to 9.32 million barrels per day last week. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks dropped from 217.4 to 214.7 million barrels.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate rose by 85 cents to settle at \$87.54. The price of oil has increased amid news that Saudi Arabia plans to continue its voluntary 1 million barrels per day production cut through the end of the year. Additionally, the EIA reported that total domestic commercial crude inventories decreased significantly from 422.9 to 416.6 million barrels.

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



Agency LMC Makes Its Mark at State Public Relations Awards Ceremony

ELKINS, W. VA (September 14, 2023) - Agency LMC (LMC), a boutique full-service agency, offering advertising, marketing, and public relations, brought home numerous awards from the 2023 West Virginia Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSA-WV) annual Crystal Awards. Members of the Elkins-based agency attended the August 15th awards ceremony located in Charleston.

The agency was among the top scoring in the PRSA Crystal Awards' Tactic Category, which recognizes outstanding public relations tactics that contribute to the success of overall programs or campaigns. Out of the five finalists, LMC was recognized for two of the three Best of West Virginia Overall tactics:

- Best of West Virginia Overall Tactic Gold for its external website created for Omni Associates.
- Best of West Virginia Overall Tactic Silver for its social media graphics created for The Center for Rural Health Development, Inc.'s HPV Vaccination Campaign.

"I am incredibly proud of our team and deeply grateful to our clients for their unwavering trust and partnership," stated Lori Chenoweth, Vision and Strategy Director at Agency LMC. "These accolades are a testament to the dedication, creativity, and relentless pursuit of excellence that defines our agency."

LMC was also presented with five Award of Merit honors for the following tactics:

- Barbour Community Health Association - Diabetes Tracking Booklet: Collateral.
- Tucker Community Foundation:

- Annual Report.
- Coplin Health Systems - What Does it All Mean? Campaign: Social Media Video.
- The Center for Rural Health Development Inc. - HPV Vaccination Campaign Posters: Collateral.
- Upshur County Visitor Center - Rack Card Series: Collateral.

"We look forward to continuing to elevate our clients' brands and stories, setting new standards in the industry, and celebrating even greater successes together in the future," expanded Chenoweth.

The PRSA WV's Crystal Awards is an annual celebration of the campaigns and tactics work of the state's public relations practitioners, agencies, and college students. This year's judging panel, the PRSA-Baton Rouge, Louisiana Chapter, considered five elements in the tactics scoring process: research, planning, implementation, creativity, and evaluation— set forth by the Public Relations Society of America.

About LMC

LMC is a boutique full-service advertising, marketing, and public relations agency in Elkins, West Virginia. LMC offers expert services in strategic planning, print design, web design, social media management, copywriting, outreach strategy, photography, and videography, among other capabilities. LMC strives to create and enhance brand position and awareness through strategic marketing and implementation.

For more information, contact LMC at 304-614-2363 or visit our website at agencylmc.com.

Blackwater Ministerial Association Reports Progress

Members of the Blackwater Ministerial Association (BMA) Board met August 9 to review site options for the relocation of the Blackwater Food Pantry currently housed in the basement of St. John's Lutheran Church in Davis. The church needs foundation work in the near future and the food pantry will need to vacate the space prior to construction.

The collection and monthly distribution of food by the Food Pantry is overseen by Veronica Staron who has served as Volunteer Director for more than nineteen years. Distribution, transportation, and other administrative duties are provided by a dedicated team of twenty-five (plus) volunteers. There are no paid staff. In 2022, BMA delivered over 46,000 pounds of food to people in need. More than eighty families utilize the Food Pantry.

BMA is currently in negotiations to lease property in our service area that will allow our families easy access. The first draft of the Food Pantry building has

been designed. The building design will be modified to the location on the building site to allow for efficient food distribution and traffic flow.

The mission of the BMA is to provide food and other community services to those in need. The board meets monthly and much of the meeting is devoted to developing and implementing a strategic plan to ensure the sustainability of the Blackwater Food Pantry. Current members of the BMA Board are Pastor Ruth Bullwinkle, President; Pastor Jay Bunting, Vice President; Veronica Staron, Pantry Director; and members Kathy Thomas, Tom Kucer, Tim McGowan, Diane Hinkle, Father Martin Smay, Paul Teranto, Deborah McHenry, Brenda Wolford, and Joan Emerson.

The board recently established a new Blackwater Ministerial mailing address: PO Box 103, Davis, WV 26260. We welcome your input and support to help further our mission.

TUCKER COUNTY SCHOOLS FALL SPEECH and AUDIOLOGY SCREENINGS/RESCHECKS SCHEDULED

Tucker County Schools will be conducting the fall speech and audiology screenings/rechecks in our schools. Speech and/or Hearing screenings are scheduled to take place on September 27-28, 2023.

Students who will be screened are as follows:

- (1) All students entering school for the first time who have not been screened at school;

- (2) All students who have been referred for speech or hearing re-screenings; and
- (3) Any teacher referrals for screening. Parents will be notified if any student should fail the screenings.

Those who do not wish their child to be tested must contact their respective school in writing. For additional information, you can contact the Tucker County Schools Special Education Department at 304-478-2771.

