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# Flooding Causes Closure of US 219 to Parsons





Beginning April 2nd, the National Weather Service reported a 72 hour precipitation total of 3.25 inches for the Parsons area. The heavy rainfall on April 3nd caused flooding of the road that resulted in the closure of US

219 from Kerens to Parsons. According to WVDOH Comptroller Steve Schumacher, the majority of flooding was in the Kerens, Gillman and Montrose areas. Schumacher said crews were trying to turn vehicles away early

to keep the public as far from the flooded roads as possible. According to Schumacher, the road reopened later that same afternoon, resuming normal traffic flow between Kerens and Parsons.



The first building permit has been approved for Phase Two of the Riverwalk Development in Davis. Phase Two of the project, pictured, had previously been held up due to the recently dismissed Eminent Domain filing by the Town of Davis. The Town's dismissal of the filing and the approval of the permit, paves the way for additional development in the area.

## Town of Davis Approves First Construction in Riverwalk Phase Two

built," Tomson said.

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

Following the Town of Davis' dismissal of the Eminent Domain filing against the Davis Riverwalk project, the first building permit in Phase Two of the development has been approved by the Town of Davis for construction of a home at Lot 9. Property owner, Daniel Marsh, was on hand

during the March 27th council meeting to address the issue. "Daniel, you will be Eminent Domain Domain or the form of the Town's 'Daniel, you will be the first house in the first house in the to be constructed in the second phase to get built," phase to get to get built, Town second phase to get of Davis Mayor Al Tomson said.

Tomson said that the Town had received all the documentation needed to approve the building permit. "We have the survey, the setbacks are ok and we have the plans for the house," Tomson said. "And we also have a check. So, I think that we have everything that we

Marsh addressed the Council over concerns with the sewer utility at the rear of his property. Marsh said he wanted to let the Council know that he intends to locate and mark the site so that he is "well away from it" during construction, as to not encroach on the Town's easement. Tomson thanked Marsh for his diligence in the issue and the Council offered to assist in the location and marking of the site. "The only question I have is regarding the sewer utility in the back of the property."

Tomson said that the Town would also make sure that Marsh has water when he needs it. "We'll start with the Alternate Main Line Agreement for the water for Phase Two," Tomson said. "So that you will get water turned on when you need it."

In a unanimous vote by the Council, the building permit was approved. Marsh's property at Lot 9 will be the first home to

break ground on the Riverwalk development since the disfiling and the first Phase Two of the project.

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Marsh's building permit paves the way for additional housing in Phase Two of the project. Construction in Phase Two was previously held up due to the Town's filing.

In other Riverwalk news, a fire hydrant in the Riverwalk development area that had been damaged has been repaired. Property Developer Pete Johnson had previously attended a Town Council meeting to address the issue, as well as water damage and removed fencing at the site.

Mayor Tomson said that the contractor that had damaged the hydrant had admitted to causing the damage by backing into the unit and has repaired the damaged hydrant. Tomson also said the Town was going to install posts to protect the hydrant from future damage by vehicles. The posts are to be set in concrete.

# **Woodlands Construction Project to Bring Housing, Commercial Space to Parsons**



Architect Bryson Van updates the Parsons City Council on four alternatives for a combination residential/commercial construction on the lot next to the Veterans Memorial. The previous building located at 193 Main Street was one of several buildings demolished in Parsons. The demolition project was funded through a state grant. Woodlands Development Group plans to erect a three story building with commercial space on the first floor and apartments in the floors

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

A full house was on hand during a meeting of the City of Parsons Council April 2nd. Among the items on a full agenda, representatives from Woodlands Development Group presented a series of proposals for the vacant lot at 193 Main Street. The building that previously sat on the lot was the first to be demolished by the City through a civic improvement initiative funded by a state grant. Woodlands Development Group Executive Director Dave Clark and Architect Bryson Van Nos-

"What we have committed to is eight units of housing," Clark said.

trand addressed the Council on behalf of Woodlands.

Woodlands compacted with a previous Council under Mayor Judy, according to Clark. As part of the agreement, the City of Parsons loaned Woodlands the funds to purchase the property. Under a State grant funded initiative, the existing building was demolished. Clark said that Woodlands had also agreed to a Council request that Woodlands provide the option for those individuals who had resided in the old building to move into the new building. "We agreed to basically build back something similar to what was there," Clark "So commercial and residential

As part of the agreement with the City, Woodlands would also lease the property next to the lot. Clark said the agreement emerged from the need for designated parking. Clark said that most of the funding for these kinds of projects is often connected to housing and has specific requirements for parking. In the case of the Parsons project, Clark said the new building would be required to provide 1.5 parking spaces for every housing unit and at least one ADA compliant unit with designated parking. "Council also agreed then to lease us the adjoining space," Clark said. "Because we knew to get any financing for the housing side we had to have committed parking."

Clark said the funding has taken two years to acquire, but through at least six committed funding sources, the project has been funded. "It is going to be about a \$3 million project," Clark said.

Clark said that with the funding in place, the next step is to decide on a design for the project. Clark and Van Nostrand brought four different designs for the space

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#### Mayor Kolsun Addresses Flood Plain *Concerns*

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

Parsons Mayor Bruce Kolsun addressed concerns surrounding Tucker County no longer having a Flood Plain Manager in the county. Mayor Kolsun spoke during the Good of the Order segment of the City of Parsons Council's regular April 2nd meeting. According to Kolsun, he was aware that letters notifying residents of an increase for flood rates has already been sent out that outlined a 10 percent increase in rates. "I don't want people's flood rates to go up," Mayor Kolsun said. "That would be traumatic."

Kolsun said that due to the absence of a Flood Plain Manager in Tucker County, letters have been sent to residents informing them of the 10 percent increase in rates. "Remember that we no longer have a Flood Plain Manager in this county anymore," Kolsun said. "Therefore, flood rates will be going up for our participants, people who have flood insurance, 10 percent. They

already got letters."

Parsons City Recorder Tim Auvil said the issue lies in the Community Rating System. According to FEMA, the CRS Program is a voluntary incentive program that, "encourages and recognizes community flood plain

management practices that exceed the minimum

Kolsun said he understood that citizens would be upset over the rate increase, but he was trying to establish a cooperative agreement with other counties to share a Flood Plain Manager, as an option to assist in mitigating the costs. "I'm trying to do something," Kolsun said. "If we get somebody there is going to be a lot of paperwork to fill

"I don't want people's flood rates to go up. That would be traumatic," Kolsun said.

requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)." Over 1500 communities participate across the country, according to FEMA. "It not just necessarily revolved around officers, but the Community Rating System, which is the CRS program, and in order to qualify for that you have to have a Flood Plain Manager or else the application is denied by the State for the discount," Auvil said. "That's what it all revolves around."

Both Mayor Kolsun and Parsons Police Chief Kevin Keplinger discussed the possibility that Code Enforcement Officer Rosier may obtain the necessary training to become a flood plain manager. Other potential candidates included Council Member Tim Turner suggesting Tucker County OEM Director and Parsons Volunteer Fire Department Chief Kevin White.

However, both Kolsun and Keplinger said that it would be likely be a long and difficult process to complete. Auvil said it would involve two years of training. Keplinger said the first Level One certification would be offered this fall.

Keplinger said that the position will be intensive with a lot of time and effort involved. According to Keplinger, the flood plain has to be examined in every building permit submitted and considered in regards to every new construction in the City. "There is going to be quite a bit involved with this," Keplinger said. "One thing to keep in mind, even if we find somebody who's willing to try to do this, there's going to be quite a bit of time involved with them and effort with them because every building permit we have, we have to go through...Its going to be a day by day, sometimes several times a day type of position."

According to Kolsun, there are only five people in the State with flood plain management certification.



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## **News of Record**

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

- James Brian Gill, of Halethorpe, Md. was charged with one count of Domestic Battery and one count of Domestic Assault. According to the complaint on Friday, March 29, Deputy B.M. Gidley received a complaint from Tucker County 911 regarding a mother and son arguing and the son, James Brian Gill, taking her car keys and cell phone. Gidley arrived on scene at the neighbor's house to speak to the victim. Once there he obtained a handwritten and signed statement which states that she was about to leave her home to take her grandchildren to church. Gill allegedly burst through the door into the dining room, took the phone off the wall, grabbed her keys off the table, pushed her against the wall and forcibly took her cell phone out of her hand.
- The suspect said to the victim, "You are not going anywhere, I am going to Baltimore." In fear for the victim's safety she fled the house and went to the neighbors to call for help.
- The following property transfers have been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk's office:
- Brian G. McCloud, Dry Fork District, Unit/Lot 40, Section B, Black Bear Woods Resort Development to Katherine Jadick, \$275,000.

