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Batman stopped by 4-H Camp at Camp Kidd to talk to campers.

Holy 4-H, Batman

Batman visited Camp Kidd. The visit was part of 4-H camp. The visit by the Caped Crusader was funded by Opioid Settlement Funds through the Tucker County Commission. The Commissioners were on hand for

the event. Tucker County Commissioner Tim Knotts commented that the event, "That was a great success. I really really enjoyed being down there." Knotts also said that Batman, "He brought a good message."



Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau, left, Batman, center, Tucker County Commissioner Tim Knotts, right center, and Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis, right, stand with the Batmobile during 4-H Camp at Camp Kidd.

Parsons Police Assist in Stolen Car Case; Move Forward on Funding for License Plate Readers

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Parsons Police Chief Kevin Keplinger updated the Parsons City Council on recent developments within his department on June 18th during the City's regular meeting. Included in the updates were a stolen car case out of Ohio and an email from Senator Manchin's office regarding a Congressional spending funding request.

Keplinger informed the Council of a case involving a stolen vehicle out of Ohio. Keplinger said he had received a call from Guernsey County, OH Sheriff detectives regarding a stolen vehicle that was suspected to be in the area. "We received a call about a week and a half, two weeks ago from Guernsey County, Ohio," Keplinger said. "The Sheriff's department detectives up there, on a stolen vehicle complaint that they felt might be in the area."

Keplinger credited Patrolman Gidley with making the break in the case when he recognized where the individual was located. "We conducted an investigation," Keplinger said. "Patrolman Gidley was able to recognize from some photos where that individual was located."

Keplinger said when a search warrant was served, the department found evidence including parts from the vehicle that are being utilized by the Guernsey, OH Sheriff Department in their investigation. According to Keplinger, the vehicle had been brought to the Parsons area to be parted out and sold. "Subsequently, a search warrant was served," Keplinger said. "We found parts for a vehicle that were going to assist the Guern-

sey County Sheriff's Department with their investigation into the vehicle that was brought here and then parted out and sold."

Several arrest warrants have been issued in the case, according to Keplinger, from multiple jurisdictions. "In the process of that, we were able to obtain arrest warrants for this individual," Keplinger said. "There are also arrest warrants out of Ohio for this individual and a parole violation out of Warren County for this individual. So we're kind of tying up that investigation."

Keplinger also informed the Council that he had received an email from the

Senator's office on Friday, June 14th regarding a \$50,000 request for Congressional Directed Funding for license plate readers for the Police Department. "One of my proposals to request for license plate reader cameras and different things, has been forwarded on, as one of his proposals," Keplinger

said. According to Keplinger, while the email was a good sign, it does not confirm that the request has been granted. "That doesn't mean that it's a done deal," Keplinger said. "But when you look at Congressionally Directed Spending, that's kind of the big hurdle."

Keplinger said he was hopeful that he would have a determination by the end of summer, with disbursement of funds expected in the Spring. "We should know, hopefully by the end of summer whether that has been approved or not," Keplinger said. "I am optimistic with that, though that we will receive that funding by Spring of next year."



County Commission Allocate EMS Funding; Pass Resolutions

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Tucker County Commission met Wednesday, June 26th to address a short list of business, including the allocation of EMS funds and a resolution for the Blackwater PSD. Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau was absent. Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis chaired the meeting in Rosenau's absence. Tucker County Commissioner Tim Knotts was also present.

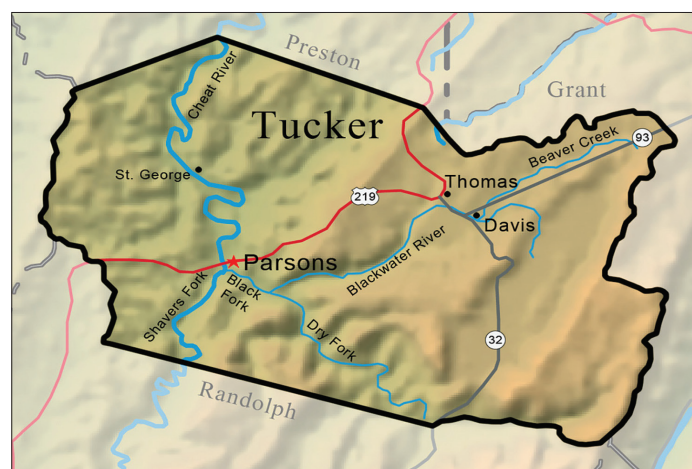
An allocation of funds in the amount of \$13,557.55 was approved by the Commission for EMS. In the motion, the Commission left \$100 in the account in order to keep it open for future use. "The release of EMS funds \$13,557.55," Davis said. "But then we will keep \$100 to keep it in the account to keep it open."

During his Commissioner Report, Commissioner Knotts emphasized the need to support EMS. "We need to be supporting our EMS," Knotts said. "Tucker Countians, you voted me in here, now I'm asking you, we need to be supporting our EMS with the flyers they send out or the fund raising cards."

Knotts said that the entity has a new board, leadership and management, but despite their ongoing efforts, support from the community is needed until such time as the State approves EMS funding. "We have a new board, we have new leadership, new management," Knotts said. "They're doing all they can, but they still need our support until we can get something approved from the State that we've been fighting for. Tucker Countians, please support EMS."

In other business, the County Commission approved a request for payment through resolution for the Blackwater Public Service District, according to Tucker County Administrator Sheila DeVilder. "The resolution for the Blackwater PSD, what that is, is a resolution to actually make a payment towards expenses for Blackwater PSD through Region VII," DeVilder said. "Expenses that they have paid out on behalf of Blackwater PSD."

The resolution, according to DeVilder, was required to make payments through a Community Block Grant Region VII obtained on behalf of the new Public Service District. "The funds that they are using



are the Community Block Grant funds," DeVilder said. "But it goes through Tucker County Commission, so we have to approve with a resolution and a request for payment everything that is done through that grant."

A motion for payment was made by Commissioner Knotts and approved by both Commissioners present.

A resolution was also passed on behalf of a grant obtained by Community Corrections. "(Community Corrections) did receive his grant when we went to Charleston," DeVilder said. "The grant that he was applying for, he did receive it."

According to DeVilder, all documents and contracts, regarding the grant, have been received. "We received the contract and all of the documentation."

