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## Animal Shelter Reunites Lost Dog After Two Years

By: Lydia Crawley  
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A dog lost two years ago during Mountaineer Days has been reunited with its owner, according to Tucker County Animal Shelter Director Stacey Canfield. The announcement came as a part of an update to the Tucker County Commission Thursday, June 13th. “The most exciting part of this report is one dog that was brought to us was a dog that was lost at Mountaineer Days two years ago,” Canfield said.

The dog was lost when it ran off during fireworks, according to Canfield. “The fireworks started and their dog took off,” Canfield said.

Canfield said the owners had been actively trying to find the lost dog since it first ran off. According to Canfield, a reward was offered and an extensive search effort was undertaken. “They searched, they had a \$1,000 reward out for this long, they looked and looked and looked,” Canfield said.

According to Canfield, the dog was found wandering by the Rubenstein Center and brought into the shelter. “We posted it and the lady reached out and came and met him.”

Canfield said the dog recognized his family even after all the time he was lost. According to Canfield when the owner and her children arrived, the dog became overcome with excitement at the site of its owners. “That dog went nuts,” Canfield said. “For her kids, for her. It was incredible.”

Canfield said that her office had been in contact with the veterinarian to compare puppy pictures with the dog that was brought in to make sure of a positive identification. “Look at these puppy pictures compared to the adult, just to be sure,” Canfield said. “I mean, you never know 100%, but its too exact to not be perfect.”

Canfield said the owner has taken the dog home and he is doing well since returning home. “She’s taken him home and he’s doing great,” Canfield said.

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## Town of Davis Says No to Zoning in Special Election

By: Lydia Crawley  
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The residents of the Town of Davis have spoken. In a special election held Saturday, June 8th, residents shot down the Town's proposed zoning ordinance. The measure, sought by the Town, was rejected by nearly 59% of the 195 votes cast. The votes broke down to 80 for and 115 against, according to Town of Davis Mayor Al Tomson.

However, the measure is not completely dead, according to Tomson. Tomson stated at a June 12th meeting of the Town Council that the issue will be revisited in January of 2025 by the Planning Commission to be drafted and brought before council for approval. “Planning Commission will push that forward again,” Tomson said. “Just like they did this year.”

According to Tomson, the new drafting of the ordinance is slated to include input by the residents. “The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be in January of 2025,” Tomson said. “At that point they will work on a new zoning ordinance that will be tailored to a lot of the comments that we heard from people.”

Tomson said if approved by the Council, residents would have 90 days to petition for an election on the matter should any opposition be raised. If no petition is presented, the ordinance would go into effect. Should a petition be presented on the matter, the ordinance would be placed on hold pending an election on the matter, according to Tomson. “Next year probably it will go to the council for vote for implementation,” Tomson said, “and then if people want to have an election, you’ll have to do a proper petition.”



Should the vote had been successful, it would have replaced a temporary moratorium on short term rentals in the Town that has been in effect for over two years.

## Animal Shelter Offers Free Spay/Neuter Program for Cats

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Animal Shelter is offering free spay/neuter services for cats in Tucker County Animal Shelter Director Stacey Canfield updated the Tucker County Commission on the project at the Commission's Thursday, June 13th meeting. “We have officially partnered up with SNIP out of Morgantown, West Virginia,” Canfield said. “And once a month they will be doing free spay and neuter services for owned cats in Tucker County.”

Canfield said that the first date of June 26th will be reserved for TNR (Trap Neuter Release) cats. Cats eligible for the first spay/neuter clinic interlude feral and farm cats, according to Canfield. “This first month, the 26th, its strictly for TNR, so your feral cats that can never be tamed and can never be adopted out, your farming cats, things like that,” Canfield said.

According to Canfield, there are still spots available for the TNR day on the 26th. “We have 15 spots open, we filled six of them,” Canfield said. “So we still have a little bit of availability.”

Canfield said the program can accommodate up to 50 cats a month on clinic day. Canfield also said that she hopes a lot of people take advantage of the program so that it can continue into the future. “And depending on how much interest we get, we can go up to 50 cats a month in one day,” Canfield said. “So we are really hoping to see that get completely filled so that they keep wanting to help us.”

Canfield said her department is forced to partner with outside resources due to the lack of a veterinarian in Tucker County. “We are partnering up with outside resources because we don't have a vet in the county and it is at least \$130 for every animal just to spay and neuter that doesn't even include vaccines and things like that,” Canfield said.

Due to the lack of a veterinarian in Tucker County,



A feral cat that has one ear slightly shorter with a flat top has been ear tipped. This is done to identify that the cat has been spayed or neutered and is therefore free to roam. Photo courtesy of the Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Project.

Canfield said her staff have begun to offer Rabies Vaccinations and Microchip insertion at the Shelter. The service is offered to the public. “We are offering Rabies Vaccines and Microchipping at the shelter now to help out,” Canfield said.

The Shelter staff have been offering home vaccination visits to those with hunting dogs, Canfield said. “We’ve been on several home calls where we have gone out and vaccinated hunting dogs on property so you don't have to load them up and bring them in,” Canfield said.

Canfield said her office will also do house visits to vaccinate aggressive and reactive animals for owners. “You know, you're scared, aggressive, reactive cats, dogs, we'll come to you and do that call so that you won't have to worry about that,” Canfield said.

According to Canfield, the ordinance is written to protect animals such as cats that thrive outdoors. Canfield said that cats that have been ear tipped have already been spayed or neutered, but if a cat does not have an ear tipped, it likely is not spayed or neutered and should be taken to the Shelter. Cats that are already ear tipped are allowed to be where they are found, according to Canfield. “If you see a cat outside that is ear tipped, you don't touch it,” Canfield said. “If you trap a cat that is not ear tipped, you bring it to us.”

Canfield said that cats that have been spayed or neutered are not as aggressive or adding to the feline population in the wild. “If a cat is ear tipped, it is not mating, it is not fighting, they're not spraying on property,” Canfield said.

According to Canfield, even owned animals can be subject to the TNR ordinance. Canfield said any report to her office of a nuisance cat, even if it is owned, that does not have an ear tipped, is subject to TNR by local law. “So, anytime we get a feline nuisance complaint that a cat is not ear tipped, immediately bring it to us, let us fix it and we will immediately release it back,” Canfield said. “Because even if that was someone's owned cat, it was running at large without an ear tip which falls under our community ordinance so legally we have to trap, neuter and release that animal.”

Canfield said the only responsibility the person who files the complaint has is to watch the trap and notify her office when the cat has been captured. According to Canfield, the Shelter staff will take care of everything else. “We'll come set it, you just need to let us know when something goes in it,” Canfield said.

Canfield said to identify a cat that has been ear tipped, look for one ear that is flat at the top where the top part of the ear has been surgically removed.

## Town of Davis Ditches Short Term Rental Moratorium

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

The Town of Davis Council unanimously voted to end the Town's ongoing moratorium on Short Term Rentals within the Town limits. The end of the moratorium became effective as of the vote on Wednesday, June 12th.

The moratorium, initially scheduled to end the last day of June, has been in effect for over two years and has been renewed multiple times, according to Tomson. “We have a moratorium that is in effect right now,” Tomson said. “Its

been in effect for over two years. Its been renewed a couple of times. Its set to expire the 30th of this month.”

Tomson made the motion to repeal the moratorium. The motion came following a special election in which a Town proposed zoning ordinance tied to the issue of Short Term Rentals was voted down in a 80 to 115 vote by Davis residents. The motion to repeal the moratorium was unanimously approved by the council. “I propose that we go ahead and cancel it today, as opposed to waiting until

“It means that anyone can now come in and apply for a building permit and business license for an Airbnb,” Helmick said.

