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Local Campground Receives National Praise



Five River Campground located in Parsons offers 176 campsites and four Airbnb properties. Photo courtesy of Joyce Bowers.



Five River Campground is located along the banks of the river in Parsons.



John and Joyce Bowers host campers and event goers at the Five River Campground. The campground hosts Pickin' in Parsons and a yearly Pow Wow.

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The campground locator site The Dyrts has listed Five River Campground in Parsons as the third best in the Southeast Region on their yearly top 10 list. The Dyrts' 12 state Southeast Region encompasses the states of West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Owners John and Joyce Bowers offer four Airbnb rentals along with 176 mixed campsites, with many sits (including tent sites) located along the banks of Shavers Fork. The campground offers both RV and tent camping with no long term rentals on the property. "Most of the camping is riverfront," John Bowers said.

Five River Campground, according to the Bowers began out of a desire in 2004 to host a Bluegrass music festival. The first year of Pickin' in Parsons, the

Bowers had 10 campsites for a one day event. The festival has since grown to a five day festival with 25 nationally touring bands and attendees from 46 states and 12 countries, according to the Bowers. This year's event is scheduled for July 30th to August 3rd.

The Bowers said when they moved to the area, they were looking for somewhere to host a festival and did not initially intend to open a campground. As the festival grew, so did the campground, according to the Bowers. John Bowers described the campground as "an evolution" that sprung from the Bluegrass festival. "When we moved to Tucker County, we were looking for somewhere to have a Bluegrass festival," Joyce Bowers said. "Not a place to open a campground."

According to the Bowers, the festival hosts around 6,000 people every year from 46 states and 12 countries. Many international attendees come from Sweden, Australia and Japan, the Bowers said. For the past seven or eight years, the festival has drawn attendees from Tahiti, according to the Bowers. Pickin' in Parsons was also named the 2018 International Bluegrass Event of the Year, according to the Bowers. "It does bring people together of different back-

grounds and cultures," John Bower said.

The Campground also hosts a Pow Wow. This year's event will offer Aztec dancers from Brazil, among the lineup. The cost of weekend entry, according to the Bowers, will be \$10 with the proceeds to be donated to the Baltimore American Indian Center. The Bowers said that a different Native American organization is chosen for the donation of the proceeds. The Pow Wow is scheduled for June 29th and 30th.

The Bowers equated the experience of bringing people together through music to magic. Lifelong friendships have emerged from the events, even though they may only see each other once a year, according to the Bowers.

The campground also offers several amenities on the 60 acre property such as showers equipped with on demand water heaters, a laundry, flush toilets, full hookups, and some sites offer cable as well. Most of the campground had wifi available, according to the Bowers.

According to the Bowers, they work with local recreation companies such as Blackwater Outdoors and the Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau to assist and refer customers who are looking to explore outdoor recreation in the area.

Blackwater PSD Moving Forward with City Upgrade Projects

By: Lydia Crawley
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During the Board's regular May 21st meeting, the Blackwater Public Service District provided an update on the progress of various water and sewer projects in Davis and Thomas. Board member and Davis Mayor Al Tomson provided the update. Also present was Board Member Judy Cronauer and Region VII Representative, Executive Director Shane Whitehair and Project Specialist Lisa Karickhoff. Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis and Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau attended in the audience, as well.

"These are huge projects for these small communities," Whitehair said.

update infrastructure is moving along with groundbreaking anticipated for the fall. "So our project is still moving forward for Davis," Tomson said. "We're still looking at potentially breaking ground in the fall. If not in the fall, it will be after winter in the Spring."

Thomas, according to Whitehair, have several water and sewer projects currently in the works. Whitehair said the engineers have completed required paperwork and are expected to submit to the Infrastructure Council June 10th. "They got a lot of stuff going on with their water and sewer," Whitehair said. "There's like three or four projects going on at once."

Rosenau praised the towns for their diligence in seeking out funding for the projects, as well as the effort they have put forth in completing the necessary work to the existing sewer systems. "I applaud them for working so diligently to get it done while the funding is there," Rosenau said.

Rosenau and Tomson both thanked Whitehair and Region VII for their assistance with not only the PSD, but the infrastructure improvement projects in Davis and Thomas. "We couldn't do it without Region VII," Tomson said. "Its new to us, we are learning as we go. You guys keep us straight and you're good at your jobs. We appreciate you."

Whitehair commended the cooperation of Davis and Thomas in the process and said that both projects were "full steam ahead" towards completion. "We got good teams on both side, Thomas and Davis, and they are doing really well," Whitehair said. "Its full steam ahead."

Tomson said that the sewer collection projects in Davis and Thomas were vital to the future of the PSD. According to Tomson, the collection systems of both towns were needing upgraded prior to consolidation in the future with the PSD. "It has to get done," Tomson said. "The money is there and for the PSD standpoint, we need to get the collection systems in order before we consolidate into the PSD."

Whitehair informed the board that the engineers are working on right of way agreements and easements. Region VII is also looking to procure the final \$2.7 million for the project, according to Whitehair. "There's a couple of options that we are pursuing," Whitehair said. "We still don't know exactly what the best option will be, but that is ongoing and hopefully we will know sooner rather than later."

Tomson said that the project in Davis to

Tucker County Commission Declare Provider Appreciation Day



In acknowledgment of childcare providers, teachers and other educators of young children throughout Tucker County, the Tucker County Commission signed a proclamation May 22nd for Provider Appreciation Day. Nationally, Provider Appreciation Day, otherwise known as National Childcare Provider Day, is usually celebrated the Fri-

day before Mother's Day. Pictured from left: Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis, Crystal Roberts, Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau, Angela Johnson, Kira Fenstermacher, Teresa Fenstermacher, Willetta Bolinger, Stephanie Hoover, Jessica Lambert and Tucker County Commissioner Tim Knotts.

Community Group Voice Concern Over Forest Service Clear Cut in Horseshoe Run

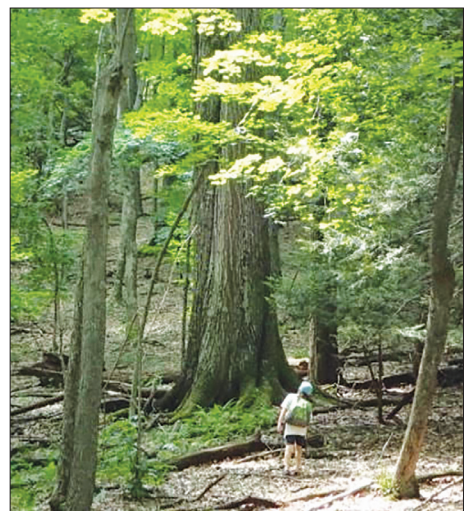
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A group of residents have raised concerns over a U.S. Forest Service Forest Plan for the Upper Cheat River area north of Parsons, near Leadmine and Horseshoe Run. The project, slated for implementation the beginning of August, will encompass 33,991 acres of National Forest System land in the Upper Cheat River watershed, according to the Forest Service.

Julie Fosbender, a Natural Resource Specialist with the Forest Service, replied to a request from the Parsons Advocate. In her response, Fosbender said, "Before major actions (like wildlife habitat improvement through harvesting timber or constructing a campground) can be undertaken on a National Forest, we must consider the environmental impacts of that action, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, and provide opportunities for the public to comment and review our study."



Eastern Hemlock found this winter and measured to be the 3rd largest recorded in the state. Photo courtesy of John Coleman.



Northern Red Oak known to the community for generations and measuring 16-17 feet around. Photo courtesy of John Coleman.

The goal of the project, according to the Forest Service, is mostly maintenance, wildlife habitat improvement and expanding public access. "This project aims to

move the Upper Cheat watershed closer to the Forest Plan desired conditions by improving forest health & age class diversity, improving wildlife habitat, and

improving stream/riparian conditions and habitat," the Forest Service wrote.

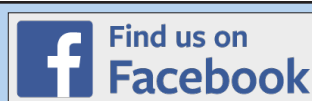
John Coleman of the Horseshoe Community Group spoke to the Parsons Advocate about the concerns within the community in Leadmine and Horseshoe Run. Coleman was also one of the group that recently measured and submitted a Hemlock tree in the area to the state for inclusion on the West Virginia Big Tree Database. Coleman also said the area is home to a Red Oak that is estimated to be 260 years old. The Red Oak, according to Coleman has a circumference of 17 feet. "We've been trying to work with the Forest Service to get them to modify their project," Coleman said. "It involves a bunch of clearcutting right around us."

