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Davis VFD Chief Alan Cosner is working on a \$1 million shelter project for the Fire Hall in Davis. The project would provide the VFD with a full time shelter designation and provide emergency accommodations for the public in case of emergency, as well as bunk rooms for fire fighting personnel.

## Davis VFD Looking to Upgrade Fire Hall

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

Davis Volunteer Fire Department Chief Alan Cosner is involved in a \$1 million upgrade project for the Fire Hall. According to Cosner, the expansion project will add onto the building to create a full time shelter. "I have been working with an architect cause I would like to expand and redo the building to turn it into a full time shelter," Cosner said. "That way it will benefit the community and we can grow a

little bit."

According to Cosner, a part time shelter is only able to house people for 48 hours without showers whereas, a full time shelter has showers and is able to house people long term in case of emergency. The shelter would be available in case of natural disaster or other unforeseen need, Cosner said. "Like a Storm Sandy or something like that," Cosner said. "If people would need it, we would be able to house them for long term, if need be."

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## Civic Improvement Projects Progress in Parsons

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

Work on three Civic Improvement Projects is progressing according to Zach Musgrove. Musgrove presented the latest developments on behalf of Thrasher Architecture, Engineering and Field Services to the City of Parsons Council during the Council's regular session.

Despite setbacks with directional drilling, the contractor is making progress on the City of Parsons – Hamrick PSD Emergency Interconnection Project, Musgrove said. According to Musgrove, the contractor was almost to the river when they hit the old bridge abutment and had to change where they were drilling. The contractor has also encountered factory manufacturing defects with a replacement drill head, Musgrove said. "They've had a lot of struggles drilling under the river," Musgrove said.

Despite the drilling issues, Musgrove said construction on the Interconnection project is 15% complete with the contractor resuming the directional drilling under the river and laying pipe on the Hamrick side of the project. "He thinks he'll get through the river two weeks from now," Musgrove said.

The Parsons Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project is in the Design



Zach Musgrove presents the City of Parsons Council with updates for three civic improvement projects the City is currently working on with Thrasher.

phase, according to Musgrove. Musgrove reported that preliminary plans are ready to review with City department heads. Survey and Camera Crews have finished field work on the project, as well, accord-

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## Davis VFD Keeps Historic Engines in Use



The 46 year old truck owned by the Town of Davis Volunteer Fire Department will soon have a new tank. Pro Poly in Davis is constructing a new poly tank to replace a failing steel tank. The new tank is estimated to take 10 weeks to construct

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

The Fire Trucks from Davis Volunteer Fire Department turn heads when they pull up to the scene. Of the current fleet of vehicles at the Fire Hall, three are as comfortable at a car show as they are at the forefront of a call. Davis VFD Chief

Alan Cosner and his crew have worked hard to keep their fleet in use, including several antique vehicles. "I like to keep the older trucks because they are so much better built," Cosner said.

The latest item of maintenance in the fleet is the replacement of a steel tank with a custom poly tank on the fleet's 1977 Pierce Class A Pumper Truck. According



Davis VFD recently had their 1953 model truck pass a hose test this past year.

to Cosner, Pro Poly in Davis is using the the existing steel tank to create a mold to form the new poly tank for the truck. The new tank is required due to a leak that has developed in the steel tank, according to Cosner. "With Pro Poly being right in our back yard, I just went a head and called them and they are working with me," Cosner said.

Cosner said that his department uses the truck in the winter because it performs better on snowy roads. "Its one of our Class A Pumpers," Cosner said. "We use it for reserve around town in the winter cause it goes better in the snow."

According to Cosner, the rising cost of new trucks is a large factor is his desire

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## Tucker County Commission Passes Resolution to Help Ease Trail Traffic on Route 32



Matt Marcus addresses the Tucker County Commission. The Commission passed a resolution to support the construction of a trail from Thomas and Davis. The resolution aims to help relieve bicycle and pedestrian traffic on Route 32 between the towns.

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Commission passed a Resolution to support the construction of a trail between Davis and Thomas. Matt Marcus addressed the Commission prior to the vote on the issue. Marcus had previously addressed the Commission on the proposal of the trail between the towns. The Resolution aims to help ease pedestrian and bicycle traffic along Route 32 between the towns.

The Resolution only supplies Marcus and his group with support, according to Marcus. Marcus also said that while he did not seek any money from the Commission, he felt the initiative will help everyone. "I think it's a win-win situation for everybody," Marcus said. "I'm not asking you for any money. I just want your support as our representatives."

The goal of the initiative is to provide a designated right of way for individuals traveling the trails, trails that intersect and

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Joe Long updates the Tucker County Commission on the status of a new access road at Camp Kidd. The update was part of the Commission's meeting.

## New Access Road Constructed at Camp Kidd

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

Camp Kidd has a new access road. County works crews have been working on the road that is designed to access a 100 acre field that previously was not able to be accessed easily. Joe Long updated the Tucker County Commission on the progress of the road at the Commission's meeting.

Long said the construction of the access road to the bottom field of Camp Kidd is complete. "The road to our land at the bottom of Camp Kidd where there is probably a 100 acres of field," Long said. "It's pretty much

complete and it's beautiful."

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said that the road was needed due to limited access currently that required either accessing through private property or through the golf course. "The only access we had to the lower fields and that 100 acres down there, is you had to access it through another man's property, another farm, or an easement right through the middle of the golf course. Well, we couldn't do that either," Rosenau said. "In order for us to access the lower fields at Camp Kidd, we had to construct a road."

Rosenau said he had visited the site recently

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## Fire Hall

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According to Cosner, the hope is with the upgrades, the building would become available for Red Cross coordination in case of emergency need. “With having the showers and stuff in there, now you can get Red Cross in there to run it for you,” Cosner said.

According to Cosner, the current building is limited due to the age, but the upgrade will be 100% ADA accessible. “There are so many benefits to upgrading. It will also be 100% handicap accessible.”

The project will likely take 10 years, according to Cosner, due to the time needed for paperwork, approvals and financing. “I’ve said its a 10 year project,” Cosner said. “It will probably take us that long to get the paperwork and the funding sorted out.”

According to Cosner, the project would remove the existing rental hall and completely redo the area. “We’ll just take this whole back rental hall off and completely redo it,” Cosner said.

According to Cosner, the existing addition has had problems with the construction since it was first completed. Among the issues Cosner outlined were several problems with the roof including inadequate pitch that has led to

## Civic Empowerment

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ing to Musgrove. A Vac Truck and sewer line along the river have been removed from the project with the addition to the project of the Poplar Street Storm Separation, Merrill Street Sewer Replacement and Berry Lane Sewer Replacement, according to Musgrove.

The removal of the sewer line along the river, according to the City Recorder Tim Auvil and Musgrove, is due to the need for a more in depth archaeological study of the area. According to Auvil, a Phase Two archaeological Study would be required in the area along the river.

While having no real objection to the removal of the sewer replacement along the river, Council Member Tim Turner voiced concerns over how decisions about removing areas from projects were addressed. Turner said he felt that Council should have say in such matters. Auvil said the matter had been addressed at the previous Council meeting and in committee meetings. Turner acknowledged that he had missed the previous Council meeting. Turner also said he agreed with the decision to remove the

leaks and repeated coats of rubber roofing that has compromised the load integrity, according to Cosner. “They didn’t put enough pitch on the roof and it has leaked since it was built,” Cosner said.

