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Meet the Candidate: Anne Marie Armstrong for 22nd Judicial Circuit Judge

By: Lydia Crawley
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The new year will bring a new Judicial Circuit to Tucker County. Anne Marie Armstrong is running for Judge in the new 22nd Judicial Circuit that will encompass Tucker and Preston Counties. Armstrong has been a prosecutor in Preston County for 20 years. Armstrong has been a resident of Preston County from 24 years.

According to Armstrong, she has served as a Prosecutor for 20 years, but also has a background in victim advocacy and is currently Chief Assistant Prosecutor in Preston County. "I'm Chief Assistant Prosecutor in Preston County," Armstrong said. "I've been working in the Prosecutor's Office for 20 years," Armstrong said. "The first Prosecutor hired me as Victim Advocate, the second Prosecutor hired me as Assistant Prosecutor, then the Prosecutor who we have now, Jay Shay, he hired me as Chief Assistant."

Armstrong said that she handles all the abuse and neglect cases in Preston County. According to Armstrong, the increase in abuse and neglect cases is one of the reasons that the State has redistricted the Judicial Circuit and merged Tucker County with Preston County. "One of the reasons they have redistricted this County and merged Tucker and Preston Counties, is because the abuse/neglect docket has just taken over," Armstrong said. "The caseload is overwhelming."

Armstrong said that the abuse and neglect cases have a lot of time restrictions on them that will often bump other cases that do not have the same time constraints. "Basically what happens is there is certain time frames for abuse/neglect cases," Armstrong said. "Say we have an adjudicatory hearing that has to be heard within 30 days, civil cases get bumped...you have to have the abuse/neglect within 30 days."

Armstrong said she feels that she has the most experience and best background to be Judge in the new Circuit Court. "I've been doing abuse/neglect for 18 years and since that is the majority of the court docket, I believe that I am the best qualified for the



Anne Marie Armstrong is running for the new 22nd Judicial Circuit Court. Armstrong has been a prosecutor for 20 years and is currently Chief Assistant Prosecutor in Preston County and also has a background in victim advocacy.

Judge," Armstrong said. "I have all the experience with abuse/neglect. I have more courtroom experience."

Armstrong said her passion is in striving to keep children safe. "I'm very passionate about keeping children safe," Armstrong said. "What I've seen in 18 years, it just horrific."

Armstrong said that many of the contributing factors include drugs and lack of employment. Armstrong also said that she has been working long enough to see the cycle of violence in action. "I've been doing it so long that I am seeing children that I had removed from their parents now having children and I am removing their children," Armstrong said. "It's a cycle of violence."

Meet the Candidate: Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins



Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins is seeking reelection. Wilkins has served as Prosecuting Attorney for the County since 2021.

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After four years as Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney, Savannah Hull Wilkins is running for reelection. Wilkins, a native of Harman and the fifth generation of the the Hull family in Tucker County, has served as Prosecuting Attorney since 2021. "I was actually the first female ever actually elected to this position which I am pretty proud of," Wilkins said. "I've been working here the past four years and have working pretty hard to make a difference."

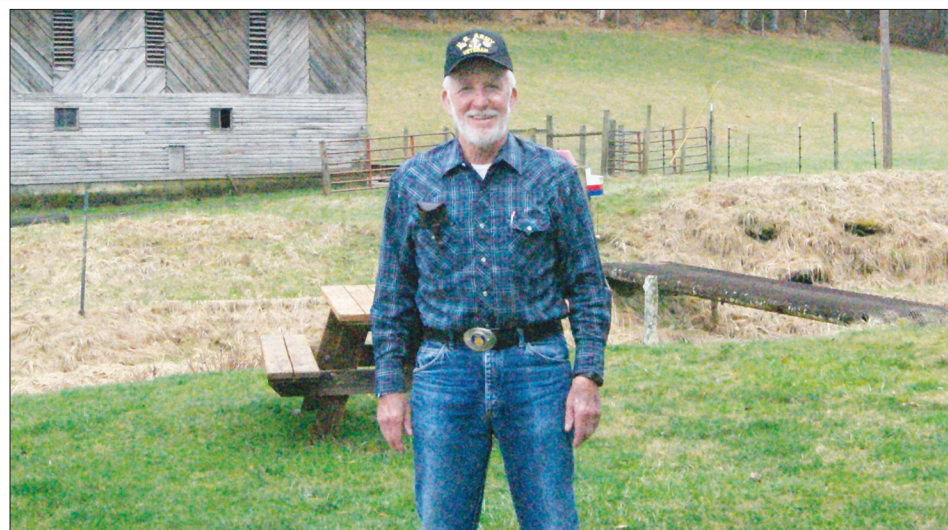
Wilkins said she attempts to be as focused on the victim as possible and strives to make sure victims are heard. Wilkins said she has implemented a case tracking system to make sure that no case is forgotten. She also keeps in close contact with victims to provide them with updates such as plea deals to make sure they are always aware of what is happening with their case, according to Wilkins. "I care very much,"

Wilkins said. "It's important to me that victims are heard in the courtroom because I feel like a lot of times they are sort of left out of the process and it becomes more focused on this person and what they have done when it really needs to be what has happened to someone else."

Wilkins said that she is especially proud of the Spitznogle and Dishler trial outcomes. "The Darrell Spitznogle trial, he's currently serving 110 to 360 years in prison for sexual assault on a juvenile," Wilkins said. "Of course the Keith Dishler trial, (he is) looking at life without mercy for felony domestic violence kidnapping. So those are two of the trials I am proud of."

While many of Wilkins cases are often settled prior to a jury trial setting, of the trials she has undertaken as Prosecuting Attorney, Wilkins said she has maintained a 100% conviction rate when before a jury. Wilkins said that her office has not

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After 12 years, Tucker County native Jim Nester is seeking a fourth term as District Conservation Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors for the District encompasses Tucker, Taylor, Upshur, Randolph and Barbour Counties.

Meet the Candidate: District Conservation Supervisor Jim Nester

By: Lydia Crawley
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After 12 years, Tucker County native Jim Nester is seeking a fourth four year term as District Conservation Supervisor for the Tygart Valley.

"I've done 54 years of public service in my lifetime," Nester said. "I done two years in the Army, 30 years for the phone company, 9 years for FSA, which is a farm service agency, goes back to my farming roots and then this District Supervisor job," Nester said.

The Tygart Valley District consists of Tucker, Taylor, Upshur, Randolph and Barbour Counties, according to Nester. As District Conservation Supervisor, Nester represents Tucker County on the Board. There are two supervisors from each County on the 10 member board, according to Nester. "Our Board is one of the unique ones," Nester said. "We have a work crew. There's only two of them in the State."

The work crew, according to Nester, assists with brushwork, excavation and other duties such as pond work and spring development. Nester also said the work crew has a variety of heavy equipment to use on various jobs on both public and private land with the work crew recently assisting the US Forest Service. "We done a little of everything," Nester said. "Right now, we've done a little brushwork. We have an excavator and we have a skid steer that has brush cutters on them. We have a bulldozer with a root rake on it."

