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## Meet the Candidate: Ben "Travis" Hamrick for Tucker County Commission

By: Lydia Crawley  
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Ben "Travis" Hamrick has thrown his hat into the ring in Tucker County. Hamrick, a carpenter by trade, is running for Tucker County Commissioner against incumbent Fred Davis. Hamrick is a resident of Canaan Valley who describes himself as a conservative Democrat. "I'm a Democrat, but I feel that I am a Conservative Democrat."

According to Hamrick, transparency and the inclusion of the community in decisions is an important component to the Commission. Among his proposals, Hamrick presented the idea of holding County Commission meetings in multiple locations such as in outlying communities like Davis, Thomas and Canaan Valley. "I think transparency is important to the County residents," Hamrick said. "I think (it is important) to be invited to be involved in the decisions that affect them."

Another of Hamrick's proposals includes the establishing of a quarterly Tucker County Roundtable. Hamrick said he felt the creation of the Roundtable would create another layer of transparency in local government. "This would be a good thing to create a Tucker County Roundtable where members of every County board, or example Planning Commission, Parks and Rec, Board of Education, Convention and Visitors, just a few to mention, can sit down together and discuss goals, achievements and current activities," Hamrick said.

Hamrick said he felt he was a good listener and independent thinker. According to Hamrick, if elected, he would focus on protecting Tucker County identities and values. "If I was elected," Hamrick said, "I would work with coming up with solutions to protect our Tucker County identities and values."



Ben "Travis" Hamrick is running for Tucker County Commissioner. Hamrick is a carpenter, former carpentry instructor and volunteer coach.

Hamrick said he has been a carpenter since graduating high school in Tucker County in 1981. According to Hamrick, he has been employed by Miller Contracting for 27 years. Hamrick attributes his decision to become a carpenter to his carpentry teacher and mentor Jared Parsons. "He was my vocational teacher and a great mentor and the reason I became a carpenter," Hamrick said.

Besides his work as a carpenter, Hamrick said he also obtained a permanent teaching certificate to teach vocational and carpentry and had previously taught at the Rubenstein Center School as a Carpentry Instructor for 16 years.

Hamrick said he has also volunteered as a coach of various sports in Tucker County over the years. According to Hamrick, he has been a coach for Junior High Boys and Girls Basketball, Little League Baseball, Babe Ruth, an Assistant High School Baseball Coach and Assis-

tant Girls Basketball Coach. "Probably 16 years of coaching, at least," Hamrick said.

Hamrick also said if elected, he would strive to manage the County budget and direct County funds to projects that benefit the whole of Tucker County. Hamrick said he would have the dates and times of Commission meetings posted in multiple places.

Hamrick said in his free time he enjoys such outdoor activities as hunting, fishing and golf. According to Hamrick, he is a member of the Holly Meadows Golf Course in Parsons.

Hamrick is a 1981 graduate of Tucker County and has resided in Tucker County since his family moved from Randolph County in 1970, according to Hamrick. Hamrick lives in Canaan Valley with his wife Kim and a Golden Retriever named Beau who accompanies him to work. Hamrick has two sons, two step-daughters and their families.



## Davis Council Considers Fire Fee

By: Lydia Crawley  
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Davis Volunteer Fire Department Chief Allen Cosner addressed the Davis Town Council to discuss the need for the adoption of a Fire Fee by the Town Council. Under the proposal, residents and businesses would see a flat rate fee on their water and sewer bill that would be allocated to the Fire

fund for the Department, as well as allow the Department the ability to qualify for as many grants as possible. Cosner also said that the fee would only benefit Davis Fire Department. "It will help the whole community with long term funding for the Fire Department and it will just be Davis Fire Department."

Cosner said that the State has not attached any stipulations on Fire Fee funds, but he intends to not only

being very beneficial is that the fee structure is different depending on what category your dwelling is in."

According to Cosner the cost of a fire truck has gone up 123% in the last three years due to inflation. Cosner said that the cost of a new truck has gone from \$580,000 three years ago to just under \$1 million today. Cosner also said the cost of gear for fire fighters has also risen in recent years. Cosner also noted a cost of \$14,000 a year for Workman's Comp Insurance for his volunteer department. "Its getting ridiculous on the prices," Cosner said. "We're at \$20,000 just to put somebody in gear and its got to be replaced every 10 years due to State and Federal mandates."

The fee, according to Cosner would be only for the Davis Fire Department. When asked by Council Members if EMS would be included in the Fire Fee, Cosner said it only impacted the Town Fire Department, as EMS was its own entity and would be responsible for their own funding.

Council Members also voiced concerns over citizens refusal or inability to pay the additional fee. Tomson said that if it becomes a mandatory fee, citizens would have to pay. Cosner said he has been in touch with Parsons about an exemption program they have implemented for low income residents and those on fixed incomes. According to Cosner, Parsons only has applied for the exemption program. Tomson said that the Town would likely implement a similar program should the Fire Fee be adopted. "We would like to do that, too," Tomson said. "We are going to have some people in the same situation."

Tomson acknowledged that the Town is implementing raises in utility rates and the pressures these financial measures have on residents. "We're raising water rates, we're raising sewer rates, everything is going up," Tomson said. "And incomes are not keeping up with (that)."

Town Council Member Carrie Hawkins said that Fire Departments are closing due to increased financial pressures. "There's a number of Fire Departments that are closing," Hawkins said. "I mean we can't let that happen, but it could."

According to Cosner, the effective date for a Fire Fee would be determined by the Council should a Fire Fee be approved. No determination on the issue was made at the April 10th meeting of the Council. The issue was further addressed at the Town Council's April 24th meeting. "I think that we need to keep thinking about it and talking about it and decide sooner than later that we're going to do something about it," Tomson said.

The Town of Davis Council meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Davis Town Hall in Davis.

"...he sees this as being a big benefit to the Fire Departments that historically struggle for funds," Tomson said.

Department and its operational costs and needs. Currently, the Town has a donation on the water and sewer bills, but no established Fire Fee.

According to Cosner, the Fire Department is in need of the Fire Fee due to not only the rising cost of materials and operating costs, but without a Fire Fee, many grant opportunities are not available to the Department. "I have brought you a copy of a rough draft for a Fire Fee Ordinance due to everything growing, prices tripling," Cosner said. "We got a donation now for the Fire Department on the Water bill but we're restricted on grants. They are changing many of our grants and you have to have a Fire Fee in place to be eligible to get these grants."

Cosner said the Fire Fee would supply a long term

separate the funding, but also has a plan in place for full accountability of the public funds. The funding record, according to Cosner, will be public information and his department will maintain records of transactions from the account that will be available for public review if requested. "Once it gets changed over to fee, it will be in its own account," Cosner said. "As of now, the State doesn't have stipulations on it, but all that money will be in its own account and everything that it is spent on will be kept a record of where it went and when it was spent. That way if anyone needs to know, its all public information."

Cosner said that he had been in touch with Fire Departments in the City of Parsons and the City of Thomas about the Fire Fee. Both municipalities have a fee in place, according to Cosner. "I've talked with Parsons, I've talked to Thomas because they have both put these in place," Cosner said. "Thomas' goes into effect in July."

Town of Davis Mayor Al Tomson said he had spoken with Thomas Mayor Jody Flanagan and that Mayor Flanagan was a supporter of a Fire Fee and was pleased that a fee had been implemented in Thomas. "He is really pleased that they had did this in Thomas," Tomson said. "Because he sees this as being a big benefit to the Fire Departments that historically struggle for funds."

Tomson said that he had also discussed the structuring of Thomas' Fire Fee with Flanagan. According to Tomson, the fee in Thomas is structured differently depending on the use of the building with different fees for residential and commercial structures. Tomson gave the example of a residential unit having a fee of \$5 a month, with a non-residential structure such as a business or Airbnb fee of \$8 a month, a multi-family unit structure fee of \$8 and an industrial structure fee of \$12 a month.

Tomson said by scaling the fee structure, the residents were not impacted with the largest fee. "The other thing that they view over there as

## Prodigy Purchases Land from County

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The Tucker County Commission authorized the sale of 1.48 acres of land to Digital Communications, Inc., also known as Prodigy. The Commission approved the sale at the April 24th regular meeting.

The land is located along the northeast side of Butts Farm Road, County Road 72/7, in St. George District near the intersection of County Farm Road, according to documents supplied to The Parsons Advocate. The land acquired by Prodigy was a part of a larger 174 acre parcel owned by the County Commission in the area of the former "County Farm," according to the documents.

A Memorandum of Understand (MOU) was approved by the Commission. In the document, the details of the land sale were outlined. In the MOU it was outlined that should Prodigy no longer have need or use of the land at a future date, the land and any improvements to it would be decided back to the County Commission.

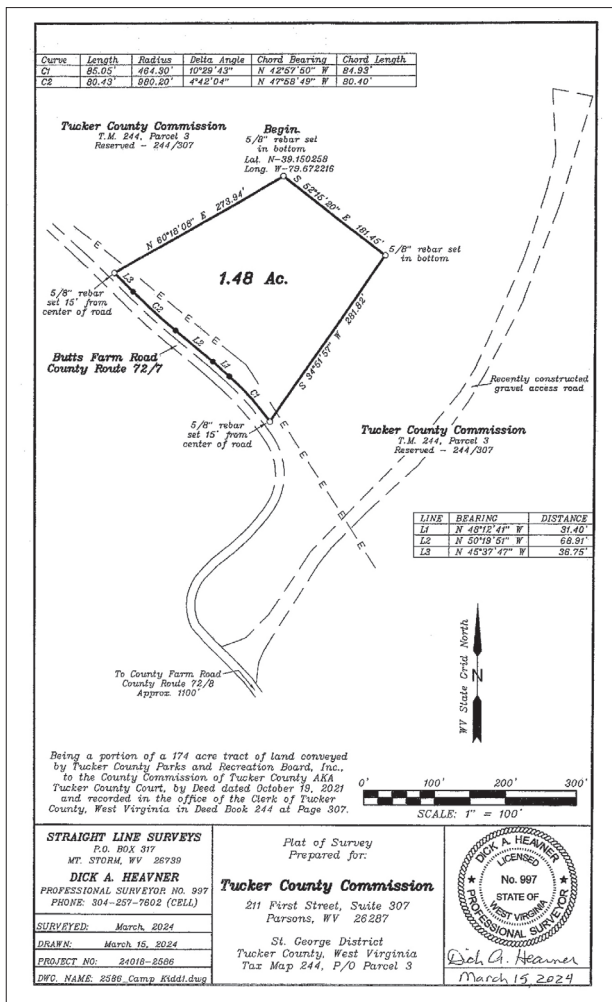
The MOU document also stated that Prodigy would prepare and gravel a parking/landing area between the road and the parcel of land owned by Prodigy. The parking area would be for use by the County Commission. The document also contained an agreement for Prodigy to provide free internet to the County Commission. The County Commission agreed in the document to a right of way that would allow ingress and egress to the parcel and a through gated road to the parcel of land.