Cosner said the expansion project will have full living quarters. According to Cosner, the upstairs will accommodate bunk rooms for fire crews in case of emergency or if in the future the Department becomes a paid unit. “It will have a fully functioning kitchen in it and the showers,” Cosner said. “We’ll have enough room upstairs that we can have bunk rooms so if something happens and we need to stay down here for extended periods of time...I’ll already have the room for the people or fire fighters.”

Cosner said he has been working with an architect for over a year to develop drawings and other documentations and estimates needed to apply for grant funding on the project. Cosner said he is also accepting donations towards the project. To donate towards the shelter project, Cosner said donations can be submitted at the Davis Volunteer Fire Department, Davis Town Hall and Grant County Bank with a notation that it is for the Building Fund.

section from the project.

Other advances in the Sewer System Project included the anticipated submission of plans and specs to the Department of Environmental Protection in March and a Right of Way list to be provided to City Attorney Tim Stranko, according to Musgrove. According to Musgrove and Auvil, the project will fulfill all the requirements from the DEP in regards to the City’s recent Notice of Violation.

The Parsons Water System Improvements Project is also making progress, according to Musgrove. While still in the Design Phase, Musgrove reported that the scope of the project was ready to be reviewed with City Department heads. Musgrove said he anticipated that the submission of Plans and Specs is anticipated in April with a review set available sometime in March.

The next meeting of the City of Parsons Council will be held Tuesday, March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. “Bill” Rosenau Municipal Building located at 341 Second Street in Parsons.

## Historic Engines

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to keep existing vehicles on the road. According to Cosner, new emissions requirements has caused companies to completely revamp how and where equipment is located so they can address the new emissions systems. “We just decided that due to the prices of new one and the prices of refurbis, it was just cheaper to just go ahead and replace the steel tank with a a poly tank,” Cosner said.

According to Cosner, the truck was ordered new in 1977 from Fenley Fire Equipment. It was the third new truck purchased by the Department, according to Cosner. Of the three original trucks, two are still in the fleet. “That was the third new truck that the department had got,” Cosner said. “Before they had always had used stuff.”

Cosner said construction of the current Fire Hall began just before the truck was ordered. There were concerns, according to Cosner, that the new truck wouldn’t fit in the old Fire Hall that was located in what is now Davis Town Hall. “When they ordered it in ’77, they started building this building before they ordered it,” Cosner said. “They was worried that the truck was going to come before they got the building finished because the original Fire Hall was where city hall is and it wouldn’t fit.”

Cosner said his father was flown to Wisconsin when the

truck was finished so that he could drive it to Davis. “He actually flew my dad out to Wisconsin and dad drove it back from the factory,” Cosner said.

According to Cosner, the older trucks get a lot of looks when they take them to complete pump tests. Whenever the trucks are out in public, they get a lot of attention and often have their pictures taken.

Cosner said the antique trucks still pass pump tests every year. According to Cosner, as long as the State doesn’t change their regulations on pump trucks, he anticipates the trucks to remain in service for years to come. “It passes pump tests every single year,” Cosner said. “It just keeps chugging along and it doesn’t have all that electronic stuff that some of them do. When all else fails, it just keeps chugging along.”

Besides the 1977 Pierce, the fleet’s original purchases included a 1950 GMC Pumper and a 1953 Panel Truck. Cosner said the 1953 Panel Truck was purchased from a Meyers Motors in Davis and then sent to Pennsylvania to be fitted out as a fire truck. Of the three original new purchased trucks, the 1953 Panel Truck and the 1977 Pierce are still in the fleet. “We lost track of number one when it was sold,” Cosner said. “At least we still have number two and number three still in the

# News of Record

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

- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, Unit F6 Week 8 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to Robert Beaver and Amy Beaver, \$200.
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- Don Sypolt, Donna McMartin, Spencer McMartin, Stacy Ayres /AKA/ Stacy Ayers, Stacy Ayers /AKA/ Stacy Ayers, Janet Nestor, Substitute Executrix; Estate of Cyrus H. Parsons, Jr., St. George District, 75.047 acres Slip Hill and 6.00 acres Island Slip Hill to Estate of Cyrus Parsons PPPP LLC, \$440,000.
- Potomac Group LLC, Dry Fork district, Lot 50 North Lake III, 1.47 acres to Jodi Ann Dickey, \$40,000.
- North Lake LLC and North Lake II LLC, Dry Fork district, Lot 26 North Lake to Amy E. Haid Revocable Living Will; Amy E. Haid Revocable Living Trust, \$91,000.
- Ronald L. Ellis, Sr. and Anita F. Ellis, Dry Fork District, Unit 66 Deerfield Village to Ronald L. Ellis, Jr. and Desiree F. Ellis, \$10.
- Shirley A. Stout and Kimberly Curto, Dry Fork District, Unit B6 Week 40 to Mark S. Vandover, \$650.

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

- Larry Allen Smith, Jr. to Cheyenne Rae Combs on Friday, Feb. 16, 2024.

## Tucker County

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follow Route 32, according to Marcus. “What I’m talking about today is a trail between Thomas and Davis to basically keep pedestrians and bicyclists off that busy road,” Marcus said.

Many trails use Route 32 between Thomas and Davis as part of their routes, according to Marcus, including many heavily traveled continental trail systems. “Its the only open public right of way between the towns and its also the location of some major trails,” Marcus said. “A couple of them are over 5,000 miles long and go from Canada to Key West and from Delaware to California and go right through Davis and Thomas and they all use Route 32.”

Marcus said he and his group were striving to connect the towns in another way. “We’d love to see that trail traffic get off the road and just create a connection between the communities besides Route 32,” Marcus said.

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said that he agrees that there needs to be a separate right of way for foot and bicycle traffic between the towns. “Matt, I agree with you 100 percent,” Rosenau said.

The Resolution was passed by unanimous vote of a motion made by Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis. The following is written on the Resolution:

- WHEREAS, the only existing public right of way between

Thomas and Davis is WV Route 32;

- WHEREAS, WV Route 32 has no pedestrian or bicycle facilities;

• WHEREAS, because of increasing truck and passenger vehicle traffic WV Route 32 is becoming less safe for pedestrian and bicycle travel;

• WHEREAS, WV Route 32 between Thomas and Davis, WV is the interstate and international route of the Allegheny Trail, the Allegheny Highlands Trail, the American Discovery Trail, the Eastern Divide Trail and the GRUSK race routes and;

• WHEREAS, connecting Davis and Thomas, WV with a separate pedestrian and bicycle trail will enhance public safety, health, community connections, traffic reduction, economic development and quality of life for residents and visitors.

• NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE: RESOLVED, that the Tucker County Commission supports the efforts of the WV Department of Highways, the Blackwater Bicycle Association and supporting corporate and private landowners to construct a pedestrian and bicycle trail parallel to WV Route 32 between Thomas and Davis.

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

## New Access Road

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and was pleased with the results. “I went down there the other day and it opened up that whole bottom,” Rosenau said.

Rosenau thanked Long and his crew on the work that was done. “Thank you for a job well done,” Rosenau said.

