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City of Parsons April Proclamations



Parsons Mayor Bruce Kolsun, left, presents a copy of the proclamation designating April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month to Randolph-Tucker Child Advocacy Center representative Margo Evick, center during the Council's April 2nd regular meeting.



Parsons Mayor Bruce Kolsun, left, presents a copy of the proclamation to transplant recipients John Bush, center, and Phillips Kolsun, right back. Cynthia Kolsun, right, was also on hand during the presentation at the City of Parsons Council meeting April 2nd. April was designated as National Donate Life Month 2024 by the City.



Parsons Mayor Bruce Kolsun, left, and City Recorder Quinnlan Buckley, right, present a check to Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School April 2nd during the City Council's regular meeting.

Meet the Candidate: Hillary Bright for 22nd Judicial Circuit Judge

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

With a new year, Tucker County will see a new Circuit Court Judge. As part of the redistricting by the State, Tucker and Preston Counties will merge into the new 22nd Judicial Circuit. As a result of this redistricting, Tucker County has new Judicial Candidates. Preston County native Hillary Bright is running for Circuit Court Judge as part of the new 22nd Judicial Circuit.

Bright said she thought that the combining of Tucker and Preston Counties into the new Judicial Circuit would be an extension of her community. Bright also said that the care she feels for the people of Preston County will translate to the residents of Tucker County, as well. "I've grown up in Preston County, I've live the majority of my life in Preston County, graduated from Preston High School, played sports at Preston High School." Bright said. "I don't have any ties to Tucker County, but with the inclusion of Tucker County into Preston County, that is going to be an extension of my community. That's the way that I am going to view it."

Bright stated her decision to run for Circuit Court Judge stems from a desire to ensure the process is fair. "We are really



Preston County native Hillary Bright is running for Circuit Court Judge in the new 22nd Judicial Circuit.

limited with what we can do as an advocate," Bright said. "We are limited to our particular role in that particular case. I can't advocate for others. When you are a judge, though, you are over the entire case and you are the person who is trying to make it a fair process and as someone who wants a fair process, that has prompted me to want to be Circuit Court Judge."

Bright said she has been a practicing
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No Major Damage Reported From Recent Storm

By: Lydia Crawley
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Tucker County Office of Emergency Management Director Kevin White reported to the Tucker County Commission April 10th that there were no reports of major damage stemming from the April 3rd heavy rains. "We had some flooding last week," White said. "I have had no reports of major damage to living quarters, like the main story of a house or anything like that."

White said that damage to basements was excluded from damage assessments, as they are not included in the established guidelines. "Unfortunately, basements don't count in the damage assessments," White said. "That's not something that counts into the guidelines."

White said most of the damage occurred along roadways and ditch lines. "Most of the damage seems to be to roadways, ditch lines, things like that," White said.

White said that US 219 had been closed for the majority of April 3rd due to water

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Tucker County Office of Emergency Management Director Kevin White addressed the Tucker County Commission April 10th to discuss the impact the recent heavy rain has had on the County. White said there were no reports of major damage from the heavy rains April 3rd.



Tucker County Commissioners Fred Davis, left, and Tim Knotts, right, with Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau, center, passed a proclamation designating April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County. Margo Evick, center, and Stormy, right, from the Randolph-Tucker Child Advocacy Center, as well as April Miller, left, from the Tucker County Family Support Center were on hand at the Commission's April 10th meeting.

Child Advocacy Center Receives County Funding

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

April is all about Child Abuse awareness in Tucker County, with the month being designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month by both the Tucker County Commission and the City of Parsons. The Tucker County Commission also approved a funding request by the Randolph-Tucker Child Advocacy Center for \$27,000.

The City of Parsons Council adopted the proclamation at the Council's regular April 2nd meeting. The Tucker County Commission adopted the proclamation at the Commission's April 10th meeting. Margo Evick of the Randolph-Tucker Child Advocacy Center was on hand at both meetings with April Miller from the Tucker County Family Support Center on hand during the Commission meeting.

Evick was on hand during the Parsons meeting to receive the proclamation and thank the Council. At the Commission meeting, Evick presented the organization's annual report on the Center's efforts. "Today I am just here to present our annual report so numbers from last year," Evick said.

According to Evick, the Center saw 154 new children walk through their doors in Randolph and Tucker Counties. The Center, according to Evick, assists children who are victims of alleged sexual abuse, physical abuse, drug endangerment and witnesses to violence, among other issues. "Anything you can think of and not think of - because I don't want you to have to think of it - that can happen to a child, we see it," Evick said.

The Center's Advocate provided 998 Advocacy Services on average every six months to 499 caregivers, according to

Evick. According to Evick the Center provides contacts to address client needs through phone calls, in person in the offices, attending medical appointments, attending court appearances, linking individuals with therapy services and assisting with transportation issues to attend therapy services, as well as food and housing needs or utility needs. "These advocacy contacts with families during the year are connections ensuring that they receive the support that they need."

Of the cases seen by the Center, 40 of the children were referred for trauma and mental health services and 17 received a required medical examination, according to Evick. "So 40 of those children that we saw in our office were referred for trauma and mental health services, which we know as soon as a trauma happens, the faster we can get them in, the better," Evick said. "17 of the children, received that medical examination, that was required because they disclosed sexual abuse penetration or there was physical abuse. There were marks on their bodies that had to be checked out, lots of reasons."

Evick said the Center saw 25 cases with charges filed, 21 indictments, 2 offenders convicted by trial and 12 by plea, with "a lot" in Tucker County. Evick said the conviction rate was 2.39, which is well above the statewide average. Evick acknowledged that the number seems low. "Which that seems low, but the statewide average is .58," Evick said. "So we are well above what the State of West Virginia is doing in child abuse cases."

Evick also stated that the Center has been working in an awareness program that includes an advertisement at the Elkins Cinema and a second step curricu-

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Sugar Camp Road Closure

County Route 219/09, (Sugar Camp Road), Tucker County, will be closed at milepost .08, from the intersection of US 219, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning on Thursday, April 11, 2024,

through Tuesday, April 16, 2024, for a slide repair. Special accommodation will be made for emergency vehicles and school buses only; all other motorists will need to seek alternate routes.

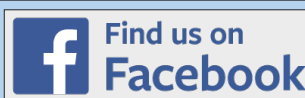
Smokey Hollow Road Closure Extended

The closure of County Route 17, (Smokey Hollow Road), Tucker County, has been extended through Wednesday, May 1, 2024, beginning at approximately 1.5 miles from the intersection of County Route 17 and WV 72 near Parsons, for construc-

tion work associated with Corridor H. All motorists, including emergency vehicles and school buses, will need to seek alternate routes. One alternate route is WV 72 to WV 38 near St. George to County Route 21 (Clover Run).



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News of Record

The following criminal complaint has been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

- Andrew Allen Davis, of Parsons, was charged with three counts of Shoplifting. The complaint states that on Wednesday, April 3 First Class N.C. Gidley informed Tucker 911 that he would be out at BFS located at 200 First St. in reference to a shoplifting complaint he took directly from the Manager of BFS. The manager advised Gidley that a male subject had come into the store on three separate dates and had shoplifted multiple items. She stated that the subject would put items into his jacket pocket to carry them then when he arrived at the counter to pay he would not take all the items out of his jacket. The manager provided CCTV footage of the three separate incidents. She stated she thought the subject's name was Andrew but was uncertain about a last name and that he lived in the apartments

next to McDonalds. Gidley reviewed the CCTV footage from BFS and determined that the following items had allegedly been taken: three pepperoni rolls on March 16, two pepperoni rolls on March 23 and One soda and one pack of Reese's cups on March 30.

On Thursday, April 4 Gidley arrived at 300 First St. and attempted to locate the subject using a photo from the CCTV. Contact was made with a tenant who stated the subject was Andrew Davis. Gidley made contact with Davis and spoke with him regarding the alleged shoplifting. He admitted to taking the items on all three incidents and was informed that he would be receiving citations for the offenses.

At 6:46 p.m. Davis arrived at the Parsons Police Department where Gidley explained a Miranda Rights Waiver in which Davis agreed to waive and to speak with Gidley. He admitted to taking the items and was

issued three separate citations for the three incidents that occurred and informed that he must go to the Tucker County Magistrate Court on or before April 15, 2024 to answer for the citations. The monetary value for the items totaled \$21.77.

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

- Thomas S. Williams and Anna A. Williams, Dry Fork District, Lot #170 Mountainside, Section E, to Joseph Patrick Rinkevich and Teri Lynn Strother, \$119,900.
- Don J. Richards and Diana B. Richards, Dry Fork District, Lot #3 Yoakum Run, Section 2 of New Timberline Subdivision to Kristin Myzie and Curtis Myzie, \$670,000.
- James W. Minear and William P. Minear, Jr., Black Fork District, Parcel ID, 47-01-285-2 to Monongahela Power Company, \$2,500.

Bright

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attorney for the past decade and in that time she has worked solely out of Kingwood. "I've been practicing law for almost 10 years," Bright said. "I have been based out of Kingwood for the entirety of my time as a lawyer."

Bright said she worked for a law firm after college and was based in their Kingwood office. After the firm she worked for dissolved in 2019, Bright started her own private office. Bright shares the office with her assistant and an office cat named Loki. "I officially opened my door here in April of 2019," Bright said. "So I've been a small business owner for five years."

"I have tried to be supportive of different community programs as a small business owner," Bright said. "I think it is important that people take care of their communities and take care of their communities."

Bright said she recognizes the value of agriculture and supporting school and community ag programs. Growing up, Bright said she participated in 4-H and FFA, as she came from a farming background. "I have a farming background," Bright said. "I was in 4-H and FFA. So, it was important to me, becoming a business owner, that I continue to support programs that I was a part of that meant a lot to me growing up."