According to Coleman, the Hemlock tree, located overlooking the Forest Service Horseshoe Campground, is the third largest on record at a height of 131 feet and estimated to be well over 200 years old. "There are now two state listed champion

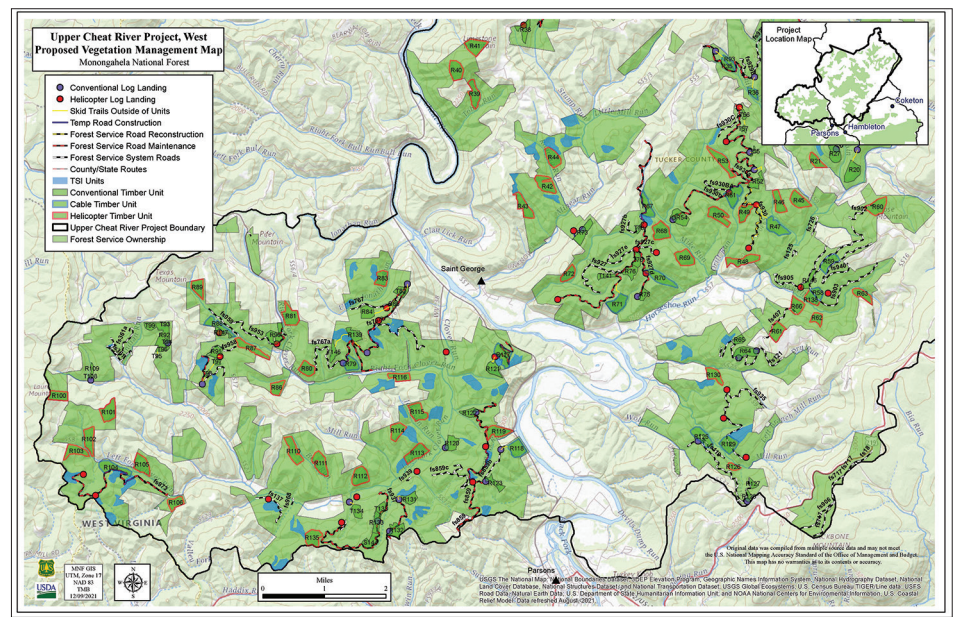
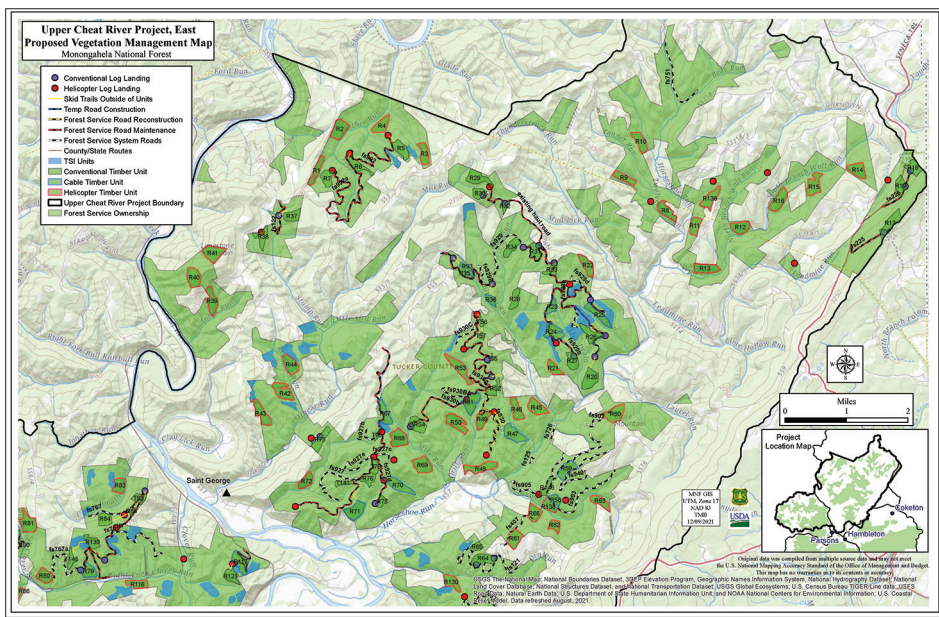
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Community Group



trees in or next to the areas proposed to be clearcut in a Forest Service project in Tucker and Preston counties,” Coleman said.

According to Coleman, the Forest Service plan will clearcut 3,500 acres of forest stands in the Upper Cheat River Project, including where the recently found Hemlock tree is located. Coleman said the majority of the clearcut will be conducted on steeply sloped areas. “Most of the stands proposed to be clearcut are on what the Forest Service considers steep or very steep sloped raising concerns among local residents about the amount of flooding in the Horseshoe watershed,” Coleman said.

Coleman said residents are concerned about flooding the area and the impact that the clearcutting would have on the area. “People are pretty concerned about flooding,” Coleman said. “We got flooding in Leadmine and Shafer Town from Horseshoe Run.”

Coleman said the community group would like the Forest Service to reconsider the amount of clearcutting on the slopes. Coleman said that he has been in contact with the Forest Service on the issue. “We would like the Forest

Service to reduce the clearcutting on these steep slopes,” Coleman said. “So, I’ve been talking to them about that and haven’t gotten much traction.”

The Forest Service timeline showed that a public comment period was scheduled for March 1st of 2022 with an objection period beginning September 13th of that year. A final decision on the project is estimated for August 1st of this year to coincide with implementation, according to the timeline.

A number of comment letters had been received by the Forest Service during the 30-day comment period in March of 2022, according to the Forest Service. Objections given in the letters ranged from the impact on tourism, objections to logging, concerns over soil erosion in the rivers, protection of the largest trees and concerns over flooding from clear cutting including the impact on homes in the area, among others. Several letters in support of the project were also received, according to the Forest Service.

Within Tucker County, according to the West Virginia Big Tree Database (revised 6/2/23), there are currently

five trees registered: a 77 foot tall Butternut tree in Parsons, a 97 foot tall Mountain Magnolia near Parsons, a 105 foot tall Mountain Magnolia near Parsons, a 86 foot tall Quaking Aspen near Davis and a 102 foot tall Northern Red Oak near St. George.

For more information on the Forest Service’s plan go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/mnf/?project=58364>

We Get Letters

ZONING KILLS DREAMS!!

“The Devil is in the Details!” of the proposed Davis Zoning Ordinance (ZO)! Whether you have a home or business, this ZO is something you don’t need as it’s chock full of restrictions that control what you can and can’t do as a business owner or resident on your own property! On Page 1, Sec 1-4 you’ll find you can’t repair your own home or business without paying for a permit! On Page 3, Sec 2-5 you’ll find fines up to \$500/day for violations! Yes, PER DAY, until you submit to the demands of the “DESIGNATED ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL”! Of course, you can always appeal to the Circuit Court of Tucker County as a last resort, but unless you hire a good lawyer you’ll lose and be required to PAY ALL FINES as well as ALL COURT COSTS! On Page 38 you’ll find 5 pages on Signs (and flags): “Signs (and Flags) not expressly permitted under this code are prohibited” until the Zoning Officer approves and you pay the Sign Fee, which has yet to be announced! Is there really a sign and flag problem in Davis? On Page 49 you find that Emergency Shelters are not allowed without a permit! Really? On your own property?

Probably the most serious problem with this ZO is that even though Town Council was forced by residents to put it up for a vote, in the final draft the TOWN COUNCIL HAS THE POWER TO AMEND the ZO WITHOUT ANY PUBLIC INPUT!! Many unpopular rules have been removed after comments by residents at Town Hall meetings, but they can be put back in very

easily with this amendment power which should, all by itself, demand a “NO ZONING” vote! The ZO isn’t protecting the town from anything; it’s just giving a lot of power to very few people, many of whom are not even from West Virginia!

If you haven’t studied it because you’ve heard it won’t affect you, please do because it will definitely affect YOUR PROPERTY RIGHTS sooner or later! It’s extremely detailed and deserves a “NO” vote until it’s simplified, more “friendly” towards property owners and businesses with guarantees that it can’t be changed at the whim of Town Council!

Are you really willing to give away your property rights just to limit the number of Short Term Rentals because you’ve heard bad things about them? Consider this: The

New York Times reports that “Studies indicate that strict zoning regulations constrain the supply of housing and inflate housing prices, and increase homelessness; as well as contribute to inequality and a weaker economy!” Lets not risk that!

Finally, the Mayor keeps saying that everything is “Grandfathered in”, but that term is never defined in the ZO! Another reason to vote “No” and PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY RIGHTS!

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WVDNR reminds public to leave young wildlife alone

Contact with wildlife can harm the animal and transmit disease and parasites

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.VA. — With the arrival of spring weather and the emergence of young wildlife, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) is reminding people that possessing wildlife without a permit is illegal and that handling wild animals can spread disease and parasites that can be fatal.

“Watching young animals is a rewarding pastime and a great way to appreciate the beauty of West Virginia’s natural resources, but we want to make sure folks know that wildlife viewing must be done from a distance,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion.

Picking up, touching or even getting close to young wildlife can greatly increase the chance of the animal being harmed because predators are often attracted to the scent humans leave behind. Handling wildlife can also harm humans, as contact increases the risk of transmitting viral diseases and parasites, such as rabies, Lyme disease, roundworms and ticks.

“We receive a lot of calls about young wildlife, especially fawns, rabbits and birds that people think are abandoned or hurt, but that is hardly ever the case,” said Vinnie Johnson, a WVDNR wildlife biologist.

Does leave their fawns hidden for hours while they search

for food. Fawns remain still while the mother is away, going undetected by predators because of their unique color pattern and near lack of scent. By approaching a bedded fawn, humans can leave behind a scent that can attract predators and put the animal at risk.

Young birds are often picked up because people assume they fell out of the nest. If the bird is pink and featherless and the nest is easy to reach, the nestling can be put back into the nest. Most of the time, however, the bird is fledging and has intentionally left the nest to learn how to feed and fly. These young birds are feathered and can hop or make short flights. Because of this behavior, people assume they fell out of the nest.

“While wanting to care for an animal is to be admired, we want to remind people that the best thing to do is to leave young wildlife alone,” said Johnson.

Possessing wildlife without a permit is illegal in West Virginia. Fines for the unlawful possession of a bear cub, fawn, squirrel, bird or any other wild animal range from \$20 up to \$300 and/or 10-100 days in jail.

