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46th Annual Tucker County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet



The Tucker County Chamber of Commerce held their annual Awards Banquet May 16th at Bear Paw Lodge at Canaan Valley Resort. Executive Director Jessica Waldo began the night's festivities with greeting the guests. This was followed by an invocation and blessing by Nancy Dotson. TCCC President Glenda Crawford gave a welcome address.

This year's guest speaker was Mark Bowe of Barnwood Builders. Bowe is best known for his Magnolia Network television series. The series is currently in its 17th season. Bowe is a West Virginia native. Bowe and his crew have worked on projects in Tucker County and Bowe said he anticipates the episodes to air sometime this fall.

The first award was presented to Robyn Nestor for Educator of the Year. The award, sponsored by Mountain Hospice, was presented by Tucker County High School Principal Alex Cork.

Next, the Student of the Year award was presented to Macy Helmick. The award was sponsored by Sirianni's Cafe in Davis.

The Employee of the Year was presented to Administrator to the Tucker County Commission Shelia DeVilder.

The award was sponsored by the Inn at Canaan.

Business Person of the Year was Marsha Waybright. The award was sponsored by Best of Canaan.

The Community Service Award was given to Judy Cronauer for her various volunteer service throughout the county. The award was sponsored by Canaan Valley Resort.

The Cultural Heritage and Arts award was presented to John Bright for his support of the arts and music scene at this venue The Purple Fiddle in Thomas. The award was sponsored by ArtSpring.

A Special Award was presented to the 2024 Tucker County Boys Basketball Team for their second year at State. The award was sponsored by the St. George Medical Clinic.

A Special Award in Outdoor Recreation was presented to former competition cyclist Sue Haywood for her volunteer contributions. The award was sponsored by Blackwater Bikes.

This year's Tuckineer went to Roscoe C. "Ronnie" Beall III. Beall accepted the award, sponsored by Citizens Bank of West Virginia, in a heartfelt and moving address. The crowd presented Beall with a standing ovation.



Exclusion Motion Filed in Clayton Mallow Case

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

A motion to exclude character evidence has been filed in the case of Clayton Mallow. Mallow was indicted by grand jury on 34 counts of Fraud and Related Activity in connection with access devices on October 16th. Mallow's attorney James Fox argued the motion before Judge Courier on May 15th.

Under the argument by the defense, evidence that Mallow had received soiled socks and underwear from minors in exchange for gifts should be suppressed due to its inherently prejudicial nature. Attorney Fox further stated that should the evidence be brought before a jury, it would unfairly sway jury opinion and would lead to a conviction on a matter that had nothing to do with the case at hand. "There is a distinct danger of unfair prejudice," Fox said.

Fox went on to say that he felt his client would not receive a fair trial should the details behind the character allegations be revealed in open court before a jury. Fox also said he felt that should the allegations be revealed to a jury, it would inevitably lead to an unfair conviction. "If we walk in here and its said he's getting socks and underwear from young kids, its over," Fox said.

Attorney Fox argued that the case should remain centered on the allegations of theft by charges to credit cards that did not belong to the defendant, not to the character allegations raised surrounding the purchases and gifts sent to minors and argued that that the character allegations should remain, "distinct and separate. Fox further said, "Is it relevant?"

Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins said that the character details surrounding the purchases were key to the case and tied directly to several counts in the 34 count indictment. Wilkins said that in two counts, lift tickets were reserved under the name of a local juvenile. This juvenile, according to Wilkins, admitted to receiving items in exchange for other items of a personal nature such as the socks and underwear discussed in open court. "It is tied directly to this count," Wilkins said.

Wilkins went on to say that in several other counts, purchases were tied to juvenile addresses and mentioned one minor who started receiving items between the age of nine to 11. Wilkins also said that the

defendant would purchase such things as vapes and beer in exchange for the socks and underwear. The purchase of televisions, clothing and tennis shoes were also mentioned by Wilkins. "Its the specific connection to this crime," Wilkins said.

Wilkins went on to say that all the information and its ties to the case were presented to the defense during the discovery phase of the case. Included evidence, according to Wilkins included photos taken by Amazon delivery drivers of doors that were not the defendant's, other Amazon delivery photos, snapchat evidence and emails. "It is tied directly to what we are trying to prove," Wilkins said.

Wilkins said that her case hinges on what the defense was calling character evidence. "The State couldn't definitely prove that Mr. Mallow did this, if this is not included," Wilkins said.

Wilkins said that the State has a lot of evidence that ties Mallow to the crime and to juveniles. "There are many counts and we have plenty of records that ties this to several juveniles," Wilkins said.

Fox said he had no objection to the shipping evidence, but felt that the evidence concerning the socks and under-

wear went too far and constituted character evidence. "We haven't come so far in society that we have got beyond that," Fox said. "Its a catastrophe for the defendant. That is why we have the relevancy test. There's no way once it comes out that we can get over this."