Long also reported that his crew were working on constructing a small kitchen in the concession stand at Camp Kidd, as well. “We’re working on the concession stand putting a small kitchen in,” Long said.

According to Long, the new kitchen is still under construction with crews having the demolition phase complete and have laid out the new kitchen with only the construction of the new kitchen to complete. “We got it tore out, we got it laid out and it’s still in the construction phase,” Long said.

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fleet.”

Cosner said he hopes the new tank will allow the truck to stay in operation well into the future. The estimated time to fabricate the new tank, according to Cosner, will be around 10 weeks. “We should have the new one in about ten or so weeks to put back in,” Cosner said. “And hopefully that truck will run us another 45 or 46 or so years.”

“We got to preserve some of the history,” Cosner said.

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# OBITUARIES

## Phyllis Maurene Evans

Phyllis Maurene Evans, age 88, of Erie, PA, passed peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024 at Sarah A. Reed.

She was born in Hendricks, WV, on Nov. 2, 1935, a daughter of the late Stanley and Texie Lantz Ketterman. Phyllis was a proud graduate of Thomas High School's Class of 1953.

Phyllis enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading and writing poetry, and, most especially, hosting gatherings and spending time with her family and friends.

In addition to her parents,



she was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Evans, and her siblings, Dorothy, Dale, Joyce, Darlene, David, Sue, and Jan.

She is survived by her five children, Kathy (Mark)

Wheeler, Stephen (Shelley) Evans, Darrell Evans, Lisa (Walt) Barczyk and David (Michelle) Evans; grandchildren, Mary, Janelle, Mark, Emily, Bethany, Lee, Katie Rose, Kelsey and Hunter; and great grandchildren, Andrew, Jade, Emma and Addilyn.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Burton Quinn Scott Cremation and Funeral Services, West Ridge 3801 W. 26th Street, Erie, PA 16506.

Send condolences at [www.BurtonQuinnScott.com](http://www.BurtonQuinnScott.com).

## George Curtis Wilcher

George Curtis Wilcher, age 72 years, a resident of the Elk Community, Red Creek, WV departed this life Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the WVU Medi-

cine Ruby Memorial Hospital at Morgantown, WV under the care of WVU Hospice. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete and are under the direction of

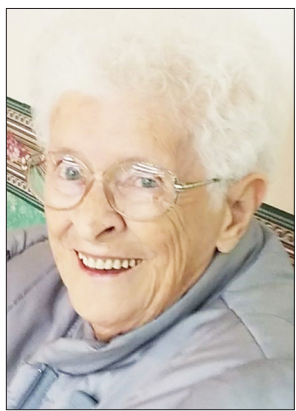
the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home for George Curtis Wilcher. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).

## Arlene Marie Bodkins Bunnell Deets

Arlene Marie Bodkins Bunnell Deets, age 96 years, a resident of Parsons, WV departed this life late Tuesday evening, February 20, 2024, at the WV Caring Hospice Center at Elkins, WV. She had been in declining health for the past three weeks.

She was born Tuesday, October 25, 1927, at Norton, WV, a daughter of the late Oscar and Jessie Lee Sponaugle Bodkins. She was twice married, first on July 9, 1947, to Virgil Randolph Bunnell, who preceded her in death September 28, 1956, and second on February 10, 1982, to Carl Ray Deets, who preceded her in death August 17, 1989.

Surviving are two sons, Jackson Bunnell and wife Linda of Gulf Breeze, FL, and William Randolph Bunnell and wife DeeDee of Parsons, WV; two daughters, Vickie Mae Mason and husband Tom and Anna Marie Pitzer and husband Buddy, all of



Parsons, WV; ten grandchildren, Randy Bunnell and wife Erica, Robbie Bunnell, Tommy Bunnell and wife Shelley, Casey Suder and husband Chad, Todd Bunnell and wife Jennifer, Josh Bunnell and wife Chanda, Dillon Bunnell and wife Deven, Michael McCrum, Kelly Newman and husband Jay and Heidi Pitzer; three step grandchildren, Carrie Allender, Eric McCrum and James Burger; several great and great great grandchildren; and numerous nieces

and nephews, who she thought of as her own and was referred to as Aunt Peewee.

She is the last surviving member of her immediate family having been preceded in death by one son, Terry Allen Bunnell; one brother Lawrence Bodkin; and two sisters, Lucille Simmons and Hilda Williams.

She was a graduate of Parsons High School with the class of 1947 and worked at the former Hills restaurant, Tucker County Hospital and Propst Enterprises. She was a homemaker and a member of the Parsons Church of God. She was a wonderful cook, enjoyed crocheting, reading, and working jigsaw puzzles. Her home was always open to family and friends. She loved her family very much and enjoyed spending time with them.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. Final rites were conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 11 a.m. The Reverend Todd Rhodes and Reverend Carolyn Shreve officiated and interment followed at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Arlene Marie Bodkins Bunnell Deets. Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).

## We Get Letters

Editor,

Did you notice that Corridor H Authority Chairman Robbie Morris's recent column in The Inter-Mountain never mentioned the separate Truck Route?

The Truck Route may be DOH's best kept secret. It gets very little publicity, and when I bring it up to people in our community, I often get the response, "What truck route?"

WVDOH and its supporters don't talk much about it. But those of us who live here want the full story about the DOH preferred route (now called R- ROPA) and its sidekick the Truck Route.

We want answers to the following questions: Would the Truck Route be constructed before, after or at the same time as the R-ROPA? Would existing Route 32 need to be widened? What would be the detours and delays for local traffic, school buses, etc. on Route 32 and Route 219 during construction?

If you dig around in the Supplementary Documentation to the Federal Highway Administration's Notice of Intent, you will find a bit of info on the truck route: it's now officially called the **Thomas Truck Route** and after it wraps around Thomas it will intersect with Route 32 at the Knights of Columbus ball field where it will dump all the trucks onto ...

... our only local road, **Route 32, which will be renamed WV Route 32/ Truck Route, and this two-lane road will handle all the traffic and trucks traveling north and south on the mountaintop.**

The Notice of Intent says, "These proposed changes will be more likely to assure that truck traffic southbound will utilize the Truck Route." Not very encouraging.

The upcoming SEIS will compare two alternatives based on factors such as "ability to maintain design speed" and "efficient traffic flow." If those were the goals of the DOH preferred route, why design a second road that would force trucks to slow down and share a 2-lane with school buses and locals driving to work, the grocery store or the dentist - especially when there's a prudent and feasible alternative northern route? I believe truck drivers would agree.

**To understand what's coming, Travis Long of the WVDOH reiterates at each meeting that truck traffic is going to increase dramatically at the completion of the Kerens to Parsons section of Corridor H.**

The Northern Route eliminates the need for a tacked-on truck route and takes the trucks off the streets of Thomas.

Nancy Luscombe Davis, WV

## West Virginia Caring to Hold 28th Annual Camp Caring Currently accepting applications for campers and volunteers

West Virginia Caring is holding its 28th Annual Camp Caring, on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Chestnut Ridge Park, 10 miles east of Morgantown, WV. Camp Caring is a free, one-day grief and loss camp for children and the adult in their life. Applications are being accepted for campers and volunteers who would like to participate in this year's camp.