Bright said she also supports school trade programs. One

of the programs Bright said was the FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Sale in Preston County where students raise a hog, have it butchered and cured, then auction the meat. The proceeds go to the students towards college or other future agricultural endeavors, according to Bright. "I think we need to look at alternatives to just college," Bright said. "Providing a lot of different programs to kids because there is more than one way to make a living or make a really good living and college is not for everyone."

Bright said her experience as an attorney is varied. According to Bright, she has handled civil litigation, abuse and neglect, as well as criminal cases in her career. "I do work in a lot of different areas," Bright said. "So my practice experience is not just one or two things, I do civil litigation cases and I've done that through the entirety of my law practice, I do abuse and neglect cases and I have also handled some criminal cases."

Bright said he knows the job will entail a lot of work, but that she is used to working hard. "I know it would be a lot of work," Bright said. "I'm used to a lot of work. Its a workload that I'm not afraid of."

Bright is a 2014 graduate of the WVU College of Law and has one daughter.

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Storm

over the road. "Of course it was really inconvenient," White said. "We had 219 shut down the biggest part of the day."

Tucker County wasn't the only area to be affected, according to White, the storm impacted the entirety of West Virginia, including surrounding counties. "It wasn't just in Tucker County," White said. "It was a Statewide event, first and foremost and it was definitely a five counties all the way around us event, too."

White said that the heavy rainfall was the contributing factor to flooding in the area. White said the region received three to four inches of rain in a 10 hour period. White said the water flowing downhill from higher areas contributed to the high waters surrounding Parsons during the storm. "When you receive three to four inches of rain in about a 10 hour period and you live in the mountains, it goes one place," White said. "It goes down. Parsons unfortunately is down from everything."

White said that motorists were able to take alternate routes to avoid the flooded sections of US 219 during the event. "But we got through it," White said. "There were some alternate routes that were available."

White said his office had worked with the State to get roads closed and properly signed during the event. "We worked with the State Roads to get road signs closed and things like that," White said.

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said that with the storm occurring so early in the spring, many road crews were still in the middle of switching over from winter plowing and had not had the opportunity to properly clean ditches and culverts along roadways yet. "Its early in the spring," Rosenau said. "So they haven't

had an opportunity yet from the snow plowing into the spring cleanup and stuff to clean ditches and to clean culverts."

Rosenau thanked White for his diligence in contacting road crews during the event to get crews out to clear blocked water drainage. "With your assistance to reach out to the appropriate people, we got a lot of that taken care of," Rosenau said. "So for the job that they did, I want to thank them."

White said the Division of Highways has a plan in place to treat roads. According to White, gravel roads receive more run off and the ditches along gravel roads are cleared every year. White said paved roads get the ditches cleared every three years, unless there is a need. According to White, there is a system to report ditches and areas in need of clearing and maintenance. White also said that he was informed that once reported, the DOH has a seven day period to address the issue. "I have actually spoke with the State road Division of Highways on multiple levels," White said. "There is a plan in place. It has been in place for many, many years. Roadways get treated in a certain manner, whether it is paved or gravel."

White said that the rainfall was just too much for the area streams and ditches to handle and the flooding could not have been avoided. "There is nothing that can fix that kind of rain that we received," White said. "The streams and ditch lines just can't handle it."

White said he has faith in what the DOH has been doing to maintain the roads. "I have faith that they will make amends on everything that needs to be done and continue with the programs that have been successful in the past," White said.

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April Miller from the Tucker County Family Support Center addresses the Tucker County Commission April 10th. April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month by both Tucker County and the City of Parsons.



Margo Evick from the Randolph-Tucker Child Advocacy Center addresses the Tucker County Commission April 10th. The Tucker County Commission designated April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County.

lum for child body safety called Child Protection Unit in schools. In total, according to Evick, 709 children received the body safety curriculum. The curriculum is held in every pre-K, Kindergarten and elementary school, according to Evick. Evick said the course has also been expanded to the Montessori School and the Center is working on expanding the course into area church programs, as well. Evick said the Center had also expanded the education program to Elkins Middle School, with plans to expand into Tucker County Middle Schools this year. “We also spent three day at the Elkins Middle School doing the curriculum last year,” Evick said. “And I am hoping that I will get to Tucker County this year.”

The Commission said they would like to see the program expanded into the private schools in Tucker County, as well. Evick said the Center would like to expand the education program to as many schools as possible. “They have a private school on the mountain, too, maybe you could reach out to,” Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said. “I’m not sure how their curriculum works, but it may be something to check on.”

According to Evick, the Center also provides an adult education course to instruct adults on what to do, how to respond, react and report abuse appropriately. “Our sexual abuse prevention programming for adults to learn what to do, how to respond, react and report appropriately, that’s Stewards of Children,” Evick said. “I was able to train 36 adults last year.”

Evick had previously submitted a \$27,000 funding request to the County Commission for consideration on behalf

of the Center. According to Evick, the federal grant that had supplied a majority of the Center’s funding had been cut by 20% this year and is anticipated to be cut 40% next year. Evick said the state has stepped in to assist with the shortfall, but funding is not stable. “Its just not being fixed the way they thought it was going to be affected,” Evick said. “We were expecting a fix over the last three years and the State of West Virginia has stepped up and has been filling that gap. We have to prepare for that not to be, its just not a stable source of funding anymore.”

According to Commission President Rosenau, the Commission was able to approve the request using Opioid settlement funds. The request had been tabled until this meeting to allow the Commission to examine the County finances and regulations associated with the new Opioid Settlement funds. However, the request was only approved for this year alone. The uncertainty of future funding support stems from lower future payments anticipated from the Opioid Settlement Fund. “I had to do some investigation to make sure it was covered,” Rosenau said. “So, it is covered so we can draw from those funds to support a one-time thing. We can’t guarantee this, I want to make sure that is clear, because we have the funds available now that can support the Child Advocacy Center.”

During the meeting, the Commission approved a resolution to transfer the funds from the Opioid Settlement for the funding request from the Child Advocacy Center. The resolution was read into the record by Rosenau. A motion on both the approval of the request and the resolution for funding transfer were made by Rosenau and unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

“This Commission is 100% for kids,” Rosenau said.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held Wednesday, April 24th at 4 p.m. at the Tucker County Courthouse Old Courthouse.

NOTICE

Applications for Hotel/Motel funds are now available from the Tucker County Parks & Recreation Board, Organizations in the county that qualify, and would like to be considered for funding should email msagace@gmail.com or call the County Commission office at 478-2866.

Applications should be mailed to: Tucker County Parks & Recreation, PO Box 205, Parsons, WV 26287.

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George Harper Hershberger

We are sad to announce the passing of George Harper Hershberger. He was 88 Years old at the time of his passing on March 7th, 2024. He was born October 11th, 1935 in Hendricks West Virginia, he was the son of John Walter Hershberger & Florence M Harper. George was the baby of the family, he had two older brothers, John Walter Hershberger Jr, (deceased) Harold Hershberger (deceased) & his sister Juanita Hershberger Leese (Deceased) He went to school at Parsons High School, where he graduated in 1953, he then went on to WVU to receive a BS degree in Forestry. He also participated in the ROTC while attending the university, which lead him into becoming an US Army Captain, Special Forces Unit. He worked for the US Forest Service, fighting fires all over the Hills of California. Next, he went to work for the LA County

Fire Department. He ran fire crews, fighting brush fires for 31 years. He met & married the Love of his life Mary Etta Mask, they married in 1960 and spent 63 wonderful years together. They went on to have two sons Donald Wayne Hershberger (deceased) Born December 7th, 1961 & John Harper Hershberger Born September 2nd, 1965. When George retired from LA County, George and Mary moved to Blackfoot Idaho in 1992. George loved to go hunting & fishing, they loved doing that as a family, with many hunting trips and many amazing adventures along the way throughout his lifetime. George achieved the Grand Slam of North American Wild Sheep; he was very proud of that achievement! He also killed a black bear that made the Boon and Crocket All-Time Record Book! His favorite way to

hunt was with his hounds. Whether it was hunting or fishing George had not only a knack for it but a great passion. He successfully hunted even this past hunting season on a trip with his son John. He is survived by his wife, Mary, one son John & his wife Shar Hershberger of Pocatello. Grandchildren: Megan Stantliff, Jake Stantliff, Jordyn Shae, Jennifer Hershberger & Alexandria Hershberger. Great Grandchildren: Addlyn Byrd, Autumn Lively, Dextyn Hershberger Cluff, Remington Hershberger Maple, Brixty Hershberger Maple, Ryan Maher, Bryleigh Stantliff & Deklynd Stantliff. He was blessed beyond measure to have had such a full and amazing life with so much love and support- he is already missed more than can be put into words. In lieu of flowers just keep him in your thoughts and fond memories. Thank you.

Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School

Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll

5TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

- BRITTANY KNOTTS
- HANNAH NESTOR
- DAYTON BUNNELL
- ERIC NESTOR
- SAVANNAH WITMORE
- WALKER FREEMAN
- RANDY SKIDMORE
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April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Charleston, WV - April is designated as Alcohol Awareness Month to raise awareness about the dangers of alcohol misuse and help those struggling with addiction find support and treatment. Alcohol misuse is the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States, with over 178,000 people dying from alcohol-related causes each year, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Research shows that even moderate alcohol consumption significantly contributes to at least seven types of cancer, yet at least half of US adults are unaware of this association. Additionally, alcohol use contributes to motor vehicle crashes, intimate partner violence, suicide, and of course, Alcohol Use Disorder.

