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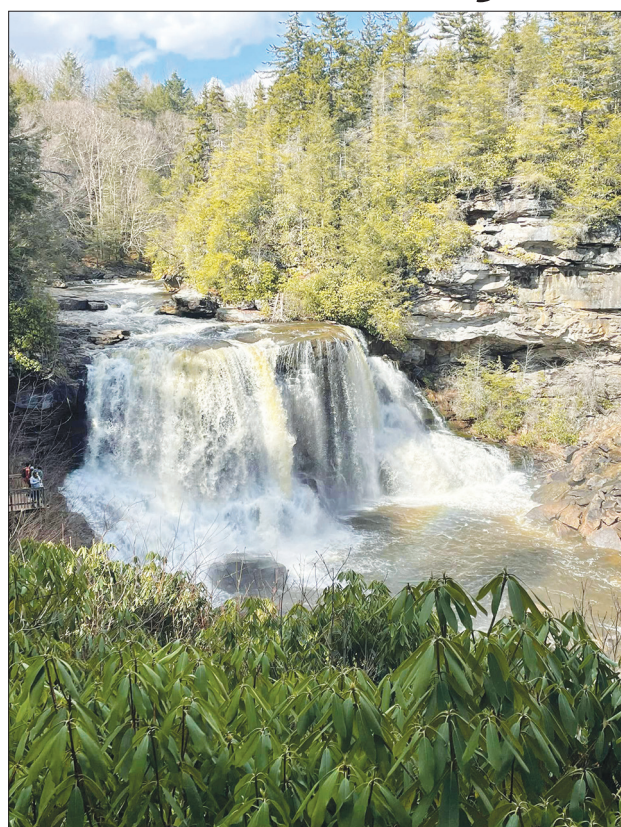
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Blackwater PSD Moves Forward on Sewer Project

By: Lydia Crawley
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Blackwater Public Service District is moving forward with a sewer project that will encompass a large portion of Tucker County on the mountain. Included in the project are the Towns of Davis and Thomas along with much of the surrounding area. During a meeting of the PSD held Tuesday, June 18th at Davis Town Hall, the PSD addressed a number of updates on the project.

Executive Director for Region VII Planning and Development Council Shane Whitehair was on hand at the meeting and addressed the PSD's recent contract signed with Bond Counsel Jackson Kelley. Whitehair suggested the PSD meet with the counselors to discuss plans moving forward and also suggested that the PSD consider moving forward with the incorporation process that would begin to tie the Towns of



Blackwater Public Service District has yet to decide on a location for the new Sewer Treatment Plant, but the decision to exclude Douglas has been made. Preliminary steps are moving forward on the project.

Davis and Thomas into the project. "Kind of figure out the next steps moving forward," Whitehair said.

"Because they are going to have to steer this boat going forward." "See PSD page 2



Barriers are being replaced along the Allegheny Highlands Trail in Tucker County. The old wooden barriers are being replaced with new, shorter barriers to assist bicyclists in passing through.

Highlands Trail Foundation Seeks Funds from Local Government

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Highlands Trail Foundation is seeking funding assistance from local government entities to meet a \$50,000 grant match. The \$250,000 grant is slated to fund improvements and maintenance along the Allegheny Highlands Trail in Tucker County, according to Jon Bush of the Highlands Trail Foundation. "We are

currently seeking funds for a grant, we have a \$250,000 that we have applied for and so now they accepted it and now we have to come up with a \$50,000 match," Bush said.

According to Bush, the Foundation is seeking to raise half of the \$50,000 grant match. The Foundation, itself, will supply \$25,000 to the grant match fund. "The Highland Trail Foundation is putting in

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Resident Voices Concerns Over Homeless in Parsons

By: Lydia Crawley
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Parsons resident Michael Whitley, Sr. addressed the City of Parsons Council June 18th with concerns over a recent influx of homeless individuals to the Parsons area. "I was kind of thrown for a loop about two months ago when we had an individual living down by the river who was homeless and having talked to some of the police officers, I found out that they really don't have any way of dealing with that," Whitley said.

Whitley said he had been a long time visitor of Parsons and a resident since 2019. "I've been coming into this town for over 50 years now and been living here since 2019," Whitley said.

Whitley asked the Council if there was a plan in place to deal with the unhoused in the area. "I wonder what the council is going to do

about getting the Sheriff the ability to a: deal with the homeless, b: help the homeless and c: protecting our young ladies and gentlemen who go to the park, go to the pools, etc," Whitley said.

"Its a tough situation and who thought we'd see it as readily as we do now in Parsons," Bush said.

Parsons Mayor Bruce Kolsun said he had been in contact with

Parsons Police Chief Keplinger on multiple occasions surrounding the issue. Keplinger said that legally, there is little the police can do.

Keplinger said that one individual has been trespassed from City facilities due to his behavior at the parks. "We are using every opportunity and avenue that we have," Keplinger said. "I can say that one of the individuals who has been a chronic problem was trespassed from all City facilities. He has been trespassed from the parks, from the bathrooms, from the pavilions."

While he hated to have to trespass anyone from the parks, Keplinger said that the behavior made the decision necessary. "I hate to take that step, I really do because they are public parks and they should be enjoyed by the public," Keplinger said. "But, when your behavior affects other people's enjoyment of the park, then that's where we have to make decisions."

According to Keplinger, two homeless individuals have left the Parsons area, but are not currently homed. "We are still currently working and I can report that, as of right now, at least two people who were unhomed, they are not homed, but they are no longer in Parsons," Keplinger said.

Keplinger said that the local law enforcement is doing everything they can to assist. According to Keplinger, his office has taken food and water to some of the homeless, as well as offered rides and other assistance. "We are doing everything that we can," Keplinger said. "We've offered help, we've offered rides. Its frustrating."

Keplinger said it is frustrating that often times the help is refused. Keplinger said that a call came into 911 that an individual requested food and something to drink. The patrolman asked Keplinger what he should do, Keplinger said he told the patrolman to get a couple of bottles of water from the office and collect food from an individual that had called in to offer it to the homeless. When the patrolman get to the individual only to be told that he wanted coffee and pizza, according to Keplinger. According to Keplinger, the individual was advised that misuse of the 911 system was an arrestable offense and to only call 911 for actual emergencies. "So that's the kind of thing we are dealing with," Keplinger said. "Its just a little bit frustrating."

Keplinger said that while delivering food and water to individuals is not a regular function of the police, it is the right thing to do as a person. "Its not a police function, but it is a human function," Keplinger said. "I don't want somebody in my town to be hungry or thirsty."

