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## Emergency Management Reports Busy Season

By: Lydia Crawley  
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It's been a busy few weeks for Tucker County Emergency Management. Tucker County Emergency Management Director Kevin White updated the Tucker County Commission on a variety of projects and assistance efforts the department has been involved in including the new canopy for equipment trailers, utility outages in the area and other weather related emergencies and the status of the electronic signs. The updates came as part of the meeting of the County Commission. "It's kind of been the busy time of our year because of the weather creates a lot of events for us in Tucker County," White said.

Weather has created several events for his department, White said. The County has seen broken water lines to the High School that lasted four to five days, according to White. Other weather related issues, White said, were the phone outages due to broken power lines and poles. "We spent a lot of time as liaison with all those companies trying to get services reinstalled for people as quickly as possible," White said. "I know you all spent a lot of time over the last weeks doing the exact same thing."

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau credited the combined efforts of the County with resolving the issues. White concurred. "The County is



Kevin White updates the Tucker County Commission on the efforts Emergency Management has undertaken in the past couple of weeks. The update came as part of the Commission's meeting.

fortunate to have that team behind them they have," White said.

White said his department was still waiting on the funds for the electronic signs. According to White, his department had qualified for the grant funding, but the funds are held up at the State level at the Treasurer's Office. "We qualify, we received our letter, you signed documents, we sent them back in, everything's a go. It's just the red tape of getting it through the Treasurer's Office and the check in our hand."

White said that getting funds for his department through the State Treasurer's

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Blacklight Antiques offer a variety of items from a local history perspective including a selection of large photographs from Tucker County's past.

## Blacklight Antiques Presents a Glowing View of Local History

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Get out your Geiger Counter and a black light, Blacklight Antiques has come to town.

Named for the way Uranium Glassware glows when exposed to black light, Blacklight Antiques presents a variety of antiques with local historical significance. Parsons local David E. Stemple, Jr. opened his doors the week of February 1st. "It was an opportunity I couldn't pass up," Stemple said. "I was talking about doing an antique shop and this became available for lease around the same time."

Stemple said he has a lifelong love of antiques and collectibles. "I've been collecting stuff since I was a kid," Stemple said. "Coins, stamps, everything like that."

Stemple also professed a love of local history. According to Stemple, he has explored a lot of areas unknown to most locals as well as saved many antiques from abandoned buildings that were slated for destruction. Among the items available in his shop are original prints of the 1918 Roll Call in front of the Tucker County Courthouse and Miners Safety Class from Davis and West Virginia produced glassware and marbles.

Among the many items for sale by Stem-



David E. Stemple, Jr. of Parsons demonstrates how Cadmium Glass glows under a black light at his shop, Blacklight Antiques, located on First Street in Parsons.

ple, perhaps his most intriguing are the collection of vintage glassware that includes Cadmium Glass as well as his selection of Uranium Glass. Uranium Glass was popular in the early to mid 20th Century and can appear green or yellow, but is distinguishable by an iridescent green glow when exposed to ultraviolet light, also known as a black light. "What really got me into wanting to do the store was this," Stemple said. "This is all radioactive Uranium Glass from the 1930s. A lot of it's actually made in West Virginia."

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## Mon Forest Town Partnership Addresses Parsons Council

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

Executive Director for Mon Forest Towns Josh Nease addressed the City of Parsons Council to discuss recent developments with the organization and to invite the Council to appoint a representative to attend the organization's meetings. "Parsons became a Mon Forest Town in 2019," Nease said. "Since 2019 a lot has happened with Mon Forest Towns."

According to Nease, in the past few years the organization has received a 501c3 designation. Nease also said he has only recently become Executive Director and has been in the role for 10 months. "It's a big change for the organization," Nease said.

Nease outlined some of the accomplishments the organization had achieved in recent years. Included were the organization's participation in the Downtown Appa-



Josh Nease, pictured, addressed the Parsons City Council on behalf of the Mon Forest Towns Partnership. Nease outlined what the organization has been doing over the past few years and extended an invitation to the City to attend the organization's meetings.

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## 911 Center Avoids Outage During Statewide Frontier Failure

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

A statewide failure of Frontier phone service affected 911 Centers across the state, 911 Center Director Michael Simmons said. Simmons reported the event to the Tucker County Commission. According to Simmons, Tucker County 911 was the only center in the State to be unaffected by the outage. "Everyone else in the State was down and we kept right on ticking," Simmons said.

According to Simmons, the outage affected 911 Centers across the State on February 7th. "On February 7th last week, which was a Wednesday, there was a statewide failure that regarded all the peace apps in the State that use Frontier for their phone service," Simmons said.

The failure impacted 911 Centers' ability to make and receive calls, according to Simmons. "They diagnosed two or three different problems, but the end result was 911 Centers weren't able to receive calls. There were some that weren't able to make calls and there were some that were completely down. Just dead in the water."

According to Simmons, the Tucker County 911 Center was the only Center that did not encounter communication problems during the outage. "At one point that morning, our Com Center was the only one that didn't have trouble," Simmons said.

Simmons attributed the continued connection that Tucker County had during the

outage to the recent upgrades the County has invested into the system. Simmons said that during the recent installation of fiber optic cable to the Center, many components that were failing or outdated were replaced and upgraded. "That is due to a lot of upgrades that you all have made and some redundancies we have put into place," Simmons said.

During the outage, Simmons said Tucker County was taking calls from other counties that were down. According to Simmons, Tucker County was the only Com Center available to be rerouted in order to give mutual aid. "We were even taking calls from other counties that were down," Simmons said. "We were the only ones available. We were the only ones in the system that could be rerouted to."

In total, Simmons said that the system has four redundancies in place. "A lot of the other centers don't have the redundancies and they rely on a single line," Simmons said. "Or sometimes a dual line that comes out of the same location and if a location goes down, then it doesn't matter if it has 10 lines coming from the location, they're still down."

The Tucker County system is divided from three locations, according to Simmons. Simmons also said that the computer system also has access to eight different servers along the East Coast due to their software company. "The purpose of that is if one goes out, it's not all one location," Simmons said. "We can still go off the others."

## 911 Center Completes Certifications



911 Director Michael Simmons updates the Tucker County Commission of February 14th. Simmons provided information on the latest developments at the 911 Center, including the expected completion of the Center's required training and certifications.

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911 Director Michael Simmons updated the Tucker County Commission on the completion of the Communication Center's required training and certifications. The completion of the five required courses

the week of February 19th, will bring the 911 Center into compliance with State regulations for the first time in memory, according to Simmons. When asked by Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau how many years the Center had been out of compliance, Simmons said

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## Civic Water Projects

By: Lydia Crawley  
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City Recorder Tim Auvil, on behalf of Mayor Bruce Kolsun and the Parsons City Council, outlined a number of improvements to the water system of the City of Parsons. According to Auvil, it has taken the City over 30 years to recover from the flood of 1985. "It's taken over three decades for our town to overcome the devastating flood of 1985," Auvil said.

According to Auvil, underbid monies from the two most recent water system improvement projects were used to install emergency generators. The purpose of the generators, according to Auvil, is to insure that the City does not lose access

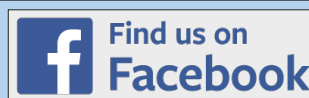
to water during extended power outages from storms or other unforeseen events. The two most recent water projects have also replaced 75% of the city's century old water lines, many of which were leaking, according to Auvil. "We installed emergency generators and updated telemetry at our raw water intake and water plant which allows us to continue water production in the event of a power outage, such as during Super Storm Sandy and the Derecho, each resulting in a week long power loss, without a water supply interruption."

