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Town of Davis Moves Forward with Plan for Pickleball Court

by: Lydia Crawley
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The Town of Davis is moving forward with a plan that would see a new rubberized tile system placed on the town basketball court and the creation of a new outdoor pickleball court. The Town Council approved council member Chuck Wood to begin seeking funding for the project that he brought to the Town Council on July 10th during their regular meeting. The project, Wood said, would cost an estimated \$25,000.

Wood said there are several different companies, but the quote he presented to Council was one of the most competitive. "There are several different companies this company seemed to be pretty quick to get back to me and also fairly affordable compared to some of the other ones," Wood said.

According to Wood, the systems are made in the U.S. and come with a 16-year guarantee. "They are made in the USA, they come with a 16-year warranty," Wood said.

The quote was for a rubberized tile system that interlocks like hardwood flooring and is held down by a perimeter system, according to Wood. The quote, Wood said, would cover both the basketball court and the creation

of a pickleball court. "It's a rubberized tile and it can be put down by anybody," Wood said. "The quote is for the basketball court and the little dead space behind it where the little hoops were to turn that into a pickleball court."

According to Wood the system can come in a variety of colors and designs. During discussion on the matter, it was suggested that the system utilize the seal of the Town of Davis in its design. "We give them a nice basketball court where they are not going to tear up their knees, their back, their elbows, maybe they'll respect it and give them something to do," Wood said.

Wood said that pickleball is a quickly growing sport with players already in the area. "We have a pickleball group that is in the area," Wood said. "And it's a growing sport. In fact the gentleman told me when I was speaking to him that they are beginning to sell more pickleball courts than basketball courts."

According to Wood, his motivation for the project was to utilize space in the park, as well as give the community something new to do. "So I figured instead of having a dead space, we could put it to some good use," Wood said.

The council approved Wood moving forward with seeking funding for the project.

“You know, that's another private meeting, having a meeting and nobody is aware of it. There was nothing posted,” Quattro said.

Quattro Confronts Davis Council Over Meeting Procedures

By: Lydia Crawley
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Davis resident Lori Quattro confronted the Davis Town Council over the procedures used during the Council's meetings. The confrontation came as a part of the Regular Town of Davis Council meeting on July 10th.

During her presentation to the council, Quattro presented each member with a packet of State Codes with sections pertinent to her presentation highlighted. "I handed you the West Virginia State Code Chapter 8a, Article 7, Section 7," Quattro said. "I promised last time I was here last month when I was here in June, I was going to read you this section about the zoning ordinance issue."

Quattro also said Town of Davis Mayor

Al Tomson had said that the zoning ordinance would be passed. "My first question to you is, when was this decision to pass this ordinance by council made?" Quattro said. "You said, 'We are going to pass it,' was the statement you made. I never heard a vote taken by anybody. There's not a vote in the minutes of the planning commission to pass it. So where did that statement come from?"

Tomson said the statement was made based on a survey of the Town Council members, with most supporting the passage of a zoning ordinance. "The statement came from me based on feedback that I had individually from different council members and their opinions, but as far as to actually put it into effect, we would actually take a vote," Tomson said. "But

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River City Inn Opens Doors in Parsons



Frank and Beth Roberts are the driving force behind River City Inn in Parsons.



The River City Inn offers a variety of rooms including suites with extra rooms and in-suite laundry facilities.



The motel offers fully remodeled rooms and bathrooms such as the one pictured. The bathrooms offer either a walk-in shower or full tub/shower combinations.



The motel suites offer a secondary room with pull out couch for groups or families on their travels.

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The newly remodeled River City Inn has opened its doors in Parsons to welcome travelers from both near and far. The motel is owned, operated and remodeled by Frank and Beth Roberts.

The motel was originally built in the 1960s and had fallen into disrepair after setting abandoned for some time, according to Frank Roberts. The Roberts spent the past year remodeling the building since first acquiring it in June of 2023. "It was definitely a building that has sat vacant for quite some time

and needed some love brought back into it."

The motel operates in a more Airbnb centered fashion. There is no traditional office or check-in desk. Reservations and rooms are booked through the motel website and a key code is given to each guest and payment is made online. "Booking is all available online or a phone call," Beth Roberts said. "It's basically an Airbnb vibe."

The motel officially opened May 15th, according to Beth Roberts, with 18 rooms including two suites available on both the first and second floor. The Roberts are currently working on completion of two apartments that will be available on a short term

rental basis, as well as remodeling a restaurant area in the first floor. "We officially opened on May 15th," Beth Roberts said. "We have apartments that will soon be on the radar and a restaurant, hopefully within the next year."

For more information on the River City Inn or to reserve a room, please visit their website at <https://parsonsrivercityinn.com> or call 304-451-9501. The River City Inn is located at 233 Cheat Valley Highway, Parsons.

County Commission Denies Petition to Reopen Estate

By: Lydia Crawley
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The Tucker County Commission denied a request to reopen the estate of Eric G. Poling. On July 10th, attorneys for both parties currently engaged in a battle in Circuit Court, addressed the Commission regarding the request made by the petitioners in the case, Gary Herron on behalf of Agnes and Kenneth Poling. Herring and the Polings are represented by Attorney Pat Nichols. The Respondent Ashley Sweeney was represented by Attorney Jeffery Triplett in the matter.

The Commissioners heard from both sides in the matter. Nichols said the decedent was his clients' only child. According to Nichols, Sweeney, as the only child, was appointed administratrix of the estate after the death without a will. Nichols further said that an initial appraisal of the estate was filed with an amended appraisal later

“Either way this happens, its going to end up in Circuit Court where it is already headed,” Wilkins said.

filed following the closure of the estate.

According to Nichols, the amended appraisal contained many more assets than the initial appraisal. According to Nichols, his clients have interests in the guns listed in the amended appraisal. "We are of the contention that there are several assets that were listed on the amended appraisal that belong to Kenneth and Agnes," Nichols said.

Nichols further said that the estate was only reopened for six or seven days following the amended appraisal. "What the amended appraisal, at that point in time, consisted of many, many assets concerning especially a bunch of guns that we are interested in and then closed the estate in about six or seven days later," Nichols said.

Triplett, on behalf of the respondent Sweeney, disputed Nichol's claim that the estate was only reopened for six or seven days following the filing of an amended

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“If we want the \$132,000 we have to jump through all these stupid hoops,” Staron said.

Davis Food Pantry Seeks Assistance

By: Lydia Crawley
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Blackwater Ministerial Food Pantry in Davis is seeking assistance with raising matching funds to construct a building at their new location in time to meet a deadline to be out of their currently location at the end of this year. Food Pantry representative Veronica Staron spoke to the Tucker County Commission July 10th regarding the situation.

Staron said she had started working at the Food Pantry twenty years ago and has seen the need for services increase dramatically over the years. "2004, I began working with the Food Pantry," Staron said. "In the last 20 years we have gone from eight to 10 people to now 85 to 96 households. USDA will not let us talk about families because anybody who lives alone is not a family, they are a household. So we have to do counts by households."

According to Staron, the roster of clients has grown over the years, as well. "We

also have to account for adults and children and everybody over 60 on a monthly basis," Staron said. "The roster of the people we have looks like this, multiple pages, and this is about 175 households because not everybody comes every month. Some people live in such accommodations that there are no storage," Staron said. "Some people can't eat or use up the food that we give them and that's ok because it can extend to the next month."

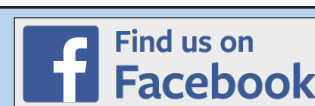
Staron said the Food Pantry gives three bags of non perishable items, as well as four types of meats to its clients. "We give them three bags of non perishables and one bag of perishables being meat," Staron said. "We make sure they have four kinds of meat when they leave us, even if one of the meats is canned tuna, or even beef stew so they get some protein because if you live without any money, you can't buy meat the way it is."

According to Staron the incomes of the clients vary by ranges from as little as

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News of Record

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

- Greggory Howard Mayfield, of Parsons, was charged with one count of Indecent Exposure. According to the complaint, on Friday, June 28 at approximately 6:41 p.m. Patrolman First Class N.C. Gidley received a call from Tucker County 911 in regards to a report of a male subject being nude and running around a vehicle at Mill Race Park. Gidley and Officer Prickett of the WVDNR responded to that location but were unable to locate the individual. Tucker 911 advised that it was possibly a Mayfield subject, and were able to locate a driver's license for the defendant. A criminal history records check was conducted which shows that the defendant has priors for indecent exposure and open lewdness out of West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Later, Gidley was informed that a picture of the male subject was on Facebook. He was shown the Facebook post and identified the area in the background as Three Rivers Park (baseball field) in the Pulp Mill Bottom.
- Gidley went to the witness's residence and spoke with her about the make subject to which she stated, in summary, that she, her juvenile sister and her three juvenile children had gone to the Grand Slam Grill earlier this date to pick up food. Upon arriving, she stated that she observed a male subject in the passenger seat of a white vehicle she parked beside of. She stated that the door to the vehicle was open and the male had his foot propped up on the door. She stated that she and the other juvenile occupants of her vehicle were able to see that the male was completely nude and that they were able to see everything. She stated that even after noticing them in the next vehicle, the male did not close the door nor did he attempt to conceal himself in any way. Gidley provided a picture of the defendant to the witness, who positively identified him as the nude male from the Grand Slam Grill. A video of the subject was emailed to Gidley and a written statement was obtained from the witness.
- Kelsey Mae Armstrong, of Elkins, was charged with False Reporting (X2) and False Information (X34). The complaint states that on Tuesday, May 21 at approximately 12:36 p.m. Senior Trooper C.A. Hawkins was dispatched via WVSP Elkins Comm. on behalf of Tucker County 911 to an alleged assault. 911 advised the victim identified as Kelsey Armstrong was located on the bridge on First St.
- Hawkins arrived on scene and made contact with the defendant. She stated that "he" followed her from Elkins and had a knife and made her get in his car. She stated that he took her to the same place that she was taken last year by another subject. She stated that she thought it was the brother from the other incident. She stated that he ran her off the road and she pulled over. She stated she did not make this up. She said the he made her get into his car and drove her over to Parsons. She stated that it was a black vehicle. She stated he dropped her off at the bridge. She stated that he made her get in the back seat of the car while he had a knife and threatened her. She stated that he started following her at Walmart in Elkins and that it was her fault for getting his brother in trouble. She stated that he made her drink five "Bootleggers" and that her vehicle was setting somewhere on Gum Rd in Randolph County. Tucker EMS noted bite marks on her stomach and Hawkins obtained photos of these marks.
- On this same date Hawkins contacted Randolph County 911 to have an officer BOLO on Gum Rd for Armstrong's vehicle. Officer White of the Elkins Police Department traveled to Gum Rd and located said vehicle backed into a well-known parking area. The vehicle was not setting in a manner consistent of being run off the road or parking in any form of a distressed state.
- On the same date Hawkins arrived at Gum Rd and observed Armstrong's vehicle parked in a gravel wide spot, he also observed a small duffel bag on top of the vehicle. He obtained photos of the vehicle. Hawkins traveled to Tucker County 911 to review traffic cameras that face First Street. He reviewed footage between the claimed hours of the incident and observed one vehicle possibly matching the description given by Armstrong.
- Hawkins traveled to Mountain Valley Bank in Parsons and reviewed footage from the same time frame of the incident. He could not determine of the vehicle in question passed through the field of view due to poor night time quality and a small field of view of the roadway.
- Hawkins then traveled to the home address of the perpetrator in an attempt to obtain a statement, but was unable to make contact.
- On Wednesday, May 22 Hawkins obtained