According to Keplinger, there is no law against being homeless and a couple of the individuals in the Parsons area choose to live unhomed, with one individual choosing to live in a vehicle. "Its not against the law to be homeless," Keplinger said.

Local business owner Jon Bush said that while it is an unfortunate situation, there is little that can be done if the person does not want the help. Bush said that several of these individuals had been offered housing in Thomas and refused the help. "The one lady, I approached her and she was totally fine with her situation and she wasn't bothering anyone at the time," Bush said. "What do we do with that? Because we have a way to home some of these people and they don't want it. They've been offered homing up in Thomas and they can get them there, but they don't want it. They would rather live in his truck."

Bush said that the situation is a tough one, especially given that it is a relatively new issue for the area. "Its a tough situation and who thought we'd see it as readily as we do now in Parsons," Bush said.

Kolsun said that Keplinger has been working diligently on the issue, but when help is refused, there is little that can be done to assist. "Chief has been really working on this," Kolsun said. "And there are no resources to do anything with it when they refuse. That's the issue."

Whitley said he was concerned about what will happen to these individuals come winter and was concerned for their health and safety in the cold. "Winters around here can be pretty dog gone rough," Whitley said. "And I don't want to find another body frozen to death."

There are several resources to assist the homeless:

The WV Coalition to End Homelessness (833) 722-2014
The Randolph County Housing Authority serves Tucker County <https://rchavv.org/areas-served/tucker-county/>

North Central West Virginia Community Action serves Tucker County <https://ncwvcaacorp.net/counties/tucker-county-office/>

The West Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness 304-842-9522 ext. 1

The Randolph County Homeless Shelter located at 938 S Davis Avenue, Elkins Phone:304-636-5193

DTEMS Receives Therapy Dog



Tucker County Schools Superintendent Alicia Lambert greets attendees during the presentation. Also present were Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School Principal Cynthia Shaffer, left, Amanda Kisamore, and Erin Pregley.



Prim's trainer, Beth, left, demonstrates the nine month old Black Lab's ability to stay, regardless of what is happening around her. Other commands Prim has mastered include: heel, down, come, sit and fist bump.



From left: Tucker County Schools Superintendent Alicia Lambert, Erin Pregley, Amanda Kisamore, Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School Principal Cynthia Shaffer and Legislative Consultant for Dominion Energy Mary Elisabeth (ME) Eckerson.

red vest and while at home with Miss Erin, she can be just a pup, her trainer said. "Prim will be living with Miss Erin," Shaffer said. "We want to thank her for volunteering."

According to Shaffer, Kisamore applied for a service dog through First Lady Kathy Justice's Friends With Paws School Therapy Dog program. Prim was also sponsored by Dominion Energy, according to Shaffer. "She filled out the application, which was extensive to make sure we take care of the dog," Shaffer said. "I want to thank Miss Mandy."

On hand for the presentation on behalf of sponsor Dominion Energy was Legislative Consultant for Dominion Energy Mary Elisabeth (ME) Eckerson. First Lady Justice was unable to attend due to transportation issues, according to Shaffer, but First Lady Justice is anticipated to attend a "Pup Rally" in September.

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There's a new staff member at Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School and this one comes on four legs. DTEMS received their first Therapy Dog, a nine month old Black Lab named "Prim" on Monday June 17th at a presentation held at the Tucker County High School gymnasium. "I want to thank everyone for coming today to welcome our new furry friend, Prim, who will be living at our Davis Thomas School," Davis Thomas Elementary School Principal Cynthia Shaffer said. "We are very excited."

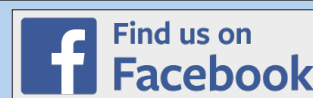
Prim comes to DTEMS from First Lady Kathy Justice's Friends With Paws School Therapy Dog Program. When Prim's placement was announced in February by the Governor's office, Prim was said to be one of six therapy dogs being placed throughout the state and would be one of 25 that have been placed since the inception of the program in March of 2022, according to the Governor's Office. "First announced in March 2022, the Friends With Paws program places certified therapy dogs in various CIS schools across the state, providing companionship and comfort for students in need of a boost," the Governor's Office said.

According to Shaffer, she along with DTEMS staff members Amanda Kisamore and Erin Pregley will attend a three day training on how to handle and care for Prim. "My two friends here, Miss Mandy and Miss Erin, we get to go to a training with Prim for three days to learn how to take care of her and her commands."

Prim, according to Shaffer, will be living with Pregley, but will be at the school during school hours to "work" with the students. While "on the clock" Prim will be wearing a bright



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News of Record

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

- Diane Lantz Johnson: of Davis, was charged with one felony count of Burglary and one felony count Assault during commission of or attempt to commit a felony and a separate misdemeanor charge of Domestic Battery. On Friday, June 14 Trooper G.P. Hahn took a call through Tucker 911 of a domestic at the Arnold Park campground. He arrived on scene and was met by the victim and his girlfriend, who were outside his camper. Hahn asked what happened and was advised that his ex-girlfriend, the defendant, had driven into his camp area and allegedly began beating on the window of the camper and screaming profanities.
- Hahn observed what appeared to be palm prints on the window of the camper next to the door. He was then advised that the suspect allegedly “ripped” the door of the camper open and entered to gain access to the victims inside. He was then advised that the suspect allegedly threatened to kill the female victim when the make victim got between them. Hahn was then advised that the suspect allegedly struck the male victim in the face two times before exiting the camper. Hahn observed the area that was said to have been struck and located a minor swelling and redness.
- Hahn also spoke with an observer who was in a neighboring camper and was advised that the suspect had arrived earlier in the day as well asking the whereabouts of the two victims. Hahn was then advised that when the suspect returned at the time of the incident, she was erratic and belligerent. Hahn was told she had driven off the road and over a pile of rocks before banging on and entering said camper. Hahn was told that when the suspect heard that law enforcement was en-route she quickly fled the scene and again ran over the pile of rocks. Hahn did observe fresh

tire marks through the yard where the camper is located and markings on a large pile of rocks that appeared to have been run over.

