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Students from Tucker County High School present the flag at the opening of the Tucker County Commission's March 27th meeting.

Community CPR Class to be Held April 6th Tucker County Commission Funds Class Cost for Participants

By: Lydia Crawley Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Commission unanimously approved a motion March 27th to fund community CPR certifications through classes being offered by Tucker County EMS. In the motion, the Commission committed up to \$1,200 for community members to receive certification and training in CPR. The motion came after a presentation and update to the Commission by Tucker County EMS Training Officer Joe Strait.

According to Strait, three CPR classes will be held this year. Strait also said he intends to hold them at various places around the County. "I'm also trying to get three again this year," Strait said. "I'm going to have them in varying places throughout the County."

The Spring Class will be held April 6th at 9 a.m. at Canaan Valley Fire Department, according to Strait. According to Strait, there will also be classes held in June or July and then in the fall around September and October.

Strait requested funding from the the Commission with the goal for there to be no cost for the certification for the participants. Strait said there is an optional pocket mask that will be offered at the training at a cost of \$5 to the participant that will not be covered by the Commission funding request. "My funding request is, I would like to have a goal that for the participants, it is no cost," Strait said. "Except, there is an optional pocket mask that a person can get. That's \$5 and in this case I think that since it is optional, they can say yea or nae, that cost should be borne by them."

The cost of the class runs \$15 per person, according to Strait and is under the standard of the Emergency Care Safety Institute. Strait said the ECSI is comparable to the American Heart Association. "They are both comparable," Strait said.

Strait said he will be instructing the classes with possible assistance from EMS Director Amanda Simmons. According to Strait, Simmons has received her CPR Instructor Certification and has a State Instructor Certificate as of the end of that See CPR CLASS page 2

Town of Davis to Acquire Old Shop 'n Save Building

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

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wanted to preserve the parking lot," Tomson said.

The building, located next to Davis The Town of Davis Council has voted Town Hall, has long been the location of

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City of Parsons Approves Harman Fund Budget

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

The City of Parsons approved the Budget for the William Mahan Harman Memorial Fund at the Council's regular March 19th meeting. Deliberations on the matter included funding presentations from Dennis Filler on behalf of the Five Rivers Public Library Board, Inc., City of Parsons Council Member David Greenlief, Sr. on behalf of the Parsons Cemetery Committee, City of Parsons Council Member Timothy Auvil on behalf of the Parsons Parks and Recreation Commission and City of Parsons Mayor Bruce Kolsun and Council Member Timothy Auvil on behalf of the Benefit of the Citizens of Parsons Committee.

First to present a proposal was Greenlief, who appeared via telephone on behalf of the Parsons Cemetery Committee. Greenlief's request was in the amount of \$22,180. According to Greenlief the requested funds were for the purchase of a new lawn mower and a climate control system for the cemetery's garage. Greenlief also said the Committee were looking into cameras for security at the site, as well, but were not concerned with it at the moment. "Basically, our request is very light," Greenlief said.

The Council approved the full requested amount with all Council Members



\$1.00 (tax incl.)

City of Parsons Council Members Tim Auvil, right, Melissa Jones, center, and Kathy DiBacco, left, attend the presentation of a \$2,000 donation to Tucker County Youth Basketball presented by Mayor Bruce Kolsun to Trevor Vanscoy, prior to the Council Meeting March 19th. The donation had been approved a previous Council meeting.

personal allocation estimate was for \$23,000 and Council Member James Humphrey's personal allocation estimate at \$21,180. All other members had personal allocation estimates for \$22,180. During deliberation, the Council agreed unanimously to allocate the full amount to the Cemetery Committee.

The next presentation was from Auvil on behalf of the Parsons Parks and Recreation Commis-The Commission sion. was requesting \$246,900. Auvil said there was still \$40,000 already allocated for the paving of the Community Center parking lot and the River City Baseball Field parking lot within the budget. Auvil said he also included documentation as to the improvements that

Included were \$10,000 in equipment repair at the Wellness Center and new steps, reconstructing the Acid Room and a new entrance at Mill Race Park, sign and lighting and the replacement of a swing set at Mill Race Park, replacement of the score board at River City Park and install a single lane batting cage for the baseball field, and additional money towards the paving project at the Community Center and Baseball Field due to rising costs, according to Auvil. Auvil also said that equipment upgrades and parts for the mower for snow plowing and other duties. According to Auvil, the request was "substantially less" than the request last year due to larger projects requested the year prior.

Old Shop n' Save building in Davis. The vacant building has been the center of several proposals for renovation over the past few years, with none coming to fruition.

Mayor Al Tomson made the announcement at the Town of Davis Council meeting March on

"From the level of William Avenue up needs to be torn down eventually."

27th. "The Town Council at the last meeting voted to allow me to negotiate with the owners of the property that is directly behind us," Tomson said. "Its the old Shop n' Save building and the big parking lot."

Tomson said the Town wanted to save and preserve the large parking lot attached to the property. Tomson said the Town didn't want the site to be developed into a building site and strove to protect what parking there was within Town. "Its the last land available to basically have parking along William Avenue and instead of a developer buying it to put buildings up, we

-Mayor Al Tompson to preserve the site for future use by the residents with the intention to continue to utilize the established parking lot for parking and event use, as it has been in the past. "What we envision, the parking lot for intents and purposes will stay a parking lot," Tomson said. "We need it for over-

flow parking on weekends. We also need it for events." Tomson said the Town intends to eventually tear down the building in the future,

but has no immediate plans to do so. In the interim, Tomson said the building will be made available to the Farmers Market

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initial individual allocation amounts varying. Council Member Kathy DiBacco

are slated to be included in the request for consideration by the Council.

Auvil said many of the larger projects this year are See BUDGET page 3

Town of Davis Sets Date for Zoning Ordinance Vote

"We will have an election," Tomson said.

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

The Town of Davis voted March 27th to hold a special election June 8th on the Town's new Zoning Ordinace. "We will have an election," Tomson said.

Tomson said that the Town has worked out issues with the Secretary of State's office surrounding the election and the Town is ready to move forward with a public vote on the ordinance. "We have finally worked out all the legal issues with the Secretary of State, as far as the Zoning Ordinance," Tomson said.

Tomson proposed two dates at the meeting that the election could be held on. "I am going to propose we have an election here either the 8th of June or the 22nd of June," Tomson said.

The Council decided on June 8th. Council discussion on the matter included time needed to draft the ordinance and future public readings once drafted. A motion on the election date of June 8th passed unanimously by the Council.

Town of Davis Council meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Davis Town Hall. Meeting Notices and Agendas are posted on the Town of Davis website.

TCSWA Submits Grants, Moving Forward with Renewable Energy

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Solid Waste Authority met March 25th at the TCSWA Office to hear updates on the status of the Landfill. At the meeting Presiding Chair Mark Holstine stated the dire need for the purchase of a truck for the Landfill and grant applications submitted. Jody Alderman also updated the Board on the progress made by Renewable Energy on their plans to harvest and sell renewable natural gas produced at the site.

Holstine said there was a grant application that was being submitted to the Solid Waste Management Board in Charleston. The purpose of the grant application was the purchase of a pickup truck for the landfill. "We have a grant app that is going in," Holstine said.

Holstine said that the TCSWA currently

only has one truck that is road worthy. According

Alderman also said there had been a site visit to establish where the site vents

"There's only one truck that belongs to the Authority that is road worthy," Holstine said.

to Holstine, the grant funds will be used to purchase a second truck. "We really need another pickup truck up here that is road worthy," Holstine said. "There's only one truck that belongs to the Authority that is road worthy. So we are going to use grant money from the board, Solid Management Board, to help purchase another truck."

Alderman said he had met with Jeffery Craig with Renewable Energy. According to Alderman, Renewable Energy has moved forward on the gas collection project and has hired Cintec to begin design on the well field for the project.

would be placed and where drilling would need to be. According to Alderman, many of the drilling sites are already in place and there will be little to no need for additional drilling at the site. "We had a site visit here to see the gas vents we already have in place now and they are thinking they are just going to be able to use those to put the wells instead of drilling new ones," Alderman said.

The discovery at the site visit, Alderman said, will save time and money on the project by eliminating the need for additional drilling at the site. Alderman

said Craig and his company had expected to have to drill, but the discovery would speed up the process. However, additional research would need to be done before any official determination would be made. Any unused vent sites would be resealed, according to Alderman. "They are big enough that they should be able to use those without drilling new wells," Alderman said. "He said he was going to do some research to make sure and then its just a matter of picking out which ones they are going to use and the rest of them would be sealed back off."