Help4WV is West Virginia’s substance abuse and mental health helpline. Program Director Ann Hammond says people are often surprised to learn that among helpline callers, alcohol is the second most cited substance of abuse. Last year, 1140 helpline callers cited alcohol as their primary drug. The only drug category cited more frequently was opioids, mostly heroin or fentanyl. Hammond said, “Many people don’t take alcohol use as seriously as other drugs, yet it contributes to far more ER visits and deaths than opioids.”

If you have any of these signs of Alcohol Use Disorder, further screening is warranted.

- Drinking alone or in secret
 - Drinking in the morning or at inappropriate times
 - Drinking to cope with stress, anxiety, or depression
 - Drinking to the point of blacking out or passing out
 - Increasing tolerance to alcohol
 - Neglecting responsibilities and obligations
 - Continuing to drink despite negative consequences such as problems at work, in relationships, or with the law
 - Engaging in risky behaviors while under the influence of alcohol, such as driving or unsafe sex
 - Having physical symptoms of alcohol abuse, such as shaking, sweating, or withdrawal symptoms when not drinking
 - Developing health problems related to alcohol abuse, such as liver disease or high blood pressure
- Although treatment for Alcohol Use Disorder may include in-patient withdrawal management and residential treatment, many people can find recovery through lower-level intervention, including medication assistance, outpatient counseling, and support groups. If you or someone you know is struggling with Alcohol Use Disorder, free, confidential support is available by calling or texting 1-844-HELP-4WV or chatting online at HELP4WV.com.



What's? Happening

Call for Submissions: 9th Edition of Eagle's Nest Literary & Art Magazine

Submission Types:
 Fine Arts: Illustration, Painting, Drawing, Photography, Sculpture, Graphic Design
 Creative Writing: Poetry, Short Fiction, Creative Non-Fiction

Submission Guidelines:
 Fiction and/or creative non-fiction should be no more than 1,000 words and submitted as a Word doc.
 Poetry of any length up to two pages should also be submitted as a Word doc.

All Fine Art should be submitted as a JPG only.
 Previously produced work is welcome for submission.
Submission Deadline: May 15, 2024
Publication Date: TBD

We welcome everyone to submit their work, and we encourage you to spread the word among your creative circles.

For any inquiries or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me, Trent Montgomery at Trent.Montgomery@easternwv.edu.

Please note that all artists retain rights to their artwork. Additionally, after publication, select pieces may be chosen for feature on merchandise sold through the Foundation Gift Shop. Revenue from these sales will be split between the owner and the Eastern Arts Society to support its activities.

To submit your work, visit bit.ly/Eagles-Nest-2024 or scan the QR Code on the graphic. View previous editions at <https://easternwv.edu/current-students/student-organizations-activities/arts-society/>

Art Club

Art Club will be held on Wednesday, April 17 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. | Student Lounge at Eastern's Main Campus

Pysanky egg painting will be the theme!
 Feel free to bring whatever materials you would like with you. There are also materials you can use during

the club. Participation in the theme of the month is not required.

This is free and open to the community to attend!
 Contact: trent.montgomery@easternwv.edu with any questions.

Career Carnival

Come to Eastern's main campus in Moorefield for an afternoon of career and major-themed fun and games, plus meet and network with employers! This will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Games include:
 Find Your Net-Worth
 Career Toss Up: Aim for Success!
 Slide Into Your Future
 Climb to Career Peaks
 Interview Pitch
 Resume Roulette
 Interactive Activities & Hands-On Demonstrations
 Showcasing Eastern's Programs and Local Employers!
 RSVP to claim your FREE ticket by April 9 at <https://bit.ly/SP24CareerCarnival>

Board at College: Game Club

Join Eastern's Board at College: Game Club! We are a welcoming group that is always open to new members! This club is open to the community and free of charge. Come play on the last Thursday of each month in the Student Lounge from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Snacks and games are provided by Eastern!

This is a club dedicated to offering a fun, safe space for students, staff/faculty, and the entire community to get together and play board games, card games, and a variety of tabletop games. Unleash your inner strategist and enjoy an inclusive space to de-stress and make new friends.

Got a game at home that you've always wanted to play? Simply bring it with you to any of our meetings or enjoy playing one of the many games from our extensive

collection featuring Codenames, Trash Pandas, Ticket to Ride, Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, One Night Ultimate Werewolf, Sequence, plus many, many more. The collection will continue to grow so check this page often for updates.

Wanna connect directly with the club advisor? Contact Dixie Heavener at dixie.heavener@easternwv.edu, visit her in the Career Center (Room 111), or call her at 304.434.8000 ext. 9239. Dixie is always open to suggestions on how to improve the club, increase membership, and discover new games to purchase.

Don't be BOARD in Moorefield. Bring your friends and come join a night of gaming at Eastern!
 April 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Eastern's Extravaganza

Join us on Friday, May 17, 2024, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. for Eastern's Extravaganza!

We will have live music from Bat Country and 304 Highway Food Truck will be on site.

Admission is free, and there's something for everyone to enjoy. So, gather your friends and family!

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Free 'Around the Globe' activity for kids from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM or until materials run out. Cultures include Africa, China, Ireland, Italy, and Native America.

For questions, contact Monica Wilson at monica.wilson@easternwv.edu

PHS Alumni Letters

The PHS alumni letters have been mailed out for the banquet on Saturday, May 25. If you have not received your letter, please mail your name and address to Jane Parsons PO Box 51 Parsons, WV 26287.

The Nature Conservancy in West Virginia to Host Public Tree Planting in Celebration of Earth Week

The Nature Conservancy in West Virginia (TNC) will hold its annual public tree planting at Canaan Valley State Park on Friday, April 19, 2024. Interested parties should meet at the Canaan Valley State Park Maintenance Road (39°01'38.6"N 79°26'36.0"W) at 10 a.m. Canaan Valley is the highest elevation wetland complex in West Virginia. Each year, TNC partners with the Central Appalachian Spruce Restoration Initiative for Earth Day to restore this biologically important ecosystem by planting red spruce trees.

This event is open to the public, and members of the media are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Erica Byrd at erica.byrd@tnc.org if you are planning to join us and if



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you'd like to set up an interview.

The Nature Conservancy is a global conservation organization dedicated to conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends. Guided by science, we create inno-

vative, on-the-ground solutions to our world's toughest challenges so that nature and people can thrive together. We are tackling climate change, conserving lands, waters and oceans at an unprecedented scale, providing food and water sustainably and helping make cities more sustainable. Working in more than 70 countries and territories, we use a collaborative approach that engages local communities, governments, the private sector, and other partners. In West Virginia, we have protected more than 128,000 acres of critically important and biodiverse land and are enabling pathways for economic diversification and a low-carbon future for the Mountain State. To learn more, visit nature.org/westvirginia.

ARC Seeking Applicants for No-cost Leadership Development Program for Appalachian Community Leaders

Public, private, and nonprofit leaders throughout Appalachia are encouraged to apply for ARC's free nine-month training program

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 10, 2024—Today, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) opened applications for the sixth class of the Appalachian Leadership Institute (ALI), a nine-month leadership development training opportunity with a focus on economic development in Appalachia. Anyone living or working in Appalachia's 423 counties is eligible to apply.

The program, at no cost to participants, focuses on skill-building, mentoring and networking. By equipping participants with knowledge and support, ARC aims to build a stronger future for Appalachia.

The curriculum comprises six multi-day seminars across the Appalachian

region, each focusing on one of ARC's investment priorities, and concludes with a graduation ceremony in Washington, D.C.

From October 2024 to July 2025, the sixth cohort of fellows will learn to:

- Identify and implement strategies to strengthen their communities.
- Collaborate with a network of leaders across Appalachia.
- Recognize and utilize unique assets in their communities to build economic development plans.
- Appreciate the diversity and shared experiences of Appalachians.

"I'm encouraged by the way ARC's Appalachian Leadership Institute helps prepare our region's leaders to make

lasting impacts on their communities," said ARC's Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin. "Collaboration is the key to ensuring a prosperous future for our 13 states, and I encourage our region's changemakers to apply to be part of the camaraderie, insight and training of our sixth ALI class."

The Appalachian Leadership Institute is limited to 40 fellows each year, with participants from each of the 13 states in Appalachia. Applicants may be from the public, private or non-profit sectors, and each class represents a wide network of experiences to reflect Appalachian diversity.

"I am proud to partner with ARC to welcome new applicants to the Appalachian Leadership Institute," ARC's 2024 States' Co-Chair, Governor Bill Lee of Tennessee. "This program allows leaders from across the Region to develop their skills, better understand Appalachia and build professional networks. Tennessee's ALI graduates have made significant impacts on our state, and we are looking forward to working with the next group of leaders that complete this program."

Upon completion of the program, fellows automatically join the ALI Alumni Network, a peer-to-peer working group committed to collaborative solutions that strengthen Appalachia. Regular alumni events provide an opportunity to stay connected to the network of nearly

200 ALI alumni and to continue learning from leaders in Appalachian development.

Applications for the 2024-2025 class are open through June 1, 2024. To learn more about the program and apply, visit: arc.gov/leadership.

About the Appalachian Leadership Institute

The Appalachian Leadership Institute is a comprehensive regional leadership training program developed by the Appalachian Regional Commission in partnership with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; The Howard H. Baker Jr. School for Public Policy and Public Affairs; Tuskegee University; and Collective Impact. The current class of the Appalachian Leadership Institute includes representatives from a variety of sectors and industries such as education, health care, economic development, public service, and other professions.

About the Appalachian Regional Commission

The Appalachian Regional Commission is an economic development entity of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 423 counties across the Appalachian Region. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia to help the region achieve socio-economic parity with the nation.



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The City of Parsons is seeking applicants for a full-time City Administrator Position.