Besides working with the Forest Service, Nester said the work crew has also

assisted local farmers and the Department of Natural Resources. Nester said the crew had also constructed the parking lot in Hendricks near the Swinging Bridge. According to Nester, his Board partners with NRCA, FSA, DNR and the Forestry Service. "The biggest part of our work is done in farmland," Nester said. "We did some boat ramps for DNR and parking lots for DNR. Whatever we can come up with."

According to Nester, a past Director wanted to have all of the work crews disbanded. Nester said it was due to funding disputes. However, according to Nester, the crew has remained. "The past Director, he wanted to see them all closed," Nester said. "He didn't want us to have any or do any work at all like that."

Nester said the Board is also promoting the use of bio-char for farming and gardening. The process, according to Nester, involves starting a fire, getting it very hot and then extinguishing and when cooled, crushing the charred wood to a coffee consistency for use in compost. "We are trying to promote bio-char," Nester said. "You put that in your ground and as the nutrients is needed, it will release it. When the ground is saturated with water, it will take on water. When the ground needs water, it releases water."

If elected, Nester said he plans to continue to promote agriculture and the Board's Ag program.

Nester said he enjoys giving back to the community, farming and is renown for his home brewed peach brandy. Nester said he also attends church services every week in Parsons.

Davis Votes to Raise Water Rates, Negotiates Purchase of Old Shop 'n Save

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Town of Davis voted March 13th to raise water rates by \$15.00 a month. Under the new rate, residents of Davis will begin paying a new rate of \$52.52, an increase of \$15.45.

Town of Davis Mayor Al Tomson said that a majority of the issues with water rates is tied to the Median Household Income (MHI) which has raised 15% between 2015 and 2020 in Davis. This has caused the need for an increase in water rates due to how MHI is tied to low interest loans and grants the Town receives, according to Tomson, with many programs having a percentage requirement that the Town will not meet without

the rate increase. The MHI in the Town of Davis has raised from \$36,250 in 2015 to \$42,019 in 2020, according to Tomson. "That's problem for us trying to run sewer and water projects because when you go looking for grants and you go looking for borrowing cheap money, low interest that often is forgiven, you have to be within a certain percentage of your MHI."

Tomson said that he knows many citizens of Davis are on fixed incomes and do not make even the median income level. "Many of you may sit around here and wonder, if that is the median income, \$46,000, who are all of the people that are driving it up?" Tomson said. "Because it keeps going up and a lot of people in

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Davis Mayor Responds to Allegations

By: Lydia Crawley
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Town of Davis Mayor Al Tomson has responded to the allegations raised by resident Craig O'Connor at a town meeting held January 24th. As previously reported in The Parsons Advocate on February 5th, O'Connor had raised concerns regarding an incident where Tomson was inside a house O'Connor was renovating and concerns over the legalities surrounding the town's moratorium on short term housing. Tomson responded to the article and O'Connor's allegations during a Town of Davis meeting March 13th.

Tomson addressed the meeting that he wished to provide additional information to the issues

raised by O'Connor and reported in the article. "First, I didn't know Craig O'Connor was going to bring up the things he brought up, but I want to give a little more information on both of those points," Tomson said.

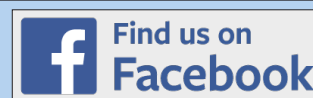
Of the incident involving entering the house under renovation, Tomson said he was not Mayor at the time of the incident. "The first one with regards to my going into his property without his knowing, I was not the Mayor at that time," Tomson said. "I was a private citizen."

Tomson said he was invited in by the crew to consult on the work they were undertaking at the time. "His employees that were working on the house asked me for advice and gave them advice as a neighbor. "I'm a West Virginia licensed

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Monongahela National Forest Plans Spring Prescribed Burns

ELKINS, W.Va., March 15, 2024 — Monongahela National Forest staff plan to conduct prescribed burns on 3,667 acres in Pocahontas, Greenbrier and Tucker counties from March through June, weather permitting. The purposes of these treatments are to re-establish fire's natural role in the forest ecosystem, improve forest health and wildlife habitat, and reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires.

Project areas planned for prescribed burns this spring include:

- Guinn Ridge – 1,462 acres (Pocahontas County)
- Ramshorn Ridge – 1,005 acres (Pocahontas County)
- Upper Greenbrier North – 514 acres (Pocahontas County)
- Lake Sherwood Piles and Dam – 5 acres (Greenbrier County)
- Meadow Creek Units 1 & 2 – 243 acres (Greenbrier County)
- Rucker Gap – 384 acres (Greenbrier County)
- Nursery Bottom – 54 acres (Tucker County)

Each burn area will be closed to the public on the day of the burn, and may be closed for several days after, to ensure public safety. Signs will be posted on roads near all prescribed burn areas before and during burning. Residents and Forest visitors may see and smell smoke for several days. If you encounter smoke on the highway, slow down, turn on your vehicle's lights and drive appropriately for the conditions.

Prescribed burns are conducted under specific weather conditions and are designed to accomplish pre-determined forest management goals. Monongahela National Forest follows strict guidelines for conducting prescribed burns, and takes into consideration environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, smoke dispersion and wind. If any environmental conditions are not within limits, the burn will be postponed.

Local radio stations will be alerted to burn activities ahead of time. When burning begins, information, photos, and maps will be available at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/>.

Wilkins

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kept record of plea deal convictions. Since she has taken office, Wilkins said she has had three jury trials in Tucker County “So far, every trail that I have done has ended in a conviction in this County,” Wilkins said.

Wilkins said that while not all her cases have the outcome wanted, she strives to make sure the victims are always heard. “I care very much that they feel as though, maybe we don't always get the outcome we want, but at least that they were heard that somebody has done something to them,” Wilkins said.

Wilkins said much of her work in Preston County as an Assistant Prosecutor was partially funded by the Violence Against Women Act and focused much of her efforts on domestic violence cases. Through the grant, Wilkins said, she handled any case that involved an adult female victim and handled cases involving malicious assault, kidnapping or murder, as well as domestic battery misdemeanors. “Just the nature of domestic violence (is) they are told they don't matter, they are told that nobody is going to listen to them,” Wilkins said. “So I do try to empower those people and get some justice for what has been done to them.”

Wilkins said that most cases in Tucker County contain

a domestic violence component. Wilkins said that in her experience most of the capital cases are tied to a domestic violence relationship in the County and it is rare to have random violence cases in Tucker County. “Typically, in my experience, when we have a murder here in Tucker County, its some type of domestic violence relationship,” Wilkins said. “We don't have a lot of random acts of violence. Most of the time, if you look at the past murders that we've had and capital cases that we've had, they're domestic.”

Wilkins said she tries to handle domestic violence when it happens early in the hopes of preventing a worse outcome later on. Wilkins also said she takes cases of violence against women and children very seriously, but cares for every case that comes across her desk equally, regardless of who the victim is. “Those people are not going to be the same,” Wilkins said. “So, it matters.”

Wilkins is a graduate 2007 Criminal Justice graduate of Marshall University and a 2011 Law School graduate where she did a Child and Family Advocacy Clinic. Following college, Wilkins did some criminal defense work in Morgantown prior to becoming an Assistant Prosecutor for Preston County in 2014.

Water Rates

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this town are on fixed incomes and don't even get to that figure.”