All the water lines in the Waynewood Addition were replaced along with extension and replacement of water lines in the Fork Mountain area and the entirety of

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# News of Record

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

- Jasper Mallow, of Thomas, was charged with three counts of Petit Larceny. According to the complaint on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023 Sheriff J.E. Kopec took a report of multiple thefts at the Davis Dollar General. He responded and obtained a one page hand written statement from the store manager. The statement summarizes that while he was working the prior day, Nov. 1, 2023, the suspect came in three separate times while the store was busy and stole items. The mode of operation was he would walk back to the area of the store grab the items to be stolen, place them on his person and then walk out the door. The manager stated he watched the video and had Mallow stealing items three separate times. The video shows the defendant at 3 p.m. allegedly stealing three Tombstone pizza sticks, two Clover Valley extra sharp cheddar cheese sticks and one Red Bull energy drink. At 6 p.m. video showed him allegedly taking two Red Bull energy drinks, four Tombstone pizza sticks and one block Clover Valley cheese sticks, again at 6:24 p.m. taking two Red Bull energy drinks. Video was insufficient so a physical inventory was done to ensure the items were missing. Total value of the items was \$29.25. Kopec obtained three separate warrants for the crime of petit larceny since there were three separate crimes on the same date.
- Jasper Mallow, of Thomas, was charged with two counts of Shoplifting. The complaint states that on Feb. 7 Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's office (TCSO) received a complaint regarding a shoplifting compliant at the Shop-n-Save in Davis. He arrived on scene and was met by the store

manager who stated that Jasper Mallow had allegedly stolen from the store. The officer obtained a hand written statement from the manager where he stated that on Thursday, Feb. 1 she witnessed the suspect come into the store and take two torch lighters from the display at the front of the store. She stated that these items were not purchased by the suspect or his mother. She stated that she witnessed the suspect walk over to the produce department and kneel down. She stated that while reviewing the security footage she observed the suspect allegedly take a pair of ear buds into the corner, open them and shove them into his pants. The estimated value is \$44.97 for the stolen items. Summerfield obtained a copy of the footage and while viewing he observed a male subject wearing a gray hat, dark sunglasses, gray sweatshirt and blue jeans enter the store. The subject walked into the corner with a white package, opened said package and appeared to conceal the merchandise.

- Destry Seth Poling, of Parsons, was charged with 2 counts of Possession of a controlled substance. According to the complaint on Thursday, Feb. 8 Trooper R.S. Musgrave along with Deputy B. Gidley, were dispatched by Tucker County 911 to a suspicious person at the Citgo in Hambleton. A male was seen pacing outside the store allegedly possessing a large knife. The officers arrived and made contact with the suspect identified as Destry Poling. Upon speaking with him Musgrave observed a white case hanging out of a pocket on Poling's person. He allegedly stated that it was his glass pipe, commonly used as a smoking device. At this time the officer asked the suspect if he had any other substance on his

person to which the suspect allegedly advised he would have a "dab" (marijuana/THC) in his pocket. Gidley conducted a person search of the suspect and observed a black capsule housing multiple small bags. One pink pill, six pink pills and unknown seeds were in separate bags. The suspect advised the pills were his suboxone prescription but could not provide valid proof of said prescription. The substances were field tested and taken into evidence at the WVSP Parsons Detachment. The above stated "dab" was not located during this interaction. On Friday, Feb. 9 Musgrave located the suspect in the Mille Race City Park and he was observed with a propane torch and black case. The suspect advised the "dab" from the previous law enforcement interaction was housed in the black case. Musgrave obtained the above stated substance and it was logged into evidence at the WVSP Parsons Detachment. Poling was advised of his options, to which he refused to cooperate with any law enforcement investigations.

All crimes were committed in Tucker County and all suspects 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:**

- Kenneth L. Langer and Jennifer L. Smith, Dry Fork District, Lot 40 Blackwater Section Timberline 7.07 acres to John Thomas Gasper, \$242,500.
- Frederick S. Lamartin and Danielle D. Duff, Dry Fork District, Lot 2 Wood Terrace of Timberline containing 2.31 acres to Charles K. Wade and Auvid Momen, \$115,000.
- Phillip Wayne Bolyard, Davis Corporation, Lot 366 and 367 to Jonathan R. Stewart, \$40,000.

## Emergency Management

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Office has only been in place since 2020. Prior, funding for his department did not have to go through the Treasurer, but came straight from the Department of Homeland Security who obtained it from the Treasurer's Office. "Homeland Security is waiting on the funds to be dropped from the Treasurer's Office is my understanding. We've did our part."

Rosenau said he would call the Treasurer's Office in Charleston and see what he could find out about the funds. "Treasurer Riley Moore was just in the County the other day," Rosenau said. "I wish I would have known or realized. I knew you hadn't got the funds, but I didn't realize exactly where it came from. So, I'll give him a call this week and see what the status of that is."

According to White, the signs are ready and sitting in a lot in Dunbar. White said he wrote the grant for the signs due to the need to inform the public of urgent and emergency matters such as spills and other emergency road closures. White said that if Tucker County had the signs in house, they could be erected in hours instead of days. "The pretenses that I wrote the grant on was the fact that just out here and year and a half ago we had a diesel spill," White said. "And no offense to anybody. I don't throw stones at glass houses, but we waited three days for signs to be erected telling people that there were going to be delays, there were detours, different things like that. Where if we would have had these signs sitting in our County ready to go, we could have put the signs up within hours."

## Mon Forest Town

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(DARRE) Program, assisting five towns with grant funding for their comprehensive plans and grant writing services that are available in cooperation with Downstream Strategies towards community and city projects. "So those have all be very popular programs and I can't take the credit for creating any of them because they all happened before I got there," Nease said.

Nease said he has been meeting with the towns that make up the organization since he became the Executive Director. During his travels, he said he has been meeting with civic representatives and business owners to determine what is needed and what they would like to see happen in the future. "In the last ten months since I started, I have been traveling around our towns and getting to know folks and getting to know their representatives," Nease said. "I've been talking to town government, business owners and learning what Mon Forest Towns has done for them in the past and what they would want to see Mon Forest Towns, the organization, do going forward."

According to Nease, three needs have emerged from his travels: connectivity, communication and capacity. Nease described connectivity as the towns' need to be better connected to the National Forest and the each other. Communication was described by Nease as the towns sharing information and resources, as well as advertising and marketing the region. Capacity, according to Nease, was tied to developing recreational opportunities as part of the local economy. "Mon Forests Towns was formed to help towns develop outdoor recreation as part of their economy," Nease said.

According to Nease, the organization already has a strategic plan to cover the next few years with goals and

Rosenau said he had received positive feedback on the Active Shooter Training that White and his department has assisted with at all three of the schools. "I heard some good feedback on the Active Shooter Training," Rosenau said. "I heard a lot of good feedback from the personnel at the schools."

White said his department had worked with the Tucker County Sheriff's Office, the School Resource Officers and trained personnel from Randolph County. According to White, Randolph County has the program and can be instructors. White said the training was offered to Bus Operators last year and this year to all three Tucker County Schools. According to White, he had been working on bringing the training to Tucker County for several years. "No one wants to use the word Active Shooter," White said. "No one wants to think that its a possibility, but the world we live in today, it can happen anywhere at anytime."