In other business, Holstine said he had drafted and sent a letter of support for the Corridor H Southern Route.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority will be held Monday, April 22nd at 3 p.m. at the TCSWA Office located at 284 Landfill Road in Davis.



Tomson said the intent is

News of Record

The following criminal complaint has been filed in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

- David Sidney Berry, of Thomas, was charged with 3 counts of Assault, one count of Obstructing an Officer and one count of Failure to Fingerprint. According to the complaint on Monday, March 25 Trooper G.P. Hahn was dispatched t for a call of a domestic. He arrived on scene and was met by the victim. The trooper was advised that the defendant had allegedly threatened to stab the victim with a screwdriver. He was also advised that an HVAC crew had also been at the residence and were allegedly threatened to be stabbed by the defendant as well.
- The officer made contact with the defendant who admitted to threatening the victims. Hahn attempted to resolve the situation by getting the defendant to leave for the night to which he became

belligerent. The officer located the HVAC crew who had been at the residence and spoke with them. They advised Hahn that the accused allegedly threatened to stab both of them in the eyes with a screwdriver and was very belligerent which made them fear for their safety so they left the residence.

On the same date Hahn attempted to serve a warrant on the defendant at the above address. When he arrived on scene and announced himself he could hear the defendant inside the residence being belligerent and refused to come outside. Hahn made entry and once inside the defendant was placed into custody. While attempting to take him to the patrol vehicle he began to resist and not comply with commands given to him. He was transported to the Tygart Valley Regional Jail where he refused to submit

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his fingerprints via Live Scan.

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

- Crow Properties LLC, Davis District, Lot 60, (.61 acres), Lot 61, (.65 acres); Tuscan Ridge Subdivision to William D. Lewis, \$75,000.
- Forrest Olgers and Kassandra Olgers, Lot 4 Tuscan Ridge to Gregory McCray and Lesley McCray for \$27,500.
- William E. Day, Peggy L. Falk and Maureen R. Day, Black Fork District, 31,866 square feet, to Mallory A. Hardy for \$170,000.

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

- Jerold Milton Waybright to Kimberly Sue Bennett on Sunday, March 24, 2024.
- Marty Dee Broughton to Jaime Lynette Arbogast on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

CPR Class

week. "I will be doing the instruction," Strait said. "Probably Mandy will be helping me."

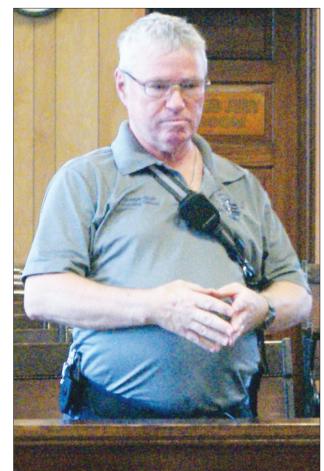
Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said he liked that the County can offer programs to its citizens without the cost of bringing in someone from outside. Rosenau commented that the efforts of several people has helped to not only instruct members of the community, but has also saved the community money."We have people who have stepped forward in our community...that's come forward to aid and assist anybody who is wanting to get their CPR, to get certification at the 911 Center, to get certification for their EMT's, their license," Rosenau said. "So on behalf of the Commission, we want to thank each and every one of those individuals for coming forward to save us money and to make us more prepared."

Strait said that any money he is paid as a CPR instructor, he donates. Strait said his passion for Community CPR stems from the rural location Tucker County is. "We are in a very, very, very rural location," Strait said.

Rosenau said that he applauds the effort. Rosenau also said that the need exists due to there not being a hospital in Tucker County. Rosenau also applauded the efforts of Tucker County EMS. "They do a great job with what they have," Rosenau said. "But what we have here and the care we try to give our citizens and our guests, the Commission really appreciates it."

The Commission voted unanimously to approve funding for the Community CPR classes. Under the motion, the Commission would pay up to \$1,200 for participants to attend and receive their CPR certification. The funding will cover participants in all Community CPR classes throughout the year.

Strait also updated the Commission on an upcoming Mass Casualty Incident training that is scheduled to be held June 1st. The MCI training in June is a preliminary training for a larger event in August. The scenario of the August training, according to Strait and Tucker County Office of Emergency Management Director Kevin White is not a bus accident like the last one, but will center around an event like Run for It. According to Strait a MCI isn't necessarily just a bus accident, but is more centered



TCEMS Training Officer Joe Strait addresses the Tucker County Commission March 27th. The Commission approved funding of up to \$1,200 for CPR classes in the County.

on preparing for what may happen at large gatherings of people. "It could happen at the Bluegrass Festival or Run for It," Strait said.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 9 a.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courtroom in Parsons.

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for use on days of ill weather. "The building itself is in terrible shape and we don't have any plans for the building itself right now other than they can keep using it for the Davis Farmers Market during inclement weather," Tomson said. "Eventually, the building will get torn down."

According to Tomson, the building will need torn down from the base up. Tomson said the roof and walls are failing, but engineers have determined the base to be in good shape. When asked by a member of the public if the building would need to be torn down, Tomson said it would need torn down from the level of William Avenue up. "From the level of William Avenue up needs to be torn down eventually," Tomson said. "The roof's not in great shape, the walls aren't in great shape, the concrete base has been looked at by engineers and they say that's solid."

Tomson was also asked by a member of the public whether the building could be salvaged. The public commentor referenced past engineering studies and plans to renovate the property, as well as stated that the building has a solid steel framework within it. Tomson said that those plans never came to fruition because it would be too costly and time consuming to renovate the building versus demolishing it and building new. However, Tomson said that before anything is done, the building would be examined. "In retrospect, what they are saying is, they should have torn the building down from the beginning and built new as opposed to trying to renovate what was there because of the costliness of it and also the time factor," Tomson said. "As well as Covid and some other mitigating things made it not feasible."

According to Tomson, there are no immediate plans for development on the site. When asked by a member of the public if the site will be used for additional parking, Tomson said it was possible another building would be put on the site. "Possibly another building," Tomson said. "Don't know. That is probably going to be decided by some other Town Council in the future." Tomson said there has already been interest in the location of the building. According to Tomson, the Town has already been contacted about organizations looking to relocate to the area. "There are already organizations that are knocking on the doors saying, 'We want to relocate there,'" Tomson said. "So eventually there will be stuff there. Some of the businesses and organizations in the community may be there in the future. So we will see."

No price for the property has been made available to the public due to ongoing legal negotiations on the property sale, according to Tomson. Attorneys for both sides are drafting final sale documents, Tomson said. "We concluded those negotiations with a willing seller and a willing buyer and we reached an agreement," Tomson said. "We have not signed the contract yet, though, the lawyers are drafting it right now so I am not going to put out what the amount is, yet."

Tomson said a Federal Earmark fund request for Federally Directed Funding for the property and park improvements has been submitted. However, according to Tomson, no word will be available on the request for a year. If the Federal funding is approved, the property would be paid for by the earmark funds. "We won't hear about that for a year.," Tomson said. "But if that comes through, the property is paid for by the earmark."

When asked by the Parsons Advocate what the Town's plan is to purchase the property if the earmark is not approved or what the plans are for the year that the Town awaits word on the funding, Tomson said the Town intends to us part of the Town's 1% sales tax to finance the purchase. "We have a 1% sales tax for the Town of Davis and we would use part of that money to pay the bank note," Tomson said. "And in the beginning we are going to do that anyway because the earmark takes a year before you hear about it."

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funded under the BCP, Benefit of the Citizens of Parsons fund. "There's a page that I typed up and put in to explain line items, as to improvements for justifying the capital outlay improvements that we are proposing to make," Auvil said. "It is substantially lower than we asked for last year."

The Council approved a lowered amount for the Parks and Recreation Commission, allocating \$235,000 of the requested \$246,900. In their individual initial allocation estimates, Council Member DiBacco alloocated \$207,467, Humphrey allocated \$206,347.80, Jones allocated \$236,434 and Turner allocated \$217,400. Council Members Auvil and Greenlief allocated the fully requested amount. The reduced allocation of \$235,000 was agreed upon by the full Council in deliberations.