St. George Holds Senior Outpost

St. George Senior Citizens gathered at the St. George Community Church on August 17, 2023. Sharon Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked prayer for the evening and the food. After a delicious covered dish meal, Sharon gave various readings. The group played several rounds of bingo for prizes. Attending were Eileen Wilfong, Betsy Whitehair, Kathy Thomas, Lewis Arnold, Sue Carroll, Dorothy Simpson, Virginia Popio, Mabel Fitzwater, Dale Varner, Anna Fitzwater, April Fitzwater, Raymond Collins, Don Nestor, Pete

Kuhn, Arlene Ramsey, Jane Pifer, Becky Corcoran, Carol Weinstein, Janice F. Poling, James C. Poling, Brenda Jones, Betty Sturm, P Ann Flanagan, Carol Knighton, Norm Knighton, Gloria Myers, and Eleanor Nestor.

The Parsons Senior Center provides a van and seniors are always welcome to come, bring a covered dish, and bring a friend. The next gathering is September 21 at 6:00 pm at the St. George Community Church for food, fun, fellowship, and a presentation by the Tucker County Health Department.

Demolition on Main Street

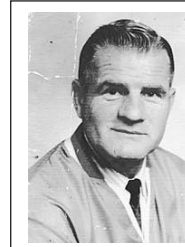


The former Charlotte's Thrift Store being torn down. Photo credit: Teri Cayton

The 10th Annual Neil Gutshall Memorial Golf Tournament

Held on September 2nd & 3rd

Holly Meadows Golf Course



Tucker County Parks and Recreation and Holly Meadows Golf Course would like to thank ALL the participants, volunteers and hole sponsors for making The Neil Gutshall Memorial Golf Tournament a GREAT SUCCESS!! Especially St. George Medical Center for presenting a \$50,000.00 prize for a hole-in-one and Performance Motors of Elkins a prize towards a new car for a hole-in-one.

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- MUD Ceramics
- Oakland County Club Golf
- Parsons Shop n Save
- Stonewall Resort Golf
- The Country Market/Crazy Harry's
- The Dollar General
- Performance Chevrolet Elkins
- Vic Bob's Brandy of Davis
- Valley Distributors of Elkins
- Advanced Auto of Elkins
- O'Reilly Auto
- Patriot Golf of California

What's? Happening

FLANAGAN HILL FALL FESTIVAL

FLANAGAN HILL FALL FESTIVAL will be held Saturday, September 23, 2023, at the Community Building in Red Creek beginning at 1 p.m. Roast Beef Dinner w/ mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, roll, pie, and drink will be served with carryout available. Activities will be raffle with first, second, and third prize. also theme basket raffles, 50/50 drawing, and apple butter for sale. Cake walk beginning at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Flanagan Hill Community Building.

St. George Senior Outpost

St. George Senior Outpost meets on September 21 at 6 p.m. at the St. George Community Church. Seniors are invited to bring a covered dish and enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship.

Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner at St. John's United Methodist Church in Parsons on September 23 from 4-7 p.m. \$10 donation. Take-out available.

available.

Flu Shots

The Tucker County Health department will be holding a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at the Tucker County Health Department parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Davis Fire Hall parking lot from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.


In case of inclement weather the Parsons clinic will be held at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall and the Davis Clinic will be held inside the Davis Fire Dept.

Seasonal flu shots will be given to anyone 18 years of age and older. If you have insurance please bring your card. You will not be charged any co-pay. If you do not have insurance you can still receive a flu shot at no cost.

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

Our "Fake Fall" is here in the beautiful state of West Virginia. It seems to do this every year, we will have temperatures in the 80's and 90's and the next week it will be in the mid 70's and down in the 40's at night. It is a great reprieve from the sweltering heat we have in the summer. It will last for a couple weeks and then it will warm up again until time for the Forest Festival (first week of October) when it usually pours the rain for the whole festival.

Again after that it will warm up again for a little while, but it always seems to rain for the festival. It is such a grand affair and the last big festival for the year around here so it is just a shame to be thwarted by the weather. The organizers work all year for this and I just hate to see it ruined.



Momma Said
This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.
By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

Momma Said, "Just wear your rubber boots and step in a puddle or two."

I did receive Ripley's ashes back so the girls and I will be making a trip to let her join her sisters that have passed before her. I got a concrete dog statue that I am going to take and leave just to mark the spot. Maybe years from now someone will find it and wonder what the heck this is doing out here in the middle of nowhere which by the way they will have to look very, very hard to find it.

Sweet and Boozy Peach Whiskey Jam

Ingredients

- 3 lbs. peaches, peeled and finely diced
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- ¼ cup fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons whiskey
- ½ teaspoon butter

Instructions

- Place the peaches in a large bowl with the sugar and lemon juice and let macerate for 2 hours.
- Place a sieve over a medium, high-sided, heavy-bottomed saucepan and strain the accumulated liquid from the peaches. Return the peaches to the bowl and set aside.
- Clip a candy thermometer to the pot and bring the liquid to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring frequently to prevent burning.

- Once the liquid reaches 220°F (110°C), after about 10 minutes, stir in the reserved peaches and any accumulated juice into the hot syrup.

- Continue cooking for about 10 minutes, stirring constantly, until the peaches break down and are evenly dispersed through the syrup. At this point, you can use a masher to further break down any larger chunks of peaches if you want.

- Remove from the heat and stir in the whiskey and butter. Let cool for 30 minutes in the pot before transferring to a 16 oz. (2 cup/ 480 ml) mason jar to cool completely.

- Store in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks or in the freezer for up to 6 months. Once defrosted, consume within 2 weeks.

- Enjoy on scones, biscuits, bread, English muffins, and crumpets.