- CE Properties, Thomas Corporation, Lot N, to Alpine Properties LLC, \$230,000.
- Winnie To, 1.9165 percent interest in Unit D5 Week 33 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$505.00.
- Landof Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest in Unit E5 Week 6 to James M. Demchuk and Tammy Demchuk, \$100.
- Donald M. Dolan and Rosalee H. Dolan, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest in Unit D1 Week 22 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$555.50.
- Ambrose E. Albright and Patricia S. Albright, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest in Unit D3 Week 31 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$555.50.
- Victor F. McCloy, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest in Unit C4 Week 29 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$866.50.
- Landof Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest in Unit A4 Week 5 to Lauren Seifried and Jason Seifried, \$750.
- Dale A. Curtis, Sr. and Deborah Curtis, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest in Unit A1 Week 35 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$555.
- Robert S. Wine and Eudora J. Wine, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest in Unit B5 Week 7 to Land of Canaan Home

Owners Association Inc., \$100.

- Douglas Coleman and Alicia Coleman, St. George District, 3.29 acres Horseshoe Run to Jeremy Hile and Amanda Hile, \$39,498.45.
- H. Douglas North, Linda Jean Romano, Paul L. North, William Scott North and Shirley Renee McCulloch, Dry Fork District, Lot 12 Windwood to Robert North, Sr., \$30,000.
- Shaun Stanley, Dry Fork District, Lot 96
   Mountainside Section B of Timberline to
   Daniel Brito-Guzman, Casandra Arevalo
   Marcano and Samantha Maria Avevalo Marcano, \$490,000.
- Shilo Quarry LLC, Clover District, Minerals to Sublette Christian Church, \$2,500.
- Christopher Paez, Davis District, Lot 64, Tuscan Ridge Subdivision, Section 1 to Emily Carlson, \$40,000.
- Twyla Auvil, Jacqueline Coleman, Loretta Mills, Milton Evans, Barbara Miller, Denzi Evans, Jr., Kevin Evans and Ryan Evans, St. George District, Lot 4 – 25,939.69 square feet to ASJ;EU R. Hebb and Robert Jesse Roy Jr., \$80,000.

#### Woodlands

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to the Council for consideration. According to Clark, the Council will have input on every step of the process going forward. "We are now at a point where we need to make some decisions about how this is going to look and how we want to go forward," Clark said.

Van Nostrand presented the four designs to the Council and public in attendance. Clark said that the funding attached to project has determined that need for eight housing units on the site. Each of the four designs integrates the eight housing units and the designated parking. However, the number of commercial units located on the site varies with each design. "What we have committed to is eight units of housing. There will be at least one commercial space and there could be more," Clark said.

Clark said the commercial space provided will include entrepreneurial and community support services, regardless of the design selected. "In that commercial space, we have to supply some entrepreneurial services and some general community support services," Clark said.

The options presented by Van Nostrand differed slightly based on location of the building and parking as well as the green space to be provided. Two versions of an "Option C" were presented that proposed two buildings side by side at the back of the lots with parking located in front. The difference in the two versions hinged on whether both buildings would be three stories or have one two story building to the right and a three story building next to the Memorial. "Option B" places a three story building on the corner lot owned by the City and parking on the Woodlands owned lot next to the Memorial.

"Option A" places the building in the same location as the previous building, next to the Memorial, and parking in the corner City owned lot. Van Nostrand said he felt the placement to be problematic and encroached too much on the border of the Memorial."It seemed problematic to me," Van Nostrand said. "I really like the Memorial and it seemed problematic to me that the old building, you know where the Memorial wall pretty much butts right into it and to rebuild the building there, would, I think, not be as nice as it could be as it relates to the Memorial."

Van Nostrand also said he felt that if the building were rebuilt up to the sidewalks that it would feel like it was "out in the middle of an open area." This Van Nostrand attributed to the fact that the building would not be connected to any other buildings in the area. "Its going to feel like its in the middle of an open area," Van Nostrand said. "It will no longer be beside another a building that comes up to the street, as used to be the case years ago."

Van Nostrand said he felt that the options outlined in "Option C" would be best as it pushed the buildings back against the retaining wall at the rear of the properties. According to Van Nostrand, he felt the option would be



Woodlands Development Group Executive Director Dave Clark, left, and Architect Bryson Van Nostrand, right, presented four options for two lots along Main Street next to the Veterans Memorial to the City of Parsons Council, April 2nd.

the most aesthetic options and would also provide extra windows in each living unit. As a result, Van Nostrand said he felt that both "Option A" and "Option B" were "an island in a river." Van Nostrand equated his thoughts to his gut reaction to the location and options put forward. "When we build that building in either 'Option A' or 'B,' I kind of got a feel like its just kind of an island in a river in a way," Van Nostrand said.

Council Members voiced concerns over the traffic light in the area and the impact the parking area would have on traffic in the area with traffic entering the property from Main Street. "Then we started thinking about, there's a light there," Mayor Bruce Kolsun said. "You're pulling out into traffic flow. You have three lanes there and you're pulling out into that third lane. So, that was a real concern when we were talking. Several people brought that up in our meeting."

Council Member Melissa Jones also expressed concerns over a main power pole at the site. Van Nostrand said that the lines would be 20 feet from the entrance. "So, its about 20 feet from the entry point," Van Nostrand said.

No decisions on the design of the project were made at the meeting. Official decisions by the Council are slated to be included in the next meeting agenda. Construction on the project, according to Clark, is slated to begin late this summer with an anticipated date around July or August

The next meeting of the Parsons City Council will be held Tuesday, April 16th at 6 p.m. at the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building located at 341 Second Street in Parsons.

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#### Janet J. Barr

Janet J. Barr, 82, of Powhatan, Virginia, passed away peacefully on February 25, 2024. She is preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Jim Barr, and daughter, Lori Ann Lambert. She is survived by her sons, Steven Barr (Myrna) and Scott Barr (Jessica); siblings, Allan Johnson and Judy Doyal;



six grandchildren, Dylan, Katelyn, Christopher, Dalton, Evan and Nathan; one great-grandchild, Kinsley.

A graveside service was held Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 1:00 PM in the Powhatan Community Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at bennettbardenfh.com

#### Frank Joseph Perozziello

Frank Joseph Perozziello, 87, of Randallstown, MD, passed away on March 31, 2024. Joe was the spouse to Shirley Lambert, to whom he was married for 59 years. Joe was born in Rockingham, Vermont, on December 22, 1936, to the late Frank and Mary Louise (Smith) Perozziello. He graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance.

Joe began work for Montgomery Ward as an auditor and later worked for companies such as Bendix and Westinghouse, supporting the nation's defense and requiring worldwide travel. He retired as a project administrator from Northrop Grumman in Annapolis, Maryland, in January of 1997, after 27 years. Joe was a member of the Navy Reserve Officers Training, from 1955-1959, and served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1962.

He was a member of the Sons of Italy, serving as Venerable of the Randallstown Lodge and managing the entertain-

ment of the Baltimore Italian Festival in the 1970's, for which he received a personal President's Citation of Merit from the Baltimore City Council and was presented with an "Italian Festival Days" proclamation by Mayor William Donald Schaefer. From the time he moved to Randallstown, he was a parishioner and usher of Holy Family Church and served on the Parish Finance Committee. Joe was a Certified National Rifle Association Instructor who taught dozens of residents responsible firearm use through the Maryland Hunter Safety program. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and Loyal Order of the Moose.

He would often say his most rewarding vocation was serving as an Adult Leader, (Cubmaster and Scoutmaster), for the Boy Scouts of America for over 50 years, having led hundreds of boys resulting in 50 of them receiving Eagle Scout during Joe's service.

Joe is survived by his

wife, Shirley; two sons, Michael Joseph and his wife Susie (Potter) of Crownsville, MD, and Eric Anthony of Discovery Bay, CA; two grandsons, Stephen Michael of Savannah, GA and Nicolás Francisco of Discovery Bay, CA; one sister, Anna Peltier of Enfield, CT; thirteen nieces and nephews; nineteen grandnieces and nephews; and

es and nephews. Friends will be received on Friday, April 12, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home, 567 Thomas Avenue, Davis. A graveside service will be held following the visitation at the Buena Cemetery with Fr. Martin Smay officiating. Military honors will be accorded at the cemetery.

thirteen great-grand-niec-

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for those who wish to make contributions to do so to either St. Jude's Children Hospital, Shiners Hospitals for Children, or Wounded

#### Randall Bruce Layman

Randall Bruce Layman, 71, of Bayard, passed away on April 1, 2024, at his residence. Born on May 20, 1952, in Oakland, he was the son of the late Charles Fredrick and Clarice Lucille (Willis) Layman.

Randy was a 1971 graduate of Union High School. He worked for Island Creek Coal Company and Consol Energy as a coal miner and at the Scherr Location of Fairfax Stone Materials as a truck driver. He attended the Bayard United Methodist Church. Randy enjoyed hunting, fishing, metal detecting, coin collecting, and most of all, spending time with his family.