The Real Estate Sale and Purchase Agreement stated that Prodigy purchased the property for \$9,500. Also included in the document, it was noted that there are currently no utilities connected to the property.

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau read the MOU into the record. The matter was approved unanimously by the Tucker County Commission.

The next meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be held Wednesday, May 8th at 9 a.m. at the Old

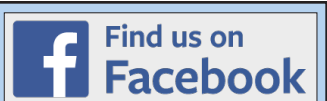
Courtroom of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons.



A survey of a 1.48 acre parcel of land in the area of the old County Farm was completed in March as part of a sale of the property to Prodigy. The Tucker County Commission approved the sale of the parcel April 24th.



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# News of Record

The following criminal complaints have been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

- **Brandon Tyler Streets**, of Parsons, was charged with two counts of Child Neglect with Risk of Injury. According to the complaint, on Sunday, April 14 at approximately 7:47 a.m. Sheriff J.E. Kopec was traveling along WV72 in front of the Annex when he was flagged down by off duty Parsons PD Chief Keplinger. Kopec pulled over and was informed by Keplinger that he was traveling to church when he found two young children in the roadway on the double yellow line. The children appeared to be about four years old. Kopec noticed one of the boys was in his boxer under-wear and an unzipped hooded shirt with no t-shirt. He asked the boys what they were doing and they said they were going to the park. They were cold so Kopec put them in his vehicle to warm them up and keep them safe. Kopec contacted 911 to see if they had the boys' parent's names in their system, in an attempt to locate them. He then attempted to find their home by driving around the Parsons vicinity going off their direction, which was skewed at best. The boys did not have the best speech or knowledge of where their home was. This went on for 40 minutes until Kopec overheard one of the boys talking with his brother and state "Big Sam". He asked the boy what he meant and he said, "Big Sam with the Big Truck." Kopec knew of a Big Sam and called Sam Humphrey, who owns an apartment complex along Smokey Hollow Road. He informed Kopec the boys' father rents from him in the apartment complex. He then brought the boys to a residence at the apartment complex and they took him to an apartment where the front door was wide open. The boys walked in and Kopec asked them to go get their dad. Kopec talked to the father, identified as Brandon Tyler Streets, outside. Streets informed Kopec that he had a long night that he had to go out to pick someone up at 2 a.m. and had recently worked a long shift. Streets informed Kopec that this had happened about a week ago and a neighbor brought the boys back that time. The boys were left in care and custody of their father because it was his visitation time. The children were .2 miles from their residence. After informing the Tucker County

Prosecutor of the incident it was decided charges would be presented due to neglect and danger the two children were in. The fact they were found in the center of a busy lined road where they could easily have been run over by a vehicle and unaccounted for for at least 40 minutes with no call to 911, no searching parent is what appears to be neglectful in the welfare of the two boys. The children's age is another factor in this complaint at 4 ½ years old.

- **Timothy Wayne Myers**, of Parsons, was charged with one felony count of intent to manufacture, deliver, or possess a controlled substance. On Sunday, April 7, Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's office was dispatched by Tucker County 911. 911 advised that an individual showed up at the caller's residence to buy a light bar and a crossbow. Before leaving the individual left a bag of meth in the shed. Summerfield and Senior Trooper C.A. Hawkins of the WVSP arrived on scene and were met by the caller and her husband. They directed officers to the shed and they discovered a clear plastic bag on top of a red toolbox. The bag contained a crystal substance that is consistent with methamphetamine. Summerfield obtained photographic evidence of the scene and seized the substance. Officers tested the substance with a Mobile Detect field test kit and results revealed that the substance tested positive for methamphetamine. While talking to the husband, he stated that after calling 911 Mr. Myers called him saying that he heard what was going on from the scanner and the caller stated that Myers allegedly told him to flush the substance and get rid of it. The caller showed the officers where Myers had called his phone. Summerfield obtained a digital voice recorded audio statement from the caller and in summary he stated that Myers called him wanting to buy his crossbow and light bar for a truck. Myers took the items and the caller walked back onto his porch. Myers then allegedly came onto the porch to see if the caller had a tire tool and he was told it was in the shed. Myers retrieved the tool and got into his truck and left. The caller stated he began looking around because he didn't receive the cash for the items he was selling. When he returned to the shed he found a bag of meth on his toolbox. On the same date Summerfield obtained

a digital voice recorded audio statement from the wife. In summary she stated she was in the house and she received a notification on her home security camera that someone was there. When she looked at the camera she observed her husband talking to someone. She stated she observed Myers take the light bar from the shed. After the individual left she walked outside to ask her husband what was going on. She stated her husband told her he had sold his crossbow and light bar for \$150. When she questioned her husband about the money for the items, he stated he didn't know the individual had left. They walked to the shed to look for the money because that was the last place the man was. While looking in the shed for the money she stated she discovered the bag of meth on the toolbox. She stated she has home security camera that face toward the shed. Summerfield requested to view the cameras and observed a male subject, Timothy Myers, talking to the husband outside the residence. Myers put a crossbow into a vehicle, and was observed walking toward the shed where the substance was located, out of the camera's view.

These crimes occurred in Tucker County and all individuals are presumed to be innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Joseph Caldron, Fairfax District, Lot No. 45, Town of Pierce to Tammy Parsons and Garnie Sharp, \$4,500.
- John A. Manzione, Davis District, Lot 43, Tuscan Ridge Subdivision, .45 acres to Kevin O. West and Katrina West, \$34,000.
- Edward J. Fulton, Black Fork District, 1.3 acres, Holly Meadows to Paul J. Fuchs and April H. Yancey, \$40,000.
- Seth A. Pitt, Thomas Corporation, 75 x 45 (3,375 square feet), Part of Lot 60 and Part of Lot 59, City of Thomas, to Kyle F. Rooke, \$30,000.
- Jeffery S. White and Tonya M. White, Dry Fork District, Lot 80 of Winterhaven, .324 acres to Red Creek Construction LLC, \$75,000.

## We Get Letters

### Dear Editor and Eligible Town of Davis Residents,

I'm addressing the Special Election for a Zoning Ordinance ONLY for the Town of Davis on June 8, 2024.

"Zoning" angers many. The Planning Commission of the Town of Davis has been working on this document for 16 months. It could not be addressed until a Comprehensive Plan was adopted for the Town which occurred in early 2023. We have written, rewritten, and adapted sections of the proposed Ordinance with open meetings for Town residents to discuss issues; few residents attended.

A petition, signed by 71 persons in Davis, asked residents if the Town Council SHOULD have the power to adopt the Zoning Ordinance or be DECIDED by the residents.

As a Planning Commission member since 2017, I want residents to understand why it would be Favorable to accept.

Davis is not the same Town it was 50 years ago, 20 years ago, not even 10 years ago. Opportunities for employment have decreased in many areas, young people have moved away, and residents are mostly low-to-middle income families. Tourism is important and we welcome visitors, but we need to preserve what we can of Our Community.

Many homes are older, lived in by family members, or owned by family members living elsewhere. Several buildings have been purchased and turned into Short Term Rentals.

The Planning Commission found it necessary to divide the Town into Districts as a result of the changes rapidly occurring in our Community.

These Districts are:

- Single Family Residential
- Town Residential
- Recreational
- Central Business
- Commercial
- Industrial

Detailed Zoning Maps are at the Town Hall/Meeting Room showing districts. The Ordinance includes District maps and many informational definitions for the public.

My goal: to help residents understand WHAT and WHY we encourage acceptance of this Ordinance.

The document will address the future with minimal amendments. Most important issues are threefold:

- 24 Short Term Rentals are in the Town of Davis; many are within the residential area. The Commission determined that total to remain at 24;

NO additional Short-Term Rentals in the Residential District. Short-Term Rentals are also in Central Business and Commercial Districts.

In a Summary of Davis Survey (06/2022), 69% of 147 Respondents Encouraged A Zoning Ordinance to Protect Residential Areas.

- Zoning Ordinance would control Signage throughout the Community.

• Zoning Ordinance would minimize Businesses within the Residential areas. Summary of Survey (06/2022), 54% of 147 Respondents Encouraged Limiting Businesses From Operating in Residential Areas.

Eligible Residents within the Town of Davis have a voice to have control within our Town.

If you vote NO for Ordinance:

- Short-Term Rentals will be on every Street/Avenue with inadequate parking. The Town will have no control.

• Businesses can be established on every Street/Avenue.

- Signage/Billboards could be erected on every Street/Avenue.

Remember:

- our Community existed with Common Courtesy where you knew your neighbors;
- you could discuss any property line issues with your neighbor;
- neighborhoods were peaceful with Quiet Time from

11:00 p.m. to 7:00 am.

Vote YES on Zoning Ordinance.

Jeannette Tekavec Ware

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# Understand Your AEP Electric Bill

I would like to explain to you today how to understand your electric bill from Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power.

When you open your bill, your eyes are going to be drawn to that colorful bullseye on the left column, about half-way down the page. Like the statistics box that stays on the TV when you watch a ball game, this circle gives you the full and simple breakdown on your bill. So, I'd like you to focus on that blue bullseye.

Take a look at the center of the circle. It is divided into a black top and a white bottom. In the white lower-half is the amount of money you currently owe for last month's service. Just above that is a black half-circle. The portion of the circle includes "kWh" and a number. That tells you the amount of electricity you used, shown in kilowatt hours, for the billing period.

Let's now move to the circle's outer rim. It is divided into three colors: dark blue, light blue, and purple or maroon. The dark blue part reflects the cost of purchasing and supplying your electricity and should be the largest part of the bill. This shows the

charges for the cost of the production and transmission of electricity you used.

Next, the light blue area should be the second-largest part of the circle. This reflects the cost for delivering electricity to your home or business. Finally, the purple or maroon section of the circle shows you what taxes and fees you must pay on your electric service. These are pass-through charges from local government. And the company says this money is often used to benefit schools and city and county services, such as emergency 911.

The remainder of the bill is fairly straightforward. The amount due and the date its due should be prominent at the top of the right-side of the page in a light blue field. What you owe is the bold black number. This box also tells you when the bill was mailed and your 11-digit account number. The next line in white on the left is the address being billed for service.

I know these bills can sometimes be confusing and appear to be very complex. I hope I have helped simplify this process a little for you.