Tomson said another contributing factor is the Town's near \$90,000 deficit in the Water Department. A deficit Tomson attributed to the increase cost of chemicals, maintenance, equipment and wage costs, as well as increases in system breaks that cause water outages. “For this past year, we are just under \$90,000 in a deficit, in arrears,” Tomson said. “\$86,753. Everything is going up.”

A motion made by Mayor Tomson to raise the water rates \$15.45 was unanimously passed by the council.

In other water related business, the Town also voted to approve a \$40,000 repair to the Town's Water Plan Building, as well as for the installation of a Master Meter and Check Valve in Pendletonheim in the amount of \$11,700. The Pendletonheim work is needed, according to Tomson, to allow the water to the area to

be completely shut off, if needed, as well as prevent backwater contamination to the lines. The Water Plant Building repairs are mostly structural repairs to the brick mortar, according to Tomson.

In executive session, the Town Council discussed a negotiation to purchase the old Shop 'n Save building next door to Town Hall. Mayor Tomson confirmed that the Town had decided to engage in negotiation for the property and that the talks are progressing. “Yes, we are negotiating with the owners of the old Shop & Save. And, so far so good.,” Tomson wrote in an email to The Parsons Advocate.

While the parking lot area has been used for various functions throughout the years, there is no word on what the Town intends to do with the building. The Parsons Advocate will continue to provide updates as they become available.

Mayor Responds

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Master Plumber and that is why they asked me,” Tomson said. “I gave them free advice which is the neighborly thing to do and that's all it was from my perspective.”

Tomson also addressed the Attorney General Decision regarding a moratorium in Pendleton County that was referenced by O'Connor at the January 24th meeting. “The second item you brought up that we didn't have any response to because it takes time for legal analysis was the Attorney General Decision that he was quoting with regards to Pendleton County putting in a moratorium without doing a comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance,” Tomson said. “And saying because they aren't allowed to do it, we weren't allowed to do it.”

Tomson equated the Attorney General Decision as “apples to oranges” in regards to the Pendleton County situation and the Town of Davis. Tomson said he then sent the document for attorneys to analyze. “When I actually read the opinion, I thought maybe it was a little bit of apples to oranges,” Tomson said. “Sent it off to the attorney to analyze and a group of attorneys looked at it.”

During the meeting, Tomson read from a legal opinion provided to the Town of Davis by Town Attorney Robert Chenoweth dated February 9th and provided to The Parsons Advocate by Mayor Tomson. Attorney Chenoweth writes, “In my opinion the Attorney General opinion is distinguishable from the situation in which the Town found itself when it initially adopted the moratorium.”

Chenoweth went on in the document to cite the case law he believes distinguishes Davis' situation from that of the case in Pendleton County and the code section under which the Town issued the moratorium. “Specifically, the Town of Davis adopted the moratorium under its general powers set forth at West Virginia Code Section 8-12-5. At the time of adopting the moratorium, The Town of Davis believed it had authority to adopt a moratorium pursuant to authority other than West Virginia zoning ordinances and West Virginia Code Section 8A-7-5,” Chenoweth wrote.

Further in the memorandum, Chenoweth describes the case interpretation and its relevance to the Town of Davis' position on the moratorium. Chenoweth wrote that West Virginia Code Sec-

tion 8-12-14, “...gives municipalities plenary power and authority to require permits as a condition precedent to the erection, construction, repair, or alteration of a structure located within the municipal limits. Therefore...a municipality may adopt a moratorium on other authority, other than West Virginia zoning laws.”

Chenoweth wrote that the Town of Davis' moratorium on short term rentals was created under the Town's power over the rules for the transaction of business and government. “In this case, the Town of Davis issued a moratorium under and pursuant to its general power to adopt rules for the transaction of business and government,” Chenoweth wrote.

The memorandum by Chenoweth also addressed the length that a moratorium could be in affect. “In addition, the Hutchison court stands for the proposition that there is no specific time frame with respect to the length of time a moratorium, as long as the Town is acting under good faith, as opposed to maliciously, deliberately, and/or for vindictive purposes.”

In the memorandum, it is argued that the Town of Davis has acted in good faith in regards to the moratorium and that through the effort to regulate the issue with its work with the planning commission and comprehensive plan, as well as public input, geared at the enactment of a new zoning ordinance targeted at regulating short term rentals.

However, the memorandum while opining that no effective time length is stated under the case law, Chenoweth in the memorandum did state that the extension of the moratorium over two years could be considered a stretch. “It is probably a stretch to argue that the extension of the moratorium over two years after the moratorium was adopted is reasonable,” Chenoweth wrote. “The longer the moratorium goes on, without the exaction of a zoning ordinance, and/or building regulations, the more difficult it will be to argue against the moratorium being adopted for reasons other than good faith.”

Chenoweth in his memorandum recommended the Town of Davis enact a zoning ordinance as soon as possible. “Therefore, I would urge the Town of Davis to enact and implement zoning as soon as possible.”

News of Record

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

- Seth A. Pritt, Thomas Corporation, 75'x75', (5,625 sq. ft.) Part of Lot 60 and Part of Lot 59 City of Thomas to Allison Z. Schneider, \$218,000.
- Shannon B. McCann, Formerly Shannon M. Bergen; Shannon M. Bergen Now Shannon B. McCann, St. George District, 7.61 acres to J. Patrick McCann II, \$100,000.
- James Paul Geary and Mark C. Geary, Dry Fork District, 2.266 acres to Kevin W. Tunison and Christine G. Moore, \$210,0-00.
- James Southam and Carole E. Southam, Dry Fork District, Unit D-302 at Herzwood Condos to Slopeside Rentals LLC, \$335,000.
- Randall Jeffery Smith and Renee Lynn Smith, Dry Fork district, Lot 38 Deer Ridge to Thomas G. Descisciole and Jacqueline M. Descisciole, \$849,000.
- Peter C. Johnson, Davis Corporation, Lot 17, Davis Riverwalk to Colt Justice Holbert, \$57,000.
- Brian Johnston and Lauren Johnston, Dry Fork District, Lot 21, North Lake to David Plevich and Trisha Plevich, \$103,000.
- Thomas Hardwood LLC, St. George District, 66 acres to Dwayne William Poffenberger, \$211,200.
- Charles M. Mullenex, Parsons Corporation, Eastern half of Lots 5 and 6, Park Addition Jameson Ave. to Benny D. Pennington and Kelly L. Pennington, \$12,500.

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OBITUARIES

Phyllis Faye Carr

On Friday, March 8, 2024, Phyllis Faye Carr; loving wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away at the age of 88, in Evansville, IN.

She was born April 6, 1935, in Elkins, WV, to Riley and Georgie (Harper) Carr. Phyllis spent many years touching hearts in the food service department for the school district of Henderson County, KY. She was married for 49 years to her husband Don Carr, and raised their two children, Myra (Carr) Blair and Don Carr, Jr., and her grandson, Bill Blair. Phyllis was a proud member of both the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Phyllis was a positive, outgoing, people-person who “never met a stranger.” She endlessly supported and encouraged her children and grandchildren in all of their endeavors. She loved attending live music shows and concerts, especially seeing her son playing with the Oak Ridge Boys. She was an avid churchgoer and regu-



larly attended Bennett Memorial United Methodist church in Henderson, KY. Phyllis was the family matriarch and loved to travel to reunite with extended family; sharing stories with them and bringing stories back to share with her local family. She greeted everyone with her beautiful smile and spread joy with her infectious laugh, two of her many wonderful qualities that will not be forgotten.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Donald Carr, and her brothers: Jack, Phillip (Bruce), and Don Carr.