To learn more about wildlife in West Virginia, visit WV.dnr.gov.

News of Record

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

- MH & EF LLC Fairfax District, Lot 26, 0.15 acres and Lot 17, 0.15 acres to Scott E. Barnette and Robin D. Barnette, \$65,000.
- Joseph T. Subasic, Dry Fork District, Unit 133, Black Bear Inn to Molly Dillion Altaha Family Trust; Molly Dillion Altaha, \$152,000.
- Zetta Fansler, Hendricks Corporation, Part of Orchard, Lot 11 to Pete M. Bava and Sandra K. Bava, \$12,000.
- Donna R. Orr, Parsons Corporation, Part of Lot #129 to John S. Davis and Rosemarie Davis, \$10,000.
- Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc., Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit C1 Week 46 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to Michael R. Prichard and Belinda C. Prichard, \$6,000.

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SPORTS

Tucker Softball Players Honored on All-PVC List

The Lady Mt. Lions Softball team had 7 members selected to the PVC All-Conference list. Ava Shaffer, Addie Hicks and Peyton Hicks were honored as First-Team Members. Also being honored as Second-Team Selections were Katie Hicks, Brianna Gooden, Rachel Felton and Makenna Evans.

Miley Tinger(Petersburg), Sam Colaw(Petersburg), Ella Chew(Petersburg), Addi Kitzmiller(Petersburg), Shyane Tawney(Petersburg), Baylee Beachler(Pendleton), Avery Townsend(Pendleton), Jess Parker(Pendleton) and Madison Strosnider(East Hardy).

Cheyenne Sites(Petersburg), Susan Vincell(Pendleton), Lizzie Alt(Pendleton), Jenna Smith(Pendleton), Katelyn Hedrick(Pendleton) and Addison Armentrout(East Hardy). Sam Colaw was chosen as the PVC Player of the Year and Petersburg Head Coach Bubba Hedrick was selected as PVC Coach of the Year. Petersburg finished the season as the Class "A" State Runner-Up.

TVEMS PRINCIPAL'S LIST AND HONOR ROLL

4TH NINE WEEKS

5TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

ZODI SPESSERT
BRAYVEN WOLFE
DELBERT WILKINS
CIANNA DIBARTOLOMEO
GENESIS MCBEE
SHANNON DAVIS
NAOMI DEAN
CADEN TRIPLETT
RECE LAMBRUNO
GUNNER LESTER
CAMDEN RETTIG
BRITTANY KNOTTS
KYLEASHAE BOYLES
RILEY MALCOM
ERIC NESTOR
HANNAH NESTOR
ASHTON ARNETT
KRAGON CALE
ALLEIGH LIPSCOMB
KIERAN PARSONS
LIAM RICOTTILLI

KYLAR SOUTHERN
GRACYN WHITE
GABRIELLE CUSSINS
DAYTON BUNNELL
BRANTLEE ROSIER
MACI OWENS
FLETCHER HYRE
ADDALYN BROWNING
EDEN BRIGHT

5TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

AVERY DECKER
TAYLOR DAVIS
NOAH ADAMS
MAKENNA HACKNEY
LUCAS WHITE
WILLIAM EVANS
KADEN METZ
MIA LAMBERT
ALEENA REED
EASTON WOLFORD
BROOKLEE HEBB
COLEMAN SHIFLETT

BRAYLON SIMMONS
LUKE LANTZ

6TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST

MYA ADAMS
KENNEDY AKER
MATTHEW BARKLEY
DONALD BOYLES
ISAAC BUSH
LILLIAN DAVIS
CHRISTY FRIEND
LEGEND HARPER
LILLY HELMICK
SYDNEY KNOTTS
BRAILYNN MARSH
KYRA MILLER
ADDYSON PHILLIPS
GABRELLA SLAUBAUGH
GUNNER SMITH
DEVIN WHITE
LYLA WHITE
ALLY WRIGHT
BRIAR ARBOGAST

TITUS BOWLEY
LAILA GEORGE
BLAKE HOLLAND
DAVID JOLLY
ASHER KISAMORE

6TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

BUCKLEY MALCOM
FAITH SNYDER
QUINTON TETER
WES-LYNN ANDERSON
EVELYN BENNETT
MARLEE EVANS
WHITLEY FOWLER
HARLEIGH FREAM
DUSTIN GRIFFITH
BROOKLYN HOWARD
BRYSON MITCHELL
NEVAEH STOUT
BLAINE STREETS

7TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

TYLER BUSH
RHYS HOVATTER

RACHEL CUMMINGS
SAVANNAH FALLS
JAYLEN LIEDY

7TH PRINCIPAL'S LIST

MADISON CARR
AMESLEY CHANNELL
AVA HENDERSON
BRANSON HYRE
ISAIAH LIPSCOMB
SYDNEY PLUMLEY
KAMERON ROSIER
JAYCEE SHAHAN
DANIEL SMITH
JOHNATHAN TUTTLE
LONDON WILFONG
CONNER BOYLES
ALISSA HEBB
KHIA JACKSON
MARSELLA MCLUNG
DELAINEY RHODES
WINTER RICKS
KYLEIGH ROSIER

8TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

TRINITY MCGEE
PARKER NEWMAN
DEZIRAEY MOORE

JAMES BARKLEY
ALEXIS MALCOM
JAYDON BARKLEY
SAVANNA SHAFFER
CADENCE BUSH
ZAYDEN THORNE

8TH PRINCIPAL

TYLER RICOTTILLI
JOSHUA MOORE
JENELL GIDLEY
BELLA CARR
AVA WILFONG
ALYSSA LAWRENCE
TAMDEN HOWELL
BRAYDEN BENNETT
RILEY COFFMAN
BROOKLYN LORIA
KAYDENCE ROSIER
RACHEL HILE
ALAINA OWENS
DRAVEN BUNNELL

2024 PHS Alumni Banquet Held

The 51st anniversary of the Parsons High School Alumni Banquet was held on May 25, 2024 at Tucker County Elementary Middle School. The program was opened by Marvin "Bud" Parsons, President, by welcoming those in attendance. He began by introducing the cooks, Nancy Dotson and her staff. "Chopper Evans gave the invocation followed by Ellen Shaffer leading in the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. A memorial service was held by "Chopper" Evans and Sylvia Rosenau. The Veterans were honored by Ellen playing music from each prospective branch of service as the Veterans stood in honor.

Dinner was served by "Chopper's" youth group, "Younglife"; also J.R. & Tammy Helmick and Cathy Hebb. Following dinner, a spokesperson from each class was asked to speak on their behalf. Two other classmates spoke on their class -Jim Strawderman, class of '47 and Kenny Knotts, class of '48. From the class of '54 Alice Phillips; from the class of '64 Elaine Hamner Friend, and the class of '74 Roxanne Tusing.

The Hall of Fame awards were presented by Mike Rosenau and Bill Dilly as follows: Lela Bohon, class of '66; Linda Plaugher, class of '66; Dr. George Rhoades class of '74; Bill Dilly, class of '55; Mike Rosenau, class of '77; Posthumous; Atha Pifer Felton, class of '16; Jim Stiles, class of '49; and David J. Orr, class of '62.

Parsons High School Scholarships awarded to: Addie Hicks, Braden Mullenax, Macy Helmick, & Tabitha Adams; Hendricks Ruritan Scholarships: Caitlyn & Ethan McCrum; Tucker Community Foundation scholarships: Laney Burns & Katie Hicks.

Door Prizes were given out by Bud & Jane Parsons, Sharon Daniels, & Carol Weinstein. Following dinner, the 50/50 drawing was held and Jason George was

the winner and he donated his winnings back to the PHS Alumni Assoc. Thanks Jason. Jeanie Ledden & Jeanette Bishoff took care of the 50/50 tickets. The results of the Silent Auction were given in the Gym by Jean Morrison and Sharon Daniels. Several items for given for the auction. The benediction was given by "Chopper" Evans.

Members & guests attending the banquet were: David & Nancy Arbogast Nestor, '60 & '64; Nola DeVilder '51; Mike & Jean Leddon '57; Jeanette Bishoff '57; Sylvia Rosenau '56; Jonna Miller; Jean Morrison '55' Rish Roy McGill '74; Eleanor Nestor '66; Shirley Hardy Moody '59; Clarice Knotts '70; Danny Carr '58; Phyllis Carr '59 ;Michele & Tom Felton '74; Marlena Booth '74; Donna Miller Collins '60; Laura & Paul Mauzy '68; Gary & Shirley Miller Colbert '58' Linda & Elson Plaugher '66; Jean Long '60; Ben Long '62; Lary & Janet Denison, '65 '67; Phil Carr '61' Yvonne Parsons '61;Patty Wilfong '59; Jean Myers '57; Bill & Elaine Hamner Friend '64; Frankie King '74; Marie Grafton '74' Diane & Bill Dilly '55; Debbie Knotts '74; Tammy Hedrick TCHS; Randy Moore '69; Kenneth Knotts 48; Mike & Debra Bernier Davis '74; Barbara McClain '61; Martin & Carol Arbogast Ferguson '53; Martin Ferguson, Jr, Susan Saxion, Frank Carr '56; Sharlene Carr '55; Scarlett & Jack Hockman '74; Bob Bodkins '74; Andy & Kim McCrum TCHS; Sharon Daniels '66; Carol Weinstein '57; Karen Simmons '74; Ronald Simmons '72; Jerri Bodkin Kee '65; John Wayne Kee '60; Frank & Bonnie Nestor