Dennis Filler was next to present on behalf of the Five Rivers Public Library Board, Inc. The Library requested \$131,500 at the meeting. The request was a funding increase due to necessary roof repairs and the increasing rising cost of employee health benefits, according to Filler. The largest portion of the budget is for personnel, according to Filler, with the Library staffing four employees. The proposal also included the cost of insuring the facility and flood insurance, Filler said. Most of the special projects included in the proposal were not different then what appeared in previous proposals, Filler said, with the Advocate Project slated to be completed which will include Tucker County history in digital format and preserved for posterity. Filler also said the Library recently were informed that the roof system is failing which has resulted in two major leaks. An inspection of the roof discovered that the roof is improperly vented, according to Filler, which is causing the roof to overheat and has caused light fixtures to fall from the ceiling from heat deteriorated materials. The project has been bidded out to local contractors, according to Filler. "The bottom line is, the roof on the Library is at end of useful life," Filler said. "Its patched and repaired, but it is just a question of, when is the next leak.'

The Council approved a reduced amount for the request with an allocation of \$125,000 of the requested \$131,500 to the Library. In the initial individual allocation estimates, Council Member Auvil allocated

Baltimore Woman Admits to Fentanyl Trafficking

ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA – Daniela Marie Giancoli, age 34, of Baltimore, Maryland, has admitted to supplying fentanyl to dealers in West Virginia.

Giancoli pled guilty to a charge of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl. According to court documents and statements made in court, Giancoli supplied large amounts of fentanyl to dealers in Grant County and elsewhere. Nearly 9,000 fentanyl pills, weighing more than two kilograms, were found during the investigation. Giancoli and Michael Matthews, codefendant, worked together out of their Baltimore apartment to sell drugs to more than 10 dealers in the area.

Giancoli is facing up to 20 years in federal prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors. \$85,000, Greenlief allocated \$86,500 and Jones allocated \$113,800. Council Members DiBacco and Humphrey each allocated the full \$131,500 and Council Member Turner allocated \$132,500. The Council decided on the \$125,000 amount during deliberations and finalization of the Harman Fund Budget.

Council Member Timothy Auvil presented the funding request for the Benefit of the Citizens of Parsons Fund (BCP) for the amount of \$780,400.38. The amount, according to Auvil, include service agreements, waterline upgrades, well water intake backup pump, well water intake repair, waste water treatment, Water and Sewer Department needs, Utility Stabilization Fund due to the rates not keeping up with costs, street paving and sidewalks, City owned vehicle payments, annual Fire Department Fund, Police Department, Fairs and Festivals, Demolition Fund, Mill Race Park restroom which already has some funding in place towards the project, but will be fully funded through the allocation, Pulp Mill Pond restoration final Phase Three which includes the stocking of fish and other final details and the replacement of the River City Park Ball Field lights. According to Auvil a lease purchase agreement has been explored that would include a 10 year lease purchase on the Baseball Field lights, with a possibility of extended time, if needed. Auvil also said that Council Member Timothy Turner is also looking into grant opportunities for the project, as well. Other necessary purchased included in the proposal, according to Auvil, included a new street sweeper, paver, roller, skid steer, brush cutter and backup generator for the Municipal building. Also included, according to Auvil is a proposed youth center, Auvil said. "Its exceptionally expensive, but its time to replace the River City Park Baseball Field lights," Auvil said. "They're too low, they're too old and they are wore out and this particular allocation will give us enough money to at least put a down payment down and make payments."

The BCP request was the only proposal with individually allocated items. Included were the following allocated items and amounts brought to consensus by the Council in deliberation and finalization of the Harman Fund Budget: the HACH Yearly Service Agreement (Water) for \$14,000; Water Line Upgrades/Backup Components (Water) for \$5,000; Raw Water Intake Backup Pump (Water) for \$20,000; Raw Water Intake Pump Repair (Water) for \$0.00; Wastewater Lagoon Treatment (Sewer) for \$4,600; Kubota Mower (Water/ Sewer) for \$16,900; Utility Stabilization Fund (Water/ Sewer) for \$25,000; Street Paving (General) for \$85,000; Sidewalks (General) for \$13,000; 2013 Case Backhoe Lease-Purchase Payments (General) for \$10,500; 2020 Ford Explorer Lease-Purchase Payments (General) for \$19,500; 2022 Chevy 3500 Lease-Purchase Payments (General) for \$17,000; Annual Fire Department Equipment Fund (General) for \$20,000; Parsons Police Department Salaries/Benefits (General) for \$90,000; Fairs and Festivals (General) for \$15,000; Demolition Fund (General) for \$10,000; Mill Race Park Restroom (General) for \$20,000; Pulp Mill Bottom Pond Restoration (PPRC) for \$20,000; River City Park Baseball Field Lights Lease-Purchase Payments (General) for \$50,000; Street Sweeper Lease-Purchase Payments (General) for \$25,000; Street Paver Lease-Purchase Payments (General) for \$0.00; Large Roller Lease-Purchase Payments (General) for \$0.00; Skid Steer Loader Lease-Purchase Payments (General) for \$45,000; Wild Cat Brush Cutter (General) for \$3,000; Backup Generator for Parsons Municipal Building (General) for \$53,000; New Rear Load Dumpsters (Garbage) for \$10,000; AC Unit for Parsons Municipal Building (General) for \$12,700; New Christmas Lights (General) for \$15,000; Hinkle House Food Pantry (General) for \$5,000; Butternut Tree Signs and Development (General) for \$3,000; Youth Center Planning and Design (General) for \$10,000 and City of Parsons Rainy Day Fund (City Council's Discretion) for \$43,287. The grand total of allocations for the BCP Fund were \$680,487 of a requested \$780,400.38.

The total allocations approved by the Council for the Harman Memorial Fund were \$1,062,667. The initial requests from the fund totaled \$1,180,980.38 with a budget overage of \$113,313.38 prior to revilement and allocation.

All meetings of the Parsons City Council are held at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building located at 341 Second St. in Parsons.

Grant County Bank Annual Golf Tournament to Support Local Relay for Life

March 26, 2024 [Petersburg, WV] — The Grant County Bank announced the return of its annual Relay for Life Golf Tournament set to take place on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the Valley View Golf Club in Moorefield, West Virginia. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life.

For more than 20 years, Grant County Bank has been hosting its annual Relay for Life golf tournament. During last year's 2023 golf tournament, Grant County Bank was able to donate over \$13,000 to the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life organizations. This year they hope to donate more than \$15,000, thanks to the generosity of sponsors and players.

Grant County Bank chose to partner with the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life because of the two organization's work to improve the lives of people with cancer through advocacy, research, and support.

"We look forward to hosting our annual golf tourna-

ment every year, it's a great cause and it is always a good time," said Tournament Chairman, Jared Amtower. "We invite everyone to come out and help us raise money to fight cancer."

The 22nd Annual Grant County Bank Relay for Life Golf Tournament hopes to bring the community together to enjoy the golf course in early May while raising donations to support a good cause. According to the American Cancer Society, there will be an estimated 1.9 million new cancer cases diagnosed this year alone, and that's a good reason to come together and support the efforts.

The tournament will be Captain's Choice format with 4 players per team. A \$70 registration fee per player includes green fees, carts, cash prizes, and lunch. All team registrations must be received no later than April 26th.

For more information and to get registered, contact Jared N. Amtower, Tournament Chair, at 304.257.4111.

Governor Justice Issues Proclamation

Matthews pled guilty in 2023 and will be sentenced in April.

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

The Potomac Highlands Drug Task Force, a HIDTA-funded initiative, investigated.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael John Aloi presided.

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National Alcohol Awareness Month

CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (WVABCA) is pleased to report that Governor Jim Justice has officially recognized April as Alcohol Awareness Month in West Virginia. In issuing a proclamation, the governor emphasized the need to increase public awareness and understanding about the dangers associated with underage alcohol use and adult alcohol misuse.

Since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence has recognized April as Alcohol Awareness Month. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) every year in the United States approximately 95,000 people die from alcohol related causes. Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) affects about 15 million adults in the United States, (National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism-NIAAA). The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) reports that about 2.3 million adolescents aged 12 to 17 in 2019 drank alcohol in the past month, and about 1.2 million of these adolescents binge drank in the last month.