Phyllis is survived by her daughter, Myra (Carr) Blair of Henderson, KY; son, Don Carr,

Jr., of Ft. Wayne, IN; sister, Jo Ellen Wilson of Chicago, IL; grandchildren, Bill Blair, Dillan Carr and Riley Carr; and her two great-grandchildren, Harper and Hope Blair.

Relatives and friends are invited to Phyllis' Life Celebration from 4 – 8p.m. Friday, and again on Saturday starting at 12 p.m. at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY with Reverend Dale Carden officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Henderson Area Arts Alliance: 2660 S. Green St., Henderson, KY 42420. Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at www.benton-gluntandtappfuneralhome.com.

Frank Gordon Dotson, Sr.



Frank Gordon Dotson, Sr., 72 passed on to his heavenly reward at HCA North Florida Hospital in Gainesville on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Frank was born in Lyons, NY to the late Hellen Ashby Dotson and the late Gordon Dotson, on November 14, 1951. He grew up on a farm on Limestone Road in St. George and gave credit to farm work and his Granddad Ashby (who could “mend anything with a length of bale wire”) for many of his abilities. In 1969, Frank graduated from Parsons High School where he was in the band and is remembered by many classmates for his guitar playing, even then. While working in Nashville and attending Nashville Auto Diesel College, he was informed by a Navy Recruiter that his number indicated he was about to be drafted into the army, so he joined the Navy. He became a Seabee (Naval Construction Battalion) spending the first of his time in Rhode Island, California and Vietnam.

Upon returning from Vietnam, he married a widowed friend and neighbor, Priscilla Nestor Shaffer (P. Ann), adopted her children

into a church, taught a children's Sunday School class in Adak, Alaska, and generally spread music and good will at each spot.

While he didn't finish college (Fairmont State) until after retirement in 1990, Frank's natural ability to teach was recognized and utilized by the U.S. Navy. That and his talent for organizing earned him many letters of commendation. After retirement, he farmed his land on Limestone, then moved to Martinsburg to work for an engineering firm, traveling the world and teaching the construction of their building systems. Since his retirement from the work force, he has learned to play a hammered dulcimer and violin and has shared his music in many locations.

In addition to his immediate family, he is survived by brothers Lonnie (Brenda), Donnie (Sandy) and Sam Dotson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Sandra, an infant brother, Joseph and a grandson, Bradley Shaffer.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Sunday from 4 PM to 6 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 11 AM. The Reverend Dr. Robert W. Brown will officiate and interment will follow at the West Virginia National Cemetery at Grafton, WV, where full military honors will be accorded by the United States Navy and the Taylor County Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Frank Gordon Dotson, Sr. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Ann Marie, Nancy, Julie & Karl and became stepfather to Mike and Ronnie Shaffer who, along with Frank Dotson, Jr, are left with their mother to mourn their dad's passing.

Having been stationed at all the existing Seabee Bases (Davisville, RI, Norfolk VA CBU, Gulfport, MS and Port Hueneme, CA and serving in Guam, Adak AK, Italy, Spain, and Puerto Rico), building, organizing, and teaching, Frank received many letters of commendation for his leadership abilities. After ten years as a U.S. Navy Seabee, he moved to the Navy's technical programs studying Aircraft Doppler Radar Navigation, Digital Data Link Communications, and related systems where, for the next ten years he was stationed at Millington, TN, Key West, FL, Washington, DC, Massachusetts and others. Frank earned National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Services Medal, many marksmanship and good conduct ribbons & medals, Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Armed Forces Meritorious Unit Citation, RVN MUC Gallantry cross w/ Palm, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation and others too numerous to mention. More importantly, during his Navy Career, he taught many people to play guitar, helped remodel a bar in Spain

Penny Sue Hill Auvil

Penny Sue Hill Auvil, age 60 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life Tuesday evening, March 12, 2024, at Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown, WV., surrounded by her loving family.

She was born July 12, 1963, at Clarksburg, WV, a daughter of the late Willard Clay Hill and Kathryn Francis Freeman Hill. On June 24, 2007, at Union Chapel Church in Clover Run, she was married to Timothy Lynn Auvil, who survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Amber Nicole Scarff and fiancé Gregory Riffle of Linn, WV, Natasha Kathryn Scarff of Pine Bluff, Arkansas and Shannan Auvil Hartness and husband Tyler of West Union, WV; one brother, Gary Lee Hill and companion Mary Preston of Clarksburg, WV; four granddaughters, Audrey Smith, Kristiana “Tia” Smith, Vivian Smith, Ryleigh Hartness; one grandson, Isaiah McLemore; many nieces, nephews, relatives and other loved ones.

Preceding her in death are two brothers, Terry Hill and Samuel Hill; and one sister, Sherry Lynn Stull.



She attended the schools of Harrison County. She was a Christian by Faith. In her earlier years, she worked at the Pete Dye Golf Course in Clarksburg, and ResCare. Penny was a homemaker who loved camping, gardening and playing horseshoes. She loved music, animals and her pets. Penny loved her children and grandchildren very much, and she was also known as “Nana”. She was a very loving and caring person, who will be greatly missed.

Penny's request for cremation will be honored. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Penny Sue Hill Auvil. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

The City of Thomas is currently accepting applications for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Class 1 & 2, Water Treatment Plant Operator Class 1 & 2 and Public Works Employees.

Water Operator:

Full-time position: weekdays, some weekends, evenings & holidays (as needed).

Job duties include but are not limited to the following. Must be able to operate a water plant facility and perform tasks in the operation and maintenance of water plant. Including: Ensure water is safe for human consumption, troubleshoot issues related to equipment processes by monitoring and inspecting equipment, operating conditions, meters, and gauges to treat water. Be able to perform lubrication and repairs to chlorinators, ammoniators, aerators and related water equipment. Perform the collecting and chemical testing of water samples. Maintain adequate supply of treatment materials and replenish as needed. Read meters, and record findings on a daily log and report on test results. Perform preventive maintenance on all plant equipment including motors, valves, pumps and filters. Work with vendors, place orders, deliver samples for testing and perform other duties as requested. Must be a certified and licensed operator & must maintain compliance within the facility. Applicants must be able to maintain an effective and professional working relationship with colleagues, Mayor and city council. Competitive salary and full benefit package. Pick up an application and send resumes to cityofthomas@frontiernet.net or drop off at Thomas City Hall during normal business hours.

Wastewater Operator:

Full-time position: weekdays, some weekends, evenings & holidays (as needed).

Job duties include but are not limited to the following. Must be able to operate a wastewater plant facility. Including: Troubleshoot issues related to equipment and processes by monitoring an inspecting equipment, operating conditions, meters, and gauges to treat wastewater. Maintain compliance for the facility. Conduct routine checks, collect samples and perform tests to adjust the treatment process. Maintain, repair, and lubricate equipment using hand tools and power tools. Work with vendors, place orders, and deliver samples for testing and perform other duties as requested. Must be a certified operator and must maintain compliance within the facility. Applicants must be able to maintain an effective and professional working relationship with colleagues, Mayor and city council. Competitive salary and full benefit package. Pick up an application and send resumes to cityofthomas@frontiernet.net or drop off at Thomas City Hall during normal business hours.

