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Commission Approves Funding Increase to Libraries



Nancy Moore and Debbie Williams address the Tucker County Commission on the needs of Tucker County Libraries on March 13th.

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Nancy Moore who represented Five Rivers Public Library addressed the Tucker County Commission March 13th. Moore was accompanied at the meeting by Debbie Williams who represented Mountain Top Public Library. The two women addressed the Commissioners on the needs of the County's libraries. "Libraries are a vital part to all the County," Moore said. "Communities down here, Thomas, Davis, beyond the County lines."

Moore said many of the services of the libraries are free and include fax, copies, tax forms, The Parsons Advocate available in a variety of formats, genealogy research, internet access, wifi, book clubs, movie days, databases, and job search services. "Other services, there are lots of databases that's free," Moore said. "That's through the county, through the high school and provided by the Library Commission in Charleston."

Moore said the County libraries also assist job seekers with such things as resume and job searches, as well as DMV searches. "Other services are resume, cover letters, job searches, online access to employment services, DMV online services, which is becoming more and more," Moore said. "People come in and we help them."

Moore made a budget increase request to the Commission. In it, Moore requested an increase funding from the County. In the request, the County Commission's funding would increase from \$12,000 this year to \$13,000 in the coming fiscal year, a \$1,000 increase. "We appreciate your commitment and support," Moore said. "When preparing your County budget, we hope that you will consider an increase in Five Rivers Public Library's funding for our next fiscal year."

The Tucker County Commission approved the funding increase to Five Rivers Public Library for a total allocation of \$13,000 and a funding request for the Mountaintop Public

Library in Thomas for \$14,500. "

Williams updated the Commission on the programs and progress of the Mountaintop Public Library in Thomas. Williams said her library has been expanding the programs offered with a total of four book clubs, sewing and knitting groups and programs for all ages, including seniors. Williams also said the Library's summer reading program is growing.

Williams also gave an update on the efforts to fund and construct a new library on the mountain. According to Williams, the efforts are ¾ of the way to fulfillment. Upcoming fundraiser events include a yard sale on July 20th, a garden party in August and a You Love Your Library Dinner.

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said he has experienced the resources of the Libraries first hand. Rosenau said he was researching an event he experienced in the 1990's and was advised by his wife to go to the Library to research. Rosenau said the staff assisted in his search and he was able to find what he was looking for, even going back to the 90's, through the Parsons Advocate collection and other records found at the Library. "They had the Advocate, they had everything. So, I experienced it firsthand what a blessing it is to have you guys as a resource I could go to," Rosenau said. "I wouldn't have gotten that information I wanted unless it was with you all."

Rosenau also commented on the need for wifi in the County and how the Library is helping to assist in filling the need. "A lot of people in the County don't have wifi yet, so if you live down in the country and outside of an area, we're blessed to have a Library that has wifi free as a service to the community," Rosenau said. "I've seen people outside of the Library on the weekends sitting there in the grass, sitting there in their car, or whatever to access the wifi."

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held Wednesday, March 27th at 4 p.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom in Parsons.

Town of Davis, Riverwalk Work Together to Repair Damage

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Town of Davis has agreed to repair damage caused by town workers in two separate incidents. Riverwalk Developer Pete Johnson addressed the Town of Davis Council during the Council's March 13th meeting. Mayor Al Tomson agreed to have the damage repaired and that the Town and the Riverwalk HOA would work together in the future on civic projects.

Johnson read from a letter he had supplied to the Town regarding two incidents in the project property. The letter dated March 12 described incidents regarding a fire hydrant and the removal of fencing and fence posts in the Riverwalk project area.

According to Johnson, the first incident occurred late on the night of February 26th when Town workers opened a fire hydrant valve on Riverwalk Place. Johnson said that the hydrant was flushed for several hours directly onto a utility cluster for one of the lots and within 25 feet of a new home. "The result was the severe rutting out of our gravel water access road and significant runoff directly into the Blackwater River," Johnson said.

Johnson said the damage was caused by the Town's failure to use a hose to direct the flow to a nearby storm drain. "Failing to use a hose directed to the storm system impacted Riverwalk owners, damaged HOA roadway, and would necessarily have involved WV DEP due to the runoff pollution," Johnson said.

Johnson requested that in the future, the Town use a hose to direct the flow to a nearby storm drain when flushing the hydrant in the area. Johnson further suggested that the Town moderate the water volume to minimize any environmental or other impact to the development area.

Tomson said that the matter would be

addressed immediately and the Town would fix the road. Tomson also assured Johnson that it would not happen again. "We need to fix the roadway," Tomson said. "We will do that."

According to Johnson, the second incident occurred within days of the first when Town workers removed several fence posts and rails in a newly erected split rail fence. Johnson also noted that the previous week random waste materials were left at one of the lots. "While there is no doubt a practical reason for this, no request or alert was made regarding this action," Johnson said.

Johnson said access and permission would have been granted if asked. "This type of action by the Town requires owner authorization, which would have been happily granted in this case, and would of course require restoration to its original condition," Johnson said.

Johnson said that he requested that the Town contact the HOA or property owners before conducting work that would impact or damage the properties in the development and that any damage be restored to its original condition upon completion of the work. "We appreciate the hard work undertaken by the Town to provide water and other services," Johnson said.

The incident, according to the Town, was related to replacing a 20 foot section of pipe in the area, but were going to replace the fence when completed. Tomson assured Johnson that the Town would seek permission in the future prior to completing work in the area. "We will ask next time," Tomson said. "Thank you for bringing it to my attention. I didn't know."

Both Johnson and Tomson thanked the other parties for their cooperation and communication on the matter.

The Town of Davis Council meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Davis Town Hall.

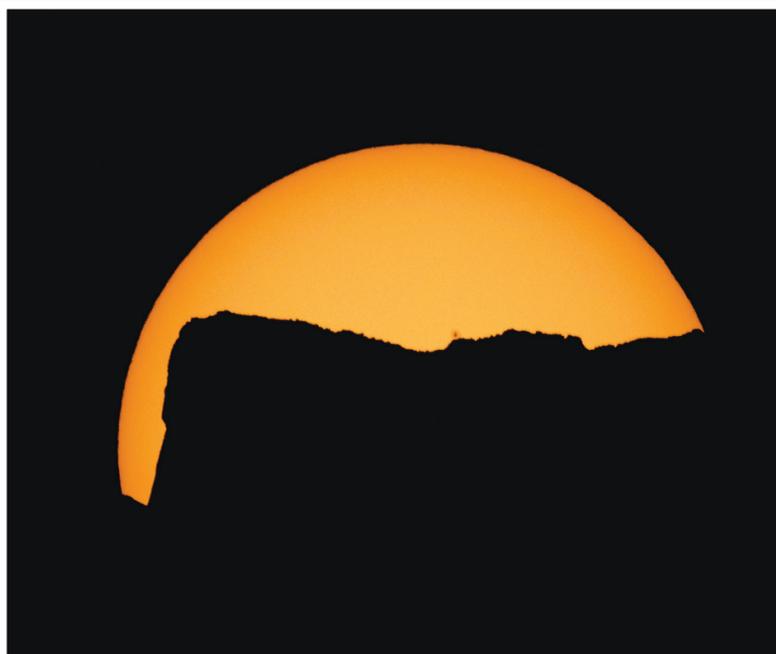


Image of a 2017 Total Solar Eclipse as viewed at the Northern Cascades National Park. Photo by NASA/Bill Ingalls. Photo courtesy of NASA.

Partial Solar Eclipse Passing Over Tucker County

By: Lydia Crawley
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A Partial Solar Eclipse will be viewable from Tucker County on April 8th. The Eclipse will be able to be viewed in the County starting just before 2 p.m. with the Time of Maximum coverage to be around 3:16 p.m. The event is part of a larger Total Solar Eclipse that will be passing over Mexico, the U.S. and Canada.

According to NASA, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection during the event. NASA also warns that regular sunglasses are not safe for viewing a solar eclipse. NASA also warns against viewing the sun through a camera lens, telescope, binoculars or an other optical device while wearing eclipse glasses or using a handheld viewer as

the the concentrated solar rays can burn through the filter and cause serious eye injury. "When watching the partial phases of the solar eclipse directly with your eyes, which happens before and after totality, you must look through safe solar viewing glasses ("eclipse glasses") or a safe handheld solar viewer at all times," NASA said.

The NASA website has a listing of manufacturer of ISO 12312-2 compliant viewers at <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/viewers-filters>. NASA also suggests inspecting viewers prior to use to check for tears, wear, scratches or any other damage and if damage is found, the device should be discarded and not used during the Eclipse. NASA also recommends supervising children while viewing the event. "Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses; regular

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Meet the Candidate: Samuel Hess for 22nd Judicial Circuit Judge

"I want Judges who call balls and strikes," Hess said.

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The new year will bring a new Judicial Circuit to Tucker County. As part of a redistricting by the State, Tucker and Preston Counties will merge into a new 22nd Judicial Circuit. As a result of the redistricting, Tucker County has new Judicial Candidates. Samuel Hess, a veteran, resident of Kingwood and a West Virginia native, is running for Division Two of the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

Hess said he felt the redistricting of Preston and Tucker Counties into the new Circuit Court made sense due to the area's shared values. "It struck me as a natural fit for Preston and Tucker Counties to be together," Hess said. "I think the people share a lot of the same values, seem to be cut from the similar cloth."