- Marshall Dwaine Parsons: of Parsons, was charged with one count of Driving while license suspended or revoked – Second Offense, one count Reckless Driving and one count Obedience to traffic control devices. The complaint states that on Thursday, June 13 at approximately 7:10 p.m. Trooper R.S. Musgrave was conducting a routine patrol on Central Ave in Parsons. At this time, he observed a black F250 traveling at a high rate of speed through a residential area and failed to stop at a stop sign. Through previous Law Enforcement experiences, Musgrave knew the owner of the truck to be Marshall Parsons.
- At this time he conducted a traffic stop and Parsons was subsequently identified as the driver. At this time WVSP Elkins Communications advised Musgrave that the suspect’s license was Suspended/Revoked. After running the suspect’s information Musgrave acknowledged a previous conviction for driving revoked for DUI, making this incident the suspect’s second offense.
- Musgrave places Parsons under arrest for driving revoked for DUI and then transported him to the WVSP Parsons Detachment where he was processed. He was then transported to TVRJ where he was remanded into the custody of Division of Corrections.
- Eric S. Pennington: of Parsons, was charged with one count Possession of Controlled Substance (Marijuana), one count Destruction of Property, one count Harassment and one count of Trespassing. According to the complaint, on Thursday, May 30 at approximately 2:55 a.m., Tucker 911 Communications contacted Elkins Communication in regard to a 911 call. The caller advised 911 operators that her ex-boyfriend, Eric

Pennington, had showed up at the residence and was allegedly banging on her bedroom window. A brief conversation between the two was conducted and the defendant was asked to leave according to the complainant. The complainant advised that the defendant had advised he wanted to talk to her about failing a drug test and possibly going to jail. During the time the defendant was on the property, a potted plant was destroyed in the driveway, an electric fence charger was pulled from its mount and thrown in the yard and a utility trailer was pulled across the driveway to which eliminated access by vehicle to the home.

- Upon arrival Sgt. V.J. Pyles observed a destroyed potted plant, fence charger and a utility trailer blocking the driveway. The complainant advised she had several children in the home at the time of the incident. The complainant advised that the defendant, whom she is familiar with, and had a previous relationship with, had left his flashlight and a small amount of marijuana by her bedroom window. The item were observed in the said location and collected by Pyles.
- Charges in summary:
 - The defendant destroyed a potted plant and removed property (fence charger) causing possible damage.
 - The property is posted and the defendant was unwanted on the property.
 - The complainant felt as if she was being harassed by the defendant after their relationship was ended by the defendant coming to the property and refusing to leave.
 - The defendant left his flashlight on the property along with a bag of marijuana. The defendant is on probation and subject to drug testing.

All acts occurred in Tucker County. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

PSD

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Whitehair said the Bond Counsel would also be the ones to advise on how to move forward with the acquisition process. “I think we are going to have to maybe look at, at least starting the acquisition process with the towns to PSD,” Whitehair said. “Then figure out, (have them) tell us what the process consists of and what the steps will be and all that.”

Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis was on hand at the meeting as a member of the audience. Davis asked the board about the need for a sewer line to the site of a new Food Pantry in Thomas. Davis said he had been approached, as had Thomas Mayor Jody Flanagan, about the construction of the pantry and the need for the new sewer line. “Is there anyway that some money can be released because its going to end up putting that sewer in any which way it goes,” Davis said.

Whitehair said he had been in contact with Flanagan regarding the project, but would discuss the issue further. Flanagan said he had sent the engineering reports to Whitehair on the project. Whitehair said that he would have to look into funding options because the State has strict regulations regarding the disbursement of funds, but he would try to find a solution. “I’m going to have to talk to Jody and see,” Whitehair said. “Its not like we can just go to Charleston and say I need \$300,000 because of this. It doesn't work that way. So we are going to have to figure out something.”

Davis Mayor Al Tomson said he had recently had a meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection in Charleston. According to Tomson, the meeting went well and the DEP is excited about the PSD project. Whitehair said that he is always asked about the project when he is in Charleston. “She’s looking forward to this project,” Tomson said.

Highland Trail

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\$25,000,” Bush said.

Bush said that the Convention and Visitors Bureau has already committed \$5,000 towards the grant match. “We have got a letter of intent from the CVB, over two budget periods they will be providing \$2,500 per budget period for a total of \$5,000,” Bush said. “So they are putting \$5,000 towards that.”

Bush said that his organization is in talks with the Tucker County Commission, City of Parsons and Randolph County CVB, among others. “We are talking to the County Commission,” Bush said. “Obviously we are talking to the Randolph County CVB, as well.”

According to Bush, the Randolph County Commission had tentatively donated \$2,500 pending word on Tucker County donations. “We did get \$2,500 from the County Commission of Randolph County, who is waiting to see what Tucker does,” Bush said.

Bush said that under a current state grant, the trail is being repaved from Moore Station Road to Kohler Street in Parsons. “Currently, we had a previous grant that was done through the state,” Bush said. “Of which \$280,000 has already been apportioned...to repave from Moore Station Road to Kohler Street in Parsons. This is all a Tucker County win.”

Bush said that the organization is also in the midst of replacing barrier posts along the trail. These news barriers, according to Bush, are a new Department of Highways specification, but also greatly benefit bicyclists on the trail. “They are a shorter barrier post that you can ride over the top of and not hit your handlebars” Bush said. “Its a new spec item that DOH wants, that allows them to

get to do maintenance on the trail.”

According to Whitehair, the engineering report should be ready by next month. Whitehair said that the firm had received some information from Western Pocahontas, but had not had the opportunity to fully incorporate the information as of yet. “The should be close to being finished,” Whitehair said. “I think he said next month, maybe.”

Tomson presented an update on the status of the sewer project in the Town of Davis. The main development with the project pertains to the obtainment of easements, Tomson said. “They are moving along with getting the easements,” Tomson said. “They have 300 easements to get, I think they’re about halfway finished.”

Tomson said that the Town hopes to break ground in the spring of 2025 on the project. Even though the project may be ready to start in the fall, Tomson said the cost to shut down the project over winter ultimately, did not make sense. Tomson and Whitehair also discussed a possible ground breaking ceremony in the fall. “Ultimately, what we are looking at is probably breaking ground in the spring of 2025,” Tomson said. “We might barely be able to do it in the fall, but that doesn’t make sense with winter coming.”

Thomas Mayor Jody Flanagan said his Town's sewer project is still on hold and awaiting funding. No other updates were available due to the delay and no timeline for funding was given, according to Flanagan. “We’re still waiting on funding for our sewer,” Flanagan said.

As of yet, a decision of the site for the new Sewage Treatment Plant has not been made, but a decision to exclude Douglas from the site considered was announced at the previous meeting.

The next meeting of the Blackwater Public Service District will be held Tuesday, July 16th at 10 a.m. at the Davis Town Hall.