White thanked Joe Long for his crew's assistance in erecting the new canopy to house vital equipment trailers. "I want to thank Joe, him and Bennie," White said. "They oversaw the erection of the canopy at the city garage."

According to White construction has been completed on the canopy. White said that trailers have already been placed underneath, but he is working on the final layout in order to have the trailers in the most efficient position in case of emergency need. "We need to get a little more creative on how I'm going to put them because I don't know exactly which one I'm going to need first. Trying to make

it as easy to get them in and out as possible."

White said he anticipates the canopy will save the County money on maintenance due to reduced exposure to the sun and weather. "It will save the County a lot of money in the future with maintenance and repairs to those trailers because they won't be exposed to UV rays and they will no longer have snow load on them," White said.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held Wednesday, February 28th at 4 p.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom in Parsons.

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# OBITUARIES

## Wilda Marie Bohon Kaiser Strahin

Wilda Marie Bohon Kaiser Strahin, age 90 years, a resident of the Porterwood Community, Parsons, WV, departed this life Saturday morning, February 17, 2024, at her home with her loving son at her side.

She was born Thursday, July 27, 1933, at St. George, WV, a daughter of the late Oney Bohon and Martha Elizabeth Miller Bohon. She was twice married. First to Richard Franklin Kaiser, who preceded her in death and second, on July 14, 1979, at Parsons, WV, she was married to David Fredrick "Boney" Strahin, who preceded her in death January 10, 2024.

Surviving are one son, Richard Oney "Rick" Kaiser of Parsons; two brothers, Ralph Bohon and wife Doris of St. George and Earl Bohon and wife Patty



of Ohio; and two great grandchildren, Richard Ian Kaiser and Reanna Alessandra Temperato Kaiser.

Preceding her in death are one brother, Kenny Bohon; and one sister, Jean Bohon Brown.

She attended the schools of Tucker County and worked at the former Parsons Shoe Plant. She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking and canning and preparing dishes from the

apple trees and berry bushes in her backyard. Wilda was a wonderful quilter, and she enjoyed getting together with her group of friends where she belonged to the Church of God Sewing Ladies Quilting Group, laughing, and telling stories all about the things she had done in her lifetime. She will surely be missed.

A Graveside service will be conducted at the Fairview II Cemetery at Location, St. George, WV on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 11 AM. The Rev. Kevin Hostetler will officiate and interment will follow. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Wilda Marie Bohon Kaiser Strahin. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).

## Pamela June "Pam" McKinney Poling

Pamela June "Pam" McKinney Poling, age 55 years, a resident of Hendricks, WV, departed this life Monday evening, February 12, 2024, at her home. Death was unexpected.

She was born Friday, March 22, 1968, at Fairmont, WV, a daughter of the late William "Bill" McKinney and Francis Hurt McKinney. She was previously married to the late Timothy Aaron Hamler. On March 20, 2012, at Parsons, WV, she was married to Kevin Douglas Poling, who survives at Hendricks, WV.

Also surviving are one son, Aaron Hamler and companion Destiny of Fairmont; one daughter, Alexandria Hamler of Fairmont; two stepdaughters, Ashley Louk of Elkins and Aslynn Poling of Parsons; two grandchildren, Saraiya Fate Hamler and Isabella Poling; one



brother, William "Billy" McKinney and wife Sherrie of Morgantown; two sisters, Donna Tesky and husband Clark, and Joni Martin of Grant Town, WV; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death is one stepson, Shawn Eric Poling.

She attended schools of Rivesville and graduated from West Fairmont High School. She obtained an Associate and Bachelor's

Degree from Fairmont State, her Master's from WVU, and Masters Plus from Marshall University. She started her career at Chestnut Ridge in Morgantown, and she was currently employed as the Director of Treatment and Programs at the Rubenstein Center. Pam enjoyed crafts and loved visiting the beach.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV, on Thursday evening, from 4 to 7 p.m. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 11 a.m.. The Reverend Justin Jones officiated. Cremation followed. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Pamela June "Pam" McKinney Poling. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).

## We Get Letters

### Editor,

North Alliance Applauds FHWA's Inclusion of Northern Route in Corridor H Planning

The Go North Alliance—a coalition of citizens, business owners, and groups who are advocating for an updated Northern Alternative Route for Corridor H north of the towns of Thomas and Davis—states that they are pleased that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has included a northern route in their Notice of Intent planning document which is open for public comment until March 27. See the Notice of Intent and supplementary documents at [go-northcorridorh.org/informational-material](http://go-northcorridorh.org/informational-material)

The Go North Alliance says the Northern Alternative Route would avoid historic and environmental resources around the treasured Blackwater Canyon region.

### Editor (Intercepted Message),

It was certainly a pleasure to be a part of the Christmas Home Tour this past year! It was a wonderful experience and the PRO On Trac group was so kind and generous.

"We are delighted that the FHWA has recognized that the 1970s-era "preferred route" for Corridor H is way out of date. We don't need giant eyesores in our most important tourist areas," said Alliance members Saundra Goss and Walt Ranalli of Sirianni's Cafe in Davis.

"A Northern Alternative Route will protect our region's growing tourism economy," Ranalli continued. "But the current preferred route, known as the ROPA, would damage the history, ecology, and community of the Thomas and Davis and Blackwater Canyon region. We want to maintain the integrity of the current outdoor recreational experience and our small-town charm."

A public meeting to view plans for the alternative route at the Tucker County High School is scheduled for February 27 from 4 to 7 p.m.

We were honored and enjoyed socializing with the towns people. The tour was an experience we will remember for many years.

Laura and Paul Mauzy

## Commissioner of Agriculture to Visit State FFA Chapter During National FFA Week Feb. 17-24

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Each year, FFA Chapters nationwide come together to celebrate National FFA Week, a time dedicated to showing the essence of FFA and its profound influence on members' lives, and to highlight the importance of agriculture education in our classrooms. National FFA week runs from Feb. 17-24, 2024.

In West Virginia, Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt will visit three chapters across the state including Mineral County (Feb. 20), South Harrison (Feb. 20), and Clay County (Feb. 21), to learn about each chapter's projects and initiatives. FFA members benefit from unique hands-on learning in a wide variety of projects such as greenhouse operations, aquaculture production, state-of-the-art meat processing labs and fresh-cut flowers, giving them real-world experience and invaluable problem-solving skills.

FFA membership numbers have continued to climb throughout the years in West Virginia, currently reaching an all-time high with 7,113 members in 87 chapters, making agriculture education the fastest-growing Career Technical Education program in the state.

"I am thrilled to see the continued growth of FFA in West Virginia," said Commissioner Leonhardt. "These students are learning leadership skills and

are taking innovative approaches to agriculture issues that will drive the industry into the future. I look forward to these visits and celebrating this organization that imparts immeasurable skills to our students."

FFA's influence can be felt in the business, science, and technology fields, including veterinarians, scientists, business leaders and professionals in many other career fields.

"FFA opens up a world of career opportunities to all students, including those who may otherwise have limited options throughout their educational career," said Kari Brown, Career Technical Education Coordinator with the West Virginia Department of Education. "Many agricultural teachers echo the sentiment that the motivation to become a teacher stemmed from the influence of their former agriculture teacher or by becoming involved in FFA. You will find former FFA members working in careers in every sector. Our members demonstrate a solid work ethic and model the actions of servant leadership. The work of our students should be celebrated and showcased, not only during FFA week, but all throughout the year."