a follow up statement via phone call from Armstrong in which she stated that she went to Walmart to clear her head after getting into an argument with her fiancé. She stated that she began to return home when she noticed a black car following her and that the car ran her off the road and she almost wrecked. She said that she did not know who did it and did not recognize him at all, but stated that it was the same guy as last time when she made a report with a Randolph county trooper. She described the subject as about her height and brown hair. She stated that after running her off the road, he came to her car, allegedly threatening her with a knife and pulled her from the car before allegedly hitting her a few times. She stated he pulled his car in front of hers and that her car was sitting in a gravel lot. She stated that he allegedly took her keys and phone from her but she managed to get her phone back. She stated that he told her to do what she was told or she would get hurt and that he had a knife. She stated that he made her drink four bottles of alcohol and took her to a back road in Valley Bend, then Mill Creek then to Tucker County. She stated that he kept grabbing her legs and once they got to Tucker County he got her out of the car and pushed her and she hit her head. She stated she was at the same place as the last incident that happened to her. She said that he took off her shoes, put her in the car, got on her and started touching and kissing her. She said that he put his hand up her shirt, took off her shorts, took off her underwear and put something inside her. She stated that she was wearing blue shorts with white lines but that he put sweatpants back on her. She stated that he parked her car in a wide spot after he put her in his car. See described his car as a Ford sedan.

- On Thursday, May 23 Hawkins was contacted by Officer White through WVSP Elkins Comm. and he advised Hawkins that Armstrong told him that she had been meeting with a male subject consensually, including the night that she ended up in Tucker County. White advised that the statement was recorded on his body cam.
- On Monday, April 3 Hawkins and Senior Trooper E.B. Malcomb obtained a recorded statement from the alleged accused who stated that Armstrong messaged him to meet at Walmart in Elkins and told him to purchase alcohol, Lysol wipes and condoms. He stated that he met up at a pull off spot on Gum Road and that she got into his car and they began to drive around. He stated that they drove through the areas of Mill Creek, Huttonsville and to the gas station across from Walmart in Elkins before Armstrong mentioned going to Tucker County. He stated that he drove her to Tucker County but wasn't sure of exactly where as he was not familiar with the area, he stated she told him where to go and that she mentioned sex, asked him to clean out the back of his car to make room. He stated he did so and they both got into the backseat of the vehicle. He said that he performed oral sex on her and she wanted him to give her hickies, to bite her and to hit her. He stated he did give her hickies and bite her but would not hit her. He then drove her to a parking lot across from a vape shop in town and dropped her off. He said that she told him a friend would be picking her up, and once she got out of his car, he watched her walk about halfway across the bridge before he left. He stated that after performing oral sex on her and before dropping her off, she quickly drank several alcoholic beverages called Bootleggers and changed into sweatpants that she had in a bag she brought with her. He stated that she left the bag in his car and he returned the bag to her vehicle, setting it on the roof of the car. He stated that when he met her on Gum Rd her vehicle was backed in and that she allegedly told him to delete the messages between the two.
- On Tuesday, June 4, Hawkins and Senior Trooper E.B. Malcomb obtained a recorded statement from Armstrong in which she stated that she messaged the alleged accused wanting to meet up, voluntarily got into his vehicle, asked him to bite her, give her hickies, tie her up and hit her. Then she asked him to drop her off in Tucker County. During this interview she first lied to the officers about the above mentioned details before eventually disclosing the truth. She stated that he made her delete all the messages and put his sweatpants back on after they were finished.
- The above crimes were committed 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:

- Jackson Hole Properties LLC, Dry Fork

- District, 1.9165 interest in and to Unit A3 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Robert D. Wells and Betsy M. Wells, \$500.
- Douglas B. Benton, Parsons Corporation, 10 acres + 24 Rods; Black Fork District, 11 acres, 12/160 acres to Sky Shine Properties LLC, \$39,000.
- Sally Ann Harvey-Deep, Licking District, Lot 55 Landbob Inc. Cheat River Lots to Robert A. Forshey, Jr. and Melissa C. Forshey, \$10,000.
- Mountain Land title Company PLLC, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit E6 Week 32 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Samuel Hyde and Heather Cody, \$500.
- John Smith, Parsons Corporation, Lots 23, 24 and 25 Preston Miller Addition to Scott Weaner, \$135,000.
- Roger L. Waybright and Nancy I. Waybright, Dry Fork District, Lot 16, .129 acres to Sara Sultan and Faisal Kaisal, \$423,000.
- David Scott, Jr., Fairfax District, Lot #349 to Inka Properties LLC, \$30,000.
- Sherman F. Stinson and Marian Stinson, Davis District, 2.52 acres (Lot #1); 2.64 acres (Lot #2) to Robert Morris Nutter, \$350,000.
- Mallory Hardy, Parsons Corporation, Lot 10 Lambert Meadows to Dominique Meadows, \$123,000.
- Kirk Holdings LLC, Dry Fork District, Lot 41, Yoakum Run; .505 acres and 1241.30 square feet (0.03 acres) to Laura K. Giblin and Shane P. Giblin, \$420,000.
- Brenda Joyce Pennington, Fairfax District, Lots 48, 49 and 50 to Carman P. Delsignore III and Tina Shaffer, \$15,000.
- Mary C. Hoos, Dry Fork District, Unit 5 Deerfield Village Condo to Christine P. Theller and Bradley D. Kissong, \$218,500.
- Matthew P. Smith and Tammy S. Smith, Dry Fork District, Lot 136 Mountainside, 2.394 acres to Jonathan H. Becker, \$135,000.
- Matthew P. Smith and Tammy S. Smith, Dry Fork District, Lot 101 Mountainside, 2.18 acres to Alison Murray Smith, \$142,000.
- Joshua P. Smith, Dry Fork District, Unit 1124 Building 1, Ash Lodge Beaver Ridge to Adam Judd and Megan Judd, \$120,000.
- DG Owner LLC, Parsons Corporation, 1.171 acres more or less to BMG Yield Fund II LLC, \$780,328.

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

- Kenneth Lee Phillips to Kristian Dawn Turner on 22 Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

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that was just based on opinion and what ahead I thought the way ahead would actually look like. But whatever we ended up doing or would end up doing would follow this code, as you pointed out, and it would be subject to proper procedures.”

Quattro said that per West Virginia Code, the zoning ordinance would need to be brought before a vote at the next general or primary election since it had been rejected by the voters of the town. “So, I’m looking at West Virginia Code Chapter 8a, Article 7, Section 7, letter f, it says, ‘If a zoning ordinance is rejected, which it was, the governing body may submit the zoning ordinance to the voters again at the next primary or general election, which is in November. This doesn’t say that another petition is required to be filed.’” Quattro said.

Tomson said that Quattro was correct and that he had not recently reviewed the proper procedure. “You’re correct,” Tomson said. “I hadn’t read this lately. So, when I made my statement, it was based on thinking that the process would replicate the initial process, as opposed to there’s a twist to it.”

Quattro said that the meeting minutes for the June 11th meeting were not posted online until July 2nd and were posted unapproved by the Council. “The unapproved minutes for you

June 11th meeting, because they have not been approved, was posted July 2nd online,” Quattro said. “And that is where I am getting that the minutes did not record a vote to pass the zoning ordinance after the citizens of Davis rejected that ordinance.”

Quattro also said that there was a Planning Commission meeting held in May that was not posted. “My next question: May 13 Planning Commission minutes had been posted on June 18 and it was signed June the 11th,” Quattro said. “No meeting agenda posted for that meeting. There’s nothing online, there’s nothing out there on the board. There was no agenda posted for that Planning Commission meeting and there was no meeting scheduled during the May Planning Commission meeting.”

Tomson said he was not sure where the break down for the meeting occurred, but that there was currently an Acting President of the Commission. “I don’t know what happened,” Tomson said. “As far as where the break down is. I’m not the head of the Planning Commission.”

Quattro accused the Town had been holding private meetings without the knowledge of the citizens or public. “I don’t know,” Quattro said. “You know, that’s another private meet-

ing, having a meeting and nobody is aware of it. There was nothing posted.”

Quattro also said the current meeting had not been posted with enough notice, as it had been posted Monday for the Wednesday evening meeting. City office staff said that the delay in posting was due to the late announcement by Governor Justice on Friday as a State observed holiday and that Monday was the first opportunity the staff had to post the notice. According to Quattro, the three day notice window for the notice could not include holidays or weekends, but three working days. “The meeting tonight was not posted timely,” Quattro said. “It should have been posted last Wednesday. You did not give three days notice.”