Applicants are preferred to have a Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Accounting, Public Administration, Business Administration, or related field; OR an equivalent combination of education and experience. A valid West Virginia Driver's License with clean driving history. A complete job description is available upon request. The annual base salary for this position will be negotiated at hiring. The benefit package includes health insurance, life insurance, retirement plan, wellness program, holidays, employee's birthday, vacation days, sick leave, and personal days. It is required that the individual serving in this position be a resident of Tucker County, West Virginia, or willing to relocate within six-months of hiring. It is preferred (not required) that the individual reside in Parsons, West Virginia, or within a reasonable commute or response time.

Resumes can be hand-delivered to the Parsons Business Office from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (EDT), Monday through Friday, except holidays, or mailed to the City of Parsons, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287. Resumes will be accepted until position is filled.

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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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 17, 1827: Outdoorsman William “Squirrely Bill” Carpenter was born on the Elk River near the mouth of Laurel Creek. Carpenter guided prominent West Virginians, including Gov. MacCorkle, through the wonders of the Elk Valley.

April 17, 1871: West Virginians approved the Flick Amendment, which allowed former Confederates to vote. It also applied to formerly enslaved people, but they had been enfranchised already by the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

April 18, 1756: The largest French & Indian War battle fought in present West Virginia occurred about two miles northeast of U.S. 50 and County Route 15 in present Capon Bridge, Hampshire County.

April 18, 1849: State Supreme Court Justice Marmaduke Dent was born in Monongalia County. He received the first bachelor’s and master’s degrees from West Virginia University. A populist judge, he ruled against railroads and supported Carrie Williams in an 1898 case finding that Black schools were entitled to the same length school terms as other schools.

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April 17, 1972: Actress Jennifer Garner was born in Houston but grew up in Charleston, appearing in various stage productions. Now a leading actor in film, television, and theater, she won both a Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild award for her role in the show Alias.

Mr. Bowditch, which won the 1956 Newberry Award.

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April 20, 1863: President Lincoln issued a proclamation that in 60 days, West Virginia would become a state. This occasion was marked 100 years later during the state’s Centennial celebration with a special ceremonial session of the West Virginia legislature on April 20, 1963, in Wheeling.

April 20, 1909: Fiddler Melvin Wine was born near Burnsville. A favorite of old-time music enthusiasts nationally, he was chosen as a National Heritage Fellow in 1991 by the National Endowment for the Arts, the highest recognition given to a folk artist in the United States.

April 20, 1939: Poet Irene McKinney was born in Belington, Barbour County. Governor Gaston Caperton appointed her state poet laureate in 1993, and she served in that capacity until her death in 2012.

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By Teri Cayton The Parsons Advocate

I went to an auction this past weekend and it is the first one I have been to in a very long time. Everything I wanted to bid on had an outsider bidder and the prices just went too high. I did get a very nice rug and two cabinets for a very good price. That is the name of the game when you go to an event like that it is a toss of the dice.

It was my oldest sister’s birthday and we had a good time in any event. I took her out to lunch and fun was had by all. Momma Said, “Sometimes it is not what you do but who you do it with.” It was a nice sunny day and we had a good adventure. Besides, she is only going to turn 70 once.

She just had both her knees fixed and she is doing great, so

Momma Said

This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate



she will be out walking again with her dogs. Raven is enjoying her walks and we had a great day last week walking in a new area. She found so much to smell and explore.

Soon the weather will be coming around and we will get out more often. I wish we had a dog park so she could cut loose and have a good case of the zoomies. I think she could go all day I know she gives Gracie a run for her money with all the tussels they get into. Momma Said, “To have that much energy again would be a great thing.”

Onion Fritters

Ingredients

- 3/4 c flour
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornmeal
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1-2 tsp. salt-according to taste
- 3/4 c. milk
- 2 1/2 c. chopped onions
- oil for frying

Instructions

1. Mix dry ingredients together.
2. Add milk and stir.
3. Batter will be thick.
4. Add onions and mix thoroughly.
5. Heat 1/2 inch oil in skillet over medium high heat.
6. Drop batter by tablespoons into hot oil, flatten slightly, brown on both sides until nice and crisp.
7. Drain on paper towels.
8. Serve warm.

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1 Big trucks	1 Most wealthy
5 “Serial” podcast host	2 Actress
10 Brothers Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan	3 Pertaining to an opening of the larynx
15 Like GI garb, often	4 Former jet to JFK
19 Woeful things	5 Mix, as batter
20 Bingham of “Baywatch”	6 Desi of Desilu Studios
21 Slobber	7 Sleazy paper
22 Nivea rival	8 King topper
23 Outfit	9 Furry feet in back
26 Lassies	10 Biblical utopia
27 All upset, with “up”	11 Shirt part
28 “... flaw — feature?”	12 Clemente of baseball
29 Actor Knotts	13 Oomph band genre
30 Wrung (out)	14 Shirt part by Arafat
32 Deli classic	15 Tooth on a gearwheel
33 Bother a lot	16 A Gulf state
35 Frank of rock	17 Patroller around a food court
38 Outward display of courage	18 Bivalve mollusks
40 Attachable with a click	24 Sweltering summer day
42 Hits, as a fly	25 Ivory, e.g.
44 Fill with love	31 Lion’s hideout
45 “The X Factor,” e.g.	34 Fast glance
47 Congeal	36 Burnt residue
49 Short sleeps	37 Gp. once led by Arafat
50 Diane once of NPR	38 Raft wood
51 Gentlemen	39 Soda brand
53 Breather	41 Utmost
56 Apple option	43 Dickens’ miser
59 Cow sound	46 Opposite of lge.
	48 Three, to Fifi
	52 Slippery road condition
	54 “The Hunger Games” escort
	55 Blueprint data, in brief
	56 From Dublin or Cork
	57 Jason’s wife, in myth
	58 “Ta-tal,” in Tours
	60 Central Florida city
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	65 Adjectives modify them
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	69 Mattress brand
	71 Fierce female feline
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	77 Chinese menu letters
	83 Aussie girl
	85 Newlywed man
	86 “Got it, man”
	88 San Luis —
	92 Slightly excessive
	94 “How cute!”
	95 Ugly foe of Popeye
	96 Neverending
	97 Not deserting
	98 Frightful flies
	100 Like always
	102 “Ode — Grecian Urn”
	103 Costa — Sol
	104 Use as a skating surface
	105 Mount — College (Elaine Chao’s alma mater)
	106 12-year-old kid, say
	108 Set in place
	109 Gave the nod
	111 — City (Ohio town named for William Henry Harrison’s moniker)
	114 Theatricalize
	116 Like sheep
	120 Move, to a Realtor
	122 Tattooist’s supplies
	125 Green org.
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	128 Endeavor
	129 Spying setup
	130 Big name in civ. rights

Weather Totals

April 2 - April 9

Nursery Bottom
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Temperature

Max 73° F
Min 25° F

Precipitation

Week 3.23"
April 3.68"
2024 16.11"

Snowfall

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

U.S. Forest Service

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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Answers

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SPORTS

Ladt Mt. Lion Softball has Busy Week of Games

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PETERSBURG – The Tucker County Softball team traveled to Petersburg on Monday April 8th. The Lady Mt. Lions could not get the bats going as they fell by the score of 12-1.

Petersburg got on the scoreboard early as they scored 5 runs in the 1st inning. The Lady Vikings then added 3 runs in the 3rd inning and 4 runs in the 4th inning. Tucker County's lone run came in the 4th inning on a single by Sutton Pase that scored Katie Hicks. Petersburg won the contest in 5 innings 12-1. Katie Hicks had a triple for the Lady Mt. Lions and Ava Shaffer added a single for the Lady Mt. Lions in the loss. Peyton Hicks took the loss in the circle for Tucker County as she went 3 innings. Brianna Gooden went to the circle for 1 inning in relief for the Lady Mt. Lions.

CAMP KIDD – The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Pendleton County on Tuesday April 9th. Tucker County would struggle on offense as the Lady Wildcats got the road win 12-3.

Pendleton County scored 9 runs through the first 3 innings to lead 9-0 at the bottom of the 3rd inning. Tucker County got on the scoreboard in the 3rd inning as they scored 1 run to make the score 9-1 Pendleton County. In the 4th inning the Lady Wildcats scored 1 run and Tucker County scored 2 runs to put the score to 10-3 at the start of the 5th inning. Pendleton County would then add 2 runs to capture the win over the Lady Mt. Lions 12-3.

Tucker County's freshman Peyton Hicks finished with 2 hits(1 triple) and Sutton Pase added 2 hits(1 double) in the loss. Ava Shaffer(double), Addie Hicks, Rachel Felton and Bella Loucks added 1 hit each for the Lady Mt. Lions. Ava Shaffer took the loss at pitcher for Tucker County.

CAMP KIDD – Tucker County Softball hosted Pocahontas County on Wednesday April 10th for a doubleheader. The Lady Mt. Lions would win the first game 15-0 and Tucker County took the second game 21-9.

In the first game Peyton Hicks pitched a 4 inning no hitter. The Lady Mt. Lions exploded for 8 runs in the 1st inning and 6 runs in the 2nd inning to lead 14-0 after 2 innings. Tucker County then added 1 run in the 4th inning and the game ended with a final score of 15-0 Lady Mt. Lions. Peyton Hicks led the way at the plate for Tucker County as she collected 3 hits(1 double) and Addie Hicks added 2 hits(1 double) for the Lady Mt. Lions. Katie Hicks, Ava Shaffer, Brianna Gooden, Sutton Pase, Makenna Evans, Lorelai Wilfong, Carlee Nicholas, Isabella Bennett and Courtney Shaffer collected 1 hit each in the win for Tucker County.