Hess outlined his opinion on what makes a good Judge. According to Hess, he feels that a good Judge is well prepared, understands the arguments, researches the law prior to hearings, understands the points in contest and can issue a fair ruling in accordance to the law and facts laid out before them. "I want Judges who call balls and strikes...I think if you can get a Judge that who do that, you are going to have a good Judge," Hess said.

Hess said he has experience in court before Tucker County Judges, including Retired Judge Nelson. Hess said he felt the Judges in Tucker County were fair and well prepared, as well as well versed and did their due diligence with the facts as they were presented. "(I've) practiced here in front of Tucker County Judges back when I was in private practice before I was Chief Public Defender," Hess said. "They had good Judges here that did that."



Samuel Hess is running for Circuit Court Judge in Division Two of the 22nd Judicial Court. Hess is a resident of Kingwood and a West Virginia native.

According to Hess, he has had experience with a variety of different law cases. Hess said he has courtroom experience with civil law, family court, appeals, complex civil litigation, abuse and neglect, as well as a variety of criminal law cases. "Primarily criminal defense in four different counties," Hess said. "I ran the circuit on that and stayed really busy doing that."

Hess said he was the first in the State to conduct a plea hearing online during Covid. According to Hess, his motivation for implementing modern technology came from the need to still process cases and the people that were still in jail during lockdown. Hess said Judge Shaffer was the first to allow him to plead cases online and allowed him to "think outside of the box and give it a shot to do it a little different then it was done in the past." "I think I was the first person in the State of West Virginia to conduct a plea hearing via Microsoft Teams or Zoom or whatever we were using at the time," Hess said. "I realized that we can't have these jails filling up and not get people through the system. So, we had to do something."

Hess said that technology is still being utilized in the courtroom even today. "We're still using some of that on the back

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Solar Eclipse

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sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun. Safe solar viewers are thousands of times darker and ought to comply with the ISO 12312- international standard. NASA does not approve any particular brand of solar viewers," NASA said.

NASA recommended an indirect viewing method if individuals do not have eclipse glasses or a handheld viewer. This method, according to NASA, does not involve looking directly at the sun or sky and involves the use of a pinhole projector or other indirect method. NASA provides instruction on how to construct a pinhole projector and other related information on their website <https://science.nasa.gov/>

AREA	TYPE OF ECLIPSE	ECLIPSE COVERAGE	PARTIAL ECLIPSE BEGINS	TIME OF MAXIMUM COVERAGE
Auvil	Partial	93.14%	2:00 p.m.	3:16:53 p.m.
Benbush	Partial	92.83%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:10 p.m.
Canaan Heights	Partial	92.55%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:15 p.m.
Coketon	Partial	92.77%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:10 p.m.
Cortland	Partial	92.45%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:14 p.m.
Davis	Partial	92.66%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:13 p.m.
Dryfork	Partial	92.27%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:03 p.m.
Elk	Partial	92.46%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:02 p.m.
Gladwin	Partial	92.43%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:01 p.m.
Hambleton	Partial	92.77%	2:00 p.m.	3:16:56 p.m.
Hannahsville	Partial	93.31%	2:00 p.m.	3:16:53 p.m.
Hendricks	Partial	92.73%	2:00 p.m.	3:16:57 p.m.
Hovatter	Partial	93.35%	2:00 p.m.	3:16:53 p.m.
Jenningson	Partial	92.36%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:05 p.m.
Laneville	Partial	92.17%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:11 p.m.
Leadmine	Partial	93.02%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:06 p.m.
Parsons	Partial	92.85%	2:00 p.m.	3:16:53 p.m.
Pierce	Partial	92.86%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:11 p.m.
Pleasant Run	Partial	92.76%	1:59 p.m.	3:16:45 p.m.
Porterwood	Partial	92.80%	1:59 p.m.	3:16:51 p.m.
Red Creek	Partial	92.35%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:05 p.m.
Shafer	Partial	93.07%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:08 p.m.
St. George	Partial	93.08%	2:00 p.m.	3:16:54 p.m.
Thomas	Partial	92.76%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:11 p.m.
William	Partial	92.87%	2:00 p.m.	3:17:13 p.m.

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While the Eclipse will not be at totality in the Tucker County area, the following cities will be the closest to see the Full Solar Eclipse: Columbus, Springfield, Akron, Dayton and Maysville in Ohio or Indianapolis and Bloomington in Indiana.

The following small towns are also in the path of totality for the eclipse: North Vernon, Versailles, Seymour, Scottsburg, Salem, Harrison, and Fairfield in Ohio. Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge in Ohio will also be in the path of totality.

The following is the Eclipse schedule for the Tucker County area:

Hess

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end even after all of this is over," Hess said. "We are still utilizing technology if people are incarcerated in the southern part of the state or far away."

Hess said that the number of cases the courts see is on the rise, mostly due to drug abuse with methamphetamine being the main issue faced by courts. Hess said it is an issue seen across the state. According to Hess, 10 years ago the issue was opioids and following the Opioid Crisis, methamphetamine moved in. Hess also said that fentanyl is beginning to move into the state and is often being laced in other drugs, often without the knowledge of the user which has led to an increase in overdose cases. "Case rates are rising," Hess said. "We obviously have the problem with drugs."

For the courts, Hess said the increase in drugs and lacing of drugs has caused an increase in positive drug tests. With so many users being supplied drugs laced with fentanyl, Hess said the court has seen an increase in positive tests for the drugs, even when the users had no idea they had taken it. "To keep people hooked on it, they

sprinkle some fentanyl in it," Hess said. "So people test positive all the time...Well, you (took fentanyl), you just didn't realize and that is causing increases in the overdose rates."

Hess said that the drug issues seen by the court also relates to many other issues including abuse and neglect. "That also carries over into the abuse and neglect," Hess said. "That atmosphere, it tends to be a lot of the same people. They get strung out on meth, its kind of hard to raise your kids properly and take care of them. That's causes a huge increase."

Hess said he was a combat Infantry veteran with the 82nd Airborne Division, graduated with Honors in the top 10% of his class at the WVU College of Law, was Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Lawrance S. Miller, Jr. from 2012 to 2017 and is currently Chief Public Defender for the 18th Judicial Circuit.

Hess said he grew up in southern West Virginia around Beckley and Summersville, but now lives in Kingwood with his wife and three children.

Tucker County Tourism Thrives in 2023 with Strategic Marketing and Community Investment

Davis, W.Va. — The Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) recently released its annual report, reporting strong results for tourism in 2023. The report highlights significant growth driven by a strategic marketing approach and continued investment in the visitor experience.

The CVB's mission is to enhance the tourism industry in Tucker County. To fulfill that mission, the CVB spends the majority of its budget on advertising. At the end of 2023, the CVB expenditures reflected 74% on advertising, 22% on payroll and 4% on operational expenses. This focus, exceeding industry guidelines, has yielded impressive results. The spring/summer "Take in Tucker" campaign garnered 44 million impressions and 105,000 clicks, while the targeted winter "Ski The Valley" campaign reached over 7 million users and generated 91,000 clicks.

ompared to 2021, total impressions and engagements from spring/summer campaigns increased by 863%, demonstrating a substantial increase in Tucker County's visibility. This success is further amplified by a three-year video series launched in late summer 2023, showcasing Tucker County from the perspective of frequent visitors.

Despite experiencing marginal winter weather, the winter season continues to be a major draw for Tucker County. This trend is expected to continue with phase one of the snowmaking project underway at Canaan Resort, coupled with exciting new activities such as SNO-GO ski bikes introduced in the 2023/2024 winter season. Insights from KeyData show that winter remains the peak season for visitors, with February leading in vacation rental occupancy, followed closely by July.

The CVB actively fosters collaboration through sponsorship opportunities. In 2023, the CVB distributed a total of \$13,275 in marketing sponsorships to 10 different organizations. These organizations host various events throughout the year that help attract

visitors to the area. The organizations that received sponsorship included Cranberry Joe (CV Half Marathon, Moonlight Under the Falls and CV Trail Run), the Sunrise Scramble, the Parsons VFD Triathlon, the Highlands Trail Foundation (Blackwater Canyon Run), the Tucker County Fair, Five River Campground, ArtSpring, Creature (Thomas Artwalks), Mountain State Brewing and the Alpine Festival (Celebration of the Arts and Leaf Peepers).

The CVB also introduced a new tourism sponsorship program. The CVB's first tourism sponsorship partner, the Heart of the Highlands Trail System (HOH), exemplifies the commitment to enhancing the visitor experience. The funds from this sponsorship directly contributed to supporting the HOH Project Coordinator position, which oversees the management of a Federal Lands Access Program grant for the construction of the Headwaters Trail, a three-mile stretch connecting the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Canaan Valley Resort State Park.

To apply for either sponsorship opportunity, contact Jessica Waldo, Executive Director, by email to obtain an application form.

Additionally, the CVB successfully hosted the 2023 West Virginia Governor's Conference on Tourism, reported by the West Virginia Department of Tourism as the best-attended conference to date. The event is renowned for its educational and networking opportunities, catering to individuals at every stage of their tourism careers.