In her last statement to the Council, Quattro said that she also supplied the Council with information on the law as it related to the media and recordings during meetings. “I put on here about citizens and media recordings of the meetings,” Quattro said. “Because there had been a question of last time when Channel 12 was brought in. Whether it was legal to have them here. And it is legal. You cannot keep the press out.”

Glenville State University FBLA-Collegiate has successful year, member earns recognition at National Conference

GLENVILLE, WV – Glenville State University FBLA President Charles Copeland III and Vice President Haylen Book advanced to the 2024 Future Business Leaders of America-Collegiate National Conference, Book earns Top 10 honors.

After having a successful stint at the State Leadership Conference in early April where Charles Copeland earned a 2nd place finish in the Entrepreneurship & Selling category and Book dominated the competition with a 1st place win in Finance & Management. Copeland and Book established themselves as some of WV’s top collegiate business students and punched their tickets to the national conference held in June.

From June 24-27th, Copeland and Book were in Orlando Florida at the FBLA National Conference giving presentations



GSU FBLA members Haylen Book, Charles Copeland (Right) pictured with WV FBLA Staff and GSU Professor Kandas Queen (Middle) at the State Leadership Conference in April.

on their projects in their respected categories. Over the three days, both were able to enjoy the experience of representing them-

selves in front a larger audience, gain leadership and career preparation experience, all while getting a better understanding

of how to become successful community-minded business leaders.

At the conclusion of the conference, Haylen Book went on to place 9th in the Management Competition. Proving preparation and understanding of her project, Book earned herself national recognition!

Glenville State University proudly congratulates Ms. Book on this impressive accomplishment and GSU FBLA on an incredible year.

The Future Business leaders of America (FBLA) is a co-curricular organization that prepares students for careers in business and related fields with programs ranging from Middle School through Secondary Education. For information on programs, future events and how to join, visit the West Virginia FBLA website at <https://www.wvfblla.com>.

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Ronald Clifton Brubaker

Ronald Clifton Brubaker, 95, passed away at Sterling Care Frostburg Village, Frostburg, Maryland on July 7, 2024. Born on November 19, 1928, in Lititz, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Jacob Paul Brubaker and Ethel J. Crowther Brubaker. He attended public schools in Lititz, Harrisburg and Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, graduating from Shippensburg High School in 1947. He served as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force from 1947 to 1951. He was a proud member of the 56th Fighter Group at Selfridge Field, Michigan.

After his honorable service in the Air Force, Ron attended State Teachers College at Shippensburg, Pennsylvania and graduated from State Teachers College at Indiana, Pennsylvania in 1955. He graduated from University of Maryland School of Law in 1961. Ron worked for insurance companies as a claims adjuster before entering the private practice of law in Cumberland, Maryland. Ron also served in the Maryland State Senate from 1967 to 1971, representing District 1-B.

He was a member of the Allegany County and Maryland State Bar Associations, Potomac Lodge



100 AF & AM, Scottish Rite, Ali Ghan Temple, American Legion Post 13, Amvets Post No. 11, Air Force Sergeants Association, Air Force Association, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Ron always maintained a healthy work-life balance and enjoyed owning a farm, raising cattle, horses, dogs and cats. He retired at the age of 63 and moved from Flintstone, Maryland, to Red Creek, West Virginia, where he was an avid skier until the age of 83. Ron was an active member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Davis, West Virginia, where he served several terms on the Church Council, was an usher, and assisted with many building projects.

Ron was preceded in death by his first wife, Reva (Hoback) Brubaker on

August 24, 1968, his parents, and his sisters, Emma Lynch, Harriett Brubaker, Marian Brubaker, and Cynthia Seby. He is survived by his long-time companion, Susan McKenzie; six children, Clifton Brubaker of Flintstone, Susan Brubaker of Flintstone, Rebecca Cavanaugh and husband Pat of Williamsport, Maryland, Cynthia MacDonald and husband Andrew of Salisbury, Maryland, Drew Brubaker and wife Alison Nussear of Arthurdale, West Virginia, and Whitney Brubaker of Morgantown, West Virginia; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Friends will be received at Adams Family Funeral Home, 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, Maryland, on July 11, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m., with Rev. Ruth Bullwinkle officiating. Interment will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Baltimore Pike. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 315 Backwater Ave., Davis, WV 26260, or the Brubaker Scholarship Fund, Shippensburg University Foundation, 500 Newburg Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257.

Patricia Jean "Patty" Bohon

Patricia Jean "Patty" Bohon, age 84, died surrounded by family on Friday, June 28, 2024, after months of declining health.

Patty was born in Hambleton, WV on March 18, 1940. Patty graduated from Parsons High School, class of 1958. She was one of the "Three Musketeers" with her best friends Madeline and Eloise. She worked at the Parsons Nursery, the Dorman Mill, and Parsons Footwear. She then served as caregiver to her elderly mother Alice.

Patty loved animals, especially horses. She cherished life on the farm she shared with her loving, devoted husband Earl Joseph Bohon, where they worked hard to grow flowers and food, tend to their furred and feathered family, and build their home and lives together. August 5, 2024, would have been their 62nd anniversary.

Patty is survived by her husband Earl Bohon of Willoughby Hills, OH; her lifelong friend Madeline Myers Weaver of Pfafftown, NC; her aunt-by-law Viola Filler of Parsons,



WV; her cousin Joseph "Joe" Hebb of White Plains, MD; her sister-in-law Doris Bohon of St. George, WV; her nieces Jennifer "Jen" Collette of Maple Heights, OH and Dawn Collette Skomrock of Springfield, OH; her nephew Jason Collette of Chardon, OH; her niece-in-law Patty Collette of Mayfield Heights, OH; her chosen daughter and son-in-law Jolean Haught and John "Jay" Kisner of Willoughby Hills, OH; her Parsons Seventh-Day Adventist Church family; and several close friends and neighbors from Location Road, WV.

She is preceded in death

by her parents, Theron and Alice Collette; her siblings, Theron "Steve" Collette and Sharon Hovatter; her nephew, Theron "Doug" Collette; her uncle, Max Collette; her Aunt Erma "Erm" Mauzy; her close friends, Denver and "Ginny" Haught; and numerous other family and friends.

Patty was an excellent cook and baker. She loved a wide variety of music, as well as Musicals and Westerns, especially Calamity Jane and Gunsmoke. She was playful and strong-willed. All of Patty's family and friends will deeply miss and lovingly remember her. Patty did not want a funeral service.

If you are able, please consider donating to the Tucker County Animal Shelter, 586 Brooklyn Heights Road, Parson, WV 26287 or online to www.tuckercountyanimalshelter.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Burr Funeral Home in Chardon, Ohio. Information and condolences online at www.burrservice.com.

caregiver for the elderly. She was a member of Irons Chapel Church. She enjoyed going to yard sales and auctions, canning, refinishing furniture and watching westerns. Linda truly loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. The family would like to say thank you to a special friend, Comonia Channels and West Virginia Caring.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, from 4 PM to 8 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 11 AM. The Rev. Justin Jones will officiate and interment will follow at the Kalar Cemetery at Shavers Fork, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Linda Yvonne Hedrick Carr Canfield. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.



Parsons, WV and Beverly "Bev" Simmons of Barberton, OH; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are brothers, Tom Carr, Artie Dale Carr, Michael Carr, infant brother, Johnny Hedrick, Hubert Hedrick, Chester Hedrick, Bert Hedrick and Blair Hedrick; three sisters, Otta Sue Ashby, Annis Dell Combs and Mary Johanna Nelson; and a granddaughter, Ashley Lynnette Lipscomb.

She was a graduate of Parsons High School with the Class of 1964. She was a housekeeper and a

Michael David "Mike" Lamb

Michael David "Mike" Lamb, age 69 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life Sunday, July 7, 2024, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon, WV.

He was born June 7, 1955, at Elkins, WV, and raised by Jim Waybright and Philippine "Peanie" Humphry Waybright.

Surviving are one daughter, Skyler Maraea Lamb and companion, Shaun McGee of Parsons; three brothers, Steve Lamb and wife Brenda of Jay, OK, Robert Lamb and Chet Lamb, both of Lancaster, OH; and one sister, Hope Shappell and husband Robert of FL; one grandson, Anakin Skylynn McGee; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death is one brother, Jimmy Waybright.

He attended the schools



of Tucker County. He worked at the former Parsons Shoe Plant, the Tucker Board of Education at the Hamrick School as a Janitor, he worked about twelve years for the Tucker County EMS, and for forty plus years, he was an employee of Kingsford Charcoal Plant. Mike enjoyed riding the mule up the government road, cooking, fishing and tying spinners, and shoot-

ing guns with his daughter, who he loved very much. He enjoyed listening to music, mainly the oldies and watching movies and he loved playing with his dog, "Cleo".

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home on Sunday from 4 PM to 6 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 11 AM. Rev. James Gilbert will officiate and interment will follow at the Parsons Family Cemetery at Shavers Fork. The family request that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to; www.stjude.org. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Michael David "Mike" Lamb. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Clint Gale Jones

Clint Gale Jones, age 80 years, a resident of Pifer Mountain, St. George, WV, departed this life Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at his home.

He was born Sunday, May 7, 1944, at home on Pifer Mt., St. George, WV, a son of the late Harold French Jones and Lottie Vesta Nestor Jones.

Surviving are three brothers, Loren Jones and wife Bonnie of Illinois, Allen Jones and wife Carol of Parsons and Connie Jones of Clover; two sisters, Narel Hebb and husband Ralph of Location and Kathy Stump and husband Robert of Pifer Mt., and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death is one brother, Fred Dale Jones, I.