In the second game the Lady Mt. Lions again got off to a quick start as they scored to lead 6-0 after 1 inning. The Lady Warriors fought back in the top of the 2nd inning with 8 runs. Tucker County then scored 2 runs in the bottom of the 2nd to tie the score at 8-8. The Lady Mt. Lions then pulled away in the 3rd inning as they scored 11 runs to make the score 19-8. Pocahontas County would add 1 run in the 4th, but Tucker County followed with 2 runs in the 4th inning to extend the lead to 21-9 Tucker County. The game would end early due to the mercy rule as the Lady Mt. Lions won the game 21-9. Ava Shaffer earned the win for Tucker County in the circle.

MOOREFIELD – The Lady Mt. Lions then traveled to Moorefield on Friday April 12th for 2 games in the Annual Bub Riggelman Tournament. Tucker County fell to Jefferson 17-0 and the Lady Mt. Lions dropped a game to Lewis County 12-8.

In the first game of the afternoon Tucker County faced off against Jefferson. The Lady Mt. Lions only produced 1 hit in the game by Peyton Hicks. Brianna Gooden got the start on the mound for Tucker County and took the loss.

In the second game of the day in the Bub Rig-



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

gleman Tournament the Lady Mt. Lions would play Lewis County.

Both teams would cross home plate for scores in the 1st inning as Lewis County led after the 1st inning 4-2. In the 3rd Lewis County would add 1 run to make the score 5-2. Tucker County then scored 4 runs in the top of the 4th inning to take 6-5 lead at the bottom of the 4th. Lewis County would then tie the score at 6-6 after they score 1 run the 4th. The 5th inning would belong to Lewis County as they exploded for 6 runs in the inning to give Lewis County back the lead 12-6 after 5 innings. The Lady Mt. Lions scored 2 runs in the top of the 6th inning, but then Lewis County got the win by the final score of 12-8 Lewis County.

Makenna Evans led Tucker County with 3 hits in the game as she had an over the fence home-run, a triple and a single. Katie and Addie Hicks had 2 hits each, while Brianna Gooden and Sutton Pase each had a double. Ava Shaffer and Reagan Herron chipped in with 1 hit each in the loss for the Lady Mt. Lions. Peyton Hicks and Brianna Gooden pitched in the game for Tucker County.

MOOREFIELD – In the last day of the Bub Riggelman Tournament on Saturday April 13th Tucker County played a game against Pendleton County. The Lady Wildcats came away with the win over the Lady Mt. Lions 13-5.

Pendleton County got off to a good start as they scored 3 runs in the 1st inning to lead early 3-0. The Lady Wildcats would then add 1 run in the 2nd inning, 2 runs in the 3rd inning and 2 runs in the 4th inning to put the score to 8-0 Pendleton County. Tucker County then got on the scoreboard in the top of the 5th inning as they scored 4 runs in the inning to make the score 8-4 midway through the 5th. Pendleton County answered with 2 runs in the bottom of the 5th to give the Lady Wildcats a 10-4 after 5 innings. Tucker County then scored 1 run in the 6th inning, but Pendleton County would answer again in the bottom of the 6th with 3 runs. The game would end with a Lady Wildcats victory by the final score of 13-5.

Brianna Gooden led the Lady Mt. Lions with 3 hits in the game. Katie Hicks and Makenna Evans had 1 triple and 1 single each in the game for Tucker County. Ava Shaffer chipped in with 1 hit in the loss for the Lady Mt. Lions. Brianna Gooden took the loss in the circle for Tucker County, while Peyton Hicks entered the game in relief.

Tucker County will return to action tonight April 17th at home against Petersburg at 6pm. The Lady Mt. Lions will then host Preston for a doubleheader on Thursday April 18th. The start times for the games will be 5pm and 7pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.

Mt. Lions Track Team Runs at Keyser Meet

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

KEYSER – The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Track teams traveled to Keyser on Tuesday April 9th for a six team meet. Results were as follows:

Girls Results-100m: 24th-Raleigh Russell(18.50). 200m: 14th-Addi Moats(31.83). 800m: 7th-addi Moats(2:48.43). 100m Hurdles: 2nd-Lela Wright(17.77), 14th-Moira Callaway(20.24). 300m Hurdles: 16th-Hannah Cussins(1:05.61). 4x100m: 4th-L.Wright, A.Moats, M.Callaway, M.Gross(56.31). 4x400m: 4th-M. Gross, A.Moats, L.Wright, M.Callaway(4:57.42). Shuttle Hurdle: 4th-H.Cussins, L.Wright, M.Gross, M.Callaway(1:16.44). Shot Put: 26th-Raleigh Russell(17'05"). Discus: 6th-Mayah Gross(88'03"), 29th-Raleigh Russell(43'06"). Team Results: 1st-Keyser(183), 2nd-Frankfort(120), 3rd-Mountain Ridge(111), 4th-Berkeley Springs(69.5), 5th-Petersburg(45.5), 6th-Tucker County(21).

Boys Results-100m: 4th-Nate Ricottilli(12.07). 200m: 6th-Luke Barb(25.25). 400m: 4th-Nate Ricottilli(53.89), 23rd-Tren-

ton Jones(1:03.87). 800m: 8th-Alex Collar(2:16.83), 15th-Logan Kopec(2:25.95). 1600m: 10th-Lynk Suesli(5:17.40). 3200m: 3rd-Cameron Judy(11:43.41). 110m Hurdles: 8th-Allen Collar(19.63). 300m Hurdles: 10th-Alex Collar(48.01), 15th-Trenton Jones(56.42). 4x100m: 6th-N.Ricottilli, B.George, G.Mullenax, R.Scott(52.16). 4x200m: 5th-All.Collar, R.Scott, G.Mullenax, B.Scott(1:51.35). 4x400m: 5th-Alx.Collar, L.Davis, L.Kopec, R.Scott(4:25.37). 4x800m: 4th-L.Suesli, Alx.Collar, L.Kopec, L.Davis(10:00.72). Pole Vault: 6th-Allan Collar(8'06"). Long Jump: 6th-Liam Davis(15'10"), 11th-Braxton George(14'10.5"), 18th-Trenton Jones(12'10"). Shot Put: 7th-Gavin Mullenax(36'09"), 25th-Hunter Ware(27'06"), 31st-Damian Rhodes(24'10"). Discus: 16th-Gavin Mullenax(93'05"), 29th-Braxton George(71'05"), 31st-Damian Rhodes(67'07"), 34th-Hunter Ware(62'05"). Team Results: 1st-Mountain Ridge(165), 2nd-Keyser(145.5), 3rd-Frankfort(140), 4th-Petersburg(37.5), 5th-Berkeley Springs(34), 6th-Tucker County(29).

The Mt. Lion Track teams will return to action on Thursday April 18th at Keyser High School. For more go to TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County players(L-R): Macy Helmick, Brylee Wetzel, Maddox Anderson and Ethan Rosenau competed in the All-Star game at Frostburg State University. Photo by Dave Helmick

Tucker Basketball Players Compete in All-Star Games

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

The 42nd Annual Frostburg Lions All-Star Basketball Classic was held on Sunday April 14th at Frostburg State University. The Girls' and Boys' games are played between Senior players from the West Virginia PVC Conference teams and players from the Western Maryland teams. In the Girls' game Tucker County's

Macy Helmick and Brylee Wetzel participated. The West Virginia team won the contest over Maryland by the final score of 60-48.

In the second game of the day Mt. Lion players Ethan Rosenau and Maddox Anderson participated in the Boys' game between the Maryland Boys' and the West Virginia team. The Maryland team took the victory over West Virginia by the score of 91-85.

Tucker Baseball Get Wins over Soutehrn, Pocahontas County

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The Mt. Lions hosted Trinity on Monday April 8th. Tucker County battled, but they fell at home to the Warriors 13-3.

The Mt. Lions got the scoring started early as they led after 1 inning 1-0. Trinity would tie the game in the 4th inning to make the score 1-1. The visiting Warriors then would score again as they seen 4 runs cross the plate in the top of the 5th to make the score 5-1 Trinity. Tucker County then answered with 2 runs in the bottom of the 5th to put the score at 5-3 Warriors. However, Trinity would add 5 runs in the 6th inning and 3 runs in the 7th inning to make the final score 13-3 Trinity.

Tucker County was led at the plate by Nate Ricottilli with 2 hits. Ethan Rosenau added 1 hit and Jordan Robeson collected 1 hit also. Ethan Rosenau started the game on the mound as he went 4 innings. Nate Ricottilli, Xander Lambert, Justin Robeson, Reid Kisamore and Jordan Robeson entered the game in relief.

PARSONS – Tucker County then hosted Southern for a single game on Tuesday April 9th. The Mt. Lions built a lead and then held off a Rams comeback to capture their first win of the season 4-3.

The game started with 3 scoreless innings until Tucker County scored 2 runs in the bottom of the 4th inning. The Mt. Lions then added 2 runs in the bottom of the 5th inning to make the score 4-0 Tucker County. Southern then scored 1 run in the 6th inning to put the score to 4-1 after 6 innings. The visiting Rams then drove in 2 runs in the top of the 7th, but that wasn't enough to extend the game. This gave Tucker County the victory by the final score of 4-3.

Tucker County collected 4 hits in the game as Ethan Rosenau led the team with 2 hits. Blake Helmick and Xamber Lambert had 1 hit each for the Mt. Lions. Justin Robeson, Maddox Anderson and Xander Lambert seen time on the mound as they combined to hold Southern to just 2 hits in the game.

PARSONS – The Mt. Lions hosted Pocahontas County for a doubleheader on Wednesday April 10th. Tucker County would pick up 2 wins as they won the first game 7-6 and they got the win in the second game 13-1.

In game 1, both teams scored 2 runs in the 1st inning to keep the score tied at 2-2. The Mt. Lions then added 2 runs in the 3rd inning and 1 run in the 4th inning to take a 5-2 lead after 4 innings. Pocahontas County then scored 1 run in the top of the



Tucker County's Ethan Rosenau pitches against Trinity on April 8th. The Mt. Lions fell in the contest 13-3. Photo by Dave Helmick.