To view the 2023 Annual Report, visit the Tucker County CVB website at gettuckered.com.

About the Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau

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

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. Descisciolo and Jacqueline M. Descisciolo, \$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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Tucker County Chamber Seeks Nominations

Davis, WV. The Tucker County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the 46th Annual Awards Banquet. The categories include but not limited to;

- the Educator of the Year; provide a bio, resume or personal experience why you are nominating this individual. The nominee should be someone in the educational community who has gone the extra mile to educate and prepare our students.

- Student of the Year; provide a resume, academic achievements, and/or community service. This student should be someone that shows leadership qualities and compassion to their community and fellow students.

- Employee of the Year; provide a bio, employment accomplishments, or reason why this employee is deserving of this award. This award is intended for someone who is commitment and dedicated to the business or place of employment as if were their own.

- Business Person of the Year; explain the business or individual success in the tucker county business community or personal experience on why they are deserving. This person should own or operate a business in Tucker County.

- the Community Service Award; provide a bio, resume or personal experience on why you are nominating this individual. The award is intended for an individual that strives to make the county a better place through service to the community.

- Cultural Heritage and Arts; provide a bio, historical preservation or personal experience on why you are nominating this individual or organization. This award is intended to highlight a person or organization within the arts and/or preservation of history.

- Tuckineer; This secret award is for someone who is outstanding in his/her field and goes above and beyond the call of duty to make Tucker County a better place to live, work and own/operate a business through their public service to this community. The term "Tuckineer" is derived from "Tucker" and "Mountaineer".

In years past "special awards" have been given to outstanding citizens or groups. Examples; Travel and Tourism Award, Athlete of the Year, Agriculture Award, Humanitarian and Friend, Outstanding Youth, Good Samaritan, Public Employee of the Year. Consider nominating outside the usual categories.

"Please remember to be as specific as possible when nominating! Explain in detail why you think this person should be recognized." said Jessica Waldo, Chamber Executive Director. "The more details we have helps the secret committee pick a worthy candidate for each category." "They will use these nominations to make their final destination. "

Nominations for these awards are due to the Chamber office no later than the end of business on Friday, April 19th. You can email your nominations to jessica@canaanvalley.org or mailed to Awards Selection Committee, PO Box 565, Davis, WV 26260. Remember to provide as much detail as possible about the nominee and why they deserve this award in your letter.

For the last 46 years, we've celebrated the best of Tucker County and this year is no exception. This banquet is held to recognize the outstanding Tucker Countians, that make Tucker County a better place to live, work and operate a business. Consider nominating someone for each category and encourage your friends. The more individual nominations, the better!

This year's Award Banquet will be held at Canaan Valley Resort State Park on Thursday, May 16th in Bear Paw Lodge. During the banquet, we will recognize the 2024 winners! Award recipients, family and friend are invited. Community members are all welcomed and encouraged to attend. Tickets and tables need to be reserved in advance by contacting the Chamber office at 304-259-5315. Tickets need to be reserved by May 6th!

For more information on the Tucker County Chamber of Commerce's Awards Banquet or membership in the Chamber, contact 304-259-5315 or jessica@canaanvalley.org.

OBITUARIES

Barbara Janet Ridenour



Barbara Janet Ridenour, 85 of Terra Alta, died Monday March 18, 2024, at Ruby Memorial Hospital with family by her side.

The daughter of the late Charles Franklin and Sarah Elizabeth Lipscomb Freeland, she was born March 1, 1939, in Lead Mine, WV.

She was a cook for many different restaurants in her career. She also worked at Hopemont Hospital as a nurse's aide. She enjoyed fishing, bingo, crochet and any kind of puzzles. She was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother.

She is survived by two daughters, Sarah Reckart

tha Hamilton, Stephanie Wilt, and Christopher Ridenour; several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; one sister, Frances J. Powell and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, David A. Ridenour, a daughter, Betsy Digman and a sister, G. Elizabeth Frazee.

To honor Barbara's wishes, the Arthur H. Wright Funeral Home, Terra Alta, has been entrusted with cremation services. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be made at www.arthurwrightfuneralhome.com.

of Terra Alta and Frances Shupp of Thomas; two sons, William Ridenour and Michael Ridenour, both of Terra Alta; nine grandchildren: Victoria, Jamie and Charles Collins, Jessica Edge, Charles and Nicholas Likens, Saman-

Arthur Matthew (Matt) Quattro



Arthur Matthew (Matt) Quattro passed away on Wednesday March 13, 2024. He was the son of the late Arthur (Pap) Quattro and Margaret Bomberger Quattro and brother to Frank (Jan) Quattro, David (Renata) Quattro, and Fred (Nita) Quattro.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years Frances Quattro. He is the father to Steven Quattro (Lisa Quattro), Diana Kingsbury (David Kingsbury) and Christopher (Ashley Lawson Quattro). He is grandfather to Jessica, Rachel and Lucas (Alicia) Quattro and Matthew (Olga) and Timothy Kingsbury.

He is great grandfather to David Matthew Kingsbury.

Matt was born in Thomas, WV. He attended West Virginia University, earning a BS in Civil

Engineering.

His career with Chevron lasted 33 years and took him across the country from New Jersey to Arizona.

He had many other jobs including engineer for Horizon Soil Consulting. He was extremely involved in his church and his community in ways too numerous to list including serving on the Board of Directors of Miners and

Merchants Bank and with the Knights of Columbus.

Matt was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. He will be greatly missed.

A graveside service will be held in July for his immediate family. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to West Virginians for Life, 25 Canyon Road, Morgantown, WV 26508 or the Knights of Columbus, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, P.O. Box 300, Thomas, WV 26292.

Smith Funeral & Cremation Care and SFCC Crematory of Westover / Morgantown are providing care and guidance to the Quattro family. Messages of comfort and other symbolic gestures may be offered to the family at www.smithfcc.com.

Eastern Agriculture Innovation and Mountainview Veterinary Services Host Successful Cattlemen's Evening

Fisher, W.Va. – Over 100 agricultural enthusiasts and professionals gathered at the Misty Mountain Event Barn for the highly anticipated Cattlemen's Evening, hosted by Eastern WVCTC Agriculture Innovation in collaboration with Mountainview Veterinary Services. The event, which ran from 5:30 to 8 pm, provided an insightful exploration into critical aspects of the industry and featured distinguished speakers from the agriculture industry.

Among the highlights of the evening was the compelling presentation by speaker Michele Payn, who addressed the pressing issue of stress management within the agriculture industry. With her expertise and engaging delivery, Payn offered invaluable strategies and insights on navigating the challenges and pressures inherent in agricultural work.

Duane Bishoff, Livestock Services Supervisor for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, emphasized the importance of Payn's message, stating, "I hope and pray that folks in that meeting on March

6 paid attention... Don't be too proud to admit that stress will wear you down. Don't be ashamed to ask for help." Ms. Payn's presentation would not be possible without the wavering support of the Farm Credit Charitable Contributions Fund. The award to Eastern is to help support agriculture businesses reduce stress and be mindful of their mental health care.

In addition to Michele Payn's impactful session, attendees heard from Corbitt Wall of National Beef Wire presenting the 'Packer's Playbook,' offering a comprehensive look into the dynamics of the beef industry.

Dr. Megan Webb, Dean of Advancement & Innovation at Eastern WVCTC, reflected on the event's significance, noting, "Agricultural sustainability isn't just about land stewardship, but taking care of the stewards of the land." The success of the Cattlemen's Evening was made possible through the generous support of partners and sponsors including Farm Credit, Boehringer Ingelheim, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, WVU Extension, WVU Farms, and the WV Beef Council and Cattlemen's Association. Additionally, the organizers extend heartfelt gratitude to Meadowbrook Farm BBQ for providing a delicious dinner halfway through the event, fostering network-

ing and camaraderie among attendees. "As a young farmer, it's great to see so many producers and organizations within the state come together for a great evening," said Sloan Williams, AGEE PHP Coordinator at Eastern, "The future of Agriculture is bright."

With an enlightening program and a shared commitment to the well-being of agricultural professionals, the Cattlemen's Evening served as a testament to the strength and resilience of West Virginia organizations working together to support farming sustainability. As participants departed with newfound knowledge and inspiration, we hope the event left a positive and lasting impact on many who attended. Please feel free to follow Eastern Agriculture Innovation for upcoming educational opportunities on social media. The next agricultural sustainability program will feature Ms. Amanda Radke and will be held on September 7 at the WVU Reymann Memorial Farm.

About Eastern Ag Innovation Eastern Ag Innovation is part of Eastern's Workforce Education Department and provides a range of agricultural workforce development, education, and training opportunities in the Potomac Highlands. To learn more about Eastern Ag Innovation, visit <https://easternwv.edu/ag-innovation>.

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Thank You

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who has kept me in their prayers, called, visited, sent cards and food, and shown so much kindness and concern during my illness.

Thank you to the church groups who have sent cards, and to a special church in my community for sending cards and frequently inquiring about me. Thank you to those who remembered me and Lee on our 60th wedding anniversary in February!

I extend a special thank you to my granddaughter, Kelly, and her husband, Bill, for the excellent care this winter in Morgantown. I am praying with spring's arrival to come home soon.