Public Works Employee:

Full-time position: weekdays, some weekends, evenings & holidays (as needed).

Must be able to perform a variety of tasks related to city maintenance. Duties include but are not limited to: street/road maintenance, trash collection, snow plowing, mowing/weed eating, repairing sewer and water lines, maintaining neat and orderly workspaces and vehicles, and accomplish regular inspections of tools and machinery. Must be able to read water meters and record data, operate hand and power tools, maintain construction equipment such as compressors, pumps, backhoes, front end loaders and City-owned vehicles. Experience with public works, maintenance, construction, automotive, heavy equipment and machinery are preferred. Applicants must be able to maintain an effective and professional working relationship with colleagues, Mayor and city council. Competitive salary and full benefit package. Pick up an application and send resumes to cityofthomas@frontiernet.net or drop off at Thomas City Hall during normal business hours.

THANK YOU!

We, the employees of Parsons Shop N Save and Craig Phillips, would like to thank the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department and everyone who had provided food, offered to help in any way and for the continuous prayers.

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TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo card produced by F. S. Johnston of the Pulp Mill in Davis. This plant is part of what was known as The West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company which opened in 1895 by six Luke Brothers. At the height of operation in 1912 there were 400 men employed. The plant closed in 1919 during a time of strikes and labor difficulties. The last of the concrete buildings were taken down in the 1960's. Ideas, comments, items to share or suggestions, contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.



L to R: Daryla Rapp, Vice-Regent, Dorothy Car, Deana Canfield, Cathy Hebb, Regent.

Women in American History

Blackwater Chapter DAR recently honored Dorothy Carr and Deana Canfield with their

"Women in American History" Award for their years of dedicated work for the Hinkle House Food Pantry.

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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)
Carol Joan Thompson	Foster A. Thompson
1st publication 3/20/24	502 Central Ave.
2nd publication 3/27/24	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

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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

Invitation to Bid. Windwood Fly-in Resort UOA, in Canaan Valley, is seeking bids for the 2024 mowing contract. Bids are due by April 1, 2024. For information on scope of work and a bid package, please contact Dawn Smith at wuuosecretary@gmail.com

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**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF HENDRICKS, WEST VIRGINIA
In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 500
Unassigned Fund Balance	69,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense	38,141
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	1,100
Excise Tax on Utilities	12,000
Building Permit Fees	20
Miscellaneous Permits	20
Franchise Fees	200
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	12,000
Municipal Service Fees	24,000
Gaming Income	11,000
Video Lottery (LVL)	200
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 168,181
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,100
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 1,100

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	
Mayor's Office	\$ 4,800
City Council	3,000
Recorder's Office	4,800
City Attorney	500
Custodial	500
Regional Development Authority	325
Elections	1,700
City Hall	40,456
Internal Audit	3,000
Contingencies	600
Streets and Highways	5,000
Snow Removal	2,000
Garbage Department	28,000
Landfill / Incinerator Department	-
Parks & Recreation	4,000
Beautification Programs	500
Capital Projects - General Government	69,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 168,181

**MUNICIPALITY OF HENDRICKS, WEST VIRGINIA
Regular Current Expense Levy
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025**

	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0	-	0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 4,365,380	25.00	\$ 10,913
Personal Property	8,850	-	22
Total Class II	\$ 4,374,230		\$ 10,935
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 2,607,970	50.00	\$ 13,040
Personal Property	3,172,263	-	15,861
Public Utility	351,115	-	1,756
Total Class IV	\$ 6,131,348		\$ 30,657
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 10,505,578		\$ 41,592
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	2,080
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	790
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 38,722
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		1.50%	581
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 38,141

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF TUCKER
MUNICIPALITY OF HENDRICKS
I, April R. Miller, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 12th day of March, 2024.

April R. Miller
(Signature)
Recorder
Official Title of Recording Officer

Celebrating Success: Certified Nursing Assistants Graduate at Cortland Acres



March 8th marked a new milestone for a group of compassionate and caring individuals graduating from the Certified Nursing Assistant Program at Cortland Acres. With hearts full of empathy and minds filled with knowledge, these graduates are poised to make a difference in the lives of residents at Cortland Acres.

Nikki Nelson, RN, BSN, Staff Development Coordinator and Clinical Instructor said "We are proud of our graduates and the journey they have undertaken to reach this occasion. These Certified Nursing Assistants (CAN's) are prepared to provide essential care and support to our residents at Cortland Acres".

The graduates are Haylee Ketterman, Jessica Stemple and Brooklyn Lambka. Haylee has been working at Cortland as part of the Resident Support Team for a few months while waiting for the CNA class to begin. Haylee stated "I now have the additional skills to provide quality care to the residents". Jessica choose to take the course at Cortland because she had family members in the facility and knew it was a good place. She stated, "I am happy to start my career in the medical field at Cortland, in the future I plan to get my nursing degree. Brooklyn said "I want to make a difference in the lives of the residents, I thought this was a good way to dip my toes into the medical field to prepare

myself to become a nurse".

As they embark on their career, these CNA's carry with them a sense of purpose and understanding of the impact they can make in the lives of those they serve. Whether providing direct patient care, offering comfort and companionship or assisting with daily activities, they will play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life for residents.

"Their dedication to the program and commitment to serving others truly exemplifies the values of our facility. We welcome the ladies to the Cortland family and wish them success in their new career" said Robin Eye, Director of Nursing.

If you have an interest in a career filled with purpose, compassion and endless opportunities to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others contact the Human Resources Department at Cortland Acres at 304-463-4181 or apply online www.cortlandacres.org/cna-training-application.

The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs, rental apartments in Pineview and garden and patio homes in The Pines. For more information about The Pines or Cortland Acres or to set up an appointment for a tour of the facility, call 304-463-4181 ext. 203, or visit www.cortlandacres.org.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR FROM W.R.B. TO THE NAME OF W.R.E. by Caila Almohammadi, Petitioner

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2024, at the hour of 11:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the undersigned Petitioner will apply to the Circuit Court of Tucker County, County Courthouse, Parsons, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court to change the name of the minor child from W.R.B. to the name of W.R.E.

Any party objecting to the change of name who can show good cause why the name should not be changed may appear at said time and place.

Given this the 12th day of March, 2024.

Caila Almohammadi
PETITIONER

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR FROM A.A.E.A. TO THE NAME OF A.M.A. by Caila Almohammadi, Petitioner

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2024, at the hour of 11:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the undersigned Petitioner will apply to the Circuit Court of Tucker County, County Courthouse, Parsons, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court to change the name of the minor child from A.A.E.A. to the name of A.M.A.

Any party objecting to the change of name who can show good cause why the name should not be changed may appear at said time and place.

Given this the 12th day of March, 2024.