The West Virginia Encyclopedia
www.wvencyclopedia.org



Sept. 24, 1918: George Spencer "Spanky" Roberts was born in London, Kanawha County. He entered aviation cadet training with the first class of Tuskegee Airmen and became the first Black military pilot from West Virginia.

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.

Sept. 20, 1910: Dorothy Johnson Vaughan was born in Kansas City but moved at a young age to Morgantown, where she was valedictorian of Beechurst High School. Like fellow West Virginian Katherine Johnson, Vaughan became a mathematician and computer expert for NASA and made key contributions to the U.S. space program.

Sept. 20, 1914: Ken Hechler was born on Long Island, New York. Hechler served 18 years in the U.S. Congress and four terms as West Virginia's secretary of state.

Sept. 21, 1895: Samuel Ivan Taylor was born in Mercer County. Taylor was the first member of the West Virginia state police. He was part of the force that faced off against union miners during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain in Logan County.

Sept. 21, 1937: The West Virginia Conservation Commission acquired 6,705 acres in Kanawha County to create Kanawha State Forest. Redevelopment of the land, which had been heavily mined and timbered, began the next year by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Sept. 21, 1970: Filming began in Moundsville on the

movie Fools' Parade, based on the novel by Davis Grubb. The filming concluded one month later when Grubb came to Moundsville for a dinner, accompanied by his dog, making the \$750 round trip from New York City in a taxi.

Sept. 22, 1856: Albert Blakeslee "A. B." White was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was West Virginia's 11th governor, serving from 1901 to 1905. He was the fourth person to serve as governor from Wood County, his adopted home.

Sept. 22, 1894: Louis Bennett Jr. was born in Weston. Bennett was West Virginia's only World War I flying ace. With 12 combat kills, including three aircraft and nine balloons, Bennett placed himself ninth on the roster of aces. This record was accomplished in just 10 days after assignment to his combat unit.

Sept. 22, 1970: The "Brinkley Bridge" in Wayne County collapsed under the weight of an overloaded truck. The bridge was named for newscaster David Brinkley who had filmed a 1960 news report about the poor condition of the span.

Sept. 23, 1922: Five men were struck and killed at the Glen Rogers mine in Wyoming

County when equipment fell during the construction of a deep shaft.

Sept. 23, 1938: The Mingo Oak was cut down after succumbing to the fumes of a burning coal refuse pile. The Mingo Oak, which stood near the Logan-Mingo county line, was more than 500 years old and may have been the largest white oak in the world.

Sept. 24, 1911: Laura Jackson Arnold died in Buckhannon. The sister of Stonewall Jackson, she was a staunch Unionist during the Civil War, opening her home to care for injured Union soldiers.

Sept. 25, 1864: George Smith Patton was killed at the Battle of Winchester. Patton, a Charleston lawyer, had organized the Kanawha Riflemen, a Virginia militia company. He was the grandfather of Gen. George S. Patton of World War II.

Sept. 26, 1816: David Hunter Strother was born in Martinsburg. He was an artist and an author who used the pen name "Porte Crayon."

Sept. 26, 1863: The Great Seal of West Virginia was adopted by the legislature. The seal, which has remained unchanged, was designed by Joseph H. Diss Debar.

Super Crossword

SCARE TACTICS

ACROSS

1 Mess up on
6 Dismiss, as an ill student
14 Pause-causing marks
20 Skunks' defenses
21 Quick size-up
22 1998 Masters winner Mark
23 Giving an officer a leg up?
25 Defaced
26 Neighbors of Czechs
27 Composes
28 "Li'l" fellow
29 Previous to
30 Food favored by logicians?
35 Belgrade citizens
38 Impish kids
39 Extra NFL periods
40 Spill a secret
41 Lake fed by the Huron
42 Port-au-Prince's place
43 2017-19 labor secretary Alexander
46 Poor grade
47 Monkey setting off big experimental blasts?

50 — 'n' cheese
51 Airing of ads on the tube
52 Eyeliner flaw
53 Least plentiful
55 Archaic verb suffix
56 Warty hopper
59 Son of Cain
62 Busy insects
63 Two things a baby might be wearing in cold weather?
68 — -Cola
71 St. Teresa's birthplace
72 Chili bit
73 Neighbor of Wash.
76 Leaves weaponless
79 Finger or toe
82 MRI alternative
84 Winnipeg's province: Abbr.
85 "I pray our reservation doesn't get canceled!"
90 News agcy. founded in 1958
91 Fastener for paper sheets
92 Tolly fills
93 Fabled snow humanoid

94 Actress Turner
96 Mined stuff
97 Female hip-hopper
98 Self-indulgent outing
99 Comment upon finally getting a chance to sit down?
103 "The Raven" writer
104 Typical
105 In perfect condition
106 Not mixing well with others
110 Thirty tripled
112 Ruling house enjoying great prosperity?
115 Comparable with
116 Get robots to do
117 Kate's mate on 1980s TV
118 Part of BBB
119 Rubs the wrong way
120 Bed boards