The resolution, DeVilder said, was a formality that would allow documents to be signed without the need to come before the Commission as an agenda item every-time. It was mainly a time saving matter, according to DeVilder. "It usually requires that instead of coming back to County Commission every time you need to sign a document, a resolution allows the Commission President to sign documents as necessary when that grant is in actual full force and effect," DeVilder said.

The resolution approved by both Commissioners present in a motion by Commissioner Knotts, would allow Tucker County President Mike Rosenau to sign the documents independent of the other Commissioners. His signing powers would extend to all aspects of the grant including payments, contracts and vouchers, according to DeVilder. "So this resolution will allow Michael to sign all the documents as President for anything regarding that grant, whether its the grant contract, payment vouchers or anything like that in the future without having to come back to County Commission for approval each and every time," DeVilder said.

Auvil Steps Down After 17 Years on Parsons Council

After 17 years of service to the City of Parsons, Tim Auvil has stepped down from the City Council. The move comes following Auvil's decision not to run for Recorder after being appointed to the post by Parsons Mayor Bruce Kolsun. The appointment was part of a reshuffling of duties following the resignation of Mayor Dorothy Judy that saw then Recorder Kolsun appointed Mayor and Auvil appointed Recorder.

Kolsun read the inscription during the plaque presentation on June 18th. "In

appreciation for your 17 years of outstanding, I will emphasize, outstanding, and dedicated, I will also emphasize dedicated, service" Kolsun said, "the citizens of Parsons of West Virginia."

June 18th was Auvil's last meeting as the Recorder for the City of Parsons Council. "This is your last meeting, unfortunately," Kolsun said. "And we will miss you and we'll miss your brain, too."

Auvil was given a plaque and a shirt at the presentation. Auvil will be replaced by Rick Lemon as Recorder on July 2.



Parsons Mayor Bruce Kolsun, left, presents a plaque in appreciation for 17 years of service to the City by exiting Recorder Tim Auvil, right. Photo courtesy of Danielle Sponaugle.



Parsons Mayor Kolsun and exiting Recorder Tim Auvil enjoy the presentation of a City of Parsons tee shirt during the award presentation June 18th. Auvil had served on the Parsons City Council for 17 years as a Council Member and Recorder. Photo courtesy of Danielle Sponaugle.



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News of Record

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

- WENDALL ALLEN MORGAN, of Keyser, was charged with one count of Persons prohibited from possessing firearms. According to the complaint, on Saturday, June 22, Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) was patrolling WV32 in Canaan when he observed a vehicle fail to obey a traffic control device. He initiated a traffic stop and the driver stated that he did not have his wallet with him but stated that his name was Wendall Morgan.
- Trooper G.P. Hahn of the West Virginia State Police arrived on scene and both officers observed a marijuana smoking device on the passenger seat. Morgan stated that he smoked marijuana before leaving his residence. Deputy Summerfield administered a series of field sobriety tests and Morgan showed no sign of impairment. While conducting a search of the vehicle Morgan stated that there was a handgun under the driver's side floor mat. Officers located a Taurus TCP 380 ACP concealed under the mat. They also located additional marijuana smoking devices, containers and baggies containing a green leafy substance that is consistent with marijuana
- Summerfield contacted Tucker County 911 and provided name and date of birth of Morgan and was advised that his right of drive a motor vehicle was suspended. After further investigation it was discovered that he was prohibited from possessing a firearm due to previous felony charges.
- SETH T. WILES, of Aurora, was charged with one count Aggravated DUI,
- One count Expired registration and one count no proof of insurance. The complaint states that on Wednesday, May 1 at approximately 1:40 a.m. Officer Victor Pyles was contacted by WVSP Elkins Communications regarding a night call from Tucker 911. The call was regarding a single vehicle collision which was said to have occurred on WV32 at or near Springhouse Road. Pyles was advised that the driver was possibly intoxicated and was injured. At 2:19 a.m. Pyles arrived on scene and began the crash investigation. The driver, who was being treated by EMS and ready for transport, was identified as Seth T. Wiles. Pyles gained a statement from the defendant that he must have fallen asleep and was attempting to drive home from work. He further states that he had 4 beers at Mama Mia's prior to the accident. Pyles could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage at the time of initial contact. Due to injuries, no field sobriety tests could be administered. He was transported to DMC for treatment.
- A registration inquiry through Elkins Communications advised that the registration was expired as of 7-2022. The officer spoke with Mrs. Wiles who stated she would provide insurance for the vehicle which she never did and no insurance information was inside the vehicle.
- Upon arriving at DMC the defendant was asked to supply blood for a CDDP Blood Kit to determine BAC. He agreed and a blood draw affidavit was filled out along with consent in the CDDP kit. Said kit was sent to WVSP Laboratory for toxicology. On May 29, the officer received the results of said blood test which showed the defendant had a BAC of .204.
- The defendant was found to have a BAC of .15 or above justifying the charge of Aggravated DUI. The vehicle has expired registration justifying the charge of expired registration and the defendant/vehicle owners, have failed to provide proof of insurance justifying the charge of no proof of insurance.
- JASON WILLIAM HEBB, of Harman, was charged with one count of Driving under influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs. According to the complaint, on Saturday, March 23 Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a multiple vehicle crash located on US 219 near Parsons. When he arrived on scene, he discovered a male subject, namely Jason William Hebb, and he appeared to be impaired. He was allegedly falling backwards into a ditch and his speech was slurred. Upon further investigation it was determined that Hebb had crossed the center line and struck 2 vehicles. Field sobriety tests were administered and Hebb failed them all.
- Summerfield obtained a search warrant for the defendant's blood and said warrant was executed at DMC. A CDDP blood kit was used and sent to WVSP Forensic Lab for examination. Summerfield received the results from the blood kit and discovered that alprazolam, amphetamine, fentanyl, methamphetamine and norfentanyl were confirmed to be present.
- Summerfield initiated a follow up telephone call with the other drivers involved in the crash and was provided with medical records from DMC. One driver sustained acute cervical strain and mild gross closed head injury and the other driver had bruising to the area of the abdomen where the lap belt lays along with a seat belt burn to the right side of the neck.
- KELLY LYNN PENNINGTON, of Parsons, was charged with one count Domestic battery. The complaint states that on Thursday, June 27 at approximately 6:35 p.m., Tucker County 911 Communications dispatched any available Law Enforcement for a domestic in progress at 101 Price Street. Patrolman First Class N.C. Gidley, Trooper G.P. Hahn and Deputy B.M. Gidley advised they would be en-route to that location. Tucker 911 advised that the altercation had been physical in nature.
- PFC. Gidley and Trooper Hahn arrived on scene at approximately 6:37 p.m. Gidley spoke with the victim who, in summary, stated that he had arrived at the residence to obtain some of his belongings and an

argument began between him and the defendant. He stated that they argued as he went into the bedroom of the residence and as he bent down to get some belongings, she began striking him in the face. He advised she allegedly struck him with a closed fist and he attempted to shield himself by putting his hands up near his head. Pfc. Gidley observed blood on the right side of the victim's mouth. A mark was observed on the left side of the victim's neck by Trooper Hahn and Pfc. Gidley.