WVABCA Commissioner Fred Wooton said, "We are grateful for Governor Justice's proclamation." Com-

missioner Wooton added, "the WVABCA is committed to addressing the dangers associated with alcohol misuse by working with community leaders and law enforcement on a local, county and state level as we strengthen our collective ability to protect our youth and families"

To address these issues, the WVABCA has a DUI Simulator that has traveled to high schools across the state and attended safety type events. Since 2010, 72,000 have experienced this life saving program. Additionally, the WVABCA's NO School Spirits Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest has reached tens of thousands of students. This program is in its tenth year and encourages and empowers youth to develop and produce meaningful educational and prevention messaging aimed at preventing underage drinking. The WVABCA licensing and enforcement efforts are also geared to protect the public. New carding posters are available for businesses to ensure compliance and help avoid underage alcohol sales. In addition, the WVABCA is creating a new server/seller carding video which will be available in the coming weeks. WVABCA educational information can be found at www/abca.wv.gov.



ROSE HILL CEMETERY, THOMAS WV

SPRING CLEAN - UP

Spring Cleanup: As the seasons are changing the City of Thomas employees and cemetery committee volunteers at Rose Hill Cemetery will begin removing and discarding all flower placements and decorations on April 15th through April 19th. Any weathered items that are left on the gravesites will be removed and discarded by our staff and volunteers. We ask that during this clean up that no new flowers be displayed until after the clean-up. <u>Cemetery plot owners who wish to save flower arrangements should remove and store them elsewhere until the clean-up is complete</u>.

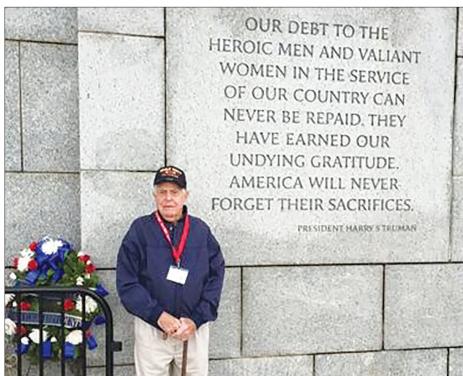
The City of Thomas would also like to ensure that we take pride in our cemetery and make every effort to keep all items on display during the mowing season; however, we cannot be held responsible for any item that may be damaged. We strongly recommend that everyone use permanent vases when displaying flowers.

The City of Thomas welcomes any and all donations so we are able to maintain and keep Rose Hill Cemetery beautiful.

All questions or additional information, please contact Thomas City Hall at 304-463-4360.



World War II veteran from **Upshur County Prepares to Celebrate His 100th Birthday**



BUCKHANNON, W.Va. - Not many individuals get to reach their 100th birthday. In Upshur County, a local veteran is getting ready to celebrate this milestone with loved ones from across the country.

Max Adams, a World War II veteran, will be celebrating his 100th birthday on Saturday. The event is drop-in, and will allow friends, family and members of the community to speak with Adams and celebrate his life.

Sharon Spevock, who has been helping organize the celebration, has known Adams for several years and wanted to make his 100th birthday something special.

"I met Max when I was his guardian on the Veterans Honor Flight," she said. "From that trip we have become very close friends and we meet up on a regular basis for dinners and lunches so I offered to help set up this celebration and make it as big as it can be."

Suzzanne Chapman, Adams' daughter, said her father is still very active and has many hobbies.

"He's a very alert 100-year-old man," she said. "His health has been really good. He's kind of a people person and he enjoys being around people sharing his ideas with them and hearing theirs."



WVDOH highway worker recovering after being hit by car in work zone

CHARLESTON, WV – A West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) worker was treated and released from the hospital after being hit by a car while patching potholes on Interstate 79 in Braxton County on Friday, March 29, 2024.

"There would be far fewer accidents if drivers would pay attention and obey the law in work zones," said West Virginia Transportation Secretary Jimmy Wriston,

P.E. "This incident could have been far, far worse."

The WVDOH District 7 worker was patching potholes on I-79 when a driver ran through the work zone, drove through the pothole that was being patched and struck the worker on the arm. The worker was taken to a local hospital and treated for bruises.

Five people were killed in work zone crashes on West Virginia highways in 2023.

"Work zone safety is about keeping every worker, every driver, and every passenger safe in every work zone," said Randy Damron, Work Zone Safety spokesperson for WVDOH. "We each play a role in getting everyone home safe at the end of the day.

"It's easy to get in a hurry or become distracted," said Damron. "But we need every driver to work with us and remain alert each time they get behind the wheel."

2024 Knights of Columbus State Free-throw Competition



The Knights of Columbus Council 2010 of Thomas had eight winners from the district competition compete in The Knight of Columbus State Free-throw Competition held in Weston on Sunday, March 3.

First place winners: Logan Cussins, Amesley Channell, Lilly Henline and Stella Johnson brought home first place trophies plus a Knights of Columbus Trophy Basketball.

Second place winners: Austin Ritter, Caden Triplett, Wade Boyles and Savannah Whitehair received a second place trophy.

Voting has started for the May 14 Primary Election

Charleston, W. Va. - According to WV Secretary of State Mac Warner, voting for the May 14 Primary Election officially starts on Friday, March 29th.

Qualified voters who have applied for an absentee-by-mail ballot will start seeing those arrive at the address provided on the application as early as Friday.

For active duty military on deployment, voters living overseas, and those who are stateside living with a physical disability that prevents them from in-person voting and absentee voting without assistance, Friday is also the first day county clerks will begin providing them the means to participate via electronic means prescribed by law. To date, nearly 1,200 voters have applied for an absentee ballot

"West Virginia law permits absentee-bymail voting for voters who are not able to vote in person during early voting or on Election Day," said Secretary of State Mac Warner. "The excuse-based alternative to in-person voting is available to registered voters for causes such as illness, disability, hospitalization, military deployment, and work-related or personal travel."

"In West Virginia, we have more options for participating than any state in the country," Warner said. "We want voters to vote!"

To learn more about absentee ballot voting in West Virginia, registered voters can visit GoVoteWV.com - a secure website hosted by the WV Secretary of State's

WVDOT reminds citizens of law regarding placement of political signs on state rights of way

CHARLESTON, WV – As Primary Election Day in West Virginia approaches, the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) wants to remind the public of laws regarding political signs placed on state rights of way.

"WVDOT understands the seriousness of this law while also understanding the need for candidates to place signs in areas as part of the political process," said Joe Pack, P.E., Chief Engineer of Operations.

The WVDOT has a duty to uphold the laws surrounding political signs placed on state rights of way. West

Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) has the intent to enforce the provisions of West Virginia Code a7-19-1 as to the removal of the signs.

WVDOH workers will pull any signs from the state rights of way and, for a short time, store them in the county highway offices to be picked up by the candidates or their representatives. WVDOH workers must also take time out of their maintenance schedules to remove signs.

Primary Election Day in West Virginia is May 14, 2024.

CANDIDATE FILING FOR PARSONS MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Parsons, West Virginia – The filing period for local residents interested in running in the upcoming Parsons Municipal Election will open at 8:00 A.M. (EDT) on Monday, April 1, 2024 and continue through midnight (EDT) on Friday, April 5, 2024. This year's Municipal Election will be held on Fuesday, June 11, 2024.

The following positions will be open:

Position	Ward	Vacancies	Term of Office
Recorder (Four Year)	N/A	1	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2028
Council Member (Two Year)	One	1	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2026
Council Member (Four Year)	One	1	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2028
Council Member (Two Year)	Two	1	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2026

Candidates must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, a registered voter in the City of Parsons, and reside in the ward that he or she wishes to represent.

Candidate filing packets may be picked up at the Parsons Business Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. (EDT) to 4:00 P.M. (EDT).

Early voting by mail for the Parsons Municipal Election begins Wednesday, May 29, 2024 and ends Saturday, June 8, 2024.

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

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Road Closure Extension

TUCKER COUNTY, WV -The closure of County Route 17, (Smokey Hollow Road), Tucker County, has been extended through Wednesday, April 24, 2024, beginning at approximately 1.5 miles from the intersection of County Route 17 and WV 72 near Parsons, for construction work associated with Corridor H. All motorists, including emergency vehicles and school buses, will need to seek alternate routes. One alternate route is WV 72 to WV 3 8 near St. George to County Route 21 (Clover Run).



The family of Aaron "Les" Lester would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. We would like to thank our friends, neighbors and the Holly Meadows Golf Course for the food brought in. Thank you for all the calls, texts, cards, flowers and more. A special thanks to Piccolo Paula's for providing us a place to have a meal after the services.