Linda Falls and family

THANK YOU

The family of Ariene Bodkins Bunnell Deets would like to express our appreciation for all prayers, calls, messages, food and flowers during this difficult time.

We extend a special thanks to the St. George Church of God for the wonderful meal after the service and to Rev. Carolyn Shreve and Rev. Todd Rhoades for the wonderful service and to Nick and Anita Barb for your loving care. Also we would like to extend a very special thank you to the pallbearers.

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of four Vance men who worked in the lumber industry. They are (left to right) Frank Vance, Snowden Vance, Arnold Vance, Mason "Doc" Vance. They worked in various sawmills. It is reported that in the 1950's they worked for Preston Hardwoods. It is also said that Snowden sawed the last log at the Horton Mill. One person reported that Frank worked at a mill belonging to Jed Mullennex. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

Mountaineer Garden Club Raises Funds for Local 4-H Camp



The Mountaineer Garden Club's Hello Spring is now on display in the lobby at MVB until March 29th. Stop in and vote for your favorite. This annual display raises funds to send local children to 4-H camp each year. MGC meets monthly the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Five Rivers Library. New members are welcome to attend.

Future Site of Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry Announced



Food Pantry volunteers surround Father Smay (left of banner) and Pastor Ruth Bullwinkle (right) on property designated as the future site of the food distribution center.

The Blackwater Ministerial Association (BMA) Board is pleased to announce the future site of the BMA Food Pantry. Once funding is secured, the building will be constructed on a parcel of leased property adjacent to Mt. Calvary Cemetery on the corner of Second Street and Quail Ridge Road, Thomas.

Over the past several months, members of the BMA Construction Committee led by Chairman Tom Kucer, met with the Mt. Calvary Cemetery Committee and Father Martin Smay of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church to discuss the possibility of leasing a parcel of property. The Cemetery Committee forwarded a request to Bishop Mark Brennan of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston asking that he lease a quarter of an acre from an unused portion of the cemetery property to the Food Pantry. The Diocese was satisfied with the amount of space available at the Cemetery and a lease agreement was prepared. "We're happy that the Bishop saw the value that the food pantry provides for the community. The Catholic Church has always been involved with feeding those in need so we were not surprised when Bishop Brennan agreed to do the lease", stated Father Smay. On September 20, 2023 the lease agreement was presented and approved by the BMA Board of Directors.

The Blackwater Food Pantry is currently housed in the basement of St. John's Lutheran Church in Davis but will need to vacate the space soon due to foundation work.

Construction costs are anticipated to be about \$200,000. Grant funding and donations are being sought to support construction costs. Pastor Ruth Bullwinkle, President of the BMA Board of Directors, who will oversee the fundraising drive stated, "As the outreach of the ministerial association has grown over the years so has the support from our community and friends. I believe that bodes well for our fundraising drive".

The BMA web site is in development. Please LIKE and FOLLOW the Blackwater Ministerial Association Facebook page to keep updated on food distribution times and other important news.

The collection and monthly distribution of food by the Food Pantry is provided by a dedicated team of twenty-five (plus) volunteers. In 2023, BMA delivered over sixty thousand pounds of food to people in need. More than eighty families utilize the Food Pantry.

We welcome your input and support to further our mission of "providing food and other community services to those in need". The Blackwater Ministerial mailing address is PO Box 103, Davis, WV 26260.

First Lady Cathy, Gov. Jim Justice welcome newest Friends With Paws therapy dog, Pixie, to Lewisburg Elementary School



LEWISBURG, WV — First Lady Cathy and Gov. Jim Justice visited Lewisburg Elementary School today for an assembly to celebrate the arrival of the state's next therapy dog through the Friends With Paws program.

The dog introduced at today's event is named Pixie, and she is an Apricot-colored Labradoodle.

"I am so excited to see Pixie put her excellent skills to work here at Lewisburg Elementary," First Lady Justice said. "The Friends With Paws therapy dogs don't fall short when it comes to benefiting our children's social and emotional well-being. Pixie will fit in just fine here at her new home."

The Friends With Paws program places certified therapy dogs in schools across the state, providing companionship and comfort for students in need of a boost. Since February 2024, a total of 22 Friends With Paws therapy dogs, including Pixie, have been placed throughout the state.

Therapy dogs are specially trained to comfort and support people in various tense environments. They can help people feel at ease, improve their mood, relieve anxiety, and remove social barriers.

These dogs are highly trained and certified to show their ability to work in stressful environments, ignore distractions, and provide therapy to people with diverse backgrounds and circumstances.

Following today's assembly, students and staff had the chance to greet Pixie.

"We are extremely excited to have Pixie join our school family. She will be an outlet for our students and provide additional support to our most vulnerable students," Lewisburg Elementary School Principal Sara Bennett said. "Therapy dogs are the embodiment of pure empathy."

The Friends With Paws program is a partnership between the Governor's Office, West Virginia Communities In Schools (CIS) Nonprofit, and the West Virginia Department of Education. 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 the 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.

"On behalf of Lewisburg Elementary School students, teachers, staff, parents and Greenbrier County Schools Board of Education, we are ecstatic with joy and grateful hearts with the arrival of Pixie who will be serving LES as their therapy dog," Greenbrier County Schools Superintendent Jeff Bryant said. "It is a proven fact that therapy dogs have a significant positive impact on students and staff by increasing student and staff attendance, improvement in student achievement, creating a school climate where students experience a sincere sense of a calm, care, and safety. The love that therapy dogs give unconditionally provides students with a positive self-image and inspired self-esteem. The Lewisburg Elementary School

Family comprised of students, teachers, staff, parents, caregivers, and community share their love and appreciation to our Honorable Governor Jim Justice and our gracious and loving First lady Cathy Justice for blessing the school with their very own therapy dog "Pixie" who will win the hearts of everyone and become an immediate beloved member of the Lewisburg Elementary School Family!"

Schools that previously received therapy dogs through the Friends With Paws program include:

- Coal, a male Black Labrador, at Welch Elementary, McDowell County
 - Foster, a male Golden Labradoodle, at Buckhannon Academy Elementary, Upshur County
 - Jasper, a female Yellow Labrador, at Lewis County High School, Lewis County
 - River, a male Yellow Labrador, at Pineville Elementary School, Wyoming County
 - Shadow, a male Black Labrador, at Moorefield Elementary School, Hardy County
 - Jet, a male Yellow Labrador, at Spring Mills High School, Berkeley County
 - Kylo, a male Black Labrador, at Lenore PK-8 School, Mingo County
 - Winnie, a female Apricot and White Labradoodle, at Wayne Elementary School, Wayne County
 - Kasha, a female Yellow Labrador, at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, Pocahontas County
 - Marshal, a male Cream Labradoodle, at Hinton Area Elementary School, Summers County
 - Louie, a male Yellow Labrador, at Bridgeview Elementary School, Kanawha County
 - Oakley, a male Apricot and Cream Labradoodle, at Oakvale Elementary School, Mercer County
 - Ruby, a female Golden Retriever, at Greenbrier East High School, Greenbrier County
 - Malfo, a male Yellow Labrador, at Chapmanville Intermediate School, Logan County
 - Tora, a female Yellow Labrador, at Elkins High School, Randolph County
 - Skye, a female Brown Labradoodle, at Berkeley Springs High School, Morgan County
 - Penny, a female Yellow Labrador, at Pendleton County Middle/High School, Pendleton County
 - Nutter, a male Brown Labrador, at Ravenswood High School, Jackson County
 - Meadow, a female Yellow Labrador, at Washington Lands Elementary School, Marshall County
 - Clara, a female Golden Retriever, at Brooke Middle School, Brooke County
 - Parker, a male Golden Retriever, at Wheeling Park High School, Ohio County
- More information about Friends With Paws can be found in Communities In Schools: Friends With Paws, a documentary produced by West Virginia Public Broadcasting. Click [HERE](#) to view the documentary.

Humanities Council Adds New Committee Members

Charleston – Two new citizen members have been elected to the West Virginia Humanities Council's program committee. The Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities.

The newly elected citizen members are Elizabeth Satterfield, Curator and Director of

Education at Arthurdale Heritage in Preston County, and Alexandra Schneider, Director of Brooke County Public Libraries. Current members Amanda Chapman and Rachael Meads were reelected to second terms.

Both new members will serve a three-year term, from June 1, 2024, to June 1, 2027. The Humanities Council budgets more than \$800,000 for grants

and programs each year. The program committee recommends funding decisions to the Humanities Council board of directors. The 22-member committee includes 11 members drawn from the Council board and 11 citizen members who represent the public.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council and its programs visit www.wvhumanities.org or call (304) 346-8500.

The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit institution, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). With the support of the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and contributions from the private sector, the Council's mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.

What's? Happening

CPR Class

The Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department is going to have a Community CPR Class beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 6. The cost is \$20 with an additional \$5 if you want an extra pocket mask.

Children's Easter Program

The Hendricks Free Methodist Church will have a Children's Church Program at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27 titled Jesus is Alive, refreshments will follow. On Friday, March 29 there will be a Good Friday service at noon.

Sunrise Service

On Sunday, March 31 The Hendricks Free Methodist Church will have Sunrise Services at 6 a.m. with breakfast after. The Easter Service will begin at 10 a.m.