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## Vandalism Leads to Bathroom Closures in Davis

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

Repeated vandalism has led to the closure of public bathrooms in Town parks in Davis. The announcement was part of a Town Council meeting held Wednesday, June 12th at Davis Town Hall. Town of Davis Office Manager Joni Felton discussed the issues that have been affecting the restrooms at the City parks. “We have closed the Riverfront Park bathroom because somebody has taken it upon themselves to build a fire in the bathroom,” Felton said.

The fire, according to Felton, was fueled by the supplies in the bathroom. This was followed up with further vandalism in the form of clogging the toilet with the new supplies, Felton said. “(They) used the

supplies to do it and then took all of the new supplies and put them in the toilet,” Felton said.

According to Felton, a lack of volunteers has led to the site being targeted. The need for volunteers, according to Felton, also extends to general maintenance of the site. Felton said she, alone was cleaning and maintaining the site. “It really becomes a hassle when there is just one of us checking them and one of us cleaning them and there's not enough people to volunteer to daily check them,” Felton said.

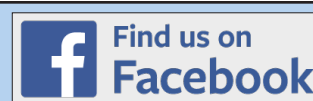
According to Felton, the issues has been ongoing with the recent incident being the second to occur. In the first incident, Felton said that someone had been living in the structure. “The first time somebody

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# News of Record

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

- Celena Marie Myers, of Hambleton, was charged with one felony count of manufacture, deliver or possess with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance. The complaint states that on Friday, June 14, Trooper G.P. Hahn was patrolling the Parsons area when he observed a vehicle acting in a suspicious manner leading the officer to believe a crime was being committed. Hahn conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver, Celena Marie Myers. Before being stopped the suspect turned up a gravel drive that did not lead to her residence. While speaking with the suspect Hahn located a “Roach” lodged in the far left side air vent. He asked the suspect about it to which she confirmed the identity of the illegal substance as being marijuana. He asked her to exit the vehicle so a probable cause search could be conducted. Upon searching the vehicle he located a clear plastic bag containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Upon further search the officer located another clear plastic bag containing a white crystal like substance believed to be meth, which did test positive. Hahn continued to search the vehicle and located two more clear plastic bags containing a brown powdery substance believed to be heroin. While searching the vehicle he also located multiple smoking devices commonly used in the consumption of illicit drugs as well as multiple scales and packaging material commonly used in the sale and distribution of said illicit drugs. Hahn also located a large amount of US currency in the same area as said illegal substances. All this was located during a probable cause search of the vehicle.
- Leonard Dale Todd, of Parsons, has been charged with one felony count of Receiving or transferring stolen goods and one felony count of Bringing into state, receiving or disposing of property stolen in another state.
- According to the complaint on Wednesday, June 5 Patrolman First Class N.C. Gidley was contacted by the victim, who owns RJs Auto Sales in Cambridge, Ohio. The victim explained that on/about April 18 he had a red Ford Mustang GT Convertible and a Summit Racing 6-inch cowl induction hood stolen from his business. The victim states that Leonard “Leo” Dale Todd was the individual that he believes stole the vehicle and other items. He stated that prior to the incident Mr. Todd had purchased a yellow Ford Mustang from him. Mr. Todd contacted the victim and told him that he needed a rear axle for the vehicle, and the victim stated that he could have, to which Mr. Todd came to the business and loaded the entire vehicle (red Ford Mustang) onto a trailer and took the hood off another vehicle when no one was around and without the victim’s permission.
- The victim stated that he had information, pictures and videos sent to him through social media stating that the vehicle was in Parsons, WV. The victim provided these to PFC. Gidley via email. Reviewing the media files sent to him, Gidley was able to identify the Seventh Street Car Wash in the background of the video showing a red Ford Mustang convertible. The victim also stated that he believed Mr. Todd to be residing at 105 Sixth Street, Parsons, WV with Mr. Todd’s girlfriend. Gidley had personally observed a yellow mustang and an individual matching Mr. Todd’s description at that residence prior to this complaint.
- The victim explained that he believed the red Mustang was not in Mr. Todd’s possession anymore, as the victim provided a screenshot of a Facebook post which listed the vehicle being sold in Parkersburg. In the Facebook post screenshot, the vehicle is listed as a 1994 Ford Mustang GT Convertible 2D., with no engine, transmission, or rear end and that the seller (which the screenshot shows as Leo Todd) was still in the possession of the Tribar rims off the vehicle. The victim stated that when the vehicle was stolen, the only thing it did not have was an engine. Additional screenshots also show a yellow Ford Mustang parked in front of a residence that matches the description on Sixth Street in Parsons.
- A copy of a police report from the Guernsey County Sheriff’s Office (GCSO) in Cambridge, Ohio was obtained by Gidley which, in summary, states that the victim reported the stolen vehicle and hood to the GCSO and also made contact with Mr. Todd about the vehicle and hood to which Mr. Todd told the victim he would bring the vehicle back. The report also states that

officers from the GCSO made contact with Mr. Todd and advised him that he needed to return the property to the victim, to which Mr. Todd told the other officers that he would bring it back. The report reflects that on Tuesday, April 30 a report was forwarded to detectives and that the vehicle was put into NCIC as stolen.

- On Friday, June 8 Gidley went before Magistrate Wilfong with a search warrant affidavit to search for the stolen property at 105 Sixth Street. The search warrant was granted and executed the same day. During execution of the search warrant, Mr. Todd was located and placed into custody for an outstanding Parole Violation warrant. Mr. Todd’s girlfriend, Lucy Parsons, was placed into custody by the West Virginia State Police for Obstruction an Officer. While searching the property of 105 Sixth Street officers located multiple vehicle parts that were red in color and appeared to be for a Ford Mustang inside a metal shed at the back of the property. Gidley located a tag on a passenger side door with a VIN number which matched the VIN number of the reported stolen red Mustang reported by the victim from Cambridge, Ohio. Tucker County 911 confirmed that the VIN number matched a NCIC record for a stolen vehicle. Mr. Todd was then processed at the WVSP Barracks in Parsons prior to being taken to Tygart Valley Regional Jail. And Mr. Todd advised that he did not wish to be interviewed by Gidley about the stolen vehicle or hood after being advised of his Miranda Rights. While en route to RVRJ Mr. Todd spontaneously uttered that he and another individual had went up and obtained the red Mustang from the victim because he believed he had permission to take the vehicle. Mr. Todd and Ms. Parsons were then remanded into the custody of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation at TVRJ. This incident occurred within the city limits of parsons in Tucker County, WV.
- Lucy Annetta Parsons, of Parsons, was charged with one count of Obstructing an Officer. The complaint states that on Thursday, June 7 Trooper G.P. Hahn was assisting with a warrant service at the address of 105 Sixth Street in Parsons. He spoke with the homeowner who stated that the person in question (Leonard Todd) who has felony warrants for his arrest was inside the residence. Hahn Made contact with Lucy A. Parsons (accused) who exited the residence into the attached garage. Hahn asked the accused where Mr. Todd was located in the residence to which she stated that he was not here. Hahn advised her that it was known that the Todd subject was inside the residence to which she denied and went back inside the residence. Mr. Todd was located and placed under arrest along with the accused.
- Noah William New, of Elkins, was charged with one count of Trespassing, one count of Obstruction an Officer and one count of Assault on Officer. According to the complaint, on Saturday, June 1 Deputy B.M. Gidley was contacted by Tucker County Communications of a fight happening at 207 Jameson Ave. in Parsons. Gidley and Trooper Hawkins of the West Virginia State Police responded to the address. Once on scene Gidley made contact with the homeowner and the aunt. The individual that was combative was identified as the defendant and was advised that he was heavily intoxicated, was not listening and became physically combative with them. They called two family members to come help with him and they were able to get him in bed by the time officers arrived. He was passed out in the bedroom. Due to the suspects intoxication officers contacted Tucker County EMS to come check on him. The suspect did allow EMS to check and he refused to go with EMS and at this point he then advised he would go with his aunt to the hospital. The homeowner wanted him trespassed from the property. Family members from Randolph County were also coming to try to get the suspect to go home. The suspect did not want to leave the property and again changed his mind that he was not going to the hospital. He did not want to leave the residence. He finally got out of bed and went downstairs, put his boots on and walked outside where he started to walk down the sidewalk. Gidley told him to come back for his safety and others. He refused commands to come back, Gidley started walking towards him when he turned around and took a step towards the officer. Gidley grabbed his left arm and told him

