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## County Receives \$85,000 Opioid Settlement Installment



Hunter Mullens addresses the Tucker County Commission regarding the County's first distribution of opioid settlement funds. Photo courtesy of the Tucker County Commission.

The Tucker County Commission received the first distribution from the Opioid settlement at the Commission's regular meeting. Hunter Mullens addressed the Commission and presented a check for the first installment at the meeting.

Mullens said he brought a check in the amount of \$85,773.84, which represents the first installment of the settlement fund for the

County. According to Mullens the amount was allocated from the County's designated percentage of the settlement fund. "This is a pretty big chunk of what is going to come to Tucker County from the 24.5% that was allocated to Tucker County," Mullens said.

Distributions for the settlement funds are divided between the County and the State, according to Mullens. Mullens said Tucker



Hunter Mullens, right, presents a check for \$85,773.84 to Tucker County Commissioners Tim Knotts, center, and Mike Rosenau, left, along with Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Wilkins, center. The check is the first installment of opioid settlement money for the County. Photo courtesy of the Tucker County Commission.

County will receive 24.5% with 72.5% for the First Foundation State fund. As a part of the State fund, local entities will be able to apply for grant money for drug abuse prevention and education, according to Mullens. "They are just getting started in Charleston," Mullens said. "But then, you will be able to apply for grants for opioid or drug prevention and education."

There is also a regional component to the settlement, according to Mullens. Tucker County is in a region along with Harrison, Monongalia, Preston, Barbour and Taylor Counties, according to Mullens. Mullens said the regional board is still in early stages, but he anticipated the board beginning to fund grants in a year or so. "They are still working

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## Frontier Under Fire Over Leadmine Phone Outage

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

Frontier Communications has come under fire over an extended outage of phone service in Leadmine. For over two weeks, residents of the unincorporated community have been without phone service following a series of two snowstorms earlier this month.

Concerns in the community were raised over the safety of elderly residents in the area, as well as the need for landline service in an area with limited cell reception. Karen Hockman said both she and her sister had been in contact with Frontier regarding the outage and the concerns she had regarding her mother who lives in the affected area. Along with elderly residents, Hockman also said the area has a pregnant resident as well as a family with a newborn. "The main problem is we're worried about our moms and grandmothers," Hockman said.

In regards to cell service in the Leadmine area, Hockman said there is one place in her mother's house where cell coverage is available. According to Hockman, a cell phone would need to be placed in a dining room window in order to get enough service to only text, but a call would be impossible. Hockman quoted her niece on the matter. "If she falls in the right place and she has a cell phone, she can get service," Hockman said.

Residents have stated that they were told the issue is related to limited access to the area of the outage and a dispute between Frontier and MonPower in regards to the electric company granting access to the poles needed for repair. "I think there is a little bit of dispute between them and the power company maybe as to what needs to be done first to get it fixed to get into the pole area," Hockman said.

There was also confusion with the residents regarding where the outage area was located. "I really don't even know where the problem is," Hockman said. "They (Frontier) are saying they are having trouble getting to it. And if it's up in the woods, which considering where the Leadmine area is, it's going to be up in the woods. It's not going to be along the road."

According to Hockman, she was given phone numbers to contact in case of emergency. "They gave us phone numbers for emergencies, but they don't have any phone to call the emergency numbers," Hockman said.

Hockman said she had contacted the phone company, the Public Service Commission, the Tucker County Commissioners and the Office of Emergency Management regarding the situation. The Tucker County Commissioners were in contact with both the electric company and Frontier over the outage, as was Tucker County Emergency Management Director Kevin White. White's office posted to the OEM Facebook Page that on Thursday, January 25, MonPower had scheduled an outage to repair damaged poles in the Leadmine and Horseshoe Run areas. According to the post, 133 customers were affected and the repairs were also intended to impact the work



needing done by the phone company.

In a response given by Kevin White via text message, crews had been working on the repairs and gained ground on the matter on Wednesday. Tucker County Administrator Sheila DeVilder said both Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis and Commission President Mike Rosenau had contacted Frontier and MonPower regarding the issue. According to DeVilder, Rosenau had stressed to both parties how important resolving the outage was and demanded a timeline for repair that he could give to residents in the area.

Resident Kathy Helmick said she had been informed by the County Commission that service was scheduled to be restored on Friday. "Our phones are supposed to be back on by Friday we just got the word," Helmick said. "With the help of our county commission. It was a battle. Frontier think big company and they can toss little state/county and most of all little community."

Phone service isn't the only issue Tucker County Residents have reported with Frontier. Bull Run resident Jim Nester has also reported issues with his email service. According to Nester he has spent a total of five hours on the phone with the company to resolve his issues to no avail. "I've spent five hours on the phone and still have got no satisfaction," Nester said.

Nester, who is a District Supervisor for Tygart Valley District who represents Tucker County, said he has not been able to access his email since January 16. According to Nester, he has contacted Frontier's trouble shooting team about the issue, as well as speaking with several other Frontier employees about the issue. Nester said he was told that nothing could be done about his issue until a ticket had been issued. When asked when a ticket would be issued, Nester said they could not give him a timeline. "This is completely unacceptable to me," Nester said. "I'm an elected official. I need to get my emails."

According to Nester, he worked 30 years for Frontier and their predecessor companies. In total, Nester said he has made three phone calls for a total of five hours in hopes to resolve the issue.

The Parsons Advocate has contacted Frontier several times for comment on the issue, but have not received a reply.

## City of Parsons Conducts Business

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

The City of Parsons met in open session on January 23rd. Most of the Council were present with Council Member James Humphrey absent and Council Member David Greenleaf attending via telephone. City Attorney Tim Stranko was in attendance as well as City Treasurer Quinnlan Buckley and Police Chief Kevin Keplinger.

Both City Administrator Agnes Arnold and Mayor Bruce Kolsun acknowledged the efforts of the City employees during the recent snow storms. According to Arnold, the snowfall had caused the crews to incur overtime due to their efforts. Arnold also said the City has received a lot of compliments about the snow crews.

A new online payment system is scheduled to launch on February 1st, according to Arnold. Arnold said her department has sent out notices and are imputing the water bills in preparation for the launch. Along with the notices sent out, Arnold said information regarding the new payment system is available on the City's website. Any utility bill can be paid online with the new system, according to Arnold.

City Attorney Tim Stranko and City Recorder Tim Auvil provided updates on the City Sewer Project and GS Millwork. According to Stranko, Thrasher is working on a checklist to address the issues contained in a recent Notice of Violation (NOV) received by the City from the Department of Environ-

mental Protection (DEP). The GS Millwork project will also need a new discharge added to the sewer by order of the DEP, according to Stranko. According to Auvil, money for the additional requirements is available.

The Council also addressed the issue of the open unexpired Ward Two Council Member vacancy. The vacancy is a result of Tim Auvil's appointment to Recorder to fill a vacancy left when Bruce Kolsun was appointed Mayor following the resignation of Mayor Judy. A special meeting of the Council will be held to interview the three candidates presented. Council Member Kathy DiBacco along with community members Seth M. Rosenau and Richard L. (Rick) Lemons had submitted letters of interest to the City in the matter.

In correspondences to the City, Arnold said the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History is considering the nomination of the Parsons High School to the National Register of Historic Places. A letter regarding the nomination stated that a meeting of the WV Archives and Historic Commission to discuss the matter would be held at the Culture Center at 1900 Kanawha Blvd in East Charleston. The meeting will be held on February 21st at 1 p.m.

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

## Leadmine Phone Restoration Efforts Delayed

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Commissioners have been at the forefront of efforts to restore landline phone service to Leadmine following a pair of snowstorms in the area. For over two weeks, the residents of Leadmine have been without phone service. Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis said he had been in contact with Frontier over the outage since last week. Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau has also been in contact with the company and other agencies to coordinate efforts. The site of the outage was located in the woods in an area that is not easily accessible. Due to the nature of the outage, coordination between utilities and agencies was required.

Davis said much of the delay has been in relation to MonPower and the need to shut power down in the area for necessary repairs. "I was calling them and calling them," Davis said. "And the guy told me it was the power company was what the hold up was because of the pole."

The delay with Frontier currently

involves the need for additional crews and equipment to repair more extensive damage than the company had initially expected. "Now we are waiting on Frontier, but it is worse damage," Davis said. "But until they could get the power off, they didn't know."

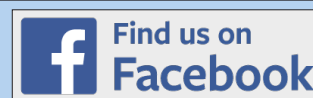
According to Davis, as of the afternoon of Friday, January 26th, despite several crews working in the area, due to the more severe damage than anticipated, phone service is likely to not be restored until Monday. "It's not good," Davis said. "There is more damage than they thought. It will be Monday before they can get their phones back on."

Davis said additional crews and equipment were being dispatched to assist with the repairs. "They got more equipment coming and more people coming," Davis said. "There's like six or seven trucks down there working on it."

Davis said he was headed to Leadmine to address the residents regarding the latest developments. Telephone service to the area is expected to be restored on Monday, January 29th, according to Davis.



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# News of Record

**The Following criminal complaints have been filed in the Tucker Magistrate office:**

- **Brandon Lee Bryant**, of Davis, was charged with one count Misdemeanor offenses for violation of protective order. According to the complaint on Monday, Jan. 22 Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's office received a Domestic Violence Emergency Protective Order to be served on Brandon Lee Bryant in Thomas. He served the DVPO to Bryant in person at 6:15 p.m. and explained the terms therein. On the same date at approximately 8:36 p.m. Summerfield received a call from Tucker County 911 stating that Bryant had returned to the residence. Summerfield arrived on scene and was met at the front door by Bryant, who was inside. He was placed under arrest for violation of a DVPO and transported to the WVSP office in Hambleton for processing. Bryant was then transported to TVRJ to wait arraignment.
- **John Warren Wik**, of Davis, was charged with driving under influence of alcohol and refusal to submit to tests. The complaint states that On Saturday, Jan. 20 at approximately 9:46 p.m. Trooper G.P. Hahn and Trooper C.A.