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Bush outlined some of the projects that are being completed due to the Corridor H project. According to Bush, biking clubs from the Elkins and Randolph County area in conjunction with the US Department of Forestry are improving several long standing mountain bike trails. The improvements, according to Bush will include trail heads with signs, among other improvements. “There’s a lot of big things happening with the trail as a result of Corridor H,” Bush said.

Another large project connected to the Corridor H project, according to Bush, will be the construction of a pedestrian and cyclist bridge near the new bridge construction in Tucker County. “When you come across Shingle Tree, there is going to be a bridge similar to the one in Highland Park in Elkins, only much larger, that will cross the new highway for walking, biking and runners,” Bush said. “So that’s going to be a really great improvement. That is happening on this side of things, just down from the new bridge.”

Bush said that the stretch of the Allegheny Highlands Trail from Parsons headed towards Elkins is one of, if not the most, utilized of the trail. According to Bush, it is credited to the overhanging trees and shade the trail section provides, as well as the maintenance the area receives.

The City of Parsons agreed at their June 18th meeting to supply a letter of intent for a yet to be determined amount. The Tucker County Commission tabled the issue for 30 days, pending the results of further funding requests by the Foundation.

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Gov. Justice, WVDNR announce two state record fish caught in June

Record-breaking black crappie and redear sunfish caught in Jackson and Fayette counties



SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Governor Jim Justice announced today that the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) has reported that a record-breaking black crappie and redear sunfish were caught in June.

“With these record catches, anglers continue to show the world that West Virginia is truly a world-class fishing destination,” Gov. Justice said. “I want to congratulate the anglers who made these incredible catches for inspiring the rest of us to get out there and enjoy the thrill of casting lines in our state’s truly amazing waters.”

Craig Webb of Gandeeville, W.Va., caught a 2.85-pound, 17.32-inch black crappie with a baby shad jig at Woodrum Lake in Jackson County on June 9. The catch, which was verified by WVDNR assistant fisheries biologist Cory Hartman, is the first record catch for the black crappie category since the WVDNR added the species to the state record list in January 2024.

John Plott of Oak Hill, W.Va., caught a 1.75-pound, 12-inch redear sunfish with a nightcrawler at Plum Orchard Lake in Fayette County on June 6. The catch, which was verified by WVDNR fisheries biologist Joel Slabe, is the first record catch for the redear sunfish category, which was also added to the state record



list in January 2024.

“We’re excited to celebrate these new state records,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “These achievements showcase the quality of our fisheries and the success of our conservation efforts. We encourage all anglers to explore the abundant fishing opportunities throughout West Virginia.”

WVDNR Fish Tagging Studies

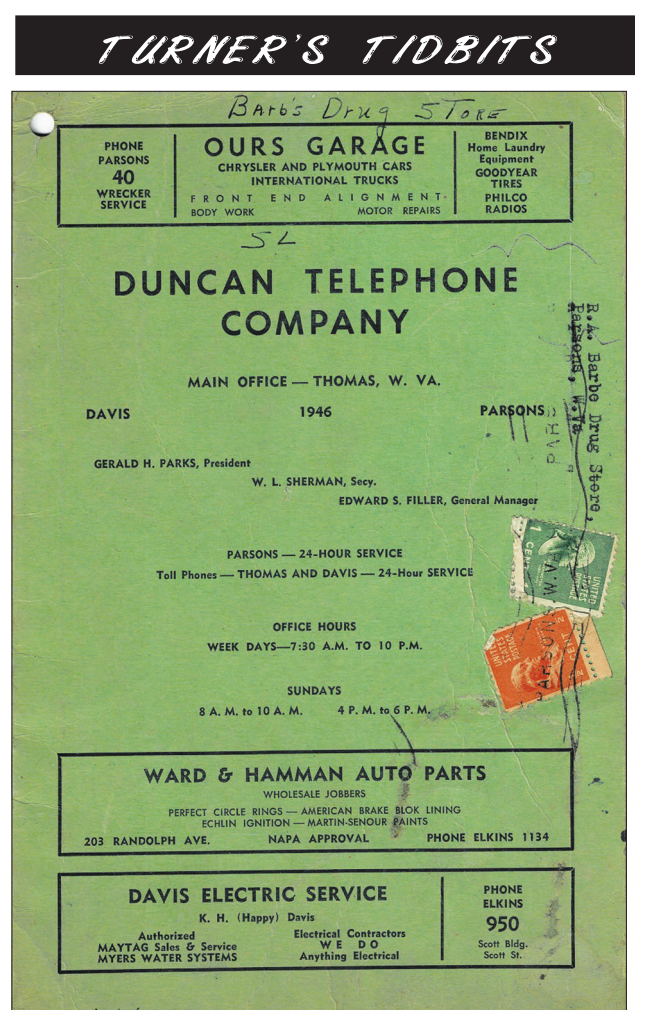
Both record fish were caught in lakes where the WVDNR’s Fish Management team is conducting tagging studies. The record crappie was tagged last year at Woodrum Lake. The WVDNR’s fish tagging program helps biologists better manage the state’s fish population and improve angler satisfaction by providing a variety of information about fish movement, population numbers, harvest rates, size selectivity and growth rates.

The WVDNR offers rewards, including Cabela’s gift cards, to anglers who report tagged fish. If you catch a tagged fish in any West Virginia waterbody, call the number on the tag, your local WVDNR district office or email dnrfishtags@wv.gov and provide the following information:

- Species
- Tag Number
- Date of Catch

- Location of Catch (if a river, include the closest landmark)
- Was the fish harvested or released? (if released, indicate if the tag was removed)
- Anglers Name
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number

For more information about fishing in West Virginia, state record fish or to purchase a fishing license, visit WVDnr.gov.



This is the front page of the Duncan Telephone Company phone book for 1946. The cost to mail it was three cents. There was a total of 66 phone numbers listed for Davis; this includes both residential and business customers. There was a total of 254 phone numbers listed for Parsons. There was a total of 91 phone numbers listed for Thomas. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.



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We Get Letters

In response to last week's letter to the editor, I want to pay tribute to all of our volunteers, public servants, and council persons in sharing the following quote by Theodore Roosevelt.