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1 Janitorial tools
2 Reversed sort
3 Unassisted
4 Torque transmitter in a motor
5 "Star Wars" won seven of them
6 Weeps noisily
7 Musician Brian
8 S.Sgt. or M.Sgt.
9 Tyranny
10 Pay-to-stay places
11 Sheep-related
12 High-IQ club
13 Minuscule bit of work
14 Jet engine part that includes the igniter
15 Muscat-er?
16 Most trifling
17 Guys wearing wedding rings
18 "My lips — sealed"
19 In a blue state
24 Barely get, with "out"
28 "Don't — surprised!"
30 Londoner, e.g.
31 Author Joyce Carol —
32 Unskilled PC gamer, say
33 Marlins' and Mets' div.
34 Decides (to)
35 Pick up on
36 Blow up
37 Big name in photocopiers
38 Happy hour locale
42 Great devastation
43 "— of angels coming after me" ("Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" line)
44 Chocolate substitute
45 Santa —, California
48 Comics' Kett
49 Like Mutant Ninja Turtles
54 Actress Issa
57 Alias letters
58 Actor Patel
60 Corn holder
61 Garden tool
63 Jelly holder
64 Like some waves
65 Full of energy
66 Tijuana treats
67 Wild about
68 Fluffy clouds
69 Comparable (with)
70 Team of dogs on the force
73 Less genial
74 "Inferno" poet
75 Dickinson of "Rio Bravo"
77 Sporty English autos
78 Supreme Court's Sonia
80 "Let's move!"
81 Natives of Bangkok
83 Many a video chat
86 Hannah of "Roxanne"
87 Design detail
88 Raison d'—
89 — Paese (cheese type)
95 Thumbs-up
97 Witticism
98 Part of ASAP
100 Mozart's "Cosi fan —"
101 Love, to Gigi
102 Regional flora and fauna
103 — -Ops (CIA tactics)
106 Yemeni city
107 Dot in the sea, to Juanita
108 Tolling away
109 Strong alkalis
110 Collar
111 Singer Turner holder
113 "Illmatic" rapper
114 '60s Pontiac

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

Weather Totals

September 5 - September 12

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 88° F
Min 52° F

Precipitation

Week 0.88"
September 0.88"
2023 34.99"

Snowfall

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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.

No administrative fees. EVERY CENT received is used to buy winter clothing!

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.

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Address: _____

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

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Notice of Changes in the Flood Insurance Study for Cheat River, Tucker County, and Incorporated Areas

The Tucker County Floodplain Administration, in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of the County's intent to revise the flood hazard information, generally located between Holly Meadows Road and the confluence with Devils Dump Run. Specifically, the flood hazard information shall be revised along Cheat River from approximately 575 ft upstream of Holly Meadows Road Bridge to approximately 3,430 feet upstream of Holly Meadows Road measured along the centerline of the Cheat River.

As a result of the revision, the floodway shall widen and narrow, the 1% annual chance water-surface elevations shall increase and decrease, and the 1% annual chance floodplain shall widen and narrow within the area of revision.

Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the Tucker County Floodplain Administration at 215 First St, Parsons, WV 26287. Interested persons may call Shawn Marker, Tucker County Floodplain Administrator at 304-478-3727 ext. 5322 for additional information from September 15, 2023 to September 25, 2023.

LEGAL

On September 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. the Town of Davis will hold public hearings.
The public hearing is on a proposed zoning ordinance for the Town of Davis.

The purpose of zoning is to help maintain the character and charm of the Town of Davis. We are already feeling the effects of growth in our area. Note that everything existing in town may continue; all uses are grandfathered. Instead, our community plan clarifies preferred land uses while defining the land uses for future development. One goal of zoning is to minimize the adverse effects of businesses in traditionally residential neighborhoods by limiting the types of business allowed in residential areas.

The goal is to prevent uncontrolled growth. Zoning defines the best use of the limited developable land available in the town. Having managed growth will maintain the town's character while allowing for and encouraging a balance between protecting residential neighborhoods and locating quality businesses in the Town of Davis. Zoning encourages business development patterns along U.S. Highway 48 (Corridor H) and Route 32. It determines how to allocate the available Industrial Park land, allowing new businesses and workforce housing. The zoning ordinance also encourages the development of green space for outdoor gathering and recreational purposes.

Copies of the proposed zoning ordinance may be examined at the Davis Town Hall.

Written objections to the proposed ordinance may be made and will be heard at the public hearings and must be filed with the Town Clerk. Encourage such use while maintaining the Town's character.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF THOMAS BAD BUILDINGS DEMOLITION PROJECT TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Sealed bids for the BAD Buildings Demolition Project will be received by the City of Thomas, 307 Spruce Street, Thomas, Tucker County, West Virginia until 1:00 P.M., L.P.T., on Wednesday, October 4, 2023; at which time, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of the work to be bid upon is described as follows:

Demolition of the structures located at 344 Spruce Street, 207 Brown Street, 253 Buxton Street, 36 South Euclid Street, 262 South Euclid Street, and 363 Chestnut Alley, Thomas, Tucker County, West Virginia. Work shall include asbestos abatement, demolition, grading sites for positive drainage, and seeding and mulching the disturbed area. Contractor is responsible for all traffic control, all necessary federal, state, and local permitting, removal of debris to a licensed landfill, coordinating for the disconnection of all utilities, and any other miscellaneous work necessary for the demolition of said structures.

The contract will have a construction time limit of ninety (90) calendar days with liquidated damages of one-thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars per day. Asbestos abatement must be performed in accordance with West Virginia Division of Health Legislative Rules Title 64 Series 63, OSHA Asbestos Construction Standard 29 CFR 1926.1101, and the EPA Asbestos NESHAP guidelines 40 CFR 61, Subpart M. A Notice of Abatement, Demolition, or Renovation form must be submitted to the proper agencies, and a 10-day notice given prior to the commencement of abatement on this project.