Hawkins were dispatched via Tucker County 911 to a one vehicle MVC located at 1716 Cortland Rd, Davis. They were advised that a truck had struck the residence. While enroute the officers were advised that Fire and EMS personnel on scene could smell alcohol on the driver's breath. When officers arrived on scene and made contact with the driver, they observed that he was in a mild state of confusion. They also detected the odor of alcohol on his breath. Wik advised officers that he had had one or two beers earlier in the evening. Field sobriety tests were administered and Wik showed signs of impairment while performing. He was transported to Parsons Police Department and refused to take a secondary breath test. The fifteen minute waiting period was observed and again Wik refused to take the breath test. A search warrant was obtained from Tucker County Magistrate B.K. Wilfong for probable cause and the officers traveled to Davis Medical Center where Wik was treated for injuries following the MVC and at this time the warrant was executed. The above crimes occurred in Tucker County

and all individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- J. David Fenwick and Carrie G. Fenwick, Davis Corporation, Lot 20 Phase 2 Tuscan Ridge .94 acres to David Tolman, Aaron Tolman, Rachel Tolman and Valerie Tolman, \$599,000.
- Janet G. Shoemaker, Dry Fork District, tract 20 Flat Ridge Farm 2.13 acres to Russell Hupp and Regina Hupp, \$60,000.
- George E. Andrews and Johanna L. Andrews, Dry Fork District, Unit 1102 Beaver Ridge Condo ½ interest to Derek M. Andrews and Allyson M. Andrews, \$50,000.
- Connie Sue Barkley, Hendricks Corporation, Lot 29, Rosendorf Addition, to Carolyn Grey, \$48,000.
- Estate of Susan Bava, Melanie Kelly, Executrix; Estate of Susan Heckler, now Bava, 2 parcels Spruce to Leonard Q. Gruppo and Erika Lauren Osborne, \$141,500.
- Elizabeth Stout, Dry Fork District, Lot 8 and 9, Pointy Knob to Ryan C. Stocking and Heather L. Stocking, \$150,000.

## Scott Remains in Custody Following Status Hearing

**By: Lydia Crawley**  
*The Parsons Advocate*

Anthony Scott remains in custody following a status hearing surrounding the financial issues that have kept him from being released on home confinement. At the hearing, Scott appeared before Judge Ryan along with his attorney Brent Easton. Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins represented the State in the matter.

According to Easton, Scott had not been released on home confinement due to financial constraints that have kept him from paying the necessary fees to Randolph County. Easton said that the fees would need to be paid before he could be released and an ankle bracelet would be placed to monitor his client's movements. Easton further went on to say that Randolph County has a very set way in which they handle home confinement and tend to be unwavering in the financial aspect surrounding the cases.

Easton said that he had spoken to Scott's mother who, while she had a desire to help with the costs, did not have the financial capabilities. According to

Easton, Scott's mother was under severe financial constraints and his client was unable to seek employment to earn money until he was released.

Wilkins said she had been in contact with Randolph County on the matter and that Scott owed \$883.28 in back fees along with a first month's monitoring fees of an additional \$300. The monitoring fees brought the total owed by Scott for release to \$1,183.28.

According to Wilkins, Randolph County had agreed to release Scott if he could come up with the \$300 monitoring fees and good faith money on the back fees, as well as agree to a payment plan for the remaining balance. "Randolph County is doing this as a courtesy," Wilkins said.

At several points in the proceedings, Judge Ryan acknowledged that he would be open to hearing options, but felt that he had little control over the regulatory practices that kept Scott from being released. "I'm open to listening to the options, but it doesn't look like I have lot," Judge Ryan said.

Easton also stated that his client would not be opposed to a court mandated order for him to obtain employment to pay the back fees, if released. As

a part of Easton's statement to the court, he made a motion that Scott be released with the stipulation that he get a job and pay off the balance to obtain the monitoring ankle in a reasonable amount of time. Easton's motion would allow for a period of time after release that Scott was not monitored which Easton said would include daily check ins until the monitor was placed.

The motion was strongly opposed by Wilkins due to the nature of Scott's offense. Scott was sentenced for violation of a lifetime restraining order. According to Wilkins, Scott was found to have crossed county lines to harass and confront the victim and altercations had occurred as a result. Wilkins also stated that when Scott was on home confinement previously, authorities were often unaware of his residence and Scott would often routinely not charge his ankle bracelet. "Knowing where he is for victim safety is crucial," Wilkins said.

Judge Ryan denied the motion based on the objection of the prosecution. Scott was ordered to be confined until such time as he could comply with the terms of home confinement.

## Pitzer Felony Converted to Misdemeanor

**By: Lydia Crawley**  
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January 18th, Kenzi Pitzer appeared in court along with her attorney Morris Davis as the final step in a deferred adjudication set in place by now retired Judge Nelson in December of 2022. Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Wilkins represented the State in the matter before Judge Ryan in District Court.

Wilkins presented an agreement to the court that as a part of the deferred adjudication that would withdraw the felony guilty plea for fraud and related activity in connection with access devices and replace it with a guilty plea to a misdemeanor charge of petit larceny. Wilkins also asked for \$100 fine as a part of the agreement, as well.

Morris was asked if he had anything to add at that time. Morris indicated that he did not. Morris did, however, speak later during the sentencing portion of the proceedings.

Judge Ryan allowed the felony plea to be withdrawn

and replaced with the guilty plea to the misdemeanor petit larceny charge. Judge Ryan also had it placed on the record that Pitzer acknowledged her rights and acknowledged that Judge Nelson had made her aware of her rights during the initial proceedings.

Morris made a statement to the court on Pitzer's behalf prior to sentencing. According to Morris, Pitzer had been on probation since the 2022 deferred adjudication ruling by Judge Nelson. Morris said his client has adhered to all expectations by the court while on probation. "She has been on a period of probation," Morris said. "She has done exactly what has been expected of her while on probation."

Pitzer was asked by Judge Ryan if she had any statements for the Court and she said she did not.

In accordance to the deferred adjudication agreement, Judge Ryan entered Pitzer's misdemeanor guilty plea and sentenced her to a \$100 fine. The sentencing and fine was indicated to be the last proceedings for Pitzer in the case and will require no further appearances before the court.

## Tucker County man admits to federal firearms charge

ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA – Jeffrey D. Hebb, age 53, of Thomas, West Virginia, has admitted to possession of an unregistered firearm.

According to court documents, officers were called to a home in Tucker County on reports of shots fired and threats. Hebb was found at the home with an unregistered short-barreled shotgun. During the investigation, two unregistered

explosive devices were found in Hebb's home.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; the West Virginia State Police; and the Tucker County Sheriff's Office investigated.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Warner is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael John Aloï presided.

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# West Virginia DMV implements Digital Vehicle Registration and Mobile ID

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is expanding their digital-focused services with two exciting new initiatives: digital vehicle registration cards and the West Virginia Mobile ID.

Starting today, West Virginians renewing their vehicle registration online can opt for a secure digital registration card stored in their smartphone wallet. This free service offers immediate access to vehicle information, eliminating the need to rummage through glove compartments or worry about misplaced cards.

"This is a major step forward for the DMV and for West Virginia residents," Gov. Justice said. "It's convenient and secure, which is what we strive for in state government."

The DMV is also developing the West Virginia Mobile ID, a digital driver's license and ID card accessible on your phone. This innovative program, expected to launch in Spring 2024, will allow secure and easy identification at participating businesses and government agencies.

"The Mobile ID will be a game-changer," DMV Commissioner Everett Frazier said. "It's secure, convenient, and puts the power of your ID right at your fingertips."

The DMV is collaborating with law

enforcement and industry leader IDEMIA to ensure the seamless integration of both initiatives. While digital options are readily accepted within West Virginia, carrying a physical registration card remains advisable for out-of-state travel or areas with limited cell service.

"These advancements align with the DMV's ongoing commitment to digitalization," Commissioner Frazier added. "We're partnering with Tyler Technologies to make the DMV experience faster, easier, and more accessible for everyone. This is just the start of exciting things to come for West Virginia residents."

West Virginians can experience the convenience of digital vehicle registration today by renewing their registration online through the DMV's Self-Service Portal. After the transaction is completed, a link to download the digital registration card to the user's device will be included in the confirmation email. Once downloaded, residents can access the digital vehicle registration card in their Apple or Google wallet. They will also receive a registration card in PDF format and a paper copy with their registration decal in the mail.

The DMV will keep the public informed as updates to these new programs are available.

## Pancreatic Cancer Survival Rate Increases for the Third Year in a Row

Annette Fetty-Santilli, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network's (PanCAN) Community Partner for West Virginia, is excited to announce that the five-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer has increased from 12% to 13% according to the American Cancer Society's Cancer Facts & Figures released in early January 2024. This means that 664 more loved ones will make it to five years after their pancreatic cancer diagnosis. However, much more work needs to be done. This is the third year in a row that the five-year survival rate has increased.

Ms. Santilli says, "This is such an important and significant milestone for pancreatic cancer. When I first started volunteering with PanCAN, the five-year survival rate was only 6%. Even though this is such a great accomplishment, we must continue to work to raise the survival rate even more. My brother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at the age of 36, and passed away just 18 months later. This cause is personal to me."

"This is important progress, but also a powerful reminder that we have much work to do" said Dr. Brian Boone, a pancreatic surgeon and pancreatic cancer researcher from West Virginia University. "We need to continue to improve our understanding of what

makes pancreatic cancer so aggressive through innovative research so that new treatments can be developed to continue to improve survival. These incremental improvements are encouraging and we are optimistic they will lead to a substantial breakthrough soon."

"We are on a promising path," said PanCAN President and CEO Julie Fleshman, JD, MBA. "The PanCAN community has reason to celebrate – every volunteer has contributed to the upward trend we are seeing. The future looks positive as we continue to make progress for people facing pancreatic cancer and their loved ones."

Despite the promising trend in five-year survival, the Facts & Figures report also reveals that more people than ever before will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. In 2024, an estimated 66,440 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. According to the report, while pancreatic cancer is currently the 10th most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States, it remains the third-leading cause of cancer-related deaths, after lung and colon. Pancreatic cancer remains on track to become the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths before the year 2030. Approximately 51,750 Americans are expected to die from the dis-

ease in 2024, including over 350 in West Virginia.

Since its founding in 1999, PanCAN has taken a comprehensive approach to creating a world in which all pancreatic cancer patients thrive. "From our research and clinical initiatives to our innovative programs for patients, our donors continue to fuel progress on all fronts," says Fleshman.

These sobering numbers mean PanCAN's comprehensive approach is more vital than ever. PanCAN Patient Services offers free, one-to-one support for patients who need help finding specialists, clinical trials, treatment options and more. PanCAN remains committed to its long-standing research priorities: To find an early detection strategy and accelerate treatments for patients with pancreatic cancer. Since 2003, PanCAN has invested approximately \$208 million in research to achieve these goals. PanCAN's donors, fundraisers and volunteers make it all possible.

"Our guiding star is simple: We listen to people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and their families when they tell us what they need," Fleshman said. "And they tell us they need more time together. They want to cherish memories with their loved ones. Our focus is on fulfilling that wish. This means combating pancreatic cancer on all fronts – from new early detection methods and treatment options to advocating for more federal funding to robust patient services."

"With your support, PanCAN has been leading the way for all those impacted by pancreatic cancer for 25 years. As the survival rate continues to trend upwards, the PanCAN community is more critical than ever. Achieving our bold goal to reach a five-year survival rate of 20% by 2030 is in sight," Fleshman goes on to say.

"Thanks to you, the volunteers and donors, we are changing the paradigm for patients and families," Fleshman said. "We are on the right track and are committed to moving forward with your help."