- Pfc. Gidley spoke with a witness who observed the incident and they stated that the victim and the defendant were having a verbal argument after the victim arrived to retrieve some of his belongings. The witness stated that when both individuals went into the bedroom, he went upstairs and immediately came back down. The witness stated that as he returned into the bedroom he observed the defendant striking the victim multiple times in the head. The witness stated that the victim had his hands up attempting to stop the strikes.
- Pennington was placed into custody by Pfc. Gidley for Domestic battery. She was then transported to the WVSP Barracks by Trooper Hahn for processing and then to the Parsons Police Department to await arrival of the on-call Magistrate for arraignment.
- All the above crimes took place in Tucker County and all individuals 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:

- Marcus B. Simmons, Black Fork District, 24.74 acres more or less to David S. Bolyard and Mistie Bolyard, \$190,000.
- Canaan Valley PSD, Order granting defeasible title and right of way, to Deerfield Village Owners Assoc. Inc. and Tucker County Sheriff, \$9,000.
- Walter R. Myers, Black Fork District, .75 acres to Mark E. Myers, \$2,500.
- Robert L. Rosier, Clover District, Temporary construction easement to WV Transportation DOH, \$950.
- Robert L. Rosier, Clover District, Partial take to WV Department of Transportation DOH, \$1,342.
- Charles S. Smith and Kimberly Covert, Dry Fork District, 6.034 acres, more or less, to Knollwood Investments LLC, \$700,000.
- Charles S. Smith and Kimberly Covert, Dry Fork District, Lots 1 and 14, Aspen Village to White-Dilley Investments LLC, \$200,000.
- Steve Huffman and Patty Huffman, Dry Fork District, 13 acres, Flanagan Hill to Andrew Kraft and Sarah Kraft, \$220,000.
- Clifford A. Jordan, Lot 5 Windwood to John Dehn and Jessica Dehn, \$48,500.
- C5 Rentals LLC, Dry Fork District, Black Bear Woods, Lot 76 to Irina Sarchenko and Alec Sultan, \$269,000.
- Charles A. Davis and Deborah L. Davis, Thomas Corporation, Lots 53 and 54 Thomas to Jerri L. Alley, \$307,500.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit F3 Week 3 to Debby A. Williams and John J. Russic, \$507.50.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit D3 Week 33 to Joseph A. Lyle and Carole E. Lyle, \$501.20.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit A5 Week 23 to Robert Wine and Eudora Wine, \$257.20.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit C6 Week 25 to Ronald Kisak and Marianne Oliver Kisak, \$307.50.
- Nancy J. Booth, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit E4 Week 44 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$555.50.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit B6 Week 41 to Sean McSherry, \$100.
- Debby Williams, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit F3 Week 9 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$100.
- Krysta K. Millhorn and Gary L. Millhorn, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit D5 Week 48 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$250.
- Arch Kevin Cline, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit F5 Week 44 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$505.
- James L. Garretson and Sheila R. Garretson, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit B5 Week 14 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$555.50.
- Robert Statum, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit G4 Week 37 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$308.
- Joan M. Shahan, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit E6 Week 21 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$308.
- Keith E. Stotts, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit F3 Week 36 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$100.
- Robert F. Judy III and Nanette S. Judy, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit G1 Week 37 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$2,114.50.
- Vanessa Lynn Gilaspy and John Mark Gilaspy, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit A3 Week 47 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$100.
- David L. Cline and Teresa D. Cline, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit A5 Week 7 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$100.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc.,

- Dry Fork District 1.9165 percent interest, Unit D3 Week 31 to Jeremiah Walk, \$750.
- Hazel R. Ware FKA Hazel R. Hathaway; Hazel R. Hathaway Now Hazel R. Ware, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit C6 Week 3 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$555.50
- Joseph A. Lyle and Carole E. Lyle, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit C6 Week 20 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$100.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., Dry Fork District 1.9165 percent interest, Unit C4 Week 29 to Howard Crouse and Camellia Crouse, \$257.50.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., Dry Fork District 1.9165 percent interest, Unit A4 Week 7 to David L. Cline, Teresa D. Cline and David P. Cline, \$257.50.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., Dry Fork District 1.9165 percent interest, Unit G6 Week 1 to Casey Lamb, \$750.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., Dry Fork District 1.9165 percent interest, Unit D5 Week 28 to Janet Bailey and Charles Bailey, \$800.
- Mark S. Vandover and Brenda Kitzmiller, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit B3 Week 28 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$100.
- Raymond A. Carroll, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit G2 Week 37 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$100.
- Mary F. Wiblin, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 percent interest, Unit G5 Week 2 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$100.
- William R. Robinson, Jr. and Cathy D. Robinson, Black Fork district, .64 acres to James L. Donahue and Alice M. Donahue, \$75,000.
- Dillion L. Bunnell and Devan B. Bunnell, 6/10 acres, to Paul Saville and Colleen Saville, \$10,000.
- Robert E. Jones, Jr. and Cathy Jones, Clover District, 76 acres (East Texas Mountain), 23.66 acres, 36.45 acres Clover Run, 25 acres Clover Run to Ingrid M. Johnson and Randy Wade Rose, \$720,000.
- Properties By Zen LLC, Davis Corporation, Lots 306 and 307 Tuscan Ridge to Gregory Burlett, \$26,000.
- Linda S. Mallow, Dry Fork District, Unit/Lot 4 Black Bear Woods, .05 acres to Rebecca Inch and Adam E. Inch, \$170,000.
- Windwood Water Works, Dry Fork District, 0.04 acres part of parcel to Canaan Valley Public Service District, \$5,000.
- Jackson Hole Properties LLC, Dry Fork District, 1.9165 interest in Unit A3 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Robert D. Wells and Betsy M. Wells, \$500.