Since 1996, West Virginia Caring has held a grief and loss camp to support children in West Virginia who has lost a loved one. It provides the child an opportunity to spend a day with other children who have also experienced the death of a loved one. This one-day camp is free of charge and is open to any child ages 6 - 14. Campers discover that they can live life in a changed world with a new relationship to their loved one who has died.

Camp Caring focuses on the unique grief process of children. Utilizing fun activities, trained counsellors, art therapy, and large and small group activities, the camp empow-

ers each child to be able to express their grief and successfully cope with the feelings of their loss.

### Help for the Whole Family

The pain of a death affects the whole family. As adults, we often are at a loss at both how to help the child we love who is hurting, and how to take time to heal ourselves.

WV Caring has grief workshops for the surviving adults in the child's life. These sessions will run at the same time as the children's camp. The purpose is that each family member is strengthened and supported so that the entire family can move forward together on their journey of grief to a place of new normal.

If you have questions, would like more information on camp or to volunteer, call Emily Harden with West Virginia Caring on 1-304.599.4200 or email her at [eharden@wvcaring.org](mailto:eharden@wvcaring.org) or <https://www.wvcaring.org/camp-caring/for> applications and information.

## BFSP Foundation

Announcing the newly created Blackwater Falls State Park Foundation, a philanthropic organization supporting one of West Virginia's most iconic and recognized state parks.

The Blackwater Falls State Park Foundation began its development early in 2022 and was recognized in 2023 by the State of West Virginia as a charitable not-for-profit corporation and by the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) organization. The mission of this independent Foundation is to preserve, protect and enhance the Blackwater Falls State Park by providing leadership in public outreach, funding and advocacy.

The Foundations' board currently consists of Linda L. Cronin serving as President, Blaine Steensland as Vice President, Judy Cronauer as Treasurer, and Jonathan Moss as Secretary. Members at Large of the board consist of Janet Wilson with the Kanawha Valley Astronomical Society, Andrea Dalton Canaan Valley Master Naturalist, Brent Maynard with the Ohio Valley Astronomical Society and Jessica Waldo Executive Director of the Tucker County CVB.

Paulita Cousin is the Blackwater Falls State Park representative working with the board.

According to Foundation President Linda Cronin "The BFSP Foundation board members, drawn from the greater Tucker County region, meet monthly with the Blackwater Park SP staff to learn more about park operations and needs not covered by State appropriations. Joined with members of the Kanawha Valley Astronomical Society, our immediate project is championing Blackwater Falls' application for International Dark Sky Park designation. As part of that process significant upgrades to the park's lighting will need to be tackled -- and that is where the newly formed Blackwater Falls SP Foundation will be of assistance -- through fundraising activities and grant applications."

Persons interested in learning more about this new Foundation are invited to contact President Linda Cronin, [bwfspfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:bwfspfoundation@gmail.com) and by following the Blackwater Falls State Park Foundation Facebook page.

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## Gas Prices Skyrocket in West Virginia

The average price for gasoline across Northern West Virginia is 19 cents higher this week at \$3.331 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

This week's average prices: Northern WV Average \$3.331

Average price during the week of February 12, 2024 \$3.147

Average price during the week of February 21, 2023 \$3.334

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

- \$3.391 Bridgeport
- \$3.384 Clarksburg
- \$3.231 Huntington
- \$3.381 Martinsburg
- \$3.364 Morgantown
- \$3.252 Parkersburg
- \$3.309 Weirton
- \$3.332 Wheeling

Trend Analysis:

After months of barely budging more than a few cents, the national average for pump prices jumped 12 cents over the past week to \$3.27. A significant contributor is a shutdown at the large BP-Whiting refinery in Indiana, which has been offline for more than two weeks due to a power outage. The refinery

processes 435,000 barrels of crude per day, and the shutdown has caused prices throughout the Midwest to climb, pushing the national average higher as well. Today's national average is 19 cents more than a month ago but 14 cents less than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand decreased from 8.81 to 8.17 million barrels per day last week. Total domestic gasoline stocks declined by 3.7 million barrels to 247.3 million barrels. Lower gas demand would typically push pump prices down, but fluctuating oil prices and tight gas supply is causing price increases.

At the close of Wednesday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate decreased by \$1.23 to settle at \$76.64. Oil prices dropped after the EIA reported that total domestic commercial crude stocks increased significantly by 12 million barrels to 439.4 million barrels last week.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and countywide at [gasprices.aaa.com](http://gasprices.aaa.com).

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# What's? Happening

## Easter Eggs

Half pound Easter Eggs by St. John's United Methodist Women and Win-One Sunday School Class on March 12. Peanut Butter, Cherry Nut and Coconut for a \$6 donation each. To order call Grace Stevens at 304-478-2272.

## PIES FOR EASTER

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church Guild is taking orders for coconut cream, lemon meringue or chocolate

pies for \$15 each. Place orders by Sunday, March 10 by calling Kathy at 304-940-3937. Pick up on Friday, March 29 from 2 - 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church Social Hall, Water Street in Parsons.

## Spring Dinner

The Hambleton Community Church would like to invite everyone to the Spring Dinner from 4 - 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 9. Donations only please.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

I was listening to the radio on my way to work and the DJ announced a song from 1993 and it got me to thinking. That was 31 years ago, how did that happen? It was 1993 only a few years ago, right? WRONG!!! Well that just about blew what mind I have left and by the way that is not much. Time has a way of escaping us very quickly.

I used to work out quite a lot and I did enter one physical fitness contest in the year 2000. I was so proud to go to the hospital and show Mom my trophy, not knowing that just a month later she would be gone. It is hard to do in the moment but cherish the ones you love. Momma Said, "You never know when you kiss them goodbye for the day that it might be the last chance you get."

Time is infinite, it goes on with or without us but at the same time it does have an expiration date for us. It is so easy to waste time and then think Maybe I should have been doing this or that instead of just sitting here feeling sorry for myself or have your head stuck in a game on the video. Visit your family, go for a walk and enjoy nature, play

## 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



with your dog just do something instead of sitting around watching the hands on the clock slowly tick your life away.

I wish all the time that I would have joined the military when I graduated high school. See the world, have an adventure, meet new people and at the same time serve and protect this great nation. When I got out of the military I would have used the GI Bill and went to college to become a veterinarian. That is what I was meant to do, I just know it. But instead I sit here at the age of 66 and have nothing to fall back on. I guess I will have to wing it and hope that I live long enough to see some more of this great nation. Momma Said, "Hopes and dreams are what made this nation what it is today."

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. 28, 1831: Fayette County was formed by the General Assembly of Virginia from parts of Kanawha, Nicholas, Greenbrier and Logan counties. The county was named for the Marquis de Lafayette, the French military officer who served under George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Feb. 28, 1858: McDowell County, the southernmost county in West Virginia, was created from part of Tazewell County, Virginia. The new county was named after James McDowell, a governor of Virginia.

Feb. 28, 1875: Musician Edwin "Edden" Hammons was born in Pocahontas County. A subsistence farmer and hunter, he is remembered as one of West Virginia's finest traditional fiddlers.