For more information about pancreatic cancer or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, persons may refer to [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org) or West Virginia's Facebook Group Page: West Virginia - Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Persons can also connect Annette Fetty-Santilli at 304-621-3648 or [asantilli@pancanvolunteer.org](mailto:asantilli@pancanvolunteer.org).

## OBITUARIES

### C. ETHEN JUDY



C. Ethen Judy of Butler, KY, age 74, passed away on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, after a long illness. He was born in Baltimore, MD, on Dec. 10, 1949, to the late Dennis and Mary Vest Judy. His parental grandparents were the late Isom and Gertrude Bodkin Judy.

Ethen was united in marriage to his wife Mona, on Feb. 21, 1969, in Oakland, MD. His life's work was spent as a proud union worker in Cincinnati Labor Local 265 and Iron Workers 372/44. Ethen attended Covenant Presbyterian Church, a believer in

Jesus Christ.

His favorite pastimes were spent on the water, boating and fishing on the lakes and rivers of Kentucky. Fall squirrel hunting was always a time he looked forward to, along with bird hunting and hiking in the mountains of

Eastern, KY. He had a love and joy for God's creation and a joy for life.

His memory will be cherished by his wife, Ramona Roy Judy; son, Buck Judy; daughter, Kelly Judy; grandchildren, Charlie, Shae and Raelyn Judy. He also leaves behind sisters, Amanda Summers, Sharon Nalbach; and brother, Dennis Judy, all from the Baltimore area. He was preceded in death by one brother, Allen Judy.

Private services will be held at home and is yet to be determined.

"Right beside you, forever yours"

### Roger Lee Wolford



Roger Lee Wolford, 68, of Dryfork, passed away on January 19, 2024, at Davis Memorial Hospital. Born on October 22, 1955, in Alexandria, VA, he was the son of the late Dan and Sally (Lawrence) Wolford.

Roger worked for the City of Alexandria in the sanitation department until retirement. He was a member of the Dryfork Assembly of God Church. He loved spending time at the hunting camp, fishing with his grandsons, and plowing snow with his son. Roger enjoyed sitting around the campfire sharing his camp stories. He loved telling jokes and making people laugh with his one of a kind humor. If he picked on you, he loved you, just ask Faye. Roger

and his granddaughters had a shared love of shopping and eating McDonald's. He also loved having family and friends over for cookouts and would never let you leave his house hungry. He had a contagious laugh that will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his

wife, Eula Faye (Collins) Wolford, to whom he was married on July 12, 1975. Also surviving are four children, Melissa Ann Clark-McCarthy and husband Sean of Bailey, CO, Crystal Lee Calvert of Woodbridge, VA, Jennifer Lynn Wolford of Bunker Hill, WV, and Roger Lee Wolford Jr., and fiancée Jennifer Kennard of Dryfork, WV; four grandchildren, Maddison Lee Calvert, Hunter Lee Wolford, Tyler Nathaniel Wolford, and Abigail Grace Wolford; along with his two beloved furbabies, his dog, Georgia, and his cat, Cali.

Roger's request for cremation was honored. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

## Tucker County Day at the Legislature on February 8 Sparks Anticipation for Insightful Discussions and Networking

Charleston, W.Va. — Connect with legislative representatives during Tucker County Day at the Legislature on Thursday, February 8, in Charleston, West Virginia. This noteworthy gathering, organized by the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Tucker County Development Authority, provides a distinctive platform for meaningful engagement on local topics.

The event will feature well-structured daytime meetings with legislative representatives and key leaders from state departments. The curated agenda focuses on issues directly impacting Tucker County, ensuring in-depth discussions and valuable insights.

A highlight of the day includes a special lunch session with the Tucker County legislative delegation. The lunch will be held in the Governor's Conference Room, West Virginia State Capitol Building, from noon to 1:30 p.m., and offers the opportunity to connect with influential figures, including Senator Randy Smith, Senator Jay Taylor and Delegate John Paul Hott. To assist with event planning, kindly confirm your attendance for the lunch headcount by contacting Jessica Waldo at [jessica@canaanvalley.org](mailto:jessica@canaanvalley.org).

The day's schedule is as follows:

• **10:30 a.m.:** Line up outside of the Senate Floor

**Location:** West Virginia State Capitol Building

• **11:00 a.m.:** Reading of Resolution on the Senate Floor

**Location:** West Virginia State Capitol Building

• **Noon – 1:30 p.m.:** Lunch with Legislative Delegation

**Location:** Governor's Conference Room, West Virginia State Capitol Building

Lunch provided by Tucker County Chamber of Commerce

• **1:30 – 3:00 p.m.:** Meeting with the Department of Commerce, Department of Economic Development, Department of Tourism, Division of Natural Resources

and West Virginia State Parks

**Location:** Building 3, Suite 124, West Virginia State Capitol Complex

Key representatives include James Bailey, Commerce Secretary; a representative from the Department of Tourism (to be determined); Brett McMillion, Director of West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, and Brad R. Reed, Chief, Parks and Recreation Section.

"Tucker County Day at the Legislature provides a unique opportunity for our community to engage directly with decision-makers and discuss the issues that matter most to us," said Jessica Waldo, Executive Director of the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce and Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). "We look forward to a day of insightful discussions and professional networking."

It is important to note that this event will have no evening reception or booths. For further information or if you would like to attend the event, please contact Jessica Waldo at [jessica@canaanvalley.org](mailto:jessica@canaanvalley.org).

**About the Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau**

The Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau is a nonprofit marketing and sales organization whose mission is to promote tourism and advertise Tucker County as a visitor-friendly travel destination.

**About the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce**

The Tucker County Chamber of Commerce advocates for and supports its member businesses by engaging in the economic, governmental, educational and civic affairs that impact the business community in Tucker County, West Virginia.

**About the Tucker County Development Authority**

Tucker County Development Authority is committed to the encouragement of growth and opportunity in the area, enhancement and maintenance of economic development, and preservation of Tucker County's values and heritage.

### START YOUR WEEK AT WORSHIP

The following merchants urge you to attend your chosen house of worship this sabbath.

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## We Get Letters

Editor,

It's not something we think about every day, but unwanted sexual contact (also called sexual abuse) by a spouse, which is often violent, is not a criminal offense in West Virginia.

Sexually abusive behavior involving non-spouses or strangers is definitely a crime.

While spousal sexual abuse is a crime in the great majority of states, our law allows a spouse to escape prosecution for that sexual crime.

Why should a marriage license give a spouse a free pass from prosecution for non-consensual sexual abuse? It's wrong, but that's our law.

Injuries to a spouse from sexual abuse hurt just as much as injuries to a stranger.

Sexual abuse is a crime of violence and power. It is caused by the decision to control someone in the most personal way. It is not caused by sexual desire.

Our 2024 legislature will have an opportunity to correct this on behalf of spouses, but only if they hear from us and appreciate that it is an important issue to correct.

More information about this is available at <https://www.rdvic.org/sexual-violence>.

How horrifying and shameful that this sexual crime will not be prosecuted in West Virginia if the victim just happens to be the abuser's spouse.

Deb Miller, Reedsville

## Fall 2023 President's and Dean's List Announced for Potomac State College

West Virginia University Potomac State College Campus President Chris Gilmer is pleased to announce the students who earned a place on the Fall 2023 President's List. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must be enrolled in at least 12-credit hours of graded courses, excluding courses in which any grade of Audit, Pass or Incomplete is recorded, and must earn a grade-point average of 3.700 or higher for the semester.

### President's List

The following students have met the criteria:

Arrisyn Amtower  
Mekerra Amtower  
Emily Arbogast  
Leticia Arellano  
Nathan Armentrout  
Samuel Arnold  
Gavin Barkley  
Jenna Beeman  
Keegan Bennett  
Jenna Biggs  
Jessica Bingaman  
Erin Blaylock  
Tyler Blizzard  
Grace Bond  
Danielle Boyce  
Telina Boyles  
Samuel Bradfield  
Leyton Braithwaite  
Olivia Brown  
Jennifer Cardona Sevilla  
Clarissa Chapman  
Erin Clark  
Stephen Collette  
Emma Cook  
Aiden Cooney  
Caitlyn Cooper  
Braylee Corbin  
Jade Cordial  
Andrew Cosner  
Ryan Cosner  
Emma Craddock  
Levi Crayton  
Addison Cross  
Daisy Dalrymple  
Shaleigh Darlington  
Nick Dayton  
Meghan Dean  
Faith Decker  
Alaina Dixon-McDonough  
Carley Dumire  
Hunter Dunham  
Reagan Dyson  
Cristy Enlow  
Luis Salvador Evangelho  
Hailey Evans  
Andrew Everline  
Averi Everline  
Keyarra Fagan  
Madelyn Fisher  
Sophia Flanigan  
Brittany Flippin  
Chelcie Forrester  
Madison Fout  
Cate Fulk  
Keira Gardner  
Emily Golden  
Taylor Grago  
Luke Greethurst  
Finan Grmay  
Lexi Guthrie  
William Haberlein  
Jan Haller  
Jayla Hamric  
Autumn Hardman  
Thomas Hardy  
Cali Harper  
Tanner Haskiell  
Tanisha Henry  
Eleanor Higgins  
Hunter Hines  
Kennedie Hinger  
Kynlea Hixenbaugh  
Cara Holloway  
Brian Honea  
Emily Horn  
Marissa House  
Emma Hubbard  
Kamilee Huff  
Chloe Irwin