'59; James Minear '63; Harold Roy '62; Lovanna Shahan '70; Russell Shahan '65; Nancy Maskin '61; Dr. George Rhoades '74; Caitlyn & Ethan

McCrum TCHS; Sue Pase Wamsley '74; Fuzz Wamsley '77; Brenda Knotts Jones '70, Jim Summerfield '74, Sandy Summerfield '81, Dan Judy '74, Donna Nestor Orr '79, Judy Orr Ingham '58, Ellen Shaffer '79, Terry Simmons '74, Paul Myers '55, Kenneth Myers '49, Junior Myers '57, Walter Myers '61, Delins & Pete Liller '73, Becky Moore '70, Richard & Madonna Kalar Stokes '67, Don Silk '66, Connie McIntyre '54, Criss Smith, Charles Myers, Mary Knotts Moats, 72, Deloris Propst '54, Jared Parsons '61, Porter Ed Poling '61, Deborah Stiles '79 TCHS, Jaurice & Betty Sue Arbogast Mc Grew '59, Sandie Hockman '76, Debbie Schoonover Sullivan '76, John Cross '69, Dennis & Rebecca Bozic '74, Terry Simmons '74, Teresa Simmons '73, Frank Roberts '75, Dolores Auvil '53, Carol Strawderman Ditch '60, Jim Strawderman '47, Roxanne Tusing '74, Ray & Lela Bohon '66, Ralph Hebb '63, Narel Hebb '70, Mike & Sheila DeVilder '80 TCHS, Linda Cassidy '69, Bob Booth '57, Alice Phillips '54, John Phillips TCHS '83, Addie & Katie Hicks TCHS, Sarah Hicks, TCHS, Pam Harper '74, Laney Burns TCHS, Isaac Bennett TCHS, Mark & Stephanie Burns TCHS, Christine & Mike Rosenau '77, Amy Mullenax '96, Robert Mullenax '93, Braden Mullenax TCHS, Judith Parsons '67, Marshall Parsons '61, Macy Helmick TCHS, Kelly Helmick '95, Maddy Helmick 2026, David Helmick '94, Kathryn Knotts '51, Sandi Owens '71, Marvin "Bud" Parsons '56, Jane Parsons '55, Jason George TCHS, Seth Rosenau TCHS, and Ethan Rosenau TCHS.

Mountain Island Luau

CANAAN VALLEY RESORT STATE PARK

Saturday June 29, 2024
Located on Quenchers Plaza at the Ski Area

Live Music:

- Electric Blue 4 PM
- Tuika's Polynesian Island Magic 6 PM
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OBITUARIES

Chad Whitney Smith

Chad Whitney Smith, age 51 years, a resident of Hambleton, WV, departed this life early Sunday morning, May 26, 2024, at Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown, WV, surrounded by his loving family. Death was unexpected.

He was born into a loving family on Good Friday, April 20, 1973, at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, VA, a son of the late Wayne Clark Smith and Mary Jane Watring Smith, who survives at Leadmine, WV. On November 21, 1993, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Parsons, WV, he was married to the former Sharon "Penny" Streets, who survives.

Also surviving are three children, Carissa Adair Fecko and husband Zack of Morgantown, Trent Alexander Smith of Tallahassee, FL and Avery Blake Smith of Hambleton; one brother, Jason Lee Smith and wife Lisa of Leadmine; two grandchildren, who were the loves of his life, Asa Fecko and



Zailee Fecko; two brothers in law, Neal Streets and wife Cindy and Allen Streets and wife Beth; several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was a graduate of Tucker County High School with the class of 1991, where he excelled at mathematics and building construction. Chad was owner and operator of the Whitney Construction Co, he was a perfectionist and very meticulous at everything he did. He was a member of the Izaak Walton League, the Hambleton City Council and the Rosen-

dorf Pentecostal Church of God. He was always there for Adair's singing shows, motorcycle racing with Trent, and dance recitals and horse shows for Avery, and hunting with his wife. He enjoyed shooting at the range, goose hunting and hunting trips. His family has many good memories of their times traveling throughout the United States together. Chad was a true family man, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son and brother.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Thursday from 4 PM to 8 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Friday, May 31, 2024, at 12 Noon. Pastor Adam Snyder will officiate and interment will follow at the McKneeley Cemetery at Hambleton, WV.

The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Chad Whitney Smith. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Richard Bruce Ours

Richard Bruce Ours, 83, of Harman, passed away on May 24, 2024, at Davis Medical Center surrounded by his children and family. Born on July 8, 1940, he was the son of the late Alonzo Victor and Doris Mae (Watts) Ours.

Richard was a skilled carpenter and business owner who leaves behind a legacy of hard work, generosity, and devotion to his family and God. He founded Rich Ours Contracting in 1986. He took great pride in his work and built many lasting friendships along the way. He passed on his knowledge and skills to others and was a mentor to many.

Throughout his life, Richard found great joy in hunting, fishing, and spending time in the outdoors. He adored being a Father and Grandfather. His love for his family was unwavering and he was always willing to lend a helping hand. Rich had a hearty sense of humor and loved to spend time and share meals with his friends and family. Richard's faith was central to his life and he was always eager to share God's word with



those around him. Rich was a member of the Dryfork Assembly of God, a church that he built, and a place he considered one of the greatest accomplishments of his career.

He is survived by four children, Lisa (Ours) Turner and husband Tim of Annapolis, MD, Tracy Ours and wife Angelika "AJ" of Stevensville, MD, Weylin Barkley and wife Jennifer of Harman, and Brant Ours and wife Karen of Elkins; ten grandchildren, Erica (Turner) Zentz and husband Tyler, Alexa Turner, Emily, Maggie, and Lucy Ours, Annie Barkley, Tessa Propst, Alena Barkley, and Ella and Leah Ours; three great grandchil-

dren, Zayden Dodd, Gunner Bonner, and Halsey Zentz; and nine siblings, Alonzo Ours, Jr. and wife Barbara, Neil Ours and wife Marlene, Darlene Casto and husband James, Naomi Pennington and husband Dick, Erma Koontz, Sharon Kimble and husband Cecil, Danie Ours, Mickey Ours and wife Linda, and Phyllis Dolly.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Andrea Joy (Waybright) Ours, to whom he was married on May 27, 1978, and three siblings, Beulah Crites, Emmalee Ours, and Teddy Ours.

At Rich's request, his service will be held at the Dryfork Assembly of God.

Friends will be received on Friday, May 31, 2024, from 4 to 7 PM, at the Dryfork Assembly of God Church. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 11 AM in the church, with Pastor Vivian "Nub" Watts officiating. Interment will follow in the Smith Family Cemetery.

The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Ours Family.

Mary Mildred "Moosie" Roberts Winton Bowley

Mary Mildred "Moosie" Roberts Winton Bowley, 86, a resident of Hendricks went home to be with the Lord Monday, May 27, 2024, surrounded by her loving family at Garrett Regional Medical Center. She had been in declining health however death was unexpected.

Mary was born November 26, 1937, in Hendricks, WV. She was the daughter of the late Charles Ashton and Mildred Alice Lindsey Roberts. She was married to James Frank Bowley, who survives. Left to cherish her memory are her four sons James Frank Bowley II of Hendricks, WV, Scott Wesley Bowley (Sarah) of Parsons, WV, Robin Tracy Bowley (Kim) of Hambleton, WV, Todd Allen Bowley (Missy) of Hendricks, WV, and a special friend Nita Upton of Oakland, MD.

Mawmaw had ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren of whom she attended. Sheree (Brian), Aasta (Micah), Mariah (Derek), Joshua, Isaac, Scottie (Douglas), Adrianna (Michael), Abrielle (Tyler), Zachary, and Lyndsay. Great grandchildren Luke, Titus, Eli, Jaxson, Aria, and Ivanna.

Preceding her in death were her three sisters, Carol Sue Carr, Isabelle "Ding" Flanagan, and Doris Curless; and three brothers, Charles Allen



Roberts, Frank Dale Roberts, and Don Roberts. Late husband Ernie Winton.

Mary graduated from Parsons High School Class of 1955. She attended and graduated cosmetology school in Martinsburg, WV. Mary opened her own salon and practiced as a beautician for 69 years. Mary was also a homemaker and served as a campground host for the US Forest Service.

Mary "Mawmaw" was known in the community for her devotion to serving others, generosity, and selflessness. She was a member of the Hendricks United Methodist Church since she was a child. She was also a member and served as President of the Hendricks United Methodist Women for many years. Mary's legacy of hand knitted prayer shawls, hats/scarves, food and flower delivery, visiting shut ins,

and global mission work will be remembered forever. She was a longtime volunteer at Cortland Acres Nursing Home and was recognized by WV Activity Professionals Association as Volunteer of the Year in 2015. Mary was a firm believer of sharing her love of Jesus and spent her life helping others.

Mary had a great love for camping, knitting, quilting, gardening, swimming, crafting and thrifting, blue grass music, and her family. She was known for her RV and spending her summers at Camp Horseshoe with her grandchildren. Mary "Mawmaw" was an amazing mother, grandmother, mentor, and friend. Her spunky personality and kindness will never be forgotten.

Mary's request for cremation was honored. A celebration of her life is planned for June 8, 2024 at 11 am at the Hendricks Community Church. Service will be led by Pastor VJ Davis. Memorial donations in memory of Mary can be made to the Hendricks Community Church, PO Box 50 Hendricks, WV 26271.