to turn around when the suspect threw his right hand up at the officer’s face. At this point Gidley immediately began to try to regain control and was assisted to the ground Where Hawkins assisted in trying to get the suspect to comply. He refused commands to put his hands behind his back but finally complied. The suspect was transported to Gidley’s cruiser and then on to TVRJ for processing.

• All suspects are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Tucker County Commission, Purchase Agreement – 1.48 acres; St. George District; Northeast side of Butts Farm Road to, Prodigy, \$9,500.
- William E. Berlin, Hillary T. Berlin and Kathleen A. Murray, Dry Fork District, Unit #1241, Building 2 Beech Lodge, Beaver Ridge Condo to William J. Murray, \$177,500.
- Matthew Stalkner and Melissa Stalnaker, Dry Fork District, Unit B-6 Blackwater Center Condominium to Barbara W. Hill, \$139,000.
- BDT LLC, Dry Fork District, 8 foot Lane, Right of Way as depicted on plat, and portion of Summer Road right of way to MTP WV LLC, \$1,000 Michael Brechbill, Black Fork District, ½ acre more or less to John Jose and Kathleen Gooding-Jose, \$30,000.
- Daniel Leon Sherman, Black Fork District, 1.54 acres, more or less to Barry Hensley, Paula Hensley and Destiny Hensley, \$28,000.
- Claudia R. Randolph, Dry Fork District, .99 acres more or less to Alexander Seleznyov and Darya Seleznyov, \$410,000.
- Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc., Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit C6 Week 10 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to Jerry L. Haney and Nancy B. Haney, \$7,000.
- Karen S. Devault and on behalf of Robert K. Devault, Dry Fork District, Week 34 Unit B6, Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. Timeshare Condo to Karen S. Devault, \$100.

**The following marriage has been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk’s office:**

- Josiah N. Lemelin to Kaitlin C. Sweetwine on Friday, June 7, 2024.

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# SPORTS

## Macy Helmick Competes in North/South All-Star Game



The North Girls' Basketball team after the North/South All-Star game on June 14th. Photo by Maddy Helmick.

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

SOUTH CHARLESTON – The Annual North/South Basketball All-Star game was held at the South Charleston Community Center on Friday June 14th. Tucker County's Macy Helmick was a member of the North team as part of the Girls' Basketball event.

Helmick competed in the Foul Shooting Competition where she advanced to the finals with 9 out of 10 foul shots made in the first round. Macy then made 8 out of 10 foul shots in the finals which forced a sudden death with Lewis County player Kenna Maxwell. In sudden death Maxwell defeated Helmick to win the event as Helmick placed second.

In the game the North and South teams battled back and forth throughout as the South led at the halftime break 29-25. The game would come down to the last possession as the South's Maddie Clark(Wyoming East) banked in a 2-point basket at the buzzer to win the game by the final score of 57-55.

The North MVP was Ashlynn Van



Tucker County's Macy Helmick competed in the North/South All-Star Game on June 14th. Photo by Maddy Helmick.

Tassell(Cameron) with 29 points and the South MVP was Sophie Nichols with 21 points.

The South team also won the Boys' Basketball Game 86-79. In the North/South Football game on June 15th the South team won in overtime 21-20. For more information go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## Tucker County's Rosenau Makes Baseball All-State List

By Dave Helmick  
TuckerCountySports.Com

The WV Sports Writers announced the Class "A" Baseball All-State members on Wednesday June 12th. Tucker County Baseball had one athlete receive All-State

Recognition. Senior, Ethan Rosenau was recognized as an Honorable Mention selection for the Mt. Lions. Rosenau was also honored as a Football and Basketball All-State selection. For a complete list of Class "A" Baseball All-State go to TuckerCountySports.Com.

## Tucker County, West Virginia Announces Lineup For Fourth Of July Festivities



Davis, W.Va. — Tucker County, West Virginia, invites residents and visitors to celebrate Independence Day weekend with a vibrant lineup of events, including festivals, live music and fireworks displays.

The festivities kick off at Canaan Valley Resort State Park with Windfest 2024, a three-day event from July 5-7. Witness incredible displays of giant kites, including a 115-foot cobra snake and a 150-foot turbine. Aspiring kite flyers can learn the art of stunt kite control, while everyone can enjoy live music, scenic chairlift rides and mountain vistas.

Complementing Windfest, the Resort will also host a free live music performance by The Silas Powell Band on July 5, as part of its ongoing Mountain-side Music Series.

On July 6, the celebration shifts to the town of Thomas for the cherished tradition of Mountaineer Days. This beloved event features a full-day lineup, including:

- 8 a.m. - Kick off your day with the 2K/5K race by Young Life.
  - 10 a.m. - Browse the food and craft vendors lining the railroad grade.
  - 10:30 a.m. - Let your child unleash their creativity during the Kids Bicycle Decorating Contest sponsored by Ranger Jane.
  - 11 a.m. - Listen to Nat Frederick on the Main Stage.
  - Noon - Celebrate the community spirit during the Fourth of July parade.
  - 1 p.m. - Support a sweet cause with the Cake Walk sponsored by Mountaineer Humane Society.
  - 2:30 p.m. to Dusk - Enjoy live music entertainment on the Main Stage (bands and artists to be confirmed).
  - Dark - Stay for the dazzling finale — the 67th Annual Fireworks by the Thomas Volunteer Fire Department.
- Capping off the weekend is a free outdoor concert by the esteemed Wheeling



Symphony Orchestra at 3 p.m. on July 7 at the Canaan Valley Resort Ski Area Side. Included in the Celebration of the Arts presented by the Alpine Festival, this patriotic performance features conductor John Devlin and acclaimed tenor soloist Ben Gully. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets. Donations to support the event are appreciated.

"There's something special about celebrating Independence Day in the small mountain towns of Tucker County," said Jessica Waldo, Executive Director of the Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau. "With a variety of events and activities to suit all interests, there's something for everyone to enjoy."

For a complete schedule and more information on planning your Fourth of July getaway to Tucker County, visit [gettuckered.com](http://gettuckered.com).

About the Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau is a nonprofit marketing and sales organization whose mission is to promote tourism and advertise Tucker County as a visitor-friendly travel destination.