Food Handler's Class

There will be a food handler's class at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17 at the Mt. Grove Community Building. If this is work related there will be a \$10 charge. If you are a volunteer the class is free.



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.

March 27, 1826: Laura Jackson Arnold, the younger sister of "Stonewall" Jackson, was born in Clarksburg. During the Civil War, she was a staunch Unionist and opened her home to care for sick and injured troops.

March 27, 1917: Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. Vance was instrumental in negotiating the Camp David Accord and the Panama Canal Treaty.

March 28, 1870: State officials, with state records and property, boarded a steamboat called Mountain Boy, one of six steamboats that moved West Virginia's capital from Wheeling to Charleston.

March 28, 1941: Musician Charlie McCoy was born in Oak Hill. One of the most significant harmonica players in country music, his work can also be heard on rock 'n' roll albums, including several of Bob Dylan's. He was the musical director for the TV program Hee Haw.

March 29, 1858: Clay County was created from parts of Nicholas and Braxton counties and named for Henry Clay, the U.S. senator from Kentucky.

March 30, 1837: The Virginia legislature granted a charter to establish a private academy at West Liberty in Ohio County. The first class of 65 students met in the home of the Rev. Nathan Shotwell in 1838. That school is now West Liberty State University.



March 29, 1834: Henry Mason Mathews, the fifth governor of West Virginia, was born at Frankford, Greenbrier County. There were strikes and riots during much of his administration, including the national railroad strike of 1877, which began at Martinsburg.

March 30, 1926: Actor, singer and game show host Peter Marshall was born Ralph Pierre LaCock in Clarksburg. His career includes Broadway, television and more than 5,000 episodes as host of The Hollywood Squares.

April 1, 1884: Nurse Florence Aby Blanchfield was born in Shepherdstown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, oversaw expansion of the corps from 1,000 to 57,000 during World War II, and became the first woman to hold a permanent commission in the regular army.

April 1, 1934: A sales tax went into effect in West Virginia for the first time. The two-percent tax helped fill the revenue void caused by the drop in property values during the Great Depression.

April 2, 1900: Marlinton, the county seat of Pocahontas County, was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the site of the first European-American settlement in the Greenbrier Valley.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

Gas prices are through the roof again, just in our area in a 12 hour period the price jumped from \$2.94 a gallon to \$3.29. I don't know about you but that is just crazy. I might be a skeptic but I believe this all has to do with it being an election year. We are going to see the price of everything fluctuate greatly in the next year.

I absolutely detest election years you just can't get away from it. If they would put all the money they waste in mailing out flyers to a good use maybe it wouldn't be so bad. All the trash talk about each other on TV and the negativity of everything is just so off putting to me.

I think I make up my mind about one candidate then another comes on the air and spouts so much bad stuff you don't know who to

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



believe. *Momma Said*, "Only one being was born without sin and I am sure the politicians would dig up something bad to say even about Him."

I am sure everyone has done something in their life they are not proud of but the past is the past. It is what you do today that counts for something. Just live up to the things you say you are going to do and that is the legacy to live by, not something you did when you were a teenager. *Momma Said*, "The past is the past you can't change it so just move onward and upward to a better life."

ALMOND JOY COOKIES

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup almonds, chopped
- 1 14 oz. bag sweetened coconut flakes
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/8 tsp. salt, omit if using salted almonds
- 1 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper. Set Aside.
2. Rough chop whole almonds then measure out 2/3 cup.

3. In a large mixing bowl combine the chopped almonds, coconut, chocolate chips, salt (omit if using salted almonds) and sweetened condensed milk. Stir with a spatula until combined.

4. Use a 2 tablespoon cookie scoop and scoop balls onto the baking sheet. If you need to reshape the cookies to make perfect rounds, wet your fingers with water and lightly press to reshape. Flatten the tops slightly.

5. Bake for 10-14 minutes or until the edges begin to turn golden brown. Allow the cookies to cool on the baking before transferring to a container.

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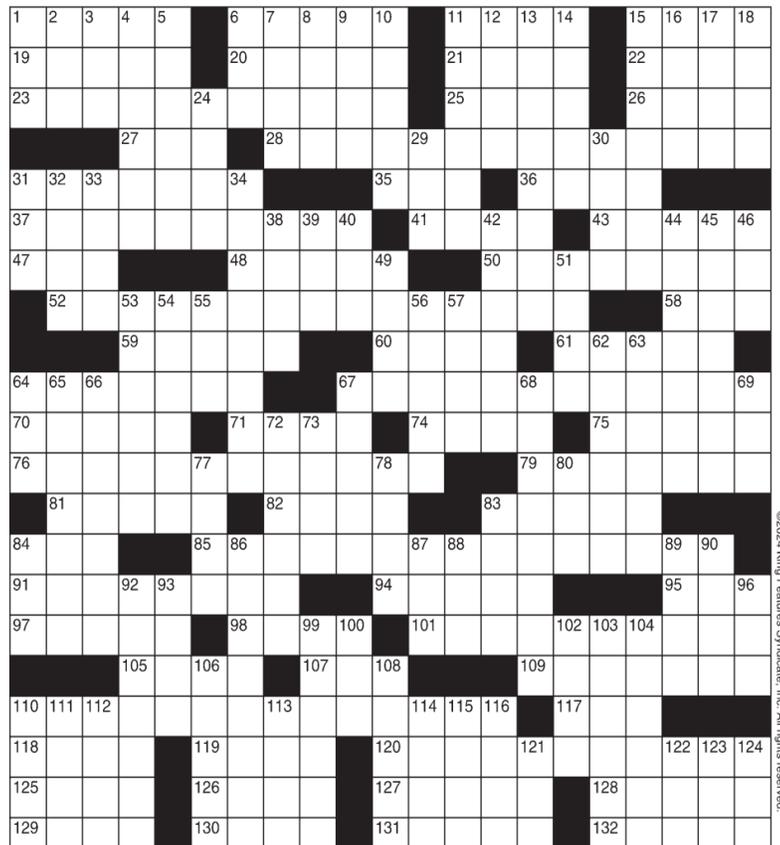
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ACROSS

- 1 Wearing nightclothes, for short
- 6 Meanie's look
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- 15 Eyelid hair
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- 20 Ancient Greek region
- 21 Empty spaces
- 22 World's fair
- 23 Illegal
- 25 Columbus is its capital
- 26 British actor Guinness
- 27 "Mind your—business!"
- 28 High, round collar not folding over on itself
- 31 Without any variety
- 35 Ingest
- 36 Boston NBAer, for short
- 37 Paint job made to look like marble, wood, etc.
- 41 New Nintendo console of 2012
- 43 Big antlered beast
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- 48 Thin porridge
- 50 Saw against the main grain, as wood
- 52 Bit of money seized by a Secret Service agent
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- 61 J. — Hoover
- 64 Like overdue birthday wishes
- 67 Bill & Ted went on one in a 1991 film
- 70 Wombs
- 71 Bible book after Prov.
- 74 Q-V linkup
- 75 "Spider-Man" director Sam
- 76 Wedlock not based on love
- 79 Cheer up
- 81 Burros, e.g.
- 82 — occasion (never)
- 83 Paris' river
- 84 Toronto-to-Montreal dir.
- 85 Prada or Fendi replica, maybe
- 91 "Beloved" novelist Toni
- 94 Buc, Bronco or Niner
- 95 Beatty of film
- 97 Cindy Brady player Susan
- 98 Former jets to the U.K.
- 101 Bit of non-needed body art
- 105 Sour plum
- 107 Stage star Hagen
- 109 Title for Kate Middleton
- 110 Component of a coated glass-bead bracelet, perhaps
- 117 Even score
- 118 Forum attire
- 119 In the past
- 120 Apt cry of disbelief for this puzzle
- 125 Coagulate
- 126 Rebuke from Caesar
- 127 Like a dweeb
- 128 About, before a date
- 129 At this place
- 130 Lather (up)
- 131 Gather up
- 132 Hoodwinked

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- 2 Teacher's union, in brief
- 3 Old TV ministry inits.
- 4 2002 "Friday the 13th" sequel
- 5 Whole lotta
- 6 Knightly title
- 7 Bulblike base of a stem
- 8 — cat (two-base game)
- 9 Neighbor of Minn. and Ill.
- 10 Jewish potato pancake
- 11 Relative of a guinea pig
- 12 Lion portrayer Bert
- 13 Feature of Betty Boop's hair
- 14 "— Mio"
- 15 Crude sheds
- 16 Car shaft
- 17 Project detail, for short
- 18 Sell at a pawnshop
- 24 Opponent
- 29 "I taut I — a pudgy tat!"
- 30 Shade trees
- 31 Flip — coin
- 32 DEA worker
- 33 Irish money
- 34 Bring about
- 38 Some flawed garments: Abbr.
- 39 Add-on to the end of a wd.
- 40 Bit of a bray
- 42 Most polar genre
- 44 Sea nymph
- 45 Sovereign
- 46 Letter two before iota
- 49 VIP vehicle
- 51 Margarine
- 53 Deprives of weapons
- 54 "Sorry, too busy"
- 55 Bodily digit
- 56 Big striped cat, in French
- 57 A/C output qty.
- 62 Landscape painter Asher Brown —
- 63 Like low-quality eggs
- 64 City transport
- 65 Alcohol in liquor
- 66 Landlords or landladies
- 67 Empty
- 68 Having protruding hearing organs
- 69 Yang go-with
- 72 Sings gently
- 73 U.S. pres., militarily
- 77 Inquires
- 78 "Continue"
- 80 Architect Maya
- 83 Chiang Kai —
- 84 Broody rock genre
- 86 Investigate pryingly
- 87 Very loudly, in music
- 88 Miami loc.
- 89 Stud money
- 90 Old Storms and Trackers
- 92 Paraphrase
- 93 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.
- 96 Two, in Chile
- 99 Maintenance job on a car
- 100 Indy sponsor
- 102 Ballet outfit
- 103 Something very easy
- 104 Vegas casino
- 106 Some Siouan speakers
- 108 MetLife rival
- 110 Concern for a dermatologist
- 111 Concern for a dermatologist
- 112 Horror film lab assistant
- 113 Twice tetra-
- 114 "Psst" cousin
- 115 — avis
- 116 Some old Fords
- 121 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.
- 122 Hosp. zones
- 123 Ideal serve
- 124 Young fella