We want to give a special thanks to Lohr & Barb Funeral Home for always taking care of our family in a professional yet caring and compassionate way. Sincerely, Aaron Lester Family



Friends of Cortland

There will be a meeting of the Friends of Courtland Acres on Monday, April 8, in the gathering room at Cortland Acres at 1p.m. For more information call Marie Grafton, Activities Director at 304-463-4181 extension 218.

Landmarks Commission Meeting

The Tucker County Landmarks Commission will meet on Monday April 8, 4:30 p.m. at the St. George Academy. Visitors are welcome.



April 8, 1951: An Air National Guard transport plane crashed near Kanawha (now Yeager) Airport, killing 21.

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.

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and "long hunter" Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.

April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first Black state librarian in the nation when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert B. White.

April 4, 1948: Renowned gospel singer Squire Parsons was born in Newton, Roane County. A graduate of Spencer High School and West Virginia Tech, he is best known for his song "Sweet Beulah Land."

April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck-driver themes.

April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born enslaved in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden, in Kanawha County, to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the Civil War. He became one of the most influential educators in U.S. history. April 5, 1920: Gifted hand weaver Dorothy Thompson was born. She taught generations of people about fiber arts. For her dedication to preserving folklife traditions, she was named a National Heritage Fellow in 2000. She died in Tucker County in 2008.

Farmington exploded, killing 78 workers. April 6, 1938: The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established Camp Kanawha in Kanawha State Forest. The CCC removed all the abandoned houses, coal tipples, and other structures no longer in use, and constructed roads, the forest superintendent's residence, office, maintenance building, and picnic shelters.

April 6, 1944: Guitarist and singer David Morris was born in Ivydale, Clay County. With his brother John on fiddle, the Morris Brothers founded music festivals, supported union and environmental causes and promoted West Virginia traditional music nationwide. He died in 2016.

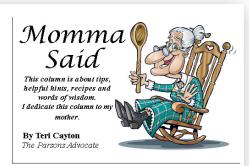
April 7, 1927: A. James Manchin was born in Farmington. In 1984, the longtime secretary of state was elected state treasurer but soon fell into trouble. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments. He died in 2003.

April 7, 1947: Medal of Honor recipient Thomas W. Bennett was born in Morgantown. Believing it was wrong to evade the draft while others had to serve in Vietnam, he volunteered as a noncomBy Teri Cayton The Parsons Advocate

It seems I must apologize for last week's recipe. Due to a clerical error somewhere along the line, the ingredients were correct for the Grilled Chicken Sandwich but the directions were for the Pineapple Upside Down Cake from weeks before. I will republish the recipe so if you are interested in making a grilled chicken sandwich you can give it a go. Momma Said, "Too many cooks in the kitchen spoils the broth."

I am thankful for the good weather we are having right now but I feel sorry for those getting dumped on by this last storm. If that groundhog predicted an early spring I would have his butt in the stewpot. I guess this was the last year that French Creek Freddie will be doing his predictions because the state closed down the game park where he was housed.

We used to go there when I was a little kid and I remember how big the buffalo were. We would go on a Sunday and have a picnic and just run around like



crazy. Of course back then you didn't have to worry about your children being abducted and we had the run of the place. Momma Said, "I'm sure sometimes mom would have wished someone would take us off her hands for a couple hours." I think that is why we went to the park because she could relax for a little while.

We weren't bad kids we were just full of energy and when it was pretty outside there wasn't any stopping us. We were full tilt from sunup till sundown, on the go all the time. It was fun to be outside and besides we didn't have anything else to do but play outside. That is of course after the chores were all done.

GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH

Ingredients

- Marinade
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic minced
- ¹/₂ teaspoon dried oregano
- ¹/₂ teaspoon dried basil
- ¹/₂ teaspoon salt
- ¹/₄ teaspoon black pepper
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup olive oil
- Sun dried Tomato Aioli
- ¹/₄ cup sun dried tomatoes
- •1 small clove garlic
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- •1/2 cup mayonnaise
- •3-4 large fresh basil leaves Sandwiches
- •4 small boneless skinless chicken breasts
- •Salt and pepper to taste
- •1 tablespoon olive oil
- •1 red onion sliced into 1/4 inch
- rings
- •2 cups baby arugula
- •4 ciabatta rolls sliced in half

Instructions

1. In a large bowl or baking dish, combine the marinade ingredients.

2. Using a meat mallet, pound chicken breasts to an even 1/2 inch thickness.

3. Add the chicken to the dish with the marinade and turn to coat. Marinate 2 hours

in the refrigerator.

4. While the chicken is marinating, make the sun dried tomato aioli. Place all aioli ingredients in a food processor (or use an immersion blender), and process until combined and smooth. Refrigerate until ready to use.

5. Remove the chicken from the marinade and sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper.

6. Heat a grill or grill pan over medium heat. Cook the chicken 3-4 minutes per side until cooked through. Set aside, covered, to rest

7. While the chicken is resting, drizzle the onion slices with a little olive oil on both sides and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add onions to the grill or pan in a single layer and cook about 4-5 minutes until soft and charred, turning once. If you are cooking on an outdoor grill and worried about the onions falling through the grates, slice them thicker (about 3/4 inch) and they will stay together better, however they will need a couple of extra minutes to cook.

8. Optionally, place the ciabatta rolls, sliced side down on the grill for a couple of minutes until lightly charred and heated.

9. To assemble the sandwiches, spread some sun dried tomato aioli to taste on each half of the ciabatta rolls, place a piece of chicken on the bottom half. Top with onions and arugula, and add the top half of the bun on top.

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April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the state's worst coal mining disaster since 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at

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April 7, 2004: Gov. Bob Wise signed legislation that transformed four colleges into universities: West Virginia State, Shepherd, Fairmont State and Concord.

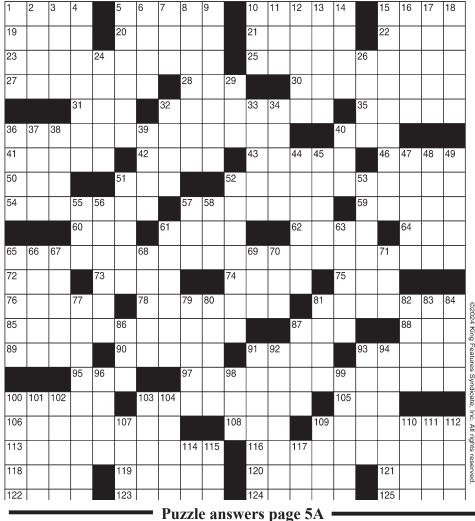
April 8, 1891: The town of Paw Paw was incorporated. Strategically located on the Potomac River, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the C&O Canal, Paw Paw was named for the banana-like pawpaw fruit that grows in the area.

April 9, 1900: Physician Margaret Byrnside "Dr. Maggie" Ballard was born. She actively pursued her interest in genealogy and local history and was a founder of the Monroe County Historical Society.

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Tucker County Baseball team before their game at Pendleton County on March 28th. Photo by Amanda Kisamore.

Tucker County Baseball Opened the Season with Road Games

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

MOOREFIELD – The Mt. Lions Baseball team traveled to Moorefield on Tuesday March 26th for the first game of the season. The Yellowjackets were in the lead 8-2 when the game was stopped due to rain.

The 1st inning started with Tucker County scoring to make the score 1-0 at the bottom of the 1st inning. Moorefield answered back to tie the score 1-1 after 1 inning. The Mt. Lions would then add 1 run in the 2nd inning, but the Yellowjackets scored 3 runs in the 2nd inning and 4 runs in the 3rd inning to put the score to 8-2 after 3 innings. The game was then suspended due to rain. The game will be finished at Tucker County on April 4th. Blaike Adams had the lone hit for Tucker County. Justin Robeson started the game pitching for the Mt. Lions, while Ethan Rosenau, Maddox Anderson and Xander Lambert entered the game in relief on the mound.

FRANKLIN – Tucker County traveled to Pendleton County on Wednesday March 27th. The Mt. Lions led the game into the 4th inning, but fell the Wildcats scored 5 runs over the last 2 inning to take the game 5-1.