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

- Brandon Douglas Bryan to Lindsay Jo Proffitt on Friday, June 14, 2024.

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Summer Reading Program 2024!



Five Rivers Public Library's summer reading program was June 4, 11, 18 and 25, the theme was "Adventures begin at your library"

Books were read to the children weekly and this year it was about Dinosaurs, Camping, Exercise and fitness Adventures. The last week was wrapped up at the park and splash pad.

The crafts, games, snacks & activities were geared towards the theme of the Summer Reading Program. Week 1, there was fun painting, coloring, dinosaur eggs created by using water, baking soda and vinegar, it fizzes and then a dinosaur appears. Dinosaur fossils and masks were created by the kiddos. The kids played hot lava tug a war, created a bug glow magnet and emoji kit. Summer camp week 2, the kids made an edible camp fire with apples, carrots and graham crackers, camp fire sticker scene, plastic bug rescue and glow in the dark lightning bug jar. Week 3, there was face painting and water table fun, various outdoor games, along with popsicles and drinks. All the days ended with lunch provided.

The last Summer Reading day was filled with fun at the park and splash pad with lunch, ice cream and fun on the playground equipment.

All children received goodie bags,

with the top three readers receiving a special tote filled with a variety of items. Our top three readers were, 1st place went to Ryleigh Blue, 2nd place was Quinn Hovatter and 3rd place went to Gage Hovatter.

Of the reading lists that were turned in, 895 books were read for the 3 weeks of the program. To encourage the kids to read, there were several businesses who contributed certificates to the reading program. McDonalds, Black Fork Pizza, Crystal's bakery, Bethany's cakes & cupcakes, The Gram Slam Grill, Mr. Pizza, B & J's Family Diner and Shop & Save.

Also, we would like to thank our Supporters Heart & Hand & Tucker County Community Action for providing lunch for our kiddos this year.

We appreciate the businesses for their support! We also appreciate all the parents, grandparents, etc. who brought the children to our program! The kids had a great time as did the volunteers and library staff!

Children attending this year: Gage and Quinn Hovatter, Avery & Addy Lycliter, Ryleigh & Raehan Blue, Austin and Jack Mauzy, Nora, Harrison and Audrey Roberts, Luke Rippey, Idalee Nestor, Callen & Hadley Parsons, Evelyn & Wade Summerfield, Annabeth & Lorelai Evans, Blake, Emma, David and Maria Rogers,



S'lana Pitzer, Luna & Rosie Falls, Anna & Ava Wilmoth, Kora Shiflett, Colseon Simmons, Camden Thompson & Clayton Paugh we had a total of 32 children

attending this year. Thanks to our volunteers, Lisa Gothelf, Maddy Helmick, Ava Wilfong & Rachel Hile.

Fairmont State Board of Governors approves West Virginia Campus Self-defense Act Policy

During their June meeting, Fairmont State University's Board of Governors approved Policy #GA-08 "Policy regarding West Virginia Campus Self-defense Act." This policy provides implementation guidelines for the Campus Self-defense Act (sometimes called the "Campus Carry Bill"). The law was passed by the West Virginia Legislature in 2023 and will go into effect July 1, 2024.

"Fairmont State takes this law and the possession of concealed handguns on campus very seriously," said President Mike Davis. "In consultation with campus leadership, I established the Campus Carry Committee (CCC) in Fall 2023 to study and recommend relevant actions. The committee thoroughly researched and vigorously discussed the issues, resulting in an outstanding list of suggestions. The Board of Governors' approval of Policy #GA-08 formalizes Fairmont State's approach."

From the beginning, the University has understood the complexity of this law and the importance of providing thoughtful and thorough communications—both written and in person.

"During our student forum, held near the end of the spring semester, we heard from both a student who owns firearms and another who had been affected by gun violence," said Davis. "Both students had an opportunity to respectfully express their perspectives in an ideologically neutral setting. I'm proud of them, of the Student Government Association for hosting that forum, and of all campus

constituencies for the respectful way they've approached campus carry."

BOG Policy #GA-08 outlines where individuals who possess a current and valid concealed handgun license may carry their pistol or revolver on campus. It also outlines a list of exceptions including prohibiting weapons in residence hall rooms, at events of 1,000 people or more, at disciplinary hearings, and in areas where patient care or mental health counseling is provided.

The University will be fully compliant with the law by July 1. This includes placing signage on the doors of all spaces where concealed carry is prohibited and providing expanded FAQs on the Campus Carry website.

During July and August, additional signage will be posted, new infographics will be developed, and a robust communication plan will be implemented. Fairmont State's fall semester begins August 26, with new students set to move-in on August 22.

"My goal is that the Campus Self-defense Act will be a non-issue when the fall semester kicks off," said Davis. "Furthermore, the committee will closely monitor implementation efforts and recommend updates to our procedures. In the end, I am confident that as a university community, we will do everything possible to both keep all Falcons safe and make sure they feel safe."

For more information on BOG Policy #GA-08 and Campus Carry information, please visit www.fairmontstate.edu/campus-carry.

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Farm-To-Table 2024 Date Announced

Moorefield, W.Va. — The Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation is excited to announce that the 2024 Farm-to-Table Dinner Fundraiser will take place on September 11, 2024, at the picturesque Misty Mountain Event Barn.

- Event Details:
- Date: September 11, 2024
 - Location: Misty Mountain Event Barn
 - Time: 4:30 P.M.
 - Address: 450 Misty Mountain Road, Fisher, WV

The Farm-to-Table Dinner celebrates the unique traditions surrounding food and agriculture in West Virginia, from production to preparation, and the stories that give life to these traditions. This annual event is a highlight of the year, showcasing the rich heritage of West Virginian food, deeply rooted in Appalachian culture.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the local producers, the land,

the food, and the culture of the Potomac Highlands, all while enjoying a delicious meal that brings these elements together.

Tickets will be available soon. Stay tuned for more information on securing your spot at this extraordinary event.

For more information, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jennifer Rexroad, Title III Advancement Specialist, at 304-434-8000 ext. 9258 or jennifer.rexroad@easternwv.edu.

About Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation
Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit that works with the college to raise funds for scholarships and college advancement. Foundation activities include campaigns such as Giving Tuesday, online fundraising, and the foundation's annual Farm to Table event. To learn more about the Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Foundation, visit easternwv.edu/foundation.