Bidding documents may be obtained or examined at the Thomas City Hall, City of Thomas, 307 Spruce Street, Thomas, West Virginia 26292. A bidder may not withdraw their bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

Bidders must hold a current West Virginia Contractor's License on the date of Bid Opening.

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Thursday, November 2, 2023, Bridgeport - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 101 Cambridge Place, Bridgeport, WV 26330, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Contact Ryan Jackson or Shon Cyfers, 304-926-0499.

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SPORTS

TUCKER PULLS AWAY FOR THE WIN AT GILMER COUNTY 34-28

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

GLENVILLE – The Mt. Lions Football team traveled to Gilmer County on Friday September 15th. Tucker County outscored the Titans 22-6 in the second half to get the win by the final score of 34-28.

The Mt. Lions won the toss and deferred the option to give Gilmer County the ball to start the game.

The Titans picked up a couple first down and then Jared Reall intercepted a Gilmer County pass to give Tucker County the ball at their own 47 yard line. The Mt. Lions then scored on a 39 yard touchdown pass from Ethan Rosenau to Maddox Anderson. The 2 point conversion failed to make the score 6-0 Tucker County with 7:22 left in the first quarter. The Titans would then march the ball down the field on their next drive. Gilmer County then scored from 2 yards out with 2:42 left in the first quarter. The 2 point conversion failed to tie the score at 6-6. The Mt. Lions would fumble on their next possession giving the ball back to the homestanding Titans.

In the second quarter the Gilmer County drive stalled on a failed fourth down play. Tucker County's offense then went to work as they would score 2 plays later on a 35 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Blaike Adams. The PAT failed to put the score to 12-0 Tucker County with 9:46 left in the second quarter. The Titans would answer with a drive that was capped by a 4 yard touchdown run with 6:07 left in the second quarter. The PAT was good to give Gilmer County the 14-12 lead. On the next drive the Mt. Lions would turn the ball over again on an interception by Gilmer County. The Titans then scored on a 33 yard touchdown run. The PAT was good to extend the Gilmer County lead to 22-12 with 1:03 left in the second quarter. The halftime score remained 22-12 Gilmer County.

Tucker County got the ball to start the third quarter and they drove the ball down the field. The Mt. Lions would then score on a 7 yard screen pass to Reall for a touchdown with 6:16. The PAT was good on a pass to Adams to make the score 22-20 Gilmer County. On the



Tucker County's Racer Channel makes a catch against Gilmer County on Sept. 15th. The Mt. Lions won the contest 34-28. Photo by Brittany Channell.

ensuing kickoff the Titans fumbled the ball and Tucker County recovered the ball at the Gilmer County 40 yard line. The Mt. Lions offense then went to work. Tucker County capped off the drive with 3 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Anderson. The PAT failed to give the Mt. Lions the 26-22 lead with 3:15 left in the third quarter. The third quarter ended with the score 26-22 Tucker County.

At the start of the fourth quarter the Titans drive was stopped and they were forced to punt the ball back to the Mt. Lions. The Tucker County offense would then strike again with a long drive that was finished off on a 5 yard touchdown pass from Rosenau to Garrett Wilfong with 4:00 left in the game. The PAT was good on a pass to Racer Channell to give Tucker County a 34-22 lead.

Gilmer County would then score on a 4th down pass play from 42 yards out with 1:33 left in the game. The PAT was no good to make the score 34-28 Tucker County. The Mt. Lions recovered the onside kick and then ran out the clock to end the game.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County with 17 of 19 passing for 198 yards and Blaike Adams had 8 receptions for 114 yards receiving. Jared Reall added 108 yards rushing on 20 carries for the Mt. Lions and Maddox Anderson had 3 catches for 37 yards receiving. On defense Reall had 6 tackles and Garrett Wilfong added 5 tackles for Tucker County.

Tucker County(4-0) will travel to Reedsville Eastern Ohio on Friday September 22nd. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County Coach Crystal Kirk gives her team instructions during a timeout on Sept. 14th against Pendleton County. The Lady Mt. Lions fell in the match 3-0. Photo by Dave Helmick.

LADY MT. LION VOLLEYBALL HAS BUSY WEEK OF MATCHES

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Volleyball team hosted at Tri match on Tuesday September 12th against Preston and Moorefield. In the first match of the night Moorefield defeated Preston in straight sets 2-0. Preston would then face the Lady Mt. Lions. In the first set the Lady Knights got off to a quick 9-4 lead. The Lady Mt. Lions fought back to get the score to 19-14 Preston. Tucker County could not get an closer as they fell in Set 1 by the score of 25-17. In Set 2 the Lady Mt. Lions controlled the set early with a 7-2 lead. The Lady Knights battled back to tie the score at 8-8. Preston then continued to pull away as they took Set 2 by the count of 25-9 to win the best out of 3 set match 2-0. The last match of the night would be Tucker County hosting Moorefield. In Set 1 the Lady Yellowjackets jumped out to a 9-3 lead. Moorefield then extended their lead to 16-8. The Lady Mt. Lions could not complete the comeback as Moorefield got the Set 1 win 25-12. The Lady Yellowjackets started fast in Set 2 as they got a quick 8-1 lead. Tucker County were not able to stop the Moorefield momentum as Set 2 ended with the score of 25-7 Moorefield. This would give Moorefield the 2-0 match win over Tucker County.