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa Dawn Thompson and husband Daniel of Parsons; two grandchildren, Lukas Daniel Thompson-Moore and



husband Joseph Thompson-Moore of Kerens, and Ryder Elizabeth Thompson of Parsons; four siblings, Bob Layman and wife Sue of Richland, MO, Sharon Hortsman and husband Harold of Lohman, MO, Stanley Layman of Gormania, and Ann Moreland and husband John of Mt. Storm; a brother in law, Rodney Lewis of Oakland; a sister in law, Robin Layman of Bayard; former partner and life long friend, Shirley Phillips Tyson of

Stephenson, VA; along with a host of dearly loved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five siblings, Doris Jean Layman, Carl Fredrick Layman, Sue Lewis, Mose Layman, and Dick Layman and wife Sue.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Blackwater Ministerial Association for the new construction of the food pantry facility. Donations may be mailed to Blackwater Ministerial Association, PO Box 103, Davis, WV 26260.

Randy's request for cremation was honored. A graveside service will be held at the Bayard Cemetery at a later date.

The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving Randy's family.

# 2024 Garden Program Begins May 10

North Community Action will be taking applications for the 2024 Garden Program beginning May 10, 2024. The Garden

Program was designed to help families supplement their food supply by providing seeds, plants, and education on gardening. Participants will receive a voucher to purchase vegetables or fruit plants Qualifyseeds.



ing applicants must be at or below the 200% of the Federal Poverty guidelines for the family's size. If interested, please contact us using the information provided below. We will mail or fax an application to you.

When completing an application for the program, you will need to attach proof of all household income. All completed applica-

tions must be turned in by April 22, 2024.

Please contact The Tucker County Community Action Office at 513 Central Avenue, Parsons, or call us at (304) 478-3536 for more informa-

# Garrett College goes international

# Ten international students celebrated in 'An Evening Abroad'

McHenry, MD – Ten international students from five different countries were celebrated last Thursday night as Garrett College hosted An Evening Abroad in the Edwards CARC gymnasium.

Tawananyasha Mirira (Zimbabwe), Musulyn Pinney (Liberia), Courtney Milner (United Kingdom), Manuela Peres de Castro and Sara Tabuena (both Spain), and Canadians Wyatt Slocum, Lucas Bridger, Stefan Machkovski, Bernardo Giancarlo, and Brandon Metivier were all recognized.

Each of the five national anthems were played at the event, which included food favorites from each country. Nyama (Zimbabwean beef stew), Liberian jollof rice, poutine, tortilla de patato, and afternoon tea with cookies were the featured foods.

The event included a large turnout of Garrett College employees and students as well as community members. "It was nice to see everyone," said Milner, added that the event "reminded all of us of home."

Director of Institutional Compliance Shelley Menear, Director of Human Resources Janis Bush, and Director of Admissions and Recruitment Melissa Wass organized the event

Karen Lauer and other members of the GFWC Civic Club of Oakland also provided support for the event, as did former Garrett College Trustee Vianne Bell and Crellin Elementary School Counselor Tim Watson. Bell, Watson, Crellin Elementary School Principal Dana McCauley and Grantsville Elementary School Principal Tracie Miller are key leaders of the Garret College-Garrett County Public Schools program that brings the College's international students into GCPS elementary school

Garrett College coaches were also out in force at the event, as many of the GC international students play sports for the Lakers. Half of this year's international contingent - Canadians Slocum, Bridger, Machkovski, Giancarlo, and Metivier - are players on the Garrett College baseball team while Peres de Castro (women's soccer and basketball), Milner (women's soccer),

classes.

and Tabuena (women's soccer) also play on GC athletic teams.

"I was pleasantly surprised by the turnout," said Menear. "It was a challenge pulling everyone's schedule together. When we knew how excited the [international] students were about the event, we knew we had to find a way to get it done."

Bush said basic word of mouth brought many community members to the event.

"An entire family came after they heard about the event from one of their children's mentors at Garrett Mentors," said Bush.



Garrett College's international students participate in a joint project with Garrett County Public Schools that brings the students into elementary school classrooms. Pictured, left to right, (back row) are Crellin Elementary School third-grade teacher Carrie Hordubay, GC international student Tawananyasha Mirira, former Garrett College Trustee Vianne Bell, (front row) Cillian Walton, Brody Welch, Kyla Tressler, Kaydence Moon, Camden Lewis, and Bem Agev. The students are holding the Zimbabwean flag.



Garrett College hosted An Evening Abroad last Thursday to celebrate its 10 international students. The students, left to right, are: Brandon Metivier, Stefan Machkovski, Wyatt Slocum, Giancarlo Bernardo, Musulyn Pinney, Sara Tabuena, Courtney Milner, Tawananyasha Mirira, Lucas Bridger, and (seated) Manuela Peres de

Pinney lauded the support international students

"We had a lot of emails and she answered all of my questions," Pinney said of the international recruitment process. "She was so knowledgeable, and I felt if I came here, I would feel welcome. She was a big reason why I came here."

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receive from Wass, who oversees international recruitment for the College.

"We're extremely pleased to have a growing international student population," said Dr. Richard Midcap, Garrett College's president. "These students enrich and enhance our College community."

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# SENIOR NEWS

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

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

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

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

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

Senior Center Holds Outpost

The Parsons Senior Center held their monthly Outpost on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. They began with the Lord's Prayer followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America". The April birthdays were recognized. Those present were Ken Knotts and Sharon Cassidy. The group then sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

The program began with Sharon Daniels reading a poem titled "Prayer at Springtime." Sharon Cassidy then read "It's April" followed by Arlene Ramsey

reading "Another Spring" and Jean Myers reading "Tapestry of Spring." The program concluded with Barbara McClain reading "Awe to April."

Due to the illness of the entertainment, the program was rearranged. The group joined in with singing along with Jean Morrison playing the piano Some of the selections included: "I'll Fly Away", "Amazing Grace", "How Great Thou Art", "Where Roses Never Fade", "The Old Rugged Cross", "Joy Unspeakable", "What a Day That Will Be", "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder", and "When I've Traveled My Last Mile".

Door Prizes were won by Sharon Daniels, Dale Varner, and Jean Morrison. Ken Knotts gave the blessing on the food. We were pleased to have 32 participants attend and enjoy a delicious meal.

## Tucker County Proclaims Horticulture Therapy Week at Cortland Acres



Residents with Commissioner Davis.

Cortland Acres Long Term Care and Rehab celebrated Horticultural Therapy Week on March 27, 2024, with Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis and Sheriff Jake Kopec. The Horticulture Therapy program at Cortland was established in 2023 and is "growing" beyond expectations. The mission of the horticultural therapy program is to integrate gardening and nature-based experiences into the Cortland Acres "nature of care."

The Tucker County Commission proudly presented a Proclamation in support of National Horticulture Therapy Week recognizing the profound impact of nature-based healing. Commissioner Davis made the announcement when visiting Cortland Acres with Sheriff Kopec in their meeting with the "Green Thumbs" residents group members, guests, volunteers and staff. Davis reflected on memories of when his family members were residents at Cortland, saying "I wish this program would have been in place when my mom and grandma were residents, they would have loved it!"

"This week serves a reminder of the healing power that surrounds us in the form of plants and gardens," said Lizz Frost Yocum, Cortland Acres social worker and program coordinator. "Horticultural Therapy uses gardening activities that are selected, adapted, modified and facilitated to support our residents to meet their goals. The benefits people experience may include enhanced physical, cognitive and psychosocial abilities, and improvements to activities of daily living. The residents engage their senses in meaningful ways, learn and have fun!"

"Plants and gardens can also be effective in engaging



people with dementia," Yocum explained. "Plants can provide them with sensory stimulation and bring pleasure. Even simple gardening tasks can enhance their motivation, self-esteem and functioning. Being around plants is a way for these residents to be in the moment, use their communication skills, decrease agitation and maintain their dignity."

The "Green Thumbs" are Cortland residents with a special interest in plants and gardening. In one-to-one and group sessions they roll up their sleeves to work with the Horticultural Therapy program team, volunteers, each other - and an impressive array of plants. They maintain houseplants in sunrooms, offices and around the facility, prepare the plant cart that visits other residents and do seasonal outdoor gardening and special projects.

"We are thrilled to be part of Horticulture Therapy Week," said Cortland Acres Administrator Beth Clevenger. "In long term care facilities gardening can be beneficial for activities of daily living and for social engagement. Among the benefits we see are significant positive changes with movement, increased social interaction and self-fulfillment, but most importantly, we see the residents smiling and enjoying their time with other residents."

"The Cortland Foundation is proud to sponsor The Horticulture Therapy program," said Crystal Boone, Director of The Cortland Foundation. "It is another project of the Foundation in which we can see the difference it makes in the daily lives of the residents."

The West Virginia Development Office awarded \$5,000 in special tax credits through the Neighborhood Invest-



County Commissioner Fred Davis & Sheriff Kopec receiving plants from the Green Thumbs.

ment Program (NIP) to the Cortland Foundation in 2023 for the project. Businesses or individuals who made at least a \$500 donation or more to the Cortland Foundation received a tax credit of one half of the donation through the NIP program.

The Cortland Foundation is currently fundraising to build a canopy in the courtyard at Cortland. It will serve as a multi-purpose space designed to enhance the quality of life for the residents. Boone said, "The canopy will be a wonderful meeting space for the "Green Thumbs" during the summer season, it will protect them from the hot sun but allow them to be in the outdoors."