Judge Courier asked the defense what they thought would happen should the evidence that items were shipped to juveniles was presented with no explanation. Fox said that there was no legal requirement that an explanation be given for the evidence only that the State was required to prove that the theft occurred. "There's no requirement that the jury know why he did it," Fox said. "Did he steal a card, did he steal account numbers, did he purchase something?"

Wilkins said that she felt that if the evidence is not submitted to a jury, that a lot of questions will remain. "I think there is going to be a lot questions," Wilkins said.

Judge Courier said he would review the case law presented by the defense in their motion as well as consider the arguments before him. A follow up hearing was scheduled. Judge Courier said he would issue an order on the motion, either approving or denying, prior to the next hearing.

County Funded CPR Assist Device Saving Lives in Tucker County

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County EMS Director Amanda Simmons provided an update to the Tucker County Commission about the latest developments with the agency's new ambulance and the implementation of a Lucas CPR assist device funded by the County Commission. The update came as a part of the Commission's May 8th regular meeting. "We have our new ambulance on the road now," Simmons said. "It took us almost a month to get it on the road."

Simmons said the delay in getting the new ambulance on the road was tied to a lack of radio programmers in the area. It is a problem that has been encountered by Emergency Management as well, according to Simmons. Once the new ambulance received the installation of radios, it was able to go into service, according to Simmons. "There are no radio programmers anymore," Simmons said. "So even though we had the ambulance, we had no radios in it."

Simmons also informed the Commission that the Lucas CPR assist device that was purchased with funds from the Commission has already been in use by the agency. "We've had several cardiac arrests here lately that the Lucas has been used on," Simmons said. "It has done beautifully. It has just performed amazingly."

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau explained that the machine is designed to provide the correct compressions and pressure. Rosenau said that the machine was designed to eliminate human error from inconsistent compressions or fatigue that can be associated with extended administering of CPR. "This machine, they hook that to the person," Rosenau said. "That machine gives the correct compressions, the correct pressure, that they don't break ribs. This is a staged thing that does the correct thing, just

what you need."

Rosenau went on to state that the machine is able to travel with victims no matter how far away and travels with them. "It is able to go from the scene all the way to the hospital," Rosenau said. "Even if its in Morgantown."

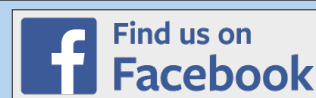
Simmons said that with many lost hikers and remote areas in the county, even if her crews have to have a victim extracted, the Lucas system can be attached and continue to administer aid even while being transported in a basket. Simmons also said that in some more remote areas of the county, a crew may have a 20 minute hike to the rig, but with the Lucas, the system can administer aid even during the most strenuous of walks to the ambulance. "Normally we try to do everything in place with a cardiac arrest, but the fact of the matter is that after 20, 30, 40 minutes, you're exhausted," Simmons said. "Even if you have firemen coming, if you're out there and you're waiting on them and two person, you are going to get exhausted. That machine never gets exhausted."

According to Simmons, while the device is battery operated, should the battery become exhausted, the machine can be plugged in to an AC outlet. Simmons said that the device also has a second battery that can be inserted in case of emergency that will give the device an extra 45 minutes of power. "It never gets exhausted," Simmons said. "The battery dies, you plug it in. Or how about this, we have an extra battery in them and you just pop it in and it goes another 45 minutes."

Within Tucker County, Tucker County EMS is one of two entities to employ the Lucas system, according to Rosenau, with Canaan Valley being the first to purchase the CPR assist system in the county. It was from Canaan Valley that the County Commission first learned of the device and the benefit it would have to County, Rosenau said.



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D&E College Releases President's and Dean's Academic List for Spring 2024

ELKINS, W.Va. (May 15, 2024) - Davis & Elkins College has released the president's list and dean's list for the spring 2024 semester. The president's list includes all full-time students who earned a 4.0 grade point average for the semester and the dean's list includes all full-time students with a semester GPA of 3.6 to less than 4.0.

Those earning honors are:

Davis, WV

Mackenzie Lyons, Dean's List
Hambleton, WV

Jocelyn Burnside, President's List
Alexa Marsh, President's List
Rebekah Warren, President's List
Eliseo Wotring, Dean's List

Montrose, WV

Macy Wiseman, President's List
Parsons, WV
Wyatt Betler, President's List
Kristin Coleman, President's List
Ariona Plumley, Dean's List
Lillyan Plumley, Dean's List
Charla Stemple, President's List
Wesley Strawderman, President's List

Governor and First Lady Justice issue statement on death of coal miner in Wyoming County

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice and First Lady Cathy Justice issued the following statement today after learning of the death of a coal miner in Wyoming County.