For more information of WVFFA, visit <http://www.wvffa.net/> or contact the WV Department of Education Career Technical Education at 304-558-2389.

## Communities urged to give blood as winter threat continues

**\$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email for those who come to give in February – #HeartMonth**

MORGANTOWN, WV.— The American Red Cross urges donors to give blood now to continue to strengthen the national blood supply this month. The public can book a time to give by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

People of all blood types – especially type O blood donors, the most needed blood group by hospitals – are needed daily to ensure blood products are available for hospitals at a moment's notice.

As February continues, so does the potential for additional weather systems

to disrupt blood drives and the ability to provide critical blood products to hospitals. While thousands of donors have answered the call to donate in recent weeks to combat a significant drop in the blood supply, more donors are needed now to ensure the blood supply remains ready for those in need of lifesaving medical procedures.

Don't wait – make an appointment to give blood by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS. In thanks for helping, all who come to give in February will get a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Details are available at [RedCrossBlood.org/Heart](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Heart).

February is #HeartMonth. The Red Cross reminds you that CPR Saves Lives. Cardiac arrest claims thousands of lives every year in the U.S. This #HeartMonth, make the commitment to register for a Red Cross CPR/AED class Our CPR training takes only a few hours and can give you the skills and confidence to act in an emergency and help save the life of a stranger or loved one. Together, we can keep hearts beating. Find a class near you: <https://rdcrs.org/2wyTKFD> #HeartMonth

Amplify your impact – volunteer!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer. Volunteering carries out 90% of the humanitarian work of the Red Cross and includes various roles. Your time and talent can make a real difference in people's lives. Learn how to volunteer with us today! [www.RedCross.org/carvoluteer](http://www.RedCross.org/carvoluteer).

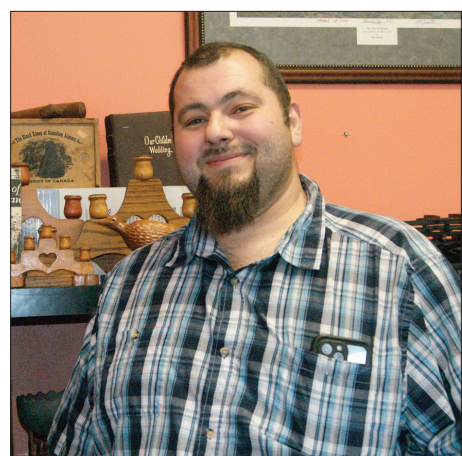
## Blacklight Antiques

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According to Stemple, there were several glass manufacturers in West Virginia that produced Uranium Glassware, as well as several marble making factories in the State. "There was actually a time at the peak of the Coal Industry that West Virginia Glass employed more people than the Coal Industry in the State."

While the subject of radioactivity in Uranium Glass still rages online, however the EPA website addresses the issue. The EPA writes, "Antiques that contain radioactive materials are usually not a health risk if they are in good condition." The EPA also lists clocks, watches, jewelry and ceramics among other common antique items that contain small amounts of radioactive materials and said, "For hundreds of years glassmakers used small amounts of uranium to create yellow or green glass...this glass led to the nicknames 'Vaseline glass' and 'canary glass.'"

Blacklight Antiques is located at 339 First Street in Parsons. The shop also has an Ebay



David E. Stemple, Jr., pictured, opened Blacklight Antiques out of a lifelong love of local history. Blacklight Antiques is located on First Street in Parsons.

shop and can also be reached on social media under BlacklightAntiques on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok and Pinterest or at [blacklightantiques.com](http://blacklightantiques.com).



Blacklight Antiques' unique name is derived from the wide selection of West Virginia made Uranium Glassware that glows when exposed to black light.

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# What's? Happening

## Free Friday

Free Friday will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Parsons on Friday, February 23, at 6 pm. The menu will consist of a variety of soups, sandwiches, desserts, and drinks. No donations will be accepted.



The West Virginia Encyclopedia  
www.wvencyclopedia.org

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.

Feb. 21, 1895: Bluefield Colored Institute was established by the legislature to prepare Black West Virginians for the teaching profession. After several name changes, the school became Bluefield State College in 1943 and achieved university status in 2022.

Feb. 21, 1913: Workers' compensation passed the legislature, modeled on the German system Governor Hatfield had studied in the Ruhr Valley coalfields.

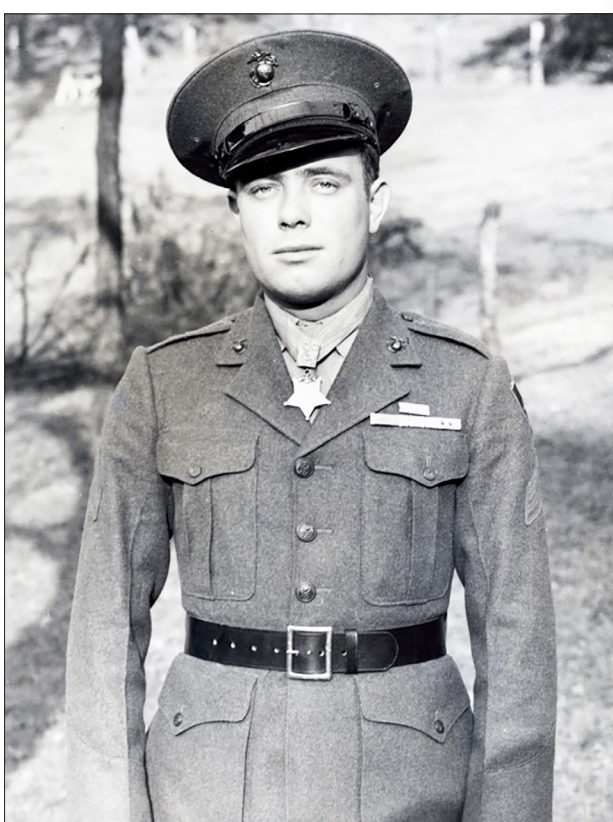
Feb. 21, 1940: Former Governor Gaston Caperton was born in Charleston. In 1988, Caperton defeated Arch Moore to become the state's 31st governor.

Feb. 22, 1927: Long-time Agriculture Commissioner Gus R. Douglass was born in Mason County. Douglass, a Democrat, was first elected commissioner in 1964. Re-elected nine times, Douglass was the longest serving agricultural commissioner in the country.

Feb. 22, 2018: 33,000 schoolteachers and service personnel walked off the job over wages and health benefits. The strike drew national attention, and teachers in five other states organized work stoppages.

Feb. 23, 1867: Lincoln County was formed from Boone, Cabell, Kanawha and Putnam counties. The county was named for Abraham Lincoln.

Feb. 23, 1905: The first USS West Virginia was commissioned. The armored cruiser



Feb. 23, 1945: Harrison County native "Woody" Williams distinguished himself during the Battle of Iwo Jima by neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. This act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor.

was renamed the USS Huntington in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.

Feb. 24, 1918: Judge Kenneth Keller "K. K." Hall was born at Greenview, Boone County. Hall spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.

Feb. 24, 1928: Doctor Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving force in the passage of state and federal black lung legislation.