## TC Belle Wright Celebrated by CEOS

The Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) of Tucker County, West Virginia, has a rich tradition of fostering community spirit and education, a legacy that Mrs. Sherry Wright is now a part of as the newly elected TC Belle. The concept of the Belles, originating from the West Virginia State Folk Festivals, is a testament to the enduring respect for the pioneering way of life that shaped the region. Since 1957, the Belles have been a symbol of this heritage, embodying the values and traditions of their counties at the Folk Festivals.

Mrs. Wright's election as a Belle is a reflection of her significant contributions to the community through the CEOS. Her move from La Plata, Maryland, to the heart of West Virginia signifies a deep appreciation for the mountainous landscape and a commitment to service that has touched many lives. In her role as vice president of the Clover Run CEOS club, she has been instrumental in fundraising efforts that enable local 4-H youth to experience the joys and learning opportunities of summer camp.

Sherry's upbringing on a sprawling farm, her active participation in 4-H, and her experience with raising market steers all highlight her profound connection to agriculture and community development. Her advice to the younger generation to acquire basic skills and engage in volunteering speaks volumes about her philosophy on community involvement and personal growth.

The history of the CEOS itself is intertwined with the fabric of West Virginia's community life. Established in 1914 as the Farm Women's Club, the



organization has evolved into a voluntary, nonprofit entity that works in partnership with West Virginia University Extension. Its mission is to empower individuals and communities, a mission that Sherry Wright embodies through her actions and leadership.

As we celebrate Sherry's achievements and her role as the TC Belle, we are reminded of the importance of community service and the impact one individual can have on the lives of many. Her dedication to fostering a sense of community and her efforts to promote agricultural and educational initiatives ensure that the pioneering spirit of West Virginia continues to thrive. Sherry Wright stands as a shining example of the "Outstanding Lady of the Festivals," a title that honors her commitment and the legacy of the CEOS Belles before her.



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## Town of Davis

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The end of the moratorium paves the way for new business applications for short term rentals, according to Council Member Jennie Helmick. “It means that anyone can now come in and apply for a building permit and business license for an Airbnb,” Helmick said.

While applications are now open to the eight individuals that were on a waiting list for new Short Term Rental approvals by the Town during the moratorium, approval is still not assured, according to Town of Davis Office Manager Joni Felton. “The ones that we have on the list, technically they need to come to council to get an approval, correct,” Felton said. “So its not an automatic that they (get approval).”

Helmick said that the council discussed that properties applying for a business license would need to be move-in ready in order for a business license to be approved. According to Helmick, there was an issue in the past of people applying for a business license for prop-

erties that were still under construction. “We discussed that since we had people that got in there before the moratorium went in place and their properties weren't ready, they were working on them, their property has to be ready before we will grant them a business license,” Helmick said. “They can't just work on it and say it will be this this year or next year.”

The Town of Davis currently does not have the capabilities for inspections, according to Tomson. This means the Town has no way to enforce a policy like the one discussed by Helmick regarding property condition. “We really can't enforce it,” Tomson said.

Discussion on the matter also included that while the state issues licenses, as well, there is no inspection at the state level, either. Other discussion also brought up that the Short Term Rental host sites do not have any inspection or enforcement capabilities, either. It was also discussed that some Short Term Rentals are not listed on host sites, but operate as independent small businesses.

## Vandalism

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was living in it,” Felton said. “This time I am done.”

Vandalism and abuse of facilities are also occurring at other Town administered parks, according to Felton. There have been incidents at Tucker Boulder Park, as well Felton reported. “We also had a mess at the Boulder Park,” Felton said. “I will leave out the details, but I had to clean that one up as well. So, if that one continues to get abused, I will also lock that one, as well and there will be no public bathrooms.”

The incidents, according to Felton, are being perpetrated by adults. “This is definitely adults that is doing this. Its not children being stupid or mean, it is adults,” Felton said.

The area currently has no camera coverage capability, Felton said. According to Felton, the area of Riverfront Park

does not have access to the wifi needed to install cameras. Of the three park facilities, only the Community Center has camera coverage, according to Felton. Tucker Boulder Park also lacks wifi capability, Felton said. “The Riverfront Park cannot have cameras because there is no wifi down there,” Felton said.

The Town is considering placing temporary toilet facilities at the site, according to Felton. No determination has been made on the implementation, Felton said. Town of Davis Mayor Al Tomson said that the children that use the parks are the reason the Town is discussing implementing temporary facilities at the site. “There is a discussion on whether to do a port-a-john at this point,” Felton said. “That gets maintained by people every week. It hasn't been clarified yet whether we are going to do that or not.”

## We Get Letters

### Attention Davis Residents:

Retribution is coming! On 6/12/24 Town Council met just 4 days after residents voted down the zoning ordinance by 80 for and 115 against. The Mayor announced that the he and the council intend on passing the zoning ordinance against the wishes of the residents. This decision was not discussed at the council meeting so I am assuming it was discussed and agreed to among the council outside of the public which is ILLEGAL. The plan is for council to approve the zoning ordinance and then the residents will have to again submit a proper (read legal) petition containing 10% of registered voters filled out by their own hand. At that point the zoning ordinance would be put on hold and another vote would be scheduled. How many times are we going to go through this?

WV State Code 8A-8-7 states: “ (f) The zoning ordinance is adopted if it is approved by a majority of the voters and is effective on the date the results of an election are declared. If a zoning ordinance is rejected, the zoning ordinance does not take effect. The governing body may submit the zoning ordinance to the voters again at the next primary or general election.” Now I read that to mean we can vote on it again at the next primary or general election which is in November. It does not say the council

can go ahead and pass it then the residents have to submit another petition.

Then to set fire to the situation, Council Member Jennie Helmick wants to pass the 2018 INTERNATIONAL Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). Can you imagine little old Davis needs an International Property Maintenance Code? The town clerk advised her that this document was sort of included in the Comprehensive Plan that passed last year but there has to be some language changes to said plan. Everybody needs to read this IPMC - it is scary. It is available on line as a free download. As 1 example: most homes in Davis are 100 years old. Section 108.1.5 #10 states “Any building or structure, because of a lack of sufficient or proper fire-resistance-rated construction, fire protection systems, electrical system, fuel connections, mechanical system, plumbing system or other cause, is determined by the code official to be a threat to life or health” shall be considered to be dangerous. How many homes have a fire protection system or proper fire resistance rated construction (100 years ago)?

If the Town Council cannot be receptive to the residents of this town, then perhaps there needs to be a clean sweep.

Lori Quattro  
Davis

## OBITUARIES

### Carol Faye (Corbin) Pase

Carol Faye (Corbin) Pase, 88, of Thomas, WV, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home on December 8, 2023, with her faithful cat, Maybelle, on her lap and watching

over her. She was born on April 11, 1935, in Kempton, MD and was the daughter of the late Claude "Pete" Corbin and Gladys "Glad" (Davis) Corbin.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thomas. A dinner will immediately follow at the Thomas United Methodist Church.

### Edward M. Kennard, Jr.

Edward M. Kennard, Jr., 73, of Davis, passed away on May 28, 2024, at the Rosewood Center Nursing Home, in Grafton. Born on February 20, 1951, in Elkins, he was the son of the late Ed and Goldie Kennard.

Ed was a 1969 graduate of Mountaineer High School. Shortly after graduating, he served in the United States Marine Corps. After his service, he worked in Virginia as a heavy equipment

mechanic. He enjoyed watching game shows and westerns on TV.