Virgil Paynter, of Lynco, was fatally injured Thursday morning at the CM Energy Operations LP Surface Mine in Wyoming County while operating an excavator. This marks the first coal mine fatality in West Virginia in 2024.

"This is truly a heartbreaking tragedy because we lost another incredible West Virginia hero," Gov. Justice said. "We

should all be grateful for Mr. Paynter's service, just as we should be thankful for all the miners across our state and country. We really can't appreciate our miners enough for their work, which powers and creates steel for our homes, state, and nation. This is a tragedy beyond belief, and Cathy and I will keep this man and his loved ones in our prayers. We ask you to join us."

The West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety, and Training and the Mine Safety and Health Administration are at the mine site and will be conducting an investigation.

CONCORD UNIVERSITY AND EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE PARTNER TO OFFER DEGREE IN BUSINESS

ATHENS, WV – Concord University and Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College (Eastern WVCTC) have entered into a collaborative agreement, in which Concord will provide the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration program to Eastern WVCTC graduates. Students who have completed the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree at Eastern WVCTC will have satisfied up to 62 credit hours of required coursework toward the 120 required hours to complete the Bachelors of Science in Business

Administration at Concord.

Credits earned at Eastern WVCTC will be recognized and accepted by Concord University, streamlining the educational pathway for students. This collaboration makes it easier for students to continue their educational journey, promotes academic continuity, and supports the development of a skilled workforce.

Monica Wilson, Interim VP of Academics & Student Services at Eastern WVCTC says of the agreement, "As a business graduate myself, I'm thrilled about the seam-

less pathway offered between Eastern and Concord. Eastern's students can earn an associate's degree and smoothly transition to Concord for a bachelor's in business. With all courses online, this opportunity not only ensures academic advancement but also accommodates our students' work commitments, paving the way for a promising future without compromise."

Amanda Sauchuck, Concord's Department Chair / Director of Assessment and Associate Professor of Management, says of the program, "We are excited about the

new MOU with Eastern Community and Technical College, designed to streamline the academic journey for students transitioning to Concord University. This partnership emphasizes our commitment to educational accessibility and success, providing a seamless path for students to advance their studies within the Department of Business. We believe this agreement will not only facilitate a smoother transfer process but also inspire more students to continue their education and achieve their professional goals."

Office of Energy warns about new phone scam targeting homeowners

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Office of Energy (WVOE) warns a new phone scam is targeting homeowners across the state.

Energy officials say people are receiving calls from scammers claiming to represent the "West Virginia Power Company" or other, legitimate power companies that operate in West Virginia, including Appalachian Power and FirstEnergy. The callers offer to perform free in-home services, funded through federal grants, to make households more energy efficient. Scammers then ask for personal information, including the victim's full name and home address, which can be used to commit identity theft and other crimes.

"If the caller cannot provide their company's West

Virginia business license and details about the grant funding the project, it is likely a scam," says Nicholas Preservati, director of the Office of Energy. "You should never give out personal information over the phone without first making sure the call is legitimate."

When in doubt of a caller's legitimacy, homeowners are encouraged to ask for information to call back later. This includes the name of the company, a phone number, and their business license number, which can be cross-checked on the Secretary of State's website, sos.wv.gov.

Some utilities have their own energy saving programs that customers can sign up for, like AEP's TakeCharge WV, but there is currently no grant providing this type

of free service for all West Virginia residents. The Office of Energy will inform the public of any such initiatives in the future. More information about WVOE's current and pending projects can be found at energywv.org.

If you feel that you have been victim to a scam, contact the Attorney General Office's Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-800-368-8808 or visit ago.wv.gov.

About the West Virginia Office of Energy

The West Virginia Office of Energy is responsible for the formulation and implementation of fossil, renewable and energy efficiency initiatives designed to advance energy resource development opportunities and provide energy services to businesses, communities and homeowners in West Virginia.

ROAD CLOSURE

The Department of Highways announces that there will be a road closure on County Route 1/3, (Dan Adams Road), Tucker County, beginning on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, for resurfacing

County Route 1/3 (Dan Adams Road), Tucker County, will have lane closures from 7:30 a. m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, for resur-

facing. The work will begin at the intersection of County Route 1 (Limestone Road), extending to milepost .36 of Dan Adams Road. Special accommodation will be made for emergency vehicles, US postal carriers and school buses only. All other motorists are to expect delays or seek alternate routes.