## 4-H clubs attended the American Dogwood tree planting at Camp Kidd



Members of Tucker County 4-H clubs attended the American Dogwood tree planting at Camp Kidd for Arbor Day sponsored by the Mountaineer Garden Club. MGC also presented members with a check for \$450 to sponsor three children to attend the 4-H summer camp. Pictured l to r. Tucker County Commissioner, Fred Davis, Jean Long, MGC, Sandra Hockman, MGC, Bonnie Smith, MGC, Evelyn Summerfield, Glenda Lipscomb, MGC, Wendy Wolford, 4-H leader of Clover Buds with children Easton and Owen. Wade Summerfield, Marcy Evick, Deputy Program Director at Tucker County Extension Service, Cindy Harsh, 4-H Program Coordinator, Dee Stevens, President of 4-H Association, Kieran Parsons, Linda Sherman, MGC, Faith Moore, MGC, Crystal Nelson, MGC and Stephanie Summerfield.

# OBITUARIES

## Kathie Elaine Carr



With a heavy heart we announce the passing of Kathie Elaine Carr, age 58, of Elkins WV on April 19 2024.

Kathie was born on November 24, 1965 to Keith and Janet Carr in Parsons WV. After graduating from Tucker County High School she went on to study at Marietta College and West Virginia University.

Kathie had several talents. she put her artistic skills to work as partner in a tie die t-shirt business in Parsons supplying bright beautiful shirts to local shops. her considerably culinary skills

She was a talented singer, an incredible cook, a faithful friend, a protective sister, a lover of animals, art, and scenic places.

She was that and much more.

Kathie was predeceased by grandparents Luther and Violet Woods and Vincent and Ethel Carr. She is survived by parents Keith and Janet Carr and brother Roy Carr. A service will be held at The Refuge Church on May 4th from 6 to 8 pm. In lieu of flowers please consider sympathy plants or a donation to the Randolph County Humane Society.

were sharpened in local restaurants both in Elkins and Slatyfork. As a voracious reader of books, she found employment at Borders while living in Albuquerque. In her final years she specialized in baking keto desserts for local bakeries.

## Joyce Ann Retcofsky Carrico

Joyce Ann Retcofsky Carrico, 73, of Thomas, passed away on April 19 2024. She was born October 2, 1950, in Newport News, Virginia, grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and lived most of her adult life in Tucker County, West Virginia, the place she really did consider "Almost Heaven". She was the daughter of the late Kathleen Gray Retcofsky and the late Herbert L. Retcofsky and his wife, Barbara K. Lotze of South Park, PA.

She was a graduate of South Park High School, CCAC, California University of Pennsylvania and West Virginia University. She retired after 35 years of service to the students in the Tucker County Schools. Gi (as she was lovingly named

by Skye and called by her grandchildren and great grandchildren) enjoyed her work, her students, her home and, most of all, her family.

She is survived by the family she dearly loved including her best friend of over 50 years, and loving husband, David R. Carrico, and their sons, Justin Carrico and Josh Carrico. Also surviving are her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren including, Skye (Hannah) Carrico and their children, Makenna Rose, Alaina Jane, Blaze Skye, and Ray Skye; Garrett Carrico and his sisters, Brylee and Kayla and Trisha (Brandon) Smith, and their children Trenton, Kaitlyn and Tyler. She is also survived by her brother, John (Dell) Retcofsky and their son

Alex (Corinne) Retcofsky, her sister, Carol L. Miller and her son, Max Miller, her sister, Kathleen McDermott and her children, Rob (Emily) McDermott, David McDermott, and Elizabeth McDermott, and her brother, Herbert (Elaine) Retcofsky, and their children Alexis Retcofsky and Ben Retcofsky, all of Pittsburgh, PA. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Kandace L. Retcofsky; her brother, Gregory C. Retcofsky; and her nephew, Adam Retcofsky.

At Joyce's request, there will be no visitation or funeral. A private service will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thomas, WV.

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

# 46th Annual Chamber Award Winners Announced

The Tucker County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the recipients for the 46th Annual Chamber Awards. The banquet will be on Thursday evening, May 16, 2024 at 5:30pm at Canaan Valley Resort Bear Paw Lodge (ski area side). Tickets are \$40 and can be reserved at the Information Center in Davis or by going to the website tuckercountychamber.org. Tickets need to be reserved by May 10th. When reserving your ticket, please let us know of any dietary restrictions.

Chamber has solicited nominations for seven different categories and few Special Awards, the secret committee has met and the results are in for the 2024 winners!

- Educator of the Year: Robyn Nestor  
Tucker County High School, Special Education Teacher Mountain Hospice is the proud sponsor of this award.
- One nomination said, "Robyn Nestor, Special Education Teacher at Tucker County High School is such a valuable educator in our school and community. She is a phenomenal educator, that constantly goes above and beyond for all students and everyone she encounters."

Another nomination said, "Her guidance and expertise in managing the TCHS special education department has been invaluable to me, and her professionalism is unmatched."

"Finally, if you go to her classroom, you will notice a massive collection of students photographs that she has accumulated over the years. These photos come from the students she has served over the many years, who are sure to provide her a photo for her wall as a way to say thank you for the help she has provided them over the years. Every time I see this wall of students, I am reminded of just how many lives Robyn has improved, showing just how deserving of this award she is."

- Student of the Year: Macy Helmick  
Sirianni's Café is the proud sponsor of this award.
- One nomination describes, "Macy is a hardworking, disciplined student athlete that is highly respected by her peers and teachers. She is definitely everything you would want in a student, teammate and citizen of Tucker County."

Another says, "Macy stands out among her peers. Although she is an outstanding athlete, her studies never waiver form excellence. She has the ability to prioritize her time in achieve perfection in both her academic and athletic career."

This nomination mentioned, "Macy Helmick is a standout student from Tucker County High School. Macy exemplifies excellence both in academics and athletics, making significant contributions to our school community." "...Macy's commitment to service is exemplary; she has dedicated countless hours to the Varsity Club, National Honor Society, and numerous community initiatives, including volunteering for summer reading programs, concession stands, and service projects."

One said, "She doesn't avoid hard work, she seeks it out. While she is a quiet leader, she is most definitely a leader."

- Employee of the Year: Shelia DeVilder  
Inn at Canaan is the proud sponsor of this award
- A nominee said, "Your criterion for the award is to select a person in our community who is 'committed and dedicated to the place of her employment as if it were her own.' Shelia embodies that definition. We know that she has served as County Administrator well for the last 5+ years."

One nomination expressed, "Shelia helps all offices and makes the process of day-to-day issues and goals become smoother and obtainable."

Another mentioned, "Sheila is both extraordinarily intelligent and very responsible-it is amazing combination of skills and it makes her truly wonderful employee. She has the ability to "see" what needs to be done and the strength of character to make sure that what needs to be done, gets done."

One says, "Her work skills, knowledge and commitment make her a great asset to this county and an excellent employee. She is the backbone to the County Commission Office and very deserving of this award."

This nomination describes, "Through her efforts, Tucker County has received hundreds of thousands of dollars because of her grant writing skills. Her work ethic is unmatched."

- Business Person of the Year: Marsha Waybright  
Best of Canaan is the proud sponsor of this award

A nomination describes, "As a female business owner, Marsha actually owns/manages four businesses from one location: The Laurel River Club Bed and Breakfast, Laurel Fork Farm, West Virginia School of Traditional Skills, and Mama Bear Protection. Her slogan, "Experience West Virginia With Us" says it all - this is what visitors can expect when staying at her BnB or participating in the many workshops she provides through her business."

This nomination mentions, "Marsha and her businesses were featured in the Summer 2023 issue of Goldenseal. She has been asked to be a speaker at many events, including the Woman of Agriculture Conference, the WV Governor's Conference on Tourism, META sent her to Washington, DC to

speak on behalf of small businesses and how they use targeted marketing. And she has been asked to do speaking engagements with Easter WV Community and Technical College this year, as well as guest speaker at the Homestead-ish Conference organized by the Capitol Conference District in Charleston, WV later this year."

- Community Service Award: Judy Cronauer  
Canaan Valley Resort is the proud sponsor of this award
- A nomination said, "Judy's dedication to our community is unparalleled."

"Her exceptional work in supporting the Town of Davis, participating in or leading various Town of Davis Committees and Commissions, and supporting the community has set her apart."

"...a member of the committee that developed the Town of Davis's Comprehensive Plan, a project that was six years in making. Judy was appointed by the Davis Town Council as a member of the Town's Planning Commission. She also served on the Town's Bad Buildings Committee and helped to develop the Town's vacant property inventory."

In 2023 she was appointed by the Tucker County Commission to the newly formed Blackwater Public Service District (PSD). "She is invaluable to the PSD because of her engineering training and experience."

- Cultural Heritage and Arts: John Bright, owner of Purple Fiddle

ArtSpring is the proud sponsor of this award

John, owner and operator of the Purple Fiddle, was nominated and selected to receive this award. A nomination wrote, "I remember when he first opened it and myself being a music lover was so excited and hoped it would last! And so, it has!" John and his former partner purchased the vacant DePollo store in Thomas in 2001. Since the opening, there has been a performance every Friday and Saturday night at 8:30pm. These days the music schedule practically fills itself six months in advance with nationally-touring professional acts eager to play at a great-sounding, intimate space.

- Special Award: 2024 Tucker County Boys and Girls Basketball Teams

St. George Medical Clinic is the proud sponsor of this award

AGAIN, the Tucker County Boys' Basketball Team made it to States in Charleston. The Boys' team were State Runners-Ups in Class A!

The Boys' Team, playing in the finals for second year in a row, finished the season with a 21-3 record.

- Special Award in Outdoor Recreation: Sue Haywood  
Blackwater Bikes is the proud sponsor of this award

Sue Haywood is a retired professional mountain biker racer, that raced for team Trek Volkswagen. Her first experience with mountain biking started while attending West Virginia University. Now you can find her working at Blackwater Bikes or catch her cross-country skiing and working at White Grass in the winter.

In 2009 she founded the Canaan Mountain Bike Festival with a simple yet powerful mission: to bring people together on bikes and encourage local trail stewardship.

She continues to serve on Blackwater Biking Association board. Volunteering her time as a voice and advocate for the biking communities and trail stewardship. Her long-standing career and passion for outdoor recreation succeeds the qualifications for this award.

Tuckineer: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Citizens Bank of West Virginia is the sponsor of this prestigious award.

For more information or to reserve your tickets, contact the Chamber office at 304-259-5315 prior to the end of business on May 10th! They can be purchased online at tuckercountychamber.org.

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# Gov. Justice issues statement following strict EPA mandate



WHEELING, WV — Gov. Justice issued the following statement today after new EPA rules that would force coal-fired and natural gas-powered plants to nearly eliminate emissions or close operations, threatening the future of West Virginia miners, workers, and the energy industry.

Gov. Justice shared these comments during a press event with the West Virginia Coal Association at Independence Hall.

"I am incredibly frustrated by the latest EPA rules demanding our power plants eliminate emissions or shut down operations. Once again, this is a clear sign of federal overreach, and it completely disregards the important role West Virginia plays in the nation's energy landscape.