He attended the school at Pifer Mountain and was a graduate of Parsons High School with the Class of 1963. He was a former employee of the Kingsford Charcoal Company, although most of his life he farmed beef and dairy cows, raising strawberries and gardening. Clint was

an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and selling furs. He loved sports, football, basketball and baseball, and the WVU Mountaineers, although his true passion was Tucker County Athletic Sports. He attended the Pifer Mountain Methodist Church.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, from 10 AM until 12 Noon, the funeral hour. The Reverend Justin Jones will officiate and cremation will follow. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Clint Gale Jones. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Marsha Lynn Raines Lipscomb

Marsha Lynn Raines Lipscomb, age 75 years, a native of Tucker County, WV, and a resident of Greensboro, NC., departed this life early Thursday morning, July 11, 2024, at the Moses Cone Hospital at Wesley Long, Greensboro, NC. She had been in declining health.

She was born Friday, September 17, 1948, at Parsons, WV, a daughter of the late Robert Lee Raines and Virginia Marguerite Bonner Raines Sheets. On November 10, 1967, at the EUB Church at Parsons, WV, she was married to Richard Allen Lipscomb, who survives at Greensboro, NC. They had celebrated fifty-six years of marriage.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard Matthew "Matt" Lipscomb and Michael Lynn Lipscomb, both of Greensboro, NC; one daughter, Melissa Renee Huffman and husband Brian of Liberty, NC, one brother Robert Keith Raines of California; four grandchildren, Charles Allen Jay Lipscomb, Madison Amberlynn Lipscomb Ashlee Nicole Huffines, and Nyssa Beth Lipscomb; one step grandson, Kenneth Ray Moore; two great-grandchildren, Amara and Vada Lipscomb; special niece, Dawn (Chuck) Taylor; and several other nieces and nephews; and her beloved "Buddy".

Preceding her in death are two sisters, Sandra Jean Raines Barr and infant Carol Raines.

She was a graduate of Parsons High School with the Class of 1966. She worked at the Department of Social Services until moving to North Carolina in 1969. Marsha was a member of the Christ Wesleyan Church in Greensboro, NC. She was an avid bowler. She enjoyed traveling back home to West



Virginia and she loved her family very much.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons

on Tuesday, July 16, 2024,

from 5 PM to 7 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 11 AM. The Rev. Neil Parsons will officiate and interment will follow at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Marsha Lynn Raines Lipscomb. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

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What's? Happening

Tucker Farmers Market

The Taste of Tucker Farmers Market is scheduled to start this week! Local growers will be set up at Mill Race Park every Thursday from 9am to noon. Stop by and grab some fresh veggies while supporting local producers!

Waybright Reunion

The reunion of the late Don & Irabelle (Teter) Waybright family will be Sunday, July 28th at the Community Building at Red Creek. Lunch will be around 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite covered dish and beverage. Paper products and tableware will be provided.



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.

July 17, 1861: The Battle of Scary Creek took place in Putnam County. It was one of the earliest battles of the war and one of the first Confederate victories.

July 17, 1914: Singer Eleanor Steber was born in Wheeling. She made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in 1940.

July 17, 1921: Marceonia "Toni" Stone was born in Bluefield. She would become the first woman to play professional baseball for a previously all-male team. In 1953, she joined the Indianapolis Clowns of the old Negro American League, replacing the team's second baseman, Hank Aaron, who had just joined the National League's Milwaukee Braves.

July 17, 1922: The Cliftonville Mine Battle took place east of Wellsburg, Brooke County. The gun battle between striking miners and sheriff's forces left at least nine people dead.

July 18, 1776: Methodist bishop Francis Asbury first set foot in present West Virginia outside of Berkeley Springs. He worked extensively in what is now the Eastern Panhandle, preaching and lecturing almost every day, before continuing farther into western Virginia.

July 18, 1893: Spencer State Hospital opened. With its connected brick buildings, a quarter-mile in length, the hospital was sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. It remained in operation until June 1989.

July 19, 1850: Pope Pius IX established the Diocese of Wheeling, naming Richard V. Whelan as its first bishop.

July 19, 1863: A Confederate raid led by Gen. John Morgan came to an end on Buffington Island, near Ravenswood. The Confederates were overtaken by federal troops, local militia



July 21, 1924: Don Knotts was born in Morgantown. The comedy legend will be forever remembered for portraying Barney Fife on The Andy Griffith Show.

and three U.S. Navy gunboats.

July 19, 1877: Federal troops arrived in Martinsburg, where the Railroad Strike of 1877 had begun days earlier. The troops ended the violence in Martinsburg, but the deadly strike continued across the country into September. It was the first work stoppage in U.S. history to spread nationally.

July 19, 1946: Author Stephen Coonts was born in Morgantown. After graduating from West Virginia University and serving in the navy during the Vietnam War, Coonts became a best-selling action and adventure novelist with the 1986 publication of Flight of the Intruder.

July 19, 1952: Novelist Jayne Anne Phillips was born in Buckhannon. After graduating from West Virginia University, her short stories and novels began receiving wide recognition. In 2024, she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her 2023 novel Night Watch, about a mother and daughter in West Virginia after the Civil War.

July 20, 2010: Carte Goodwin became the nation's youngest sitting

senator. Goodwin was appointed to fill Robert C. Byrd's seat in the U.S. Senate following Byrd's death.

July 22, 1859: Athlete "Jack" Glasscock was born in Wheeling. Glasscock, who played bare-handed, was one of baseball's premier shortstops of the 19th century.

July 22, 1937: Musician Tommy Thompson was born in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Through his group, the Red Clay Ramblers, and a career that spanned four decades, Thompson played a major role in spreading the popularity of old-time music.

July 23, 1863: Financier and industrialist Isaac Thomas Mann was born in Greenbrier County. As president of the Bank of Bramwell and the Pocahontas Fuel Company for three decades, "Ike" Mann held vast holdings in coal, timber and especially financial institutions.

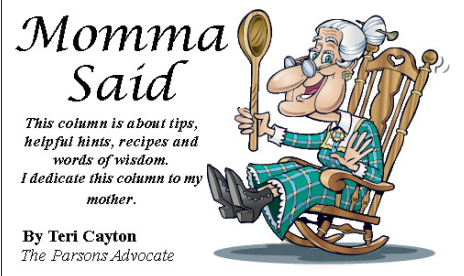
July 23, 1919: Novelist Davis Grubb was born in Moundsville. His renown came with his first novel, The Night of the Hunter (1953), a gripping suspense story adapted into a classic film in 1955 and for TV in 1991.

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

It is hard to realize that half the year has gone by already, it feels like it was just yesterday that we were celebrating New Year's Day. And to top it off I was in the big box store the other day and fall decorations are out already. Time is going by fast enough they don't have to rush through life that quickly. I want to savor each day and make them last. **Momma Said**, Time is one thing we can't stop or control, not yet anyway."

Brother is having problems again, I won't go into detail but he is in the hospital again. This is going to be an intensive recovery and possibly life changing. I feel so bad for him but I am taking care of his dogs and I will care for him for a short period when he gets out of hospital. Keep us in your prayers and we will hope for the best outcome.

Life is so precious that it cannot be taken for granted. Every day is a gift and we should make the most



of it. Take care of mind, body and spirit and that is half the battle. God gives us one body and it does have an expiration date, but there is no need to hasten that date. Everyone takes care of their vehicle, oil changes, new tires, etc. so why not treat your body the same.

We need to fuel our bodies, take care of legs and feet and most of all keep our brains active. Our body is the same as our car, it gets us where we need to be but most of all we need to keep our hearts full of love and compassion. That will get us further in life than anything. **Momma Said**, "Pray for us to keep our strength and hopefully health will return quickly."

Blueberry Cheesecake Egg Rolls

Ingredients

- 1 cup 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- ¼ cup 2 oz. granulated sugar
- ¼ cup 2 oz. sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste
- Zest of one lemon
- 1 cup 5 oz. blueberries (fresh or still frozen)
- 12 egg roll wrappers
- Vegetable oil, for frying
- Powdered sugar, for dusting

Instructions

- In a medium bowl, whisk together the cream cheese and sugar until smooth and fluffy.
- Add the sour cream, vanilla bean paste and lemon zest and whisk until combined.
- Place a small bowl of water and the 12 egg roll wrappers on a clean work surface.
- Place the wrapper in front of you making a diamond shape. Add 2

tablespoons of filling near the point closest to you. Top that with blueberries.

- Working with one wrapper at a time, dip a finger in the water and moisten edges of the wrapper.
- Fold the corners of the triangle into the center and roll up, using a few more drops of water to seal if need be. Place on a plate, seam side down while you roll up the remaining egg rolls.
- Fill oil to a depth of 1-inch in a wide pan and place over medium heat. Place a wire rack in a baking sheet next to the stove.
- Once the oil is hot, fry one or two of the egg rolls at a time, about 2 minutes per side, until golden. Transfer to a wire rack to drain and cool slightly.
- Serve warm with a dusting of powdered sugar. These are best eaten just after they are made.