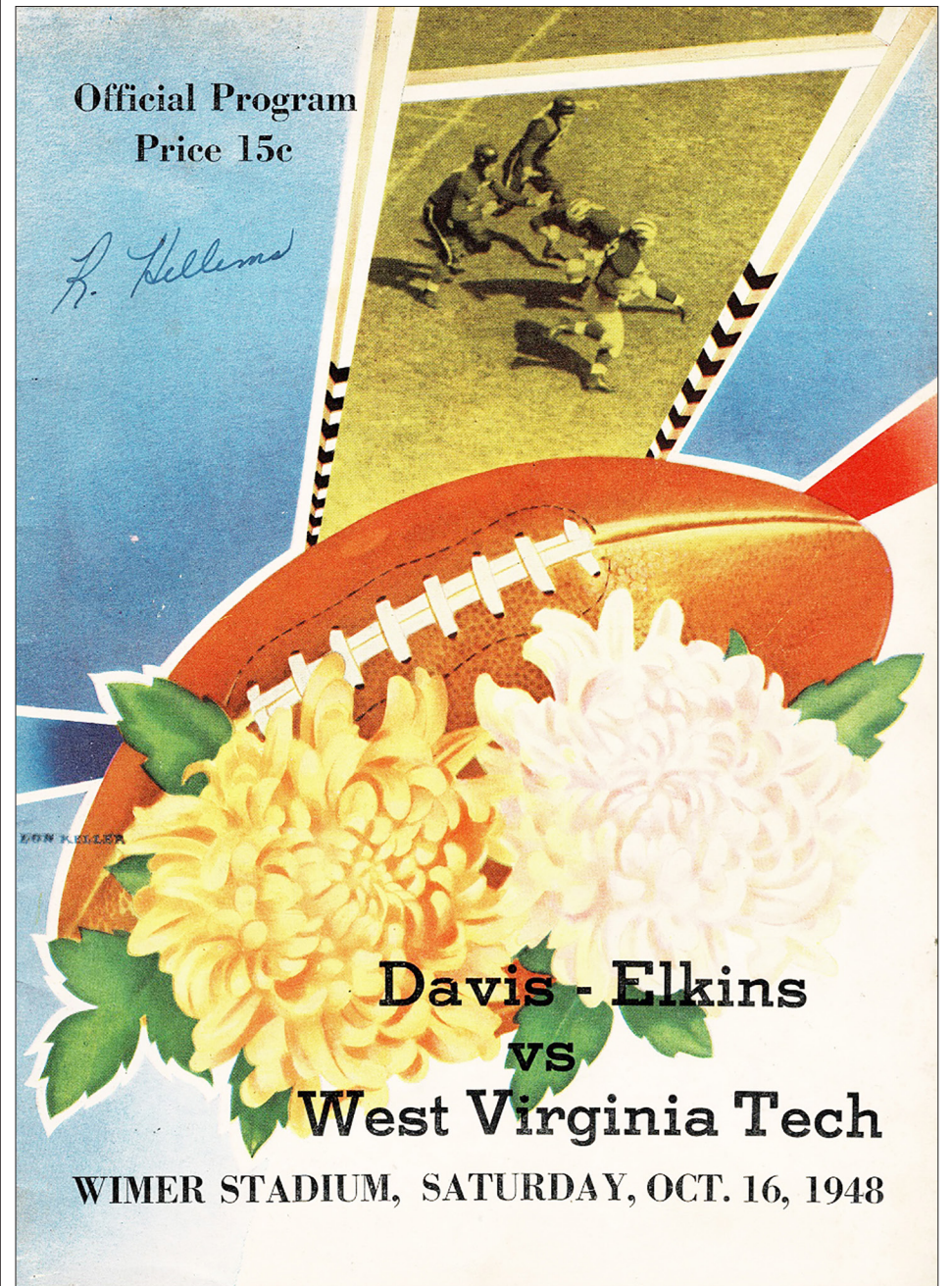
Brenna Jackson  
Margaret James  
Carter Jones  
Olivia Judy  
Andrew Junkins  
Bailey Kalbaugh  
Asia Keister  
Laurel Keister  
Jamie Kelly  
Averyanna Kennedy  
Kinsey Keplinger  
Emily Kimble  
Paul Knotts  
Emily Kuykendall  
Cierra Laffey  
Giuliana Lancianese  
Sarah Lasko  
Arlin Lease  
Jordan Lease  
Brandon Liller  
Joshua Liller  
Jacob Logsdon  
Sophia Lord  
Nicholas Lowrie  
Kaylee Lyons  
Mitchell Martin  
Trinity Martin  
Alanna McDuffie  
Leah McKenzie  
Liam Mckenzie  
Lexus Middleton  
Saige Miller  
Shawna Miller  
Allison Minney  
Cody Mitchell  
Madaline Mongold  
Chase Moyers  
Olivia Dale Myers  
Olivia K Myers  
Wesley Nation  
Liam Obenshain  
Eva Ochoa  
Kalista Oliveto  
Alexis Orndorff  
Kelly Ours  
Tayla Ours  
Carson Palmer  
Hunter Powell  
Morgan Pratt  
Elizabeth Pryor  
Ryan Quick  
Brittany Rafael-Chavez  
Shelbee Reed  
Madeline Rice  
Coby Ridgeway  
Baxter Ritz  
Megan Rollins  
Gabriel Ryan  
Collin Salesky  
Aaron Scott  
Victoria Seabolt  
Carlton Shoemaker  
Christopher Short  
Kenneth Sibley  
Garrett Sions  
Nathan Sions  
Averi Smith  
Faith Smith  
Jennifer Smith  
Karaha Snyder  
Chase Staggers  
Rylee Staggs  
Mya Stinnette  
Ryan Stinnette  
Jacob Stout  
Maura Strahin  
Alyson Streets  
Victoria Swisher  
Whitney Tasker  
Alexis Taylor  
Damien Taylor  
Madison Taylor  
Gabriel Templeton  
Caitlin Thomas  
Kaelob Thomas  
Katelyn Thornton  
Allissa Tomlinson  
Hunter Turner  
Alexa VanMeter  
Hartley Vangilder  
Hannah Warnick  
Sarah Weatherholt  
Asher Westrom  
Sarah Wharton  
Alivea Williams  
Audrey Williams  
Alyssa Wilson  
Alexis Wise  
Carson Wolfe  
Amy Wray

### Dean's List

The following students have met the criteria:

Aiden Adams  
Joshua Adkins  
Tamara Allen  
Vito Amoruso  
Dominic Amtower  
Israel Arellano  
Maria Arellano  
Eathan Ashenfelter  
Sarah Augustine  
Kiersten Baker  
Olivia Barnes  
Everlie Battko  
Naomi Baumer  
Kameron Beck  
Sadie Bennett  
Kyah Bernacki  
Alexa Bess  
Gage Bibey  
Olivia Bible  
Jeremy Blankenship  
Natalie Blankenship  
Samantha Boggess  
Olivia Bomboy  
Emalee Bradley  
Zoey Braithwaite  
Michaela Brenneman  
Madison Brinegar  
Madalyn Broadwater  
Ethan Brown  
Kirk Bryant  
Abigail Cadigan  
Jordan Canby  
Cadence Carpenter  
Ethan Carr  
Johnathan Case  
Blake Castle  
Madysen Catlett  
Molly Cessna  
Wilson-Daniel Charlot  
Cameron Cole  
Olivia Collins  
Jake Compton  
Shakhia Conn  
Jailyn Cook  
Naylin Cook  
Alexus Cooper  
Melodee Corbin  
Kerstan Corle  
Ashlee Corwell  
Ayden Costilow  
Tren Crane  
Andrea Crawford  
Daleny Crites  
Madison Crites  
Cheyenne Crum  
Kyle Cummings  
Tabatha Cutter  
Grant Dadisman  
Christopher Damron  
Dennis Davis  
Kiari Davis  
Kyra Davis  
Claire Del Signore  
Alexander Dinaldo  
Connor Doona  
Alexis Droppelman  
Peyton Duncan  
Alyssa Dunn  
Blake Durr  
Meadow Edgecomb  
Mara Evans  
Alexander Eye  
Hayden Faulk  
Kamryn Feehan  
Bryan Flynn  
Jaden Fultz  
Adriana Games  
Dalton Getz  
Emma Gibson  
Ethan Gochenour  
Caden Goodwin  
Jayson Gordon  
Brennan Gough  
Chloe Greise  
Katherine Grinnan  
Maria Grinnan  
Marissa Guy  
Alexis Haggerty  
Bessie Halterman  
Natalie Halterman  
Kenni Hanlin  
Rebecca Hanlin  
Sydney Hardy  
Taylor Harvey  
Bayleigh Hawk  
Morgan Hawk  
Damian Hawkins

## TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a Davis and Elkins College Program from Saturday, October 16, 1948. The game was played at Wimer Stadium against West Virginia Tech. As mentioned before, some guys from Tucker County could be found on the football roster. The representative from Tucker County for this year is Denver Close from St. George. This was his junior year. He is listed as playing right end. He was 22 years old, weight 180 pounds and was 6-foot one inch tall. His jersey number was 63. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

John Hayes  
Keyara Heatwole  
Kaitlin Heavener  
Elisabeth Hedrick  
Colby Heiser  
Hailey Helmick  
James Helmondollar  
Grant Hicks  
Isabella Hill  
William Hiner  
Nathaniel Hines  
Kaylee Hipp  
Madelynn Howard  
Sarah Howard  
Alex Huddleston  
John Huffman  
Mariah Huffman  
Jason Hummer  
Hayden Jeffries  
Chancey Johnson  
Jahni Johnson  
Jacob Jones

Kaden Jones  
Matthew Junkins  
Brooke Kelly  
Alexandrea Kile  
Alex Kimble  
Gavin King  
Taylor Kirk  
Marilee Kitzmiller  
Cody Kline  
Alli Knaggs  
Heath Knight  
Taylor Koontz  
Allison Kuhn  
Natalie Lacer  
Elijah Lambert  
Braidan Lantz  
Cesar Lapid  
Hannah Largent  
Alexia Laws  
Jasmine Lease  
Emma Leatherman  
Laynee Leatherman

Kailin Legg  
Kasey Leighty  
Lucas Lemonds  
Hallie Long  
Cailey Lott  
Charles Massie  
Madison Mathias  
Corbin McAllister  
Brenna McCloud  
Benjamin McDougal  
Kaitlyn McKenery  
Leonard McMaster  
Lauren McKenery  
Nicole Memanamay  
Dalvin Medina  
Anthony Mele  
Allysen Miller  
Brennen Miller  
Joanna Miller  
Madison Miller

## Monongahela National Forest Hiring Students For Summer Internship Positions

ELKINS, W.Va., Jan. 25, 2024 – Monongahela National Forest is recruiting students for four paid summer internship positions. All positions will work out of the Elkins Forest Service office. Applications are due February 7, 2024.

These positions are open to students who have been accepted for enrollment, or who are enrolled at least half-time, in an accredited high school, college, professional, technical, vocational, or trade school pursuing a qualifying degree or certificate.

Applications are only accepted through USAJOBS. The following internship positions are open:

- Student Trainee (General): <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/770242300>
- Student Trainee (Engineering): <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/770245300>

Review the job announcement carefully for deadlines and required information to include in your application. Employment start dates vary. For more information about these positions and how to apply, contact [robert.phillips1@usda.gov](mailto:robert.phillips1@usda.gov).

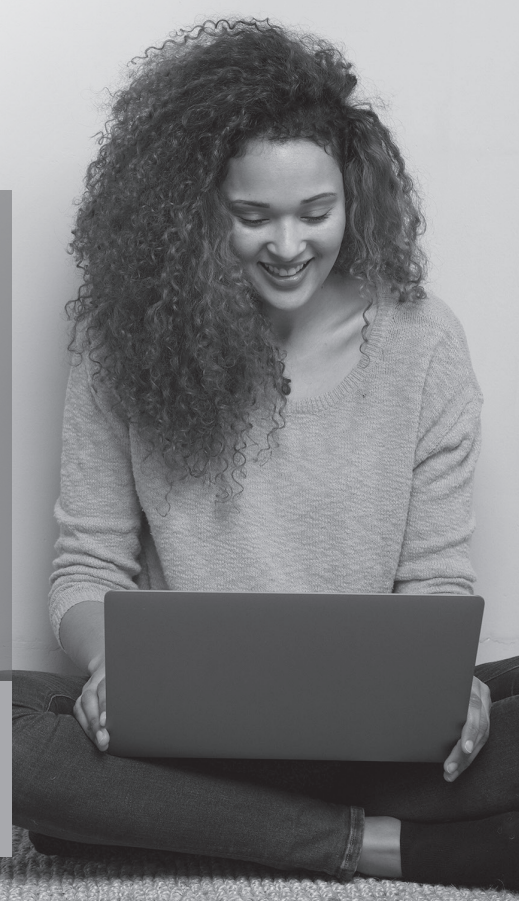
To learn about USDA Forest Service career opportunities, benefits, hiring events and resources to help with the application process, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/careers>.