5th inning, but Tucker County answered with 2 runs in the bottom of the 5th to give the Mt. Lions a 7-4 lead after 5 innings. The visiting Warriors fought back in the top of the 7th inning as they scored 3 runs, but that was not enough as Tucker County got the win by the score of 7-6.

Blaikie Adams led Tucker County with 2 hits(1 double) and Maddox Anderson also had 2 hits. Ethan Rosenau, Nate Ricottilli and Reid Kisamore added 1 hit each in the win for the Mt. Lions. Nate Ricottilli got the start on the mound for Tucker County, while Xander Lambers and Maddox Anderson entered the game in relief.

In the second game the Mt. Lions exploded with 9 runs in the 2nd inning and 4 runs in the 3rd inning to take a commanding 13-0 lead. The Warriors would score 1 run in the 5th inning to prevent the shutout, but Tucker County got the win by the final score of 13-1.

The Mt. Lions were led at the plate by Ethan Rosenau, Nate Ricottilli and Xander Lambert with 2 hits each. Reid Kisamore added 1 double, while Blaikie Adams and Owen Bolyard chipped in with 1 hit each in the win for Tucker County. Maddox Anderson pitched a complete game for the Mt. Lions as he allowed just 1 hit and struck out 8 batters.

Tucker County will travel to Southern today Wednesday April 17th at 4:30pm. The Mt. Lions will then travel to Tygarts Valley on Thursday April 18th for a 6pm start. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.



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"Our team puts patient care first, always," said Joseph Dibacco, RT, Director of Radiology at DMC. "The reaccreditation reflects our commitment to the comfort, safety and expert care given to each patient. We are proud to bring the highest standards of quality in cardiovascular care."

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Legal Notice

The Tucker County Clerk's Office will conduct a test of the Election Equipment in the Tucker County Courthouse Annex Room 205. The test is open to the public and will be conducted on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

BY ORDER OF THE TUCKER COUNTY CLERK OF TUCKER COUNTY SHERRY SIMMONS

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

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

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

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

1st Publication Date: April 10, 2024
Decedent: Patty Jo Heitz
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

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

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

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:

Deceased: Olive Pearl Kisamore, 1st publication 4/17/24, 2nd publication 4/24/24; Personal Representative(s): Henry L. Ross, III, 2856 Mt. Zion Rd., Parsons, WV 26287

Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Primary Election May 14, 2024. Includes sections for National Ticket (President, U.S. Senator, U.S. House of Representatives), State Ticket (Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture), and Nonpartisan Ballot of Election of Judicial Officers (Attorney General, Circuit Court Judge, Family Court Judge, Magistrate, Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals).

County Ticket. Includes sections for Assessor, Surveyor, Conservation District Supervisor, County Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, and Sheriff.

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Primary Election May 14, 2024. Includes sections for National Ticket (President, U.S. Senator, U.S. House of Representatives), State Ticket (Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture), and Nonpartisan Ballot of Election of Judicial Officers (Attorney General, Circuit Court Judge, Family Court Judge, Magistrate, Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals).

Official Nonpartisan Ballot. Includes sections for Conservation District Supervisor, County Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, Assessor, Surveyor, and Magistrate.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE MOUNTAIN PARTY

Tucker County, WV Primary Election May 14, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER
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NATIONAL TICKET	STATE TICKET	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS
FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 85TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE 22ND FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
		<input type="radio"/> LORI HAYNES Elkins Randolph Co.
FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> JILL STEIN Lexington, MA	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	Write-in, if Any
FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> HALEY BUNN Charleston Kanawha Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	Write-in, if Any	<input type="radio"/> RILEY H. BARB Davis Tucker Co.
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)	Write-in, if Any
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> CHARLES S TRUMP IV Berkeley Springs Morgan Co.	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)
STATE TICKET	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> BRIAN K. WILFONG Hambleton Tucker Co.
FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	Write-in, if Any
<input type="radio"/> CHASE LINKO-LOOPER Saint Albans Kanawha Co.	<input type="radio"/> S. RYAN WHITE Charleston Kanawha Co.	COUNTY TICKET
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> MYCHAL S. SCHULZ Charleston Kanawha Co.	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for ONE) Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected.
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> ELGINE HECETA MCARDLE Wheeling Ohio Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
FOR AUDITOR (Vote for ONE)	Write-in, if Any	FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY (Vote for ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> STEVEN L. SHAFFER Tunnelton Preston Co.	FOR SHERIFF (Vote for ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/>	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for ONE)	NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 2 (Vote for ONE)	FOR ASSESSOR (Vote for ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> HILARY M. BRIGHT Kingwood Preston Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for ONE)	<input type="radio"/> SAMUEL HESS Terra Alta Preston Co.	FOR SURVEYOR (Vote for ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED	<input type="radio"/> ANNE MARIE ARMSTRONG Mason Lown Preston Co.	NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
FOR STATE SENATOR 14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)	Write-in, if Any	
<input type="radio"/> BETSY ORNDOFF-SAYERS Wardensville Harcy Co.		
		VOTE BOTH SIDES

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For Not More Than THREE)
Maximum eligible to be elected from each district: Shavers Fork Dist. (0); Blackwater Dist. (2); Cheat River Dist. (1)

DANIEL "CHOPPER" EVANS Hambleton Cheat River Dist.

MAE TETER Red Creek Blackwater Dist.

Write-in, if Any

OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT

FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (Vote for ONE)

JAMES "JIM" NESTER SR Parsons

Write-in, if Any

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**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		80	
Video Lottery (LVL)		100	
Miscellaneous Revenues		25	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$	86,625	
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND			
REVENUE SOURCE			
Assigned Fund Balance	\$	100	
Coal Severance Tax		900	
Interest Earned on Investment		2	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$	1,002	
	General Fund		Coal Severance Fund
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES			
Mayor's Office	\$ 1,200		\$ -
City Council	600		-
Recorder's Office	200		-
City Clerk's Office	3,600		-
Custodial	500		-
Regional Development Authority	251		-
Public Grounds	6,500		450
Fire Department	120		-
Dog Warden / Humane Society	100		-
Streets and Highways	5,000		-
Street Lights	5,000		-
Snow Removal	4,000		-
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	-		552
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 86,625		\$ 1,002

**MUNICIPALITY OF Hambleton, 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	\$ 0	12.48	\$ 0
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			
Real Estate	\$ 1,014,810	49.92	\$ 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	5.00%		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.

Michael A. Griffith
(Signature)
Recorder
Official Title of Recording Officer

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**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

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**

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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:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Unassigned Fund Balance, Property Taxes - Current Expense, Gas & Oil Severance Tax, etc. Total Estimated Revenue (General Fund) is \$ 487,371.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Assigned Fund Balance, Coal Severance Tax. Total Estimated Revenue (Coal Severance Fund) is \$ 2,601.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Mayor's Office, City Council, Recorder's Office, etc. Total Estimated Expenditures is \$ 487,371.

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

Table with 4 columns: CLASS, Assessed Value for Tax Purposes, Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes Levied. Includes Personal Property, Real Estate, Public Utility, etc.

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.

Signature of Kimberly Trathen, Recording Officer of said municipality.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated July 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 fence lines 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 an iron rod set 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 Wilmoth 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 Vandevander 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
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(304) 413-0044
(304) 292-2918
Toll free: (888) 534-3132
Reference File No. 88336

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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
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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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Mary Brown
Petitioner
Magistrate Court Case No.: 23-M47D-00006
By: (Parent/Guardian/Next Friend)
v.
John Castro
Respondent
Family Court Civil Action No.: 23-DV-6
Unknown Address

ORDER CONTINUING HEARING
AND EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER

This Court finds that: (Initial and Complete as applicable)
L.A.H. Respondent has not been served with the Emergency Domestic Violence Protective Order by law-enforcement and/or certified mail.
L.A.H. It is therefore ORDERED that the hearing in this matter is continued and shall be held on the 13th day of May, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to take place in the Family Court of Tucker County, West Virginia.
L.A.H. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Emergency Protective Order issued previously on the 11th day of July, 2023, is continued in full force and effect until the hearing on the Petition is held and an Order is issued by the Family Court. Any and all provisions of the Emergency Protective Order, not specifically modified herein shall remain in full force and effect until the hearing on the Petition is held and an Order is issued by the Family Court.
L.A.H. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Circuit Clerk shall serve this Order by publication in accordance with Rule 11 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure for Domestic Violence Proceedings, forthwith.
Issued this 9th day of April, 2024
at 1:20 p.m.

Signature of Judge

NOTICES TO RESPONDENT

- VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER MAY BE PUNISHED BY CONFINEMENT IN A REGIONAL OR COUNTY JAIL FOR AS LONG AS ONE YEAR AND BY A FINE OF AS MUCH AS \$2000.
POSSESSING A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION WHILE PROTECTIVE ORDER IS IN EFFECT IS PROHIBITED AND MAY BE AN OFFENSE UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE LAW.
RESPONDENT MAY PETITION THE FAMILY COURT UPON DISMISSAL, TERMINATION, OR EXPIRATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR THE RETURN OF FIREARMS SURRENDERED OR TRANSFERRED. A PETITION SHALL BE MADE USING FORM FDVPPFR WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED IN THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE AND THE WV SUPREME COURT WEBSITE.
NOTICES TO PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT
48-27-510(b) YOU MAY APPEAL ENTRY OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER IF YOU ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTED OR AGGRIEVED BY THE ORDER TO THE CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN 10 DAYS OF ENTRY OF THIS ORDER. AN APPEAL SHALL BE MADE USING FORM FDVPAOR (PREVIOUSLY SCA-DV-FC-1264) WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED IN THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE AND THE WV SUPREME COURT WEBSITE. THE APPEAL FORM MUST BE FILED AT CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE.
THIS ORDER SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT IN EVERY COUNTY IN THIS STATE AND IS SUBJECT TO FULL FAITH AND CREDIT IN EVERY OTHER STATE, TERRITORY, POSSESSION, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES.
VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CIVIL CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY RESULT IN AN ORDER IMPOSING CIVIL OR CRIMINAL SANCTIONS.
THIS PROTECTIVE ORDER WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED IF:
(1) WHILE THE PROTECTIVE ORDER IS IN EFFECT.
(2) YOU FILE OR REOPEN A CASE IN FAMILY COURT (DIVORCE, PATERNITY, CUSTODY, CHILD SUPPORT, ETC.), AND
(3) THE PARTIES TO PROTECTIVE ORDER ARE THE PARTIES IN THE FAMILY COURT CASE.