Caila Almohammadi
PETITIONER

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

DAVID B. BENNETT and BEVERLY G. BENNETT

Plaintiffs,

v. Civil Action No. 24-C-10 THE ESTATE OF ELINOR LUFLIN BARR, HER HEIRS, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS and PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE ESTATE OF MARVIN JAMES LUFLIN, HIS HEIRS, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS and PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE ESTATE OF HARRY GARNETT LUFLIN, HIS HEIRS, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS and PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE ESTATE OF ONA LUFLIN, HER HEIRS, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS and PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE ESTATE OF ROBY LUFLIN, HIS HEIRS, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS and PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, THE ESTATE OF MARY CATHERINE LUFLIN HEILMANN, HER HEIRS, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS and PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

To the Above-Named Defendants
The object of this action is to quiet title to that certain real estate, located in Parsons Corporation, Tucker County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

Map: 9 Parcel: 16

A certain lot or parcel of land situate on Second Quality Hill in said City of Parsons, containing 25 poles, more or less, known as the Spangler property.

Any person named above or any person who has an interest in this proceeding must appear and defend within 30 days of the first publication of this Order or otherwise a judgment by default will be rendered against any such person at any time thereafter. The name of the Plaintiff's attorney is Pat A. Nichols, P.O. Box 201, Parsons, WV 26287.

A copy of the Complaint to Quiet Title may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Circuit Court.

Dated this the 14th day of March, 2024.

Sharon Moats
Sharon Moats, Clerk of the Tucker County Circuit Court

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MGC Held March Meeting at Library

The March meeting of the MGC was held at the library on the 12th. Plans were made for sending three children to the annual 4-H camp for 2024. Discussion was also held regarding funding for Parsons City planters. Crystal Nelson provided a program on using clear ornaments for the Parsons ON TRAC Christmas tree decor. Material such as dried flowers from members' summer and fall gardens will be used.

MGC welcomes new members to join in civic beautification of our small city. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6PM at the Five Rivers Public Library (exceptions Jan. July).

Twelve Romney Middle School Students Explored College Opportunities at Eastern

Moorefield W.Va. - A group of 12 enthusiastic students from Romney Middle School, accompanied by their dedicated teacher and guidance counselor, embarked on a career exploration field trip to Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern). The purpose of the visit was to expose the students to specific career paths in business management and marketing and provide insights into future educational opportunities at Eastern.

Throughout the day, the students engaged in a series of interactive activities designed to showcase Eastern's array of programs. The students enjoyed hands-on learning experiences with a fun twist including a leadership icebreaker game featuring Mr. Potato Head, a Smart Lego build, and a competitive, fast-paced Jeopardy-themed game customized to their future aspirations in business. The students also met personally with campus administrators to learn about the day-to-day operation of the college and heard from a panel of business leaders, entrepreneurs, and students who share their passion in the field. Eastern's president, Dr. Thomas Striplin, and the college mascot, Easton, provided a fun-filled lunch that sparked further conversation about their future dreams and aspirations as civic engineers, accountants, auto mechanics, cosmetologists, entrepreneurs, and social media influencers—to name a few.

Eastern faculty and staff welcomed the middle school visitors, guiding them through these interactive sessions that highlighted the college's commitment to fostering academic and professional growth. The students gained valuable insights into Eastern's programs, fueling their curiosity and enthusiasm about potential college journeys.

Eastern is grateful for the opportunity to host Romney Middle School. This hands-on experience is a crucial step towards preparing these young minds for the rewarding path of higher education and future career success. Additionally, Eastern remains open for campus tours and educational field trips, welcoming prospective students and educators to discover the vibrant learning environment firsthand. Interested schools should inquire with Dixie Heavener, Career Counselor, by emailing dixie.heavener@easternwv.edu to schedule a visit.

About Eastern

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, based in Moorefield, serves six rural counties in West Virginia's Potomac Highlands by offering affordable academic programs, including five online degree programs, and a variety of flexible workforce trainings. Eastern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. For more information, visit <https://easternwv.edu> or call 304-434-8000.

SENIOR NEWS

There are still seats available for the trip to Lancaster June 12th to 13th. The price is \$ 350 for the 2-day, one night trip. The main event is to see "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theatre. For more information, please call Tim Turner at 304-478-2423.

The chair exercise class is now happening on Wednesdays from noon until 12:30. We'd love to have you join us.

March is National Kidney Month. Did you know that more than 1 in 7 people have chronic kidney disease (CKD)? Also, 90% of people with stage 3 CKD don't know they have it (that includes 2 in 5 adults with severe CKD)!

Leading Causes include high blood pressure and Diabetes. Other Risk Factors include cardiovascular disease, kidney or ureter blockages, obesity, or Lupus. Lifestyle factors include overuse of medications with ibuprofen, naproxen, or acetaminophen or chronic use of illicit drugs. A family history of kidney disease or being over 50 years old can also affect your chances for getting CKD.

The potential symptoms of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) include the following: Abnormal levels of phosphorus, calcium, or vitamin D, Abnormal urine test, decreased appetite, fatigue, high blood pressure, itching, pain in the small of your back, puffiness around your eyes, shortness of breath, or swelling in your hands, feet, or legs. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, you need to ask your doctor to have lab tests to see if you have any kidney problems.

There are several different types of tests your doctor might order. Your eGFR (glomerular filtration rate) is a measurement of how well your kidneys are functioning. If your eGFR is 30 -44, your doctor needs to refer you to a kidney specialist (a nephrologist). You must also be concerned if your creatinine level is over 1.00 or if your BUN level is greater than 20. The earlier your doctor

can confirm a diagnosis of CKD, the earlier you can get the care and support you need.

Please have your doctor (and yourself) check your lab reports carefully so that if there is a problem you can get it under control before you end up having to have dialysis.

Parsons Senior Center held their monthly outpost on March 5, 2024. Linda Bonner welcomed everyone, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America". Betty Sturm, Dale Varner, Earl Moore, Jim Buddingh, Virginia Popio, Anna Fitzwater, and Mable Fitzwater had March birthdays and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

Patty Wilfong read "Tapestry of Spring", and Arlene Ramsey read "Daffodils". Sharon Daniels presented "Why is There Daylight Saving Time" and Linda Bonner did a reading on "Daylight Saving Time".

Reverend Greg Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, entertained the group with wonderful singing of several lovely hymns. Door Prizes were won by Nellie Workman, Diane Dilly, and Greg Smith.

Kenny Knotts asked the blessing for the meal. Attending in addition to the above were Betty Bennett, Meg Buddingh, Shirley Cassidy, Raymond Collins, Ruth Connell, Betty Knotts, Virgil Knotts, Barb McClain, Colin Sutton, Karl Myers, Don Nestor, Jane Parsons, Rita Roberts, John Grafton, Linda Cassidy, Twila Smith, Sharon Cassidy, Cindy Knotts, Sue Carroll, Ida Workman, Nellie Workman, Dale Varner, David Varner, Buddy Arnold, Deloris Kelley, David Sharp, Patsy Bonner and Eleanor Nestor.

The next Parsons outpost will be Tuesday, April 2 beginning at 10:30 am. Come, bring a covered dish to add to the luncheon, and enjoy good entertainment and fellowship with others. If any questions, please call the center at 304-478-2423.

Log Cabin Quilters Guild of Elkins Holds Quilt Display

A quilt display of wall hangings from the Log Cabin Quilters Guild of Elkins highlighting some of the 2023 quilt challenge "Wonderful West Virginia" is currently being displayed at Citizens Bank of West Virginia and Stevens' Realty & Management in Parsons.