The EPA and White House's tone is clear: West Virginia doesn't matter. We are being told to close our facilities and send workers home without considering the economic impact. All West Virginians need to support our miners right now.

Our miners have been pillars of strength for this country. They've given us so much, and they ask for so little. I cannot thank them enough for their work, and we will never give

up on them, especially not now.

I refuse to accept that thousands of hard-working West Virginians in our plants and mines are expendable. I promise you, not under my watch.

History shows that when America needs dependable energy, it turns to West Virginia. As we face unprecedented demand, the idea of decommissioning coal and natural gas facilities will unquestionably destabilize our energy grid.

For every plant that closes in the United States, nations like China and India are rapidly expanding their coal-power capacity and building two in its place. This destructive strategy undermines our national security and energy independence.

We also need to consider the broader implications of weakening our energy infrastructure. Any disruption not only compromises our grid but also our national defense. Why would we blow our legs off at a time like this?

Rest assured, I am committed to defending our state's interests and ensuring the well-being of every West Virginian affected by these policies. I will do everything in my power to protect our people."

## The 30th Annual Cheat River Festival: A Fundraiser for Clean Rivers

Albright, West Virginia - 2024 marks an extraordinary milestone—30 years of the Cheat River Festival! Join Friends of the Cheat (FOC) on the scenic banks of the Cheat River in Albright, West Virginia, for two days of fun, music, and community on Friday, May 3rd, and Saturday, May 4th.

Cheat Fest is more than just a festival; it's Friends of the Cheat's (FOC) largest annual fundraiser and outreach event, fueling our ongoing efforts to restore, preserve, and promote the Cheat River watershed's natural splendor. For three decades, outdoor enthusiasts, music lovers, and families alike have come together to raise dollars and awareness for the cleanup and protection of the Cheat River. Once listed as one of America's Most Endangered Rivers (1995), the Cheat is now a stunning example of recovery and resilience, thanks in part to funds raised through Cheat Fest.

The Cheat River Festival maintains a grassroots, family-friendly, reunion-like atmosphere while pulling a crowd of 3,000 supporters. So bring your camp chair, and your curiosity, and help us celebrate the mighty Cheat River and its inspirational story. Remember: no pets, glass, or bad vibes allowed!

Gates will open at 5pm on Friday and 12pm on Saturday for Festival attendees.

Starting at 5:30pm on Friday and at 12:30pm on Saturday, local bands from all over Appalachia will entertain crowds with live music including this year's headliner, Cris Jacobs. Fest attendees will be able to browse the infamous Art Market and vendor booths for local art, pottery, clothing, and jewelry. A diverse array of food vendors will be on-site to feed the masses with offerings of bison sandwiches, BBQ, egg-rolls, calzones, ramp sausages, a variety of sweets, and more!

Local experts will be hosting educational workshops in the Education Eddy. They

will be presenting on a variety of subjects such as snakes, salamanders, local wildflowers, and the newest Friends of the Cheat projects.

Kids are the heartbeat of the festival! Children 12 and under enter free with a parent or guardian. Stop by the Kid's Tent on Saturday to enjoy a full slate of kids' activities, including a group mural, an otter-based craft, and AMD Tie Dye.

The Silent Auction is virtual again this year, and features many one-of-a-kind items from the Art Market artists, vendors, attending nonprofits, and more. The auction can be found at <https://www.32auctions.com/CheatFest2024>

FOC is partnering with Food for Preston to collect non-perishable food items and hygiene items to stock their 11 pantries around Preston County. Everyone who attends is encouraged to contribute an item to the Food Drive. Items will be collected at the Info Booth. The Donation List can be found at [www.cheatfest.org](http://www.cheatfest.org)

FOC would like to thank some of the generous sponsors that support Friends of the Cheat's mission: The Nature Conservancy, March Westin, Team Boosch, and Highland Outdoors.

Discounted combo tickets are available for \$40 until 9:00 PM on Monday, May 1st at [www.cheatfest.org](http://www.cheatfest.org). Single-day tickets will be available at the gate only for \$20 on Friday and \$30 on Saturday. Additional details including a full schedule of activities and information on local accommodations are available at [cheatfest.org](http://cheatfest.org) and the Cheat Fest Facebook page.

Lisa Maraffa, Festival Coordinator, says "Cheat Fest is a very special event unlike any other because it is a festival with a purpose. This event raises funds to help with the Friends of the Cheat's mission to restore, preserve, and promote the outstanding qualities of the Cheat River watershed.

## Registration Open for Summer Library Program

You must register to participate in person. Last day to register is May 20, 2024. You can register by stopping in at the library, calling 304-478-3880, message on Facebook, or on the library web page.

Readers will have an exciting time this summer as we have fun with Adventures at Your Library. Our themes this year are Dinosaur Adventure, Camping Adventure and Fitness Adventure. Five Rivers Public Library presents "Adventures at Your Library" during their summer library pro-

gram. Wednesdays@ 10 a.m., June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th (Party@ the park). Activities may include crafts, games, a story, and snacks! The 2024 Summer Reading Program is open to preschool through 5th grade (Younger and older siblings welcome) with programs, prize basket, reading time, and more.

For more information, call the library at 304-478-3880 or visit our website, <https://fiverivers.wvlibrary.info>

All programs are free of charge.



Participants safely view the eclipse at approximately 90% totality in Davis.



George Hebb, of The Computer Shop in Oakland, MD, works with students on the laser engraver to cut out eye-holes for eclipse glasses on student-designed paper plate sun masks.



Executive Director Ryan Haupt demonstrates the dynamics of an eclipse event to a group of students.



Local artist and educator, Nanette Seligman, assists a student with his bracelet to demonstrate the Purkinje effect.

## NASA-sponsored Solar Eclipse Day at the National Youth Science Academy

The National Youth Science Academy (NYSAcademy) in Tucker County on Route 48 just outside of Davis hosted a solar eclipse event on Monday, April 8th. About 450 people attended the event throughout the day. Students from Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School, Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School, the Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative, homeschoolers, and other visitors participated.

Students enjoyed numerous activities - including an inflatable dome planetarium show, homemade pinhole cameras to view the eclipse, and a talk by Dr. Ryan Haupt, Executive Director of NYSAcademy, on women in STEM featuring WV's own Katherine Johnson in particular. Students also made science-related projects in the MakerSpace - including eclipse masks on the laser engraver and bracelets that helped demonstrate the Purkinje effect, where red colors appear darker relative to other colors as the light levels decrease during an eclipse event.

Jerod Caligiuri, Assistant Professor of

Mathematics and Physics at Davis and Elkins College, led instruction and hands-on demos on the science of eclipses, including viewing the eclipse through a telescope with a sun filter for safety. Astronaut snacks such as cured meats from The Charm Farm in Beverly, local jerky, and dried fruits were provided for all to enjoy.

"We couldn't think of a better way to spend such an important astronomical moment!" said April Miller of the Tucker County Family Support Center, who helped organize the event and make it such a success.

Ryan Haupt commented that: "Solar eclipses provide a rare opportunity to really feel our place in the universe. They're a great chance to put our phones away and experience a cosmic event as a brief moment of shared awe and we are so grateful to have been able to enjoy this time with the local community."

Many thanks to NASA WV Space Grant Consortium and the Parker Solar Probe for providing funds and eclipse glasses for this event.

## Volunteer Trailhead Stewards Needed at Dolly Sods Wilderness Area



DRYFORK, W.Va.—The West Virginia Highlands Conservancy is seeking volunteers to support Dolly Sods Wilderness Area by welcoming and educating visitors to the wilderness, as part of its Dolly Sods Wilderness Stewards program.

The Trailhead Stewards is the signature program of the Dolly Sods Wilderness Stewards, and it has helped thousands of visitors have a successful, low-impact experience of Dolly Sods. Trailhead Stewards greet and assist visitors who are embarking on a hike in Dolly Sods, offering resources, Leave No Trace practices, values of the wilderness and helpful tips. Trailhead Stewards are stationed at the busiest trailheads on weekends, holidays and other times of high visitation.

On Saturday, May 18, interested volunteers are invited to Seneca Rocks Discovery Center in Seneca Rocks, West Virginia, for a Trailhead Stewards training. The Wilderness Stewards' Annual Picnic will follow the training. New volunteers are invited to join the training and participate in the picnic.

"Trailhead Stewards use the 'authority of the resource' technique to reinforce Leave No Trace principles," said Dave Johnston, coordinator of the Dolly Sods Wilderness Stewards. "This approach leverages the inherent goodwill of most people toward natural areas and gives them reasons and methods for practicing low-impact hiking and camping to protect this special area of the Monongahela National Forest."

In view of the rapidly increasing visitation to Dolly Sods Wilderness Area, the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy teamed with the Monongahela National Forest in 2021 to establish the Dolly Sods Wilderness Stewards

program, which is the first of its kind in the state. The partnership allows for volunteer action to supplement the Forest Service's wilderness management activities, engage in visitor education, and support the long-term health of the wilderness.

"By educating visitors about the values of wilderness and low-impact practices, the Wilderness Stewards hope to preserve the wilderness for the enjoyment of future generations and avoid the need for restrictions on visitor access that have been implemented in other popular natural areas across the country," Johnston said.

Trainers from the Forest Service and West Virginia Highlands Conservancy will teach how to apply this technique, as well as the history of Dolly Sods, the issues it faces, and the key messages visitors need to know to enjoy the wilderness safely and sustainably.

No special skills or background are required for volunteers, though familiarity with Dolly Sods and hiking experience will be helpful. There is no minimum time commitment, and those who live far away or can only occasionally volunteer their time are welcome. The West Virginia Highlands Conservancy provides a convenient method for Wilderness Stewards to schedule themselves online for trailheads and shifts that work for their schedules.

Volunteers are also invited to join in the other Dolly Sods Wilderness Stewards activities, including the Crosscut Sawyer and Trail Maintenance teams, solitude monitoring, and campsite restoration.

For more information or to sign up, visit [wvhighlands.org](http://wvhighlands.org) or email [dollysodsstewards@gmail.com](mailto:dollysodsstewards@gmail.com).

## Day of Action 2024 Volunteer Registration Now Open

The Tygart Valley United Way is thrilled to announce that registration for the annual Day of Action is open! Each year, United Ways across the United States celebrate the first day of summer with a nationwide day of volunteer service.

This special volunteer initiative takes place across the Tygart Valley's five-county region: Marion, Randolph, Taylor, Barbour and Tucker counties. Organizations from each county will host volunteers on June 21st from 12:00 pm to 4:00 p.m., with kick-off events happening in Fairmont and Elkins at 11:00 a.m.