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions Volleyball team hosted Pendleton County on Thursday September 14th. In the JV match the Lady Wildcats won the match over Tucker County in straight sets 25-9 and 25-11. In the varsity match the Lady Mt. Lions led Set 1 early 8-5. The score then went to a tie at 9-9, 10-10 and 12-12 before

Moorefield pulled away slightly 19-12. Tucker County responded to get the score to 22-21 Pendleton County, but the Lady Wildcats closed out the set with a 3-1 run to get the Set 1 win 25-22. In Set 2 Pendleton County exploded for an early 8-0 lead. The Lady Mt. Lions would fight back to tie the score at 17-17. The visiting Lady Wildcats then pulled away for the 25-20 Set 2 win. Tucker County was unable to force a fourth set as Pendleton County won Set 3 by the score of 25-20 to give Pendleton County the match win 3-0 over Tucker County.

BAKER – The Tucker County Volleyball team traveled to East Hardy on Saturday September 16th for the PVC Conference Tournament. In the first match of the day the Lady Mt. Lions faced off against Paw Paw. Tucker County fell in Set 1 by the score of 25-18. In Set 2 against Paw Paw the Lady Mt. Lions dropped the set by the score of 25-19 to fall in the match to Paw Paw 2-0.

In the second match of the day Tucker County would play a match against East Hardy. In Set 1 the Lady Cougars would defeat the Lady Mt. Lions by the score of 25-18. In Set 2 East Hardy would get the win 25-8 to give them the 2-0 match win over Tucker County.

The last match of the day for the Lady Mt. Lions was against Union. Tucker County would win Set 1 against Union 25-16. In Set 2 the Lady Mt. Lions pulled away for a 25-17 set win to give Tucker County the match win over Union 2-0.

Tucker County(1-9) will travel to Tygarts Valley on Thursday September 21st at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

MT. LIONS CROSS COUNTRY RUN AT SOUTHERN AND ELKINS

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

MT. LAKE PARK, MD – The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country team traveled to Broadford Lake to compete in a meet hosted by Southern, MD on Tuesday September 12th.

In the Girls' race Katie Hicks of the Lady Mt. Lions took home a 2nd place finish and a time of 21:30. Addi Moats(23:52) finished 8th, Addie Hicks(25:46) placed 19th, Brianna Gooden(27:03) was 28th, Adrianna Tuttle(36:58) was 52nd and Lilly Boyles(38:47) finished in 56th place. The Lady Mt. Lions team finished in 3rd place.

In the Boys' race at Broadford Lake the top runner for the Mt. Lions was Cameron Judy with a time of 19:19.6 and a 9th place finish. The remaining Tucker County runners finished as follows: 24th-Alex Boyles(20:26.4), 28th-Allan Boyles(20:51.1), 29th-Nate Ricottilli(20:56.5), 31st-Lynk Suesli(21:05.7), 49th-Ryan Scott(23:16.9) and 60th-Ivan Lothes(24:40.4). The Tucker County Boys' team finished in 4th place overall.

ELKINS – The Mt. Lions traveled to the Forest Festival Invitational on Saturday September 16th.

The Tucker County Girls' team finished 4th overall as a team. Leading the Lady Mt. Lions was Katie Hicks with a 4th place finished with a time of 23:50.05. Other Tucker County Girls' finished as follows: 13th-Addi Moats(25:31.37), 30th-Addie Hicks(27:43.37), 36th-Brianna Gooden(29:42.68), 49th-Adrianna Tuttle(41:11.70) and 50th-Lilly



Tucker County's Lynk Suesli runs at the Cross Country Meet at Broadford Lake on Sept. 12th. Photo by Sarah Hicks.

Boyles(41:48.66).

The Mt. Lions Boys' team also finished 4th overall as a team. Cameron Judy led Tucker County with a 14th place finish with a time of 20:41.62. The other Mt. Lions runners finished as follows: 20th-Alex Boyles(21:41.65), 26th-Lynk Suesli(22:34.13), 30th-Nate Ricottilli(23:01.80), 31st-Allan Boyles(23:28.88) and 40th-Ryan Scott(24:59.73).

The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Cross Country teams will return to action next Saturday September 23rd at Davis for the Annual "Run For It" at 9am. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

AREA SCHEDULE:

Thursday September 21st

Tucker County Volleyball @ Tygarts Valley 6pm

Tucker Valley Football vs Webster County @ Home 6pm

Tucker Valley Volleyball @ East Preston 6pm

Davis-Thomas Volleyball vs Moorefield / East Hardy @ Home 5pm

Friday September 22nd

Tucker County Football @ Reedsville Eastern Ohio 7pm

Saturday September 23rd

Tucker County Cross Country @ Run For It, 9am

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Tuesday September 26th

Tucker Valley Volleyball @ Kasson 6pm

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TUCKER VALLEY GETS THE WIN AT TYGARTS VALLEY 44-0

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

MILL CREEK – The Wildcats Football team traveled to Tygarts Valley on Thursday September 14th.