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SPORTS

Tucker County Track Team Earn Medal at State Meet

By Dave Helmick
TuckerCountySports.Com

CHARLESTON – The Mt. Lions Girls’ and Boys’ Track teams traveled to Charleston on Friday May 17th to compete in the 2-day State Track Meet. The Lady Mt. Lions team finished with 11 points to give them 16th place. The top finishers for Tucker County were the 4x400m Relay team with a 4th place finish(4:26.28) to earn medals. The 4x400m Relay team consisted of Lela Wright, Mayah Gross, Addi Moats and Katie Hicks. In the 400m event Katie Hicks came home 5th place with a time of 1:01.77 to also earn a State Meet medal. Lastly, Lela Wright placed 7th in the 110m Hurdles with a time of 17:08. Williamstown took home the Girls’ team Class “A” Championship and Doddridge County was the Class “A” Girls’ State Runner-Up.

The Tucker County Boys’ Track team competed in three events at the State Meet. In the 400m event Nate Ricottilli col-



Tucker County’s Katie Hicks finished 5th in the 400m at the State Track Meet on May 18th to earn a medal. Photo by Sarah Hicks.



Lady Mt. Lion 4x400m Relay team(L-R): Lela Wright, Mayah Gross, Addi Moats and Katie Hicks placed 4th to earn medals at the State Track Meet on May 18th. Photo by Sarah Hicks.

lected a 12th place finish(54.81). The Mt. Lions 4x800m Relay Team consisting of Nate Ricottilli, Logan Kopec, Lynk Suesli and Alex Collar placed 9th(9:11.59) in the event. Lastly, the Tucker County Boys’

Shuttle Hurdle Relay team finished in 10th place(1:09.94). Members of the Shuttle Hurdle Relay team are Logan Kopec, Allen Collar, Liam Davis and Ryan Scott. The Buffalo Boys’ Team won the Class

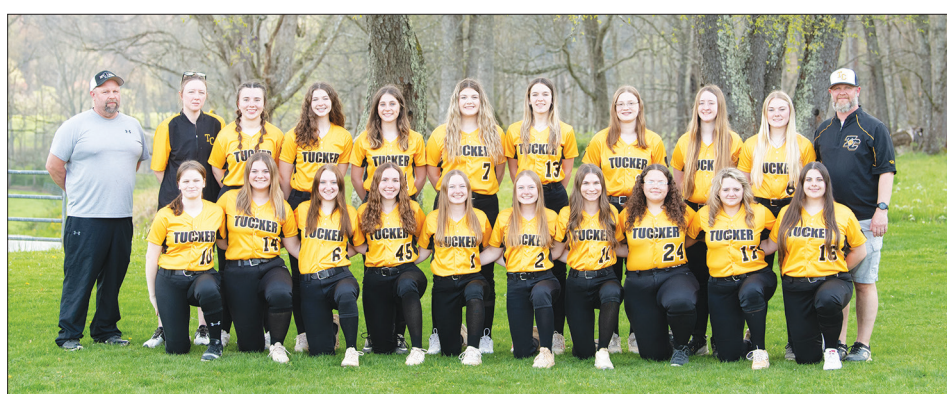
“A” State Championship and Doddridge County finished as the Boys’ Class “A” State Runner-Up

For more info go to RunWV.com and TuckerCountySports.Com.

2024 Tucker County Spring Sports



2024 Tucker County High School Baseball Team - Photo by Amanda Kisamore



2024 Tucker County High School Softball Team - Photo by Amanda Kisamore



2024 Tucker County High School Track Team - Photo submitted by Michele Mullenax



2024 Tucker Valley Middle School Softball Team - Photo by Amanda Kisamore



2024 Tucker Valley Middle School Track Team - Photo by Brittany Channell



Tucker Valley Middle School Baseball Team Pic, photo by Zoe Evans



2024 Davis-Thomas Middle School Track Team - Photo submitted by Angela Johnson

ROAD CLOSURE

The Department of Highways announces that there will be a road closure on County Rt1 (Dogwood Flats Road) will have lane closures from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning Wednesday, May 22 through Friday, May 24 for resurfacing. The work will begin at milepost 16.50 from the intersection of County Route 3 (Limestone Road) and (Scales Road) extending to milepost 18.90 of County Route 1 (Dogwood Flats Road). Special accommodations will be made for emergency vehicles, US postal carriers and school buses only. All other motorists are to expect delays and seek alternate routes.



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Cortland Acres Celebrates National Nursing Home Week with Weeklong Festivities

[Thomas, WV, May 17, 2024] - Cortland Acres, the leading long-term care facility in Thomas, WV, recently commemorated National Nursing Home Week with a weeklong celebration filled with joy, laughter, and radiant memories. From May 12th to May 18th, 2024, residents and staff came together to honor the golden age of radio with a series of fun-filled activities and events.

The theme of this year's National Nursing Home Week was "Radiant Memories," paying homage to the nostalgia and charm of radio's heyday. Throughout the week, Cortland Acres transformed into a hub of excitement as residents and staff immersed themselves in a variety of engaging activities.