Super Crossword POTENTIAL SPIN DOCTORS

ACROSS	43 Sleek, in brief	87 Apprise	DOWN	39 — -dieu (prayer bench)	75 Take away (from)
1 Pairs	44 Foot cover	90 Bullfight cry	1 Mic-testing sound	40 Scraped, as an 18-Down	78 Holiday tree danglers
5 Actress Thurman	46 Fido's pests	91 Really unkind	2 Ghost	41 Pouches for infusion	80 Organic compound
8 "Well done!" for a diva	48 — -Magnon	92 German river	3 Ink-squirting mollusks	42 Turf for lawns	82 Petite pooch, for short
13 "Shame on you!"	49 Soccer's Chastain	93 Golf champ McLroy	4 Lithuania, once: Abbr.	45 Having bright peepers	83 An hour before noon
19 Bows' shapes	52 Player of Clair	94 Gettysburg victor George	5 West Coast sch. with the Bruins	47 James Bond player Daniel	84 Laughs at, say
20 Is able to	Huxtable on "The Cosby Show"	96 Bucket	6 Eminent conductor	49 Radar signals	85 Bolivian capital
21 Fundamental	Fido	98 "Kindergarten Cop" co-star	7 Slangy "Well, then..."	50 Tabulae — (blank slates)	86 435 in Cong.
22 Not planted	55 Drink like	103 Obsolescent TV hookup	8 Fraud-finding org.	51 High grade	88 Seer's shrine
23 Coach inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008	56 Greek coin	104 Mia of soccer	9 Polo designer Lauren	52 Spur on	89 Fashionable Banks
25 Make dim, as by tears	58 Baseballer Slaughter	105 Chichi tie	10 Sailing	53 Dove sound	93 One no longer working
26 Meal with a pastry crust	59 Jurists' gp.	106 Give birth, as a cow	11 It bought MTV in 1985	54 Panasonic bought it in 2009	95 Lured
27 Spanish for 70-Down	60 Speck in the ocean	107 1960-89 NFL commissioner	12 Old Athenian citadel	57 Beef quality rater, in brief	97 Declaration when asking for directions
28 "Star Trek" lieutenant Yar	63 High choir voice	110 Ordeal	13 Rap's Shakur	58 Actor Simon of "Mission: Impossible" films	99 Transforms (into)
30 Fashion designer once known for his metal couture	65 Ivory tickler	112 Kuwait export	14 Snooty sort	61 "Candle in the Wind" singer John	100 One fleeing to get hitched
32 Equal to the face value	69 Star of 2015's "Ant-Man"	113 Reply	15 Univ. in the Midwest's Manhattan	62 Old Greek warship	101 In a devilish way
34 Shul text	71 Prior to	114 Cacophony	16 First-rate	64 Change the tag on	102 Cross out
36 Cartel formed in '60	72 She played Lulu Hogg on "The Dukes of Hazzard"	116 What nine featured celebrities in this puzzle are?	17 Heyday of Glenn Miller	65 Actor Simon of "Mission: Impossible" films	104 Tot's equine rocker
37 Dress up, with "out"	73 Six-stanza poem	118 Puerto Ricans, e.g.	18 Leg part	66 Tehran native	105 Fable author
38 "The Human Stain" novelist	74 Siberian husky, e.g.	119 Certain opening for a bolt	24 "That was my best shot"	67 Sans — (font style)	107 Pasty-looking Philosopher
40 Hazy stuff	76 Skyrockets	120 Bray syllable	29 Place to buy sketchpads	68 Delicious	109 "— & Stitch"
41 Heads, to Fifi	77 Tolkien fiend	121 Sensed	31 Aqua — (corrosive liquid)	70 Dad's brother	111 Pinnacle
	78 Moisturizer brand	122 Bitcoins, e.g.	33 Actor Ladd	72 Peas' places	115 UFO crew
	79 Rim	123 Ends	35 Matey's cry	74 — -mo	117 On's opposite
	81 Tiny peeve	124 Census stat			
	82 Star of "Trapper John, M.D."	125 Punky Brewster player Soleil Moon —			

Weather Totals

July 2 - July 9, 2024

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 95° F
Min 52° F

Precipitation

Week 0.69"
July 0.69"
2024 26.87"

Snowfall

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

U.S. Forest Service

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

7				2			1
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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A pickup truck was heading north on I-79 at about 8:30 a.m. when it collided with a WVDOH mower. Both the driver of the truck and the mower operator received serious injuries and

were taken by HealthNet to the hospital. The driver of a third vehicle was also injured.

Northbound lanes of I-79 remained closed as of 9:30 a.m.

The WVDOH urges all motorists to pay attention behind the wheel, particularly when traveling through work zones. Five people were killed in work zone crashes on West Virginia highways in 2023. The previous year, there were 800 crashes in West Virginia work zones, killing eight people and injuring 276.

With work continuing in all 55 counties across the state, the West Virginia Division of Highways and the West Virginia Department of Transportation remind the public of the importance of keeping everyone safe in work zones by keeping "Heads up; phones down!"

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo of four unidentified men working in the woods. They have a load of logs chained onto the wheels and are ready to have them moved on to the mill. The two men on top of the logs appear to have cant hooks or something similar to move the logs. The rails are laid on top of boards that are placed side by side. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Tucker County Commission is accepting resumes for the position of E911 Director. Resumes can be mailed or dropped off at 211 1st Street, Suite 307, Parsons, WV 26287 and will be accepted thru July 22, 2024

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appraisal. According to Triplett, the estate was closed 31 days following the filing of the amended appraisal. “Mr. Nichols was not correct that she closed the estate six or seven days after filing the amended appraisal,” Triplett said. “The estate was not closed until 31 days after the filing of the amended appraisal.”

Triplett said his client objected to the action for two reasons. “Ashley objects to the reopening of the estate for a few reasons,” Triplett said. “First of all, Mr. Herron had 31 days after the filing of the amended appraisal in which to make a claim. Second, Mr. Herron has already sought, Mr. Herron's civil action against Ashley is still pending.”

According to Triplett, regardless to whether the Commission reopened the estate or not, the matter would end up in Circuit Court with either side filing on the outcome of the matter. “That action is actually pending in Circuit Court of Tucker County, as we speak,” Triplett said. “Which is where this matter is going to end up either way if this Commission wastes it assets, wastes its resources to reopen this.”

Triplett further said that the guns were not the property of Herron or the Polings. Two of the decedent's ex-wives had signed statements and were present and willing to testify that Poling had the guns in his possession during their marriages, Triplett said. “The matter is already in Circuit Court,” Triplett said. “Reopening this estate would really create two parallel actions to allow Mr. Herron to take a bite of the apple to get possession of property that does not belong to him or Agnes and Kenneth Poling.”

Triplett said that Herron had removed the guns from the home the day after the death and reached out to Sweeney and her husband for them to claim the weapons. Triplett further said that Sweeney and her husband traveled from out of state to recover the weapons. “And it was there after, that Gary apparently had second thoughts about giving up the guns,” Triplett said. “Because after that, beginning on the 17th, he began texting, expressing frustration that Ashley had taken the guns. He wanted the guns back.”

Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins said that she reviews all the estates prior to closure and that she was aware that the Probate Clerk had called Herron regarding the filing of an amended appraisal. “I

review all the estates before they are closed,” Wilkins said. “After this was filed, the Commission brought it to my attention and I met with Ms. Evans the Probate Clerk. My understanding from her is that when the amendment was filed, despite the fact that Mr. Herron is not a direct heir, she personally called him to let him know that the amended appraisal had been filed. She informed him that he would need to come in and file.”

Tucker County Clerk Sherry Simmons said that the phone call was a courtesy. Simmons further said that Herron stated he would be in the following day to file his estate, but never showed. “She called you Gary as a courtesy,” Simmons said, “to tell you that the granddaughter had brought in an amended appraisal and you could come in and file your estate. You specified to her that you would be in the following day to take care of that. Sir, you never came in.”

Simmons said that Nichols had claimed that the County never reopened the estate and had forced blame in the matter upon the County. “In your statement, Pat, in your petition stating that it appears that we never reopened the estate, causing blame to our office and we followed the code,” Simmons said. “It is not our problem that your client did not file a claim.”

Wilkins said she had reviewed the matter on several occasions and the matter would eventually end up in Circuit Court regardless to what the County did currently. Wilkins also said she felt a Circuit Court Judge would be better equipped to decide the matter since it would likely end up appealed to the Court eventually anyway. “I reviewed it when we initially closed it,” Wilkins said. “I reviewed it when this petition was filed to reopen it. As far as I can tell, the County Clerk's office filed the statutory requirements. And as far as I can tell, even went a step further to personally notify him to come and file a claim. My other view is that really, as Mr. Triplett said, either way this happens, its going to end up in Circuit Court where it is already headed.”

Wilkins said the County did everything according to Code and said the matter should not be reopened “My position is that the County Clerk's office did follow code,” Wilkins said. “And that the matter really should be

hashed out in Circuit Court and not through reopening of the estate.”

According to Wilkins, following a question on the matter by Nichols, state law does not stipulate a time frame that a amended appraisal must be opened. “From what I can tell, they followed the case law as it was written,” Wilkins said. “I really wish the case law was a little more clear, but as far as I can tell, they followed their timelines.”

Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis agreed that the matter should not be reopened. “So this goes onto the next court,” Davis said. “So no matter what we say here today, its still going to move on.”

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said he felt the next step for the matter would be in Circuit Court. Rosenau also said that he felt the County had followed state code in the matter. “The point that I took into consideration here was we followed what state code was on our end,” Rosenau said. “That's our responsibility. To me, the next step would be Circuit Court.”

Nichols agreed that code had been followed, but asserted that his client had a right to reopen the estate. “The question is does he have a right to reopen the estate,” Nichols said. “We have a right to reopen, too. That happens all the time...and its granted freely. I have never had a hearing before where you objected to a reopening because I've filed many of them to reopen when you find lost assets.”

Simmons said that the reopening is done by an administrator of the estate. Nichols said that the code does not specify that it must be reopened by an administrator, only that it could be reopened. Triplett said that in the cases that are freely granted, the are mostly not contested and rarely, if ever, have a pending Circuit Court case attached to them. “In those instances where permission is freely granted to an administrator to add asserts would submit in the larger majority of those cases, that its not contested and probably never, hardly ever, would a Circuit Court proceeding already be pending,” Triplett said.

The matter is currently the subject of a battle in Circuit Court and is scheduled to be heard by a Circuit Court Judge. The County Commission voted unanimously in a motion made by Commissioner Tim Knotts to not reopen the estate.

Davis Food Pantry

\$430 a month to the income limit of \$2,200 a month. “We have people that present me with their income from \$430 a month, that they have to pay gas, food, heat, utilities, maybe insurance and medicine so they cannot stretch that money very far,” Staron said. “We also have people who are a little closer to the limit, but the limit for 2024 is \$2,200.”

Staron said that clients over 60 with an income under \$1,248 is eligible for a box of food from the USDA. “Anybody over 60 can have a box of food from the USDA, but their income limit has to be \$1,248 and I have to screen that very tightly,” Staron said.