Feb. 28, 1909: Athlete John Zonitini was born. Nicknamed the "Sheik of Seth" for his outstanding football career at Sherman High School in Boone County, he still holds state high school and Marshall University rushing records.

Feb. 29, 1888: Republican Stephen B. Elkins, who had grown up in Missouri, gave his first political speech in West Virginia. He was soon appointed U.S. secretary of war and then elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming a major Republican figure in the state and nation.

March 1, 1831: Jackson County was created from parts of Wood, Mason and Kanawha counties and named in honor of Andrew Jackson, the seventh president.

March 1, 1870: The legislature passed an act to create a branch normal school at West Liberty. For the next 61 years, the school was a teacher preparatory institution. It is now a university.

March 1, 1898: Homer Adams Holt was born in Lewisburg. In 1937, he became West Virginia's 20th governor.

March 2, 1840: The Virginia General Assembly granted a charter for Bethany College. From the beginning, it has been a four-year, baccalaureate-degree college, the oldest such institution in West Virginia.

March 2, 1896: Clair Bee was born in Pennsboro. Bee was a successful, innovative college basketball coach and widely published author of both technical basketball books and young adult fiction centered on sports.

March 2, 1915: A blast swept through Layland No. 3 Mine in Fayette County, killing 114 men.

March 2, 1927: The West Virginia capitol building known as the "paste-board capitol" was destroyed by fire. This wood-frame building in downtown

March 2, 1961: Governor Wally Barron signed legislation that granted Marshall College university status.

Charleston had been built in just 42 days after the previous Victorian-style capitol building burned in 1921.

March 3, 1843: Barbour County was created from parts of Lewis, Harrison and Randolph counties and named for the distinguished Virginia jurist Philip Pendleton Barbour.

March 3, 1890: Teacher and civic activist Memphis Tennessee Garrison was born in Virginia. She helped develop NAACP chapters in southern West Virginia and created the Christmas Seal Project.

March 4, 1849: Earl Williams Oglebay was born in Bridgeport, Ohio. He became one of Wheeling's most successful industrialists and generous benefactors.

March 4, 1893: Governor William MacCorkle gave his inaugural address in which he warned that West Virginia was "passing under the control of foreign and non-resident landowners."

March 4, 1924: Blues musician Nathaniel H. "Nat" Reese was born in Salem, Virginia. Growing up in Princeton, Reese learned and played blues, jazz, country and dance music throughout the southern coalfields. He is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

March 5, 1856: Calhoun County was created from neighboring Gilmer County and named for John C. Calhoun, who served as vice president under John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson.

March 5, 1963: Country musician Hawkshaw Hawkins was killed in a plane crash in Tennessee, along with Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas, and Randy Hughes. Hawkins was born in Huntington.

## Bacon Jam

### Ingredients

- 1 POUND bacon diced
- 2 sweet onions diced
- 1 TABLESPOON butter
- 1 parchment paper circle cut to fit your skillet
- ¼ CUP dark brown sugar
- ¼ CUP apple cider vinegar
- 2 TABLESPOONS balsamic vinegar
- ½ CUP water
- 1½ TEASPOONS fresh thyme divided
- ½ TEASPOON freshly ground black pepper

### Instructions

1. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the bacon and cook until it is crispy. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the cooked bacon to a paper towel-lined plate. Drain away the bacon grease, leaving about 2 tablespoons in the skillet.
2. Add the butter and onions to

the skillet. Stir together to coat the onions with the fat and cook over low heat with a circle of parchment paper placed over the onions to prevent them from drying out while cooking. Cook for about 10 minutes and stir occasionally when the onions start to brown. Keep cooking over low heat for about 10 to 15 minutes more until the onions have caramelized.

3. Add the brown sugar, apple cider vinegar, balsamic vinegar, water, 1 teaspoon of the fresh thyme and black pepper. Return the cooked bacon to the pan. Bring the mixture to a boil and then lower the heat and simmer for about 20 minutes until the liquid reduces and the consistency is thick and syrupy. Stir in the remaining fresh thyme.

4. Serve warm on burgers, steaks, waffles, sandwiches, crostini or as a condiment for a cheese board. To store, refrigerate in jars for up to four weeks.

## Super Crossword

INTERPRETING ALL THE SIGNS

<b>ACROSS</b>	1 Friendly and cheerful	7 Custard apple relative	12 Peevish state	16 Air gun	19 With no secrecy	20 Caribbean resort island	21 Physiques, for short	22 Suffix with east	23 Door-bashing device	25 Working hard	26 Grazing field	27 Politician Alexandria -Cortez	31 A verb often follows it	34 Vex	36 Winning tic-tac-toe row	37 "Hoarders" channel	38 "Full House" acting pair	41 Sideways-moving arachnid	43 Judo teacher	44 Test taker	46 Sailors, informally	47 "The Villain" actor Jack	50 Gain's offset	51 Ignited	53 "If I Only Had the Nerve" singer	59 "Ka-POW!"	60 Me, in Lyon	63 On - with (equal to)	64 One of the Kennedys	65 Org. with merit badges	67 Leaning	69 Mother of Jesus	71 Things to step on in washrooms	73 Moon that's home to the Ewoks	74 Top-secret U.S. org.	75 Dialect of Aramaic	76 Ad biz award	77 French article	78 CEO's deg.	80 Flashy, diving soccer move	82 Put a flaw in	83 Dog in "The Thin Man"	85 Hockey's Phil, to fans	86 Manufacture	89 Leaned back	93 Negev's land	98 "Fatal Attraction" Oscar nominee	100 Feta, for one	103 Official order	104 Prevarication	105 Spiral-shelled mollusk	106 Rep on the street	107 Luxury writing implement	110 Eye ring	113 Rhinoplasty doc	114 Nastase of tennis fame	115 Halibut, sole and flounder	120 Beatified Mlle.	121 Madams' counterparts	122 Eldest of the Musketeers	123 1998 Masters champ Mark	124 One of the Kennedys	125 Hug's partner	126 Century's 100	127 All 12 of its symbols are featured in this puzzle	3 Court divider	4 Chants	5 Actor Baldwin	6 Vega's constellation	7 Grill-marked sandwiches	8 French forest region	9 Brand of faucet filters	10 Cry like -	11 Bank bought by Chase, for short	12 Govt. advances for mom-and-pops	13 Opposite of destined	14 "And When ..." (1969 hit)	15 Certain high-heel feature	16 Go-Go's singer Carlisle	17 Offspring producer	18 Ones entrapping	24 "Vidi," in English	29 "Slow" primate	30 Bonnie of blues rock	31 Antis' votes	32 Corrida cry	33 Sailor's org.	35 It runs on a 52-Down	39 -do-well	40 Bill of tennis	41 "Hurry it up!"	42 Actress Ward	45 Balm additive	48 Female grad	49 Chatty birds	52 Apple buy	53 Went spelunking	54 Think about	55 Prison units	56 2012 Ben Affleck thriller	57 Turkish money unit	58 Bitterly cold adherents of an Iranian religion	60 Thousand: Prefix	61 - acid (fat product)	62 "There, there"	65 Georgia politician Bob	66 Michael of the band R.E.M.	68 Small nail	70 "la Douce"	71 Drink-related party abbr.	72 Suffix with micro- or kaleido-	75 Read quickly	79 "I'm c-c-cold!"	80 Start to wake	81 Light snack	82 Small rodents, jocularly	83 Sore feeling	84 Slumber	86 Star of "I'm No Angel"	87 Slower than allegretto	88 Like booties	90 Cream-filled pastries	91 Big head	92 Contributor	94 Covered anew, as a book	95 - Lingus	96 Suffix with Senegal	97 Guided	99 In harm's way	101 Transversely	102 Those people	105 100-buck bill	108 Roman 1,052	109 Auction website	111 "The Wizard"	112 Celeb's ride	116 Radio host Charlamagne	117 "Bali -"	118 Epoch	119 Small pouch
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## Weather Totals