The festivities kicked off with a lively Sock Hop luncheon, where staff donned their best retro attire and danced the Twist with the residents. ArtSpring sponsored a stained-glass Craft session, allowing residents to unleash their creativity and craft beautiful works of art. ArtSpring promotes and cultivates the arts in public life and presents art festivals in Tucker County.

One of the highlights of the week was the much-anticipated visit from the Kona Ice Truck, which provided refreshing treats and smiles all around. The celebrations continued with a Campus Cookout, bringing together the residents, staff and residents from The Pines and Pineview along with the medical facilities located on the Cortland Campus. A delicious picnic was enjoyed by all.

As the week drew to a close, Cortland Acres hosted a grand finale Popcorn and a Movie night, where residents and their "Grand Friends" from Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative gathered to enjoy a classic film, the original Herbie the Love Bug from 1968. The movie was quite a treat for the young and the "young at heart".

"We had an absolutely fantastic time celebrating



National Nursing Home Week here at Cortland Acres," said Beth Clevenger, Administrator at Cortland Acres. "The energy and enthusiasm from residents, staff and our community partners made this week truly special. It was a joy to see everyone come together to create lasting memories and share in the spirit of camaraderie."

Cortland Acres extends heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the success of National Nursing Home Week and looks forward to creating more radiant memories in the days to come.

Cortland Acres is a leading long-term care facility located in Thomas, WV. With a commitment to providing compassionate care and enriching experiences for residents, Cortland Acres offers a wide range of services and amenities to support the health and well-



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

Ready to Cast Your Line? Don't Miss the Inaugural Appalachian Fly Fishing Festival in Thomas, WV!

The inaugural Appalachian Fly Fishing Festival (AFFF) is set to celebrate fly fishing and the region's beauty, bringing together enthusiasts and novices alike in a weekend full of free activities, education, and community spirit.

The vibrant mountain town of Thomas, West Virginia, is gearing up to be the center of attraction for anglers and outdoor lovers as it welcomes the Appalachian Fly Fishing Festival from May 31 to June 2, 2024. Orchestrated by natives Tyler Waldo and Robby McClung. Their shared admiration for fly fishing and West Virginia's natural beauty sparked the creation of the AFFF. A festival that looks to celebrate the region's angling opportunities and abundant natural resources.

The Festival kicks off Friday, May 31, with a

meet and greet at Randolph's in Thomas, followed by two days of free public access to casting clinics, fly tying demonstrations, vendor exhibits, great food, and crafts. A special ticketed fundraiser on Saturday evening will feature a collaborative dinner and raffle opportunities. Closing the Festival with a casting clinic geared toward the beginners, followed by a kid's Fly Fishing Rodeo on Sunday, June 2 on Thomas Lake above the spillway.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to not only offer the chance to learn how to fly fish but also to educate an appreciation for the resources where we live," says Tyler Waldo. Robby McClung echoes this enthusiasm, saying, "I'm excited for a reason to fish, to share one of my passions with others,

and hopefully to inspire new anglers."

For further information about the Appalachian Fly Fishing Festival and details on how to participate or attend, please go to www.appalachianfly-fishingfest.com or contact:

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Camping Gate Opens 8 a.m. Friday, May 24th
Competition Entry Fee—\$25 Per Event
Competition Registration & Inspection Opens
***Friday, May 24—4 p.m. to ?
***Saturday, May 25—7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Sunday, May 26—7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
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IT IS ALMOST TIME!

The 44th Challenge in the Hills 4x4 event is held Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26, 2024 in Parsons, WV. The event features one of the fastest 300 ft. sand/dirt drags on the East Coast. A new track record was set in 2023 at 3.019 seconds by Doug Smith of Rogers, Ohio, the bounty on track record goes back to \$100 for 2024 if it is not broken again it keeps increasing by \$100

each year until it reaches \$500. We are also awarding \$700 1st place in the Top Class with a four car minimum that is sponsored by MR Pizza and Crystal's Bakery of Parsons, Cutright Bros. Racing of Clarksburg, Thornton Dunn Rolling Farms of Bridgeport and Diamond K Excavating of Hambleton. Drags also feature a plaque for fastest time of the day in competition; Best Reaction time of the day in competition along with

Top Eliminator in both Pro classes and women's.

On Sunday at 8 a.m. we have the Jr. Drags for ages up to 15 years old. This year will be the 2nd Annual Dylan Marsh Top Eliminator for the Jr. Drags with a prize of \$150. This is in memory of Dylan Marsh who passed away in November 2020. Dylan started out in the Jr. Drags before moving up to the Pro classes. Dylan and his dad, JW built the machine Hillbilly Deluxe, which his dad drives in honor of Dylan.