The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Mary Mildred "Moosie" Roberts Winton Bowley. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Vikki Pittman Mowery

Vikki Pittman Mowery, 61, of Harman, passed from this life peacefully Sunday, May 26, 2024, at her home.

Vikki was born Friday, September 14, 1962, in Parsons, a daughter of the late Frank Pittman and Sue Ann Carr Pittman. On September 25, 1999, she married Ralph Mowery, Sr. Her grandfather, the late Rev. Floyd Carr, helped with the ceremony. Vikki felt it was a great honor.

Left to cherish Vikki's memory are three stepchildren, Jonathan and Ralph, Jr., both of Harman, Melva Wilhelm of Keyser, siblings, John Pittman and Tira Pittman, two very special sisters, Rebecca Booth of Hendricks and Kathy Jo Hoffner of Mechanicsville, VA., a



very special friend, Brenda O'Brian.

Preceding her in death was a stepson, Robert Mowery.

Vikki graduated Tucker County High School with the Class of 1980 and Moorehead State College Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in Veterinarian medicine. She had worked at

Pineview Veterinarian Hospital in Oakland, MD and at the Tucker County Animal Shelter. She was a great animal lover. Vikki was a council member for the town of Harman and attended the Dryfork Assembly of God Church.

Vikki donated her body to science. The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of donations to the Tucker County Animal Shelter, 586 Brooklyn Heights Rd., Parsons, WV 26287.

The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Vikki Pittman Mowery. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Donna Jo Walker

Donna Jo Walker, 73, of Thomas, passed away on May 29, 2024, at Davis Medical Center, surrounded by her family. Born on April 8, 1951, in Clarksburg, she was the daughter of the late Donald Fink and Mary Jo (Marks) Fink who survives.

Donna graduated from Hamilton Township High School before embarking on a career in nursing, where she exhibited compassion and care towards others until her retirement. Donna found joy in various activities, such as quilting, gardening, coin collecting, and reading. She also cherished moments spent attending concerts and traveling with her family, particularly beach trips and Disney vacations. Her greatest pleasure stemmed from gathering with her loved ones.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband of 52 years, Alan Walker, to whom she was



married on December 13, 1972; five daughters, Angela Kuss of Pittsburgh, Dana Quattro and husband Brian of Davis, Kara Gross and husband Chris of Thomas, Shanna Walker of Thomas, and Laura Cunningham and husband Ron of Elkins; twelve grandchildren, Brian, Jenna, Hanah, Madison, Leah, Isaac, Aaron, Bryson, Mayah, Waylon, Noah, and Ayla; three great grandchildren, Jaxson, Gus, and Gianna; five siblings, Bar-

bara Quattro and husband Robert of Davis, David Fink and wife Beverly of Martinsburg, Daniel Fink and wife Susan of Santa Rosa Beach, FL, Paul Fink and companion Cathy Martin of Davis, and Kris Jones and husband Rob of Philippi; many nieces and nephews; and her best friend, Judy Watts.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her sister, Marianne Lambert.

Friends will be received on Sunday, June 2, 2024, from 2 to 4 PM, at the Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home, 567 Thomas Ave., Davis. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 11 AM in the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 316 Brown St., Thomas, with Fr. Martin Smay as celebrant. Interment will follow in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Walker family.

Louanna "Lulu" Bava Carr

Louanna "Lulu" Bava Carr, 63, a resident of Elkins and formerly of Hendricks went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 25, 2024. She was in her usual health and death was unexpected.

Louanna was born Thursday, December 1, 1960, in Parsons, a daughter of the late Joseph H. Bava, Sr. and Norma E. Bohon Bava. On December 16, 1988, she was married to Patrick A. Carr who survives.

Also left to cherish Louanna's memory are three brothers, John D. Bava and wife, Louanna, and Pete M. Bava and wife, Kay, all of Hendricks, and David A Bava of Parsons, two sisters, Connie S. Rosier and husband, Denver, of Elkins, and Diane L. Phillips and husband, Pete, of the Pheasant Run Community, and many special nieces and nephews.

Preceding Louanna in death besides her parents were two brothers, Joseph H. Bava, Jr. and James B. Bava, and two sisters, Dorothy Oberding and Joann L. Jarosiewicz.

Louanna attended Tucker County High School and graduated with the first graduating class in 1979. While in high school, she played basketball and ran track. She would continue her basketball career for two years at Potomac State College and Fairmont State University. After school, Louanna went to work at the Mt. Storm Power Station (Dominion) for thirty-seven years having retired in 2019. Louanna was an avid sports fan and was a huge supporter of Tucker County Sports.

Louanna, lovingly known as "Lulu" was the life of the party. She always had a smile on her face and loved to make people laugh. She loved her family dearly and was known as the family caretaker. She loved planning family get-togethers and taking pictures at those events. She was known for her kindness and generosity and will be missed by all who knew her.

Louanna was a member of the Parsons Church of God and had attended Rivers of Living Water Ministries in



Elkins. Visitation will be held at the Parsons Church of God on Friday, May 31, 2024, from 4pm until 8pm and on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 11am until 1pm, the funeral hour. Pastors Mike Boggs

and Kevin Hostetler will officiate, and interment will follow in McNeely Cemetery in Hambleton.

The family has requested memorial contributions be made in Louanna's memory to the Tucker County Animal Shelter, 586 Brooklyn Heights Rd, Parsons, WV 26287, the Randolph County Humane Society, 195 Weese St, Elkins, WV 26241, or to Rivers of Living Water Ministries Building Fund, <https://www.rlwmeelkins.com/donate>. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Louanna "Lulu" Bava Carr. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

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What's? Happening

AARP Safe Driver Class

You are invited to an AARP Safe Driver class on June 12 at the Parsons library. \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members. You could save on your car insurance!

FULL BOARD MEETING

The Region VI Workforce Development Full Board will meet Thursday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion County Convention & Visitor Bureau located in Pleasant Valley. For more information about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530.

Region VI is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance, please call WV Relay 7-1-1.

Jackson – Hedrick Reunion

The descendants of Andrew Jackson and Sarah Rebecca Hedrick held their 59th annual reunion Sunday, May 26th at the Flanagan Hill Community Building in Red Creek. There were 46 in attendance with five states, WV, VA, KY, PA, and MD represented. Attending was Richard Hedrick, Margaret Kaucher, Glenda Bright, Anthony, Tina, and Andrew Bonner, Julia Lewis, Marie Smith, Jack and Jean Hedrick, Karen Smith, Thomas, Amy, Willow

and Brandon Simmons, Dean and Judy Smith, Katelynn Smith, Violet Charles, Stanley Carbaugh, Donna Eye, Jim and Betty Bonner, Wesley and Amanda Fink, Justin Hedrick and Kayleigh. Scott, Amanda and Lilly Hedrick, Rose Bennett, Audrey Nelson, Linda Bonner, Lindsey Bonner, Brayden Arbogast, Janice Bonner, Tyler Phillips, Adam, Vickie, Payten, and Elizabeth Huffman, Kaye Mallow, Jim and Kathy Hedrick, and Lora and Jeff Cutright.

Library Temporary Closure

Mountaintop Public Library will be closed Thursday, June 6 and Friday June 7, 2024. Late fees will be waived the month of June 2024.

Tucker County Democratic Executive Committee

Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Tucker County Democratic Executive Committee, Monday June 17, 2024 @ 6 PM. Hosted by county chair Michael McClintock ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86712438441?pwd=cHwJcrJmKhpQctiFuXJNfavDq44JHu.1>

Riverview Chapel VBS

Come dive with us at Riverview Chapel, Porterwood VBS! June 10-14, 6:00pm-8:30 pm, nightly. Ages Pre-K thru 6th grade.



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.

June 5, 1859: A great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The fields were replanted with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.

June 5, 1915: Four young people were killed at the Rock Springs amusement park in Chester when the Old Mill ride caught fire.

June 6, 1892: Entrepreneur Donald F. Duncan was born in Ohio but grew up in Huntington. Duncan founded the Duncan Yo-Yo Company and the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation.

June 6, 1954: Cynthia Rylant, author of more than 100 books for young people, was born in Hopewell, Virginia, and raised in southern West Virginia. She has been honored with the prestigious Caldecott and John Newbery medals.

June 7, 1899: Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee was born in Radford, Virginia. She became West Virginia's first female member of Congress in 1951.

June 7, 1926: An explosion at a sand mining operation in Morgan County



June 9, 1957: T. D. Jakes was born in South Charleston. As a boy, he preached to imaginary congregations and carried a Bible to school, which earned him the nickname "Bible Boy." He is the senior pastor at the Potter's House, a nondenominational church in Dallas, Texas.

killed six men. Their deaths were the inspiration for the ballad "The Miner's Doom."

June 9, 1927: Karl Dewey Myers was named the state's first poet laureate by Governor Howard Mason Gore. Myers held the post for 10 years.

June 10, 1775: The Berkeley County Riflemen were organized by Capt. Hugh Stephenson of Shepherdstown, in response to a call for Revolutionary War soldiers by Gen. George Washington.

June 10, 1921: Labor

leader Daniel Vincent Maroney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Maroney served as international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union from 1973 to 1981.