Tucker County scored first as they led after 1 inning 1-0. Pendleton County was unable to get their offense going through 3 innings as the Mt. Lions led after 3 innings 1-0. In the bottom of the 4th inning the homestanding Wildcats scored 3 runs to make the score 3-1 Pendleton County. Tucker County was unable to answer as the Wildcats continued to lead after 5 innings 3-1. Pendleton County then added some insurance runs on the bottom of the 6th inning as they score 2 runs to put the score to 5-1 after 6 innings. The visiting Mt. Lions were unable to score in the top of the 7th inning and the game ended with the final score of 5-1 Pendleton County.

Ethan Rosenau led the Mt. Lions at the plate with 2 hits. Maddox Anderson and Justin Robeson added 1 hits each for Tucker County. Nate Ricottilli started the game on the mound for the Mt. Lions as he went 3 innings. Ethan Rosenau, Justin Robeson and Maddox Anderson also entered the game in pitching relief for Tucker County.

PHILIPPI – The Mt. Lions traveled to Philip-Barbour on Friday March 29th. The Colts jumped out to an early lead

and the game was stopped due to rain in the top of the 3rd inning with the score of 8-3 Philip-Barbour.

The homestanding Colts scored 4 runs in the bottom of the 1st inning to take an early 4-0 lead after 1. Tucker County then scored 2 runs in the top of the 2nd inning to put the score to 4-2 Philip-Barbour. In the bottom of the 2nd inning the Colts would score again as they increased the lead to 8-2 after 2 innings. The Mt. Lions were responding in the top of the 3rd as they scored 1 run and the bases were loaded with 1 out when the game was suspended due to rain with the score of 8-3 Philip-Barbour.

Justin Robeson and Nate Ricottilli had 2 hits each to lead Tucker County. Xander Lambert(double) added 1 hit for the Mt. Lions before the game was stopped. Ethan Rosenau got the start for Tucker County on the mound and Nate Ricottilli entered the game in relief for the Mt. Lions.

Tucker County will return to action on Thursday April 4th for a game against Moorefield at home at 6pm. The Mt. Lions will then host Trinity on Monday April 8th at 6:30pm and they will host Southern on Tuesday April 9th at 6pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.

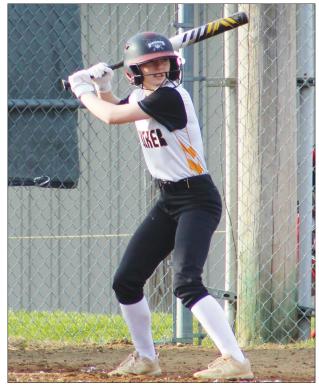
Lady Mt. Lions Softball Falls to Southern, Defeats East Hardy

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

CAMP KIDD – The Tucker County Softball team hosted Southern, MD on Wednesday March 27th. The Lady Mt. Lions gave up 4 runs in the 6th inning to allow the Lady Rams to pull away for a 9-4 win.

Southern scored first as they got 2 runs in the 1st inning to lead 2-0 after 1 inning. Tucker County got on the scoreboard in the 2nd inning with 1 run to put the score to 2-1 Southern after 2 innings. The visiting Lady Rams then added 1 run in the top of the 3rd inning and Tucker County answered with 1 run in the bottom of the 3rd inning to make the score 3-2 Southern after 3 innings. The Lady Rams added 2 runs in the 4th inning and the Lady Mt. Lions got 1 run across the plate in the bottom of the 4th to put the score at 5-3 Southern. Tucker County held Southern scoreless in the top of the 5th inning and the Lady Mt. Lions scored 1 run in the bottom of the 5th to make the score 5-4 after 5 innings. The Lady Rams then broke the game open in the top of the 6th inning as they scored 4 runs to increase the Southern lead to 9-4 after 6 innings. Tucker County was unable to score in the 7th inning and the game ended with a Southern victory by the final score of 9-4. The Lady Mt. Lions collected 9 hits in the loss. Rachel Felton, Katie Hicks, Sutton Pase and Peyton Hicks had 2 hits each on the evening. Among those hits Pase had 2 doubles, Katie Hicks had 1 double and Peyton Hicks had a triple. Brianna Gooden added 1 hits for the Lady Mt. Lions. Ava Shaffer started the contest for Tucker County on the mound and went 3 innings. Brianna Gooden and Peyton Hicks entered the game in pitching relief for the Lady Mt. Lions.





BAKER – The Lady Mt. Lions traveled to East Hardy on Friday March 29th. Tucker County jumped out to a quick start and cruised to a 15-0 victory over the Lady Cougars.

In the 1st inning the bats were alive for the Lady Mt. Lions as they scored 3 runs in the top of the 1st to take an early 3-0 lead. Tucker County then added 3 runs in the 2nd inning to put the score at 6-0 after 2 innings. The visiting Lady Mt. Lions then scored 4 runs in the 4th inning and 5 runs in the 5th inning to make the score Lady Mt. Lions player Rachel Felton makes a catch against Southern on March 27th. Tucker County fell in the game 9-4. Photo by Dave Helmick.

15-0. The game ended after 5 innings due to the mercy rule.

Katie Hicks led Tucker County with 3 hits(2 doubles) and 5 RBI's on the night. Addie Hicks, Rachel Felton, Ava Shaffer, Sutton Pase, Brianna Gooden and Makenna Evans had 1 hit each to account for the 9 hits for the Lady Mt. Lions in the win. Peyton Hicks got the start for Tucker County as she went 3 innings and gave up 1 hit. Ava Shaffer entered the game in relief for the Lady Mt. Lions.

Tucker County will return to action on Thursday April 4th for a doubleheader at home against Tygarts Valley.

Tucker County's Katie Hicks waits on a pitch against Southern on March 27th. The Lady Mt. Lions fell in the contest 9-4. Photo by Dave Helmick.

The first game will start at 5pm. The Lady Mt. Lions will then host Gilmer County on Friday April 5th at 5pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.

Tucker's Bonner Featured on Boys' Basketball All-State List

By Dave Helmick

TuckerCountySports.Com

The Boys' Basketball Class "A" All-State list was released by the West Virginia Sports Writers Association on Tuesday March 26th. Tucker County's Trevan Bonner was selected as a first team selection. Bonner averaged 14 points per game as he helped lead the Mt. Lions to a State Runner-Up finish this season. Ethan Rosenau was honored as a second team member. Rosenau was also a key player on the Tucker County State Runner-Up team as he averaged 16 points per game. Mt. Lions Senior, Ashton Lycliter was also honored as an All-State Honorable Mention selection. Lycliter 8 points per game for the season and Ashton was chosen as the State Tournament MVP following the Championship game. For more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

Tucker County Track Competes at Keyser Meet

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

KEYSER – The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Track teams opened their 2024 season at Keyser on Tuesday March 26th. Results were as follows:

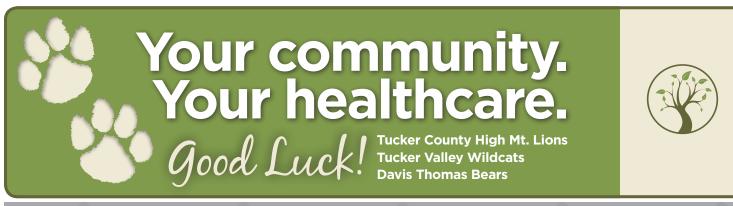
Boys Results-100m: 4th-Nate Ricottilli(12.29). 200m: 5th-Luke Barb(25.67), 23rd-Trenton Jones(28.77). 400m: 2nd-Nate Ricottilli(54.63). 800m: 1st-Alex Collar(2:22.17), 4th-Logan Kopec(2:30.03). 1600m: 2nd-Cameron Judy(5:22.03), 5th-Lynk Suesli(5:35.53). 3200m: 2nd-Cameron Judy(11:40.00), 4th-Lynk Suesli(12:23.00). 110m Hurdles: 5th-Allen Collar(20.45), 5th-Liam Davis(20.45). 300m Hurdles: 7th-Allen Collar(51.51), 9th-Trenton Jones(56.06). 4x100m: 4th-N.Ricottilli, B.George, G.Mullenax, L.Barb(51.33). 4x200m: 3rd-L.Barb, B.George, G.Mullenax, R.Scott(1:49.99). 4x400m: 3rd-N.Ricottilli, L.Kopec, Alx.Collar, R.Scott(4:15.53). 4x800m: 2nd-C.Judy, L.Suesli, Alx. Collar, L.Kopec(9:41.28). Shuttle Hurdle: 4th-L. Davis, R.Scott, L.Kopec, Aln. Collar(1:12.10). Shot Put: 6th-Gavin Mullenax(35'07"), 14th-Hunter Ware(29'07"), 24th-Damian Rhodes(23'10"). Discus: 8th-Gavin Mullenax(95'04"), 17th-Hunter Ware(73'00"), 21st-Braxton George(62'07"), 22nd-Damian Rhodes(62'07"). High Jump: 3rd-Luke Barb(5'04"). Pole Vault: 3rd-Allen Collar(8'00"). Long Jump: 7th-Braxton George(15'06"), 11th-Trenton Jones(14'03.5").