Around 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 26 the mud pit starts with a 150 ft. long pit of mud to challenge the competitor and machine to see who can make it through the pit the fastest. There are seven classes of competitors, but only one will take home this year's 8th annual Dick Kidwell Memorial Fastest Time award and \$500. The winner's name will be engraved on a plaque that will be displayed at Kidwell Auto Parts each year.

There are food concession and t-shirts for sale. This year's t-shirt features club member's father/son Tracy and Kevin Vanscoy from Weston.

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Veterans to Celebrate Memorial Day

Tuckers County Veterans Association will celebrate Memorial Day with ceremonies to be held in Parsons and Davis. Both ceremonies are open to the public.

On Saturday, May 25 at 1 p.m. the ceremony will be held at the All-Veterans Memorial Wall in Parsons. The wall is located at the intersection of US 219 and WV 72.

On Sunday, May 26, at 1 p.m. the ceremony will be held at the Veterans Monument in Davis. The monument is located on William Avenue next to the Visitors Center.

Veterans are once again selling bricks for the wall in Parsons. The bricks are to honor those who have served our country. To purchase a brick, please provide a copy of the Veteran's DD-214 to any member of the Association. The cost of each brick is \$60.

The Association is also looking for new members to join our group. This is open to all Veterans, current service personnel of the military and to the general public. Meetings are held the last Monday of each month and are rotated between Parsons and Thomas. Please contact one of our veterans for further information about meeting times and location.

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I look forward to continuing to work hard the next several months to earn your vote in November.

I am always open to any discussion about issues of concerns, thoughts, or questions you may have.

We have a great community, and I believe I can make a difference in the lives of Tucker County residents!

Thank you,
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Student Art Exhibit

The Tucker County Student Art Exhibition K-12 was held at the Davis Fire Hall on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th. The exhibition was sponsored by STArt (School-Town Art) presented by the WV Highlands Artisans Group of Davis, WV. Student artwork from all grade levels K-12, were chosen by their respective art teachers to be in the show. The artwork was wonderful and a big congratulations goes

out to all the students whose artwork was chosen for the show. The juror this year was Alyssa Rodeheaver, art instructor in Garrett County, Md. STArt would like to thank the sponsors, teachers, students, juror and volunteers who helped make this exhibition possible and support the importance of art in our lives.

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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)
Jane H. Barb Riley H. Barb
1st publication 5/22/24 196 Woods End Ct.
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Joyce A. Carrico David R. Carrico
1st publication 5/22/24 PO Box 187
2nd publication 5/29/24 Thomas, WV 26292
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 PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on May 29, 2024 concerning the proposed budget of the Tucker County Board of Education for fiscal year 2024-2025. This meeting will be held beginning at 11:00 AM via Zoom. The Board will hear comments from the public concerning the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review upon request at the office of the Tucker County Board of Education during regular business hours.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

BLACKWATER FALLS PARTNERS LLC, Plaintiff, Case No. CC-47-2023-C-24 v. Judge Robert Ryan
300N LLC, MELBOURNE PROPERTIES, INC. Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-entitled action is to quiet title in and to a tract of real estate in the Town of Davis, Tucker County, West Virginia, identified as Lot 33, containing 0.44 acre, more or less, of Tuscan Ridge Subdivision, Phase I. It appears by affidavit the Plaintiff has used due diligence to serve the Defendant Melbourne Properties, Inc., and that service has been attempted on the Defendant Melbourne Properties, Inc. without effect, accordingly:

It is ORDERED that Defendant Melbourne Properties, Inc. do serve upon Jennifer L. Mogan, the Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is P.O. Box 1819, Elkins, West Virginia 26241, an answer or other defense to the Complaint filed in this action within 30 days of the date of publication, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against you at any time thereafter. A copy of said Complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.
Entered: May 13, 2024

/s/ Robert Edward Ryan
Circuit Court Judge
21st Judicial Circuit

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a public meeting on June 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Program. A part of the Intended Use Plan is the Fiscal Year 2025 Priority List. The meeting will take place in person at the WV DEP's Headquarters in Charleston, WV. An option to attend remotely or call-in is below. A copy of the draft Fiscal Year 2025 Intended Use Plan is available, and may be requested calling, writing, or sending an email request to the address below. The plan can also be viewed on DEP's web site.

Contact

Katheryn Emery
WV Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water & Waste Management
Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, WV 25304
(304) 926-0499 Ext. 43830
Katheryn.D.Emery@wv.gov

Google Meeting information

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bry-zmch-hhq>
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2nd publication 5/22/24 Hambleton, WV 26269
William D. Burnside Debra Senese
1st publication 5/15/24 144 Holland Rd.
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And
Charles Burnside
321 Mystical Estates
Montrose, WV 26283

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION
Town of Davis, West Virginia
June 8, 2024**

In the zoning ordinance what we currently have in Davis is 'grandfathered,' therefore, all nonconforming structures are allowed to continue to exist. Zoning keeps residential districts residential but does allow for home-based businesses. It divides areas of Davis into zones: residential, commercial, recreational, and industrial. Zoning protects property values by keeping potential nuisance uses located away from residential neighborhoods. Also, short-term rentals would be limited in the main residential area (R1), but are not limited in commercial areas or where there is a Homeowners Association (HOA).