Brett White, Chief Executive Officer of Tygart Valley United Way says "Day of Action is an initiative we look forward to each year. Having over

thirty projects take place in our five-county region is truly a testament to the power of our communities."

"We are so grateful for all our volunteers who show up in force to make positive change in our communities," says Casey Gilbert, the organization's Community Impact Director. "We encourage businesses, teams, friends, families and civic groups to sign-up together and kick-off the summer helping others."

2024 marks the 6th annual event for TVUW. All participants receive a commemorative t-shirt and lunch before starting their projects. For more information and to register, please visit <http://tvuw.us/daa>.

# ROAD OPEN!

## Smokey Hollow Road Open

TUCKER COUNTY, WV - County Route 17, (Smokey Hollow Road), beginning at 1.5 miles from the intersection of CR17 and WV72 near Parsons, has opened ahead of schedule and is available for use. The road has been closed for construction associated with Corridor H.

# What's? Happening

## 2024 STArt Student Art Exhibition

Don't miss the 2024 STArt Student Art Exhibition coming to the Davis Fire Hall in downtown Davis, WV, Sat. May 4th and Sun. May 5th. The exhibition is sponsored by STArt (School-Town Art) presented by the WV Highlands Artisans Group of Davis, WV. Student artwork from all grade levels K-12, chosen by their respective art teachers, will be on display. Prizes will be awarded. Come support Tucker County's talented students, view wonderful art, and vote for your favorite art piece for the People's Choice Award.

**Student Art Show Hours:**  
 Sat. May 4th: 2-5pm, Public Viewing  
 Sun May 5th: Noon-3:30 pm. Public Viewing /Reception / Refreshments; 3:30pm. Awards Ceremony Open to the Public, Students, Parents

All welcome! Hope to see you there!

## Blackwater Chapter of the DAR will meet

Saturday, May 11th at 10:30 (for those who wish to fellowship over breakfast). The meeting will be called to order at 11:30 am at Canaan Valley Resort Main Lodge. The informative program will be "The Anniversary of D-Day" Visiting chapter members are always welcome. If you are interested in learning about your ancestors and perhaps joining the chapter, reach out to Registrar Phyllis Garcia at [garcia.phyllis@verizon.net](mailto:garcia.phyllis@verizon.net).

## Join St. Paul's UMC folk on Cinco De Mayo

Sunday, May 5th for church services and fellowship. Jesus commands us to love one another and be the light in our community. Won't you join us and have some great food after services? Come as you are, and you will find us just the same! 10 am to discuss a bible lesson and 10:45 begins our worship! Bring a friend and visit with us! Corner of Central and Currence St Parsons Justin Jones Pastor.

## FRIENDS OF CORTLAND

There will be a meeting of the Friends of Cortland Acres May 6, 2024 in the Gathering Room at Cortland Acres at 1p.m. For more information, call Marie Grafton, Activities Director, at 304-463-4181 Ext 218.

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## Save the Date: Broaddus Community Health Fair Coming in June

Philippi, WV -- Mark your calendars and get ready to prioritize your health at the Broaddus Hospital Community Health Fair on June 8, 2024. The better health event will take place from 8 am until 2 pm on the campus of Broaddus Hospital in Philippi.

The public is invited to take advantage of free preventive screenings and health education, discounted blood tests, and interactive activities designed to educate people on healthy living choices.

"We are excited to host the annual Broaddus Community Health Fair and provide our neighbors with access to free health screenings, educational resources, and interactive activities," said DeWayne Kirkpatrick, BSRT (R)(MR) Radiology Manager and health fair coordinator. "Our goal is to empower individuals to make informed decisions about their well-being."

The Community Health Fair is open to individuals of all ages and no registration is required. A complete list of screenings and event vendors will be released later in May. Call Broaddus Hospital at 304.457.1760 for information or to find out how to become a vendor at the event.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

If you have a public park or other public area in your town do me a favor. Just go out on a nice day and sit down and people watch. If you pay close attention, there is probably only one in a hundred people that are aware of their surroundings. They are just existing and not experiencing life.

I have not seen so many people in my life that are so oblivious of what is going on around them. A crime could be committed right in front of them and if they haven't stopped to video someone else's misfortune, they could not describe what happened.

Walking around with ear buds in and their nose stuck in their phone. Momma Said, "They don't appreciate a beautiful day or stop and smell the flowers." Look around and see the awesome sights that nature has provided you. There are other people that exist in the world so maybe stop and say hi

## 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



or give them a wave as you pass by.

For me it is only polite that if you pass someone on the street to say hi. Most times I don't get a reply but I made the effort to reach out to a stranger. I think not paying attention to your surroundings is very dangerous. I think if you put someone in a car today and drove them across their own hometown, let them out and told them to find their way home they probably couldn't do it. Momma Said, "WAKE UP PEOPLE AND PAY ATTENTION, YOUR LIFE MIGHT DEPEND ON IT ONE DAY!"

## Grilled Panzanella Salad

### Ingredients

- 1 Loaf rustic Italian bread preferably one day old
  - 3 tomatoes cut into large chunks
  - 1 pint yellow cherry tomatoes halved
  - 1 orange pepper large dice
  - ½ red onion sliced
  - 1 English cucumber halved and sliced (that is the long skinny ones)
  - 3 tbsp capers rinsed
  - ½ cup fresh basil
  - 8ozs ricotta salata cheese optional
- RED WINE VINAIGRETTE :**
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
  - 1tsp Dijon mustard
  - 1 tbsp sugar
  - 1 tbsp lemon juice
  - 1 tsp salt
  - freshly ground black pepper
  - ¼ cup chopped parsley
  - ¾ cup olive oil

### Instructions

1. Pre-heat the outdoor grill for at least 10 minutes or pre-heat the stovetop grill pan over medium-high to high heat. Cut the

bread into 1-inch thick slices. Generously brush both sides of the bread with olive oil. Grill the bread, getting good grill marks on both sides and set the grilled bread aside.

2. Make the dressing. Whisk the Dijon mustard, red wine vinegar, sugar, lemon juice, salt and pepper together in a small bowl. Slowly pour the olive oil into the vinegar mixture and whisk until the dressing comes together and thickens. Stir in the fresh parsley.

3. Combine the tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, peppers, onions, and cucumbers in a large bowl.

4. While the bread is still warm but not too hot for your fingers, tear it into large pieces and add them to the vegetables. Drizzle the dressing over the top, add the capers and toss everything together to coat the bread. Stir in the basil and crumbled ricotta salata (if using). Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.

5. Let the Panzanella salad set for 10 minutes to allow the bread cubes to absorb the dressing and then serve.

**The West Virginia Encyclopedia**  
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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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

May 1, 1788: Pendleton County was created from Rockingham, Augusta and Hardy counties. The county was named for Virginia statesman Edmund Pendleton (1721-1803).

May 1, 1930: Labor leader and child welfare activist Mother Jones celebrated her birthday in Maryland. Jones, who was 100 years old by her count, appeared before newsreel cameras to condemn the Prohibition Act "as a curse upon the nation" that violated her right to have a beer instead of water.

May 2, 1900: State founder Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. He is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the gradual emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.

May 2, 1925: Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffle, Braxton County. Barker became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s after investigating sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.

May 3, 1843: U.S. Postmaster General William Lyne Wilson was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. Wilson joined President Cleveland's cabinet as postmaster general in 1895. The following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson County, an experiment which was quickly instituted nationwide.

May 3, 1917: Fire destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. The school was rebuilt, and it evolved into the institution now known as WVU Potomac State College.

May 3, 1948: The plane of test pilot Howard "Tick" Lilly, a Raleigh County native, crashed on takeoff in California. Lilly was the first of many government test pilots to die in the line of duty. Six weeks earlier, he had become only the fourth person to break the sound barrier.

May 4, 1896: The Children's Home Society of West Virginia was formed by a group of Charleston ministers. Their goal was to place orphaned and neglected children with caring families rather than crowd them into county poorhouses.

May 5, 1923: A fire started by welders working on a new

swimming pool destroyed most of Luna Park, an amusement park in Charleston. Although Luna's owners announced they would rebuild, the park never reopened.

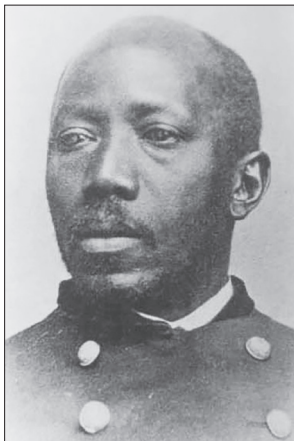
May 5, 1923: Golfer Bill Campbell was born in Huntington. He won more than 30 championships over a seven-decade career and is considered one of the best amateur players in history.

May 6, 1968: A continuous miner machine at the Gauley Coal & Coke Saxsewell No. 8 mine at Hominy Falls, Nicholas County, cut into an adjacent mine, which was filled with water. The resulting flood drowned four miners and trapped 21 others.

May 6, 1968: Newspaper publisher and Bluefield native John S. Knight received the Pulitzer Prize for his long record of service and his series of columns opposing the Vietnam War.

May 7, 1824: Logan County was created by the Virginia General Assembly from parts of Giles, Tazewell, Cabell and Kanawha counties. The county seat was first known as Lawnsville, then Aracoma, and finally Logan.

May 7, 1857: William A. MacCorkle was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, on his father's plantation. He served as West Virginia's



**May 6, 1812: Activist and physician Martin Robinson Delany was born in Charles Town. In February 1865, he was commissioned as a major in the U.S. Colored Troops. He was the only Black Civil War officer to be given a field command.**

ninth governor.

May 7, 1928: The Keith-Albee Theatre opened in Huntington. The opening program featured a comedy called "Good Morning, Judge," a newsreel and five stage acts. But the theater itself, with its elaborate interior, clearly was the star of the evening.

May 7, 1983: The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve began operations when the first visitor center opened near Fayetteville.