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Weather Totals

March 12 - March 19

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 75° F
Min 25° F

Precipitation

Week 0.36"
February 2.23"
2024 11.65"

Snowfall

New Snow 0"
Snow on ground 0"
Winter Total 28.75"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Applications will be accepted until a qualified pool of candidates is established, or the position is filled, but preference will be given to complete applications received by 4:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, March 29, 2024. Those who do not apply by this date may or may not be considered.

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SPORTS



Tucker County Athletes signed Letters of Intent on March 21st(L-R): Brylee Wetzel, Addie Hicks, Katie Hicks, Ericka Zirk, Gavin Mullenax. Photo by Dave Helmick.

Five Tucker County Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

HAMBLETON – On Thursday March 21st five Tucker County Athletes took part in signing ceremonies at the TCHS gym. These Letters of Intent were agreements to continue their athletic career at the next level.

The first athletes to sign were sisters Katie and Addie Hicks. The twin sisters have had great athletic careers at TCHS in multiple sports for their four high school years. They both put pen to paper for their commitment to Glenville State University. Addie Hicks will

continue her career as a member of the Lady Pioneers Softball team. Katie Hicks will continue her athletic career as a member of the Cross Country and Track teams at Glenville State. Katie and Addie were also key contributors of the Tucker County Girls' Basketball team during their high school careers.

Brylee Wetzel was the next athlete to sign as Wetzel committed to play Basketball at Potomac State College next season. Wetzel was also a key member of the TCHS Girls' Basketball team the last four years. Brylee was also a member of the Tucker County Cheer squad during her high school career.

The next athlete to sign was football player Gavin

Mullenax. Gavin was a member of the Mt. Lions Football team the last four years and helped TCHS to Playoff Semi-Final appearance this past season.

The last athlete of the afternoon to sign was Ericka Zirk. Ericka signed a Letter of Intent to attend Potomac State College as a member of the Basketball team. Zirk was also a member of the Lady Mt. Lions Basketball team the last four years. Ericka was also a key member for the Tucker County Girls' team who made a Semi-Final appearance this season and finished as State Runner-Up last season. Congrats to all five athletes for this great accomplishment. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker Softball Team Falls at Keyser and Gilmer County

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

KEYSER – The Lady Mt. Lions Softball started the season with a road contest at Keyser on Wednesday March 20th. Tucker County fell in the game by the final score of 12-2. Keyser scored 2 runs in the 1st inning, 5 runs in the 2nd inning and 2 runs in the 3rd inning to make the score 9-1 after 3 innings. The Lady Mt. Lions scored 1 run in the 4th inning, but Keyser answered with 3 runs in the bottom of the 4th inning to end the game at 12-2 due to the mercy rule. Rachel Felton, Brianna Gooden and Makenna Evans collected 1 hit each for the Lady Mt. Lions in the loss. Ava Shaffer took the loss as pitcher. Brianna Gooden and Peyton Hicks also seen time on the hill for Tucker County.

GLENVILLE – The Tucker County Softball team traveled to Gilmer County on Friday March 22nd. The Lady Mt. Lions fell in a close contest by the score of 10-9. Tucker County got on the scoreboard first with a sacrifice fly by Katie Hicks to score 1 run in the 1st inning. The Lady Mt. Lions then scored 2 runs in 2nd inning when Addie Hicks hit a triple and Rachel Felton followed with a single. Gilmer County then answered back in the bottom of the 2nd with a 6 run inning to

make the score 6-3 Lady Titans after 2 innings. Tucker County got 1 run in the 3rd inning on a double by Makenna Evans to put the score to 6-4 Gilmer County. The homestanding Lady Titans then added 3 runs in the 5th inning to push their lead to 9-4. The Lady Mt. Lions then rallied with 2 runs by a double by Brianna Gooden. The in the 6th inning Tucker County scored 3 runs in the 7th inning after a Felton triple and an Ava Shaffer double to tie the game at 9-9 at the bottom of the 7th. Gilmer County then scored the game winning run in the bottom of the 7th inning after a passed ball by the Lady Mt. Lions. This gave the Lady Titans the win by the score of 10-9.

Addie and Katie Hicks led Tucker County with 3 hits each. Rachel Felton and Makenna Evans added 2 hits each for the Lady Mt. Lions, while Ava Shaffer, Brianna Gooden and Peyton Hicks had 1 hit each for Tucker County in the loss. Peyton Hicks took the loss on the mound and Ava Shaffer came into the game in relief for the Lady Mt. Lions.

Tucker County will return to action today Wednesday March 27th at home against Southern at 5:30pm. The Lady Mt. Lions will then travel to East Hardy on Friday March 29th at 5pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.



Lady Mt. Lions player Addie Hicks in the game at Gilmer County on Mar. 22nd. Tucker County fell in the contest 10-9. Photo by Gracie Rapp.

Boys' Basketball All-PVC Conference Team Announced

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

The PVC Conference announced the Boys' Basketball Division 2 All-PVC on Wednesday March 20th.

Members are as follows:

First Team:

Trevon Bonner(Tucker Co),
Ethan Rosenau(Tucker Co),
Kaleb Kuhn(Petersburg),
Ronny Griest(Moorefield),

Josiah Kimble(Pendleton Co),
Chase Owens(Pendleton Co).

Second Team:
Ashton Lycliter(Tucker Co),
Owen Knotts(Tucker Co),
Peyton Tingler(Petersburg),
Brad Williamson(Moorefield),
Dillon Dunz(Pocahontas Co).
PVC Division 2, Coach of the Year:
Daniel Helmick, Tucker County
For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker Grils' Basketball Honored on All-State List

By Chris George
TuckerCountySports.Com

The West Virginia Sports Writers Association announced the Annual Class "A" All-State List on Tuesday March 19th. Tucker County placed three players on the

All-State List. Senior, Macy Helmick was honored as a 1st team selection. Junior, Raven Matthews was selected as the captain of the 2nd team. Lady Mt. Lions Senior, Ericka Zirk was an All-State Honorable Mention selection. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Registration for the 17th Annual Run For It Race Kicks Off on April 1st!

The Tucker Community Foundation is excited to announce the launch of its yearly Run For It campaign on Monday, April 1, 2024. The campaign will conclude with a 2k walk and a 5k walk/run on September 28, 2024, in Davis, WV, in conjunction with the annual Leaf Peppers Festival. Participants and teams can register for the race starting April 1, 2024.

To register, individuals and teams can easily sign up online by visiting runsignup.com/Race/WV/Davis/RunForIt or completing the Individual and Team Registration Forms on the Foundation's website at tuckerfoundation.net/run. We strongly encourage all participants to register online to simplify the registration process. Team registration for in-person and virtual races ends on August 31, 2024, and individual registration for in-person and virtual races ends on September 21, 2024.

Run For It is more than just a race; it is a fundraising opportunity that supports a wide range of causes that make a positive difference in the communities we serve. The program has generated over \$2.8 million for non-profit and charitable organizations in Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker Counties in West Virginia and Garrett County, Maryland. The causes supported include the arts, animal welfare, challenged athletes, charities, churches, civic organizations, community improvement projects, cultural organizations, educational activities, emergency services, environmental causes, historic preservation, hospital and medical programs, libraries and literacy programs, parks and recreation, senior citizen programs, Tucker Community Foundation operations, and youth organizations.

According to Angie Pase, Development Direc-

tor for the Tucker Community Foundation, "Non-profit and charitable organizations in our region often struggle with limited resources, but Run For It encourages these organizations to use their resources to gain critical operational support. The program has been immensely successful, and it also serves as a great networking opportunity that has brought together various agencies, programs, projects, and people to promote a healthy lifestyle and regional philanthropy. We strongly encourage every non-profit or charitable organization in our service region to participate in this one-of-a-kind fundraising opportunity."

Tucker Community Foundation
Over the past 16 years, Run For It has positively impacted the local economy by attracting serious racers and families to the area and supporting local businesses. In 2023, the event attracted 1,389 walkers and runners and raised approximately \$287,595. These funds helped 79 non-profit organizations and groups in the Potomac Highlands and beyond!

To learn more about Run For It, please visit runsignup.com/Race/WV/Davis/RunForIt or tuckerfoundation.net/run. You can also contact the Foundation by email at runforit@tuckerfoundation.net or by phone at (304) 478-2930.