FOR ZONING
 AGAINST ZONING

INSTRUCTIONS: Those favoring the zoning: place (X) in the space opposite "FOR ZONING"; those against such zoning, place (X) in the space opposite "AGAINST ZONING".

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT
GENERAL ELECTION
Town of Hambleton, West Virginia
June 4, 2024**

To vote for a candidate mark an "X" in the square opposite to and at the left of the name.
In order to cast a WRITE-IN vote, you may write the name and office of the candidate in any location on the front side of this ballot.

**FOR MAYOR
(Vote For ONE)**

GLENN SUMMERFIELD
 MIKE ROY

**FOR RECORDER
(Vote For ONE)**

MIKE GRIFFITH

**FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS
(Vote For Not More Than FIVE)**

LAURA POLING
 CHAD SMITH
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Town of Hambleton will be accepting bids for concrete work (sidewalks), this bid needs to be bidden on as per foot. If you have any questions please contact Mayor Glenn at 304-614-0886 or Clerk Lisa at 304-642-2764. All bids will be accepted till June 4, 2024. You can drop them off at town hall or mail them to Town of Hambleton, PO Box 60, Hambleton WV 26269.

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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of TUCKER have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Lobby on the 14th of June, 2024 at 09:00 AM.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold following the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

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2023-C-000002	2022	1256	SILVER LINING RESOURCES LLC ET AL	185 AC MINERALS *305-5A*	BLACK FORK	\$ 200.30
2023-C-000003	2022	1691	BOWDEN WILLIAM B SNYDER MELISSA D	1 AC EAST PIFER MT	CLOVER	\$ 285.27
2023-C-000004	2022	2294	WEST RANDALL L & ROBERTA J	56.03 ACS PLAT 484 TRACT B 88-110-148 (2 TR) FX O&G	CLOVER	\$ 8,108.08
2023-C-000006	2022	3624	SCB PROPERTIES LLC	LOT#106 PHASE 1 .65 AC TUSCAN RIDGE	DAVIS CORP	\$ 466.60
2023-C-000007	2022	3625	SCB PROPERTIES LLC	LOT#107 PHASE 1 .55 AC TUSCAN RIDGE	DAVIS CORP	\$ 427.06
2023-C-000010	2022	4079	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	3/4 MIN INT 700 AC CANAAN	DRY FORK	\$ 244.91
2023-C-000011	2022	4080	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	1/2 OIL & GAS MIN RIGHTS IN 262.43 AC W BLACKWATER RIVR	DRY FORK	\$ 176.57
2023-C-000012	2022	4081	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	MIN INT IN 319 AC CANAAN (1/2 INT)	DRY FORK	\$ 196.42
2023-C-000013	2022	4082	BEALL JOHN & MILOUDA	3/8 MIN INT IN 183.57 AC E OF BLACKWATER RIVER (1/2 INT	DRY FORK	\$ 173.64
2023-C-000014	2022	4439	CHILDERS LAWRENCE D & BONNIE	LOT 1 JENNINGSTON FARM 3.379 AC	DRY FORK	\$ 1,486.90
2023-C-000015	2022	5077	HANSROTH LEE ET AL	1/24 M. & COAL 1900 CANAAN	DRY FORK	\$ 170.26
2023-C-000016	2022	5371	KATHY ANN FRIEND	13.210 SQ FT .30 AC	DRY FORK	\$ 164.65
2023-C-000017	2022	5477	KUYKENDALL ANNA R HEIRS C/O JOHN T ST CLAIR JR MD	1/2 M-446	DRY FORK	\$ 213.97
2023-C-000019	2022	5695	MCDANIEL STEVEN S	1/3 MINERAL INT IN 103.3 AC MAP 367 PARCEL 3	DRY FORK	\$ 162.19
2023-C-000022	2022	6917	WVDT LLC	1147 SQ FT	DRY FORK	\$ 159.52
2023-C-000030	2022	9351	MCDONALD STEVE & ANGIE	LOT 7	PARSONS CORP	\$ 400.40
2023-C-000031	2022	9476	PIFER RODNEY D NICKLOW HEATHER L	LOT 9 COFFMAN ADD	PARSONS CORP	\$ 1,011.42
2023-C-000032	2022	9722	WILLIAMS ROBERT W ESTATE	LOTS 208 209 210 211 ALONG RIVER AVE	PARSONS CORP	\$ 1,413.60
2023-C-000033	2022	9940	ANGLIN AVIS	1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/20 UND INT MIN THUNDERSTRUCK RUN	ST. GEORGE	\$ 161.71
2023-C-000035	2022	11533	HARPER JOANNE	LT 106 50 X 120	THOMAS CORP	\$ 1,265.53