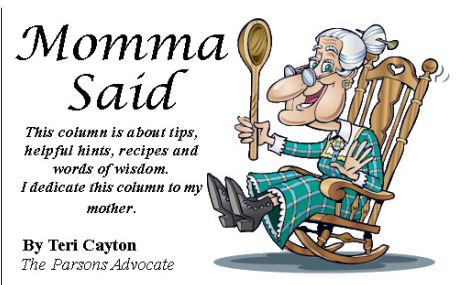
June 11, 1866: Architect Elmer Forrest Jacobs was born in Preston County. His work can be seen particularly in downtown Morgantown, in residential South Park, and on the West Virginia University campus. Most of his Morgantown buildings are now listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

I saw something the other day that describes me and my siblings to a tee and I quote, "I am a wooden spoon, lead paint, no car seat, no seat belt, no bike helmet, bed of pickup riding, garden hose drinking survivor." Now if that is not growing up in the country and at the best time I don't know what is. **Momma Said**, "What don't kill ya, makes ya stronger."

We were smart enough to know you don't eat paint chips and I got my butt beat more times than not with a wooden spoon. It was nothing for 10 or 12 of us to be in the back of a pickup going to the swimming hole and our cars didn't even have seat belts.

Mom never had a baby car seat that I know of, if we were all in the car together, the big kid held the little kid or you were laying on the seat rolled up in a blanket. In the winter all six of us were crammed into the front (and only) seat in the pickup, when it was warm the kids rode in the back, no questions asked. We knew better than to ask questions about anything, you did what you were told and



that was the end of it.

Life was so simple and so easy in a hard way. By that I mean we earned everything we got or you didn't get it. Kids are so entitled today that all they have to do is whine and they get whatever they want. My neighbor told me her kid started middle school and she told her to go do her homework and the kid stood up in her face and I quote, "You are infringing on my civil liberties, I don't have to do what you tell me." I could see mom's hair catching on fire if I ever said that to her. And as I knew better I would never had said that in the first place. **Momma Said**, "No respect, no pride and as far as I am concerned that kid has not earned any civil liberties yet."

Easy Grilled Chicken Thighs

Ingredients

- ¼ red onion diced
- 2 heads broccoli cut into bite-sized florets (about 6 cups)
- 2 CUPS red cabbage coarsely chopped
- 1 CUP Cheddar cheese grated
- 4 OUNCES thick-cut bacon diced
- ¾ CUP mayonnaise
- 2 TABLESPOONS apple cider vinegar
- 1 TABLESPOON honey
- ½ TEASPOON salt
- ½ CUP roasted sunflower seeds
- ½ CUP dried cherries
- Freshly ground black pepper

Instructions

1. Cook the bacon in a skillet on the stovetop or in an air fryer until crispy. Transfer the cooked bacon to a paper towel-lined plate and let it cool.
2. Place the diced onions in a small bowl and cover with cold water. Let the onions soak for about 10 minutes

3. Bring a 3-quart pot of salted water to a boil. Set up a shocking station by filling a large bowl with ice water. Blanch the broccoli florets in the boiling water for 1 minute. Drain and then immediately place the broccoli in the cold-water bath to stop the cooking process. Drain and pat the broccoli dry.
4. Combine the broccoli, red cabbage, red onions, Cheddar cheese and crispy bacon in a large bowl. In a separate small bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, apple cider vinegar, honey and salt. Pour the mixture over the salad in the bowl and toss to coat everything with the dressing. Toss in the sunflower seed and dried cherries. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
5. Chill for at least 1 hour. Serve the salad cool and enjoy within 2 to 3 days.

Super Crossword

DOWNFALL

ACROSS	52 Euro divs.	93 Mauna —	4 Software test	39 Will topic	83 Dismiss as
1 Washed-up star	53 Feats	94 Ward off	version	40 Artful	foolish
8 Baryshnikov's nickname	54 "Gotta run!"	95 Peat source	5 "By Jove!"	45 In the know	84 From
13 Exhortations	55 Logger's chopper	96 "— Complaint" (Philip Roth novel)	6 Novelist Hemingway	46 Luxury brand of Toyota	the capital Lomé, e.g.
20 Fast, in music scores	56 China's Mao — -tung	98 Altimas and Maximas	7 Tacit assent	48 Lock opener	85 Roseanne of "Roseanne"
21 Poppish scarf	57 Mary — cosmetics	100 Gift lists for expectant mothers'	8 Language of New Zealand	50 Toils away	51 Hertz car, say
22 Hangs around	58 Stimulate	parties	9 Honshu, e.g.	53 Info	87 Actor Billy of "Titanic"
23 Punctilious attention to neatness	60 Neighbor of Rwanda	104 Car identifier	10 — -fi movie	56 Cravat clasp	88 Barbie's guy
25 Contrary to	63 Family dog, e.g.	105 Letters after lambdas	11 Horse farm attendant	57 Dog refuge	89 Hosp. areas
26 Perfumed hair dressing	64 Env. contents	106 Quaker grain	12 Oakland ball team	58 With	91 "Fist City" singer Lynn
27 Time of note	67 1984 Eurythmics hit that's apt for six related words in this puzzle	107 Some narrow strips of land	13 Tony winner Hagen	72-Across, "Actually, I do!"	92 Foul-smelling
28 Special attention, in brief	72 See 58-Down	113 Revises jointly	14 Seasoned stews	59 "— -haw!"	96 Daintily little
30 Beginning	73 French painter Jean	115 Use lots of flattery, say	15 Farm with its buildings	62 FedEx rival	97 Packed away
31 Krispy Kreme offering topped with colorful bits	74 Egg white	118 Egypt's — Stone	16 From Galway, say	63 Pizzeria order	99 Enjoys a lot
36 Enlarged	75 Tach stats	119 Latin for "everything"	17 "Brooklyn —" (sitcom)	64 Port in east Argentina	101 Slogged in water
41 Classic	76 Gore and Unser	120 Metallic shooting marble	18 Made a hand motion	65 Apple's Cook	102 Gorbachev's wife
42 Deep anger	77 Everybody	121 Jerry Garcia's band, informally	19 Old booming jet, for short	66 Hosp. staffers	103 Addams family cousin
43 Stimulate	79 Atty.'s org.	122 "I — drink!"	24 For each	68 Advanced math, in brief	108 Cherry holder
44 Missy	80 & others	123 Its capital is Mogadishu	29 Stat on a bank sign	69 Puzzle cube creator Erno	109 Duke Ellington's "Take — Train"
47 Court events	82 Sight-related		32 Bouncy stick	70 Astound	110 Small peak
48 Arthroscopic surgery site	85 Pay money for		33 DIVERS' sets	71 Confers honor on	111 1,102, to Livy
49 Garden plants with heads of clear blue blooms	86 Spongy, glazed dessert		34 Lubricants	76 Pitcher's asset	112 Retail giant in furniture
	90 Hotel offering		35 Leisure shirts	77 "The Wizard of Oz" lady	113 Old PC screen
	91 Weather phenomenon with a more famous "brother"	DOWN	36 Pitcher's asset	78 Resting atop	114 In the dumps
		1 Lock holder	37 "Where — sign?"	81 "Bill & — Bogus Journey"	116 French article
		2 Food for Fido	38 Tools for light cleaning	82 Spheres	117 Old spy gp.
		3 Thin			

Weather Totals

May 21 - May 28, 2024

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 86° F
Min 50° F

Precipitation

Week 1.31"
May 4.85"
2024 22.79"

Snowfall

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Grant County Bank Raises Funds During 22nd Annual Relay for Life Golf Tournament

May 31, 2024 — Grant County Bank is continuing to support the Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society with donations from its most recent event—the 22nd Annual Relay for Life Golf Tournament. A record number of 22 teams participated during the Friday, May 3rd event.

The return of the annual Relay for Life Golf Tournament took place on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 9 a.m. at the Valley View Golf Club in Moorefield, West Virginia. All proceeds benefited the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life. This event brings together organization staff and supporters, as well as community members and golf enthusiasts.

This year, Grant County Bank will be able to donate in excess of \$13,000 to the Relay for Life organization thanks to the generosity of sponsors and players.

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

The tournament was Captain's Choice format with 4 players per team. Both team and skill winners were named.

2024 Golf Tournament Results

Team Winners:

1st: Ryan Colaw/Matt Hahn/CJ Landis/Trent Bor-

ror (-16)

2nd: Josh Arbaugh/Bobby Parsons/Mark Geary II/Jordan Ours (-16)

3rd: Riley Barb/Hank Middlemas/Gary Hawkins/Billy Carpenter (-16)

*Note: Top three teams tied, 1st place won in a three-team card-off.

Skill Winners:

#3 Closest to Pin: Earl Snyder

#6 Closest to Pin: Scott Jennings

#13 Closest to Pin: Don Baker

#15 Closest to Pin: Hank Middlemas

#17 Closest to Pin: Jim Burton

#5 Longest Drive: Mark Geary II

#8 Straightest Drive: Adam Pritts

Plans are already underway for the 2025 tournament and it is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2025.



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Appalachian Fly Fishing Festival in Thomas, West Virginia | May 31 - June 2

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- Food, art, and craft vendors
- Fly fishing & tying clinics
- Fly casting competition
- Ticketed fundraiser dinner
- Showing of Fly Fishing Film Tour and so much more!

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 31st through Sunday, June 2nd. This event is free to the public, and great for all ages! If you would like to donate to the Appalachian Fly Fishing Festival, purchase Fundraiser / Dinner tickets, or view the event schedule, check here: <https://runsignup.com/TicketEvent/AppalachianFlyFishingFestival>.