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again,

because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

Mayor Al Tomson
Town of Davis

Eastern Hires Melanie Callaway as Nursing Faculty for the LPN to RN Bridge Program

Moorefield, W.Va. – Melanie Callaway, a resident of Davis, West Virginia, has been hired as Nursing Faculty for the LPN to RN Bridge Program at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College. She is originally from Mississippi, then moved around until finally ending up in Tucker County, where she has been for the last fifteen years. In Davis, she lives with her husband, John, pastor of Community Bible Church and a school bus driver for Tucker County Schools. They have six children, four sons and two daughters, plus two daughter-in-laws, and two grandchildren with another on the way. Callaway is an Eastern graduate, having been a part of the 2020 Nursing Cohort. She earned her bachelor of science in nursing from Western Governors University and is pursuing a master of science degree in nursing education. Callaway has an extensive nursing background. She has worked as a Med-Surg RN at Garrett Regional Medi-

cal Center, a Home Health RN for Preston Memorial Home Care, and a Primary Care RN for St. George Medical Clinic Canaan Valley. "I am also a certified Faith-Community Nurse," said Callaway.

In her free time, Callaway enjoys reading, nature, and bird-watching. "My family and I moved to West Virginia from Bolivia where I lived a total of 13 years," said Callaway, "first as the daughter of missionaries and later serving with my husband as a missionary. I speak Spanish, though I am a bit rusty." When asked about what she has enjoyed so far at Eastern, she said, "Eastern means a lot to me personally. The staff and faculty here were instrumental in helping me launch my career as a nurse and now a nursing instructor. I appreciate their dedication to the success of their students and their commitment to growth and excellence. There is a real sense of caring about each student here at Eastern, and I am excited to be a part of that."

Tucker County Convention & Visitors Bureau Selects ZMM Architects & Engineers For New Visitor Center Project

Davis, W.Va. — The Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is pleased to announce the selection of ZMM Architects & Engineers (ZMM), based in Charleston, West Virginia, as the architects for the new Tucker County CVB Visitor Center.

Founded in 1959, ZMM has a long-standing reputation for delivering integrated building designs, encompassing architecture, engineering, interior design and construction administration. Their expertise and commitment to excellence make them the ideal choice for this pivotal project.

"ZMM Architects and Engineers, and our partner CEC, are grateful for the opportunity to assist with the site selection and design of a new Tucker County Visitor Center in Davis," said Adam R. Krason, AIA, Principal at ZMM. "We look forward to working with the Tucker County CVB, additional stakeholders and the local community to develop a visitor center that will provide an enhanced visitor experience as well as workspaces and amenities for Tucker County residents. We are excited to help people 'Get Tucker'd.'"

ZMM has an impressive portfolio of notable projects throughout the state, including the expansion and renovation of the Charleston Coliseum & Convention

Center and the design and development of the Tucker County Courthouse Annex in Parsons.

The initial phase of the project involves site selection, guided by ZMM's expertise. Once a location is determined, the team will move forward with the design process.

"We are thrilled to partner with ZMM Architects & Engineers on this exciting project," said Jessica Waldo, Executive Director of the Tucker County CVB. "Their experience and vision are exactly what we need to bring this project to life."

The Tucker County CVB has secured a total award of \$1.55 million for this project. The funding will be used to construct a 3,200-square-foot facility designed to offer a state-of-the-art visitor experience. This project is expected to significantly boost the county's tourism industry, providing an enhanced experience and a vibrant community gathering space.

For more information about the Tucker County CVB, please visit 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.

OBITUARIES

Miloslav "Milan" Nypl



Miloslav "Milan" Nypl, age 75 years, a resident of Canaan Valley, WV, departed this life Friday, June 21, 2024, at his home with his loving family by his side, and under the care of West Virginia Caring Hospice.

He was born Friday, October 29, 1948, at Czechoslovakia, Nova Paka, a son of the late Miloslav Nypl and Ruzena Rose Nyplova.

Surviving one son James Douglas Light and wife Carol of Colts Neck, NJ; two daughters, Judith Koontz Harris and husband David of Asheville, NC, and Robin Gayle Estep and husband Jerry of Wheeling, WV; four grandchildren, Colleen Patrice Miller and husband Mark, Sean Douglas Light, Patrick James Light and Jackson Wade Harris; two great grandchildren, Ryan James Miller and Landon Mark Miller; special friend, Renee DiBacco of Thomas, WV.

He attended the schools of Czechoslovakia. In 1969, when the war started and during his last year of Veterinary School, his mother arranged his escape to America. He attended WV State University and obtained a business administration

degree and later became a CPA and a Business Evaluator. Milan had worked at Ray Resources in Charleston, WV, he then owned and operated an accounting firm in Hilton Head, SC. In 1994, he moved to Canaan Valley and began working for Cooper & Preston Accounting Firm, and then in 1996, he began working for George Scott which later became Scott & Nypl and now Vandevander & Nypl CPA's. He was a member of the Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church at Thomas, Board of Directors at Cortland Acres, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Miners and Merchants Bank until the time of his death. Consultant with the Canaan Valley PSD, Past President of the Rotary, and many other organizations. He

loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and especially golf and was an exceptional cook. He loved animals and always had a dog, he was very musically inclined and played in several musical groups, and at sixteen years old he won first place in Czechoslovakia, playing the violin. Milan had a huge heart and spent a lot of his time volunteering and helping others.

Mr. Nypl's request for cremation was honored. A Christian Memorial Mass will be held at Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church at Thomas, WV on July 13, 2024, at 11 AM. The Reverend Father Martin Smay will be the Presider. Inurnment will follow at the Mount Calvary Cemetery at Thomas, WV. The family suggest that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to, Canaan Valley Fire Dept., Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Tunnels to Towers, West Virginia Caring or an Animal Shelter of your choice. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Miloslav "Milan" Nypl. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Henry Olin Thompson, Jr.



Henry Olin Thompson, Jr., age 74 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life Saturday, June 22, 2024, at West Virginia Caring Hospice in Elkins, WV, with his family by his side.

He was born Friday, May 27, 1950, at Parsons, WV, a son of the late Henry Olin Thompson, Sr., and Carol Joan Foster Thompson. On June 28, 1986, he was married to the former Roberta Jean Poling, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, Henry Roy Thompson and significant other, Kaitlynn Barkley of Parsons; and one daughter, Sabrina Faye Thompson and significant other Charles Shaffer, of Elkins; two brothers, Charles Daniel "Joe" Thompson and wife Marilyn and Foster Allen Thompson, all of Parsons; two grandchildren,

Abigail Nicole Shaffer and Noah Ray Shaffer; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Being from a military family, Henry attended several schools and graduated from Frankfurt High School in Germany in 1969. Following graduation, he joined the Air Force and was stationed at several locations, before returning back to Parsons, WV in 1974. He was an excellent cook and

loved the time he worked at Timberline. He loved playing his guitar and listening to music. Henry never met a stranger, had a whimsical spirit, was always in a good mood and had a wonderful sense of humor. He loved his family immensely. Henry will be missed tremendously.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Sunday, June 30, 2024, from 12 Noon until 2 PM. Cremation will follow. The family suggest that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Family or the Hinkle House Food Pantry. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Henry Olin Thompson, Jr. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Businesses who do not file by June 30 deadline are out of compliance

To avoid substantial late fees, Warner urges WV businesses to file state-required Annual Report before deadline next Monday

Charleston, W.Va – WV Secretary of State Mac Warner is issuing an important notice to business owners reminding them to file their Annual Report by the statutory deadline of June 30th. Businesses that miss the June 30th deadline will be flagged in the state's database as out of compliance. Late filers will be assessed a \$50 late fee as required by state law.