He is survived by his son, Joseph Kennard; a grandson, Bradley; three siblings, Gloria Bland of Thomas, David Kennard and twin brother, Edwin Kennard of Davis; nieces, Lisa, Angela, Tiffany, Jill, Megan, Kimberly, Kim, and Jennifer; nephews, Mark, Kyle, and Scottie; along with several great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Kyle Bland and sisters-in-law, Cheryl Kennard and Ruby Kennard.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 3 PM in the Davis Cemetery with Pastor Bob Yothers officiating.

The Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Kennard family at this time.

### William Berry



William Berry, 75, of Davis, passed away on May 29, 2024, at Garrett Regional Medical Center. Born on December 20, 1948, he was the son of the late Harold R. and Dorothy L. (McBee) Berry.

Bill was a 1967 graduate of Mountaineer High School. He served his country for over 20 years in the United States Navy, serving during the Vietnam War and the Iran Conflict as an ABH Chief. After retirement from the Navy, he worked for American Airlines for 20 years and then as a truck driver for 10 years. He was a member of the Hambleton Pentecostal Church of God. He loved and adored his son and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Lawrence) Berry, to whom he was

married on November 2, 1978; his son, Jerry Pifer and wife Vickie; four grandchildren, Maverick Pifer, Morgan Parsons and husband Marshall, Shasta Streets and husband Brandon, and Autumn Pifer and fiancé Joshua Burns; eight great grandchildren, Dakota McCallister, Isaac Parsons, Leland Parsons, Paisley Pifer, Averie Lewis, Carter Lewis, Aiden and Mason Streets;

a great great granddaughter, Cailyn McCallister; and two sisters, Patricia Williamson and Sandra Cooper.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three siblings, David Berry, Cathy Phillips, and Ralph Berry.

Friends will be received on Monday, June 3, 2024, from 5 to 7 PM, at the Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home, 567 Thomas Ave., Davis. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 11 AM in the funeral home with Bishop Randall Lawrence and Rev. Eric Pennington officiating. Interment will follow in the Grafton National Cemetery.

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

## SENIOR NEWS

The Parsons Senior Center outpost was held on June 4, 2024. Linda J. Bonner welcomed everyone, led the group in reciting The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of "God Bless America". June birthdays were recognized, and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Sharon Daniels and Delores Kelley.

Sharon Daniels read "Summer's Peak", Kenny Knotts read "A Toast to the Flag", Barb McClain read "Wave on Flag", Arlene Ramsey read "The Rhododendron Song", and Betty Sturm read "My Home Among the Hills". Door prizes were won by Jean Myers, David Varner, and Carl Myers.

Jim King from Grafton played guitar and sang many favorites including John Denver's "Back Home Again", Merle Haggard's "Mamma Tried", and George Strait's "The Chair".

If you like to sing, come and join the choir, or if you just enjoy listening, the choir sings at 10:30 each Thursday. Meals are served every day at 11:30 am. Trips are planned to "The Gandy Dancer Dinner Theater" in Elkins and signup sheets are ready. The center will be closed on June 20th, West Virginia Day. Please call 304-478-2423 if any questions about programs or services.

## FFA Annual Banquet Held

The Tucker County High School, Tucker FFA chapter held its annual banquet on April 13th at PVFD banquet hall. Zada Carr, 2023-2024-chapter president, opened the meeting; Vice-President Alicia Barb proceeded with the roll of officers, Kristen Ritchey at the post of treasurer, Emily Snyder at the post of reporter, Makenna Evans at the post of secretary, and Mary Phillips at the post of sentinel, with all reporting that their stations were in order.

The meeting / dinner continued with a blessing given by Matthew Stoner. There was a slideshow of photos from the past year's events, which included the WV State Convention at Cedar Lakes, WV, Tucker County Fair, FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN, Tucker County Commission Christmas Luncheon, Cortland Acre's fruit baskets, Regional Large and Zero Turn Tractor contest in Moorefield WV, apple butter at TVEMS, Eastern Community College, Youth Ag Innovation Showcase, West Virginia Farm Bureau Legislative Day in Charleston and the Jackson's Mill's Beef Expo. The fund-raising events that the club has worked on throughout the year were mum sales, freezer raffle, fruit sales, fresh apple cider made at the school, TCHS Boys and Girls Basketball concessions, strawberry and nut sales, and flower and vegetables plant sales to help finance their travels.

Mr. Pennington, Tucker FFA Advisor / Vocational Agricultural Teacher at TCHS greeted everyone and thanked them for their support with the FFA program.

The FFA Creed was presented by Kristen Ritchey and the FFA Motto was presented by Matthew Stoner.

Green Hand Certificates were received by Lillian Collar, Hannah Nestor, Mary Phillips, Matthew Stoner, Adrianna Tuttle, Cortney Shaffer, Ivan Lothes, Alexis Bane, and Elizabeth Anderson.

Chapter degrees were received by Makenna Evans, Kristen Ritchey, Kierstin Green, Jonathan Donnellan, Addison Hunt, and Logan Shahan.

2023-2024 Honorary Tucker County FFA member was Roxanne Tuesing, "something she has always wanted to be of member of," stating that when she was in high school, females were not allow to be member of FFA chapters.

Remarks were heard by attending seniors, Kiley Hebb, Abby Wilfong, Laney Burns, Abigail Shahan, Owen Knotts and Zada Carr.

Also in attendance with remarks were Assistant Commissioner WV Department of Agriculture Amic Minor, WV State Senators

Randy Smith and Jay Taylor, Tucker County Superintendent Alicia Lambert, TCHS Principal Alex Cork, TCHS Vice Principal/CTE Director Willam Shahan, Tucker County Commissioners Fred Davis and Mike Rosenau and WV State FFA Officers Kaylee Myles and Isaiah Ash.

The new office team for the 2024-2025 year will be President Marky Phillips, Vice-President Emily Snyder, Secretary: Makenna Evans, Treasurer Kirsten Ritchey, Reporter Lillian Collar, and Sentinel Mary Phillips.

The Tucker County FFA Chapter is open to all students at TCHS that are taking Vocational Agricultural Education classes through the CTE program. For additional information on the chapter please speak with Mr. Pennington, FFA Advisor or any current FFA member.



### Fairview Homecoming

Sunday, June 30, 2024 at the church pavilion on Location Rd.  
Covered dish lunch at noon  
Everyone Welcome  
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# What's? Happening

## Carr Reunion

The family and friends of Inva, James, John and Wayne Carr will hold their annual family reunion on Sunday, June 23 at Mill Race Park

in Parsons. A covered dish luncheon will be served around 1 p.m. We ask that you bring a large portion of your favorite food and come out and enjoy a day of fun.



**The West Virginia Encyclopedia**  
www.wvencyclopedia.org



**June 23, 1944: A tornado struck Shinnston and the surrounding area, killing 103 people and injuring hundreds more.**

*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 19, 1905:** Senator Rush Dew Holt was born in Weston. At 29, Holt was the youngest person ever elected to the U.S. Senate, earning him the nickname “Boy Senator.” Since the Constitution sets 30 as the minimum age for senators, Holt had to wait until his birthday in June 1935 to take his seat, nearly six months into the 74th Congress.

**June 19, 1909:** Oak Park, an amusement park in Preston County, opened. The park was an easy ride from Morgantown and helped fill up trains on weekends and holidays. On one summer day in 1909, 14 trains brought more than 4,000 people to the park.

**June 20, 1861:** Francis Pierpont was unanimously elected governor of the pro-Union Reorganized Government of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.