About the Tucker Community Foundation:
The Tucker Community Foundation operates in eight counties—Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker counties in West Virginia and Garrett County, Maryland. Inspired by the 1985 flood, the Foundation's mission is to create opportunities for the communities it serves. For more information on the Foundation, please call the office at 304-478-2930 or visit www.tuckerfoundation.net.

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Preston-Taylor Community Health Centers, Inc. Welcomes Dr. Sherry Swartz (Knotts), OD to Expand Optometry Services in Taylor County, West Virginia



Grafton, WV (March 18, 2024) - Preston-Taylor Community Health Centers, Inc. (PTCHC) is pleased to announce the recent merger with Complete Eye Care, as the organization takes over management of the practice and welcomes Dr. Sherry Swartz (Knotts), OD to its highly skilled team of healthcare professionals. Dr. Swartz will be instrumental in the medical provider's expansion of optometry services within Taylor County.

Dr. Swartz brings with her nearly twenty-five years of experience and expertise in optometry. The Taylor County native is a graduate with honors from Ohio State University's College of Optometry, where she earned a Doctorate of Optometry (OD). She has served the community's eye care needs since the opening of her practice in 2002.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Swartz to our Preston-Taylor team," said June Griffith, Chief Executive Officer at PTCHC. "Her passion for optometry and devotion to community-centered healthcare are in line with our mission to provide comprehensive healthcare services to the residents of Preston, Taylor, Tucker, and Grant Counties."

Services will continue to be delivered at Complete Eye

Care's current location of 216 Lincoln Street in Grafton, West Virginia, with the same helpful, knowledgeable, and friendly staff. Dr. Swartz and her staff will focus on delivering optical exams, diagnosing, and treating eye conditions, prescribing corrective lenses as needed, and much more.

"It is an honor to join the team at Preston-Taylor Community Health Centers, Inc.," said Dr. Sherry Swartz. "This merger will allow myself and my staff to continue providing comprehensive and affordable eye care services to our rural health community of Taylor County. We are eager to welcome patients old and new."

Dr. Swartz's practice will continue to accept and bill the same insurances that their patients are accustomed to providing. The merger with Preston-Taylor Community Health Centers Inc. will now allow the practice to offer a sliding fee program for qualified patients, helping to ease the financial costs of services.

"This is a very exciting time for our office and will allow us to position ourselves for the future," Dr. Swartz stated, "Our hope is to add another optometrist, specializing in Pediatrics, and to promote good ocular health and vision in

our young patients because healthy school learning comes from healthy clear vision."

For questions or concerns regarding this merger, please reach out to the office of Dr. Swartz at 304-265-1851 or 304-265-2020. To learn more about Preston-Taylor Community Health Centers, visit <https://www.ptchc.com/>.

About Preston-Taylor Community Health Centers, Inc. Preston-Taylor Community Health Centers is a federally qualified health center (FQHC). The organization provides comprehensive health care services to citizens of northern West Virginia with insurance, Medicare and/or Medicaid, and for those who are uninsured, regardless of income level.

The provider operates 10 health centers, including dental offices and pharmacies. The Preston-Taylor staff is made up of highly competent health care professional teams, who offer a variety of services including Behavioral Health, Dental, and Lab Tests. Preston-Taylor Community Health Centers, Inc has been dedicated to serving the communities since 1976. Learn More About the Preston-Taylor Community Health Center, Inc.

United Way Offers Free Filing Services as Tax Deadline Approaches

Free preparation and filing appointments still available

The Tygart Valley United Way offers the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which provides tax preparation services at locations in Marion, Taylor, Randolph, Barbour, and Tucker Counties.

"Tax season is a source of confusion and stress for most Americans," said Brett White, Chief Executive Officer. "Many are worried they'll make a mistake, won't get their full refund or will pay too much. With VITA and MyFreeTaxes, filers can get support from IRS-certified volunteers and cut down the time it takes to complete their returns."

On average, American taxpayers spend \$250 or more on tax preparation fees. VITA is crucial to individuals with fixed incomes, people with disabilities, and those who are struggling to make ends meet. VITA allows filers to maximize their refunds through tax credits and avoid preparation and filing fees.

To be eligible for the program, taxpayers

must have a simple tax return and a general household income of \$79,000 or less. If you prefer to prepare your own return, MyFreeTaxes.com is a safe, easy, and secure way to file your return completely free.

VITA appointments are available at the following locations through April 15th.

Fairmont: United Way Office- 221 Washington Street

Fairmont: Pierpont Community & Technical College- 500 Galliher Drive

Elkins: United Way Office- Wood Tech Center- 10 11th Street

Philippi: Barbour Community Garden Market- 107 South Main Street

Parsons: Five Rivers Public Library- 301 Walnut Street

Grafton: Taylor County Senior Center- 52 Trap Springs Road

To see if you qualify and schedule an appointment, call 304-366-4550. For more information, visit tvunitedway.org/taxes.

West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History to Begin Accepting Entries for its Annual Juried Quilt Exhibition, March 18

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) will begin accepting entries for the 2024 West Virginia Quilts and Wall Hangings Juried Exhibition on Monday, March 18 until Wednesday, April 24, at 4 p.m.

This is the 43rd year for the exhibition which will open Friday, May 24, with an awards ceremony at the annual Vandalia Gathering at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex. The free summer-long exhibition will be displayed through Sept. 9, 2024.

Quilts and wall hangings can be mailed, or hand delivered to Chuck Ocheltree, museum operations manager for the department, at the Culture Center.

Quilts and wall hangings, handmade or machine made, by West Virginia residents are eligible for the exhibition. Special consideration will be given to hand-quilted entries. Entrants may submit one quilt and one wall

hanging. There is a nonrefundable fee of \$20 per entry. Quilts and wall hangings shown previously in a Department of Arts, Culture and History Quilts and Wall Hangings juried exhibition are not eligible.

A quilting workshop will be held on May 3 by Kathryn Zimmerman, NACJQ Certified Quilt Judge, titled "Swoon Quilt Workshop West Virginia." Participants will use old and new piecing techniques to create a perfect 24-inch block of the popular Swoon quilt pattern. Swoon patterns must be purchased. There are limited spaces available, and an RSVP is required.

The prospectus and entry information for the 2024 Quilts and Wall Hangings Juried Exhibition can be found at <https://bit.ly/3T6QZpy>.

For more information about the exhibit, workshop, or to request a printed prospectus, contact Ocheltree at (304) 558-0220 or Charles.C.Ocheltree@wv.gov.

Gov. Justice declares State of Emergency in Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, and Pendleton counties



CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Justice has declared a State of Emergency for the counties of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, and Pendleton coun-

ties today due to extensive forest fires in those counties. The declaration is a proactive measure ensuring the allocation of necessary resources and expedite emergency response efforts.

The State of Emergency allows State and Local agencies to take swift and decisive actions to mitigate the impact of the fires and protect the lives and property of West Virginians in those areas.

Residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and have various ways to receive emergency alerts. Monitor official emergency management and local media accounts for updates. Follow all

instructions received from emergency officials. If you are told to evacuate, do so immediately.

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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 wwwuoasecretary@gmail.com

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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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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 07, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
008 2024890001	R089-GRDRL-24 00		GUARDRAIL D9 2025 REM GUARDRAIL District Wide Guardrail and Fence Installation and Repair COUNTY:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferral, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Samuel Bruce Owens	Cindy Lou Duckworth
1st publication 3/27/24	10 Woodstone Lane
2nd publication 4/3/24	Parsons, WV 26287
Wilda M. Strahin	Richard O. Kaiser
1st publication 3/27/24	5905 Seneca Trail
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
DAVID B. BENNETT and
BEVERLY G. BENNETT
Plaintiffs,

v.
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.
Defendants.

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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007	2023420022	S342-ALL/EG-2.00	NRT-2023(303)D	ASPHALT PAVING ALLEGHENY HIGHLANDS TRAIL PHASE II Rail Trail COUNTY: TUCKER

DBE GOAL: 5% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated July 25, 2022, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Document No. 160311, in Book No. 315, at Page 256, Jeanne A Dumas did convey unto Douglas McElwee, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons, West Virginia, on

May 2, 2024 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 04 - Davis Corporation District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

Land situated in the County of Tucker in the State of WV

All of Lots No. 152 and 153, as shown by the map of the Town of Davis, as laid off by H. G. Davis and others which said lots each front 40 feet on the West Side of Seventh Street and extend back at even width to an alley, bounded on the North by Lot No. 151 and on the South by Lot No. 154; being the same property bequeathed unto Philip E. Dumas and David L. Dumas by Last Will and Testament of Edward A. Dumas, deceased, bearing date of August 9, 1982 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Tucker County, West Virginia in Will Book No: 13 and at Page No: 673.

Commonly known as: 145 7th St., Davis, WV 26260

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 145 7th St., Davis, WV 26260.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.
5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104
Morgantown, WV 26508
(304) 413-0044
(304) 292-2918
Toll free: (888) 534-3132 Reference File No. 88418

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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**

CLASS	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 (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		1.50%	581
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

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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until May 07, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
009	2023990067	S399-081/00 0 00	HSIP-0081(047)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS 2024 RPM STATEWIDE COUNTY: STATEWIDE

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**TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES
REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY
2024 - 2025**

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 18th day of March 2024.