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## Super Crossword

STEEP STAIRWAY

<b>ACROSS</b>	52 Ltd. cousin	89 Relax after working hard	117 Puts in order	16 Lauder of fragrances	65 Crystal ball gazer, e.g.
1 Offer hush money to	53 Pot toppers	91 Red-tinged jewelry alloy	118 City on the Ruhr	17 Lois' partner	67 Neutralized, as a bomb
6 Strip of gear, as a ship	57 Conflict	94 Removes hair from	<b>DOWN</b>	18 Its capital is Nairobi	70 "The Cloister and the Hearth" novelist
11 Weight unit for a druggist	59 Sad paper notices	97 Second-to-last king of Egypt	1 African tree with a very thick trunk	21 Aspiring doc's major	72 Planes' first fliers, often
15 "I am at your — and call"	61 Say a different way	100 Greeting sent online	2 Italian municipality west of Turin	27 Person stashing stuff	75 Operations
19 "Elementary" actor Quinn	63 Michael who co-hosted "Live" with Kelly Ripa	102 Emily Dickinson's "Much Madness is — Sense"	3 Perfect choices to fill positions	30 In the buff	77 Infer (from)
20 Sonata, often	64 Gets broader	103 Tropical rabbit lookalike	4 Stereotypical setting for a brawl	32 Cracked, as a cryptogram	81 Like a district bishop's jurisdiction
22 Many a cruise stopover	66 "No outlet" street	104 Shrink back	5 Having a right (to)	36 Info group to be input	83 Faith
23 Unconcealed	68 Always, in music scores	106 Brings about	6 In prison, informally	38 "Dagnabbit!"	86 Difficulty
24 Customized for	69 Keyboard instrument	107 Finger-paint	7 Vardalos of "Connie and Carla"	40 Bee-luring fluids	88 Finisher just under the winner
25 Lee of Marvel Comics	71 One of three womb-sharers	108 The Northwest's "City of Trees"	8 Toddler bed attachment	43 Chief female officers in sacred rites	90 Beach footwear
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by Linda Thistle

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# SPORTS



**Tucker County Baseball Seniors were recognized before the game on April 22nd(L-R): Ethan Rosenau, Justin Robeson, Ethan McCrum, Maddox Anderson, Blaike Adams, and Owen Knotts. Photo by Dave Helmick.**

## Tucker County Baseball Honors Seniors Before Game

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

PARSONS – The Mt. Lions Baseball team hosted Philip Barbour on Monday April 22nd. Tucker County led early, but the Colts exploded in the 6th inning to take the 17-9 victory.

Philip Barbour scored first as they got 1 run in the 1st inning to lead early 1-0. The Mt. Lions responded in the bottom of the 1st as they scored 2 runs and then Tucker County added 1 run in the 2nd inning to make the score 3-1 Tucker County after 2 innings. Philip Barbour then added 2 runs in the 3rd inning and 3 runs in the 4th inning to make the score 6-3 Colts after 4 innings. The visiting team would then score 2 runs in the top of the 5th inning to push the Colts lead to 8-3. Tucker County then responded with a big inning in the bottom of the 5th inning as they plated 5 runs to tie the score at 8-8 after 5 innings of play. Philip Barbour then erupted with 9 runs in the 6th inning to give the Colts the lead 17-8. The Mt. Lions got 1 run in the bottom of the 6th, but the game would end with a Philip Barbour win 17-9.

Ethan Rosenau led Tucker County with 2 hits and Blake Helmick added a double for the Mt. Lions in the loss. Maddox Anderson, Nate Ricotilli, Justin Robeson and Blaike Adams chipped in with 1 hit each for Tucker County. Ethan Rosenau started on the mound for the Mt. Lions. Maddox Anderson, Nate Ricotilli, Xander Lambert, Justin Robeson and Jordan Robeson entered the game in relief.

Before the game the Tucker County Baseball Seniors were honored. These Seniors are as follows: Ethan Rosenau, Maddox Anderson, Justin Robeson, Blaike Adams, Ethan McCrum and Owen Knotts.

PARSONS – Tucker County hosted East Hardy on Tuesday April 23rd. The Mt. Lions battled early in the game, but the Cougars scored 6 runs in the 3rd inning to pull away for the 13-1

victory.

East Hardy would produce 2 runs in the 1st inning to lead 2-0 halfway through the 1st inning. Tucker County would respond with 1 run in the bottom of the 1st inning to make the score 2-1 Cougars. East Hardy then scored 2 runs in the 2nd inning and 6 runs in the 3rd inning to break the game open with the score of 10-1 through 3 innings. The visiting Cougars added to their lead with 1 run in the 4th and 2 runs in the 5th inning to give East Hardy the win by the score of 13-1.

Nate Ricotilli had the lone hit for Tucker County in the 1st inning. Maddox Anderson got the start on the mound for Tucker County. Ethan Rosenau and Nate Ricotilli entered the game in relief for the Mt. Lions.

PETERSBURG – The Mt. Lions finished the week with a road game in Petersburg on Wednesday April 24th. Tucker County struggled to score in the game as Petersburg won the game 11-1.

The Vikings would light the scoreboard first as they scored 1 run in the 1st inning. Petersburg then added 2 runs in the 3rd inning and 4 runs in the 4th inning to make the score 7-0 after 4 innings. The Mt. Lions would then get on the scoreboard in the top of the 5th inning to put the score at 7-1. The Vikings would then extend the lead as they plated 2 runs in the bottom of the 5th inning and 2 runs in the bottom of the 6th inning to end the game with the score of 11-1.

Blaike Adams led Tucker County with 2 hits. Maddox Anderson, Justin Robeson, Ethan Rosenau, Xander Lambert and Owen Bolyard had 1 hit each for the Mt. Lions in the loss. Justin Robeson got the start for Tucker County on the hill. Ethan Rosenau and Maddox Anderson entered the game in relief.

Tucker County will host Tygarts Valley today, Wednesday May 1st at 6pm. The Mt. Lions will then travel to East Hardy on Thursday May 2nd at 6pm. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.

## Lady Mt. Lions Softball Post Wins Over East Hardy, Elkins

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

CAMP KIDD – The Tucker County Softball team hosted East Hardy on Monday April 22nd. The Lady Mt. Lions battled back in the 6th inning with 4 runs to secure the 9-6 win.

Tucker County got on the scoreboard first as they scored 2 runs in the 1st inning to lead after 1 inning 2-0. East Hardy then fought back in the top of the 2nd inning as they plated 5

runs to take a 5-2 advantage halfway through the 2nd inning. The Lady Mt. Lions then got the bats going in the bottom of the 2nd inning as they scored 3 runs to tie the score at 5-5 after 2 innings. Neither team could produce runs in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th innings to keep the score at 5-5 entering the 6th inning. The Lady Cougars then scored 1 run in the top of the 6th inning to take a 6-5 lead after the top of the 6th. Tucker County then got hot at the plate as they would score 4 runs in the bottom of the 6th inning to put the Lady Mt. Lions back in front 9-6. The Tucker County defense then held East Hardy scoreless in the top of the 7th inning to secure the win for the Lady Mt. Lions 9-6.

Ava Shaffer led Tucker County with 3 hits on the night, including a home run over the center field fence and 2 doubles to right field. Katie Hicks also produced 3 hits(triple, double, single) on the night for the Lady Mt. Lions. Sutton Pase, Peyton Hicks, Rachel Felton, Brianna Gooden, and Reagan Herron chipped in with 1 hit each for Tucker County. Peyton Hicks got the start for the Lady Mt. Lions in the circle as she went 3-1/3 innings. Ava Shaffer entered the game in relief as she went 3-2/3 innings and got the win.

Before the game the Tucker County Softball Seniors were recognized. These Seniors are as follows: Katie Hicks, Addie Hicks, Brianna Gooden, and Rachel Felton.

MOOREFIELD – The Lady Mt. Lions traveled to Moorefield for a doubleheader on Tuesday April 23rd. Tucker County fell in both games by the scores of 11-3 and 4-3.

In Game 1 the visiting Lady Mt. Lions got the scoring started as they led after 1 inning 1-0. Tucker County then added 2 runs in the top of the 2nd inning to make the score 3-0 halfway through the 2nd. Moorefield then responded on offense as they plated 3 runs in the bottom of the 2nd inning to tie the score at 3-3 after 2 innings. The Lady Yellowjackets then took the lead in the 4th inning as they scored 2 runs to make the score 5-3 after 4 innings. Moorefield then added 1 run in the 5th inning and 5 runs in the 6th inning to end the game with the final score of 11-3 Moorefield.

Ava Shaffer, Peyton Hicks, and Rachel Felton hit homeruns for the Lady Mt. Lions in the game. Shaffer also added a single to give her 2 hits in the game. Addie Hick added 1 hit in the loss for Tucker County. Brianna Gooden got the start for the Lady Mt. Lions at pitcher and took the loss.

In Game 2 the offense for both teams struggled to score runs through the first 2 innings. Tucker County then got on the scoreboard in the 3rd inning as they plated 2 runs to take a 2-0 lead after the top of the 3rd. The Lady Yellowjackets battled back to score 1 run in the bottom of the 3rd to make the score 2-1 Tucker County. Each team then scored 1 run each in the 4th inning to put the score to 3-2 Tucker County after 4 innings. Moorefield then pulled ahead with 2 runs in the bottom of the 5th inning to give the home team the 4-3 lead after 5 innings. Tucker County was unable to overcome the 1 run lead as the game ended with a Moorefield win by the score of 4-3.

Addie Hicks led the way at the plate for Tucker County as she had 2 hits(1 triple), while Ava Shaffer added 2 hits(1 double) for the Lady Mt. Lions. Peyton Hicks had 1 hit(double), while Rachel Felton chipped in with 1 hit and Sutton Pase had 1 hit for



**Tucker County Softball Seniors were recognized before the game on April 22nd(L-R): Addie Hicks, Brianna Gooden, Rachel Felton and Katie Hicks. Photo by Dave Helmick.**

Tucker County in the loss. Peyton Hicks got the start in the circle for the Lady Mt. Lions as she went the complete 6 innings for Tucker County.

FRANKLIN – Tucker County traveled to Pendleton County on Thursday April 25th for a single game against the Lady Wildcats. The Lady Mt. Lions struggled at the plate as they fell in the contest 6-1.

Pendleton County got on the scoreboard in the 1st inning as they scored 1 run to make the score 1-0 after 1 inning. Tucker County would tie the game in the 3rd inning as Addie Hicks scored on a wild pitch by the Lady Wildcats. Pendleton County then regained the lead in the 5th inning as they scored 1 run to take a 2-1 advantage. The homestanding Lady Wildcats then plated 4 runs in the 6th inning to give them a 6-1 lead after 6 innings. The Lady Mt. Lions could not rally in the top of the 7th as the game ended with the final score of 6-1 Pendleton County. Tucker County ended the game with 0 hits as Lady Wildcats pitcher Baylee Beachler tossed a no hitter. Peyton Hicks got the start for Tucker County at pitcher as she went 3-2/3 innings before Ava Shaffer and Brianna Gooden entered the game in relief.

CAMP KIDD – The Lady Mt. Lions hosted Elkins for a doubleheader on Friday April 26th. Tucker County dominated the Lady Tigers in both games as they swept Elkins 13-1 and 13-4.

In Game 1 Tucker County scored 10 runs in the 4th inning to pull away for the 13-1 victory. The Lady Mt. Lions collected 8 hits in the contest. Brianna Gooden led Tucker County with 2 hits, while Katie Hicks had 1 triple and Ava Shaffer added 1 double. Addie Hicks, Peyton Hicks, Rachel Felton and Makenna Evans added 1 hit each in the Game 1 win for the Lady Mt. Lions. Brianna Gooden got the start in the circle for Tucker County as she went the complete game for the win.