"It's projects like the "Green Thumbs" that sets us apart from other long-term care facilities," Clevenger noted. "We strive to continually increase and enhance the availability of activities to our residents. Residents are all different so we need to offer a variety to match all personalities."

The "Green Thumbs" have an abundance of plants on hand. The Especially For You Gift Shop at Cortland Acres is selling the plants, which are available for a donation to the "Green Thumbs." All money raised will be invested back into the continuance of the program. The gift shop is open Monday thru Friday 8 am – 4 pm.

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

# Broaddus' Senior Life Solutions Program selected as LEAD Training Site

Philippi, West Virginia – Broaddus Hospital's Senior Life Solutions program was selected to be a LEAD training site by Psychiatric Medical Care, which has more than 250 hospital and health system partnerships across the country.

Senior Life Solutions are hospital-based programs designed to support the mental health of older adults (typically 65 and older) who experience depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges. LEAD sites provide interactive training for new program staff, focusing on Leadership, Excellence, Accountability, and Development. All staff have completed training specific to hosting new employees in their region, providing them guidance and instruction, and modeling a clinically compliant Senior Life Solutions program. To qualify as a LEAD site a program must demonstrate a continued commitment to Psychiatric Medical Care's values: care, compliance, and community. Staff at these programs have created a positive work environment and achieved excellent patient outcomes.

LEAD site programs are compliant with all required reports, hold regular treatment team meetings, and provide routine community education opportunities about the importance of mental health.

"Donetta and her team at Broaddus Hospital's Senior Life Solutions program have demonstrated their commitment to healthcare excellence", said JD Frattini, Regional Director. "As a LEAD Training site, they'll now be able to share their experience and commitment to providing outstanding care to emerging programs around the country".

Broaddus Hospital's Senior Life Solutions program includes an interdisciplinary team of healthcare professionals who provide medication management, therapy and focus on the development of healthy coping skills, community resources, and guidance in managing all aspects of aging. This team is led by Donetta McVicker BSN, RN, program director and medical director and board-certified psychiatrist, Dr. Lauren DeMarco.

Anyone can make a referral to the program, including family members, healthcare providers or individuals in need of mental health support. For more information or questions about the Senior Life Solutions program please call (304) 457-

About Broaddus Hospital

Broaddus Hospital is Critical Access Hospital located in Philippi, WV. They provide medical and specialty care for the residents of Barbour County including acute care, long term care, rehabilitation and therapy services, laboratory and radiology, transitional care, 24/7 emergency department, and cardiac and pulmonary therapies. They are a member of Davis Health System, and a part of the Vandalia Health System.

ABOUT Psychiatric Medical Care

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For questions regarding this position, please contact Mayor Bruce Kolsun at (304) 478-2311 or by email at cityofparsons@frontiernet.net.

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## MGC Encourages New Members to Join

MGC met at Five River Library on April 2nd. Plans for liter pick up were completed for the week of 04/15-04/17 along the Allegheny Bike trail. Summer flowers in a prepared container with Canna, sweet potato vine and million bells will be raffled off at the Spring Craft Show at TVEMS. A Kokedama (moss ball) planting with schefflera was demonstrated by Faith Moore. New member Connie Collins was welcomed. New members are welcome to join.





# What's ? Happening

#### **Daughters of American Revolution**

The Blackwater Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution will meet on April 13 at Blackwater Falls Lodge. Lunch is at 11:30. The Meeting will begin 12:45 to 1:00 pm Our guest speakers will be Veronica Staron and Paul Torento giving a program about the Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry.

#### **Elimination Dinner**

Tucker County 4-H Leaders Association will be hosting and sponsoring a fun-filled Elimination Dinner on Sunday, April 28th at 4-H Camp Kidd at 2:00 pm. Your purchase of a 30.00 ticket will provide 2 dinners consisting of a delicious half chicken, green beans, coleslaw, roll, dessert, and drink. Contact any 4-H leader or the WVU extension office at 304-478-2949 for information.

#### Pickens Ramp supper

The annual Pickens Ramp supper will be held on April 20, 2024, at the American Legion Hall in Pickens, WV. Serving time will be 1 pm to 5 pm. Menu includes Ramps, Ham, Fried Potatoes, Brown Beans, Cornbread, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Dessert and Beverages. Donation Adults: \$20.00, Children Under 12: \$10.00, Children Under 5: Free Sponsored by the Pickens American Legion Post 122 For information: Call 304-924-5813 or 304-924-5205 Proceeds are used to maintain our Legion Hall and for community affairs. We thank you for your patronage.

PHS Alumni Meeting April 11, 2024 Parsons High School Alumni Meeting Thursday April 11, at Grand Slam Grill at 12:00 noon.

#### Retired School Employees April 16, 2024

Tucker County Association of Retired School Employees meeting is at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 16 at Grand Slam Grill (note the day change to Tuesday). All retirees are invited to attend.

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.

April 10, 1848: John Kenna was born in Kanawha County. In 1883, the state legislature elected him to the U.S. Senate, unseating the powerful Henry G. Davis. Kenna is one of two West Virginians memorialized by a statue in the U.S. Capitol.

April 10, 1932: Entertainer Blaze Starr was born as Fanny Belle Fleming in Wayne County. The owner of a burlesque club rechristened her "Blaze Starr." Her story was the basis of the movie Blaze.

April 11, 1821: Congressman Jacob Beeson Blair was born in Parkersburg. Blair was the first West Virginian to be told by President Abraham Lincoln of Lincoln's support for making West Virginia a state.

April 11, 1847: Diarist Sirene Bunten was born in French Creek, Upshur County. As a teenager, she kept a diary about her daily activities, including emotional accounts of life on the West Virginia home front during the Civil

April 11, 1909: Writer Hubert Skidmore was born at Laurel Mountain in Webster County. In his novels, Skidmore depicted stoic endurance by mountain people in the face of misfortune and economic exploitation by outside interests.

April 12, 1865: The 36th Virginia Infantry, known as the Logan Wildcats, disbanded. The Confederate company was created at Logan Courthouse on June 3, 1861, and consisted of about 85 men. The company saw its first action in the Battle of Scary Creek in Putnam County.

April 12, 1885: Photographer George James Kossuth was born. After opening his Wheeling studio in 1909, he achieved broad fame for his photos of the city and insightful portraits of world celebrities, including Richard Strauss, Jascha Heifetz, Leopold Stokowski, Clarence Darrow and Richard Nixon.

April 13, 1873: Lawyer, diplomat and 1924 Democratic candidate for president John William Davis was born in Clarksburg. Davis argued 141 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. His last case was one of the most controversial, when he argued in 1952 to continue racial segregation in South Carolina.

April 13, 1951: Sculptor Bill Hopen was

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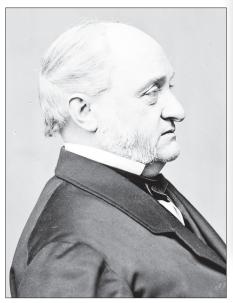
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**New Snow** 



April 15, 1872: Peter Godwin Van Winkle died in Parkersburg. Van Winkle was a member of the Governor's Council of the Reorganized Government of Virginia, 1861-63, under Gov. Francis Pierpont. On August 4, 1863, Van Winkle was elected as one of West Virginia's first two U.S. senators.

born. The Sutton artist's works appear in government buildings, museums, churches, and hospitals around West Virginia, across the nation, and abroad.

April 14, 1774: Surveyors met at the mouth of the Kanawha River to establish military bounty claims in Kentucky. They became involved in several skirmishes with Indians in the region. This was the start of Dunmore's War, the name given to the conflict in the Ohio Valley in the spring of 1774.

April 16, 1829: Jacob Beeson Jackson was born in Parkersburg. In 1881, he became West Virginia's sixth governor.

April 16, 1894: Leonard Riggleman was born in a Randolph County cabin. As president of Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston), he moved the school to Charleston in 1935 and led the college to accreditation

April 16, 1923: Arch Moore was born in Moundsville. He was the first governor in 100 years to serve a second term, and he returned later for a third. He also was the second former governor to serve federal prison time.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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#### By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

I am happy to report that my brother is coming along really great with his radiation treatments. He almost has his normal voice back again and is not feeling too rough yet. Momma Said, "I know it will probably zap him before he is done but so far, so good."

I hope it does not rob him of summer this year. It seems he has been sick or injured for the last few summers and hasn't been able to enjoy the good weather. Maybe this year will be the redemption year and he will have a great time. He can get out with his grand kids and his dogs and enjoy nature as it was meant to be.

I finally worked myself to exhaustion a couple weekends ago and got a new floor down in my living room. I still have to put a finish on it and that is going to be

#### Momma Saíd This column is about tips helpful hints, recipes ar words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to By Teri Cayton

the big trick. Try putting a poly coat down when you own three long haired dogs. It may look like a fur coat when I get done. Momma Said, "Maybe that way I won't have to put down a rug."

It doesn't look too bad if I do say so myself, I didn't mess up any cuts and I will have to put down a baseboard when I get done with the finish. Anybody out there want to babysit three big dogs for a week so I can get everything done? Just joking I will get it done one way or another.