Girls Results-100m: 14th-Rileigh Russell(22.50). 200m: 7th-

Addi Moats(31.59). 400m: 1st-Katie Hicks(1:06.59). 800m: 2nd-Katie Hicks(2:43.74). 1600m: 3rd-Addi Moats(6:33.97). 3200m: 2nd-Katie Hicks(13:51.00). 100m Hurdles: 9th-Moira Callaway(20.48). 4x100m: 4th-M.Gross, A.Moats, M.Callaway, L.Wright(57.31). 4x400m: 2nd-M.Gross, A.Moats, M.Callaway, L.Wright(4:53.99). Shuttle Hurdle: 4th-L.Wright, M.Gross, H.Cussins, M.Callaway(1:17.69). Shot Put: 23rd-Rileigh Russell(18'04''). Discus: 5th-Mayah Gross(85'02''), 19th-Hannah Cussins(51'10''), 21st-Rileigh Russell(51'07''). High Jump: 4th-Lela Wright(4'04'').

The Mt. Lion Track teams will return to action today Wednesday April 3rd at Clay-Battelle High School. For more go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

stgeorgeclinic.org



Emergency Food and Shelter Dollars Available

Area counties have been awarded federal funds made available through the department of homeland security (DHS)/ Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Bouard program.

The following have been chosen to receive funding suppleto ment emergency food and shelter programs in their respective counties through phase 41 of the program.

Marion County: \$21,537 Randolph County: \$11,727

Barbour County:

\$7,319

Taylor County: TBA Tucker County: TBA

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal **Emergency** Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross; Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; and the United Way of America. The Local Board is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in highneed areas around the

county.

Eligibility requirements include: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Agencies do not have to be a United Way agency to apply.

Agencies interested in applying for Phase 41 should visit the United Way website at http:// tvuw.us/efsp. All applications are due by 5:00pm on Friday, April 19, 2024.

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I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons: Personal Representative(s)

Cindy Lou Duckworth

10 Woodstone Lane

Parsons, WV 26287

Richard O. Kaiser

5905 Seneca Trail

Montrose, WV 26283

Deceased Samuel Bruce Owens 1st publication 3/27/24 2nd publication 4/3/24 Wilda M. Strahin 1st publication 3/27/24 2nd publication 4/3/24

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Clyde Franklin Nestor	David W. Nestor
1st publication 4/3/24	568 Crossroads Ln.
2nd publication 4/10/24	Parsons, WV 26287
Fred Dale Jones I	Brenda S. Jones
1st publication 4/3/24	1350 Sugarlands School Rd.
2nd publication 4/10/24	Hambleton, WV 26269
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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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

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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 007 2023420022 S342-ALL/EG-2.00 NRT-2023(303)D ASPHALT PAVING

ALLEGHENY HIGHLANDS TRAIL PHASE II Rail Trail

COUNTY: TUCKER

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

REMARKS

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' 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 Guar-anty 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 adver-tisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, 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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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.

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Current Year		1			
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
<u>Class IV</u>					
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	& Uno	collectable Taxes	<u>2.50%</u>		134,629
Less Tax Discounts			<u>2.00%</u>		105,010
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Total Projected Property Tax C	ollectio	n			5,145,505
Less Assessor Valuation Fund			<u>1.50%</u>		77,183
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Net Amount to be Raised by Le	vy of P	roperty Taxes			
for Budget Purposes				\$	5,068,825

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

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

MUNICIPALITY OF DAVIS, 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

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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State of West Virginia **Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management** PUBLIC NOTICE

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

POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NO. WV0115924 SM-29-2024 Public Notice Date: April 02, 2024 **Public Notice No.:**

Paper: The Parsons Advocate

The following has applied for coverage under the General WV / NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0115924 for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WVR112436

WV DEP OFFICE OF ABANDONED MINE LANDS & RECLAMATION Applicant: 601 57TH ST SE CHARLESTON, WV 25304 Location: COKETON, TUCKER COUNTY 79:30:40 Latitude: 39:08:15 Longitude: **Receiving Stream:**

North Fork Blackwater River/Cheat/Mon

Activity:

Stormwater discharge associated with 37.5 acres of land disturbance in Tucker County, WV

Business conducted:

37.5 acres of land disturbance associated with the reclamation of existing mine portals and the construction of an acid mine drainage treatment facility.

Implementation:

N/A

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

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

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

The public comment period begins April 02, 2024 and ends May 02, 2024.

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

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

<u>REVENUE SOURCE</u>		^		
Unassigned Fund Balance		\$	193,351	
Property Taxes - Current Expense			169,172	
Gas & Oil Severance Tax			6,100	
Excise Tax on Utilities			81,000	
Wine & Liquor Tax			22,000	
Animal Control Tax			230	
Hotel Occupancy Tax			270,000	
Licenses			6,000	
Building Permit Fees			3,000	
Franchise Fees			4,300	
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Pl	an)		37,000	
Rents, Royalties and Concessions			200	
Refuse Collection			77,000	
Gaming Income			11,000	
Reimbursements			1,000	
Refunds			1,000	
Filing Fees			45	
Video Lottery (LVL)			400	
Miscellaneous Revenues		•	1,500	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE		<u>\$</u>	884,298	
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND				
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Assigned Fund Balance		\$	3,938	
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ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPEN	DITURES	Fund	Fund	
Mayor's Office		600	-	
Recorder's Office		600	-	
Regional Development Authority		690	-	
Elections		2,000	-	
City Hall		136,102	6,638	
Streets and Highways		119,848	-	
Street Lights		17,040	-	
Central Garage		52,184	-	
Garbage Department		179,948	-	
Parks & Recreation		156,500	-	
Visitors Bureau		135,000	-	
Community Center		35,000	-	
Arts & Humanities		18,786	-	
Beautification Programs		30,000	-	
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDIT		<u>\$ 884,298</u> <u>\$</u>	6,638	
	PALITY OF DAVIS, V			
	Regular Current Expen	·		
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	Certificate of Valuation		Ŧ	
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	for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied	
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Personal Property Public Utility	\$ 0	11.27	\$	0
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Total Class I CLASS II	<u>\$</u> 0		<u>\$</u>	0
Real Estate	\$ 22,234,380	22.54	\$ 5	0,116
		22.34	\$ 3	,
Personal Property	315,693		¢ 5	712
Total Class II CLASS IV	<u>\$ 22,550,073</u>		<u>\$</u> 5	0,828
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Personal Property	6,518,932	45.08	2	
Public Utility	6,518,932 2,461,993	45.08	2	1,099
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I, Robert North, 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 27th day of March, 2024.

Rol	wit T. North.
	(Signature)
-	Recorder
(Off	icial 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 ContractState Project0082024890001R089-GRDRL-24 00 Federal Project Description

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 contractors' licence 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 adver-tisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, 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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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025 **LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

MUNICIPALITY OF PARSONS, 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

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Federal ProjectDescriptionHSIP-0081(047)DPAVEMENT MARKINGS
 Call
 Contract
 State Project

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 State Project 2024 RPM

STATEWIDE **COUNTY:** STATEWIDE

DBE GOAL: 10 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' licence 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.