**June 20, 1863:** West Virginia became the 35th state. Arthur Boreman was the state’s first governor.

**June 20, 1932:** The West Virginia capitol was officially dedicated. Construction had begun in 1924.

**June 20, 1963:** On the 100th birthday of West Virginia, President John F. Kennedy made his last appearance in West Virginia. Speaking in Charleston in a pouring rain, he said, “The sun does not always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do.”

**June 20, 1970:** The play Hatfields and McCoys opened at Grandview State Park amphitheater. Written by Billy Edd Wheeler with music by Ewel Cornett, the show joined Honey in the Rock as a regular summer offering.

**June 21, 1920:** Wheeling Steel Corporation was organized when La Belle Iron Works, Whitaker-Glessner Company, and Wheeling Steel & Iron Works combined. In the 1920s, Wheeling Steel employed more than 17,000 workers and ranked as the nation’s third-largest steelmaker.

**June 21, 1959:** Musician Kathy Mattea was born in South Charleston but grew up in nearby Cross Lanes. She rose to country music stardom in the 1980s. Since 2021, she has hosted the Mountain Stage radio program.

**June 22, 1926:** Earl Olgebay died in Cleveland. He was one of West Virginia’s most successful industrialists and a generous benefactor.

**June 23, 2016:** Eight inches of rain fell in a 12-hour period. The Meadow, Cherry and Elk rivers, as well as Howard Creek, flooded downtowns and The Greenbrier resort, killing 23 people.

**June 24, 1842:** Author Ambrose Bierce was born. Bierce found the setting for some of his famous short stories in the mountains of Civil War-era West Virginia.

**June 25, 1811:** Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth was born near Beverly, Randolph County. His many bridges included the earliest covered bridge at Beverly and the famous Philippi covered bridge.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

Manners are very important to me and it seems that the general public today does not know the meaning of the word. It is not that hard to excuse yourself if you bump into someone or thank someone for holding a door for you. I was walking the dog this past week and it was early in the morning. As I made my way around my usual route, I saw a lady come toward me and I instinctively said “Good Morning” to her. She looked straight at me and just kept walking.

To me that was very rude, it was so simple for her to just answer me with a reply. Momma Said, “A little kindness goes a long way.” We used to have a class in Home Economics that actually taught manners, but in my family we already had the upper hand because we were taught thank you and you are welcome at home. We were thankful for everything we got and we were always ready to express those thanks.

To this day I practice those habits and it really hurts me to see that they are not recip-

## Momma Said

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

By Teri Cayton  
The Parsons Advocate



rocated. The gesture of saying good morning to someone should brighten their day. It is probable that half the time the gesture is not given back but it makes me feel better to know that I was not the one that was slacking. Momma Said, “It is better to give than receive.”

I will continue the practice and maybe it will rub off on some folks. It is the thought that counts but people are so cut off from society today that sometimes I feel invisible. If they don’t see me maybe I can whisper in their ear and plant the seed of kindness, after all it is free.

## Cheesecake Cups

### Ingredients

- Graham cracker crumbs
  - 2 packages full fat cream cheese 8 oz. each, room temperature
  - 2 cups heavy whipping cream equal to 1 pint
  - 1 ½ cups powdered sugar divided into 1 cup and 1/2 cup
  - 1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
  - 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- Can also use premade cheesecake filling

### Instructions

1. The size of cup you use will determine how much graham cracker crumb to put in the bottom. The cup size will also determine the number of servings. I used large 9 oz. cups and was able to make 8 cups.
2. If using 9 oz. cups, place 2 tablespoons of graham cracker crumbs in the bottom of 8 cups. If you are using smaller cups (between 4-6 oz.) place 1 tablespoon of crumbs in 12-16 cups.
3. In a mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese and 1 cup powdered sugar with an electric mixer until smooth and creamy, 1-2 minutes. Set aside.
4. Remove the metal mixing bowl from the freezer. Add the heavy whipping cream, 1/2 cup powdered sugar, fresh lemon juice and vanilla extract and beat with an electric mixer until the whipping cream has stiff peaks,

about 4-5 minutes.

5. Add the cream cheese to the whipped cream and mix them together on low speed for 1-2 minutes or just until you can’t tell which is the cream cheese and which is the whipped cream.

6. Place the cheesecake filling in a piping bag (or ziplock bag with the corner cut off) and pipe the cheesecake into the cups, filling about 3/4ths full.

7. Refrigerate the cheesecake cups for 1-2 hours. For longer refrigeration, I recommend covering the cups with plastic wrap. You can refrigerate these overnight and serve the next day.

8. Top the cheesecake with your desired topping - cherry pie filling, blueberry pie filling, homemade strawberry sauce, chocolate ganache, oreo crumbs, chopped candies, etc.

**Notes**  
**Crust variations** - in place of graham cracker crumbs you can use a whole nilla wafer, whole oreo, whole gingersnap cookie, or crushed nilla wafers, crushed oreos or crushed gingersnap cookies.

**Topping variations** - top the cheesecake with fresh fruit, raspberry puree or pie filling, lemon curd, sautéed apples, chocolate shavings, crushed candy bars, mint chips, etc.