Feb. 25, 1903: An armed posse ambushed striking miners in their homes in the village of Stanaford near Beckley. Six miners were killed; federal judge B. F. Keller exonerated the posse.

Feb. 25, 1911: Newspaperman Jim Comstock was born in Richwood. In 1957, he founded the West Virginia Hillbilly, a weekly newspaper that circulated inside and outside the state.

Feb. 26, 1869: The legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.

Feb. 26, 1972: One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on Buffalo Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

Feb. 27, 1867: Marshall College (now university) was established as a normal school for the training of teachers. The first term began June 15, 1868, with 25 students enrolled in three departments.

Feb. 27, 1871: Summers County was established from segments of Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, and Monroe counties. The county was named after George W. Summers, one of West Virginia's founders.

Feb. 27, 1871: The West Virginia Legislature approved an act incorporating the city of Huntington.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

For all you West Virginia Snowbirds that travel south for the winter don't plan on traveling back any time soon. It was 55 degrees earlier in the week and now this weekend is calling for anywhere from 1 to 8 inches of snow. I guess February is living up to its name as the unpredictable month. Momma Said, "Dress for the occasion, umbrella, hat, coat, gloves, boots, tennis shoes, sweatshirt, tee shirt, short or long pants could all be used this month."

It won't be long before it warms up enough that the little birds will be waking me at the crack of dawn with their beautiful songs. Not that it will be anything new, the dogs have a self-set alarm for me anyway, 5:30 a.m. every morning they have to go out. Momma Said, "You can guess who is in charge at my house, (quick

## Momma Said

This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.

By Teri Cayton  
The Parsons Advocate



guess it is not me.)"

I don't mind so much as I am a morning person anyway. Always have been and I guess I always will be. Mom used to get a whole day's worth of work done before the sun came up. Guess that seed didn't fall far from the tree. I have worked my whole life and had to get up anyway.

At the rate things are going I will be keeping that schedule for the rest of my life because I can't afford to retire. Gas prices are up, food prices are up, living expenses are up and payday, well not so much.

## Pistachio Fluff Salad

### Ingredients

- 3.4 oz. pistachio instant pudding mix
- 20 oz. can crushed pineapple, do not drain
- 8 oz. cool whip
- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 1 cup chopped nuts, pecans, walnuts or pistachios

### Instructions

1. In a large mixing bowl

combine the pistachio pudding powder and crushed pineapple, reminder, do not drain the pineapple.

2. Fold in the cool whip, mini marshmallows, and chopped nuts.

3. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours before serving. This allows the mixture to thicken and for the marshmallows to soften. Garnish with more chopped nuts.

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THANK YOU FOR READING

## Super Crossword

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<b>ACROSS</b>	46 Small sailboats	94 Exam taker	2 Tibet locale	44 Ending for cash	92 Spaghetti sauce brand
1 Gilda Radner character on "Saturday Night Live"	51 Nuptial vow	96 Very easy task for a Muslim ruler?	3 Bat very gently	45 Comedian Hart, casually	95 GPS calculation
9 Certain martial arts surface	52 Really smell	102 Many a war vet's affliction	4 Emerging Actor Studi	47 Hoosier State	97 Egyptian (cat breed)
16 Just OK	53 Kind of tide	105 Behave badly	6 Herr's "Alas!"	48 Building story	98 Cold cubes
20 Enthusiastic reply to a request	56 China's Zhou —	106 Yellowstone gusher	7 Sits tight	49 Part-goat god	99 GPS calculation
21 Raised, as a building	57 Actress Perez	107 English ruler making mouse sounds?	8 Writer Rice	50 Where it's at	54 "It's — real!"
22 Central point	59 Hindu ruler's radio sign-off?	111 Bomb part	9 Pa Clampett	58 Irritated	100 Grape cluster
23 British ruler applying veneer?	65 Secretive U.S. org.	112 Liquid- (Drano rival)	10 Arg. neighbor	60 Big name in peanut butter	103 Visual insult
25 Violent anger	67 Tehran's land	113 Electees	11 Last mo.	61 Break out in —	104 Energetic sort
26 Nutrition Facts category	68 Jug handle	114 Iowa college	12 Golfer Lorena	62 Actress Berry	107 Small sailboat
27 Brewed beverage	69 Skye of film	116 Louver strip	13 Volcano in E. Sicily	63 Set to a slow speed	108 Citation
28 Great Plains tribe	70 Save the Russian ruler from tumbling to the ground?	120 Hula —	14 — Fables	64 Bow shapes	109 Officiated on the diamond
29 The Devil	75 Actors Mineo and Landi	121 What's revealed by taking an X-ray of a Persian ruler?	15 Six-pt. plays	66 Berry of Brazil	110 Vessel used to lure U-boats
30 Nile goddess	77 Car club inits.	122 Shower affection (on)	16 Shredded bit	70 Some mollusks	111 Foul-smelling
33 Turkish ruler's pungent condiment?	78 Coin-op hole	128 Butt forcefully	17 Pontificate	71 Loathe	112 Profs' degs.
38 Quaint office transcribers	79 Thesaurus entry: Abbr.	129 Waters north of Australia	18 Fructose, e.g.	72 "Lord, is —?"	115 Maestro Klemperer
41 Sleep study diagnosis	80 Afghan ruler caught up in a tornado?	130 Went swiftly	19 Yoked yaks	74 Precursors of embryos	117 Strong desire
42 Regarding	85 Stared in amazement	131 Visits during a trip	24 Utters breathlessly	75 Brief parody	118 1940s film critic James
43 Something a French-kissing Arab ruler has?	89 Agate playing marble, informally	132 Car mileage recorder	29 Oral	76 Cry of woe	119 "— she blows!"
	90 Lingo suffix		31 Most vinegary	81 Person crying	121 This yr.'s grads
	91 Greek money	<b>DOWN</b>	32 "Understood"	82 Golf gizmo	122 Hosp. VIPs
	93 Brewed beverage	1 Son of Willy Loman	34 Sch. in the Granite State	83 Kind of tide	123 "Give — try"
			35 Director Ang	84 Used a spade	124 Obtained Macpherson
			36 Mai (drink)	86 Cronies	125 Med. group
			37 UFO pilots	87 Model	126 DVD- —
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			39 Commotion		
			40 Actress Mireille —		
			41 Singer Paul		

## Weather Totals

February 6 - February 13

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

### Temperature

Max 66° F  
Min 17° F

### Precipitation

Week 1.62"  
February 1.67"  
2024 6.81"

### Snowfall

New Snow 0.5"  
Snow on ground 0.5"  
Winter Total 25.5"

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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# SPORTS

## TUCKER BOYS' WIN AT GILMER AND AT HOME OVER TUG VALLEY

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

GLENVILLE – The Mt. Lions traveled to Gilmer County for a varsity only contest on Tuesday February 13th. Tucker County pulled away in the third quarter to capture the road win by the final score of 56-26.

The Mt. Lions led after one quarter by the score of 12-8. Tucker County controlled the second quarter at Gilmer County 18-9 to put the halftime score at 30-17 Mt. Lions.

The third quarter was dominated by Tucker County 16-2 to give the Mt. Lions a commanding 46-19 lead after three quarters of play. The Titans were outscored in the final quarter 10-7 to make the final score of the game 56-26 Tucker County.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County with 26 points and Ashton Lycliter added 6 points, 13 rebounds. Garrett Wilfong and Cole Carr contributed 6 points each in the Mt. Lions victory.