#### **Easy Chicken Pot Pie Casserole with Crescent Rolls**

- 2 tubes crescent rolls or crescent dough sheets
- 3-4 cups cooked chicken-shredded or diced
- 12 oz frozen vegetables
- 1 can (10.5 oz) cream of chicken
  - ½ cup sour cream
- ½ teaspoon poultry seasoning
- ½ teaspoon salt • ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder • ½ teaspoon onion powder
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoon butter, melted

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Prepare a 9x13" casserole dish with cooking spray.
- 2. Unroll 1 tube of crescent rolls in

the bottom of the dish. Pinch edges together. Bake in preheated oven about 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside while you make the filling.

3. In a large bowl, combine cooked chicken, vegetables, cream of chicken soup, sour cream, poultry seasoning, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, black pepper.

4. Spread the filling on top of the crescent dough layer.

5. Sprinkle shredded cheese over the chicken filling. Unroll the second tube of crescent rolls and spread over the top, pinching edges together. Melt 2 tablespoons of butter and brush on the top crust.

6. Bake in preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, until golden brown and bubbly. Allow to rest for a few minutes before cutting and serving. Enjoy!

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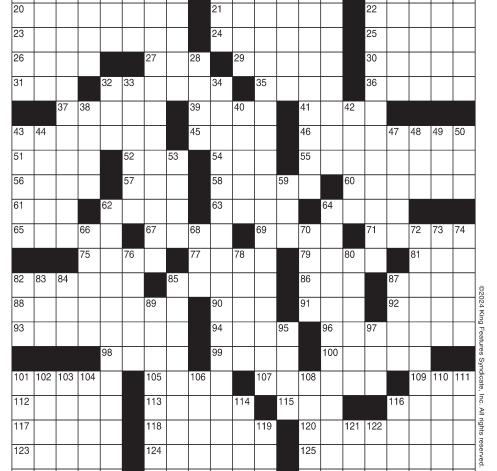
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#### **TOWN OF DAVIS CEMETERY** ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Town of Davis Staff & Cemetery Committee Volunteers will begin their annual spring clean-up of the Davis Cemetery.

Any weathered or out-of-season flower arrangements must be removed by April 30th, 2024.

Any items that are left on the gravesites which are determined unsightly will be removed by our staff & Cemetery Committee Volunteers.

All new flowers should not be displayed until after clean-up. The Town of Davis makes 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. When displaying flowers, we strongly encourage everyone to use permanent vases. Otherwise, flowers displayed directly in the

The Town of Davis Cemetery relies heavily on donations. All donations are greatly appreciated and we ask that they be dropped off at Davis Town Hall or mailed to-

ground may be damaged by mowing and trimming equipment.

Town of Davis . PO Box 207, Davis, WV 26260 (Please note Cemetery on donations)

For additional information/questions, please contact the Davis Town Hall at 304-259-5302 or email davistownhallwv@gmail.com

#### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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# Mt. Lions Baseball Falls at Philip Barbour and Moorefield

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

PHILIPPI - The Tucker County Baseball team to Philip Barbour on Friday March 29th. The Colts jumped out to an early lead and the game was won by Philip Barbour by the final score of 13-9.

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 responded with 4 runs, but Philip Barbour answered with 5 runs to make the score 13-6 through 5 innings. Tucker County would add 3 runs in the 7th inning on a balk, a run producing single from Reid Kisamore and an RBI double from Xander Lambert. This would make the final score 13-9 Philip Barbour.

Justin Robeson and Nate Ricottilli added 2 hits each for Tucker County in the loss. Ethan Rosenau got the start for Tucker County on the mound and Nate Ricottilli entered the game in relief for the Mt. Lions.

MOOREFIELD - The Mt. Lions Baseball team traveled to Moorefield on Thursday April 4th to play the rest of the game that was postponed on March 26th and also for a regular season game that was originally scheduled at Tucker County. The Mt. Lions fell in both contest 12-4 and 14-1.

In the first contest the game started in the 4th inning with the Yellowjackets leading 8-2. Moorefield then added 1 run in the bottom of the 4th inning to make the score 9-2. Tucker County

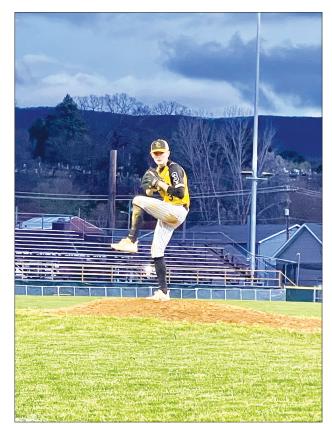
got 2 runs in the top of the 6th inning to put the score to 9-4. Moorefield then responded with 3 runs in the bottom of the 6th to increase the Yellowjackets lead to 12-4 after 6 innings. The Mt. Lions could not score in the top of the 7th inning and the game ended with the final score of 12-4 Moorefield.

Tucker County collected 4 hits in the game. Ethan Rosenau had 1 double, while Maddox Anderson, Reid Kisamore and Blaike Adams had 1 hit each for the Mt. Lions. Justin Robeson took the loss on the mound for the Mt. Lions, while Rosenau, Anderson and Xander Lambert entered the game in relief.

In the second game of the night Moorefield got the bats going early as they scored 4 runs in the 1st inning and 6 runs in the 2nd inning to take a commanding 10-0 lead after 2 innings. The Yellowjackets would then add 2 runs in the 3rd inning to put the score to 12-0 Moorefield. The Mt. Lions then got on the scoreboard in the top of the 4th inning, but the Yellowjackets countered with 2 runs in the bottom of the 4th to make the score 14-1. Tucker County was unable to score in the top of the 5th inning and the game ended with the score 14-1 Moore-

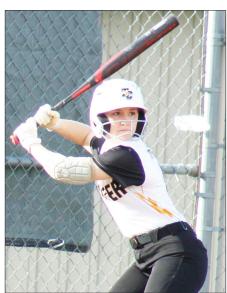
The Mt. Lions had 5 hits in the contest as they were led at the plate by Ethan Rosenau with 2 hits. Nate Ricottilli, Reid Kisamore and Luke Barb had 1 hit each for Tucker County in the loss. Nate Ricottilli got the start on the mound for the Mt. Lions, while Rosenau, Anderson and Lambert entered the

Tucker County will return to action today April 10th as they host Pocahontas County at 5pm. The Mt. Lions will then travel to Trinity on Thursday April 11th at 6:30pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.



Tucker County's Maddox Anderson delivers a pitch against Moorefield on April 4th. Photo by Amanda Kisamore.

# Tucker Softball Drops Game in 8 Inningsat Gilmer 6-5



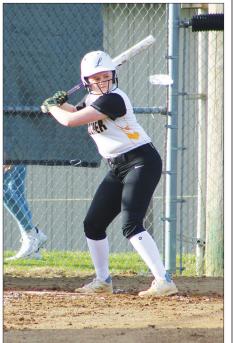
Tucker County's Ava Shaffer waits on a pitch in a recent game. Photo by Dave Helmick.

By Dave Helmick TuckerCountySports.Com

GLENVILLE - The Lady Mt. Lions traveled to Gilmer County on Friday April 5th. Tucker County led late into the contest, but the Lady Titans rallied for the 6-5

Each team scored 1 run in the 1st inning to make the score 1-1 after 1 inning. Tucker County would add 2 runs in the 3rd inning compared to 1 run for Gilmer County to put the score to 3-2 Lady Mt. Lions after 3 innings. Both teams would score 1 run in the 4th inning to make the score 4-3 Tucker County after 4 innings. The 5th and 6th inning ended with no runs scored to keep the score 4-3 Tucker County. Gilmer County would tie the score at 4-4 in the 7th inning to force extra innings. In the 8th inning Gilmer County scored 2 runs to take a 6-4 lead. The Lady Mt. Lions then could only score 1 run in the bottom of the 8th inning to give the Lady Titans the win 6-5.

Tucker County collected 13 hits on the



Lady Mt. Lions player Sutton Pase at bat in a recent game for Tucker County. Photo by Dave Helmick.

night. Katie Hicks led Tucker County with 3 hits(2 doubles) and Addie Hicks also had 3 hits on the night. Makenna Evans(triple) and Ava Shaffer added 2 hits each for the Lady Mt. Lions, while Rachel Felton, Sutton Pase and Reagan Herron had 1 hit each Tucker County in the loss. Brianna Gooden got the start for the Lady Mt. Lions in the circle as she went the complete 8 innings. Gooden allowed 7 hits,

tonight April 10th as they host Pocahontas County for a doubleheader at 5pm and 7pm. The Lady Mt. Lions will then travel to Southern on Thursday April 11th. Tucker County will then play 2 games on Friday in the Bub Riggleman Tournament at Moorefield and they will continue play in the Tournament on Saturday. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.

while striking out 8. Tucker County will return to action

Laker Angel Oquendo finished a four-game weekend set hitting .538 with two runs and six RBI. Garrett College went 3-1, including 3-0 in NJCAA Division II Region 20

# GC collects three key Region 20 victories

# Lakers sweep Hagerstown, blank Westmoreland in D-II contest

are created equally - as evidenced Saturday afternoon at Garrett College.