Health Screenings at Pride in the Park Event

Elkins, WV – Free and discounted health screenings will be offered at the June 29 Pride in the Park event at Elkins City Park.

“It is important to have accessible healthcare for all members of our community,” said Dr. Catherine “Mindy” Chua, DO, MS, FAAFP, FNMN, CPE, FAAPL, Chief Medical Officer for Davis Medical Center. “We are happy to bring a variety of important screenings, and we are committed to inclusivity, diversity, and compassionate care for all.”

Screenings available at the event include:

- Pap smears
- STD testing
- PreP prescriptions

- Wellness labs
 - HIV, syphilis and Hepatitis C testing
- Davis Medical Center, Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) Mobile Unit, and the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, among others, will provide testing from 11 am until 2 pm.

About Davis Medical Center
Davis Medical Center represents the hub of Davis Health System and is committed to providing high-quality medical services to Elkins & surrounding communities. With a focus on patient care, innovation, and community well-being, DMC strives to be a cornerstone in the region's healthcare landscape. Davis Health System is a part of the Vandalia Health Network.

Be a Powerful Force for Good this Summer

Red Cross, in partnership with Universal Pictures' new film, TWISTERS, encourages the public to give blood and support disaster relief this July

MORGANTOWN, WV, June 24, 2024 — As the busy Fourth of July holiday week gets closer, the American Red Cross asks donors to be a powerful force for good by giving blood now and in the weeks to come. You can be the difference between someone's storm and their sunshine. Donors are critically needed right now after a sharp decrease in donations since late spring. All blood types are needed, especially donors giving type O blood and those giving platelets.

Full summer calendars and holiday plans may prevent regular donors from being able to give. Additionally, significant summer weather threats such as hurricanes, flooding and tornadoes can result in travel hazards and blood drive cancellations that could impact the blood supply. Help keep lifesaving blood products stocked on hospital shelves and book a time to give blood by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

The Red Cross has teamed up with Universal Pictures for the theatrical release of TWISTERS to help avoid a summer blood shortage. All who come to give blood or platelets July 1-31 will get a Fandango Movie Ticket* by email. Plus, those who come to give July 1-14 will also receive a one-of-a-kind TWISTERS and Red Cross umbrella, while supplies last. BONUS: Those who come to give blood in July will also automatically be entered for a chance to win a 2025 Ram 1500 Big Horn®. See RedCrossBlood.org/Twisters for full details.

Swarms of tornadoes and extreme flooding in recent months have tragically taken lives and destroyed entire communities. Most recently, millions of people have endured one of the longest lasting and strongest heat waves in years, including large portions of the Midwest. Unfortunately, in states like Arkansas, Ohio and Nebraska, many communities are still picking up the pieces and recovering from the second most active tornado season on

record, according to the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center.

“The Red Cross is grateful to have partners like Universal Pictures who are not only lending this support to encourage blood donations during this critical time of year but have also generously donated to help support disaster relief,” said Jennifer Pipa, vice president of Disaster Programs for the Red Cross. “Because of the climate crisis, the Red Cross is now launching twice as many relief operations for major disasters than we did a decade ago. And disasters are not only straining our relief operations but also our ability to collect lifesaving blood donations. So far this year we have collected 20,000 fewer blood donations due to severe weather.”

In just the first five months of the year, the Red Cross has responded to 20 tornado related disasters across 13 states. Unfortunately, meteorologists expect more powerful and destructive storms to continue in the months to come as the effects of the climate crisis continue. This year's outlook is part of a years-long trend of more frequent and intense climate disasters, such as hurricanes, wildfires, severe storms and floods.

Dare to be a force of nature this summer. Give blood or make a financial donation to the Red Cross by visiting RedCross.org.

How to donate blood
Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reli-

OBITUARIES

Hugh Rogers Kendall



Hugh Rogers Kendall, 85, of Clarksville, MD, and Thomas, WV, passed away on June 20, 2024, at WVU Ruby Memorial Hospital with his family by his side. Born on October 2, 1938, in Olney, MD, he was the son of the late Charles Nicholson and Mary (Pue) Kendall.

After graduating from Howard High School, Hugh served in the U.S. Army National Guard. As a young man, he worked for the family owned store, Chas N. Kendall General Store, and after his father passed away, he took over the family business. As the community grew in size, so did their business that transpired into a hardware store, gaining the name of Kendall Hardware, which now his son, Steven, proudly owns and operates. Hugh started his next business endeavors in Thomas, WV, where he

Kendall, to whom he was married on August 14, 1965; two children, Emily Kendall and husband David Moynihan and Steven Kendall and wife Janice; six grandchildren, Sarah Hurwitz, Elizabeth Rycke and husband Coulter, Logan Kendall, Cody Kendall, Alexandra Hall and husband RJ, and Jillian Wink and husband Andrew; and seven great grandchildren.

Friends will be received on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, from 2 to 4 PM and 5 to 7 PM at the Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home, 567 Thomas Ave., Davis. A brief celebration of life will be held at 7 PM, in the funeral home with Father Martin Smay officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, for their community support fund, po box 300 Thomas, WV 26292.

was most notably known for his co-founding H & H Hardware. Hugh was very proud of Kendall Hardware and H & H Hardware as they both have grown and served the communities he loved. After retirement, he invested in businesses and homes, renovating them, and assisting new owners in succeeding financially. He was a member of the American Legion and the FOE#936.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Lee (Koby)

Matthew Shane Dellinger



Matthew Shane Dellinger, age 23 years, a resident of the Elk Community, Hendricks, WV, departed this life Friday, June 21, 2024.

He was born April 11, 2001, at Petersburg, WV, a son of Shane Ray Dellinger of Petersburg, WV and Lisa Dawn Dearien and companion Sam Arbogast of Beverly, WV

Also surviving are four brothers, Patrick Dellinger, Kenneth Dellinger, Tyler and Logan Wilcher, two sisters, Kerri Vance and Alexis Dellinger; his grandmother who raised him, Anna Lynn Carr Wilcher of Hendricks; one uncle, Stephen William Wilcher, of Hendricks; aunts, Angie Davis and Tammy Davis of Augusta, and Tonya Ioanou of Petersburg.