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# What's? Happening

**PHS Alumni Meeting** 2024 at Grand Slam Grill at noon. Parsons High School Alumni Meeting will be Thursday February 8, Plans are being made for this year's activities.



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

Jan. 31, 1878: Educator William Woodson Trent was born in rural Nicholas County. He served as state superintendent of schools from 1933 until 1957.

Jan. 31, 1922: Movie and television actress Joanne Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan. Her movie career included more than 40 films. Her brother, singer and TV host Peter Marshall, is also a West Virginia native.

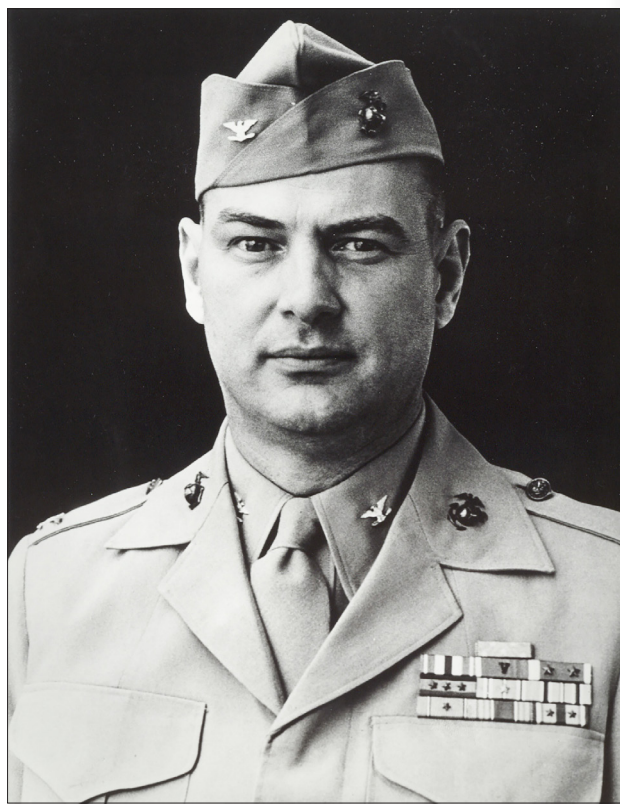
Jan. 31, 1945: Sergeant Jonah Edward Kelley of Mineral County was killed in action while leading his squad against German positions during World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his "superb courage."

Feb. 1, 1832: Education reformer Alexander Luark Wade was born. Wade reorganized rural Monongalia County schools to require progress through eight prescribed levels with a graduating exercise and receipt of a diploma. Wade's system worked so well it was copied in other counties and states.

Feb. 1, 1901: Frank Buckles, the last surviving American veteran of World War I, was born in Missouri. Buckles purchased a farm in Charles Town in 1954 and continued to live there until his death in 2011.

Feb. 3, 1825: Confederate General William Lowther Jackson was born in Clarksburg. He was one of at least three Southern officers to bear the nickname "Mudwall."

Feb. 3, 1845: Gilmer



**Feb. 2, 1908: Justice Marion Chambers was born in Huntington. Chambers was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the World War II Iwo Jima campaign in February 1945.**

County, located in the heart of West Virginia, was established from parts of Kanawha and Lewis counties. It was named for Thomas W. Gilmer, a governor of Virginia.

Feb. 3, 1923: Broadcast announcer Jack Fleming was born in Morgantown. He was the long-time "Voice of the Mountaineers."

Feb. 3, 1961: The West Virginia legislature passed a resolution adopting "The West Virginia Hills" as an official state song. Prior to "Take Me Home, Country Roads," "The West Virginia Hills" was the best-known of our four official state songs.

Feb. 4, 1845: Doddridge County was formed from parts of Harrison, Lewis, Ritchie, and Tyler counties. It was named for Philip Doddridge, a Western Virginia congressman, state legislator and member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1829-30.

Feb. 4, 1945: The hotel at Minnehaha Springs was destroyed by fire. Built in 1914, it was the first facility

in Pocahontas County built strictly for the tourist business and was a forerunner of today's local tourism economy.

Feb. 5, 1889: Fiddler and self-taught physician James Franklin "Doc" White was born near Ivydale, Clay County. White served the community as doctor, dentist and midwife, delivering more than 1,800 babies.

Feb. 5, 1890: Coach Eli Camden "Cam" Henderson was born in Joetown, Marion County. He is a revered figure in Marshall University sports history.

Feb. 5, 1941: Actor David Lynn Selby was born in Morgantown. His stage and screen credits include the outdoor drama Honey in the Rock, and the television shows Falcon Crest and Dark Shadows.

Feb. 6, 1882: Poet Anne Spencer was born Annie Bethel Bannister in Henry County, Virginia. In 1886, she and her mother moved to Bramwell, where she spent most of her childhood and adolescent years.

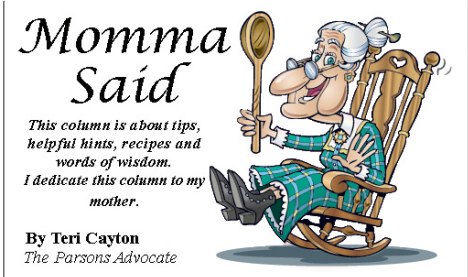
By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

West Virginia finally received a good ole fashion snow storm this past week. I woke up on Monday, Jan. 22 and the temperature was -9 degrees and Thursday, Jan. 25 rolled around and the temperature was 55 degrees. And people say global warming is a myth. Momma Said, "All you have to do is open your eyes and look around the evidence is everywhere."

We never had weather like this when I was a kid if it got cold it stayed cold. Winter was winter and that was the end of the story. I can't say I loved winter as a kid and as I have gotten older I like it less and less. I guess if I want to live in this beautiful state I put up with the bad as well as the good. Momma Said, "I think the good outweighs the bad by a landslide."

As I sit here at my desk writing this article I see an entire flock of robins fly in and land in the front yard. I



am so glad to see them return it brightens my outlook on winter and just shows it won't be too long until the first day of spring. Don't want to wish my life away but I can't wait to see March 19 (first day of spring) and everything coming back to life.

Only downside of spring is my obvious problem, the mud in my backyard. I really do need to get working on getting some ground cover back there so I don't have to "shovel" the dirt out of my house. Maybe I will get the dogs some rubber boots to wear while they are outside. That would be a total disaster just some more chew toys for Raven.

## Canning Fresh Milk

I didn't know this was possible but I saw a video of it and I think I am going to try it.

You will need what is called a cold pack or water bath canner. Separate milk out into quart jars, wipe off rim and place the disc and band on, screwing down but not too tight. Place cold milk jars in tap cold water. Bring water to a

rolling boil and at this time place the lid on the canner and boil for 60 minutes. Be careful removing jars from hot water and place out on a towel in a draft free area. As they cool you will hear the ping of the tops sealing. This milk will last on the shelf for up to two years. Of course keep in a cool place with no direct sunlight.

## Correction

City of Thomas residents have until Tuesday, May 21 to register to vote at the county clerk's office in Parsons for the municipal elections on Tuesday, June 11.

VISIT US ONLINE AT [WWW.PARSONSADVOCATE.COM](http://WWW.PARSONSADVOCATE.COM)

## Super Crossword

THE SILVER SCREEN

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|---|---|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                           | 46 Beginner, in gaming lingo              | 84 Potent compound in marijuana: Abbr.   | 123 More impertinent         | 34 Piercing                  | 81 Tennis unit                           |
| 1 Guy in the Beatles' "I Am the Walrus" | 47 Use sandpaper on, informally           | 85 Sequence of episodes on the tube  | 124 Actor Dick Van —         | 35 Come in first             | 85 1982 film and arcade game             |
| 7 Brand of bottled water                | 48 Ed. supporter tests, in brief          | 89 Test of speed   | 125 Evaluate                 | 36 Vintage auto              | 86 Steam hole                            |
| 13 Holy places                          | 54 — Ball (carnival game)                 | 92 1986 Molly Ringwald Cinderella story  | <b>DOWN</b>                  | 38 Someone — problem         | 87 Ninny                                 |
| 20 Yacht basin                          | 57 Lubbock-to-Laredo dir.                 | 96 6x9-inch book   | 1 Tokens                     | 39 Sleep stage               | 88 Bump — log                            |
| 21 Old Missouri natives                 | 58 1986 Isabella Rossellini neo-noir film | 99 Attach with cord, e.g.  | 2 Telescope pioneer          | 43 "I fail — the humor"      | 90 Road map abbr.                        |
| 22 Arranged, as a page for printing     | 61 WWW page                               | 101 Actor Patrick  | 3 Newton topic               | 44 Some sporty autos         | 91 Write music                           |
| 23 2001 Josh Hartnett war film          | 64 Musical inaptitude                     | 102 1992 Wesley Snipes sports film   | 4 Rats' relatives            | 45 Orating skill             | 92 Pod veggie                            |
| 25 Not macho                            | 67 Having arrived tardily                 | 103 Meat spread  | 5 Crooner Paul               | 46 No, in Selkirk            | 93 Like Charlie Brown's kite, inevitably |
| 26 "— little!" ("Have some fun!")       | 68 Choose (to)                            | 104 "Starpeace" singer Yoko  | 6 "Prob'ly not"              | 48 Least ornate              | 94 Seine users, e.g.                     |
| 27 Vegas action                         | 69 1984 Gene Wilder romantic comedy       | 111 — voice (quietly)  | 9 Zig or zag                 | 49 Zig or zag                | 95 Result of a very-low-carb diet        |
| 28 Darkens in the sun                   | 72 "— said before ..."                    | 113 Smart speaker from Amazon  | 51 Major Taiwanese carrier   | 50 Pub mugs                  | 96 Hooting baby birds                    |
| 30 Hammer, e.g.                         | 73 "The Lion in Winter" actor             | 115 Photos not in shades of gray ... or what eight answers in this puzzle are? | 52 Implies                   | 54 Nosy sorts                | 97 Latin dance                           |
| 31 Yalie                                | 75 Dawned                                 | 120 Precisely, with "on"   | 53 Pub mugs                  | 55 Sustained                 | 98 Gives 10%                             |
| 32 1971 Malcolm McDowell crime film     | 76 Certain English student                | 121 Retaliate  | 54 Nosy sorts                | 56 Automaker Bugatti         | 99 Blast creator                         |
| 37 They're fed after parking            | 78 1984 Prince musical film               | 122 Czar called "the Great"  | 58 Part of N.B. Cong or Minh | 58 Part of N.B. Cong or Minh | 100 Polar topper                         |
| 40 "Energy healing" technique           | 80 Psychic "gift"                         |  | 17 "That's all wrong!"       | 59 Lead-in to Standard Oil   | 103 Diner patron                         |
| 41 Artist Neiman and Jim Croce's Brown  | 82 Table scraps                           |  | 18 Funeral speech            | 60 Lead-in to skeleton       | 104 1995-2011 Yankee Posada              |
| 42 1973 Charlton Heston thriller        | 83 Graf — (German warship)                |  | 19 Fashion trends            | 62 "— cost you!"             | 105 Release, as from a corral            |

**DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY**

## Weather Totals

January 9 - January 16

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

### Temperature

Max 50° F  
Min 7° F

### Precipitation

Week 1.37"  
January 3.06"  
2024 3.06"

### Snowfall

New Snow 6.5"  
Snow on ground 4.5"  
Winter Total 18"

U.S. Forest Service

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# Tax Credits Available for Donations to the Cortland Foundation

Residents of West Virginia who want to donate to a worthy cause and save on their state income taxes at the same time should consider a donation to the Cortland Foundation.