Summer Ecotours

Join our expert naturalists this summer and discover the beauty and biodiversity within the Blackwater Canyon! These guided tours featuring native flora and fauna are perfect for all ages and FREE. Learn how to identify colorful warblers by song, or find stunning salamanders in the West Virginia highlands!

Check here to RSVP for upcoming

tours: <https://www.saveblackwater.org/eco-tours>

Planning for Beaver Creek Acid Mine Drainage Treatment with Biomost

Friends of Blackwater has picked Biomost to provide professional engineering design services for a passive treatment for the acidic seep on Dominion Energy Property. The seep is located along Beaver Creek next to Corridor H, 5 miles east of Davis, WV.

Sierra Club Newsletter Covers Corridor H American Rivers Campaign

The latest newsletter from the Sierra Club highlighted the West Virginia Blackwater River and it's recent addition to the 10 Most Endangered Rivers in the Country by the American Rivers Campaign.

The annual report from American Rivers serves as a catalyst for action, drawing attention to the pressing issues faced by rivers and their communities. Nominated by the Go North Alliance, concerns arise over the proposed routing of Corridor H, which poses a significant risk to the river's health.

Check here to read the full article: https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/default/files/2024-05/MSS_2024_SUMMER_50-2_DIGITAL.pdf

Eastern recognizes Tucker County students for spring semester honors and graduating

Multiple Tucker County residents achieved academic honors during the Spring 2024 semester at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

Earning President's List honors, which requires completing 12 or more credit hours this spring with a 4.0 grade point average, was county resident Lillian Callaway. Dean's List recipients,

earned for completing 9 or more credit hours this spring with at least a 3.5 grade point average, were Moira Callaway, and Ava Shaffer.

Merit List recipients, which requires completing 6 or more credit hours this spring with a 3.25 grade point average, were county residents Caroline Bonner, Hannah Cussins, Mayah Gross, Madison Helmick, Melina Klus, Caitlyn McCrum, Jayden Moore,

and Mason Powell.

One Tucker County resident, Clayton Price, graduated this Spring with his Associate in Applied Science: Board of Governors degree.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, based in Moorefield, serves six rural counties in West Virginia's Potomac Highlands by offering affordable academic programs, including five online degrees, early enrollment courses for high school students, and a variety of flexible workforce trainings. Eastern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. For more information, visit easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000.

Attorney General Morrissey Announces Pocahontas County Student as Statewide 'Kids Kick Opioids' Winner

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a Pocahontas County student as the statewide winner of this year's Kids Kick Opioids contest, a public service announcement partnership with elementary and middle schools that encourages students to raise awareness of prescription painkiller abuse.

Judges selected Mallory Koerber from Marlinton Middle School in Pocahontas County as the statewide winner. They chose Koerber's artwork from entries submitted by students across West Virginia.

Koerber's winning design features a drawing of a woman pulling back a curtain on her face to reveal the words, "Addiction is giving up everything for one thing. Recovery is giving up one thing for everything."

"Mallory's artwork hits the nail on the head. Addiction makes people give up everything for that one thing," Attorney General Morrissey said. "That's the heartbreaking reality of opioid dependence for people in active addiction and their families. But the rest of the message—Recovery is giving up one thing for everything—is the hope of every person in addiction and every substance abuser's family."

Koerber's design will soon appear in newspapers across West Virginia as the Attorney General's next public service announcement.

Judges also recognized Isabella Swayne from Andrew Jackson Middle School in Kanawha County and Catherine Tirona from St. Joseph the Worker School in Hancock County as the statewide runners-up.

Their designs will appear with Koerber's on the Attorney General's website.

The Attorney General received a total of 2,135 entries from 2,177 students at 71 middle and elementary schools across West Virginia. The submissions included a mix of drawings, poems and other designs aimed at promoting awareness.

"I congratulate Mallory, our runners-up and all our regional winners for their hard work and creativity in promoting awareness of opioid abuse," Attorney General Morrissey said. "We must reach kids at an early age and teach them about the dangers and serious consequences of drug abuse, and we must do everything possible to attack the root causes of addiction."

Judges recognized winning entries from 69 students overall. Those designs will be displayed in the State Capitol in the fall.

Kids Kick Opioids represents one of many initiatives through which the Attorney General has sought to combat West Virginia's drug overdose death rate, including a lawsuit against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation's drug quota system.

The Attorney General also has fought the opioid crisis with civil litigation, multistate initiatives, funding to target opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education.

The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, West Virginia Association of School Nurses and the Capitol Police assisted the Attorney General in judging the public service announcement contest.

St. George Medical Announces Temporary Summer Hours for School-Based Clinic

Parsons, W.Va. [May 30, 2024] — St. George Medical Clinic is announcing a temporary change in the operating hours for its school-based clinic located in Hambleton, West Virginia for the summer season.

These changes will take effect starting Monday, June 3rd.

Updated Summer Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Wednesday to Friday: 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (unchanged)

These temporary summer hours have been implemented to better

serve our community's needs during the summer months. The end date for these hours has not been determined; therefore, they will be in effect until further notice.

St. George Medical Clinic remains committed to providing exceptional healthcare services to our patients. We appreciate the community's understanding and flexibility as we adjust our hours to continue offering the best care possible.

St. George Medical Clinic is a non-profit organization. For more information or to schedule an appointment or to order a prescription, visit StGeorgeClinic.org or call 304-478-3339 (Main Clinic), 304-478-6000 (School-based Health Clinic and Dental), 681-435-0011 (Canaan Valley Clinic), and 304-478-3355 (Pharmacy).

About St. George Medical Clinic

St. George Medical Clinic and Pharmacy is a non-profit organization which provides family centered health care to

the residents of Tucker and surrounding counties in North-Central West Virginia. St. George partners with individuals, families, and community organizations to maintain and restore health.

Advanced service departments are accessible to patients and provides them with convenient, efficient, and on-site services. St. George additionally provides patients with a variety of services such as family planning, cancer screening programs, dermatology, radiology, physical therapy, dental, eye health, pharmacy, and much more. Arrangements for transportation to and from appointments are available as well.

St. George has conveniently expanded into several facilities located across Tucker County, including sites in St. George, Parsons, Hambleton, and Canaan Valley. For more information, contact St. George Medical Clinic at 304.478.3339 or visit our website at StGeorgeClinic.org.

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

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

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

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

1st Publication Date: May 29, 2024
Decedent: Mary Lou Myers
Filed By: Deborah Leuthold
2060 St. Rt. 100
Bucyrus, OH 44820
Relationship: Daughter

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 30, 2024
Sherry Simmons
Tucker County Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

CANAAN VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, a public service district located in Canaan Valley, Tucker County, West Virginia, P.O. Box 428, DAVIS West Virginia 26260
Petitioner,

v. Eminent Domain Proceedings
JOHN DEHN, CC-47-2024-C-22
9615 Liberty Road
Frederick, Maryland 21701
SHERIFF, TUCKER COUNTY
215 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287
Respondent Landowner, and
Lienholder

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above entitled action is to condemn certain easements and rights of way belonging to the Respondent Landowner, John Dehn. As a part of this matter a hearing has been scheduled in Tucker County Circuit Court for 11:45 a.m., on June 11, 2024 whereby Canaan Valley Public Service District will seek a Right of Entry over the Respondent's real estate to acquire defeasible title to said easements and rights of way.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the Respondent, John Dehn, is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia for whom no agent, or appointed or statutory agent or attorney in fact is found in the State upon whom service may be had, it is ORDERED that said Defendant, John Dehn, serve upon Janet D. Preston, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 167, Davis, West Virginia, 26287, an answer or other defense to the Petition for Condemnation filed in this action on or before the 24th day of June, 2024; otherwise judgement by default will be taken against them.

Pursuant to West Virginia Code 54-2-3, it is further ORDERED that this publication serve as notice to JOHN DEHN that Canaan Valley Public Service District seeks to condemn for public sewer purposes certain easements over his property described as part of .933 acres, more or less, situate in Dry Fork District, Tucker County West Virginia, designated as Parcel 16.17, on Tax Map 350C, said real estate having been acquired by Deed of by Quitclaim Deed of West Virginia Resorts Limited Liability Company, d/b/a The New Woodland Fly-In Resort, dated the 7th day of May, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 241, at page 562 in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia. A hearing on the Right of Entry will be held on June 11, 2024 at 11 a.m. on the Fourth Floor in the Tucker County Courthouse Annex at 211 First Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287. A copy of the Petition can be obtained from the Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 24th day of May, 2024.

Sherry Simmons
Clerk of Court
By: J. D. Preston, Deputy

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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)
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1st publication 6/5/24	PO Box 53
2nd publication 6/12/24	Inwood, WV 25428
Marcia L. Evans	Thomas Evans
1st publication 6/5/24	PO Box 115
2nd publication 6/12/24	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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MUNICIPAL ELECTION
City of Parsons, West Virginia
June 11, 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 RECORDER (Vote For ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> RICHARD L. LEMONS
FOR COUNCIL MEMBER Four-Year Term Ward II (Vote For TWO)	<input type="checkbox"/> SAM BLOSSER <input type="checkbox"/> SETH ROSENAU

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FOR COUNCIL MEMBER Two-Year Term Ward I (Vote For ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> DAVID K. GREENLIEF
FOR COUNCIL MEMBER Four-Year Term Ward I (Vote For ONE)	<input type="checkbox"/> JAMES L. HUMPHREY, JR.