February 13 - February 20

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

**Temperature**  
Max 57° F  
Min 13° F

**Precipitation**  
Week 0.43"  
February 2.10"  
2024 7.24"

**Snowfall**  
New Snow 3"  
Snow on ground 1"  
Winter Total 28.5"

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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Puzzle answers page 3B

# SPORTS

## MT. LIONS CRUISE TO WINS OVER MOOREFIELD AND TYGARTS VALLEY

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – The Tucker County Boys’ basketball team hosted Moorefield on Tuesday February 20th. The Mt. Lions jumped out to an early lead and never looked back as they won the game 78-34.

The first quarter was controlled by Tucker County as they led after one quarter 23-5. The Mt. Lions continued their dominance in the second as they outscored the Yellowjackets 24-10 in the quarter to put the half-time score 47-15.

Moorefield was unable to respond in the third as Tucker County built on their lead with a 20-10 advantage in the third to make the score 67-25 at the end of the third quarter. The fourth quarter was also won by the Mt. Lions 11-9 to give Tucker County the victory by the final score of 78-34.

Maddox Anderson led the Mt. Lions in scoring with 13 points, 5 assists and Garrett Wilfong added 12 points. Ethan Rosenau had 11 points for Tucker County and Owen Knotts chipped in with 10 points. Ashton Lycliter also had 10 points, 11 rebounds and Trevon Bonner added 8 points in the win for the Mt. Lions. The Tucker County JV team also won 72-35. The Tucker County senior basketball support staff, players and cheerleaders were honored before the game. Congrats: Ethan Rosenau, Ashton Lycliter, Owen Knotts, Maddox Anderson, Justin Robeson, Kobe Bever, Jayden Moore, Laney Burns,



Mt. Lions player Justin Robeson takes a shot against Moorefield on Feb. 20th. Tucker County won the contest 78-34. Photo by Brittany Channell.



Tucker County Boys’ Basketball players, support staff and cheerleaders were honored before the game on Feb. 20th. (L-R): Front Row, Laney Burns, Caitlyn McCrum, Brylee Wetzel, Jacie Pennington, Jayden Moore, Back Row, Kobe Bever, Owen Knotts, Ethan Rosenau, Justin Robeson, Ashton Lycliter and Maddox Anderson. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Brylee Wetzel, Jacie Pennington and Caitlyn McCrum.

MILL CREEK – The Mt. Lions traveled to Tygarts Valley on Friday February 23rd for the last game of the regular season. Tucker County built a lead in the first quarter and cruised to a 76-36 road victory.

The Mt. Lions came out strong to start the game as they led after one quarter 21-4. Tucker County would also control the second quarter 16-9 to extend the Tucker County lead at the half 37-13.

The visiting Mt. Lions would dominate the third quarter as they

outscored the Bulldogs 22-4 in the third to make the score 59-17 after three. Tygarts Valley would win the fourth quarter as they edged the Mt. Lions 19-17, but Tucker County got the win by the score of 76-36.

The Mt. Lions were led in scoring by Ashton Lycliter with 15 points, 16 rebounds and Owen Knotts added 13 points, 13 rebounds. Garrett Wilfong had 12 points and Trevon Bonner chipped in with 10 points in the Tucker County win. Ethan Rosenau dished out a team high 7 assists for the Mt. Lions. The Tucker County JV team also won at Tygarts Val-

ley 80-35. The Mt. Lions JV team also played Saturday at Petersburg and picked up a win over Jefferson 60-48. This win gave the Tucker County JV team an undefeated season at 19-0.

Tucker County(18-3) will play in the Sectional Championship on Thursday February 29th at Keyser High School against East Hardy at 7pm. The winner of the Sectional Final will host the Regional Co-Final on March 5th. The loser of the Sectional Final will travel to the Section 2 winner on March 5th. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## TUCKER COUNTY GIRLS’ BASKETBALL WIN SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



2024 Sectional Champions, Tucker County Girls’ Basketball team. Photo by Brittany Channell.



Tucker County’s Katie Hicks(21) attempts a shot against East Hardy on Feb. 22nd. The Lady Mt. Lions won the game 50-19. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Chris George  
TuckerCountySports.Com

KEYSER – The Lady Mt. Lions traveled to Keyser High School for the Sectional Final matchup

with East Hardy on February 22nd. Tucker County outscored the Lady Cougars 39-9 after the first quarter to win the game and capture the Sectional Championship by the final score of 50-19.

The first quarter was competitive as both teams battled as the score was 11-10 Lady Mt. Lions after one quarter. Tucker County then clamped down on defense as they held East Hardy to just 2 points in start the fourth. In the fourth quarter the Lady Mt. Lions continued to pull away as the defense again stepped up to hold East Hardy to 2 points in the quarter. Tucker County would score 14 points in the final quarter to put the final score to 50-19.

Raven Matthews led the Lady Mt. Lions in scoring with 20 points, 21 rebounds and Katie Hicks added 8 points, 5 assists. Makenna Evans

the second quarter. The Lady Mt. Lions scored 11 points to push their lead to 22-12 at the halftime break.

The third quarter was also controlled by Tucker County as they outscored the Lady Cougars 14-5 in the third to make the score 36-17 to chipped in with 6 points for Tucker County in the win.

Tucker County(18-5) were scheduled to host Pendleton County in the Regional Co-Final on Tuesday February 27th. The winner of the Regional Co-Final will qualify for the WV State Girls’ Basketball Tournament on March 6th in Charleston. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

### AREA SCHEDULE:

**Thursday February 29th**

Tucker County Boys’ Basketball vs East Hardy, Sectional Final @ Keyser 7pm


**Tuesday March 5th**

Tucker County Boys’ Basketball Regional Co-Final – TBA - 7pm

**Wednesday March 6th**

WV State Girls’ Basketball Tournament @ Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center