In Game 2 Elkins started the game with 2 runs in the top of the 1st inning. Tucker County then answered in the bottom of the 1st as they scored 2 runs to tie the game at 2-2 after 1 inning. Elkins then scored 1 run in the top of the 2nd inning to regain the lead. The Lady Mt. Lions offense would then answer again as they would score 3 runs in the bottom of the 2nd to give the home team the 5-3 lead after 2 innings. Tucker County then put the game out of reach in the 4th inning as they got the bats going to score 6 runs to push the Lady Mt. Lions lead to 11-3. Elkins then scored 1 run in the top of the 5th inning, but Tucker County responded with 2 runs in the bottom of the 5th inning to end the game with the final score of 13-4 Lady Mt. Lions.

Ava Shaffer led Tucker County with 2 hits including a left field homerun in the 5th inning. Makenna Evans also had 2 hits(1 triple) and Sutton Pase added 2 hits(1 double). Peyton Hicks also had 1 hit for the Lady Mt. Lions, while Katie Hicks and Brianna Gooden chipped in with 1 hit each in the Tucker County Game 2 win. Peyton Hicks got the win for Tucker County in the circle as she went 4 innings and Ava Shaffer entered the game in relief.

Tucker County was scheduled to start Sectional play on Tuesday April 30th. The double elimination Sectional play will continue throughout this week. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.com.

## Mt. Lions Track Run at PVC Championship and Southern Meet

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

BAKER – The Tucker County Girls' and Boys' Track teams traveled to East Hardy on Wednesday April 24th for the PVC Championship Meet. The Lady Mt. Lions team finished tied for 2nd as a team and the Boys' team finished 2nd overall. Here are the Tucker County final results from the meet.

Girls Results: 100m: 1st-Lela Wright(13.41), 9th-Addi Moats(14.69), 200m: 1st-Lela Wright(28.56), 3rd-Mayah Gross(29.57), 400m: 1st-Katie Hicks(1:02.81), 8th-Moira Callaway(1:12.95), 800m: 1st-Katie Hicks(2:34.83), 4th-Addi Moats(2:47.42), 1600m: 1st-Addi Moats(6:19.11), 4th-Hannah Cussins(8:13.48), 3200m: 1st-Katie Hicks(13:54.71), 100m Hurdles: 2nd-Lela Wright(17.32), 7th-Moira Callaway(19.92), 300m Hurdles: 1st-Mayah Gross(50.92), 4th-Hannah Cussins(1:03.91), 4x400m: 2nd-M.Gross, A.Moats,K.Hicks, M.Callaway(4:38.24), Shuttle Hurdles: 3rd-L.Wright, M.Callaway, H.Cussins, M.Gross(1:15.63), Shot Put: 15th-Raleigh Russell(16'07"). Discus Throw: 12th-Hannah Cussins(57'09"), 14th-Raleigh Russell(48'08"). Team Results: 1)East Hardy(152), 2)Tucker County(116), 2)Petersburg(116), 4)Paw Paw(77), 5)Tygarts Valley(43), 6)Union(30), 7)Pendleton County(11).

Boys Results: 100m: 2nd-Nate Ricotilli(11.88), 200m: 4th-Luke Barb(25.49), 9th-Braxton George(28.40), 400m: 2nd-Nate Ricotilli(53.72), 800m: 4th-Alex Collar(2:17.04), 5th-Logan Kopec(2:28.98), 7th-Liam Davis(2:32.87), 1600m: 2nd-Alex Collar(5:05.30), 4th-Lynk Suesli(5:24.92), 9th-Damian Rhodes(6:44.60), 3200m: 2nd-Lynk Suesli(11:18.37), 110m Hurdles: 4th-Allen Collar(19.59), 300m Hurdles: 4th-Allen Collar(47.47), 6th-Ryan Scott(49.54), 4x100m: 3rd-L.Barb, B.George, G.Mullenax, N.Ricotilli(49.48), 4x200m: 2nd-R.Scott, B.George, G.Mullenax, L.Davis(1:50.43), 4x400m: 2nd-N.Ricotilli, Alx.Collar, L.Kopec, L.Barb(4:06.40), 4x800m: 2nd-Alx Collar, L.Davis, L.Kopec, L.Suesli(9:37.87), Shuttle Hurdle: 2nd-L.Davis, R.Scott, L.Kopec, Aln.Collar(1:13.89), High Jump: 2nd-Luke Barb(5'10"), Long Jump: 9th-Braxton George(15'01"). Shot Put: 5th-Gavin Mullenax(34'11"), 11th-Hunter

Ware(27'07"), 12th-Damian Rhodes(26'04"). Discus Throw: 6th-Gavin Mullenax(89'10"), 9th-Hunter Ware(65'02"), 10th- Damian Rhodes(59'10.5"). Team Results: 1)East Hardy(159), 2)Tucker County(119), 3)Pendleton County(113), 4)Petersburg(76), 5)Tygarts Valley(63.5), 6)Paw Paw(46.5), 7)Union(3).

OAKLAND, MD – The Mt. Lions Girls' and Boys' Track teams traveled to Southern on Thursday April 25th for a four team meet. Here are the Tucker County results.

Boys Results: 100m: 8th-Ryan Scott(13.4), 12th-Hunter Ware(14.2), 200m: 9th-Braxton George(29.1), 11th-Ryan Scott(29.8), 1600m: 3rd-Alex Collar(5:13.6), 4th-Lynk Suesli(5:27.3), 12th-Hunter Ware(7:11.7), 13th-Damian Rhodes(7:14.5), 3200m: 2nd-Lynk Suesli(11:11.6), 110m Hurdles: 5th-Allen Collar(19.4), 300m Hurdles: 5th-Ryan Scott(50.1), 7th-Allen Collar(50.8), 4x100m: 2nd-L.Barb, G.Mullenax, B.George, N.Ricotilli(50.9), 4x200m: 3rd-L.Barb, N.Ricotilli, L.Davis, B.George(1:46.6), 4x400m: 2nd-Alx.Collar, N.Ricotilli, L.Barb, L.Kopec(4:02.1), 4x800m: 2nd-Alx Collar, L.Davis, L.Suesli, L.Kopec(10:14.5), Pole Vault: 4th-Allen Collar(8'00"). Long Jump: 3rd-Nate Ricotilli(17'09"), 7th-Braxton George(16'09.50"). Shot Put: 6th-Hunter Ware(27'07.5"), 8th-Damian Rhodes(26'06"). Discus Throw: 6th-Hunter Ware(77'06"), 10th-Damian Rhodes(54'11"). Team Results: 1)Southern(121), 2)Clear Spring(108.5), 3)Tucker County(29.5), 4)Union(3).

Girls Results: 100m: 1st-Lela Wright(13.1), 3rd-Mayah Gross(13.8), 200m: 2nd-Lela Wright(29.3), 4th-Mayah Gross(30.5), 9th-Hannah Cussins(34.7), 400m: 4th-Mayah Gross(1:08.4), 5th-Lela Wright(1:09.3), 7th-Addi Moats(1:11.7), 800m: 2nd-Addi Moats(2:54.0), 1600m: 1st-Addi Moats(6:19.9), 100m Hurdles: 1st-Lela Wright(17.3), 300m Hurdles: 2nd-Mayah Gross(52.7), 6th-Hannah Cussins(1:03.2), Shot Put: 7th-Raleigh Russell(18'10.5"). Discus Throw: 5th-Hannah Cussins(62'00"), 7th-Raleigh Russell(46'04"). Team Results: 1)Clear Spring(90), 2)Southern(70), 3)Tucker County(39), 4)Union(20).

The Tucker County Track teams will return to action on Friday May 3rd at Southern. For more go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## AREA SCHEDULE:

### Wednesday May 1st

Tucker County Softball – Sectionals – TBA  
Tucker County Baseball vs Tygarts Valley @ Home 6pm

### Thursday May 2nd

Tucker County Softball – Sectionals – TBA  
Tucker County Baseball @ East Hardy 6pm  
Tucker Valley Softball @ Barbour County 6pm  
Tucker Valley Baseball @ Philippi 6pm  
Davis-Thomas Track @ Moorefield 4pm

### Friday May 3rd

Tucker County Softball – Sectionals – TBA  
Tucker County Track @ Southern 4pm

### Saturday May 4th

Tucker Valley Baseball vs West Preston @ Home 1pm

### Monday May 6th

Tucker County Baseball – Sectionals – TBA

### Tuesday May 7th

Tucker County Baseball – Sectionals – TBA  
Davis-Thomas Track @ Moorefield 4pm

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Tucker Valley Wildcats  
Davis Thomas Bears**

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY (Flanagan Hill United Methodist Church)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will, on or after May 8, 2024 QUITCLAIM, GRANT and CONVEY to the Trustees of Flanagan Hill Church all of their right, title and interest in and to that certain lot or parcel of real estate and structure commonly known as Flanagan Hill Church situate near Red Creek, Dry Fork District, Tucker County, West Virginia, described as follows:

BEGINNING at N. 78 E. 10 P. to a Chestnut, thence N. 1812 W. 7 P. to a beech, thence S. 85 1/2 W. 10 P. to a stake, thence S. 19 1/2 W. 4 poles to the beginning, containing 1/4 acre, more or less.

And being the same property conveyed to The Trustees of the Flanagan Hill United Methodist Church by Two Deeds: (1) by Deed dated February 18, 1887 from Eli P. Raines and Malinda P. Raines to the Methodist Episcopal Church, the United Brethren in Christ Church and the Christian Church recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia in Deed Book 39, at Page 370 and (2) by Deed dated March 15, 2001 from Trustees of the Union Mission Church and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 168, at Page 664, reference to which is hereby made.

Said Flanagan Hill United Methodist Church was declared closed effective on February 3, 2024 by a majority of the District Superintendents of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Dated the 15th day of March, 2024.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH By: Robert N. File, Chancellor 130 Main Street Beckley, West Virginia 25801 (304) 253-3358

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NOTICE that the City of Thomas City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 307 Spruce Street, Thomas WV 26292. The public is invited to attend the public hearing and provide comments regarding the city's draft comprehensive plan. A copy of the draft comprehensive plan is available for inspection at Thomas City Hall and the Mountaintop Public Library, 384 2nd Street, Thomas, WV 26292, during normal business hours. Members of the public may call City Hall at 304-463-4360 if they are unable to inspect the draft comprehensive plan to arrange for an alternative method of inspection. Prior to the scheduled public hearing written comments related to the draft comprehensive plan can be mailed to City Hall, PO Box 248, Thomas, WV 26292 or by hand delivering comments to City Hall.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304 Telephone: (304) 926-0495 Fax: (304) 926-0463

GENERAL WV/NPDES MULTI-SECTOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES WVNPDDES PERMIT NO. WV0111457

Public Notice No.: SM-38-2024

Publication: Statewide/West Virginia Press Association

Publication Date: April 26, 2024

The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Multi-Sector Water Pollution Control Permit for Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges associated with industrial activity from industrial categories determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to surface waters of the state for industrial operations. It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5)-year term. All facilities covered under the existing general permit within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the reissued general permit will be required to submit a new registration form to obtain coverage under the new Multi-Sector Stormwater Permit. The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at: https://dep.wv.gov/WWE/Programs/stormwater/multisector/Pages/home.aspx. Hard copies can be mailed upon request.