WARNING TO RESPONDENT REGARDING FEDERAL AND STATE FIREARMS LAWS

- PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 922(g), W.VA. CODE § 48-27-903 AND W.VA. CODE § 61-7-7(a), WHILE YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A A PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING AN INTIMATE PARTNER, CHILD, FAMILY MEMBER, OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER AS DEFINED IN W.VA. CODE § 48-27-204, YOU MAY BE PROSECUTED UNDER FEDERAL AND/OR STATE CRIMINAL STATUTES IF YOU ENGAGE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
POSSESS ANY FIREARM OR AMMUNITION.
SHIP OR TRANSPORT ANY FIREARM OR AMMUNITION ACROSS STATE OR INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES.
RECEIVE ANY FIREARM OR AMMUNITION WHICH HAS BEEN SHIPPED OR TRANSPORTED ACROSS STATE OR INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES.
UPON CONVICTION, PUNISHMENT MAY RESULT IN UP TO 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

Magistrate/Family Court of Tucker County, West Virginia

WARNING

TO: ALL PARTIES NAMED IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER

A Respondent may be charged with a criminal offense for one of the following actions while this Order is in effect:

- Possessing any firearm or ammunition;
Abusing, harassing, stalking or threatening the Petitioner or minor children;
Being physically present at any location where the Order instructs him or her not to be; and
Continuing to contact, threaten or harass the Petitioner, minor children, or both, by phone, voice mail, e-mail or other means, even if he/she is not physically present with the Petitioner or minor children at the time of the threats or harassment.
ONLY the Family/Circuit Court can dismiss or otherwise change any of the conditions of the Order. A Respondent who violates any condition of the Order may also be found in civil contempt of the Court Order. Having "Permission" or a protected party's "consent" is not a legal defense for a misdemeanor violation of the Order. A Respondent may Petition the Family Court upon dismissal, termination, or expiration of a Protective Order for the return of firearms surrendered or transferred. A Petition shall be made using form FDVPPFR which can be obtained in the Circuit Clerk's office and the WV Supreme Court of Appeals website.

When a Protective Order is in effect, ONLY the Family/Circuit Court has the authority to allow the Respondent to have any type of contact with the Petitioner or to return to the residence of the Petitioner for any reason.

- If the Petitioner and Respondent wish to resume a relationship while the Protective Order is in effect, the Petitioner must file a Motion with the Circuit Clerk to terminate (end) or modify the Protective Order. The Family Court Judge will decide whether the Order should be terminated or modified. You will notified if the Family Court Judge chooses to hold a hearing on the Motion filed.

To: All Parties named in a Denial or Termination Order: The Denial, Termination, or Dismissal of a Protective Order has no effect on any related criminal charges pending against Respondent. Any conditions of bond in such criminal case(s) remain in effect.

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THE PARSONS ADVOCATE

Gov. Justice, School Building Authority approve \$150 million for new schools, major renovations across 18 counties

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Justice, as Chairman of the West Virginia School Building Authority (SBA), announced a groundbreaking investment today as the SBA approved an award of \$149,851,553.00 for 18 new needs-based projects.

This latest funding builds upon a previous award of \$111 million in December 2023, bringing the total awards for Fiscal Year 2024 to an unprecedented \$261 million, setting a new standard for educational infrastructure support in West Virginia.

"I could not be more proud to announce another massive investment in our students," Gov. Justice said. "Our students deserve to have access to the learning environments they rightfully deserve. We continue to shatter records with SBA investments. This is proof we are committed to giving our kids the resources they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom."

Since Gov. Justice assumed office in 2017, the School Building Authority has allocated over \$643 million to county school boards in West Virginia. When combined with the \$363 million from local contributions, the overall investment in the state's educational facilities surpasses \$1 billion.

"This represents more than just a billion-dollar investment in our schools," Gov. Justice said. "It also translates into a billion dollars spent on construction jobs enhancing



these very schools throughout West Virginia. This is a win for everyone and something we are all proud of."

Counties receiving funds to build new schools include:

Cabell — \$16,910,069

To be used for construction of the new Ona Elementary School.

Wayne — \$20,649,800

To be used for addition at Buffalo Elementary School to create Buffalo PK-8 School.

Counties receiving funds to renovate existing schools include:

Randolph — \$1,791,058

To be used for partial roof replacement at Elkins Middle School.

Morgan — \$3,924,284

To be used for HVAC replacement at Berkeley Springs High School.

Tucker — \$6,428,460

To be used for partial roof and HVAC replacement at Tucker County High School.

Monongalia — \$4,430,544

To be used for STEM addition at Monongalia County Technical Education Center.

Brooke — \$6,220,500

To be used for interior plumbing renovations at Brooke County High School.

Raleigh — \$2,069,526

To be used for water line replacement at Woodrow Wilson High School and Academy of Careers and Technical.

Webster — \$3,552,220

To be used for safe school entrances at Glade Elementary School and Webster Springs Elementary School.

Lewis — \$11,020,242

To be used for HVAC replacement and interior upgrades at Lewis County High.

Hardy — \$5,324,600

To be used for HVAC renovations

at Moorefield Middle School.

Cabell — \$1,000,000

To be used for STEM class addition and cafeteria expansion at Cabell Midland High School

Webster — \$991,802

To be used for interior renovations at Webster Springs Elementary School.

Monongalia — \$887,919

To be used for safe school entrances at Mountainview Elementary School.

Pocahontas — \$1,000,000

To be used for renovations at Pocahontas County High School.

Mingo — \$437,533

To be used for safe school entrances at Tug Valley High School.

Summers — \$684,896

To be used for roof renovations at Summers County Career and Technical Center.

Lewis — \$242,140

To be used for skylight replacement and safety repairs at Roanoke Elementary School.

In total, the above projects equal \$87,565,593. Previously announced multi-year projects in Berkeley and Wood County are being funded from this award, as well, equalling \$35,285,960. An additional \$27 million was set aside for future projects, grants, and potential inflationary concerns.

These factors bring the total cost of funding required to address these critical infrastructure needs to \$149,851,553.

Homeowner Rescue Programs Marks Second Year of Helping West Virginians

Funding remains, but homeowners seeking assistance should apply now

CHARLESTON, W.VA.— As the West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program celebrates two years of helping homeowners across the state, officials encourage qualified homeowners to apply for emergency assistance before funding runs out.

Since launching on March 28, 2022, the Homeowners Rescue Program has paid out more than \$31 million to help 6,300 West Virginia homeowners with their housing expenses, including past-due mortgages, utilities, real property taxes, and home insurance premiums. In July 2023, the program began offering up to \$10,000 to help qualified homeowners make critical repairs to their homes. To date, the program has paid out nearly \$4 million to help homeowners replace damaged roofs and worn-out HVAC systems, make accessibility modifications, or fix plumbing, electrical, and structural issues.

"The financial help we have provided to thousands of West Virginians over the past two years really demonstrates the need for this emergency assistance, especially for critical home repairs," said Erica Boggs, Executive Director of the West Virginia Housing Development Fund, which administers the West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program. "However, this is one-time funding, meaning that once the money is gone the program will end. We urge eligible West Virginia homeowners behind in their housing costs or struggling to pay for critical repairs to visit the Homeowners Rescue website and apply today."

To be eligible for the Homeowners Rescue Program, applicants must:

- Own and reside in the home in West Virginia as their primary residence;

- Attest to experiencing a COVID-related financial hardship;

- Be at least 60 days behind in their mortgage and/or at least one installment payment behind in their utilities, taxes, or insurance.

Whitney Humphrey
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RELEASE DATE: April 11, 2024

To qualify for help with critical home repairs, applicants must own and reside in their home as their primary residence in West Virginia and attest to experiencing a COVID-related financial hardship. Homeowners do not need to be delinquent in their mortgages to qualify for home repair assistance, but they must:

- Submit a signed bid from a licensed, insured contractor and photos of requested home repairs;

- Submit proof of identification, residency, ownership, and income, as well as statements from creditors showing past-due amounts owed; and

- Provide proof that they are up-to-date on their mortgage payments or that they do not owe a mortgage.

"For two years, we've heard from many West Virginians how this program has saved their homes from foreclosure or the auction block," said Jessica Greathouse, the Fund's Special Programs Manager. "Although we have helped more than 6,300 households, we know there are more people out there who may not have heard about the program yet or are hesitant to apply. We really encourage any eligible homeowner who has experienced a pandemic-related financial hardship to

get your documents together and submit your application. Our caseworkers are reviewing applications and approving payments every day to help West Virginians keep their homes. We want to help as many people as possible with the remaining funds we have available, so get those applications in today."