The West Virginia Development Office awarded \$5,000 in special tax credits through the Neighborhood Investment Program to the Cortland Foundation in 2023. “Money donated to the Foundation through this program will be used to support our Horticulture Therapy Project,” said Crystal Boone, director of the non-profit foundation. “The ‘Horticulture Therapy’ program is beneficial for activities of daily living and for social engagement. Among the benefits that studies have found are: positive changes in eating, a sense of connection to family, the past and themselves; increased social interac-

tion and self-confidence; interest in the future, and awareness of their physical environment. Horticulture Therapy groups offer a low stress setting where people can make decisions, even something as simple as selecting a preferred plant color, a pepper over a tomato, or where they would like to sit in the space reinforcing the resident’s decision making”.

The tax credits are awarded at a rate of up to 50 percent. Businesses or individuals who make at least a \$500 donation to the Cortland Foundation can receive a tax credit of \$250.

“After the donation, participants in the program will receive a tax credit voucher that lists the amount of the contribution,” Boone said. “We currently have \$1,000 left in tax credits that we would like to get committed. Any interested businesses or

individuals should feel free to contact me with questions or inquiries.”

Donations can be sent to the Cortland Foundation, Attn: Crystal Boone, 39 Cortland Acres Lane, Thomas, WV 26292. Or, for more information contact Boone at 304-463-4181 or cboone@cortlandacres.org

The Neighborhood Investment Program is different from a traditional tax deduction because rather than decreasing total taxable income, it’s actually a credit applied to the amount of state tax owed. Donors may use the tax credit to reduce liability for Corporate Net Income Tax, Business Franchise Tax, or personal income tax.

“We are honored to once again participate in the Neighborhood Investment Program and offer our donors tax credits that promote the addition of programs at Cort-

land Acres,” Boone said. “Tax credits help donors make sizable gifts that will benefit the Cortland community this year, and forever.”

The Neighborhood Investment Program is designed to increase charitable giving to nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations. The Cortland Foundation used donations from last year’s Neighborhood Investment Program to fund the Music Therapy program at Cortland Acres.

Each year, the West Virginia Legislature sets aside money for NIP tax credits to help nonprofit organizations that are serving distressed neighborhoods and at-risk populations. Donors can use the tax credits to reduce liability for West Virginia Personal Income Tax or Corporate Net Income Tax by up to 50% annually. Credits may be used over a five-year period.

## Settlement

out some of the details because the First Foundation, as you may have read, has just got their board members in place. So they are moving along,” Mullins said. “I don’t think they plan on distributing a lot of money until around a year from now or so,” Mullins said.

Mullins said he would assist in any way he could to help the Commission secure grant funding, once the grants become available. “But you want to keep that in mind and I will help in anyway I can to apply for grants,” Mullins said. “In addition to applying for grants in Charleston and regionally, you will get other distributions,” Mullins said.

Mullins informed the Commissioners that up to half of the distributed amount could be allocated to reimburse the County for the increase in the Regional Jail fees directly related to the opioid epidemic. “The other thing is, you are allowed to reimburse yourself up to one half of this money,” Mullins said. “Reimburse yourself for the Regional Jail bill. You had an increased Regional Jail bill that was a direct result of the opioid epidemic.”

Mullins also outlined the steps the Commission would need to take to reimburse for the added costs. Commission President Mike Rosenau asked Mullins if the County was allowed to use half of the current check for reimbursement since there is no concrete word on when the next distributions will be. “You can,” Mullins said. “You can take half of this

money to reimburse yourself. The only thing you need to do, which we can draft you a resolution. You would need to make a motion, pass it and have a resolution of why you are reimbursing yourself. We can prepare that for you.”

Rosenau thanked Mullins for his assistance. “I would appreciate it if you would go ahead a prepare that,” Rosenau said. “That’s one thing that is a cost to our taxpayers in our county, is our jail costs.”

There have been stipulations attached to how the settlement fund money could be used, according to Mullens. Some of the stipulations attached include the need for the money to be held in a separate, interest bearing account and restricted uses outlined in an Memorandum of Understanding that was initially signed by the Commission. Mullens offered his assistance and advice if the Commission had any questions about how the funds could be used. “If there’s any questions when you go to use the funds, please let me know,” Mullens said. “I can give you advice on how to use them. Its pretty broad,. As long as you’re doing it towards evidence based drug prevention or treatment, basically, which is pretty broad.”

Rosenau said that the County had the MOU filed and the account in place. According to Rosenau, the County has been attempting to follow through with all instructions on the funding to the letter.

Mullens said that the litigation over Opioid abuse in the area started seven

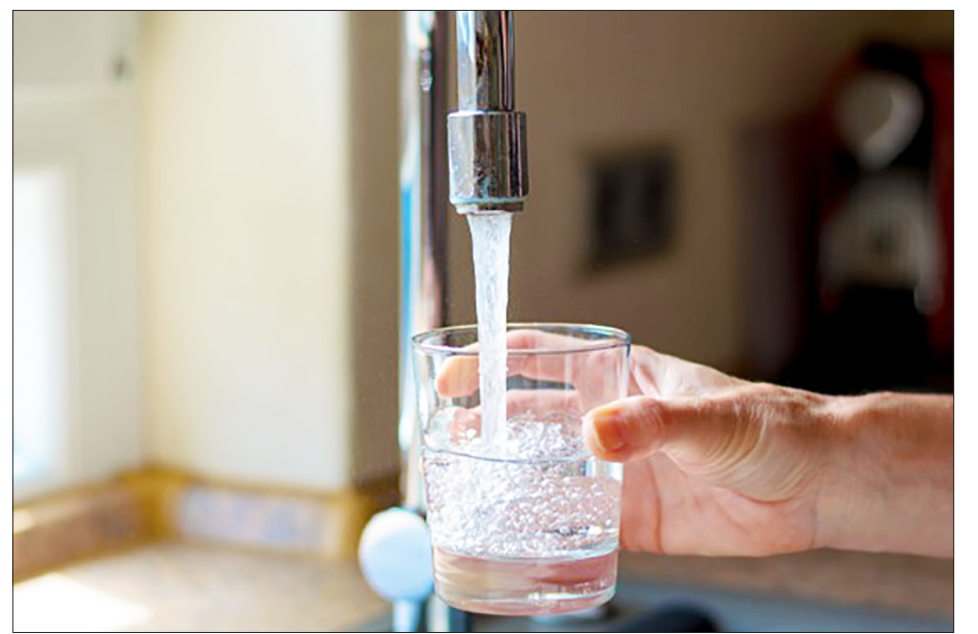
years ago in Barbour County. “As you know, I started this litigation seven years ago in Barbour County,” Mullens said. “A little bit later in Tucker.”

Mullens also said that the State of West Virginia received more money per capita than any other State due to the choice to have the case brought to State Court. “I appreciate the County Commission’s patience, but also making that choice back early on,” Mullens said. “If you remember back early on, we could have

gone with the National settlement and just been done with it, but we were able to get a lot more money because we brought it into State Court and pursued that...and actually per capita, we got more money than any other State to my understanding, the State of West Virginia.”

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held Wednesday, February 14 at 9 a.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom in Parsons.

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## West Virginia Department of Health Takes Steps to Prevent Cyberattacks Against Water Systems

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Office of Environmental Health Services (OEHS) within the West Virginia Department of Health’s (DH) Bureau for Public Health is working with local water systems to reduce the risk of cyberattacks on public water and wastewater systems in West Virginia. Common goals of these cyberattacks may be to disrupt treatment and distribution, compromise email communication, steal customer data, or install malware or ransomware that could disable process controls.

“Recently, there have been a number of cyberattacks throughout the country targeting vulnerabilities within water systems,” explained Dr. Matthew Christiansen, DH State Health Officer. “Water systems can

reduce their risk by updating computer equipment regularly, using secure passwords and resetting them regularly, requiring employee training to safeguard against an attack, and ensuring clean drinking water is provided to residents.”

OEHS is also partnering with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to inform local systems about the availability of free cyber security assessments. Those interested can click here to register. In addition to EPA resources, the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) offers free resources: <https://www.cisa.gov/>.

To view and apply for careers in the public health field, visit [dhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx](https://dhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx).



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### AREA SCHEDULE:

<p><b>Wednesday January 31st</b> Tucker Valley Girls’ Basketball @ Tygarts Valley 5:45pm Tucker Valley Boys’ Basketball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 5:45pm <b>Thursday February 1st</b> Tucker County Girls’ Basketball vs Elkins @ Home 5:45pm Tucker Valley Girls’ Basketball @ Petersburg 6pm Davis-Thomas Girls’ &amp; Boys’ Basketball vs Union @ Home 6pm <b>Friday February 2nd</b> Tucker County Boys’ Basketball vs Southern Garrett @ Home 5:45pm Tucker Valley Girls’ &amp; Boys’ Basketball vs Aurora @ Home 5:45pm Davis-Thomas Girls’ &amp; Boys’ Basketball vs South Preston @</p>	<p>Home 6pm <b>Saturday February 3rd</b> Tucker County Girls’ Basketball @ Petersburg 6pm Tucker County Boys’ Basketball @ Southern Garrett 6pm Tucker Valley Girls’ &amp; Boys’ Basketball vs Davis-Thomas @ TCHS 4pm Davis-Thomas Girls’ &amp; Boys’ Basketball vs Tucker Valley @ TCHS 4pm <b>Monday February 5th</b> Tucker County Girls’ Basketball @ Grafton 6pm Tucker Valley Girls’ &amp; Boys’ Basketball @ Philippi 5pm Davis-Thomas Girls’ &amp; Boys’ Basketball @ Moorefield 5pm Tuesday February 6th Tucker County Boys’ Basketball @ Hampshire 6pm</p>
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# SPORTS

## TUCKER COUNTY GIRLS' WIN 2 GAMES AND DROP 1 GAME IN BUSY WEEK

By Chris George  
TuckerCountySports.Com

GASSAWAY – The Lady Mt. Lions Basketball team traveled to Braxton County on Tuesday January 23rd. Tucker County dominated from start to finish to gather a road victory over the Lady Eagles by the final score of 62-20.