## Super Crossword

### SINISTER SQUIRT

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>52</b> Knitters' supplies	<b>99</b> Completely destroy	<b>7</b> Catch a glimpse of	<b>42</b> Detached roughly	<b>76</b> Glove thread
<b>1</b> Biblical figure slain for being a 69-Across	<b>53</b> Greek herald of the gods	<b>100</b> "Reckless" actor Quinn	<b>8</b> Soccer Hall of Famer Lalas	<b>43</b> Accumulate, as debts	<b>77</b> Have
<b>8</b> G.P.'s gp.	<b>54</b> Perilous thing to live on	<b>101</b> Above	<b>9</b> Prized mushroom	<b>44</b> "Well, — you special!"	<b>80</b> Rowlands of "Hope Floats"
<b>11</b> Dangerous snake	<b>58</b> Big antelope	<b>103</b> Flaring dress	<b>10</b> Clear as —	<b>45</b> Take part in a parade	<b>81</b> Hurt badly
<b>14</b> Detest	<b>59</b> Position while batting	<b>104</b> Noise from a beehive	<b>11</b> Intention	<b>46</b> Via	<b>82</b> Initial input to be processed
<b>19</b> Actress Bertinelli	<b>61</b> Bristly swine	<b>106</b> Riddle's answer	<b>12</b> Reading digitally	<b>47</b> Deaf school co-founder	<b>83</b> Level of command
<b>20</b> Throw slowly in a high arc	<b>62</b> Always, to bards	<b>110</b> Country east of Fiji	<b>13</b> 18th-century powdered hairpiece	<b>48</b> Body blinker	<b>84</b> Having a big smile
<b>21</b> Cola-cooling cubes	<b>63</b> Riddle, part 4	<b>111</b> Geisha's sash	<b>14</b> — chili (pepper variety)	<b>50</b> "Why Can't I?" singer Liz	<b>85</b> Apply with a bristly tool
<b>22</b> Novelist Zora — Hurston	<b>68</b> Academic URL ender	<b>112</b> Old sitcom cousin	<b>15</b> See 27-Across	<b>51</b> "Hey Deanie" singer Cassidy	<b>88</b> Luau paste
<b>23</b> Start of a riddle	<b>69</b> Person not telling the truth	<b>113</b> Opening in some helmets	<b>16</b> Transporting trucks	<b>54</b> Hurry-scurry	<b>89</b> Singer Murray
<b>25</b> Blemish	<b>70</b> Liam of "Schindler's List"	<b>114</b> Unsettled feeling	<b>17</b> David Mamet play or film	<b>55</b> Protects	<b>91</b> Salad bar utensil
<b>26</b> Gave hints to	<b>71</b> Above, to bards	<b>115</b> Hush-hush intel org.	<b>18</b> Antares or Arcturus	<b>56</b> 18th-century English king	<b>92</b> Gripper on a shoe bottom
<b>27</b> With 15-Down, no higher than	<b>72</b> Dangerous snakes	<b>116</b> Baggage inspection org.	<b>24</b> Like some permed hair	<b>57</b> Have it wrong	<b>93</b> "Start playing the song!"
<b>28</b> Skating feats	<b>74</b> Met, as the challenge	<b>117</b> 32 Beethoven piano pieces	<b>29</b> — Mae (loan provider)	<b>59</b> French river	<b>94</b> Revises
<b>30</b> "Jolly old" saint	<b>76</b> Jargon		<b>31</b> The Windy City, for short	<b>60</b> "— not to be"	<b>95</b> Crimean resort port
<b>32</b> Riddle, part 2	<b>78</b> Pro vote	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>33</b> Tylenol targets	<b>61</b> Particle in quantum mechanics	<b>96</b> Kind of yoga
<b>37</b> "Hello, sailor!"	<b>79</b> Riddle, part 5	<b>1</b> Brand of sneakers	<b>34</b> Barak of Israel	<b>63</b> Lively spirit	<b>97</b> "Some Like —"
<b>38</b> 58, to Nero	<b>82</b> Up one's auction offer	<b>2</b> U.S.-Can.-Mex. treaty	<b>35</b> CD- — (PC inserts)	<b>64</b> Sir Andrew — Webber	<b>98</b> Cash, informally
<b>39</b> Viral gene material	<b>85</b> Starting charge, as on a utility bill	<b>3</b> Choir parts	<b>36</b> Political columnist Molly	<b>65</b> Lrk	<b>102</b> Corp. honcho
<b>40</b> Silvery metallic element	<b>86</b> Enters warily	<b>4</b> First prime minister of India	<b>41</b> Awful event	<b>66</b> Knot anew	<b>105</b> Soccer Hall of Famer Hamm
<b>44</b> Moseying	<b>87</b> Master pilot	<b>5</b> Fury		<b>67</b> Linen fabric	<b>107</b> Marks, as a ballot box
<b>47</b> TV "dog whisperer" Millan	<b>88</b> Former	<b>6</b> Breathed-in stuff		<b>73</b> "Bali —" (show tune)	<b>108</b> Philosopher — tzu
<b>49</b> Riddle, part 3	<b>89</b> Dark blue dye			<b>74</b> Put new turf on	<b>109</b> Big vase
<b>51</b> Sneaky	<b>90</b> End of the riddle			<b>75</b> Mafia's code of silence	

## Weather Totals

June 4 - June 11, 2024

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

### Temperature

Max 87° F  
Min 44° F

### Precipitation

Week 0.82"  
June 0.87"  
2024 24.09"

### Snowfall

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

U.S. Forest Service

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA

The Family Inc.  
Judith Ingham  
309 Walnut Street  
Parsons, WV 26287  
Petitioner

Case # 24-MA47C-00073

v.  
Wayne Earnest Helmick  
Wendy D. Helmick  
104 McFadden Street  
Parsons, WV 26287  
Respondent

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

To: Wayne Earnest Helmick Wendy Helmick  
#104 McFadden Street #104 McFadden Street  
Parsons, WV 26287 Parsons, WV 26287

Please be advised that a hearing on the Petitioner's Application for Wrongful Occupation against Wayne Helmick and Wendy Helmick of an apartment being unit #104 McFadden Street, Parson, WV 26287 will be held on June 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Tucker County Magistrate Court, 211 First Street Ste 303, Parsons, WV 26287. Failure to attend may result in a Default Judgment against you.

Dated this 12th day of June 2024.

*Riley H. Barb*  
Riley H. Barb, Magistrate

Statement of the complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of Tucker County Magistrate Court.

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IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY,  
WEST VIRGINIA

**NORTHPOINT PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Petitioner, Civil Action No.: 24-M47C-00003  
v. Judge: Riley H. Barb  
**CARE FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST,**  
dated March 6, 1993, by and through COURTNEY STECKLEY,  
Defendant.

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of the above-entitled action is to enforce and collect assessments duly levied against that certain real estate known as Lot No. 112 of Northpoint Woods - Section A, Northpoint Subdivision, Dryfork District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and more particularly described in a Deed dated February 11, 1994, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission, Tucker County, West Virginia, at Deed Book 144, Page 521.

It appears by affidavit the Plaintiff has used due diligence to serve the Defendant Care Family Revocable Living Trust, dated March 6, 1993, by and through Courtney Steckley, Trustee, and that service has been attempted on the Defendant without effect, accordingly:

It is ORDERED that Defendant Care Family Revocable Living Trust, dated March 6, 1993, by and through Courtney Steckley, Trustee, do serve upon Robert C. Chenoweth, 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 first published, 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: 06/03/2024

*Riley H. Barb*

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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)  
William N. Barry Barbara Berry  
1st publication 6/19/24 PO Box 123  
2nd publication 6/26/24 Davis, WV 26260

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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**TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, TUCKER COUNTY, to wit:

In accordance with West Virginia Code §11-8-12 as amended, the Tucker County Board of Education proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the 2025 fiscal year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

	General Current Expense Fund	Special Revenue Expense Fund
Estimated revenues:		
Local Sources:		
Property taxes (Net of allowances)	\$ 5,068,322	\$ 40,000
Other local sources		
State Sources:		
State aid to schools	5,914,215	374,876
Other	3,323,566	
Federal Sources:		
Total estimated revenues	14,346,103	1,459,425
Estimated transfers in and other financing sources	35,035	350,966
Beginning balance	1,000	
Total estimated revenues & other financing sources	\$ 14,382,138	\$ 2,185,267
Estimated expenditures:		
Instruction	\$ 8,444,377	\$ 593,363
Supporting services:		
Students	741,296	248,735
Instructional Staff	165,717	85,266
Central administration	569,520	
School administration	740,510	
Central services	433,807	2,013
Operation & maintenance of facilities	1,416,853	12,493
Student transportation	1,380,934	
Food services		1,216,862
Capital Outlay		
Total estimated expenditures	13,893,014	2,158,732
Total estimated transfers and other financing uses	489,124	26,535
Total estimated expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 14,382,138	\$ 2,185,267

I, Alicia Lambert, Secretary of the Tucker County Board of Education, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proposed budget being considered for adoption by the board of education on the 29th day of May, 2025.

*Alicia R. Lambert*

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

Public meetings will be conducted to describe proposed AML Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Projects. The intent of these AMLER Projects is to alleviate health, safety and environmental problems created by coal mines abandoned prior to August 3, 1977, while providing an opportunity for economic and community development end use. Information regarding these projects, including required NEPA documentation, can be obtained from the WVDEP at 304-926-0499. The following projects listed with county locations will be explained.

Project Name	County
Ashland Resort Tourism Development Phase 2	McDowell
City of Thomas Water Improvement	Tucker
Cleanwater RU2 Process	Kanawha
Kanawha Gravity Adventure Park	Kanawha
Baxter VFD Sports Park	Marion
WV Farm Foods	Brooke
Opal Smith Highwall and Roanoke Center Expansion	Lewis
Wheeling Heritage Center	Ohio
Chief Logan Resort and Recreation Center	Logan
Liberty Station Lodge and Tavern	Mercer

These projects will be submitted to and vetted by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement for funding consideration. Public meetings to explain the projects will be conducted as follows:

Tuesday, July 16, 2024, Bridgeport - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 101 Cambridge Place, Bridgeport, WV 26330, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17, 2024, Charleston WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 601 57th st. SE, Charleston, WV 26330, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 18, 2024, Fayetteville - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend these meetings for the specified dates and times, have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact DEPAMLER@wv.gov or Shon Cyfers/Ryan Jackson at 304-926-0499 for further assistance.