The Lakers blanked Westmoreland County Community College, 9-0, in the opener before the Wolfpack used a six-run fifth inning to claim the nightcap, 9-5. This split, however, was certainly in GC's favor as the opener was pre-designated as counting in the NJCAA Division II Region 20 standings.

GC will visit Westmoreland later this season, with the opener again counting in the divisional standings.

Garrett swept host Hagerstown Community College, 8-4 and 15-13, on Friday in a doubleheader in which both games counted in the divisional standings. The Lakers pounded out 23 hits in 14 innings, with Ty Giblin and Angel Oquendo each collecting four hits in the doubleheader.

The three divisional wins left GC (13-16 overall, 5-2 division) in third place in the Division II standings behind CCBC-Catonsville (16-9, 9-0) and Frederick Community College (23-4, 4-0) with Allegany College of Maryland (21-6, 9-5) in fourth place.

"We had a decent week, going 3-0 in the division," said GC head coach Eric Hallenbeck, whose squad has gone 11-7 since a 2-9 start against a rugged non-division schedule.

"This time last year I think we were 1-5 [in the division] to start," added Hallenbeck. "The sweep at Hagerstown was huge for us. Any time you can sweep on the road in the division it's big."

Coleman Bullard (2-1) pitched a complete-game shutout in the Westmoreland opener, spacing seven hits with no walks and two strikeouts.

"Bullard pitched a good game - he scattered his hits around," said Hallenbeck.

The Laker offense provided speedy support, putting together a four-run first

McHenry, MD – Not all baseball games inning against the Wolfpack. Colby Schmitz (2-for-3, run) had a two-run triple and the Westmoreland defense permitted a pair of unearned runs during GC's firstinning uprising.

> Oquendo (two doubles) went 3-for-4 with two runs and two RBI as Garrett collected nine hits in the opener. Steven Laurence added a hit and two RBI.

> GC looked headed for a sweep in the nightcap, taking a 4-2 lead into the sixth inning. Westmoreland, however, put together a six-run sixth to gain a split.

> "We had a couple of defensive miscues and walked a couple of guys, but they [Westmoreland] had 11 hits in the second game," said Hallenbeck. "We just couldn't get them out in that sixth inning."

> Lance Vickers (two runs, RBI) went 3-for-3 with a triple while Giblin (three runs, three RBI) was 2-for-3 with a homer in the Hagerstown opener. Schmitz (2-0) spaced three hits and four walks over six innings while striking out five for GC.

> Oquendo went 3-for-5 while driving in four runs in the Hagerstown nightcap. He finished the four-game weekend set hitting .538 (7-for-13, two runs, six RBI).

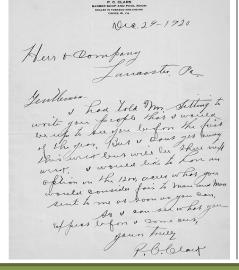
> Dariel Walker was 1-for-1 with a double and two sacrifice flies, driving in three runs for the Lakers, and Chance Ritchey (run, two RBI) went 2-for-3 in Game 2 against Hagerstown. Logan Leon, the second of three GC pitchers, got the win to improve to 2-0, while Alphonso Westbrook went the final 3 1/3 innings to earn his second

> "The second game against Hagerstown was just a battle of attrition," said Hallenbeck of a contest that featured eight errors, four by each team.

> The Lakers will host CCBC-Essex (9-12, 4-4) in a key divisional doubleheader that is a rescheduling of an earlier postponement. The starting time is still to be determined.

#### TURNER'S TIDBITS

This is a letterhead from P. C. Clark, barber shop and pool room, dealer in tobacco and cigars, Davis. The letter is dated December 29, 1920. Patrick Clark was also the owner and manager of a local coal mine. In the letter, he is planning to purchase 1,200 acres of land at a fair price. The owners of the property are Herr & Company of Lancaster, PA. Mr. Clark was married to Katheryne Wilverding. She taught school at Davis High School and Elkins High School. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.







#### LEGAL

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

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

#### LEGAL

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

Personal Representative(s) Deceased Joseph D. Henry Dana A. Nugent 1st publication 4/10/24 3094 Cortland Rd. 2nd publication 4/17/24 Davis, WV 26260 Edward F. Armbruster Joan G. Armbruster 1st publication 4/10/24 8 Platinum Dr. Barboursville, WV 25504 2nd publication 4/17/24

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

#### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed been before the Tucker County Commission at 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV 26287.

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

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must be filed with the County Commission within 60 days after the first publication date or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. 1st Publication Date: April 10, 2024

Patty Jo Heitz Decedent: Filed By: Kerri J. Pennington

8629 Nichols Way North Richland Hills, TX 76180

Relationship: Friend

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 3, 2024 Sherry Simmons

Tucker County Clerk

#### LEGAL

#### 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

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 Plan)		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 (GENERAL FUND)	\$	884,298
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND		
REVENUE SOURCE		
Assigned Fund Balance	\$	3,938
Coal Severance Tax		2,700
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUI	ND) <u>\$</u>	6,638
		Coal
	General	Severance
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	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	-

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

135,000

35,000

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30,000

884,298

6,638

FISCA	AL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - J	UNE 30, 2025	
	Certificate of Valuation		
	Assessed Value	Levy	Taxes
	for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied
<u>CLASS I</u>			
Personal Property	\$ 0	11.27	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	<u>\$</u>		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 22,234,380	22.54	\$ 50,116
Personal Property	315,693		712
Total Class II	\$ 22,550,073		\$ 50,828
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 20,666,190	45.08	\$ 93,163
Personal Property	6,518,932		29,387
Public Utility	2,461,993		11,099
Total Class IV	\$ 29,647,115		\$ 133,649
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 52,197,188		<u>\$ 184,477</u>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations &	Uncollectable Taxes	<u>5.00%</u>	9,224
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Project	cted Revenue to calculate)	<u>2.00%</u>	3,505
Less Allowance for Tax Increment F	inancing (if Applicable)		0
Total Projected Property Tax Colle	ection		<u>\$ 171,748</u>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		<u>1.50%</u>	2,576
(Subtracted from regular current exp	ense taxes levied only)		
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy	of Property Taxes		\$ 169,172
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA			

COUNTY OF MUNICIPALITY OF DAVIS

Visitors Bureau

Community Center

Arts & Humanities

Beautification Programs

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

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.

#### LEGAL

#### 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 6, 2020, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Randolph County, West Virginia, in Document No. 2020015281, in Book No. 589, at Page 462 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Document No. 154460, in Book No. 298, at Page 82, Dillon Bunnell and Deven Bunnell did convey unto Pat A. Nichols, 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 The Huntington National Bank to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Randolph County Courthouse in Elkins, West Virginia, on

May 8, 2024 at 12:30 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 15 - New Interest District / 01 - Black Fork District, Randolph County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All those certain tracts or parcels of real estate situate in the New Interest District, Randolph County, West Virginia, and the Black Fork District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit.

#### TRACT ONE:

A parcel of land in New Interest District, Randolph County, West Virginia, on the waters of Slab Camp Run. Said parcel is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron rod at the intersection of two fence lines, common corner to Martin and Jean Wilmoth, WB 19/502, Paul Vandevander, 68/457 and Gary and Norma Channel, 337/567, thence along the fence line and southeast side of a run, S. 39-52 W. 52.00 feet to an iron rod set on the east side of a run in the line between Wilmoth and Vandevander thence, N. 55-43 W, 119.90 feet to an iron rod set in the Channel fence line, thence along the Channel fence, N. 56-44 E, 34.02 feet to a point thence along Channel line, S. 66-10 E. 113.80 feet to the beginning, containing 4625 square feet (0.106 acres), more or less.

#### TRACT TWO:

A parcel of land in New Interest District, Randolph County, West Virginia, on the waters of Slab Camp Run. Said parcel is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron rod at the intersection of two fencelines common corner to Martin and Jean Wilmoth, WB 19/502, and Paul Vandevander, 68/457, and Gary and Norma Channel, 337/567, thence along the fence line, S. 54-26 E. 107.42 to an iron rod set on the south side of a drain, thence S. 25-27 W. 34.45 feet to a iron rod sent in a field thence, N. 63-07 W. 118.72 feet to an iron rod set on the east side of a run, line between Wilmoth and Vandevander, thence along the line, N. 39-52E. 52.00 feet to the beginning, containing 4800 square feet, (0.11 acres) more or less.

#### TRACT THREE:

A piece or parcel of real estate situate in Black Fork District, Tucker County, West Virginia, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a post in the Coleman Queen and Clark Canfield line, on the south east side of a private road and running with the same N 50 E. 111 feet, N. 75 E. 61 feet to a post; thence S. 32-15 E. 137 feet to a post; thence S> 18 E. 96 feet to a post; thence S. 12 E. 56 feet to a post in the Clark Canfield and Bateman Wilmouth Line; thence N. 57-15 W., 309 feet to the beginning containing 6/10's of one acre, more or less.