Applications generally are best completed in a single sitting and applicants should have all necessary documents ready ahead of time. Once the application is complete and documents are uploaded, applicants should be sure to click "submit" to ensure the application is fully submitted and ready for review. Applications showing a "Pending" status are not submitted and will not be reviewed until fully submitted.

The West Virginia Homeowners Rescue Program has limited funding available. Eligible claims will be paid as funding allows. The program reserves the right to close the application portal when all funds are committed.

Homeowners can visit www.wvhomerescue.com to learn more about eligibility guidelines, required documents, and covered expenses and to access the online application portal.

About WVHDF

The West Virginia Housing Development Fund was established to increase the supply of residential housing for individuals and families of low to moderate income and to provide construction and permanent mortgage financing to public and private housing investors. The West Virginia Housing Development Fund is an Equal Housing Opportunity Lender, NMLS # 198038. For more information, visit www.wvhdf.com.

Cortland Foundation Announces Annual Photography Competition

Thomas, WV – The Cortland Foundation is thrilled to announce the launch of our annual Photography Contest, inviting talented photographers from all backgrounds to showcase their creativity and vision. The submission window for entries opens on May 1, 2024.

The Photography Contest aims to celebrate the beauty of life and the resilience of the human spirit through captivating images. The theme chosen for this year's competition is "Changes". Fourteen winners will be selected by our esteemed judge, Frank Ceravalo, a prominent West Virginia photographer based in Martinsburg, WV. Selected photographs will be transformed into stunning 45 x 30-inch prints and prominently displayed in the Cortland Rehab wing for one year, offering inspiration and joy to residents, staff and visitors alike.

"After a challenging period, we believe in the power of art to uplift and inspire," says Crystal Boone, Foundation Director. "Through this Photography Contest, we hope to foster creativity, community, and connection, while also supporting the vital work of the Cortland Foundation."

In addition to large-scale prints, a concentrated display area will be added to the Pendleton Lounge situated in the Black-

water Short-Term Rehab Center common area. The Gallery will include twenty-two feet of wall space and showcase different sizes and orientations to allow for even more local images and regional talent to be on display. There is no specified number of images to be selected and The Gallery will be curated by this year's contest judge and the Cortland Foundation.

Following the one-year exhibition period, the prints will be offered for sale with all proceeds benefiting the Cortland Foundation's mission to enhance the quality of life for residents and support essential programs and services.

Photographers interested in participating are invited to submit their images through the Cortland Acres website at <http://blackwater.cortlandacres.org/>. Submissions will be accepted through May 31, 2024. Participants are encouraged to review the contest rules and guidelines available on the website. Questions may be directed to David Johnston at djohnstonWV@gmail.com. Photographers of the winning images will be notified by mid-July. Unveiling of the exhibition will occur during the ARTober Fest at Timberline Resort, October 4 – 6, 2024.

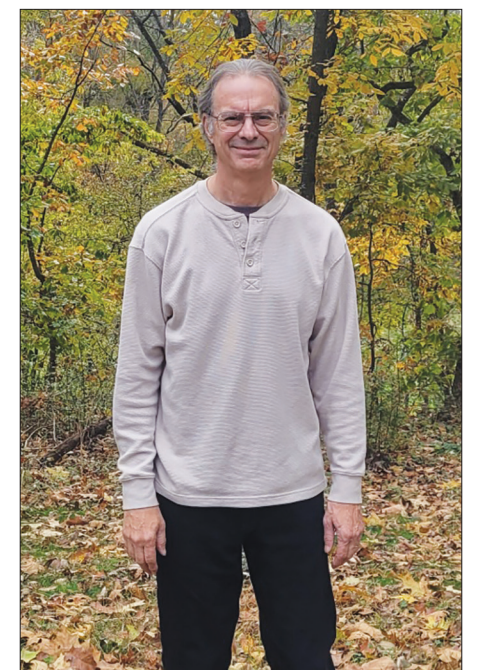
Judge Ceravalo chose the theme "Changes" with hope of seeing images

that reflect transitions, movement, contrasts or evolutions. The full description for the theme is located within the Rules and Guidelines on the Cortland Acres website.

Ceravalo's passion for photography and keen eye for detail will undoubtedly enrich the judging process. All photographs submitted will be judged on criteria such as creativity, composition, technical proficiency and adherence to the contest theme. Ceravalo's expertise will play a pivotal role in selecting the winning photographs.

"We are excited to see the diverse perspectives and stories captured through the lens of talented photographers," adds Boone. "Together, we can create a gallery of beauty and inspiration that celebrates the human experience."

Cortland Acres Long Term Care and Rehabilitation is a leading provider of long-term care, rehabilitation (in-patient & out-patient) and skilled nursing services in Thomas, WV. With a commitment to compassionate care and innovative programs, Cortland Acres strives to enhance the well-being and quality of life for residents and their families. The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, a new rehabilitation center, inpatient and outpatient rehabili-



Frank Ceravalo

tation programs, independent living units at Pineview and The Pines. The campus also houses a health center and pharmacy as well as offices of visiting medical specialties. For more information on Cortland Acres or to set up an appointment or tour call 304-463-4181 or visit www.cortland-acres.org.

Randolph County Housing Authority Announces Leadership Changes, Resumption of Heavy Equipment Training Program

Search underway for new executive director to lead the non-profit's multiple programs

ELKINS, WV – The Randolph County Housing Authority (RCHA) has announced changes to its leadership team and the resumption of the First Step Heavy Equipment Training (FSHET) program.

Graham Godwin has resigned as RCHA's Executive Director due to health reasons. Godwin had been in the role since 2022. Heather Croson has been promoted from Operations Manager to Chief Operating Officer and is also serving as interim Executive Director.

"We want to thank Graham for his dedication and contributions to the organization," said Michael Bell, chairman of RCHA's Board of Commissioners. "We also look ahead to the

future and to filling the Executive Director role with a strong leader who can help us build on our commitment to providing impactful programs across our service area."

A nationwide search is underway for RCHA's next Executive Director. The job is posted on the Indeed job site (<https://rb.gy/752t75>), where those interested in the position can learn more and apply.

The Executive Director is a critical leadership role within RCHA, which provides an array of services to the region including those related to housing assistance, job training and development.

RCHA Announces Leadership Changes, New

Program Page 2

RCHA provides Section 8 rental assistance, with federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as a program that helps participants transition out of the Section 8 program and into home ownership. RCHA's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program provides support to families so they can obtain employment on their path to economic independence. Working with multiple nonprofit housing partners, RCHA manages nearly 170 properties including mixed-income residential rental, commercial, and mixed-use properties.

Through the YouthBuild North Central program, RCHA serves individuals between the ages of 16 and 24 living in Randolph, Tucker, Upshur and Barbour counties. Participants in this workforce readiness program learn marketable job skills and leadership skills while building assets that benefit our communities. Participants can also earn a high school equivalency diploma.

RCHA's Supportive Services division, led by Lexi Taylor, who was recently named Supportive Services Manager, addresses the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness by promoting rapid re-housing and helping affected individuals become financially self-sufficient through job training and other assistance. In addition, Supportive Services addresses the housing and vocational needs of those who are in recovery or transitioning out of the criminal justice system.

RCHA also has announced that its First Step Heavy Equipment Training (FSHET) program will resume this spring.

The five-week FSHET training program, funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, is designed as a screening tool for potential employers and involves working with participants to ensure they have the skills and qualifications to be effective heavy equipment operators. Participants gain experience working on a heavy equipment simulator and may have the opportunity to become certified on at least two pieces of equipment.

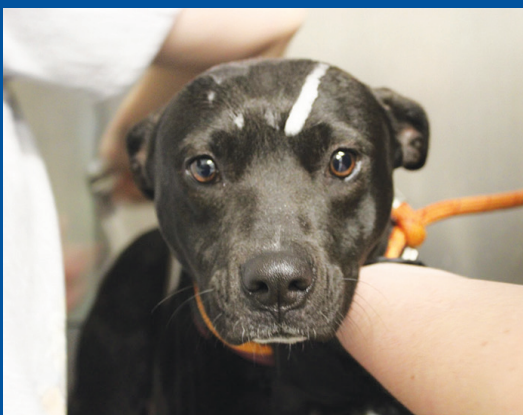
For more information about the FSHET program, contact Calvin Elmore at 304-636-6495, Ext. 160, or celmore@rchawv.org.

RCHA serves the six-county region of Randolph, Barbour, Tucker, Lewis, Upshur and

Pendleton counties. Its mission is to build strong communities by investing in housing solutions, youth and workforce development and supportive services to improve the quality of life of individuals and families living in the West Virginia Highlands. To learn more visit www.rchawv.org.

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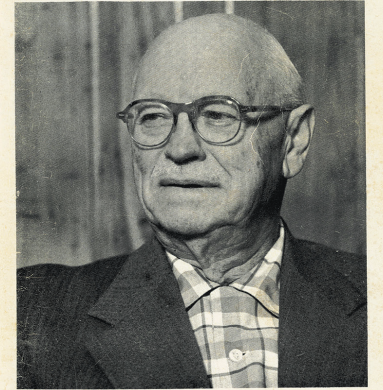
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TURNER'S TIDBITS

BIG DOC and LITTLE DOC
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This is the first time I have recommended a book on the site. There have been many books written concerning Tucker County. I highly recommend **Big Doc and Little Doc**. This book contains some of the most unusual cases taken care of by country doctors. The doctors were "Big Doc" William Werner and "Little Doc" Harry Werner. The office for the doctors was in Thomas. Some names and locations mentioned include Angelo Soretti, Snyder Hollow, Jim Wilt, B. Lamb, Jerry Hammond, Sugar Lands, Otto Shaffer, Location, St. George, Bob Montony, Daniel Fansler. Items to share, ideas, comments or suggestions contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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

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How will the children's clothing be purchased?

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

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