Almost 99% of all Annual Reports are filed online. Online filings can take less than five minutes at the WV One Stop Business Portal found at Business4.wv.gov. Guest filing is available for business owners who prefer not to establish an online account. The fee to file an Annual Report is \$25. Warner encourages

business owners to be wary of third-party solicitations that charge as much as \$375 to file the Annual Report on behalf of the business. A third party is not required to file.

For assistance, call the WV Secretary of State's Office during regular business hours at 304-558-8000 to speak to a WVSOS Business specialist, or use SOLO, our new virtual assistant, accessible from the bottom right corner of sos.wv.gov.

Additionally, the WV One Stop Business Center in Charleston, as well as our remote business hubs in Clarksburg and Martinsburg are available for walk-in customers. You can find the address to each of our three offices at the bottom of the WVSOS homepage at sos.wv.gov.

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

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

Resumes will be accepted until Friday, July 5, 2024. For questions regarding this position, please contact Mayor Bruce Kolsun at (304) 478-2311 or by email at cityofparsons@frontiernet.net.

The City of Parsons does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy or gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, or other non-merit factor.

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What's? Happening

Anderson Carr Reunion

The 56th annual Jesse Anderson and Virginia Carr reunion will be held on Sunday, July 7 at the Hendricks Park Pavilion. Registration will begin at 11 am and lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish, friends and family are invited so come join us.

Free Friday

Free Friday will be held at the First United Methodist Church on June 28, at 6 pm. The menu will be hotdogs, summer salads, baked beans, chips and desserts. Everyone is welcome!!

Ribbon Cutting

Tucker County Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cuttings in Parsons June 27th 10am at Sunrise Coffee then 10:45am at the River City Inn. Join us in celebrating these new businesses in Parsons, WV.

Cake/Bake Walk

Leadmine CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is holding their annual Cake/Bake Walk on Friday, July 5th at Thomas Volunteer Fire Department beginning at 5 p.m. Please come out and join us!



The West Virginia Encyclopedia

www.wvencyclopedia.org

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 26, 1887: Sheriff Don Chafin was born in Logan County. Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of Logan County.

June 26, 1892: Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro in the home of her maternal grandparents. She received the Nobel Prize for Literature for The Good Earth.

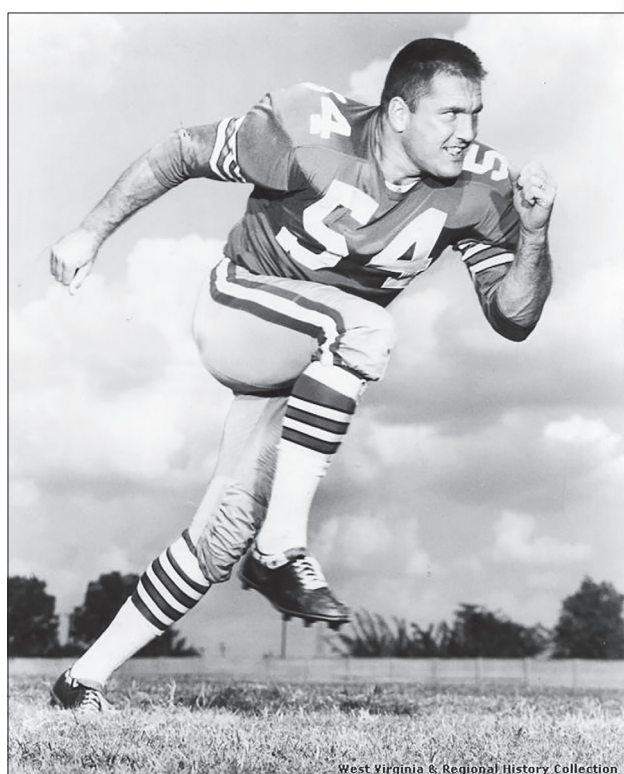
June 26, 1936: Basketball star Hal Greer was born in Huntington. Greer was the first Black athlete to play at Marshall College (now University). When his pro career ended in 1973, he held the NBA record for most games played and ranked in the top 10 in points scored, field goals attempted, and field goals made.

June 27, 1897: Musician Maceo Pinkard was born in Bluefield. The co-writer of "Sweet Georgia Brown," Pinkard was one of the most successful songwriters of the 1920s Jazz Era.

June 27, 1961: Honey in the Rock was first performed at Grandview near Beckley. The play by Kermit Hunter depicts the founding of the Mountain State in 1863.

June 28, 2010: Robert C. Byrd died at the age of 92. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958, and he served until his death.

June 29, 1845: George W. Atkinson was born in Charleston. In 1896, Atkinson was elected governor in an upset victory over Cornelius C. Watts of Charleston, end-



June 28, 1936: Athlete Chuck Howley was born in Wheeling. A standout in college at WVU, Howley played linebacker for 12 seasons for the Dallas Cowboys. The six-time All-Pro was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2023.

ing 26 years of Democratic rule.

June 29, 1952: Writer Breece D'J Pancake was born in South Charleston and grew up in Milton, Cabell County. Many of Pancake's stories are set in Milton, fictionalized as "Rock Camp."

June 29, 2012: A violent storm called a derecho raced across West Virginia, leaving downed trees and damaged homes in its wake. About 688,000 homes and businesses lost power for a week during a widespread heat wave.

June 30, 1914: State-wide prohibition of alcohol sales became law in West Virginia years before it was enacted for the whole nation.

June 30, 1929: The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert at Oglebay Park.

June 30, 1944: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park was authorized as a national monument, the first in West Virginia.

July 1, 1861: Francis Pierpont, governor of the

Reorganized Government of Virginia, called the legislature into session. The general assembly re-established governmental functions, provided for the raising of military units, and elected new U.S. senators and representatives.

July 1, 1937: Watoga State Park was opened to the public. The Pocahontas County park is the largest of the state parks and among the oldest.