Being the same real estate conveyed by Deed of Raymond E. Jacko, bearing date of July 2, 2020, to Dillon L. Bunnell and Deven B. Bunnell, husband and wife, as joint tenants with full right of survivorship, which is recorded immediately prior hereto in the Office of the Clerk of the Randolph County Commission. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 17 Vandevender Cv, Kerens, WV 26276.

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: \$7000.00 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. 88336

#### LEGAL

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

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

MUNICIPALITY OF HAMBLETON, 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 Unassigned Fund Balance \$ 20,000 Property Taxes - Current Expense 19,025 Gas & Oil Severance Tax 1,500 Excise Tax on Utilities 8,600 Wine & Liquor Tax 90 Animal Control Tax 80 Franchise Fees 925 IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan) 4,400 Refuse Collection 21,500 Gaming Income 10,300 Interest Earned on Investments Video Lottery (LVL) 100 Miscellaneous Revenues 25 TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND) COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

86,625 REVENUE SOURCE Assigned Fund Balance 100 Coal Severance Tax 900 Interest Earned on Investment TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE 1,002 (COAL SEVERANCE FUND) General

Coal Severance ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES Fund Fund 1.200 Mayor's Office \$ City Council 600 Recorder's Office 200 3,600 City Clerk's Office Custodial 500 Regional Development Authority 251 6,500 Public Grounds 450 Fire Department 120 Dog Warden / Humane Society 100 5,000 Streets and Highways Street Lights 5,000 4,000 Snow Removal Central Garage 1,000 Sidewalks 5,000 Garbage Department 27,000 Playgrounds 3,000 Grants - Culture and Recreation 3,000 Beautification Programs 2,000 Cemeteries

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES 86,625 MUNICIPALITY OF Hambleton, WEST VIRGINIA 1,002

#### Regular Current Expense Levy FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value Taxes Levy for Tax Purposes Rate/\$100 Levied **CLASS I** 12.48 0 Personal Property Public Utility 0 0 Total Class I 0 0 CLASS II Real Estate 3,519,350 24.96 8,784 Personal Property 17,982 45 Total Class II 3,537,332 8,829 CLASS IV 49.92 Real Estate 1,014,810 5,066 Personal Property 1,030,846 5,146 Public Utility 341,535 1,705 Total Class IV 2,387,191 11,917 Total Value & Projected Revenue \$\_ 5,924,523 20,746 Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes 1,037 Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate) 2.00% 394 Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable) 0 **Total Projected Property Tax Collection** 19,315 Less Assessor Valuation Fund 1.50% 290 (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only) Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes 19,025 STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF Tucker MUNICIPALITY OF HAMBLETON

I, Michael A. Griffith, 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 28th day of March, 2024.

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#### ELECTION INFORMATION MAY 1, 2024 - MAY 11, 2024

EARLY VOTING BEGINS §3-3-3 MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM SATURDAY DATES

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM **SATURDAY DATES MAY 4, 2024 AND MAY 11, 2024 §3-3-3** 

9:00 AM - 5 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024 IS THE LAST DAY TO EARLY **VOTE**TUCKER COUNTY COURTROOM ANNEX ROOM 204
PRIMARY ELECTION

MAY 14, 2024 §3-3-3 POLLS OPEN AT 6:30 AM POLLS CLOSE AT 7:30 PM TUCKER COUNTY CLERK 304-478-2414

SHERRY SIMMONS
LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR MAKE CHANGES
APRIL 23, 2024 FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

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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  $\S$  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		
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	300,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense		156,764
Prior Year Taxes		6,000
Supplemental Taxes		5,000
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees		2,000
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		10,000
Excise Tax on Utilities		50,000
Wine & Liquor Tax		15,000
Animal Control Tax		300
Hotel Occupancy Tax		9,500
Fines, Fees & Court Costs		2,000
Licenses		7,000
Building Permit Fees		1,500
Miscellaneous Permits		240
Franchise Fees		5,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		15,000
Parks & Recreation		12,010
Rents, Royalties and Concessions		100,000
Charges for Services		40,004
Contributions from Other Entities		90,000
Transfers from Rainy Day Fund		50,000
Gaming Income		8,000
Municipal Specific		9,000
Interest Earned on Investments		500
Reimbursements		70,000
Refunds		1,500
Sale of Fixed Assets		1,000
Filing Fees		300
Accident Reports		100
Video Lottery (LVL)		600
Miscellaneous Revenues (provide details on 'Explanations	' tab)_	500
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$	967,518
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND		
REVENUE SOURCE		
Assigned Fund Balance	\$	100
Coal Severance Tax		5,000
Interest Earned on Investment		3
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	\$	5,103
(COAL SEVERANCE FUND)		
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(COAL SEVERANCE FUND)			
	Gene	eral	Coal Severance
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	Func	l	Fund
Mayor's Office	\$	2,584	\$ -
City Council		7,751	-
Recorder's Office		2,138	-
Treasurer's Office		17,337	-
Police Judge's Office		4,785	-
City Attorney		36,000	-
Custodial		8,786	-
Regional Development Authority		2,000	-
Elections		5,500	-
City Hall	1	122,807	-
Public Grounds		5,000	-
Contingencies		70,000	-
Police Department	1	188,225	-
Dog Warden / Humane Society		300	-
Streets and Highways	2	215,100	5,103
Street Lights		27,000	-
Signs and Signals		10,000	-
Snow Removal		16,983	-
Street Construction		10,000	-
Parks & Recreation		4,510	-
Visitors Bureau		4,750	-
Fair Associations / Festivals		23,000	-
Community Center		31,540	-
Youth Program		7,500	-
Beautification Programs		7,000	-
Capital Projects - General Government		62,982	-
Capital Projects - Public Safety		10,300	-
Capital Projects - Street and Transportation		37,000	-
Capital Projects - Culture and Recreation		27,340	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 9	967,518	\$ 5,103

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

(	Certific	ate of Valuation			
A	Assesse	ed Value	Levy		Taxes
f	or Tax	Purposes	Rate/\$100		Levied
CLASS I					
Personal Property	\$	0	11.69	\$	0
Public Utility		0		_	0
Total Class I	\$	0		\$	0
CLASS II					
Real Estate	\$	22,368,230	23.38	\$	52,297
Personal Property		260,926			610
Total Class II	\$	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 Revenu	ıe <u>\$</u>	48,659,239		\$	174,623
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations	& Un	collectable Taxes	<u>7.00%</u>		12,224
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Pro	jected 1	Revenue to calculate	e) 2.00%		3,248
Less Allowance for Tax Incremen	t Finar	ncing (if Applicable	)		0
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Co</b>	ollecti	on		\$	159,151
Less Assessor Valuation Fund			<u>1.50%</u>		2,387
(Subtracted from regular current e	expens	e taxes levied only)	)		
Net Amount to be Raised by Lev	_	• .		\$	156,764
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA	-	- •			

COUNTY OF TUCKER
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)

#### LEGAL

#### TUCKER COUNTY POLLING PLACES CHEAT RIVER DISTRICT

PRECINCT NO. 2 TUCKER VALLEY ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL 81 Tucker Valley School Rd., Hambleton, WV 26269 PRECINCT NO. 24 ST. GEORGE MEDICAL CLINIC PAVILION

8591 Holly Meadows Rd., Parsons, WV 26287 SHAVERS FORK DISTRICT

PRECINCT NO. **3** ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 107 River Street, Parsons, WV 26287 PRECINCT NO. **4** TUCKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE Annex

211 First Street, 2nd Floor, Parsons, WV 26287
PRECINCT NO. 5 TUCKER COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
215 First Street, Parsons, WV 26287

BLACKWATER DISTRICT
RECINCT NO. 12 DAVIS CITY HAI

PRECINCT NO. **12** DAVIS CITY HALL 505 William Ave., Davis, WV 26260

PRECINCT NO. **14** FLANAGAN HILL COMMUNITY CENTER 90 Butchers Ridge Rd., Red Creek, WV 26289 PRECINCT NO. **15** CANAAN VALLEY FIRE HALL

6563 Appalachian Hwy, Davis, WV 26260
\*PRECINCT NO. 16 DAVIS THOMAS ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL\*
250 Quail Ridge Rd., Thomas, WV 26292
\*NEW VOTING LOCATION\*

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
THE TUCKER COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE 304-478-2414