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to the date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Payments must be received prior to the close of business the day prior to the land sale. Given under my hands this 30th day of April, 2024.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of TUCKER County

The 34th Annual Uncle Sam's Birthday Party Scheduled

The Tucker Community Foundation's Annual Fundraising Event Scheduled for July 5th

PARSONS – The Tucker Community Foundation's 34th annual Uncle Sam's Birthday Party is scheduled for July 5th at the Bear Paw Lodge of Canaan Valley State Park with doors opening at 5:15PM. Tickets are available now! Only 250 tickets are sold for the annual event that includes an elimination raffle, plated dinner, door prizes and additional raffle prizes. The tickets are \$150 each and entitle the purchaser to dinner for two and entry into the elimination drawing with a chance to win \$5000. The additional raffle with additional ticket purchase includes the popular Greenbrier Resort weekend package and the annual Total Tucker package of local gift certificates to skiing, golfing, food venues,

and other activities, pieces of artwork, and other locally themed items. "Tickets are selling fast, purchase your tickets now before they are gone" said Michael Moore, Chief Financial Officer for the Foundation.

The Tucker Community Foundation uses the proceeds from the event to help fund their scholarship and grant programs. These programs issue over \$1,300,000 in grants and over 45 different scholarships to students in our region.

For tickets please ask any board member or contact the Foundation's office at (304) 478-2930. Additional information can be found, and tickets can be purchased, on the Foundation's website: www.tuckerfoundation.net.



Interesting facts related to Memorial Day

Memorial Day is celebrated annually on the last Monday of May across the United States. The proximity of Memorial Day to the summer solstice has led many to view the weekend preceding the holiday as the unofficial kickoff to summer. However, Memorial Day is about more than backyard barbecues and weekend getaways.

Memorial Day honors service members who died while serving in the United States military. Though Memorial Day traces its origins to the years following the American Civil War in the mid-nineteenth century, it did not become an official federal holiday until 1971. That's one of just many interesting facts about Memorial Day that are worth noting as the United States prepares to commemorate the sacrifices of military personnel who died in service of

the country.

Memorial Day began as something of a grass roots movement. According to History.com, by the late 1860s individuals in towns across the war-ravaged United States began holding springtime tributes to soldiers who lost their lives during the American Civil War.

Among the more notable postwar commemorations was one organized by former slaves in Charleston, South Carolina. That commemoration occurred less than a month after the Confederate forces surrendered in 1865. Despite that, History.com notes that in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Postwar commemorations also were organized by northern veterans of the Civil

War. General John A. Logan, who led an organization of Union veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance in May 1868. General Logan referred to the holiday as Declaration Day and chose May 30 because it was not the anniversary of any specific battle and therefore unlikely to be viewed by some as controversial.

Early commemorations of Decoration Day, which gradually came to be known as Memorial Day, initially honored only those soldiers who died during the American Civil War. However, that changed over time as American servicemen fought in various wars, including both World Wars, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, and other conflicts.

The red poppy has become a symbol

of Memorial Day. That red poppy can be traced to a poem by Canadian John McCrae, who served as a Lieutenant Colonel in World War I. 'In Flanders Field' notes the red poppies that grew in fields where countless soldiers had been buried in modern-day Belgium. The poem was published in 1915, three years before the war ended. Sadly, McCrae himself was a casualty of the war, succumbing to pneumonia in France in 1918 while still in the service.

Memorial Day honors service personnel who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. military. The holiday's inspiration and lengthy history merits consideration as the nation prepares to commemorate countless service members' sacrifices once more.

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WARM THE CHILDREN

Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need



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

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

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

How will the children's clothing be purchased?

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

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

How can I help?

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

CLIP & MAIL

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

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

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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



FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE

Parsons Water Customers

The City of Parsons Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants throughout its entire water system starting on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 and running through Thursday, May 30, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

As our staff starts flushing fire hydrants near your neighborhood, you may notice a slight discoloration in your water. This is temporary and poses no health risk. Simply run your water for a short period of time until it clears up. Do not do any laundry until you are sure your water is clear. If the discoloration persists, please contact our business office at (304) 478-2311.

We apologize for any inconvenience this fire hydrant flushing may cause you. This procedure is necessary to insure the continued cleanliness of our water system. We appreciate your patience, cooperation, and understanding.

John "Red" Lipscomb
Chief Water/Wastewater Operator

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