Preceding him in death

are his grandparents, George Curtis Wilcher, Jeannette Arlene Bare and Floyd Edward Dellinger; and his great grandparents, Charles W. Carr and Roberta Carr.

He was graduate of Tucker County High School with the class of 2019. He was an employee of Pilgrims Pride in Moorefield, America's Insurance Co., a Computer Tech and other various jobs. He loved to work and enjoyed working on his car, and computer and video games, Matthew was very loving and very generous, and he just loved everyone and spending time with his friends.

The family will receive friends at the Brights Chapel Church at Dry Fork, WV on Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 11 AM to 1 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the church on Thursday at 1 PM. Pastor Lonnie Daniels will officiate and interment will follow at the Brights Chapel Cemetery at Dry Fork, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Matthew Shane Dellinger. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohr-barbfuneralhome.com.

able supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

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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 4:00 P.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.

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"When you think of snorkeling, the North Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River may not be the first thing that comes to mind, but we invite you to have fun discovering the often-un-seen world of this thriving ecosystem," said Mandy Harmon, Assistant Discovery Center Director.

Space is limited for these programs. Pre-registration is required. To register and for more information, contact Justin Lee at justin.lee@usda.gov, call the discovery center at 304-567-2627 or inquire at the discovery center information front desk.

Interpretive opportunities like river snorkeling are offered to the public in partnership with Eastern

National Forests Interpretive Association (ENFIA) and Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area (AFNHA). The Seneca Rocks Discovery Center is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Davis accepting applications for GENERAL LABOR POSITION

The Town of Davis is accepting applications for a general labor position.

Job entails all work associated with the Town that includes, but not limited to; trash pickup, grass cutting, snow plowing/removal, general town maintenance, water/sewer line repairs, cemetery work and assisting other jobs when needed.

The Town of Davis offers full-time employment with full benefits after a 90-day probation period. Pay is discussed upon interview based on qualifications.

Applications can be picked up at the Davis Town Hall, 505 William Ave., Davis, WV 26260.

Applications/Resumes can be returned by mail at P.O. Box 207, Davis, WV 26260, or in person at the Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. by July 12, 2024.

The Town of Davis is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LEGAL

I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Donna Jo Walker	Alan Walker
1st publication 6/26/24	PO Box 487
2nd publication 7/3/24	Thomas, WV 26292

Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

LEGAL

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2023-065

The Tucker County Board of Education, Parsons, WV will receive bids for **Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement at Tucker County High School** until **2:00 p.m.**, local prevailing time on July 25, 2024, at the office of the Tucker County Board of Education, Parsons, WV, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Conference, for **General Construction**, has been scheduled for **July 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** at Tucker County High School. A site visit will be conducted following the meeting.

The contract documents are available only from the architect's electronic distribution system. Login credentials will be sent to all prospective contractors and subcontractors after the request is made to bidders@wsgarch.com. Addenda will be only distributed electronically from the Architects electronic distribution system to bidders registered in attendance at the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

Each Bidder must be registered with the West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue prior to the time and date for Receipt of Bids in order for his Bid to be considered. Each Bidder's registration certificate number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

All bidders are required to be licensed to perform work in the State prior to submitting a bid for this project as required by Chapter 21, Article 11, of the Code of West Virginia. Each Bidder's Contractor license number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

A satisfactory bid bond furnished by a solvent surety company authorized to do business in the State of West Virginia, in an amount equal to five (5%) of the total amount of bid, payable to the Tucker County Board of Education, shall be submitted with each Bid.

Each (The) successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and the fee for same shall be included in their bid.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for at least **thirty (30)** days.

The Board of Education of the County of Tucker, Parsons, WV reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

THE TUCKER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Mrs. Alicia Lambert, Superintendent

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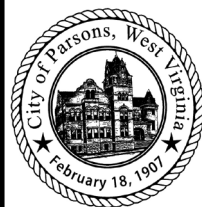
The City of Parsons is seeking applicants for a full-time Public Works Laborer.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a CDL License, high school diploma or equivalent, and possess a valid West Virginia driver's license. Compensation will be based on the applicant's qualifications and experience. Benefits include paid health insurance, paid life insurance, retirement plan, wellness program, vacation days, sick leave, personal days, uniforms, and boot allowance.

Applications are available at the Parsons Business Office, located in the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (EDT), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

All applications must be received by 5:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, July 12, 2024.

The City of Parsons is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals.



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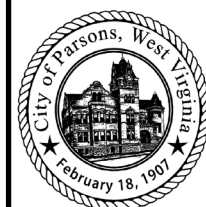
The City of Parsons is seeking a seasonal groundskeeper who will perform general maintenance to all parks and recreational facilities. Duties may include but are not limited to custodial duties, emptying and disposing of trash, removing fallen tree debris and litter, cleaning restrooms, painting, weed-eating, and cutting grass.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and should possess a valid West Virginia Driver's License with good driving history. Before making a job offer, the candidate must consent to a criminal background check as well as a drug and alcohol test. Compensation for this position is \$10.00 per hour with no fringe benefits, except for free membership to the Wellness 24 Fitness Center.

Interested individuals may pick up an application at the Parsons Business Office, located in the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (EDT), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Applications will be accepted until a qualified pool of candidates is established, or the position is filled, but preference will be given to complete applications received by 4:00 P.M. (EDT) on Friday, July 12, 2024. Those who do not apply by this date may or may not be considered.

Legal Disclosure – 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, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor.



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Thomas Mountaineer Days scheduled for July 6

The Mountaineer Days committee, in conjunction with the city of Thomas and the Thomas Volunteer Fire Department, are pleased to announce the final plans for Mountaineer Days. This year's festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 6.

The Independence weekend activities kick off with the Tucker County Young Life again sponsoring a 5K Run/2K Walk Race. Racers can register at the event or online. The link is on the Facebook page, Mountaineer Days 5K Run/2K walk presented by Eastern Mountaintops Young Life, (or <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068964740096>)

The cost is \$25 for pre-registration and \$35 the day of the event. Registration is from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., with the race starting at 8 a.m. at the Thomas Fire Hall.

The popular vendor area and craft displays open at 10 a.m. along the railroad grade in Thomas. With more than 40 vendors, residents and visitors will enjoy sampling the food and exploring crafts.

For the second year, the Tucker County Young Life is sponsoring inflatable amusement rides. The rides will be set up along the railroad grade in Thomas.