July 1, 1971: Southern West Virginia Community College was formed by joining the Marshall University branch campuses at Logan and Williamson. In 1995, the name changed to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

July 2, 1829: Potter and businessman Alexander Polk Donaghho was born. He began a pottery operation in Parkersburg, creating hand-thrown, salt-glazed crocks, jars and other pottery that are avidly collected today.

By Teri Cayton The Parsons Advocate

I have a very special shout out to probably one of our oldest readers. She is a special lady that has read the Advocate for most of her life. Her name is Peggy and she is in the prime of her life sailing along for over 90+ years. So a very big THANK YOU to Peggy and hope she stays in good health for many more years. *Momma Said*, "With age comes wisdom so Peggy must be a very, very smart lady."

The weather this past week has kept a lot of people indoors but I took a day and got a lot of outside work done before it got too hot. And I think a good job for this weekend is to pressure my outbuildings. It doesn't matter how hot it gets that is always a cool job with the spray coming over you. Sometimes I "accidentally" point the spray wand straight up and enjoy a good sprinkle. My backyard is mostly shade during the

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

whole day and the dogs have a cool place to stay, plenty of water and I was thinking of getting them a kiddie pool. They would have so much fun and the least can happen is the backyard will be a giant mud puddle. Amber/aka/Mud Puppy would love it. I have never seen a dog that enjoys getting as dirty as she does. Age is creeping up on her and she is not as bad as she once was but just let it rain and she is right out in the middle of it. *Momma Said*, "Whatever makes you happy just go for it."

Fruit Pizza

Ingredients
SUGAR COOKIE CRUST

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. cornstarch
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, room temperature, 1 cup
- 1 ½ cups granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp. almond extract
- optional: zest of 1/2 lemon
- NOTE: If you are in a rush you can always use premade cookie dough. I may take two packages.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

- 16 oz. cream cheese, 2 packages, room temperature
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup powdered sugar

FRUIT

- Kiwi, sliced
- Mandarin oranges, drained
- Strawberries, sliced
- Blueberries
- Blackberries
- Grapes, sliced

1. In a mixing bowl, beat the butter and sugar, with an electric mixer for 1 minute. Add in the egg and extracts (and lemon zest if using), beat again to combine, 30 seconds.
2. Gradually add in the dry ingredients, mixing on low or by hand with a spatula. The dough will be thick!
3. Use your hands to form the dough into a ball. On parchment paper, (I do not recommend using a silicone baking mat) roll the dough into a rectangle or long oval shape, about 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. The approximate length of the pizza will be 15 inches by 10-11 inches. Place the parchment paper with pizza on a cookie sheet. I used a half cookie sheet which measures 17x12.
4. Bake in the center of the oven for 20 minutes or until the edges begin to just turn golden. There might be an air bubble in the middle of the cookie, if so gently tap the pan once against the counter and the center will deflate. Allow the cookie pizza to cool completely.

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

1. Place room temperature cream cheese in a mixing bowl. Use an electric mixer on medium and whip together for 1 minute, until fluffy.
2. Add in the vanilla extract, powdered sugar and whip again on low for 1-2 minutes, scraping down the sides of the bowl, until everything is incorporated.
3. Spread evenly over the cookie crust, top with the well-drained fruit and enjoy.

Instructions

1. Pre-heat the oven to 350°F. In a small mixing bowl combine the flour, cornstarch, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.

Super Crossword

CABINET-MAKING

ACROSS	47 Higher-ranking	97 "Auld Lang —"	5 Nickname for Yale University	37 Barks shrilly	82 Pool cover
1 Cha-chal's cousin	49 Ballet garb	98 Police alert, for short	6 Adobe file suffix	38 Outer: Prefix	84 Bible division
6 Chain selling dog chains	50 Emergency removal,	101 Flight travel	7 Sooner than	39 Paint crudely	85 Polite request
11 Honeycomb unit	52 Construction girder	105 Arab leaders	8 Honky — music	40 Audio equipment brand	86 Cube creator
15 Molar point	56 Commoners, collectively	107 Really cold	9 Mozart's "— Fan Tutte"	41 With a variety of hues	87 Valley
19 Ring around a lagoon	58 Transaction of business via e-devices	108 Sparkly crown	10 Loses one's inhibitions	46 Like sumo stars	88 Agra dress
20 Sag down	61 Volcano in Japan	109 Fitting retribution	11 Iran — Affair	48 Ring official	94 Blunders
21 Medley	63 — Jose	114 Composer	12 Race created by H.G. Wells	50 Israeli carrier	95 "Got a guess?"
22 Concerning	64 "Luck Be a Lady" composer	118 Possess with shallow passion	13 "The Mod Squad" cop	51 — cava	96 Onset
23 Basketball guarding strategy	65 Enter	119 Eight U.S. ones are featured in this puzzle	14 Amor, for one	53 Once, quaintly	98 Reach for the sky
25 Not dependent on eyesight	69 Work contrasted with a desk job	122 Fishing spool	15 Scouted before a heist	54 PC brand	99 Gave a buzz
27 U.S. Navy petty officers	70 To be, in Marseilles	123 Eternally	16 Loan shark	55 Paltry	100 Bellyached
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30 Massey of movies	74 Belly	125 Art film, often until 1991	18 Corals, e.g.	59 Dot in the sea	103 Behave
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34 Run for a long football pass	77 Investments for later yrs.	127 Maple fluids	26 Submitted by the deadline, say	62 Custodial worker	106 Rome's home
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44 Decorative wheel cover	89 Trial run	1 Labyrinthine	35 Prune-to-be, perhaps	68 Inventive	113 Duel sword
45 Put an — (cease)	90 Supplies with a staff	2 Dip — in the water	36 Acronym for many vacuum cleaner filters	70 Salt Lake City athletes	115 Prefix that's the opposite of 38-Down
	92 Oyster's prize	3 Part of MSG		71 Admin. aide	116 "Take — from me"
	93 Cars for VIPs	4 Ugly blotches		72 "A —!" ("Adieu!")	117 Functions
	95 Big arteries			75 Press release packet	120 Comedian
				78 Have dinner	121 Aries' symbol
				80 Hawk's home	
				81 "Famous" cookie guy	

Weather Totals

June 11 - June 18, 2024

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature
Max 92° F
Min 43° F

Precipitation
Week 0.25"
June 1.12"
2024 24.34"