The Challenge included a certain small cut of fabric which was a requirement to use. The challenge was open to all members and had a time of about two and a half months to design, stitch and complete.

Kaila St Louis' entry was hand and machine quilted and she used scrap fabrics to create her picture of forests, which surround us, and she finds so comforting and nurturing.

Lisa Hall made her small quilt depicting the dew kissed peony in her garden. This inspiration became complete with the sunrise view over the mountains from her home.

Diana Kerr captured many of her thoughts in her wall hanging, Almost Heaven as she highlighted Seneca Rocks in the background, and our sugar maple trees and of course a jug of sweet maple syrup from her memories of Blue Rock Farm Sugar Shack. She pushed herself into practicing new skills and produced a little gem.

Happy Tree was surrounded by the required fabric and fabric from Mary Durhams stash, the Elkins Sewing Center and from purchased fabric from St. Kitts in the Caribbean. Missouri Star Quilt company authored the pattern Happy Tree, and my choice of fabrics reminded me of all the colors of WV stated the artist Katie Kerns.

Karen Elza, a Citizens Bank retiree, used her scraps to compliment the required fabric to fashion a table runner she is exhibiting. Her creation is how she views West Virginia and all of its marvels.

On display at Stevens' Realty are the two remaining entries that chose to be publicly shown. WV Trees by Margy Burns is machine quilted and has abundant color choices. A special touch is the Prairie-Point Pizzazz which allows the offering of blowing



leaves when you view the project.

Fran Kordek used a simple white background to outline our marvelous state shape and the echoing machine quilting is wonderful.

Each exhibit has a quilted identifier of the Guild and depicts a great deal of work. The Log Cabin Quilt Diva has been "hanging out" at Stevens' Realty and she is well dressed in buttons, real sheep wool, buttons, spools, and many other items. She first traveled to a quilt show in Columbus Ohio in 2007 at the National Quilting Show.... Since then, she has been a steady greeter at the annual quilt show at the Forest Festival in Elkins each year in October. Stevens' Realty & Management is proud to sponsor this small exhibit for our community and to bring value and culture to our little corner of the world.



PARSONS CITY CEMETERY ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK APRIL 1 - 5, 2024

The cemetery staff will begin their annual spring cleaning the week of April 1 - 5, 2024. Any weathered or out-of-season flower arrangements must be removed during this week. Any items that are left on the gravesites which are determined unsightly or offensive will be removed by our staff.

All new flowers should not be displayed until after the week of clean up. When displaying flowers, we strongly urge everyone to use permanent vases. Flowers displayed directly in the ground may be damaged by our mowing and trimming equipment. We take every effort possible to protect items on display at each gravesite; however, we will not be held responsible or liable for items that are damaged or stolen.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Parsons Business Office at (304) 478-2311.

Agnes A. Arnold
City Administrator



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SPORTS

TUCKER COUNTY BOYS' FALL TO TUG VALLEY IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



2024 Class "A" State Runner-Up - Tucker County Boys' Basketball Team. Photo by Brittany Channell.

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

CHARLESTON – The #1 Mt. Lions Boys' Basketball team opened the State Tournament against #8 Huntington St. Joseph on Wednesday March 13th. Tucker County pulled away in the second quarter for the Quarterfinal win by the score of 66-41.

The Mt. Lions battled early as they would lead after one quarter 18-11. Tucker County then pulled away in the second quarter as they outscored the Irish 17-4 to take a commanding 35-15 halftime lead.

In the third quarter the Mt. Lions would continue to dominate as they outscored Huntington St. Joe 13-8 to build the Tucker County lead to 48-23. The fourth quarter was played even as both teams scored 18 points as Tucker County got the victory by the score of 66-41.

Ashton Lycliter led the Mt. Lions with 22 points, 13 rebounds and Trevan Bonner added 14 points in the Tucker County win. Garrett Wilfong chipped in with 13 points, 5 assists and Owen Knotts pulled down 8 rebounds for the Mt. Lions. Maddox Anderson also dished out a team high 9 assists for Tucker County in the victory.

CHARLESTON – #1 Tucker County continued State Tournament play in the Semi-Finals on Friday March 15th against #4 Webster County. The Mt. Lions dominated the second quarter to pull away for the 70-41 victory.

The game was close early as the first quarter ended with Tucker County ahead 17-12. The Mt. Lions then started to pull away in the second quarter as they outscored the Highlanders 18-7 to give Tucker County the 35-19 halftime lead.

The third quarter was also won by the Mt. Lions as they outpaced Webster County 18-11 in the third to blow the game open as Tucker County led 53-30 after three quarters. In the fourth quarter the Mt. Lions continued to build the lead as they won the quarter 17-11 to make the final score 70-41 Tucker County.

Trevan Bonner led the Mt. Lions with 23 points and Ethan Rosenau had 18 points. Owen Knotts chipped in with 12 points, 9 rebounds and Ashton Lycliter pulled down a team high 17 rebounds in

the Tucker County win.

CHARLESTON – The #1 Mt. Lions would then play for a State Championship on Saturday March 16th against #2 Tug Valley. Tug Valley got a late steal to gain the lead and Tucker County was unable to answer as the Mt. Lions fell in an instant classic game by the final score of 35-32.

The Mt. Lions trailed early in the game 5-3, but Tucker County answered with a 7-0 run to have the 10-5 lead after one quarter. In the second quarter the Mt. Lions built a 15-9 lead midway through the quarter, but the Panthers fought back to take the quarter 13-7 to lead at the halftime break 18-17.

In the third quarter both teams battled as the Mt. Lions would edge Tug Valley in scoring during the quarter 11-8 to give Tucker County a slim 28-26 lead after three quarters of play. In the fourth quarter the battle continued as both teams exchanged leads. Tug Valley grabbed the lead 31-30 with 1:55 left, but the Mt. Lions took the lead back 32-31 after a layup by Ethan Rosenau with 51 seconds left in the game. Tucker County then got a steal with 16 seconds left in the game, but the Panthers would steal the ball back with 15 seconds left. Tug Valley then scored a layup off the steal with 12 seconds left to make the score 33-32 Tug Valley. The Mt. Lions had a couple possessions in the last 10 seconds, but they could not score as Tug Valley got the ball with 2.1 seconds left. The Panthers then made their foul shots to secure the win by the final score of 35-32.

Ashton Lycliter led the Mt. Lions with 12 points, 11 rebounds and Trevan Bonner added 6 points in the Tucker County loss. Maddox Anderson chipped in with 6 points and Ethan Rosenau had 5 points for the Mt. Lions. Tucker County placed 3 players on the All-Tournament list: Ashton Lycliter, Trevan Bonner and Ethan Rosenau. Ashton Lycliter was also selected as the MVP of the Class "A" Tournament.

Tucker County finished the season with a 23-3 record and Class "A" State Runner-Up for two seasons in a row. Special thanks to Seniors: Maddox Anderson, Ashton Lycliter, Ethan Rosenau, Owen Knotts, Justin Robeson, Kobe Bever. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County's (L-R) Ashton Lycliter, Trevan Bonner and Ethan Rosenau were placed on the Class "A" State All-Tournament Team. Photo by Brittany Channell.