The Mountaineer Days Parade begins at noon, with the line-up starting at 11 a.m. at the Division of Highways garage. Fire Trucks will line up on Quail Ridge Drive.

Following the parade, the county's largest cakewalk, sponsored by the Mountaineer Humane Society, begins at 1 p.m. in the old Miners & Merchants bank lot. The non-profit group is seeking donations for this popular event.

"We would appreciate any baked goods donations, homemade or bought, and participants for the cakewalk," said Karen Linton, one of the event's key organizers. "All proceeds from the cakewalk will go to our Run For It team, The Cruisin' Critters, which then supports the spay and neuter voucher program."

Musical entertainment begins at 11 a.m., with Nat Frederick taking the stage in the old Miners & Merchants bank lot. He will be followed by Rebecca Wudarski playing at 2:30 p.m., Jason Good Blues Band at 4:30 p.m., and Waylon Wyatt performing at 6 p.m.

Cole Chaney, the event's headliner, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. At only 21 years old, Chaney's catalog may be small, but he already boasts an absolute masterpiece of an album in which he proves wise beyond his years. Mercy, his debut album released in 2021, is a 12-song showcase



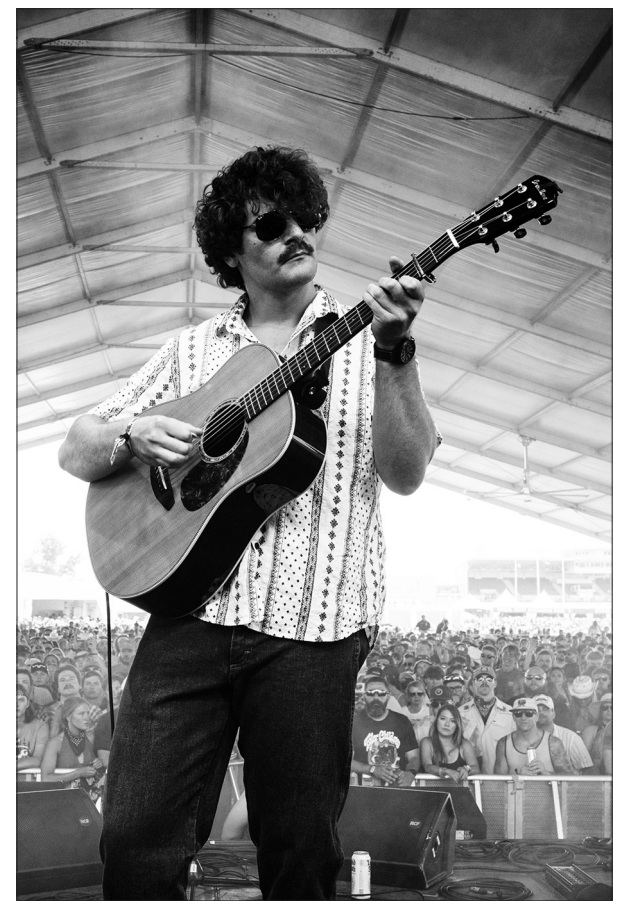
Rising folk and country star Waylon Wyatt will take the stage at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 6 at Mountaineer Days.

of Eastern Kentucky blue-collar anthems highlighted by his deft lyricism and storytelling.

The grand finale of the evening will be the 67th year of fireworks sponsored by the Thomas Volunteer Fire Department. Each year, the fireworks are put on with donations received from the public, roadblocks on the day of the event, and door-to-door fundraising efforts. This year's show will last about 45 minutes.

The pancake breakfast sponsored by the Thomas Volunteer Fire Department will close the Mountaineer Days weekend activities. Breakfast will be served at the Thomas Fire Hall from 8 a.m. to noon.

Mountaineer Days is made possible by the following sponsors: Western Pocahontas + Natural Resource Partners, City of Thomas, Davis Trust Company, St. George Medical Clinic, Tucker County Parks and Recreation, WVU Medicine, Kingsford, Tucker County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Sirianni's, Sunrise Sanitation,



Cole Chaney, the event's headliner, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 6 in the old bank parking lot in downtown Thomas for Mountaineer Days.

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Mountaineer Days Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 8:
8:00 a.m. - 5k/2k sponsored by Young Life
10:00 a.m. - Vendors & Kid's Inflatables on the Railroad Grade
10:30 a.m. - Kid's Bicycle Decorating Contest sponsored by Ranger Jane's
11:00 a.m. - Music by Nat Frederick in the old bank parking lot in downtown Thomas

Noon - Parade by the Thomas Volunteer Fire Department
1:00 p.m. - Cake Walk sponsored by the Mountaineer Humane Society
2:30 p.m. - Music by Rebecca Wudarski
4:30 p.m. - Music by Jason Good Blues Band
6:00 p.m. - Waylon Wyatt
7:30 pm - Cole Chaney
Dark - 67th Annual Fireworks Display by the Thomas Volunteer Fire Department
Sunday, July 9:
8:00 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast at the Thomas Volunteer Fire Department

Eastern Bids Farewell to Board of Governors Chair, Greg Greenwalt

Moorefield, W.Va. — Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College held a heartfelt celebration on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, to honor Greg Greenwalt, who has served on the Board of Governors for the past 10 years. He was originally appointed as a board member by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin in October 2014, elected as Vice-Chair in July 2017, and finally was elected as Chair in May 2020. Among some of Mr. Greenwalt's accomplishments as Chair, is leading Eastern through the COVID pandemic and a successful presidential search.

The celebration, which was a surprise for Greenwalt, took place in the student lounge where Eastern staff gathered to show their appreciation. The event followed his final Board of Governors meeting. As he exited the boardroom, Mr. Greenwalt was met with applause and well wishes from his colleagues. Dr. Tom Striplin, President of Eastern, presented Greenwalt with a Certificate of Appreciation, issued by Governor Jim Justice. He was also recognized for his service at the Spring 24 Commencement Ceremony, plus has been given an honorary associate degree from Eastern.

The celebration featured catering by Meadowbrook Farms BBQ, providing a delicious spread for all attendees. In addition, a candy bar and a beautifully decorated sheet cake added to the festive atmosphere.

Sheldon Arbaugh, the previous Vice-Chair, will be stepping into the role of Chair of the Board, with Dr. Andrew Blackwood assuming the position of Vice-Chair. Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College expresses its deepest gratitude to Greg Greenwalt for his decade of dedicated service and leadership.