Tucker Valley got the scoring started on a Brayden Bennett 55 yard touchdown run to make the score 6-0 Wildcats. Tucker Valley then scored once again on another Bennett run, this time from 24 yards out. The conversion was good on a John Tuttle run to put the score to 14-0 Wildcats. The Tucker Valley offense would strike once again on a 55 yard touchdown run by Bennett. The PAT was no good to give the Wildcats a 20-0 lead. Bennett would score once again for Tucker Valley from 35 yards away and the PAT was good on an Evan

Hexom run to extend the Wildcats lead to 28-0. Tucker Valley's Bennett then broke free for a 57 yard touchdown run and the PAT was good on a Bennett run to up the score to 36-0 Tucker Valley. The scoring would end with a Wildcats pick 6 by Elliot Thompkins. The PAT was good on a Branson Hyre pass to Quinton Teter to make the final score 44-0 Tucker Valley.

The Tucker Valley offensive line (Owen Helmick, Isiah Lipscomb, Wade Boyles, Elliot Tompkins, Isiah Leary and Josh Moore) helped running back Brayden Bennett rush for 192 yards in the contest.

Tucker Valley (1-2) will return to action on Thursday September 21st at home against Webster County. Kickoff is scheduled for 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Strongest Teen

were telling me about a Strongman that was going on, a Strongman and Power Lifting that was going on in January."

Barb said he had been involved in Power Lifting in the past. "I've done Power Lifting before," Barb said. "And I just didn't really think I was going to do the Strongman and just do the Power Lifting. But, Dillan and Becca, they convinced me to try the Strongman out and I really liked it."

According to Barb, he completed up a weight class. "I competed up a weight class," Barb said. "I guess they saw my results and invited me to go to America's Strongest Teen."

Barb said he finished first place in all but one event. "I got first place," Barb said. "I won every event besides one and I lost that by a couple of milliseconds."

According to the Strongman Corporation results from the event, Barb finished first in his class of 13-17YR,

175LB MEN. The results recorded Barb completing 12 reps in the Log Lift for Reps and completing in first place; 500lb Frame Deadlift for Max first place; Farmer's Walk for Time of 75', 8.47s first place ranking; Truck Pull of 45', 17.84s with a Second Place ranking and the Atlas Stone Medley with Stone #4 230lb, 39.64s First Place Ranking. Barb's total points in the competition were 19 for an overall first place ranking. Second place at the event went to 15 year old Zayden Swearingen with 15.5 total points. Swearingen placed first in the Truck Pull event. Chris Banwart, 17, finished third with 9.5 points and 13 year old Paxton Kettler rounded out the weight class in fourth place with six total points.

Mullenax according to the Strongman Corporation results finished second in the 16-17YR, 200LB MEN. The results recorded Millenax completing two reps in the 160lb Log Lift for Reps for a first place ranking;

Manchin Speaks with More Than 1,500 West Virginia Students at 54 Schools about U.S. Service Academies

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) hosted a video call with more than 1,500 West Virginia students to encourage them to apply to the U.S. Service Academies and answer student questions about the application process. Students interested in applying to a U.S. Service Academy can submit an application to Senator Manchin's office by October 1, 2023.

"Attending a U.S. Service Academy is a privilege reserved for the best and brightest young men and

women across our country. West Virginians have a long history of bravely serving our nation, and I was honored to speak with so many of our students today about the great opportunities at a U.S. Service Academy," said Senator Manchin. "These students are the future of the Mountain State, and I applaud their interest in serving our country. I look forward to nominating the most qualified candidates to these prestigious academies, where I know they will make our state and country very proud."

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480lb Frame Deadlift for Max second place; 215lb Farmer's Walk for Time of 75', 33.04s second place ranking; Truck Pull of 45', 26.44s with a Second Place ranking and the Atlas Stone Medley with Stone #3 250lb, 72.98s Second Place Ranking. Mullenax's total points in the competition were 10.5 for an overall second place ranking. First place at the event went to 16 year old Angel Rivera with 14.5 total points. August Josiah Spies, 17, rounded out the division with third place with 3 points.

Barb said he learned from the experience that there is much more to the world. "I learned that there's just so much more than what's around here in the real world and there's a lot of good people."

Barb gave some advice for young people wanting to join the sport. "I would definitely recommend working out. It helps. It will make you 10 times better at the sport you're in," Barb said. "Always listen to

your coaches. Be a very coachable kid. Stay away from alcohol and drugs and just focus on your sport and school."

When asked what his plans for the future were, Barb said, "In the future I'm hoping to either get a scholarship to go play football, run track or Power Lifting. But if none of that works out, then I would like to go to trade school for carpentry."

Barb is a 9th grader at Tucker County High School where he is involved in Football, Basketball, Baseball and Track. "I run the 400, the 200, High Jump and the 100," Barb said.

Barb said he was accompanied to California by his family, Gavin Mullenax, Dillan and Becca Warren and Mike Goss. Barb is the son of Nick and Courtney Barb of Parsons.

The Parsons Advocate attempted to reach out to Mullenax for comment, but was unable to contact him at the time of publication.

Waybright Speaker at West Virginia Governor's Conference on Tourism

Jenningston, WV - West Virginia has just celebrated its best tourism year to date, with the 2022 economic impact exceeding \$7 billion. Marsha Waybright, operates 3 West Virginia businesses - Laurel River Club Bed & Breakfast, Laurel Fork Farm and the West Virginia School of Traditional Skills - which have had a large role in making this happen. She was recently one of several speakers at the West Virginia Governor's Conference on Tourism. Her Laurel Fork Farm and West Virginia School of Traditional Skills was an official stop on a conference sponsored Scavenger Hunt where visitors saw a short bird of prey presentation by the Laurel Fork Falconer and miniature therapy horse handler Kendra Waybright when visiting the 200-acre farm nestled on the edge of the Monongahela National Forest.