Gov. Justice announces popular West Virginia Waterfall Trail surpasses 75,000 check-Ins

Three new waterfalls added to the trail as summer travel begins

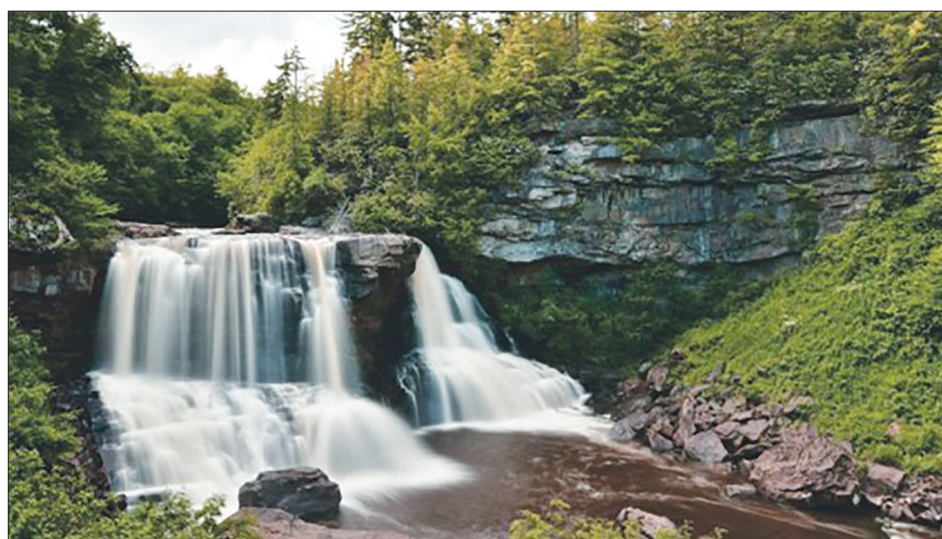
CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today over the Memorial Day weekend, the West Virginia Waterfall Trail surpassed 75,000 participant check-ins. The popularity of the nation's first statewide waterfall trail continues to grow, with data showing that visitors from all 50 U.S. states and 41 countries are now joining the fun.

As the summer season kicks off, the Department of Tourism is adding three more falls, bringing the total number of stellar stops along the trail to 43.

"It is absolutely beyond belief that our West Virginia Waterfall Trail has reached over 75,000 check-ins. We're talking about West Virginians and visitors from all 50 states and 41 countries who have explored these trails," said Gov. Justice. "I couldn't be more excited that we're adding three more incredible waterfalls to this trail. It opens up even more opportunities for folks to get out there and experience the breathtaking beauty right here in Almost Heaven."

The West Virginia Waterfall Trail has been nationally recognized by major travel publications such as Travel + Leisure, USA Today, Southern Living and Fodor's Travel. The trail continues to receive remarkable participation, as more than 10,000 prizes have been awarded to visitors for their adventuring efforts. Iconic favorites such as Cathedral Falls, Kanawha Falls and Blackwater Falls remain some of the most visited falls. The trail also features lesser-known hidden gems, including Seneca Creek Falls, Parkin's Waterfall and Loopemount Waterfall.

"We are absolutely thrilled to see the West



Virginia Waterfall Trail receive 75,000 check-ins," said West Virginia Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. "Our beautiful state is home to the most abundant collection of falls, and we are thankful to be able to share that with the rest of the world in a fun and engaging way. Whether you're just getting started or already completed the old list, there's another waterfall just waiting to be explored in Almost Heaven, West Virginia!"

Three New Waterfalls

Today, the Department of Tourism added three new falls to the trail. Each of these waterfalls has been made more accessible for visitors in recent months due to trail infrastructure improvements:

Clear Fork Rail Trail Waterfall

To find this deceptively unassuming beauty, watch for rail Clear Fork Rail Trail

signs along WV Route 1, also known as Clear Fork Road. The closest access point to the rail trail allows for an easy walk to the base of the waterfall. Navigating toward the waterfall, GPS driving directions will take you to the parking area, just adjacent to the Larry Allen "Crocky" Holstein, Jr. Memorial Bridge. Once parked, head to the trail kiosk from the road and turn left to follow the wide gravel path – just under a quarter of a mile upstream. Since there is limited cell service in the area, be sure to download your route ahead of time.

While hikers and cyclists will hear flowing water as they pass by along the Clear Fork Rail Trail, you may not see the full majesty of this waterfall unless you take a moment to peer up into the canopy. From this perspective, you can appreciate the multi-tiered waterfall that extends like stairsteps at least 40 feet up the mountainside into dense forest cover. In spring or after a heavy rain, you will spot multiple smaller falls along this section of the trail.

White Oak Falls

Nestled within the lush forests of Mercer County, White Oak Falls can now be accessed with a 4-mile total out-and-back hike through a scenic valley along the Bluestone River. A partnership between the Mercer County Commission, the Nature Conservatory and Camp Creek State Park has led to trail expansions and improvements beyond Brush Creek Falls, giving way to the additional two miles connecting to the beautiful White Oak Falls.

After parking at the access point for Brush Creek Falls, continue down the trail past Brush Creek's rushing waters, another 1.75

miles to reach the more delicate White Oak Falls. This gentle cascade tumbles over tiered rock formations – where the White Oak Branch meets the Bluestone River. As you make your way back to the Brush Creek Falls parking area, you'll round out your hike at about 4 miles total, through both State Parks and Nature Conservancy land.

Devil's Sawmill

Head to Clay, West Virginia to explore the beauty of Buffalo Creek. Driving to the location of this waterfall, you will find yourself in the parking area of Rail Explorers, where – starting on June 8, 2024 – you can purchase tickets to ride the rails on their state-of-the-art railbikes. Enjoy the views and scenery for about 5 miles until you approach the striking sight of Devil's Sawmill, which is a local gem.

Waterfall wanderers hoping to check-in before Rail Explorer's grand opening on June 8, will need to hike or cycle to the site, which is also feasible, by parking at the Rail Explorers headquarters and traveling approximately 5 miles along the railroad to come upon Devil's Sawmill. Watch for rail bikes and wildlife along the tracks, as you trek or ride 10 miles total to see the falls.

How to Participate

Checking into the Waterfall Trail is a simple process made possible by Bandwango, a travel technology platform that makes checking in at each location quick and easy.

To get started, visit WVtourism.com/waterfalls and register to have the West Virginia Waterfall Trail passport delivered straight to your smartphone. Those who have already registered and want to restart their adventures can text "resend waterfall trail passport" to 1-888-921-5333 to be connected with a support agent.

The West Virginia Department of Tourism rewards waterfall chasers with exclusive gear along the way:

- Check in at three or more waterfalls and receive a custom sticker.
- Check in at 10 or more waterfalls and receive an aluminum water bottle.
- Check in at 20 or more waterfalls and receive a waterfall wanderer t-shirt.
- Check in at all locations and receive a limited edition letterpress print.

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Porterwood
June 10th thru 14th
6-8:30 pm nightly
Ages Pre-k thru 6th
grade



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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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

MAIL TO: **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND**
c/o The Parsons Advocate
P.O. Box 345, Parsons, WV 26287

or drop off at the Advocate's office at 219 Central Ave., Parsons, WV

First Vendor Show at Eastern College Since Before Covid

Moorefield, W.Va. – Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College (Eastern) held its inaugural Eastern Extravaganza on Friday, May 17, 2024. The Eastern Extravaganza is a vendor show held throughout the halls of the main campus, and this is the first year it has been held since before COVID-19. Bat Country performed live, and 304 Highway Food Truck was also on-site for attendees to eat. Between visiting vendors, attendees could eat and listen to music. Eastern staff provided kids with free activities based on different cultures found throughout the world, such as Native America, Africa, China, Ireland, and Italy.

The vendors comprised Mary Kay, Scentsy, 31, Honaker Mountain Candles, Jordan Essentials, Seint Make-up, Pink Zebra, Hickory Hill, Handmade Treasures, Tracy's Crochet, Tiffany's Crafts, Wild & Wonderful Homestead, Doggone Good Honey, K-Kups N Such, Brandywine Berry Company, MS Creations, and Stuff and More Stuff. "Eastern West Virginia Commu-

nity & Technical College is a great location to have a vendor show," said Hope Bergdoll, independent consultant for Scentsy, "Lots of parking, room for vendor tables, food trucks, and necessities. I needed to use the outlets and I was provided a cord to use them for my vendor table. I would do another vendor show there in the future."

"This event showcases the vibrant spirit of our community and provides a wonderful opportunity for local vendors to connect with attendees," said Monica Wilson, Interim V.P. of Academics & Student Services, "We're especially proud of the diverse cultural activities offered for children, which highlight our commitment to community engagement and education."

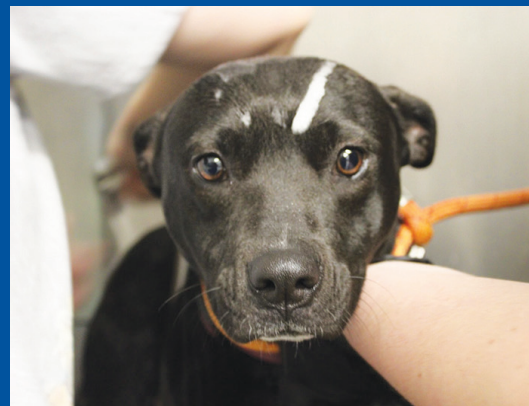
About Eastern

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, based in Moorefield, serves six counties in the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia and offers academic programs and workforce training. Learn more about Eastern at <https://easternwv.edu>.

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