Class “A”: #3 vs #6 - 9:30am, #2 vs #7 - 1pm, #1 vs #8 - 5:30pm, #4 vs #5 - 9pm



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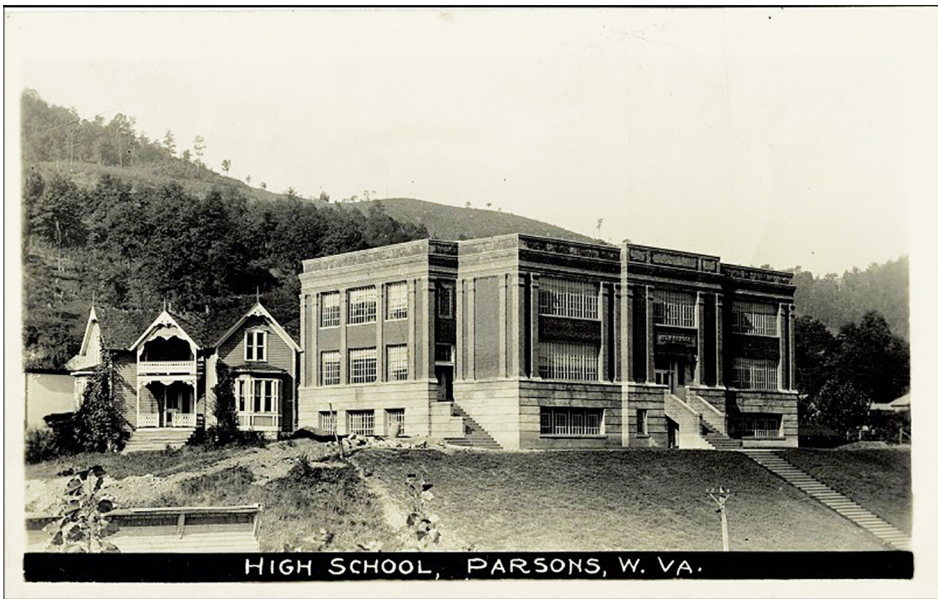
*Good Luck!*

Tucker County High Mt. Lions  
Tucker Valley Wildcats  
Davis Thomas Bears



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TURNER'S TIDBITS



HIGH SCHOOL, PARSONS, W. VA.

This is a photo of Parsons High School (previously known as Black Fork District High School). This building was opened to high school students on January 5, 1914. Prior to moving into this building, the high school and grade school occupied the school on Water Street. The grade school on Water Street was closed in May 1939 and the grade school students were transferred to the building shown in the photo. Work had been going on to build a new high school which was located where the current Board of Education conducts business. Work on the new high school was completed in 1939 and the high school students transferred to the new high school. The high school students would see one last move. A new school would be built between Parsons and Thomas and would be named Tucker County High School. All county high school students would be transferred to this new school. I am interested in knowing whose residence can be seen in the photo. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

## Foundation Scholarship Deadline is Friday, March 8th

Parsons – The Tucker Community Foundation wants to remind all students that the Foundation’s scholarship application deadline is Friday, March 8, 2024. Michael Moore, Chief Financial Officer, said that all applications had to be postmarked by March 8th to be considered for a scholarship this upcoming year. Moore said that students can go to [www.tuckerfoundation.net/endowed-funds/scholarships/](http://www.tuckerfoundation.net/endowed-funds/scholarships/) to download an application and view the list of scholarships. Students may also go to their high school guidance counselors to obtain a scholarship application. Every high school counselor in the Tucker Com-

munity Foundation’s 8 county service area has received copies of the scholarship applications to distribute to students, said Moore. Applications are also available at the Foundation offices located in the Board of Education Annex at 100 Education Lane, Parsons. The Tucker Community Foundation has over 40 different scholarship funds that will pay out roughly \$100,000 in scholarships this year to deserving students in the Foundation’s service area. “I encourage all students to apply for a scholarship awards scholarships to students going to a traditional 4-year college, graduate school,

community college or a trade school”, said Moore. Scholarship applications can be delivered by email, postal service or in person. The important thing to remember is the deadline is Friday, March 8, 2024. For students emailing or hand delivering their applications they must be turned in by 3:00pm on March 8th. Those students mailing their applications, they must be postmarked by March 8th. Anyone that needs assistance completing the application can see their guidance counselor or call the Tucker Community Foundation office at (304) 478-2930. Foundation office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm. Foundation staff are always willing to answer questions and give assistance to students.

### LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Deborah A. Rohrbaugh	Marven Rohrbaugh, Jr.
1st publication 2/21/24	245 Discovery Lane
2nd publication 2/28/24	Beverly, WV 26253
Harold O. Gooden, Sr.	Benjamin K. Gooden
1st publication 2/21/24	1441 Brushy Fork Rd.
2nd publication 2/28/24	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

### LEGAL

**STOCKHOLDER’S MEETING**  
A meeting of the Stockholder of Miners & Merchants Bank of Thomas, West Virginia, will be held at the Bank’s Main Office Building located at 16000 Appalachian Highway, Thomas, West Virginia, on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, beginning at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting.  
Given under my hand this 15th day of February, 2024.  
Jennifer Newland  
CEO

### LEGAL

(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.  
**DISTRICT BLACK FORK MAP 323 PARCEL 0009 0000 0000**  
You will take notice that GARY LUZIER OR MARGARET LUZIER, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Cert. No. 2022-C-000007, located in BLACK FORK District, LOT 2 PORTERWOOD 50 X 140, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of POPCORN PROPERTIES LLC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on June 27, 2023. GARY LUZIER OR MARGARET LUZIER requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after August 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before July 31, 2024 will be as follows:

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
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-1232.	\$ 71.82
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 145.70
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 868.49
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,242.10

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.  
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of TUCKER County, State of West Virginia  
Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor’s Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

### LEGAL

**NOTICE** that the City of Thomas Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 10th at 5:00 PM at City Hall, 307 Spruce Street, WV 26292. The public is invited to attend the public hearing and provide comments regarding the city’s draft comprehensive plan. A copy of the draft comprehensive plan is available for inspection at the Thomas City Hall and the Mountaintop Public Library, 384 2nd Street, Thomas, WV 26292, during normal business hours. Members of the public may call City Hall at 304-463-4360 if they are unable to inspect the draft comprehensive plan. Prior to the scheduled public hearing, written comments related to the draft comprehensive plan can be mailed to City Hall, PO Box 248, Thomas, WV 26292 or by dropping off comments to City Hall.

### LEGAL

**NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE**  
Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed before the Tucker County Commission at 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV 26287.  
That no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the following decedent has been filed with the Tucker County Commission and is of record in the Tucker County Clerk’s Office.  
Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must be filed with the County Commission within 60 days after the first publication date 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  
123 Shagbark Hill  
Buena Vista, VA 24416  
Relationship: Heir at law  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 16, 2024  
Sherry Simmons  
Tucker County Clerk

# DoHS Accepting Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) Applications

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), Bureau for Family Assistance (BFA) today announced applications for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will be accepted beginning Monday, February 26, 2024, through Friday, March 1, 2024, or until funds are exhausted. The federally funded program assists eligible West Virginia residents in paying home heating bills. Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on income, household size, and whether the household is responsible for paying its heating bill. Income guidelines must be at, or below, 60 percent of the State Median Income. In situations where a heating emergency exists, applicants must be seen by a DoHS Worker. To qualify, households must meet all program guidelines. The maximum allowable gross income levels for LIEAP Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 are listed below:

\*For each additional person, add \$642. Households whose countable income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible. However, some types of income may be excluded for LIEAP. Applications may be obtained at local DoHS offices, community action agencies, or senior centers operated by any Area Agency on Aging. Applications are also available online at [wvpath.wv.gov](http://wvpath.wv.gov). All applications must be received by DoHS or postmarked by March 1, 2024. Completed applications should be delivered or mailed to the DoHS office located in the applicant’s county of residence. A list of local offices may be found at [dohr.wv.gov/bms/Pages/Field-Offices.aspx](http://dohr.wv.gov/bms/Pages/Field-Offices.aspx) or by calling 304-356-4619. Mailing the application to any other office or a utility company may delay receipt of the application by DoHS and prohibit the processing of the application.