Staron said she tries to be liberal with the income limit because she knows the situation that many families are in currently. “I'm not really tight on that other 2200,” Staron said. “How many people on the mountain do you know that makes \$2200 a month? If you got \$430, it doesn't go very far.”

According to Staron, the Food Pantry has been forced to relocate a number of times over the year. The latest move spurred volunteers' desire to build a permanent location. “Now that we are being evicted again, the staff, those 25 people that work so hard said, 'Enough of this, we're going to put up a building,’” Staron said.

Staron said she had visited over 25 property owners in the search for a new location, to no avail. “I visited over 25 property owners...to please let us put up a building, lease, donate...got nowhere,” Staron said. “Talked to people until I was blue in the face. That's over 25 people, 25 people who say we don't have time.”

A new permanent location was eventually found with the lease of a third of an acre next to the Thomas Catholic Cemetery. “The bishop leased us a third of an acre next to the Thomas Catholic Cemetery.”

In the Fiscal Year of 2023-2024, over 35 tons of food was distributed, according to Staron. In total 71,000 pounds of food was distributed to 942 households, according to Staron. The foods distributed, Staron said, consisted of canned goods, produce and

meats mostly. “Fiscal year 23-24, we served 942 households,” Staron said. “That's 942 divided by 12.”

During the same Fiscal Year, Staron said, 222 volunteers worked two to three hours a day and had they been paid would have accounted for \$41,000 in labor costs. “We had volunteers, 222 between 15 to 18 depending on the snow, every month,” Staron said. “They drive to pick up the food from Parsons, they deliver food to people's houses who don't have cars because we have folks up there that don't have cars. They work Tuesdays and Wednesdays to pack the food and distribute them. It is a butt bumping warehouse, I'm telling you. All our volunteers are friends. There is very little room down there to work.”

While the Food Pantry accepts donations, with the cost of constructing a new building, those donations now have to be split, according to Staron. “The donations that now come in have to be designated to either food or construction,” Staron said.

Staron said the project has a builder and know how they are going to run utilities and have an HVAC system planned, but now it has become an issue of money. “We have a builder in mind, we have a building in mind, we know where we are going to get water, we know where we are going to get sewage, we know what we are going to do about electricity, heat and air conditioning. All that stuff we have in place,” Staron said. “But now its an issue of money.”

A \$132,000 grant for the project is currently on hold pending further investigation and documentation of the site, according to Staron. “That's on hold until we can prove there's no bats on the property, make sure there's nobody buried there,” Staron said. “There's a cemetery next door. Then we have to check to see if its arable land. Now we have to put in a silt fence. Now we have to have a architect. All of this is taking money. I just wanted to let you know that this is not a cheap endeavor.”

Staron said the grant funds will greatly help the Food Pantry, but is frustrated at all the extra studies the site is requiring. “Yes, the \$132,000 will help us,

but when you stop to think of it, architect's fee and an environmentalist's fee and we can't get away from it because if we want the \$132,000 we have to jump through all these stupid hoops.”

Staron said she keeps track of the Food Pantry's funds and reports regularly to the Pantry's major donors. The information and other statistics on the site are given to the Food Pantry donors, according to Staron. “People who give us big chunks of money want to identify where I spent the money. So I have to keep really tight track of that stuff,” Staron said.

Staron said the Food Pantry takes care of the people of Tucker County. “We take very good care of your citizens,” Staron said. “They know they get good food.”

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau thanked the Food Bank for all they did for the community. “Thank you for all you do for our county,” Rosenau said. “We're blessed...I think we are blessed in our county. It is people helping people.”

The new building is designed to be 30 by 50 feet for a total of 1500 square feet and is estimated to double the size of the currently location. The building is also slated to have a drive through service. It will also contain a small kitchen and bathroom for workers' use. Construction is expected to begin in August and is estimated to be completed by the end of October, well ahead of the deadline to be moved from their current location by the end of the year.

The Food Bank is currently soliciting funding from governmental agencies and is working on fund raising matching funds for grant funding. Money can be donated by check to BMA Food Pantry, PO Box 103, Davis, WV 26260; memo: Construction Fund; or drop a donation off at the Grant County Bank in Davis or Canaan Valley (make sure it is noted BMA Construction Fund). Donations are tax-deductible.

For more information on the Blackwater Ministerial Food Pantry or to donate, visit <https://blackwaterministerial.org/donate/> or call 304-259-5635.

SENIOR NEWS

Sharon Daniels welcomed everyone to the Parsons Senior Center Outpost on July 2, 2024. She also led the group in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang God Bless America. Sharon encouraged folks to tell their 4th of July stories and introduced her niece who exhibited hula hooping since it was national hula hooping month.

Emily Lewis played her violin, and her lovely daughters sang many spiritual hymns to entertain attendees. Door prizes were won by Delores Kelley and Eleanor Nestor.

Seniors are welcome to come to St. George Community Church at 6:00 pm on July 18 for their covered dish outpost. Flanagan Hill's covered dish senior outpost is July 24 at 12:00 noon. For further information please call 304-478-2423 with any questions about senior programs or services.

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Proposed Transmission of Zone B Sanitary Sewer Flows to Zone D Wastewater Treatment Facility 020-01130

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The Work will be substantially completed within 210 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run, and completed and ready for final payment within 270 days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Liquidated damages shall be \$1,000 per day.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

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A two envelope system will be used.

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4. WV Contract Licensing Act - All bidders are required to have a WV Contractor's License per Section 30-42-12 of the WV Code.
5. American Iron and Steel Requirement - P.L. 113-76, Section 436.

American Iron and Steel Requirement - P.L. 113-76 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (ACT), includes an "American Iron and Steel" (AIS) requirement in section 436 that requires Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) assistance recipients to use iron and steel products that are produced in the United States for projects for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system or treatment works.

DBE Requirements - Each Bidder must fully Comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and Affirmative Action Requirements, as identified in the contract documents.

The Bidder agrees to make "positive efforts" to subcontract a portion of the total value of the contract to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) affirmative steps as outlined in 40 CFR 33.240. Failure to demonstrate positive efforts to do so may lead to rejection of bids. For this program, the term "subcontract" includes all construction, modification, and service work contracted for by the bidder in the execution of the work under this contract.

Notice of Federal Wage Requirements - Contractors are required to comply with all laws pertaining to federal wage rates as issued in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act. The contractor will be required to pay the federal wage rates appropriate for each worker classification.

WV Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Act - West Virginia Code 21-1 D-5 provides that any solicitation for a public improvement construction contract requires each vendor that submits a bid for the work to submit at the same time an affidavit of compliance with the bid. The enclosed drug-free workplace affidavit must be signed and submitted in the first envelope as evidence of the vendor's compliance with the provisions of Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia code. Failure to submit the signed drug-free workplace affidavit in the first envelope shall result in disqualification of such bid.

All Bidders are required to have a West Virginia Contractor's License per Section 530-42-12 of the West Virginia Code.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by grants and loans from: the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection State Revolving Fund. Neither the United States, the State of West Virginia nor any of their departments, agencies or employees are or will be a party to this invitation to bid or any resulting contract.

The contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the performance of this contract. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under EPA financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this contract which may result in the termination of this contract or other legally available remedies.

Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. Bids received by Contractors that did not attend the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be returned unopened to the Bidders.

The Canaan Valley Public Service District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Pre-bid Conference

A mandatory pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.** at **Canaan Valley Public Service District, located at 6563 Appalachian Highway, Davis, Tucker County, West Virginia 26260**. Bids will not be accepted from Bidders that do not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: **Canaan Valley Public Service District**
By: **Robert Metzger**
Title: **Chairman**
Date: **Wednesday, July 17, 2024 and
Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

ROAD CLOSURE

RANDOLPH COUNTY, WV – County Route 29, (Candy Creek Road), Randolph County, will have daily lane closures from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning, Thursday, July 11, 2024, through Friday, August 2, 2024, beginning at milepost 5.0 end-

ing at milepost 9.66, for paving. Special accommodation for emergency vehicles and United States Postal Services only; all other motorists are to expect delays or seek alternates routes such as County Route 40, (Dry Fork Rd).

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Gov. Justice announces 4% personal income tax cut trigger, marching West Virginia closer to eliminating tax

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice today announced that an additional 4% reduction in personal income tax rates will take effect on January 1, 2025.

The reduction was triggered after the state's revenue collections surpassed the rate of inflation, as stipulated in House Bill 2526, which the Governor signed in 2023.

This trigger puts the state on a path to eliminating its personal income tax.

"This is another huge achievement for West Virginia," Gov. Justice said. "We've worked hard to make sure our state's economic growth translates to real benefits for our citizens. Nothing will drive population, opportunity, and economic growth in West Virginia like eliminating our personal income tax. Today's announcement should absolutely be celebrated, but I know that we can achieve even more by continuing to reduce income taxes. We need to continue marching towards zero income taxes in West Virginia. I'll only be your governor for a few more months, but I'll always continue to do everything in my power to help this state and our people. At the end of the day, the amazing surpluses we've seen are great, but that money belongs to the people. They deserve to see it in their pockets, and the best way to maximize these surpluses is reducing the personal income tax."

With Fiscal Year 2024 revenue collec-

tions, excluding severance tax collections, reaching \$5.34 billion and an inflation-adjusted target of \$5.24 billion, the excess amount has triggered this latest rate reduction.

"As the state succeeds, the people deserve to keep more of their money," Revenue Secretary Larry Pack said. "This personal income tax trigger was put into place so as West Virginia does well economically, the people receive their share of that success. We're creating a better environment for economic growth and opportunities across the state. The hardworking people of West Virginia truly deserve it. It is certainly a proud moment for our state, and we're really excited about the bright future ahead."

Earlier this month, Gov. Justice requested the West Virginia Legislature consider an additional 5% personal income tax cut in an upcoming special session. The Legislature will also consider a childcare tax credit, which Gov. Justice proposed during his 2024 State of the State Address, among other funding matters.