The first quarter belonged to the visiting Lady Mt. Lions as they outshot Braxton County 16-5 in the first quarter to build a lead. Tucker County continued to build on their lead in the second quarter as they outscored the Lady Eagles 11-5 to push the score to 27-10 Tucker County at the halftime break.

The Lady Mt. Lions defense was the story in the third quarter as they held Braxton County to just 4 points in the period and Tucker County scored 15 points in the third to make the score 42-14 Lady Mt. Lions. In the fourth quarter Tucker County scored 20 points while holding the homestanding Lady Eagles to 6 points to make the final score of the game 62-20 Tucker County.

Raven Matthews led Tucker County with 24 points, 8 rebounds, 6 steals, 5 blocks. Brylee Wetzel and Addie Hicks added 6 points each, while Macy Helmick chipped in with 6 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists in the Lady Mt. Lions win. The Tucker County JV team also got the win 64-15.

MILL CREEK – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team stayed on the road for a game at Tygarts Valley on Thursday January 25th. The Lady Mt. Lions surged to a 10 point lead after one quarter



Tucker County Girls' Basketball Team display their pink jerseys before the game on January 27th in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness(not pictured Reagan Herron). Photo by Kelly Helmick.

and then Tucker County ran away from the Lady Bulldogs for a 81-25 road victory.

The visiting Lady Mt. Lions came out strong in the first quarter as they built a 17-7 lead after one quarter of play. In the second quarter Tucker County outscored the Lady Bulldogs 22-9 to push the score to 39-16 at halftime.

In the third quarter the Lady Mt. Lions exploded for 26 points and held Tygarts Valley to 5 points to expand the lead to 65-21 for Tucker County after three quarters. The Lady Mt. Lions would have a great fourth quarter as they outscored the Lady Bulldogs 16-4 to make the final score of the game 81-25 Tucker County.

The Lady Mt. Lions were led by Macy Helmick with 17 points, 6 assists and Katie Hicks had 13 points, 8 rebounds. Raven Matthews added 10 points, 12 rebounds, 5 steals and Addie Hicks reached double figures with 10 points in the win for Tucker County. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team picked up the win in the first game 56-11.

HAMBLETON – The Lady Mt. Lions Basketball team played host to #2 Gilmer County on Saturday January 27th. The Lady Titans built a big lead in the third. Tucker County fought back to get within 3 points late in the contest, but the comeback fell short for the Lady Mt. Lions as they fell in the contest 50-44.

Gilmer County started the game hot as they scored 13 points and held Tucker County to 4 points to lead 13-4 after one quarter of play. The Lady Mt. Lions fought back in the second quarter as they edged the Lady Titans in scoring 9-8 in the period to make the score 21-13 Gilmer County at the halftime break.

The visiting Lady Titans controlled the third quarter as they outshot Tucker County 19-12 in the third to make the score 40-25 before the fourth quarter started. The Lady Mt. Lions did not give up as they fought back with pressure defense to get the score closer. Tucker County got the score within 3 points at 47-44 with a three point basket by Addie Hicks with 39 seconds left in the game. The Lady Mt. Lions 19-10 scoring advantage in the fourth was not enough as Gilmer County made their foul shots to hold off the Tucker County comeback to get the road win by the score of 50-44.

Tucker County was led in scoring by Ericka Zirk with 16 points, 9 rebounds and Raven Matthews added 6 points, 18 rebounds. Brylee Wetzel had 6 points and Addie Hicks added 5 points in the loss for the Lady Mt. Lions. The Tucker County JV team got the win 45-13.

Tucker County(10-4) will return to action on Thursday February 1st against Elkins at home with JV action starting at 5:45pm. The Lady Mt. Lions will then travel to Petersburg on Saturday February 3rd and then they will travel to Grafton on Monday February 5th. Both games will start with JV action starting at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## MT. LIONS GET WINS OVER TRINITY, GILMER COUNTY, SOUTHERN

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

MORGANTOWN – The Tucker County Boys' Basketball team traveled to Trinity Christian for a pair of games on Monday January 22nd. The Mt. Lions pulled away in the second half enroute to a big 91-60 win.

The first quarter was competitive as Tucker County surged ahead after one quarter 24-14. The visiting Mt. Lions then scored 24 more points in the second, while holding Trinity to 17 points to make the score 48-31 Tucker County at halftime.

The third quarter was even as the Mt. Lions edged the Warriors slightly in scoring 19-18 in the third to put the score to 67-49 Tucker County. In the fourth the Mt. Lions pulled away as they outscored Trinity 24-11 in the final quarter to take the road win by the final score of 91-60.

Trevar Bonner led Tucker County in scoring with 26 points and Garrett Wilfong was closely behind with 24 points on the night. Ethan Rosenau added 14 points, 7 assists and Ashton Lycliter had 11 points, 6 rebounds for the Mt. Lions. Tucker County's Owen Knotts chipped in 10 points, 6 rebounds and Maddox Anderson dished out 7 assists for Tucker County in the win. The Mt. Lions JV team also won 104-9.

HAMBLETON – The Mt. Lions hosted Gilmer County for a varsity only game at home on Wednesday January 24th. Tucker County exploded for 37 points in the first quarter and cruised to the victory over the Titans 84-38.

The first quarter was a special one for the Mt. Lions as they took a commanding lead after one quarter 37-9. Tucker County continued to score in the second quarter as they outscored the Titans 18-9 in the second quarter to make the score 55-18 at halftime.

Gilmer County competed better in the third quarter, but Tucker County still outshot the Titans 14-11 to push the Mt. Lions lead to 69-29 after three quarters. In the final quarter Tucker County edged Gilmer County in scoring 15-9 to give the homestanding Mt. Lions the 84-38 victory.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County with 18 points, while Trevar Bonner and Ashton Lycliter



Tucker County's Garrett Wilfong goes up for a dunk against Gilmer County on Jan. 24th. The Mt. Lions won the game 84-38. Photo by Brittany Channell.

added 12 points each. Garrett Wilfong chipped in with 11 points in the win for the Mt. Lions and Lycliter pulled down a team high 9 rebounds.

HAMBLETON – Tucker County ended the week with a home game against Southern Garrett on Friday January 26th. After a competitive first quarter the Mt. Lions dominated the rest of the game to take the victory over the Rams 76-43.

In the first quarter both teams made shots, but Tucker County edged Southern Garrett in the period 24-20. The Mt. Lions then began to pull away in the second quarter as the home team outscored the Rams 20-9 to make the halftime score 44-29.

The Tucker County defense then flexed their muscle in the third quarter as they held Southern Garrett to just 2 points in the quarter, while the



The Mt. Lions player Owen Knotts takes a shot against Gilmer County on Jan. 24th. Tucker County won the contest 84-38. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Mt. Lions scored 13 points to give Tucker County the 57-31 lead after the third quarter. The fourth quarter was also controlled by Tucker County as they outpaced the visiting Rams 19-12 to put the final score to 76-43 Tucker County.

Tucker County was led in scoring by Ethan Rosenau with 24 points, 7 rebounds and Trevar Bonner had 14 points. Garrett Wilfong finished with 11 points and Ashton Lycliter pulled down 7 rebounds in the win for the Mt. Lions. The Tucker County JV team also won 62-21.

Tucker County(11-2) will return to action on Saturday February 3rd at Southern Garrett. The Mt. Lions will then travel to Hampshire on Tuesday February 6th. Both games will get started with JV games at 6pm. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

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# Gov. Justice unveils 2024 West Virginia Vacation Guide

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice today unveiled the 2024 West Virginia Vacation Guide, the state’s official travel magazine. Travelers can view the 112-page guide online or get a free copy mailed to them directly. Last year, the West Virginia Department of Tourism distributed over a quarter of a million printed guides to travelers across the nation and around the world.

“I could not be more excited about this year’s vacation guide because it showcases our state’s incredible beauty,” Gov. Justice said. “From the breathtaking views to charming mountain towns, this guide truly brings West Virginia to life, and we continue to prove that we’re the diamond in the rough. We have people from all over the world wanting to

explore our state, and this guide serves as a big reason why interest is still on the rise.”

This year’s cover depicts a magnificent starry sky surrounding the Hanging Rock Raptor Observatory in Monroe County. Using a special printing technique, the front cover is textured to give readers an earthy, sensory experience before even opening the guide.

“Showcasing our great state in what we do, and this magazine is our premiere printed piece. We’ve produced some amazing guides in the past, but this one is my all-time favorite. It is packed with stunning photography and features hidden gems in every corner of the state,” West Virginia Department of Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby said.

“This year, we are encouraging folks to not only order themselves a copy, but to also send one to friends and family members they’d like to see visit the Mountain State this year.”

The 2024 Vacation Guide was produced in partnership with Dotdash Meredith, a leading publisher that also produces Southern Living, Real Simple, and Parents magazines. This partnership has been recognized in the past by the U.S. Travel Association when West Virginia was recognized as having the top printed piece in the county two years ago. By partnering with Dotdash, the 2024 guide will be mailed directly to 100,000 Travel + Leisure subscribers in West Virginia’s target markets to encourage travel to the Mountain State.

Organized by seasons, this year’s guide highlights the multitude of activities to experience in West Virginia all year long. The “field guide” in the front of the book, is the introduction to the unparalleled sights and adventures that can only be found in the Mountain State. The guide also features a section all about the state’s arts and culture scene with a special story about artisans and creative entrepreneurs throughout West Virginia.

Four perforated postcards, with images from each of West Virginia’s distinct seasons make easy tear-away keepsakes and add an interactive element to the guide. There’s also a quiz that helps readers discover the road trip best suited for them based on their interests.

## Breakthrough in treating Alzheimer’s using targeted drug delivery reported in New England Journal of Medicine

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – A potential advancement in the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease was announced today by researchers at the West Virginia University Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute (RNI). A first in-human study, featured in the latest issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, demonstrates that focused ultrasound in combination with anti-amyloid-beta monoclonal antibody treatment can accelerate the clearance of amyloid-beta plaques in the brains of patients with Alzheimer’s disease.

Anti-amyloid-beta (Aβ) monoclonal antibody therapies, such as aducanumab, lecanemab, and donanemab, can reduce amyloid-beta plaques and slow the progression of Alzheimer’s. Until now, these promising antibody therapies had limitations in reaching the brain due to the

blood-brain barrier (BBB), a protective barrier between blood vessels and the brain that blocks harmful substances from getting into the brain, but also limits the access of therapeutics. More than 98 percent of drugs do not readily cross the BBB, thus requiring systemic treatments with higher doses and more frequent therapies.