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Tucker County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

County of: Tucker, West Virginia

In accordance with Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Tucker County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and

estimate the several amounts to be as follows:	es for the current year,	and doth determine and
General Fund	Estimated Rev	
Fund Balance		1,000,000
Property Taxes Current Year Prior Year Taxes		3,283,759
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees		65,000 40,000
Dog Taxes		2,000
Property Transfer Tax		100,000
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		20,000
Wine & Liquor Tax		20,000
Hotel Occupancy Tax		1,000,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes Federal Grants / Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes		45,000
State Grants		300,000 50,000
Sheriff's Service of Process		3,000
County Clerk's Earnings		25,000
Circuit Clerk's Earnings		7,000
Accident Reports		300
Motor Vehicle License Fee		2,000
Rents & Concessions		40,000 500
Special Patrol / Security Systems Franchise Agreement		4,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		20,000
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement		5,000
Interest Earned		8,000
Sheriff's Commission		15,000
Gaming Income		40,000
Video Lottery		1,500
Refunds / Reimbursements (External Sources) Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund		700,000 171,178
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$	6,968,237
Coal Severance Tax	Estimated Rev	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$	24,000
Coal Severance Tax		5,000
Total Coal Severance	<u>\$</u>	29,000
FOTIMATED EXDENDITIOEC	General	Coal Severance
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Tax Fund</u>
County Commission	\$ 401,314	\$ 29,000
County Clerk	413,944	-
Circuit Clerk	199,750	-
Sheriff - Treasurer	369,236	-
Prosecuting Attorney	335,142	-
Assessor	228,808	-
Assessor's Valuation Fund	171,178	-
Statewide Computer Network Agriculture Agent	18,000 120,480	-
Elections - County Clerk	103,909	-
Magistrate Court	10,000	-
Circuit Court	6,167	-
Courthouse	778,993	-
Regional Development Authority	2,563	-
Economic Development Rehabilitation of Property	89,000	-
State Grants	40,000 65,000	-
Contingencies - Not to Exceed 10% of Budget	75,000	-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,446,484	29,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	-	-
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	598,814	-
Sheriff - Service of Process	95,651	-
Regional Jail Emergency Services	150,000 85,884	-
Communication Center	610,928	-
Fire Department	140,000	-
Ambulance Authority	250,000	-
Dog Warden / Humane Society	188,576	-
Community Based Corrections Program	527,608	-
K-9	11,891	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY HEALTH AND SANITATION	2,659,352	
Local Health Department	35,000	
TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION	35,000	
CULTURE AND RECREATION	-	-
Parks & Recreation	120,000	-
4-H Camp	80,000	-
Historical Commission	20,000	-
Visitor's Bureau Library	500,000 30,000	-
State Grants	40,000	-
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	790,000	
CAPITAL PROJECTS		-
Assessor	37,401	<u>-</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	37,401	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 6,968,237</u>	<u>\$ 29,000</u>

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Ce	rtific	ate of Valuation			
As	Assessed Value		Levy		Taxes
for	: Tax	Purposes	Rate/\$100		Levied
<u>CLASS I</u>					
Personal Property	\$	0	11.69	\$	0
Public Utility		0			0
Total Class I	<u>\$</u>	0		\$	0
CLASS II					
Real Estate	\$	22,368,230	23.38	\$	52,297
Personal Property		260,926			610
Total Class II	<u>\$</u>	22,629,156		\$	52,907
CLASS IV					
Real Estate	\$	13,214,750	46.76	\$	61,792
Personal Property		9,403,800			43,972
Public Utility		3,411,533			15,952
Total Class IV	\$	26,030,083		\$	121,716
Total Value & Projected Revenue	<u>\$</u>	48,659,239		\$	174,623
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes 7.00%					12,224
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate) 2.00%					3,248
Less Allowance for Tax Increment	Finaı	ncing (if Applicab	le)		0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$	159,151	
Less Assessor Valuation Fund			<u>1.50%</u>		2,387
(Subtracted from regular current ex	pens	e taxes levied onl	y)		
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			<u>\$</u>	156,764	
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA					
COUNTY OF	TU	CKER			

MUNICIPALITY OF PARSONS

I, Timothy L. Auvil, 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 19th day of March 2024.

(Signature)				
Recorder				
(Official Title of Recording Officer)				

TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Column E

	Column E				
	Certificate	of Valuation	Levy		Taxes
Current Year	Assessed V	alue for Tax Purpos	ses <u>Rate/\$100</u>)	Levied
Class I					
Personal Property	\$	0	12.90	\$	0
Public Utility		0			0
Total Class I	\$	0		\$	0
Class II					
Real Estate	\$	345,761,800	25.80	\$	892,065
Personal Property		2,290,433			5,909
Total Class II	<u>\$</u>	348,052,233		\$	897,974
Class III					
Real Estate	\$	255,791,740	51.60	\$	1,319,885
Personal Property		126,114,634			650,752
Public Utility		53,645,530			276,811
Total Class III	<u>\$</u>	435,551,904		\$	2,247,448
Class IV					
Real Estate	\$	52,181,880	51.60	\$	269,259
Personal Property		23,872,424			123,182
Public Utility		8,329,446			42,980
Total Class IV	<u>\$</u>	84,383,750		\$	435,421
Total Value & Projected Re	evenue <u>\$</u>	867,987,887		\$	3,580,843
Less Delinquencies, Exonera	tions & Uno	collectable Taxes	<u>5.00%</u>		179,042
Less Tax Discounts			<u>2.00%</u>		68,036
Less Allowance for Tax Incr	ement Finan	cing (if Applicable)		0
Total Projected Property T	ax Collectio	n			3,333,765
Less Assessor Valuation Fun	d		<u>1.50%</u>		0
(Subtracted from regular cur	rent expense	e taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by	Levy of Pro	perty Taxes		\$	3,333,765
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA					
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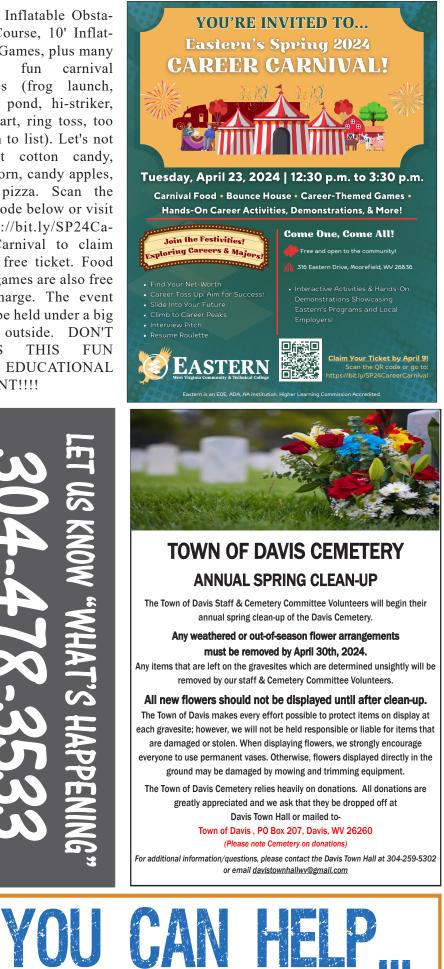
I, SHERRY SIMMONS, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 27th DAY OF MARCH 2024.

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CLAIM YOUR FREE TICKET TO THE CAREER CARNIVAL NOW!!!!

38' Inflatable Obstacle Course, 10' Inflatable Games, plus many other fun carnival games (frog launch, duck pond, hi-striker, spin art, ring toss, too much to list). Let's not forget cotton candy, popcorn, candy apples, and pizza. Scan the QR code below or visit https://bit.ly/SP24CareerCarnival to claim your free ticket. Food and games are also free of charge. The event will be held under a big tent outside. DON'T MISS THIS FUN AND EDUCATIONAL EVENT!!!!

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Mountaineer Garden Club announces winning entries



Hello Spring, the annual Easter display hosted by the Mountaineer Garden Club announced the winning entries. Jean Long was awarded first place (Blue Ribbon) for her lilac arrangement, surrounded by a purple cloth and in front of the symbolic three crosses. Second place (Red Ribbon) was awarded to Crystal Nelson for her joyful celebration of flowering branches with a metal rabbit and wreath surrounding the vase of branches. Linda Sherman's dough bowl filled with eggs, grasses and an adorable bunny placed third (White Ribbon). Thank you to all who voted. MGC meets the first Tuesday of most months at 6PM at the local library and welcomes new members.

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Sponsored by Mountain Valley Bank



Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need

dministrative fees. EVERY CENT eceived 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

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.

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 _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

LEVEL IV TRAUMA CENTER

We are thrilled to announce that Davis Medical Center has successfully achieved Level IV Trauma certification!

This certification is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and expertise of our team in providing top-notch care to patients during critical moments.

Thank you to all our staff members for their unwavering commitment to excellence in healthcare.