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**Consumer Confidence Report - 2024  
Covering Calendar Year - 2023**

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, please attend any regularly scheduled water board meeting held on the *second Monday* of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Hamrick PSD office or call JASON S. LIPSCOMB at 304-591-2827. Your water comes from Surface water:

Source Name	Source Water Type
INTAKE - DRY FORK	Surface Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

**Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

**Organic contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 1621 and is required to test a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

**Water Quality Data**

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2023. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

**Terms & Abbreviations**

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL

**Action Level (AL):** the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Non-Detects (ND):** lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Parts per Million (ppm)** or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

**Parts per Billion (ppb)** or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

**Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L):** a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirems per Year (mrem/yr):** measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Monitoring Period Average (MPA):** An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

**Running Annual Average (RAA):** an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

**Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA):** Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

**Testing Results for: HAMRICK PSD**

Disinfection By-products	Sample Point	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	#1 Leadmine BPS	2023	51	37-58	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	#1 Leadmine BPS	2023	36	24-56	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2020-2022	0.63	0.0555-0.655	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2020-2022	4.3	0.071-5.5	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

HAMRICK PSD is working towards identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The service line inventory is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. The most up to date inventory is located at the Hamrick PSD office. If you have any questions about our inventory, please contact JASON S. LIPSCOMB at 304-478-8950.

Chlorine/Chloramines	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
Maximum Disinfection Level 8/1/2023 - 8/31/2023	1.80000	MG/L	1.30000	MG/L

Total Organic Carbon	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
Lowest Month for Removal CARBON, TOTAL	10/17/2023	2.3	0-2.3	MG/L	0	Naturally present in the environment

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
Turbidity	TREATMENT PLANT	0.37	NTU	August

During the 2023 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
9/1/2022 - 9/30/2022	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state
10/1/2023	CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RULE	Inadequate Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) or failure to deliver a CCR certification form to the state on time

**There are no additional required health effects notices.**

**There are no additional required health effects violation notices.**

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful waterborne pathogens may be present, or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify and correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

Some or all of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2023 calendar year from the water systems that we purchase drinking water from.

**Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year.**

During the 2023 calendar year, the water system that we purchase water from had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No detected results were found in the calendar year of 2023				

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above.



## West Virginia Department of Human Services Recognizes Elder Abuse Awareness Day

CHARLESTON, W.Va. –The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), Bureau for Social Services (BSS) joins the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services to prioritize the dignity, safety, and wellbeing of older survivors on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Governor Jim Justice also proclaimed June 15, 2024, as West Virginia Elder Abuse Awareness Day. West Virginia has the third highest proportion of older adults in the U.S.

"It is our collective responsibility to protect the dignity and rights of elderly West Virginians," said Jeff Paek, DoHS Bureau of Social Services Commissioner. "By fostering safe, supportive environments where our elders can thrive with the respect and care they deserve, we can ensure our state's elders live free from

fear and harm." World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) aims to provide an opportunity for communities to better understand abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness about the processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. Elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult. Common types of elder mistreatment include physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, or financial abuse, neglect, or self-neglect.

If you suspect abuse or neglect, call the Centralized Intake for Abuse and Neglect at 1-800-352-6513. To view and apply for careers in the Adult Protective Services field, visit [dhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities---Social-Services-and-Health-Facilities.aspx](http://dhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities---Social-Services-and-Health-Facilities.aspx).

## Morgantown Celebrates 100th Birthday Hometown Comedian Don Knotts July 20-24

Morgantown magazine and the City of Morgantown are celebrating the 100th birthday of native son Don Knotts and the Metropolitan Theatre July 20-24.

Starting on the eve of Don Knotts' 100th birthday, the festival will screen a marathon of films featuring the beloved entertainer, who was best known for his five-time Emmy Award-winning role as Barney Fife in "The Andy Griffith Show." Special guest speakers and performances include award-winning author of "Andy and Me" and Don Knotts' brother-in-law Daniel de Visé; entertainer and Don Knotts' nephew Bill Knotts; and illusion-

ist and Don Knotts' cousin Josh Knotts.

Classic Don Knotts movies to be screened during the festival include "The Incredible Mr. Limpet," "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken," "Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo," and "The Apple Dumpling Gang."

Don Knotts Festival movies are just \$1, the special performances are \$10. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [morgantownmag.com/don-knotts-festival](http://morgantownmag.com/don-knotts-festival).

As part of the festivities, Morgantown magazine has also created a self-guided tour of places associated with Knotts' life in the area.



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## Preston County Teenager Wins \$15,000 SMART529 "Fund the Future" Sweepstakes

### Kingwood 8th Grader Plans to Use Funds to Pursue Dream of Going to Law School

KINGWOOD, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore today announced Preston County student Molly Dalton as the winner of the inaugural SMART529 "Fund the Future" Sweepstakes \$15,000 college savings prize.

"It's a tremendous honor to be able to present Molly and her family with this \$15,000 prize," Treasurer Moore said. "I'm thrilled this college savings award will now be able to help her achieve her educational dreams."

Dalton, 14, recently completed the 8th Grade at Central Preston Middle School. She said she intends to use the \$15,000 prize, which will be invested in a SMART529 account, to help fund her dream of going to law school. Additionally, she plans to serve in Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs while she continues her education.

"I'm planning on doing JROTC in high school, then doing ROTC in college as well," she said. "Then after that, I'm planning to be a lawyer."

For her mother, Peggy Dalton, the \$15,000 represents a great start to fund her daughter's dreams. As a single mother, Peggy said sometimes finances can be "feast or famine," so this prize gives her a significant foundation that will continue to grow.

"It's really exciting," Peggy Dalton said. "This is a good start; it allows me to add to it. That way when I'm 'feasting' I can add to her college fund and guarantee her a good college life, so she won't have to work through college like some of us did."

Fund the Future was a statewide sweepstakes to award one West Virginia child \$15,000 deposited directly into a SMART529

account. To enter the sweepstakes, parents or legal guardians submitted online entry forms at [www.wvtreasury.com/fundthefuture](http://www.wvtreasury.com/fundthefuture).

The eligibility requirements were:

- Entries must be completed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Child must be 17 or younger.
- Child AND parent or legal guardian must be a resident of West Virginia.
- Only one entry per eligible child permitted.
- Multiple children in a household may be entered to win.

Entries were submitted from April 10 through May 22.

SMART529, West Virginia's college savings plan, is consistently ranked as one of the top plans in the nation by SavingForCollege.com. The tax-advantaged savings plan helps families save for eligible education expenses and can be used to cover the cost of traditional four- and two-year college expenses, accredited vocational and trade schools, as well as graduate and doctoral programs.

Over the past 22 years, the program has expanded to be more accessible for families. SMART529 accounts can be opened for as little as \$1, and the Bright Babies program has helped more than 6,500 West Virginia infants receive \$100 for an account opened before their first birthday.

SMART529 is a qualified tuition program issued by the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs and administered by Hartford Funds. Complete information about SMART529 plans and investment options is available at [www.SMART529.com](http://www.SMART529.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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