HAMBLETON – The #1 Tucker County Boys' team hosted #2 Tug Valley on Saturday February 17th. The Mt. Lions pulled away late in a close contest throughout the game to capture the 56-50 victory.

In the first quarter both teams competed hard in front of a packed gym as Tucker County led after one quarter 19-12. The visiting Panthers fought back in the second to outscore the Mt. Lions 20-11 in the period to give Tug Valley the 32-30 halftime lead.

Tucker County came out in the third quarter and battled back as they took the low scoring third quarter 7-4 to put the score at 36-35 as they started the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter the score went back and forth until the Mt. Lions built a 40-36 lead with 6:20 left in the game. Tug Valley then cut the lead to 40-38 with 5 minutes left in the contest. Then a 5-0 run by Tucker County with under 3 minutes left gave the



Mt. Lions player Garrett Wilfong attempts to block a shot against Tug Valley on Feb. 17th. Tucker County won the contest 56-50. Photo by Brittany Channell.

home team a 48-40 lead with 2:09 left. The Mt. Lions would hold off the Panthers the rest of the way as they outscored Tug Valley 19-14 in the final quarter to secure the 56-50 victory.

Tucker County was led in scoring by Ethan Rosenau with 19 points, while Trevan Bonner and Ashton Lycliter added 12 points each for the Mt. Lions. Lycliter pulled down a game high 13 rebounds and Maddox Anderson dished out 5 assists for Tucker County in the win. The Mt. Lions JV team got the win in the first game with a come from behind win 55-54.

#1 Tucker County(16-3) will return to action on Friday February 23rd at Tygarts Valley, the JV game will start at



Tucker County's Ashton Lycliter goes up for a shot against Tug Valley on Feb. 17th. The Mt. Lions won the game 56-50. Photo by Brittany Channell.

5:45pm. The Mt. Lions will start Sectional play on Monday February 26th at home. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## LADY MT. LIONS WIN AT HOME OVER PENDLETON, WIN AT MOOREFIELD

By Chris George  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Girls' Basketball team hosted Pendleton County on Wednesday February 14th for a varsity only contest. The Lady Mt. Lions pulled away in the third quarter to secure a 51-23 win.

The first quarter was dominated by Tucker County as they led after one quarter 8-0. Pendleton County battled back in the second to outscore the Lady Mt. Lions 9-7 to put the halftime score at 15-9 Tucker County.

In the third quarter the homestanding Lady Mt. Lions exploded for 23 points while holding the Lady Wildcats to just 4 points to take a commanding 38-13 lead after three quarters. Tucker County would then win the fourth quarter 13-10 to make the final score of the game 51-23.

Tucker County was led in scoring by Raven Matthews with 13 points, 9 rebounds and Ericka Zirk added 10 points, 13 rebounds. Brylee Wetzel also had 10 points for the Lady Mt. Lions and Makenna Evans chipped in with 6 points.

MOOREFIELD – The Lady Mt. Lions would then travel to Moorefield on Thursday February 15th. Tucker County jumped out to an early lead and never looked back enroute to a 68-38 win.

The Lady Mt. Lions started the game strong as they led after one quarter 24-10. Tucker County then continued to dominate in the second quarter as they outscored the Lady Yellowjackets 17-5 to put the Lady Mt. Lions lead to 41-15 at the halftime break.

Moorefield was unable to turn things around in the third quarter as Tucker County controlled the third 18-5 to extend their lead to 59-20 after three quarters. Moorefield would control the fourth quarter 18-9, but Tucker County gets the road win by the final score of 68-38.

Ericka Zirk led Tucker County in scoring with 13 points, 8 rebounds and Avery Colebank finished with 11 points for the Lady Mt. Lions. Raven Matthews added 9 points, 13 rebounds, 6 steals and Brylee Wetzel chipped in with 8 points for Tucker County. The Tucker County JV team also won by the score of 57-31. The Lady Mt. Lions JV team finished the season undefeated with a record of 16-0.

Tucker County(17-5) will open postseason play this Thursday February 22nd in the Sectional Championship against the winner of East Hardy/Union. Game time is set for 7pm at Keyser High School. The Lady Mt. Lions will then play in the Regional Co-Final on Tuesday February 27th. The opponent and place of Regional Co-Final will be determined after Sectional Championship results. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County's Avery Colebank makes a pass in a recent game. Photo by Brittany Channell.

## Tucker County Commissioners



Tucker County Commissioners, Mike Rosenau, Fred Davis, and Tim Knotts, at Tucker County Dai in Charleston. Photo by Will Price

## 911 Certifications

he was unsure, but it occurred well before he became Director. "I don't think they were ever in compliance," Simmons said.

According to Simmons, the Center received leniency from the State because it was brought to their attention by Simmons. "They could have shut us down," Simmons said.

Rosenau concurred. "If they would have found it in one of their audits, they would have shut us down," Rosenau said.

As a result of the lapse in certification, Simmons had obtained certification as a trainer and has spent the last few months training his staff and obtaining the required certifications to bring the center into compliance with the State. "We were out of compliance at the 911 Center in training," Rosenau said. "Certification has to be (done) so we can keep the 911 Center open. Our dispatchers have to complete these certifications in order for them to be qualified to be a dispatcher."

Four of the five required courses have been completed, according to Simmons. "We're through four disciplines now," Simmons said. "Everyone just finished their Law Enforcement Communication Certification."

With the expected completion of the Fire course the week of February 19th, Simmons said the Center will be in full compliance of State regulation. "The only one we have left is Fire and it begins Monday. Its a 40 hour course. We are going to try and rotate both shifts in and out so that hopefully by the end of next week, we will be fully certified in all five disciplines."

According to Simmons, the completion of all five disciplines comes in time for the second half of an audit by the State. A year ago, Simmons had notified the State that the center was not in compliance with the necessary training and certifications. "Where we called and notified them that we had lapsed on things last year," Simmons said. "The come in, they set us all up, gave us the tools to get it done and she comes back at the end of a

one year period to make sure we are still in compliance. We're operating the way she wants."

Rosenau acknowledged Simmons' initiative. The courses cost \$3,000 a person online, according to Simmons, but if he instructs the course, the cost drops to \$120 a manual. The Center currently has eight full time and several part time employees, Simmons said. Rosenau thanked Simmons for saving the County thousands of dollars in training costs. "You took the initiative to take the training courses to offer most of these trainings," Rosenau said. "So the thousands of dollars you've saved 911, the Commission wants to thank you for that."

Simmons said the staff will have to re-certify every two years via an online test.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held on Wednesday, February 28th at 4 p.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom in Parsons.

## AREA SCHEDULE:

### Thursday February 22nd

Tucker County Girls' Basketball – Sectional Final

@ Keyser – TBA - 7pm

Davis-Thomas Girls' & Boys' Basketball @ Union

Tournament - TBA

### Friday February 23rd

Tucker County Boys' Basketball @ Tygarts Valley

5:45pm

### Monday February 26th

Tucker County Boys' Basketball - Sectional @ Home 7pm

### Tuesday February 27th

Tucker County Girls' Basketball Regional Co-Final

- TBA - 7pm

### Thursday February 29th

Tucker County Boys' Basketball - Sectional Final

@ Keyser – TBA - 7pm

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## DoHS Encourages Female SNAP Recipients to Apply for WV Women Work Manufacturing Program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), Bureau for Family Assistance (BFA) is encouraging Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and SNAP Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) recipients to apply for the West Virginia Women Work (WVWW) Step Up for Women Advanced Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship program.