Held on September 10 -13 at Canaan Valley Resort in the Potomac Highlands region, the conference provided education and networking opportunities for tourism professionals of all backgrounds to collaborate on different tourism projects across the state. Governor Jim Justice said that West Virginia "has so much to offer from a tourism standpoint, it's off the chart."

The governor credited many local businesses with the current economic success of tourism in West Virginia

but placed an emphasis on small businesses, like the ones Waybright operates. She said the main motivation behind creating a Bed & Breakfast was "not only to preserve the house, which is the last house left standing from the town of Jennings, but to also preserve the rich history of the town." In just three short years, she has had people from more than 40 countries and 41 states; has a 9.5 out of 10 star rating from Booking.com; a 4.97 out of 5 star rating from Airbnb; and has received the Superhost award every year since opening. She was also recently awarded the 2023 West Virginia Women in Agriculture Award at the West Virginia State Fair.

Waybright said she "attributes most of our success from something my grandmother passed on to me. Like most West Virginians, she was blessed with a heepin' helpin' of hospitality and I watched her take care of people my whole life. You couldn't go to her house without eating something. She was always cooking and always serving." And Waybright gets help from every member of her family, especially with the West Virginia School of Traditional Skills, which she founded "in order to help people reconnect to nature and farm life." Her son, Collin, is the youngest Master Class Falconer in the state of West Virginia and his wife, Tiffany, is a photographer. Her oldest daughter, Kendra, trains cattle and horses to use for therapy work, while youngest daughter Josie trains

cats, bantam chickens and rabbits for therapy use. Waybright and her husband, Kendall, "teach everything from birthing to butchering animals, planting, harvesting, and preserving food."

Waybright is a certified dog trainer and also trains service and therapy animals. She hopes to visit nursing homes and other venues with animals to provide comfort and aid to those with physical or mental health conditions. Businesses such as these three are the state's backbone, and contribute to making Tourism successful. As property manager of the Laurel River Club Bed & Breakfast, "my family

and I have followed our passions with our focus on agritourism and education for the Bed & Breakfast and other businesses. That's who we are, what we are good at. Find your passion and incorporate it into a place you love." The Waybrights truly love West Virginia.

For more information about the Laurel River Club B&B and surrounding farm, upcoming classes through the West Virginia School of Traditional Skills, information on service animal visits, or to book a stay, please visit www.lrcbnb.com or call (304) 402-7095. Find more info on Facebook, Instagram, TikToc and YouTube.



ROAD CLOSURE

Temporary road closure and delays should be expected on Rt. 32 (William Ave.) in Davis, WV on Saturday, September 23rd from 10:45 am to 12 pm. The road will be closed for the Tucker Community Foundation's 16th Annual Run For It 2k and 5k Race.

Rt. 32 through Davis, WV will be temporarily closed to traffic from 10:45 am to 11:15 am. We will reroute through traffic during this time. After 11:15 am traffic will be limited to one lane through town.

During the closure, state and local police will attend the intersection of Henry Ave. and Blackwater Falls Rd and be posted South of Davis at the Thomas Patrick Memorial bridge on Rt. 32. The Sheriff Department will run pilot cars and give the ALL CLEAR notice when both lanes are open.

For any concerns about the closure or if you would like any further details, please contact the Tucker Community Foundation office at 304-478-2930 or by email at runforit@tuckerfoundation.net.

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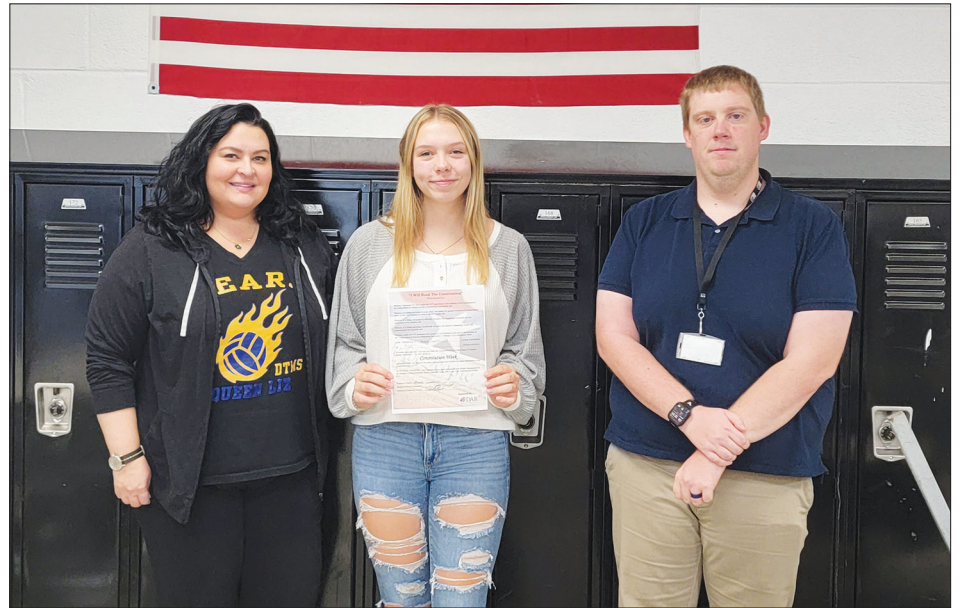
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Members of Blackwater Chapter WVDAR recently visited Tucker County Schools in celebration of Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23



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