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

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The family of our beloved Louanna "Lulu" Bava Carr would like to take this time to express our deepest appreciation to everyone for their many acts of kindness shown by their love to Lulu and toward our family at this most needed time of comfort. No words could ever relay the love that we have for all of you.

"Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

We thank you so much for the phone calls, the many cards, the beautiful floral arrangements, the food, the offers of help, the visits, the whispers of prayer, the words of encouragement and so many more acts of kindness. This has all helped us to endure our grief. How could we ever repay your kindness?

We thank you, dear Kevin, and the Hostetler Funeral Home for going above and beyond your devoted service to the family. Kevin, your testimonial of Lulu during the funeral service was wonderful, you are so special.

The eulogy written by Mike Warner was a wonderful account reflecting on the beautiful nature of Lulu.

Thank you, Morgan and Melissa, for your heartfelt spoken memorials of your love for Lulu. A very special thank you to Pastor Mike Boggs and Dr. Phillip Richards of the Rivers of Living Waters Ministries of Elkins for the unforgettable spirit filled service for Lulu that you blessed us with. This will always remain in our hearts as God's Presence was felt that day. The music provided from your church by Pat Schoonover was unsurpassed, we thank you so much.

Dear cousin, Perry Stone, thank you so much for your video tribute during the funeral and your You Tube sermon dedicated to Lulu. What wonderful memorial messages they were. Your loving, kind words will remain with us as we reflect back on Lulu's life and they will sustain us until we meet with her again.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8.

We thank the Parsons Church of God for opening up the doors of the church and providing the family with all the necessary needs for the services. A very special thank you to the ladies of the church, that provided the most wonderful family meal ever. We thank others who also supplied food for this dinner. We love you all.

We wish to acknowledge the pall bearers and sincerely thank them, yours was a special duty.

Last, but not least, if we have failed to mention someone or something within this missive, please be assured that our thanks go out to you also wholeheartedly.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the Faith." 1 Timothy 4:7. May the peace of God, rest upon all of us.

With deepest love,
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Notice of Updated Hours at Grant County Bank Branches



Petersburg, W.Va. [June 28, 2024] — The Grant County Bank, a trusted community bank serving the Potomac Highlands region for over 120 years, today announced updated operating hours across six branch locations, effective July 1st, 2024.

George Ford, Grant County Bank President and CEO, stated, “We have made the adjustment in hours based on evolving customer usage patterns across our branch network. We feel that the new hours at each location match the times that customers want to do business with us.”

The updated hours of operation are as follows:

- Petersburg (Main Branch)
Lobby: Monday–Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon
Drive-Thru: Monday–Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to noon
- Canaan
Lobby: Monday–Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday closed
Drive-Thru: Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday closed
- Davis
Lobby: Monday–Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon
Drive-Thru: Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon
- Harman
Lobby: Monday–Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon
Drive-Thru: Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon
- Moorefield
Lobby: Monday–Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon
Drive-Thru: Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to noon
- Keyser
Lobby: Monday–Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,



Saturday 9 a.m. to noon
Drive-Up: Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to noon

- Riverton
Lobby: Monday–Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Drive-Thru: Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please note that the Riverton branch hours have remained the same. Customers can also access their accounts 24/7, 365 days a year through the bank's digital banking platforms, including online and mobile banking.

For more details on the updated branch hours, please visit GrantCountyBank.com.

About Grant County Bank
The Grant County Bank was chartered as a West Virginia state bank on August 6, 1902 and began operations on August 15 with its first office in Petersburg, WV. Our mission of providing financial services and products to families, small businesses, and the agricultural community has served both our customers and the bank well over the years.

Subsequently, The Grant County Bank has expanded its marketplace throughout the Potomac Highlands and now operates a total of seven offices in six counties. After more than a century of continued service, The Grant County Bank is truly “Committed to The Communities We Serve” and is a subsidiary of Highlands Bankshares, Inc., also headquartered in Petersburg, WV.



UHC received the prestigious Stryker Sustainability Solutions Environmental Excellence Award for its efforts in reprocessing single-use medical devices. Pictured: Liberty Kincaid, CST, ASTT, clinical value analysis specialist at UHC; Josh Meadows, sales representative – Stryker Sustainability Solutions; and Sheldon Gilbert, MBA, BSN, RN, CNOR, director of Surgery at UHC.

United Hospital Center Receives Environmental Excellence Award

Bridgeport, WV. – June 25, 2024 – United Hospital Center is proud to announce it has received the Environmental Excellence Award from Stryker’s Sustainability Solutions. This designation is reserved for select hospitals that demonstrate outstanding leadership in healthcare sustainability and overall hospital quality through single-use device (SUD) reprocessing.

In 2023, United Hospital Center reprocessing program successfully diverted 234 pounds of medical waste from landfills and reduced its supply costs by \$10,963.

“Stryker is pleased to honor United hospital Centers’s continued dedication to achieving both environmental and financial sustainability,” said Natalie Ward, Vice President/General Manager of Stryker’s Sustainability Solutions. “With a heightened focus on improving value in today’s healthcare environment, United Hospital Center leads by example with their commitment to sustainability initiatives that reduce costs and optimize resources in order to support quality care.”

Leading hospitals across the nation are continuing to pursue initiatives to reduce the environmental footprint of healthcare delivery. Among these initiatives, SUD reprocessing stands out as an environmental practice that not only dramatically reduces the amount

of medical waste, but at the same time frees significant resources for the hospital – all without capital investment.

United Hospital Center is in the distinguished company of other leading hospitals that are implementing reprocessing programs. In fact, reprocessing programs are currently employed by nearly all the U.S. News & World Report “Honor Roll” hospitals.

About United Hospital Center
United Hospital Center (UHC) is the result of a merger between St. Mary’s and Union Protestant hospitals in 1970. This bold move provides North Central West Virginia with a regional community hospital that offers a vast array of services. The new UHC opened in 2010 and is located along I-79 in Bridgeport. The 736,403 square foot structure rises eight stories. It is designed around the environment with the patient, family, employees, and community in mind—which includes enhanced patient privacy, a high level of technology integration, and improved access to care. The acute care facility has 292 private inpatient rooms and a medical staff that consist of more than 366 physicians, advanced practice providers, and allied health professionals. UHC has more than 2,450 employees and is a member of WVU Medicine (West Virginia United Health System). For more information about UHC, please visit uhc.wv.org.

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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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