The program's Spring 2024 class begins on February 26, 2024, in Charleston. The 10-week, employment-based, pre-apprenticeship training program is designed to prepare women aged 18 and older for entry-level positions and apprenticeships in advanced manufacturing. Participants will learn hands-on training such as learning to operate high-tech machines to make products used in medical, aerospace, pharmaceuticals, and auto industries, in addition to obtaining licenses and certifications.

The program's Spring 2024 class begins on February 26, 2024, in Charleston. The 10-week, employment-based, pre-apprenticeship training program is designed to prepare women aged 18 and older for entry-level positions and apprenticeships in advanced manufacturing. Participants will learn hands-on training such as learning to

operate high-tech machines to make products used in medical, aerospace, pharmaceuticals, and auto industries, in addition to obtaining licenses and certifications.

"Our continued collaboration with WV Women Work creates tremendous opportunities for West Virginia women," said Janie Cole, DoHS Bureau for Family Assistance Commissioner. "It is our hope that the Advanced Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship program will help equip women with the training and tools needed to find rewarding careers and make meaningful changes for themselves and their families."

DoHS has partnered with WVWW since 2017, to help women explore, train, and secure employment in non-traditional occupations, especially skilled trades. The WVWW Step Up program is a tuition-free, employment-based skilled trade training program designed to prepare women for entry-level industry positions and registered apprenticeships. Step Up is the only Pre-Apprenticeship in West Virginia that is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Labor.

If interested in applying, SNAP/SNAP E&T clients should speak with their DoHS county office caseworker. Applications are available online at [westvirginiawomenwork.org/step-up-manufacturing](http://westvirginiawomenwork.org/step-up-manufacturing).

## WVDEP now accepting applications for 2024 Make It Shine Spring Cleanup Application deadline is March 8th

CHARLESTON, WV – Applications are now available for the 2024 West Virginia Make It Shine State-wide Spring Cleanup. This annual event is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) Program.

This year's cleanup will be held during the first two weeks of April (April 1st through April 14th) and applications are due by Friday, March 8, 2024.

The Make It Shine pro-

gram will provide resources such as cleanup materials, waste hauling, and landfill fees to community groups volunteering to conduct litter cleanups in state streams or on public lands.

More than 3,500 volunteers from nearly 140 groups participated in the 2023 cleanup, removing 215 tons of litter, remediating 87 dumps, and collecting 1,267 tires from 281 acres of public lands and 87 miles of streams across West Virginia.

Applications are available online. Once your proj-

ect is approved, REAP staff will coordinate delivery of cleanup supplies, waste hauling and disposal. For more information, contact Chris Cartwright at [DEPwvmis@wv.gov](mailto:DEPwvmis@wv.gov) or by phone at 1-800-322-5530.

This event is completely dependent on volunteers, so sign up today and help make West Virginia shine!

REAP, whose motto is 'Keeping WV Clean and Green,' was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. More information is available on the REAP webpage.

For more WVDEP news and information, go to <https://dep.wv.gov>. Also, connect with the agency on all social media platforms. Follow @DEP WV on Twitter, Like us on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/depwv/>, and find us on YouTube at Environment Matters.

## Specialty Services at Cortland Acres Outpatient Physical Therapy

Cortland Acres Outpatient Rehabilitation offers advanced physical therapy treatments available at their facility located at Cortland Acres in Thomas, WV. The Cortland Rehab center serves the entire Tucker County community and surrounding counties. Their team of highly skilled Physical Therapists can provide an array of treatment options for a wide range of conditions and post-surgical issues.

The Cortland Rehab team is committed to helping people live better. They provide convenient access to high-quality care to prevent and treat musculoskeletal pain. With recovery success from hundreds of patient cases, the rehab team strives to utilize quality standards designed to deliver proven, predictable and impactful patient outcomes. Therapy treatments are available for spinal conditions, arthritis, balance deficits, sports injuries, and post-surgical rehabilitation.

Alisha McCune, Director of Physical Therapy said, "the goal at Cortland Outpatient Physical Therapy is to return patients to their highest level of function, we help with pain management from chronic conditions, we help them recover from injuries and reduce the risk of future injury. We are committed to providing quality service and customer care".

Physical therapy at Cortland is provided by trained physical therapists and assistants who help patients improve movement, strength and manage pain after an illness or injury. Nearly every part of the body can benefit from physical therapy. Physical therapists assess a patient's pain levels and abilities and develop a plan of treatment. Specialized treatments now being offered at Cortland Rehab are: Aquatic therapy, ASTYM Therapy, Cupping Therapy, LSVT BIG & LOUD for Parkinson's, Kinesio Taping, Vestibular Rehab and Dry Needling.

Aquatic Therapy refers to exercises performed in water for relaxation, fitness, physical rehabilitation, and other therapeutic benefit. Exercise performed in the water can bring relief to those who suffer from various neuromuscular or musculoskeletal disorders. The specific properties of water make aquatic therapy much different from land therapy as individuals can use water for resistance in place of gravity or weights. Water's unique properties allow individuals to benefit from less pressure on the joints, reduced inflammation, and a safe environment to improve balance and strength. This therapy is also a great option for individuals who are unable to exercise on land. They can improve their strength and endurance to recover or improve from their condition. Aquatic Therapy Programs provide a very good workout without the pain, stress, and muscle fatigue often associated with land-based exercises.

ASTYM Therapy engages the body's restorative mechanisms to stimulate healing and rebuild soft tissue. Developed through decades of clinical research, ASTYM tackles the toughest musculoskeletal conditions. ASTYM often works when other treatments will not.

Cupping Therapy involves placing cups on the skin to create suction, the suction creates a negative pressure environment allowing for myofascial decompression as the skin is drawn into the cups. The negative pressure

lifts muscle fibers and increases blood flow to the area. Benefits of cupping include reduced pain, muscle tightness and inflammation, improved blood flow and increased range of motion.

LSVT LOUD is an effective speech treatment for people with Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions. LSVT BIG effectively trains improved movements for any activity, whether "small motor" tasks like buttoning a shirt or "large motor" tasks like getting up from sofa or chair or maintaining balance while walking. The treatment improves walking, self-care and other tasks by helping people "recalibrate" how they perceive their movements with what others actually see. It also teaches how and when to apply extra effort to produce bigger motions.

Kinesiology taping is a thin, flexible tape that was developed to aid muscle movement and enhance athletic performance. It is often used to relieve pain, reduce swelling and inflammation and provide support to joints and muscles. The elasticity, or stretchiness, of kinesiology tape allows for movement.

Vestibular Rehabilitation is a specialized form of therapy intended to alleviate both primary and secondary problems due to inner ear disorders. It is an exercise-based program primarily designed to reduce vertigo and dizziness, reduce gaze instability, and/or reduce imbalance and fall risk as well as address any secondary impairments that are a consequence of the vestibular disorder.

Dry Needling is a treatment used for pain and movement issues associated with myofascial trigger points. With this technique, a provider inserts thin needles into or near the trigger points. The needles stimulate the soft tissue causing it to contract or twitch enhancing the body's ability to heal which reduces pain and restores function.

Sport Injury Rehabilitation is a type of physical therapy that treats people of all ages who have musculoskeletal system pain, injury, or illness. With the use of exercise, movement, and therapeutic interventions, sports rehabilitation helps maintain health and fitness and helps you recover from injury and reduce pain.