#### LEGAL

#### 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:

estimate the several amounts to be as follows:		
General Fund	Estimate	d Revenues
Fund Balance	\$	1,000,000
Property Taxes Current Year		3,283,759
Prior Year Taxes		65,000
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees		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		45,000
Federal Grants / Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes		300,000
State Grants		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
Special Patrol / Security Systems		500
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)		700,000
Transfers Assessor's Valuation Fund		171,178
<b>Total Estimated General Fund Revenues</b>	\$	6,968,237
Coal Severance Tax	Estimated	d Revenues
Assigned Fund Balance	\$	24,000
Coal Severance Tax		5,000
Total Coal Severance	\$	29,000
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Coal Severance Tax	<b>Estimated Rev</b>	<u>renues</u>
Assigned Fund Balance	\$	24,000
Coal Severance Tax		5,000
Total Coal Severance	\$	29,000
	General	Coal Severance
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	Fund	Tax Fund
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
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	18,000	-
Agriculture Agent	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	89,000	-
Rehabilitation of Property	40,000	-
State Grants	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	150,000	-
Emergency Services	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	2,659,352	
HEALTH AND SANITATION	-	-
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	500,000	-
Library	30,000	-
State Grants	40,000	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	790,000	
CAPITAL PROJECTS	27.401	-
Assessor	37,401	<del></del>
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	37,401	- 20,000
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 6,968,237</u>	<u>\$ 29,000</u>

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

	Column E	of Valuation	Laver		Taxes
			Levy		Levied
Class I	Assessed	Value for Tax Purpos	es <u>Rate/\$100</u>		Levied
	¢	0	12.00	\$	0
Personal Property	\$	0	12.90	Э	0
Public Utility	Φ.	0		Φ.	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	\$	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	\$	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	\$	84,383,750		\$	435,421
Total Value & Projected Rev	enue \$	867,987,887		\$	3,580,843
Less Delinquencies, Exonerat		collectable Taxes	5.00%		179,042
Less Tax Discounts			2.00%		68,036
Less Allowance for Tax Increi	ment Finai	ncing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection					3,333,765
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	1.50%		0		
(Subtracted from regular curre	ent expens	e taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by I		\$	3,333,765		

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF TUCKER
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.

Therry Simmons

#### LEGAL

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

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

MUNICIPALITY OF THOMAS, 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	
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 2,500
Property Taxes - Current Expense	107,944
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	6,200
Excise Tax on Utilities	21,200
Wine & Liquor Tax	16,800
Animal Control Tax	200
Hotel Occupancy Tax	54,000
Licenses	700
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	26,400
Private Liquor Club Fee	6,700
Parks & Recreation	300
Refuse Collection	55,000
Contributions from other Funds	178,579
Gaming Income	10,600
Video Lottery (LVL)	250
Miscellaneous Revenues (provide details on 'Explanations' tab	(2)
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 487,371
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
DEVENUE COURGE	

<u>REVENUE SOURCE</u>		
Assigned Fund Balance		\$ 1
Coal Severance Tax		2,600
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANC	\$ 2,601	
	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		
Mayor's Office	3,473	-
City Council	2,675	-
Recorder's Office	973	-
City Clerk's Office	45,150	-
City Attorney	4,000	-
Regional Development Authority	700	-
City Hall	134,750	-
Public Works Department	168,100	-
Dams & Dredging	200	-
Street Lights	14,600	-
Snow Removal	12,000	-
Garbage Department	46,750	-
Parks & Recreation	27,000	-
Visitors Bureau	27,000	-
Beautification Programs		2,601
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 487,371	\$ 2,601

#### MUNICIPALITY OF THOMAS, WEST VIRGINIA Regular Current Expense Levy FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025 Certificate of Valuation

	Assessed Value	Levy	Taxes
	for Tax Purposes	Rate/\$100	Levied
CLASS I	•		
Personal Property	<u>\$</u>	10.95	<u>\$</u>
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	<u>\$</u> 0		<u>\$</u>
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 13,372,610	21.90	\$ 29,286
Personal Property	0		0
Total Class II	<u>\$ 13,372,610</u>		<u>\$ 29,286</u>
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 14,678,160	43.80	\$ 64,290
Personal Property	3,746,583		16,410
Public Utility	1,763,270		7,723
Total Class IV	<u>\$ 18,902,573</u>		\$ 88,423
Total Value & Projected Revenue	<u>\$ 29,121,853</u>		<u>\$ 117,709</u>
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Unc	ollectable Taxes	<u>5.00%</u>	5,885
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected I	Revenue to calculate)	2.00%	2,236
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Finance	cing (if Applicable)		0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection	n		<u>\$ 109,588</u>
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		<u>1.50%</u>	1,644
(Subtracted from regular current expense	taxes levied only)		
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Pr STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA	roperty Taxes		<u>\$ 107,944</u>

MUNICIPALITY OF **THOMAS** I, Kimberly Trathen, 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.



#### **Tucker County Convention and Visitors** Bureau Secures \$1.2 Million Grant for New, State-of-the-Art Visitor Center

Davis, W.Va. — Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is thrilled to announce the construction of a brand new, fully accessible visitor center at the gateway to Davis, West Virginia. This project will provide a significant boost to the county's tourism industry, offering an enhanced visitor experience and a vibrant community gathering space.

The Tucker County CVB secured a total award of

\$1.55 million for the project. This includes \$1.2 million in Congressionally Directed Spending approved Senators Joe Manchin and Shelly Moore Capito, with a \$350,000 match from the CVB. The funding will go toward the construction of a 3,200-square-foot facility that will provide a state-of-the-art visitor experience, featuring interactive displays, public restrooms, Wi-Fi access, a playground and a multi-use

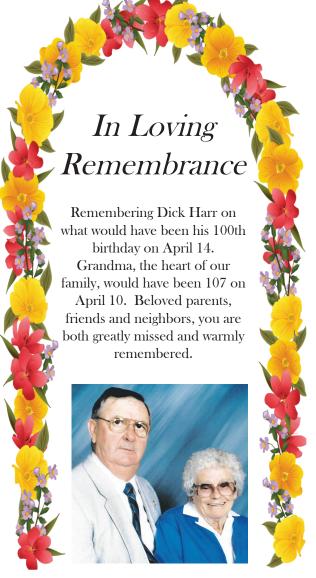
meeting space for residents and remote workers to meet basic business needs such as internet access and printing.

"This new visitor center represents a major step forward for Tucker County," said Jessica Waldo, Executive Director of the Tucker County CVB. "We are incredibly grateful for the support of Senators Manchin and Capito, the Tucker County Commission and our local community. This project will allow us to provide a world-class welcome to our visitors and a valuable resource for our residents.'

The new visitor center will be situated at the gateway to Davis, acting as a welcoming hub for visitors traveling on Corridor H (Route 48) and centrally located between the communities of Canaan Valley, Thomas and Parsons. The CVB is conducting a thorough site selection process. The new location will be finalized once all the proper research studies are completed with the guidance of the selected architectural firm.

Tucker County is a top tourism destination in West Virginia, attracting roughly 700,000 to 1 million visitors annually and generating approximately \$80 million in travel spending, according to the West Virginia Department of Tourism. The new visitor center will further enhance the tourism experience, increasing visitation, job creation and economic development.

Community involvement is a cornerstone of this project. Partners and residents recognize the significant benefits the new visitor center will bring to the local economy.



# THE BEAR TRACKS

#### **OUTDOOR & INDOOR POOL /**

**FITNESS ROOM-**

OUR RESORT OFFERS THE INDOOR POOL, HOT TUB AND FITNESS ROOM ALONG WITH THE OUTDOOR POOL WHERE YOU CAN RELAX BY THE POOL AND ENJOY THE VIEWS AND WILDLIFE.

#### **BIKING & HIKING TRAILS**

**EXPLORE 18 MILES OF MARKED TRAILS** THAT TAKE YOU THROUGH THE REGION'S **BEST SCENERY. YOU WILL SEE** WOODLANDS, STREAMS, MEADOWS AND WILDLIFE

#### **GEOCACHING** -

**DISCOVER CACHE PRIZES IN THE WILD! GEOCACHING IS A REAL WORLD OUTDOOR** TREASURE HUNTING GAME. ALL YOU NEED IS GPS MAP AND A SENSE OF ADVENTURE. **GPS RENTALS AND MAP COORDINATES ARE** AVAILABLE AT THE RECREATION CENTER.

A \$20 GPS RENTAL FEE IS REQUIRED.

#### **SPORTING CLAYS** -

**ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH A** ROUND OF CLAY SHOOTING AT OUR SPORTING RANGE, LOCATED AT THE BALD KNOB TRAIL HEAD AT THE RESORTS SKI AREA. ONLINE RESERVATIONS ONLY.

#### **SCENIC CHAIRLIFT** -

GET A BREATHTAKING BIRDS EYE VIEW OF THE VALLEY AND ALLEGHENY MOUNTAINS FROM OUR CHAIRLIFT. RIDE BOTH WAYS OR GET OFF AT THE TOP

#### **GOLF-**

PRACTICE YOUR SWING WHILE SURROUNDED BY BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA COUNTRYSIDE, OUR 18-HOLE, PAR 72 GOLF COURSE FEATURES 65 SAND BUNKERS AND EIGHT WATER HAZARDS, PROVIDING THE PERFECT AMOUNT OF CHALLENGE FOR **EXPERIENCED AND NOVICE GOLFERS ALIKE.** COURSE DESIGNED BY GEOFFREY CORNISH.

Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need



ceived 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.

buy new clothing. How will the children's clothing be

In Tucker County, local children will go

**Just what is** The Parsons Advocate's

cold this winter without your help.

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

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.

#### **CLIP & MAIL**

purchased?

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