Tucker Valley Middle School Cheerleaders



Tucker Valley Middle School Cheerleaders - photo by Brittany Channell.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL ALL-PVC CONFERENCE TEAM ANNOUNCED

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

The PVC Conference announced the Girls' Basketball Division 2 All-PVC on Friday March 15th.

Members are as follows: First Team: Raven Matthews(Tucker Co), Macy Helmick(Tucker Co), Nellie Whetzel(Petersburg), Avery Townsend(Pendleton Co), Olivia

Vandevender(Pocahontas Co).

Second Team: Brylee Wetzel(Tucker Co), Ericka Zirk(Tucker Co), Abby Alt(Petersburg), Sam Colaw(Petersburg), Makenna Crites(Moorefield), Cali Propst(Pocahontas Co). PVC Division 2, Coach of the Year: Dave Helmick, Tucker County

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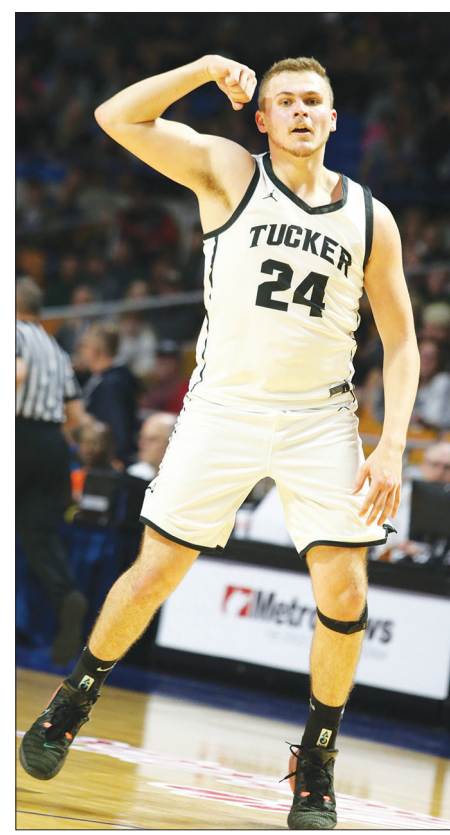
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Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and should possess a valid West Virginia Driver's License with good driving history. Before making a job offer, the candidate must consent to a criminal background check as well as a drug and alcohol test.

Compensation for this position is \$10.00 per hour with no fringe benefits, except for free membership to the Wellness 24 Fitness Center.

Interested individuals may pick up an application at the Parsons Business Office, located in the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (EDT), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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A public photo point allows monitors to track the building progress of the upcoming Cheat River bridge over time.

We will review common erosion and sedimentation controls, reportable issues, provide general construction updates, and set up a photo monitoring point at the Holly Meadows bridge.

This training will have both an indoor and outdoor component.

Date: Sunday, March 24th
Time: 1:00-4:00pm
Location: Parson's Community Center 96 Parkwood Lane, Parsons, WV 26287

Please make sure to register by Thursday, March 21st. If you have any questions, please email Jenna Dodson, jdodson@wvrivers.org.

Scan QR code below or email Jenna to register.



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Randolph-Tucker Children's Advocacy Center Hosts Annual Champions of Children Event

Elkins, WV - On Friday April 12th, Randolph-Tucker Children's Advocacy Center will be hosting the annual Champions for Children event at the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department in Parsons, WV. Social hour will begin with appetizers at 5:45 pm, with a full dinner prepared by the men and women of St. Patrick's Church of Coalton, longtime supporters and dedicated volunteers for the CAC. Attendees will enjoy social hour and dinner, followed by an awards ceremony to honor individuals and organizations in three award categories: Professional, Community Partners, and Samaritans. We'll complete the evening with a live auction of arts, crafts, and gift packages.

Randolph-Tucker CAC is part of a national movement which revolutionized the United States' response to child sexual abuse. Children's Advocacy Centers across the country provide a childfriendly setting where children can talk about their experiences. CACs use a team approach to respond to child abuse, working together with professionals in law enforcement, child protection, mental health, and healthcare to coordinate investigations and ongoing support, treatment, and advocacy at no cost to families. The map of CACs shows 950+ Children Advocacy Centers (CACs) now operating in the United States and in more than 34 countries throughout the world. There are now 21 Child Advocacy Centers officially serving 47 counties in WV!

Randolph and Tucker counties

were added to that map in 2003 and we're proud to say that our community was one of the first in West Virginia to establish a Children's Advocacy Center.

The Champions for Children event is an opportunity to come together to celebrate the remarkable contributions of professionals, volunteers, individuals, and organizations in our community who have helped support the CAC and its partners to serve our most vulnerable citizens, the children in Randolph and Tucker counties. Come celebrate with us!

The public is encouraged to attend, and children are welcome. This year's children's activity table is sponsored by Eyes and Brains STEM Center. Additional sponsors of this year's event include The Art Center, Citizens Bank of WV, the City of Parsons, Davis Medical Center, Davis Trust Bank, Elkins Kiwanis, GFWC Woman's Club of Elkins, Health Center Pharmacy, K.T. Bright, CPA, Mark Joseph CPA, Mary Boyd, MD, MegaCorp Logistics, Mountain Valley Bank, Nikki Roger State Farm, Phillips Kolsun, PRO on Trac, St. George Clinic, Town of Coalton, TC Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Wilkins, Tucker Co FRN, Valley Health Care, and Williams & Associates.

If you are interested in Sponsorship opportunities, want to reserve your tickets, or donate to the event online at [RTCAC.ORG](https://rtcac.org) or contact the CAC office to make a reservation by calling 304.630.2214.

For more information, please visit <https://rtcac.org/>

Time to Fix Household Leaks

A simple household leak can cost you a lot of money. Most are simple to fix once you locate them, but leaks can be sneaky. The Public Service Commission of West Virginia is participating in Fix a Leak Week, March 18-24 by encouraging everyone to be vigilant in finding and repairing leaks in household plumbing fixtures.

Did you know that across America, homes waste more than a trillion gallons of water every year? That is shocking. The average home loses almost 10,000 gallons of water per year to simple leaks. That is the amount of water it takes to wash 300 loads of laundry. And every drop that is wasted still shows up on your water bill.

When you repair a leaking faucet, a running toilet, or a broken sprinkler head, the money you save on your water bills will soon pay for the small cost of fixing those leaks.

To help save water, the Commission offers the following tips:

Look at your water bill. If a family of four uses more than 12,000 gallons per month, you could have a serious leak. Turn off all water, then read the meter at the beginning and end of two hours. If the meter changes, you likely have a leak.

Monitor possible toilet leaks. Squeeze a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If you see color in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. Worn flappers often cause silent toilet leaks, but new ones are inexpensive and easy to install.

If your faucet drips, tighten connections and replace the aerator with a WaterSense labeled model to save water without a noticeable difference in flow.

Leaky showerheads caused by a loose



connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem can usually be fixed by wrapping the pipe stem with pipe tape.

Fix a Leak Week is sponsored every year by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and WaterSense. You can find detailed instructions for how to find and fix those sneaky leaks at www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week. We also have more ideas for how to save water on the PSC website. Visit www.psc.state.wv.us and click on "Lower Your Water Bill."

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