The comment period for the Draft General Permit begins April 26, 2024 and ends on May 31, 2024.

During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and/or request a public hearing. Comments and/or a request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and addressed to:

Director Division of Water and Waste Management 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304 Attention: Sharon Mullins Phone: (304) 926-0499, Extension 43808 E-mail: sharon.a.mullins@wv.gov

The request shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must be received within the comment period. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever he or she finds there is a significant degree of public interest in issues relevant to the draft permit.

For more information, contact Sharon Mullins at the email address or phone number listed above.

Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Table: OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, Tucker County, WV, Primary Election, May 14, 2024. Includes sections for National Ticket, State Ticket, and County Ticket with various candidates and 'VOTE BOTH SIDES'.

Table: COUNTY TICKET, FOR ASSESSOR, NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED, FOR SURVEYOR, NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED, OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION, DANIEL "CHOPPER" EVANS, MAE TETER, RILEY H. BARB, FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, JAMES "JIM" NESTER SR, FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, BEN "TRAVIS" HAMRICK, FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SAVANNAH HULL WILKINS, FOR SHERIFF, NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED, VOTE BOTH SIDES.

Table: OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, Tucker County, WV, Primary Election, May 14, 2024. Includes sections for National Ticket, State Ticket, and County Ticket with various candidates and 'VOTE BOTH SIDES'.

Table: NONPARTISAN BALLOT ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS, OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT, NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 1, FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, RILEY H. BARB, JAMES "JIM" NESTER SR, NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MAGISTRATE - DIVISION 2, BRIAN K. WILFONG, COUNTY TICKET, FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, FRED DAVIS, FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED, FOR SHERIFF, GREG STEVENS, FOR ASSESSOR, FOR SURVEYOR, NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED, OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION, DANIEL "CHOPPER" EVANS, MAE TETER, RILEY H. BARB, FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, BEN "TRAVIS" HAMRICK, FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SAVANNAH HULL WILKINS, FOR SHERIFF, NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED, VOTE BOTH SIDES.



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**OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE MOUNTAIN PARTY**

Tucker County, WV Primary Election May 14, 2024

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**  
To vote you must darken the oval (●) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.

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

**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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TOWN OF DAVIS, WEST VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ABSTRACT OF BOND ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given to any person interested that on April 10, 2024 the Town Council of the Town of Davis, West Virginia (the "Town") adopted an ordinance which, among other things:

1. Authorized the acquisition and construction of certain extensions, additions, betterments and improvements to the sewerage portion of the existing combined public waterworks and sewerage system of the Town of Davis and the financing of the cost thereof, not otherwise provided, through the issuance by the Town of Davis to upgrade the existing lagoon with the installation of surface aerators and construction of a baffle wall, of not more than \$300,000 in original aggregate principal amount of Combined Waterworks And Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 A (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund); (the "Bonds").

2. Directed that the Bonds be issued in such principal amounts, bear interest at such rate or rates, not exceeding the then legal maximum rate, mature on such dates and in such amounts and redeemable, in whole or in part, as prescribed in a supplemental resolution.

3. Directed the continuation of a revenue fund and the disposition of the System revenues; provided for the payment of operating expenses of the System and debt service on the Bonds; directed the creation of a sinking fund and a reserve account for the Bonds and creation of the renewal and replacement fund; and directed the creation of a bond trust fund and the disbursement of Bond proceeds.

4. Provided that the Bonds shall not be or constitute a corporate indebtedness of the Town within the meaning of any statutory or constitutional limitations, but shall be payable solely from the Gross Revenues of the System; pledged the Gross Revenues of the System to payment of the Bonds and established the rights of the registered owners of the Bonds to such Gross Revenues; provided certain conditions for the issuance of additional bonds.

5. Provided for insurance coverage on the Project and the System, enforcement of collection of fees, rates or other charges for the System and other covenants in favor of the registered owners; established the events of default and the remedies of the registered owners; and provided for the modification or amendment of the Ordinance upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Ordinance.

The Town contemplates the issuance of the Bonds described in, and under the conditions set forth in the Ordinance abstracted above. Any person interested may appear before the Council of the Town of Davis at a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Davis Town Hall, 505 Williamson Ave. Davis, West Virginia, and present protests and be heard as to whether the above-described Ordinance shall be put into effect.

A certified copy of the Ordinance as adopted by the Council of Town on April 10, 2024, is on file with the Recorder for review by interested persons at the Town Hall during regular office hours.

/s/ Robert North  
Recorder of the Town of Davis,  
West Virginia

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
OFFICE OF ABANDONED MINE LANDS AND RECLAMATION

Public meetings will be conducted to describe proposed Abandoned Mine Land reclamation projects, which have as their objective the alleviation of health, safety and environmental problems created by coal mines abandoned prior to August 3, 1977. Information regarding these projects, including required NEPA documentation, can be obtained from the WVDEP at 304-926-0485. The following projects listed with region and county locations will be explained at the public meetings:

Project Name	Region	County
Green Valley Highwall "All and Draining Portals	South	Greenbrier
Green Valley Highwall "D" and Refuse	South	Greenbrier
Crumpler (Scott) Draining Portal	South	McDowell
Greenbrier Hollow Refuse-Phase II	South	McDowell
Algoma Refuse	South	McDowell
Craney Mine Dump-Phase II	South	Wyoming
Abram Creek AMD Treatment Phase II	North	Grant
Three Fork Dosers-Squires/Raccoon/S.Birds/Pell	North	Preston
North Fork of Blackwater AMD Treatment	North	Tucker

These projects will be submitted to the Federal Office of Surface Mining for funding consideration. Public meetings to discuss the projects will be conducted as follows:

South Region - Friday, May 17, 2024, Charleston - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Contact Jeff Davis - Planning Supervisor, Southern Region, 304-414-1204.

North Region - Tuesday, May 21, 2024, Bridgeport - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 101 Cambridge Place, Bridgeport, WV 26330, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Contact Robert Stuart - Planning Supervisor, Northern Region, 304-848-2073.

An option for virtual attendance will be provided. If planning to attend virtually, please contact Scott Nunley at 304-414-1188 for access. Should you not be able to attend the above meeting(s), please contact one of the listed individuals regarding additional opportunities to discuss the project(s).

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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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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  
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**Public Notice:** U.S. Cellular Corporation proposes the collocation of three (3) LTE antennas and 10 RRHs at 240-ft 6-in AGL on an existing 250-ft 11-in (309-ft overall with appurtenances) guyed telecommunications tower located approximately 2,600-ft west of a portion of C-Haul/Bituminous Road and approximately 30-ft north of a portion of Wind Tower Road, northwest of the city of Davis, within Tucker County, West Virginia (Tucker County Parcel #0321100010000000). Please submit any written comments 30 days after publication regarding the potential effects that the proposed tower may have on Historic Properties that are listed or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places to: Tower Engineering Professionals, Inc. (Attn: Ryan Malek) 326 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27603. Telephone: (919) 661-6351 Fax: (919) 661-6350.

**\$5M Announced to Upgrade Wastewater Infrastructure in Davis**

Charleston, WV – Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$5,000,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the town of Davis to support important upgrades to their wastewater systems. This federal award is one of the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests Senator Manchin secured on behalf of West Virginia through the Fiscal Year 2023 funding bill.

“I’m pleased that the EPA is investing \$5 million to support vital upgrades to Davis’s wastewater infrastructure,” said Senator Manchin. “This project will help ensure every Davis household and business has efficient and clean sewer systems. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue working to ensure our communities across the Mountain State have the resources they need and deserve.”

This project will convert the existing sanitary

sewer infrastructure into a storm sewer system and install a new sanitary sewer in its place. There will also be rehabilitation of manholes in newer parts of the sanitary system. Lastly, the project will upgrade the pump stations with flow meters to track inflow and infiltration, as well as bypass connections for emergencies.

The Senate Appropriations Committee allows members of Congress to submit CDS requests, which provide an opportunity for state and local governments, non-profits, and other public entities to receive targeted funding for projects that bolster their communities and directly support their constituents. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Manchin works to ensure taxpayer dollars are allocated to priorities that benefit all West Virginians, boost economic growth and support the needs of communities across the Mountain State while remaining fiscally responsible.

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I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:  
 Deceased Personal Representative(s)  
 Arthur Matthew Quattro Diana Kingsbury  
 1st publication 4/24/24 82 Hunter Ridge  
 2nd publication 5/1/24 Bruceton Mills, WV 26525  
 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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**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 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: May 1, 2024  
 Decedent: Mark Bailey  
 Filed By: Marthanne Bailey  
 7037 DeBold Rd.  
 Sabillasville, MD 21780  
 Relationship: Spouse  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 22, 2024  
 Sherry Simmons  
 Tucker County Clerk



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PHILIPPINE SEA (April 4, 2024) Ensign Donovan Stollsteimer, from Elkins, West Virginia, scans the horizon for surface contacts while standing watch on the bridge aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Dewey (DDG 105) while conducting operations in the Philippine Sea, April 4. Dewey is forward-deployed and assigned to DESRON 15, the Navy’s largest DESRON and the U.S. 7th fleet’s principal surface force. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Samantha Oblander)

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

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

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

**How will the children’s clothing be purchased?**

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

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

**How can I help?**

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

**CLIP & MAIL**

Enclosed is my donation to the **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND**. Make checks payable to **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND**.  
 Please check if you do not want your name published on the donor list.  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MAIL TO: WARM THE CHILDREN FUND**  
 c/o The Parsons Advocate  
 P.O. Box 345, Parsons, WV 26287  
 or drop off at the Advocate’s office at 219 Central Ave., Parsons, WV



**Your Community Needs You!**

If you are interested in having a rewarding career, providing a safe and nurturing environment, and love working with children – becoming a child care provider may be your dream career.

As a child care provider, you have the opportunity to work from your own home and set your own schedule. Child care is not babysitting. Child care providers create a learning rich, safe environment for children that supports the goals of parents working, attending school, or developing job readiness skills.

If you are interested in learning more, contact Crystal Roberts, Provider Support Specialist, at 304-637-2840.

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