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income Limit
1	\$2,186
2	\$2,859
3	\$3,532
4	\$4,205
5	\$4,877
6	\$5,550
7	\$5,678
8	\$6,320
9	\$6,963
10*	\$7,605

## The Annual Cinderella Project - Saturday, March 9th

Area high school senior proms will be taking place throughout the area in the coming weeks. Finding that special dress for a young woman’s big night doesn’t have to break the bank. And the solution is right here in the area. The Cinderella Project is a community outreach program that provides teen women with an affordable way to attend their high school prom. This year it will be held Saturday, March 9th at 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at all

three of West Virginia Caring’s Resale Shops; Bellview, Burnsville and Reedsville, WV. There are new and gently used prom and formal wear, dresses, shoes, and handbags are \$5.00 each. with everything you need to make your prom night special. Donations for dresses and accessories are needed to ensure there is a full inventory of all sizes and kinds of party attire available. Donations can be dropped off at the Resale Shops and the local WV Caring offices. The Resale Shops are open Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM, and Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. If you have questions, please contact Brittany Dixon at 304-

864-4010, email her at [bdixon@wvcaring.org](mailto:bdixon@wvcaring.org) or find us on Facebook. Since 1983, West Virginia Caring, a 501 (c) (3), non-profit advanced illness provider, has been dedicated to improve care for those facing life-limiting illness through direct support of patients and their families while providing advocacy, outreach, education and expertise in grief support to the entire community. WV Caring serves the following twelve counties: Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Gilmer, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker and Wetzel. WV Caring is one of a few not for profit, stand-alone hospices serving North Central West Virginia.

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# Blackwater Falls Holds Annual Sled Race

Blackwater Falls held their 12th annual Cardboard and Duct Tape Sled Race with 24 sled entrees and over a 100 spectators. This year's theme was Dynamic Duos and the entrees did not disappoint with fun entrees like Santa and Mrs. Claus to Mario Brothers to Back to the Future, Scooby Doo, The Flintstones, Snoopy and Woodstock. Participants came from as far away as Indiana to multiple towns in West Virginia. West Virginia was represented by Davis, Elkins, Harman, Aurora, Martinsburg, Bridgeport, Springfield and Romney. Participants from as young as 4 years of age to 67 years of age loaded onto their cardboard sleds to race to the finish line.



Hobbs from the DC area claimed this award. The naturalist embraced the theme with their costume of Yogi and Boo Boo as black bears, Nature Center Attendant, Kyra and Volunteer Beverly embraced with their butterfly and Moth Duo costumes.

The Park Ranger Award for the team with the most visually appealing sled meeting the theme was awarded to North Pole Duo from Virginia for their Santa and Mrs. Claus Sled. The Speed Award went to Perfect Conditments from West Virginia with a speed of just over 1 minute. The Spirit Award went to Snoopy and Friends from West Virginia who kept the crowd laughing while cheering on fellow competitors. New for 2024 was the Wipe Out Award for the team that crashed the best on the hill without injury and Calvin and

Next year will be held on the last Saturday in February at Blackwater Falls State Park Sled Run with a theme of Rock Bands.

## Tucker County Democratic Convention Set for March 16

County Democratic Executive Committee Chair McClintock announced today that the Tucker County Democratic Convention will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 3 p.m. Rudolph's, 300 Highway 32 Thomas.

electd. Attendees will then caucus by Magisterial District and elect seven Delegates to represent the County at the Democratic State Convention, which is to be held in Charleston on June 14 and 15.

This County Convention is open to all resident registered Democrats in Tucker County as well as those that would like to become Democrats. Voter registration forms will be available at the convention for those that wish to register as Democrats. Light refreshments will be provided.

Delegates to the Democratic National Convention are selected during the State Convention. West Virginia has been allocated 25 delegates and 2 alternates to the Democratic National Convention.

To open the County Convention, an official Convention Chair and Secretary will be

County Conventions are mandated by State statute. A county must hold conventions every year that there is a Presidential election.

*And Introducing*  
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School Therapy Dog Program

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## DTEMS to get Therapy Dog

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Justice and First Lady Cathy Justice announced today the next six therapy dogs that will be placed in Communities In Schools sites across West Virginia as part of the First Lady's Friends With Paws initiative.

"Having witnessed the incredible impact of the Friends With Paws initiative throughout our state, I'm thrilled to announce its continued growth," Gov. Justice said. "This initiative is more than just a program; it's become a reason for our students to look forward to coming to school. These dogs are the true heroes and joy-bringers in our schools. These new additions will absolutely enhance the lives of the schools they become a part of."

Adding these six dogs to Friends With Paws will bring the total number of therapy dogs placed in West Virginia through the program to 25.

Therapy dogs are placed in schools within CIS counties where students are disproportionately affected by poverty, substance misuse, or other at-risk situations, and are in greatest need of a support animal. The dogs serve as a healthy and friendly outlet for these students to address trauma and other social-emotional issues. Friends With Paws dogs have also helped increase school attendance, as well as helping students to practice their reading skills with only the therapy dog and teacher present.

"These therapy dogs will bring friendship, love, and support to their schools," First Lady Justice said. "It's incredible what benefits these dogs bring, not just for the students but for the whole faculty. I look forward to welcoming each one and seeing the amazing work that they do for our students."

First announced in March 2022, the Friends With Paws program places certified therapy dogs in various CIS schools across the state, providing companionship and comfort for students in need of a boost.

## Guidelines for Responsibly Collecting Ramps on Monongahela National Forest

Elkins, W.Va., Digging and eating ramps in the spring is a traditional activity throughout Appalachia, especially in Monongahela National Forest's gateway communities. While collecting ramps for personal use is permitted on the Forest within established limits, commercial harvesting of ramps in the Forest is prohibited.

- When collecting ramps from a large clump, take only one-fifth of the plants. Leaving behind most of the plants will allow them to mature and go to seed, and the patch will recover faster.

Personal use is defined as two gallons per person in possession at any one time, about the amount that fits in a typical plastic grocery bag. This equals about 180 whole plants, including roots and leaves. Individuals may not collect ramps on behalf of someone else or for a fundraiser.

- If digging bulbs, use a soil fork or a small hand trowel and a knife rather than a large shovel. Shovels disturb the root system of neighboring ramps and other plants much more than these smaller tools. To dig ramps, loosen the soil with the soil fork or hand trowel and use the knife to cut the ramp roots beneath the bulb.

We encourage people who are collecting ramps in Monongahela National Forest to help sustain viable ramp populations by following these guidelines:

- After you dig a ramp, cover the bare soil with leaves. This will reduce the likelihood of invasive species taking root.

- Collect ramps only in patches with more than 100 plants.
- If you find a patch that has already been harvested, move on to another area.

By following these guidelines for harvesting ramps, we can ensure that our children and grandchildren can enjoy ramps for generations to come. Learn more about ramps and how to grow them on your property here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/srs/products/compasslive/harvest-ramps-responsibly-enjoy-many-years-come>

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