To date, Gov. Justice and the West Virginia Legislature have delivered over \$1 billion in tax cuts to the people of West Virginia. More information is available on the West Virginia State Tax Department's website.

Lake Sherwood July Education Series

LAKE SHERWOOD, W.Va., July 10, 2024 – Monongahela National Forest invites you to join us Fridays in July from 7 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. as we share activities that bring us closer to the world around us. Meet near the Lake Sherwood Campground Amphitheater for an evening of themed kids activities, special programs and movies. Be sure to bring your camp chair, snacks and water.

- July 12 - Insects
 - o 7 p.m. -8 p.m. - Kids activities (nature scavenger hunt, coloring, yard games)
 - o 8 p.m. -8:30 p.m. - Education Program
 - o 8:30 p.m. - Movie
- July 19 - Migration
 - o 7 p.m. -8 p.m. - Kids activities (nature

scavenger hunt, coloring, yard games)

- o 8 p.m. -8:30 p.m. - Education Program
- o 8:30 p.m. - Movie

• July 26 - Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday Party

- o 7 p.m. -8 p.m. Kids activities (rock painting, coloring, yard games)
- o 8 p.m. -8:30 p.m. Education Program
- o 8:30 p.m. Movie

Activities, program and movie are all subject to suitable weather conditions. Lake Sherwood Recreation Area and Campground is located off WV-92, north of White Sulphur Springs. For more information call 304-846-2695 or visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/mnf/recarea/?recid=7008>.

US Marshals Searching for Fugitive Sex Offender

CLARKSBURG, W. Va. -- The U.S. Marshals Service is requesting the public's assistance in apprehending a West Virginia man wanted on state charges. A warrant issued out of Gilmer County, West Virginia on February 2, 2023, charged Carl Leon Nicholson Jr., 60, with failure to update sex offender registration, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Nicholson has a history of violent tendencies and should be considered dangerous.

Nicholson was last seen Dec. 23, 2022, driving a silver 2002 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, WV Plate 2RK964. On Dec. 30, 2022, this vehicle was found burned on Haymond Rocks Road in Mount Clare, WV. Over sixty known associates to include friends and



family have been interviewed over the course of the investigation. No one has reported seeing Nicholson since his disappearance in December 2022. The investigation shows that Nicholson traveled throughout Randolph, Barbour, Upshur, Lewis, Taylor, and Harrison Counties over a five-day period prior to his disappearance. The United States Marshals Service is offering a \$2500.00 reward for information that leads to Nicholson's whereabouts.

Nicholson stands 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs approximately 150 pounds. He has brown hair and hazel eyes. Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Nicholson should contact the U.S. Marshals Service at 304-623-0486 or contact 911 for immediate assistance. Tips may also be submitted via the USMS Tips App.

The USMS Northern District of West Virginia Mountain State Fugitive Task Force combines the efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to locate and arrest the most dangerous fugitives. It is dedicated to reducing violent crime by locating and apprehending wanted criminals. It also serves as the central point for agencies to share information on fugitive matters.

Introducing the Newest Member of the UHC Medical Staff: Hailea E. Harper, Au.D.

Bridgeport, WV—Hailea E. Harper, Au.D., earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications Disorders from West Virginia University, graduating Magna Cum Laude, before going on to earn her Doctorate of Audiology from the University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, KY.

She had a number of clinical rotations in the Louisville and Lexington areas, which culminated in a fourth-year externship at the Memphis, TN, VA Medical Center, where she worked on a team of 11 audiologists providing hearing and balance healthcare to adult and geriatric populations.

She brings with her many clinical skills, having worked with both pediatric and adult patients. For pediatric patients, she has done audiologic evaluations as well as evaluation, fitting, programming, and follow up care for cochlear implants and osseointegrated devices. For adults, Dr. Harper's experience is more extensive; in addition to audiologic evaluations, she evaluates for tinnitus and performs other audiology testing.

Dr Harper was involved in several community outreach programs while in Louisville, including the University of Louisville Hear Camp, a multi-day interactive



Hailea E. Harper, Au.D. UHC ENT & Audiology

summer camp for children with hearing loss and hearing devices. She also volunteered for hearing screenings at local churches serving underprivileged populations in the Louisville area to promote hearing healthcare.

Dr. Harper joins UHC ENT & Audiology practice, located at 527 Medical Park Drive, Suite 401, Bridgeport. For more information, please call 681.342.3570.



GSU Students at Minasawa Island located in Polillo, Quezon Province. Front L-R: Corey Mounts, Sara Lowe, Chloe Richardson. Back L-R: Jacob Petry, Ethan Blust, Sam Turley, Noah Miner, Ethan McIntyre, Elijah McIntyre, Rico Gazal

GSU Department of Land Resources professors and students present at Universities in the Philippines

GLENVILLE, WV – Eight Glenville State University students along with two faculty members, Dr. Rico Gazal, Professor of Forestry and Mr. Jacob Petry, Assistant Professor of Land Surveying, attended and gave presentations at two separate universities in the Philippines.

Students presented about Invasive Species in West Virginia and delivered them at Southern Luzon State University and University of the Philippines Los Banos, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, UPLB CFNR. The presentation in UPLB was part of a joint seminar between the Department of Land Resources, GSU and the Department of Forest Biological Sciences, UPLB CFNR with Dr. Gazal and Dr. Alona Linatoc,

Both allowed Glenville State students to promote GSU and West Virginia to students and faculty and ignite interest among potential international exchange students with opportunities at GSU.

Mr. Petry delivered a seminar on Legal

Aspects: Metes and Bounds versus Public Land Survey System in the United States. The Department of Land Resources also donated a total station to UPLB CFNR, with Mr. Petry and GSU students assisting in the demonstration for Dr. Jun Tiburan's Forest Surveying class.

"The trip to the Philippines this year was a great success" said Petry. "Each time I meet our friends at UPLB, I leave with a better understanding of what it means to be an educator. It's important to strengthen current relationships and foster new ones with institutions such as UPLB and UP Diliman. In the future, Dr. Gazal and I plan to have an MOU/MOA with a school that teaches land surveying and geomatics" Petry added.

This year's trip was also highlighted by the group attending the "Pahiyas" Festival in Lucban, Quezon hosted by SLSU's Dr. Ellaga. The Pahiyas Festival is a harvest festival in the Philippines that celebrates San Isidro Labrador, the patron saint of farmers, laborers, and peasants.

Herman, GC president emeritus, dies

Educator served nearly two decades as Garrett College's president

Easthampton, MA – Dr. Stephen J. Herman – Garrett College's longest-serving president – passed away last Monday. Herman served as GC's seventh president from 1986 to 2006.

"Dr. Herman was an influential and inspiring leader in the Garrett County community, well respected by all who had the privilege of knowing him," said Jason Rush, chair of the Garrett College Board of Trustees. "His contributions to the college and his impactful programs have left a lasting legacy that will continue to benefit our students and community for years to come. His dedication and passion for education will be greatly missed."

"Steve was probably the single most instrumental person in establishing the College and launching it to where we are today," said Garrett College Trustee Duane Yoder, who joined the Board of Trustees in 2006.

"Dr. Herman was a driving force in making Garrett College a viable and vibrant institution of higher learning," said Paul Edwards, chair of the Garrett County Commissioners. "We are all indebted to his leadership in helping to create our college."

Dr. Richard Midcap, Garrett College's current president, characterized Dr. Herman as "the most consequential president in Garrett College's history."

"Dr. Herman dealt head-on with serious issues that have sunk institutions with lesser leadership, including financial sustainability and accreditation challenges," said Midcap. "Even more impressive, he knew the issues the College faced before accepting the presidency – and still made the decision to come here."

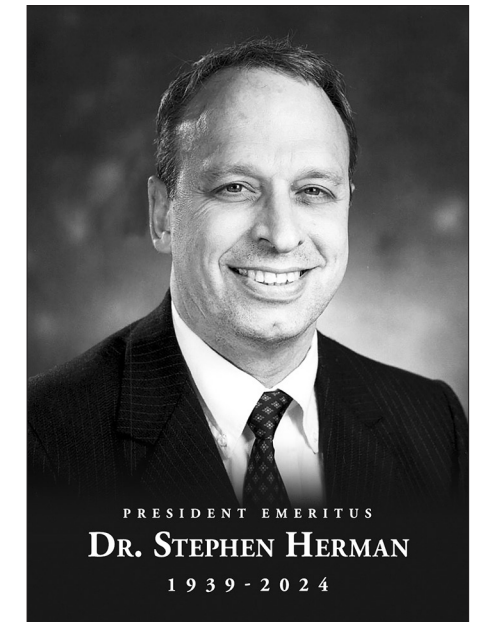
Dr. Herman, in a recent interview, recalled his thought process in deciding to accept the Garrett College presidency.

"I wanted to be part of a college that was looking to rebuild and see if my ideas could work in a way that facilitated recovery of the institution," said Dr. Herman, who spent a decade as dean of students at Quinebaug Valley (CN) Community College prior to accepting the Garrett College presidency. "Garrett College was perfectly made for this. It was as close to extinction without being truly extinct as any institution I had encountered."

"By many people's lights, it was simply too small to be sustainable in an isolated rural community of 30,000 people," added Herman, who earned a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Massachusetts. "But while it was seriously in trouble, it enjoyed strong emotional support from the community."

"Dr. Herman's passion for offering excellence in higher education became an inspiration to faculty and staff in serving all students," said Dr. Lillian Mitchell, dean emeritus of academic and student affairs. "He will be remembered for his brilliance, his sense of humor, and his commitment to serving our community."

Besides shoring up the College's finances and accreditation status, Dr. Herman worked closely with then-Garrett County Economic Development Director Jim Hinebaugh to



DR. STEPHEN HERMAN
PRESIDENT EMERITUS
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develop the Garrett County Scholarship Program. That program, still in existence today, was one of the first "free community college" programs in the nation.