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

U.S. Forest Service

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

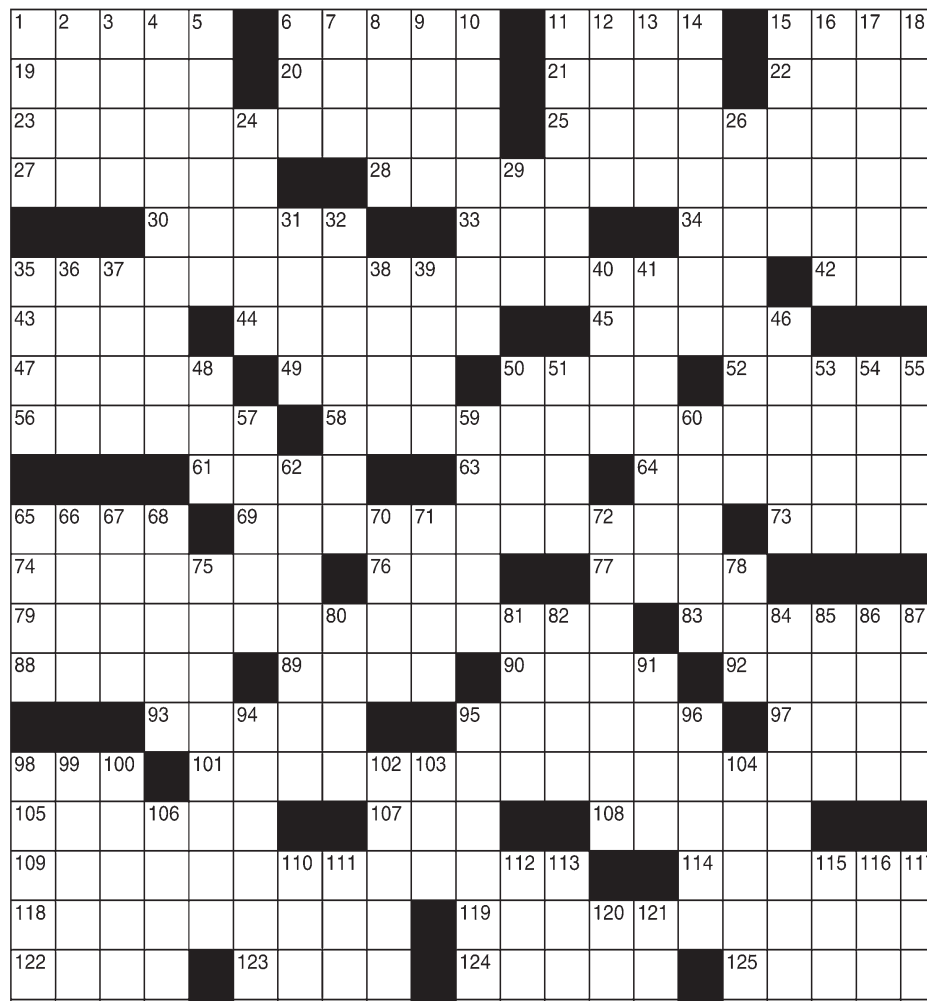
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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YARD SALES

HUGE YARD SALE-BAKE SALE: DeLeurere carpport across from Hendricks Post Office, 9 am-?, Friday, June 28, Saturday, June 29.

Furniture, dishes, plus size clothes, toys, blankets, pet items, books, cookbooks, DVD player, DVD's, rugs, towels, shelving unit, crafts, coats, kitchen items, blue diamond pots, shoes, curtains, antique clock, Snoopy items, jewelry. Everything must go! Pepperoni rolls, brownies, peanut butter fudge, salted caramel fudge, cinnamon rolls, pies, chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin cookies and much more.

YARD SALE: 3 Family Yardsale-8 a.m. -2p.m., Saturday, June 29, 108 7th Street, Parsons. Men's and women's clothes, AE, buckle, VA, Nike, Sperry boots, Eden Pure heaters, newborn girl's clothes, baby and boys. Name brand clothes, shoes up to 3T, camping chairs, primitive décor, two glass TV stands and lots more.

DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

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AAA: Children and Pets in Vehicles at Risk During Extreme Heat

When cars heat up, every minute counts. As millions of Americans deal with a serious heat wave sweeping across the eastern part of the country, heat index values are predicted in the 100s over the next week. AAA East Central reminds motorists about the dangers of leaving children and pets in a hot car. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), more than 900 children have died of heat stroke in the last 25 years after being left or trapped in a vehicle. In just 10 minutes, the temperature inside a vehicle can heat up by 20 degrees and become deadly.

“A child’s body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult’s and when a child is left in a hot vehicle, the situation could become life-threatening very quickly,” says JJ Miller, safety advisor, AAA East Central. “As parents, caregivers, and bystanders, we all play a role in ensuring children and animals are protected from these dangerous conditions.”

AAA East Central Urges Motorists To ACT:

- A—Avoid heatstroke by never leaving a child in the car alone, not even for a minute.
- C—Create electronic reminders or put something in the backseat like a cell phone, purse, or briefcase that will be needed when exiting the car. Always lock vehicles and never leave car keys or car remote where children can get to them.

- T—Take action and immediately call 9-1-1 if a child or pet is found unattended in a car.

When it comes to heatstroke, animals are also at risk. Leaving them in a vehicle while running errands, taking a break at a rest stop during a road trip or for any other reason, can have deadly consequences. Animals left in hot cars can face irreversible organ damage, heatstroke, brain damage and, in extreme cases, death.

Signs of heatstroke in dogs and cats can include:

- Panting
- Excessive drooling
- Vomiting
- Reddened gums and tongue
- Rapid heart rate
- Wobbly, uncoordinated movement

Animals are also at a more severe rate of risk when they have factors like age (very young, very old), obesity, poor heart/lung conditioning, are a short-nosed, flat-faced breed, or have a thick hair coat.

AAA East Central is a not-for-profit association with 70 local offices in Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia serving 2.7 million members. News releases are available at news.eastcentral.aaa.com. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

ROAD CLOSURE

WV 72, (Dry Fork Road), Tucker County, will have lane closures on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, through Thursday, June 27, 2024, for ditching and pulling shoulders.

TUCKER COUNTY, WV - WV 72 (Dry Fork Road), Tucker County, will have lane closures from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, through Thursday, June 27, 2024, for ditching and pulling shoulders. Work will begin at the intersection WV 72 and County Route 26 (Rich Ford Road), at milepost 11.56 and ending at milepost 5.2. Special accommodations for emergency vehicles, local traffic, and US mail only; all other motorists are to expect delays and to seek alternate routes. The alternate route is County Route 26 (Rich Ford Road), commonly known as River Road.

YOU CAN HELP...

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.

How can I help?

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