(Signature: *Alicia Lambert*)
Secretary of the Board of Education

Column E	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Current Year			
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -
Public Utility	-	-	-
Total Class I	\$ -		\$ -
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 345,761,800	38.80	\$ 1,341,556
Personal Property	2,290,433	-	8,887
Total Class II	\$ 348,052,233		\$ 1,350,443
Class III			
Real Estate	\$ 255,791,740	77.60	\$ 1,984,944
Personal Property	126,114,634	-	978,650
Public Utility	53,645,530	-	416,289
Total Class III	\$ 435,551,904		\$ 3,379,883
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 52,181,880	77.60	\$ 404,931
Personal Property	23,872,424	-	185,250
Public Utility	8,329,446	-	64,637
Total Class IV	\$ 84,383,750		\$ 654,818
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 867,987,887		\$ 5,385,144
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		2.50%	134,629
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	105,010
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			-
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			5,145,505
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		1.50%	77,183
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes for Budget Purposes			\$ 5,068,825

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL PSC LEGAL SERVICES

The Canaan Valley Public Service District (PSD), Tucker County, West Virginia seeks to retain an individual or firm of attorneys to serve as Special Public Service Commission Counsel in connection with its Canaan Valley State Park Sewer Project in accordance with the requirements of the United States Economic Development Administration, WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and/or any other regulatory and funding agencies.

The PSD will afford full opportunity for minority business enterprises and women business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin in the award of this contract.

The selected provider will be required to comply with 2 CFR 200 - Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Executive Order 11246; Executive Order 11625, CFR Title 13 Chapter III and all other requirements as they relate to the potential funding sources.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The firm selected as Special PSC Counsel will be expected to perform the following services:

1. Prepare and submit a PSC application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and any accompanying documents and attend public meetings and hearings in connection with such application, when necessary;
2. Represent the PSD before the PSC in any case before the PSC related to the project;
3. Draft and represent the PSD in the negotiation of inter-utility and inter-governmental agreements, when necessary, including but not limited to, water purchase agreements, water sales agreements, and agreements with municipalities, counties, and PSDs; and
4. Attend necessary meetings of the PSD, and/or project meetings with PSD officials and the various project team members.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

An electronic copy of each proposal must be marked "Proposal for Special PSC Legal Services" and must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2024. Submissions shall be sent to: Canaan Valley PSD, c/o Robert Metzger, Chairman at rmetzger@frontier.net and Region VII Planning & Development Council c/o Carrie Wallace, Project Coordinator at cwallace@regionvii.com

All documents/information submitted in response to this solicitation shall, pursuant to the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act, become public records.

The PSD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, with or without cause, and waive any irregularities or informalities in the proposals. The PSD further reserves the right to make such investigations, as they deem necessary, as to the qualifications of any and all proposals. In the event all proposals are rejected, the PSD reserves the right to re-solicit proposals.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection criteria will include certification, experience, expertise, personnel, references, and cost (which must include the hourly fee and proposed contract cost). The PSD will review all proposals and rank, based upon such criteria, the firm that will provide the services that are most advantageous to the PSD. The PSD shall then negotiate a contract, including a lump sum, not-to-exceed price, with the most highly ranked candidate.

REQUIRED COMPONENTS OF PROPOSALS

Proposals shall respond to each of the following requests in the order indicated.

A. Certification

Each proposal must contain the following certifications:

1. That all attorneys who will provide services for the project are licensed to practice law in the State of West Virginia and are in good standing;
2. That the attorney/firm carries professional liability insurance with limits that are sufficient given the scope of the project;
3. That the attorney/firm has the experience and expertise necessary to serve as Special PSC Counsel for the project;
4. That no portion of the work contracted for under this proposal will be subcontracted; and
5. That the attorney is IJDC-certified.

FAILURE TO MEET THE CRITERIA LISTED ABOVE WILL BE CAUSE FOR IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL. JOINT PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

B. Experience and Expertise

Describe the firm's experience as Special PSC Counsel for utility projects during the last three years which you believe qualifies your firm to be Special PSC Counsel for this Project. List no more than five projects. For each project please indicate the following:

1. The governmental entity which you represented;
2. The nature of the project;
3. The sources of the financing;
4. The scope of your representation; and
5. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of contacts.

C. Personnel

Specify the attorney(s) and other persons with your firm who would be assigned to this project, the role of each person, and their qualifications and experience as Special PSC Counsel for utility projects. Please directly address the scope and breadth of each individual's experience in the following areas:

1. PSC representation;
2. Current workload of the personnel to be involved in the project and their availability for prompt completeness of the services needed; and
3. Inter-utility and inter-governmental agreements.

D. References

Provide a list of no less than five references that are governmental entities (public service districts, municipalities, county commissions, etc.) for which you have provided Special PSC Counsel services for utility projects. Include a contact name and telephone number for any such entity.

E. Cost

Provide, as part of the proposal, a cost for all services listed in this Request For Proposals. The cost shall include a "Not to Exceed" amount along with an hourly rate.

Questions concerning this project should be directed to Carrie Wallace at cwallace@regionvii.com or (304) 472-6564.

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WVDNR opens registration for Becoming an Outdoors Woman spring workshop

Popular event for outdoor enthusiasts scheduled for May 3–5 at Twin Falls Resort

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced today that registration has opened for its Becoming An Outdoors Woman spring workshop at Twin Falls Resort

State Park on May 3–5. The program is designed to introduce women to various hunting, fishing and other outdoor-related activities. Workshops provide a non-competitive atmosphere where partic-

ipants can learn and explore outdoor activities with encouragement and support from instructors, other participants and staff from the WVDNR's Wildlife Resources, Law Enforcement and State Parks sections.

new or feel like you need to renew your interests in outdoor pursuits, this weekend provides everything you need."

The workshop is limited to 75 participants and spots fill up fast, so outdoor enthusiasts are invited to learn more and register online at WVdnr.gov/becoming-an-outdoor-woman.

Each participant enrolled in a fishing course must purchase a fishing license and trout stamp and send a copy of their license with their registration and fees. Fishing licenses and stamps may be purchased online at WVfish.com.

"This popular event provides an incredible opportunity to get away for a weekend to try out exciting outdoor activities and experience the natural beauty of West Virginia," said Ashley Anderson, state coordinator for Becoming An Outdoors Woman. "Whether you are looking for an opportunity to experience something



YOU CAN HELP...

WARM THE CHILDREN

Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need



In Tucker County, local children will go cold this winter without your help.

Just what is The Parsons Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN FUND?

The Parsons Advocate's **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND** is neighbors helping neighbors in Tucker County. The Parsons Advocate is asking readers to donate to the fund and the proceeds will be used to buy new warm winter clothing for local children. There are no administrative fees. All the money donated is used to buy new clothing.

How will the children's clothing be purchased?

The Advocate's **WARM THE CHILDREN** coordinator has made arrangements with a local store and assigns volunteer shoppers to take the children and their parents shopping. Shoppers will be people like you, anyone in the community willing to help by donating a little of their time to this worthwhile cause.

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

How can I help?

Simply complete the coupon below and send it with your donation to the address on the coupon. Thanks for your generosity. **All donations are tax deductible.**

CLIP & MAIL

Enclosed is my donation to the **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND**. Make checks payable to **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND**.

Please check if you do not want your name published on the donor list.

Name: _____

Address: _____

MAIL TO: **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND**

c/o The Parsons Advocate

P.O. Box 345, Parsons, WV 26287

or drop off at the Advocate's office at 219 Central Ave., Parsons, WV

TUCKER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

304-478-6232

304-704-4405



Sponsored by Mountain Valley Bank



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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Fair Housing and Non-Discrimination Notice

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of 24 CFR Part 8 Nondiscrimination Based on Handicap in Federally Assisted Programs and Activities of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as published in the Federal Register on June 2, 1988. Section 8.4 prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals because of their handicap status.

The City of Parsons advises the public, employees, and job applicants that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission, or access to, or treatment, or employment, in its programs and activities.

Also, the City of Parsons is taking steps to affirmatively further fair housing, meaning that no person shall be subjected to discrimination (because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin) in the sale, rental, or advertising of dwellings, in the provision of brokerage services, or in the availability of residential real estate-related transactions.

All inquiries in regards to complying with these issues need to be directed to: City of Parsons, 341 Second Street, Parsons, WV 26287.



MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024
7:30 AM TO 4:00 PM

OPEN TO ALL MILITARY RETIREES, IMMEDIATE FAMILY & SURVIVING SPOUSES FROM ALL BRANCHES AND COMPONENTS

GLEN JEAN ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER
409 WOOD MOUNTAIN ROAD; GLEN JEAN, WV 25846

RETIREE SERVICES AVAILABLE WILL INCLUDE:
POWER OF ATTORNEYS AND WILLS | MILITARY RECORDS | ID CARDS
VETERAN FRIENDLY VENDORS | FAMILY SUPPORT | RETIRED PAY & BENEFITS
MYPAY ASSISTANCE | TRICARE | VETERANS AFFAIRS | STATIC DISPLAYS | & MORE

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED
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(304) 561-6355