"Dr. Herman was a visionary and critical to the County's efforts to enhance the local economy through improved educational development and skill base development," said Hinebaugh, who now serves in the Maryland House of Delegates.

"He was instrumental in the development and implementation of the County's scholarship program, which provides free tuition at GC for new county high school graduates," continued Hinebaugh. "The County and GC continue to reap the benefits of Dr. Herman's work. He was a great ally and a true friend."

Dr. Herman and his wife, Dr. Gail Herman, were also instrumental in starting Garrett College's international student program. While the program waned during the COVID pandemic, its enrollment is currently rebounding.

"We're very happy to see this program, which was so near and dear to the Hermans' hearts, enjoying a resurgence," said Midcap.

Dr. Herman was named Garrett College's first – and, to this point, only – President Emeritus in 2011. Garrett College also recently renamed one of its major academic awards for Dr. Herman, awarding the Dr. Stephen J. Herman Leadership & Excellence Award for the first time at this year's annual commencement exercises.

Mitchell noted Dr. Herman's key role in paving the way for the Community Aquatic & Recreation Complex (CARC) and the Performing Arts Center at Garrett College.

"Many years of planning under his leadership went into these projects," noted Mitchell. "Our community can be proud of the resources that are available on this beautiful campus. I would tell him, 'Great job, Steve.'"

A Celebration and Remembrance for Dr. Herman will take place at 1:30 p.m. on July 27th at the Quaker Meeting House in Northampton, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Garrett College Foundation (<http://my.garrettcollege.edu/gcm/gift/personalinfo>) to support Garrett College initiatives.

Fairview Cemetery Homecoming

The 48th Fairview Cemetery Homecoming was held on June 30, 2024 at the Good Tidings Church pavilion on Location Road, St. George.

Following the picnic a brief business meeting was held for the maintenance of the two Fairview Cemeteries.

Coty Campbell read the names of loved ones who have passed away since last years' Homecoming on June 25th, 2023. They included Virginia Jones, Leota Knotts Parsons, Fred Jones, Carol Pase, David Strahin, Wilda Bohon Strahin, Robbie Hull, Joan Thompson, Henry Thompson, Jr., Gordon Grimm, Mary Bowley, Glenn Knotts and Patty Bohon. Members of our group were greatly blessed by the lives of these precious people and we will forever cherish their memory.

Prizes were given to the following people:
Oldest Woman present, Lorena Hebb of Location Road, St. George, who is 89 years old. Lorena's birthday is January 31, 1935.

John Shiley of Shavers' Fork Road, Kerens, WV, was given the gift for being the Oldest Man attending at 81 years old, soon to be 82 years in August 2024.

The Youngest Boy present was Colter Reed Nedrow, son of Nick and Taylor Nedrow of Hog Back Road, Eglon, WV. Colter was born on June 9, 2024.

The Youngest Girl attending was Scarlett Levon Campbell. Scarlett was born on May 31, 2024 and is the daughter of Coty and Paige Campbell of Georgetown Road, Beverly, WV.

The Family that Traveled the Farthest this year was Justin, Kate, Sophia and Christopher Hunsberger from BelAir, MD, 240 miles away.

The Homecoming prizes given included hand crocheted hens with chicks crafted by Pam Sexton of Parsons; children's books, "A Wild & Wonderful West Virginia Alphabet" written by Tucker County's Dena L. Beckner; hand crafted baskets made and donated by Narel and Ralph Hebb of Location Road; two hand crocheted pineapple doilies made by Becky Delaney and donated by her daughter, Kathy Simmons of Parsons and Fairview Cemetery fundraiser cookbooks, "Bread of Heaven".

Next year's meeting will be on June 29, 2025.



Pictured from left to right Lorena Hebb, John Shiley, Justin, Christopher, Sophia and Kate Hunsberger, Coty, Scarlett and Paige Campbell, Taylor, Colter, Nick and Charlotte Nedrow.

Those attending or sending donations include Gary and Wendy Nedrow, Betty Knicley, Shirley Cassidy, Delmas Hardy, John and Corinda Shiley, Logan, Lydia and Cassidy Burns, Steve and Karen Burns, Tyler and Abrielle Hebb, Nick, Taylor, Charlotte and Colter Nedrow, Daniel, Sierra, Kyler, Harlin and Rowin Hebb, Scott, Marcy, Alissa, Brooklee and Case Hebb, David and April Simmons, Dawn Canan, Ryan, Clarissa, Cade and Kyla Critchfield, Kenneth O. and Mary Helmick, Virgie Browning, Scott and Cindee Campbell, Greg and Crystal Sigley, Jeremiah, Taylor, Jordan and Elijah Sigley, Rock, Jaci and Jayla Clark, Ralph, Narel and Travis Hebb, Nick and Delores Nine, Ronald and Connie Helmick, Scott Ritter, Butch and Kenanette Burns, Jon Hunsberger, Allison Hunsberger, Justin, Kate, Sophia and Christopher Hunsberger, Rick Kaiser, Allen and Tammy Hebb, Coty, Paige, Sadie and Scarlett Campbell, Scott Canan, Luther and Reva Nine, Ben and Glenna Foster, Steve and Bonnie Knotts, Kevin and Becky Arbogast, Toby and Boone Hebb and Lorena Hebb, Michelle Joseph for the Root and Sell families, Richard Ward, Christopher and Heather Wiles,

Bohon and Cassidy reunion group, Louetta Sponaugle, and Larry and Linda Bates.

Donations for the mowing of the two Fairview Cemeteries can be mailed to Fairview Cemetery Fund, c/o Mountain Valley Bank, NA, 401 First Street, Parsons, WV 26287.

Lurch Fest Lurching Forward With Big Plans for August 3

As the countdown begins towards the August 3 Lurch Fest 2024, this year's planning committee has a plethora of activities for visitors to West Virginia's best new festival.

Kicking off the festival will be the pre-Fest session with Christofer Cook, authorized biographer of Ted Cassidy, and Cassidy's son Sean Friday evening, August 2 at 6:30 pm in 17N Event Center in the middle of downtown Philippi. Cook is releasing his book Lurching Forward - Ted Cassidy Early Life from Cradle to Creature at the Philippi event. Cook will conduct a book signing and will have copies of the book for sale. Additionally, Cook and Sean Cassidy will engage in a Q & A session, and Sean will, once again, be transformed from Sean Cassidy to his dad Ted via the makeup artistry of Cook.

The fest itself kicks off on Saturday, August 3 at noon and runs until 9:00 pm. The day will be filled with over 50 crafters, 14 food vendors, Lurch merch, all day live music, antique hearses, seven craft beer tents, ax throwing, photo ops, the opportunity to meet and have pictures taken with Sean Cassidy, a Tygart River paddle, a new rubber duckie race, a costume contest, and a window decorating contest. The Barbour County County



Club is sponsoring its second annual night time golf as part of the Lurch Fest celebration. Call 304-457-2156 and visit Barbour County Club on Facebook for more information.

Lurch Fest still needs volunteers for the big day. Anyone able to help with the day is asked to contact Tammy Stemple at 304-457-3700, Ext. 226. Questions about the Fest can also be directed to Stemple.

This year, the Philippi Main Street has even had an official logo designed which is now ready to use. It is pictured above.

West Virginia Department of Health Facilities Announces Plan to Enhance Care in State's Long-term Care Facilities

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health Facilities (DHF) has unveiled a comprehensive initiative aimed at bolstering the quality of care for seniors across West Virginia through a strategic capital investment plan for the state's four long-term care facilities – Jackie Withrow Hospital in Beckley, John Manchin Sr. Health Care Center in Fairmont, Hopedont Hospital in Terra Alta, and Lakin Hospital in West Columbia. To spearhead this effort, the State of West Virginia has engaged Lument Securities, LLC, a leading advisor in healthcare mergers and acquisitions.

Under this initiative, Lument will assist DHF in facilitating a sustainable long-term care strategy, leveraging private capital to revitalize the state's nursing facilities. The plan includes the sale and license transfer of these facilities, ensuring uninterrupted care and operational continuity throughout the transition.

"Ensuring the quality and continuity of our

long-term care facilities is a top priority for West Virginia. By partnering with a world-renowned firm, known for their expertise in healthcare matters, we are poised to preserve and elevate the standard of care for our population served by the long-term care facilities," said DHF Secretary Michael J. Caruso.

The strategic investment plan will channel millions of dollars into facility modernization, upgrades, and expansions in each community. Efforts will also focus on retaining the dedicated staff already serving these communities.

As part of the plan, Lument will initiate an extensive marketing campaign to engage qualified investor groups with proven operational expertise. This process will culminate in negotiating a sale agreement that aligns with the state's vision for long-term care sustainability. Oversight of the transaction will be managed by the Department of Administration to safeguard and preserve the interests of residents, stakeholders, staff, and the community at large.

SUMMER CONCERT & SPEAKER SERIES AT SENECA SHADOWS CAMPGROUND

Chris Haddox

Saturday, July 6 @ 7:30pm

Chris creates new songs that are rooted in traditional music. He writes about people and places, ups and downs, and all the in-betweens that continue to shape the world around us. Come listen to Chris Haddox perform on guitar, banjo, and fiddle as he expresses a lifetime of experiences and emotions.

Larry Jent

Saturday, July 13 @ 7:30pm

The roots of Appalachian music run deep in indigenous nations and celtic traditions. Listen to the ways they came to form Appalachian roots music that we all know and love. Enjoy as Larry plays Native American and Celtic Flute.

Patrick Hoffman

Saturday, July 20 @ 7:30pm

Join Climbing Guide Patrick Hoffman for a talk about modern climbing and guiding at Seneca Rocks. Patrick will also provide history and geology of The Rocks.

Ben Townsend

Saturday, July 27 @ 7:30pm

Ben Townsend has traveled across the country and around the world spreading his take on West Virginia music. Ben performs a rich blend of old-time music on banjo and fiddle.

FREE!

**Programs take place at the Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater.

**In the event of inclement weather, programs will be moved to the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center.

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.

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

How can I help?

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

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