Physical therapy treatment is cost-effective and valuable for a wide range of clinical conditions. Physical therapy services can be an alternative to surgery, or complementary, as in the case of receiving physical therapist treatment after surgery for osteoarthritis. Physical therapy treatment after surgery, such as joint replacement, can maximize functional progress and improve quality of life for individuals.

Cortland Acres Association Administrator, Beth Clevenger, said "our staff continually trains on new treatments options. Each therapist has certifications in several areas of treatment. Our growth has always been about meeting the demands. We have strong relationships with medical professionals in our area and they trust sending patients to us for rehabilitation. We have a great team of caring and experienced therapists who focus on functional rehab results.

Cortland Rehab is open for appointments Monday through Friday and offers one on one treatment for all ages and injuries. For more information or to schedule appointments call 304.463.4191.

### LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
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2nd publication 2/28/24	Beverly, WV 26253
Harold O. Gooden, Sr.	Benjamin K. Gooden
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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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(2022-C-000007 - TUCKER COUNTY - GARY LUZIER OR MARGARET LUZIER)  
To: JAMES STREETS, BILL SNYDER, PATTY SNYDER, JUNIOR STREETS, JOSHUA SHAHAN, HEATHER SHAHAN, THE HEIRS OF MARGARET STREETS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ARTHUR BUCKHOLTZ, ROBERT BUCKHOLTZ, RANDY BUCKHOLTZ, DEBORAH WALTERS, TAMMY MCDOWELL AND TERRY BUCKHOLTZ, THE HEIRS OF KENNETH STREETS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SHERRY STREETS, THE HEIRS OF ASA MORRIS STREETS, THE HEIRS OF ROBERT DALE STREETS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021-1107	\$ 156.09
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You may redeem at any time before July 31, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned check.

Given under my hand February 13, 2024

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Aaron B. Lester	Diana C. Kesecker
1st publication 2/14/24	PO Box 35
2nd publication 2/21/24	Hambleton, WV 26269

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

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That no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the following decedent has been filed with the Tucker County Commission and is of record in the Tucker County Clerk's Office.

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

1st Publication Date: February 14, 2024  
Decedent: Gregory Parsons  
Filed By: Stacy Ayres

Relationship: Buena Vista, VA 24416  
Heir at law

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 16, 2024  
Sherry Simmons  
Tucker County Clerk

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# Civic Water Projects

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Quality Hill's lines being replaced, according to Auvil. The line replacements, Auvil said, provided the area with not only an ample supply of water, but also the volume of water needed for the area's fire protection. A separate \$50,000 project was included to replace the filtration at the water plant, according to Auvil. "We replaced the filtration media at the water plant, that was a \$50K project," Auvil said.

Auvil said the City's water accountability has increased from 52% to 87% due to the improvement projects and the elimination of water leaks in the replacement areas. These improvements have also decreased water production time by half, according to Auvil. "Meaning 35% was not leaching into the ground due to leaky antiquated lines, decreasing daily production time by half and giving the city an additional day and a half of supply, even if the generators failed," Auvil said.

According to Auvil, the improvements have supplied the City with adequate fire protection, as well as accurate mapping of all the water lines. "These improvements cannot be kicked down the road any longer," Auvil said. "Most of the lines replaced were of antiquated material no longer used in any water system today, thus giving our city, not only a more sufficient supply of volume, but a more efficient, long term, cleaner, dependable water supply."

The projects have replaced the old four inch water main lines with six inch main lines, according to Auvil. The increase in diameter is designed to accommodate modern fire fighting equipment needs, Auvil said. "By replacing four inch water main lines with six inch water main lines, we will be able to provide the necessary volume current fire

protection equipment requires," Auvil said.

Auvil also outlined a recent event with an outdated line that broke the July 4th weekend of 2022. According to Auvil, a eight inch main line on Route 219 broke at the bottom of Quality Hill that resulted in half of the town losing water. Auvil said that the mapping of the area's lines had been destroyed in the 1985 flood resulting in repair crews not knowing what types of components or lines were needed for repair of the intersection. "It was one of the worst water line breaks this city has ever experienced, all due to a cast iron 'Cross' specifically manufactured for that location 100 years ago," Auvil said. "It conducted three different size main lines, and a replacement was no longer available."

Auvil credited the efforts of various City Departments with the restoration efforts following the main line break. Auvil credited the combined effort of the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department, Water, Public Works, Parks, Police and City Administration as well as Chief Operator of Hamrick PSD, Chief Water/Sewer Operator John "Red" Lipscomp and Jason Myers with providing assistance to enact the repairs. According to Auvil, if not for the combined effort of those involved, water would have been out for days, if not weeks. "Working until 2 a.m., our city workers restored water service and reopened both lanes of Route 219. Some worked for 18 hours straight," Auvil said. "I've never been so proud of such a group of people. It was all hands on deck."

According to Auvil, Myers provided much needed and hard to find components during the holiday weekend crisis. "If not for Mr. Jason Myers assistance, having access to provide and the ability to bill costs of the needed components to Parsons to make the repairs, that our city did not have on hand, and personally delivered, repairs would not have been possible."

Auvil said that despite the crews efforts, there were still individuals who were upset by the closure of one lane of Route 219 during the repairs. "We still had people yelling and cursing at us as they drove by for closing a lane of Route

219 on a holiday weekend, to make the repair, like we had a choice," Auvil said. "ALL your city workers came through, knowing the urgency of the situation on a Holiday weekend," Auvil said. "They deserve your thanks and appreciation."

According to Auvil, there is still a remaining 25% of the City lines that are slated for replacement. The bottom of Quality Hill that experienced the main break is included in the upcoming improvement project, according to Auvil.

Other completed improvements included the addition of an early detection system for the raw water supply upstream from the intake. According to Auvil, the system was funded by grant monies and designed to alert the City of any contamination to the raw water supply. "Contingencies will soon be in place if that occurs by connecting our water distribution system to the Hamrick PSD's water distribution system," Auvil said.

The Hamrick PSD emergency connection system is designed so either can service the other in case of contamination emergency, according to Auvil, and will continue water supply to half of Tucker County. The project is currently under construction, Auvil said, and was funded through grant funding. The grant was applied for over the last seven years, according to Auvil, and finally approved due to a \$50,000 allocation from the William Mahan Harman Memorial Fund. The allocation funded engineering two years ago and showed that the City was persistent to resolve the contingency, according to Auvil. "And had 'skin in the game' with which made it possible to be allocated a \$676K grant, making our City one of the very few with an alternate water source," Auvil said. "This project will be completed within the next 90 to 120 days, weather permitting."

The City has also updated components at the water plant and raw water intake and has also provided back up components at the sites, according to Auvil. "We now have back up components for our water plant and raw intake that would prevent production in the event of an equipment failure," Auvil said. "We've made additional improvements to the structures at the water department's treatment facilities including lighting, heating, upgrades to the chemical supply entrances, decks, roofing, computers, software, improvements to the water tanks (internal and external), and many other operational and smaller upgrades too numerous to list."

Auvil said he is proud of the work of the Water Department and the City has been awarded several accolades for the projects. According to Auvil, more improvement projects are currently being undertaken. "Be proud of the Parsons Water Treatment System," Auvil said, "that has been awarded many accolades for its performance and it's superior quality water production."

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