RNI scientists used a focused ultrasound (FUS) system developed by Insightec to safely and temporarily open the BBB to allow the anti-amyloid-beta antibodies increased access to targeted areas of the brain. The FUS MRI-guided treatment helmet holds more than 1,000 ultrasound transducers, which were directed to specific brain regions with high amyloid-beta plaques.

In this first-in-human proof-of-concept study, three patients

(two male and one female, aged 59-77) with mild Alzheimer’s disease received six standard monthly infusions of aducanumab antibody, immediately followed by FUS-mediated BBB opening in regions with high amyloid-beta plaques. The results demonstrated the safety of this approach and increased reduction of amyloid-beta plaques measured by PET scans.

“After six months of antibody treatment, we observed an average of 32 percent more reduction in amyloid-beta plaques (53 percent centiloid) in brain areas with blood-brain barrier opening compared to areas with no such opening,” Ali Rezaei, M.D., lead author of the study and executive chair of the RNI, said. “Focused ultrasound is a non-invasive outpatient procedure for BBB opening with great promise for improving drug delivery to the brain.”

“The next phase of the clinical trial will begin this year to explore how to further accelerate amyloid-beta removal in a shorter time with focused ultrasound in combination with lecanemab antibody,” according to Dr. Rezaei.

“This is an exciting time in the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease,” Marc Haut, Ph.D., director of the RNI Memory Health Clinic, said. “We are hopeful that the work we are doing may lead to improvements in outcome for many other patients and their families coping with Alzheimer’s.”

About the West Virginia University Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute

The WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute (RNI) is a comprehensive multidisciplinary patient care, education, and research institute providing neurological and mental healthcare for 275,000 patients annually. The 250 physicians and scientists of the RNI improve lives by pioneering advances in neuroscience, brain health, and therapeutics. The RNI team uses the latest technologies with academic, government, and industry partners to make tangible progress to combat public health challenges ranging from addiction to Alzheimer’s disease. For more information about the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute, visit [WVUMedicine.org/RNI](http://WVUMedicine.org/RNI).

### LEGAL

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Town of Davis  
505 William Avenue  
Davis, West Virginia 26260

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the Town of Davis, Wastewater System Improvements, Interim WWTP Improvements Project will be received by the Town of Davis, at Davis Town Hall, 505 William Avenue, Davis, WV 26260 until **10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Sealed bids can be hand delivered to the Davis Town Hall, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. **A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Davis Town Hall, 505 William Avenue, Davis, WV 26260 at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.** Representatives of the Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the project. **Bidders must attend and participate in the conference.**

Bids are for furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and performance of work consisting of lagoon upgrades at the Davis Wastewater Treatment Plant which includes installation of aerators and a baffle wall. The contractor shall be responsible for obtaining any additional pipe or fittings that may be necessary to complete the work. The plans and specifications are intended to cover a complete project and it shall be thoroughly understood that a failure to mention specifically any work which would naturally be required to complete the project shall not relieve the Contractor of his responsibility to perform the work.

**This will be a two-envelope bidding process.**

All BIDS shall remain open for ninety (90) days.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Town of Davis  
505 William Avenue  
Davis, WV 26260

ConstructConnect  
30 Technology Parkway, Suite 500  
Norcross, GA 30092

Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP  
159 Plaza Drive  
Keyser, WV 26726

Altoona Builders Exchange  
1927 Union Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16601

Contractors Association of West Virginia  
2114 Kanawha Blvd., East  
Charleston, WV 25311

Dodge Data and Analytics  
2860 S State Hwy 161, Ste 160 #501  
Grand Prairie, TX 75052-7361

Construction Employers Association  
2794 White Hall Blvd.,  
White Hall, WV 26554

Pennsylvania Builders Exchange  
1813 North Franklin Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Digital copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be available via a link upon request from the Contractor free of charge by contacting the Engineer. Should the Contractor wish to have hard copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, they may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, 159 Plaza Drive, Keyser, WV 26726, Phone (304-788-3370), **upon a non-refundable payment of \$300.00 plus shipping charges.**

**All contractors must purchase Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms from the Engineer in order to bid.**

A five percent (5%) Bid Bond or certified cashier’s check must accompany all Bids.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by grants and loans from the: Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council (IJDC). Neither IJDC, nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this Advertisement for Bids or any resulting contract.

#### NOTICE OF FEDERAL WAGE REQUIREMENTS

Contractors are required to comply with all laws pertaining to prevailing wage rates for the federal wage rates issued in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act.

#### NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President’s Executive Order No. 1 1246, which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

#### DBE REQUIREMENTS

Each bidder must fully comply with the Disadvantage Business Enterprises, and Affirmative Action Requirements, as identified in the contract documents.

The Bidder agrees to make “positive efforts” to subcontract a portion of the total value of the contract to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) affirmative steps as outlined in 40 CFR 33.240. Failure to demonstrate positive efforts to do so may lead to rejection of bids. For this program, the term “subcontract” includes all construction, modification, and service work contracted for by the bidder in the execution of the work under this contract.

#### SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

Recipients shall not entertain the use of businesses that are listed on the “System for Award Management (SAM)” at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov), in accordance with 2 CFR Part 1532 and Subpart B and C of 2 CFR Part 190.

#### WV ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT

West Virginia Code 21-1D-5 provides that any solicitation for a public improvement construction contract requires each vendor that submits a bid for the work to submit at the same time an affidavit of compliance with the bid. The enclosed Drug-Free Workplace Affidavit must be signed and submitted in the first envelope as evidence of the vendor’s compliance with the provisions of Article ID, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia Code. Failure to submit the signed Drug-Free Workplace Affidavit in the first envelope shall result in Disqualification of such Bid.

#### CONTRACTORS LICENSE

All Bidders are required to have a West Virginia Contractor’s License per Section 530-42-12 of the West Virginia Code. Per the requirements of the Article 21-11-11 of the Code of the State of West Virginia, any Contractor submitting a Bid on this project hereby certifies, indicates, and acknowledges that he/she has a Contractor’s license from the State of West Virginia and meets all the qualifications required by the statutes of the state and location in which the Work is to be performed.

Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act and the Contract Work Hours Standards Act.

Compliance with all other applicable federal and state regulations is required.

The Town of Davis reserves the right to waive any informality in the Bid and to reject any or all Bids.

Date: January 31, 2024

Town of Davis  
**Project Engineer**  
RK&K, LLP  
159 Plaza Drive  
Keyser, WV 267261

### LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Paul W. Sponaugle	Steven A. Sponaugle
1st publication 1/24/24	114 Harmony Grove Rd.
2nd publication 1/31/24	Parsons, WV 26287

Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

**DEADLINE  
3PM FRIDAY**

### LEGAL

#### STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.**

**APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT MODIFICATION**

**Public Notice No.:** SM-04-2024 **Public Notice Date:** January 31, 2024

**Paper:** The Parsons Advocate

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit Modification for this facility or activity:

**Appl. No.:** WVR111957 MOD - 3  
**Applicant:** A.L.L. CONSTRUCTION, INC.

P O BOX 232  
MOUNT STORM, WV 26739  
PARSONS, TUCKER COUNTY

**Location:** PARSONS, TUCKER COUNTY  
**Latitude:** 39:07:19 **Longitude:** 79:38:32

**Receiving Stream:** Wolf Run / Cheat River

**Activity:** WVR111957 Modification 3 proposes to add an additional 46 acres of area for the removal of trees. Trees have been removed in Phase I - IV as approved in Modification No. 2 of this permit. Additional time will be needed to provide proper grass coverage of those areas. This modification also includes an additional area of the project (Phase V) for tree removal.

**Business conducted:** Discharge treated water into Wolf Run of the Cheat River

**Implementation:** N/A

On the basis of review of the application, the “Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))” and the “West Virginia Legislative Rules,” the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit modification and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP  
ATTN: Sharon Mullins, Permitting Section  
601 57th Street SE  
Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins January 31, 2024 and ends March 01, 2024.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit modification application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft

Permit Modification(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit modification and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost. Individuals requiring Telecommunication Device (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0493. Calls must be made 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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## D&E College Releases President's and Dean's Academic List for Fall 2023

ELKINS, W.Va. (January 23, 2024) - Davis & Elkins College has released the president's list and dean's list for the fall 2023 semester. The president's list includes all full-time students who earned a 4.0 grade point average for the semester and the dean's list includes all full-time students with a semester GPA of 3.6 or less than 4.0.

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Jocelyn Burnside, Dean's List Rebeckah Simmons, President's List Haden Wamsley, Dean's List Eliseo Wotring, Dean's List Parsons, WV  
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# Citizens Bank of WV Celebrates 100 Years of Community Banking



January 22, 2024, Citizens Bank of West Virginia commemorated the organization's 100th anniversary. Established in 1924, during the era that ushered in following World War I, its founders focused on the mission of assisting the financial needs of its depositors, large and small, who were mostly employed in the prospering timber, coal, and railroad industries in Randolph County.

Immersed in a century of historical significance of providing quality financial products and services for the communities it serves, Citizens is extremely proud of its many bank firsts it brought to the region including the first drive-in window, trust department, drive-thru, ATM, and mobile banking.

"We are proud of our history and

longevity of serving our customers and communities," said President & CEO Nathaniel S. Bonnell. "Our 100th anniversary gives us chance to reflect our humble beginnings, celebrate the communities we have helped to build over those many years, and rejoice in knowing we have helped countless individuals and businesses achieve their financial dreams over the last century.

There is no doubt that former Governor Kump, our Bank's first president, along with the original organizers would be so proud of the bank they started with just two employees that now employs nearly 100 and is 100 years strong."

Citizens celebrated the bank's milestone with a 100th cake and cash giveaway in the lobby at all

their branch locations, along with an employee luncheon. Centurian events, random acts of kindness, and special 100th partnerships will take place throughout the year. "As we mark this once-in-a-lifetime achievement, we are incredibly grateful to all who have made Citizens Bank a success as we acknowledge our past and look to the next century of community banking," further stated Bonnell.

About Citizens Bank of West Virginia


Citizens Bank of West Virginia, with assets of \$651 million, is headquartered in Elkins, WV. From six office locations in North Central and northern West Virginia, the bank provides integrated financial services including retail and com-

mercial banking, wealth management, and mortgage services. Citizens Bank was recognized for the third consecutive year by American Banker magazine in the Top 200 Publicly Traded Community Banks Under \$2 Billion of Assets in the Nation, ranking 26th on the prestigious list and #1 among WV banks. Citizens was also named to Newsweek's America's Best Banks 2023 list as the Best Small Bank in WV, 2023 SBA WV Community Lender of the Year, The Inter-Mountain's 2023 People's Choice Best Bank, ranked #7 as one of the 2023 Best Banks to Work for in the nation by American Banker, and recently named 2023 Best of West Virginia Corporate Citizen by WV Living.

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