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Big Run Culvert before the landslide. Photo from wikipedia courtesy Judy Rodd.

## Landslide Damages Historic Landmark on Blackwater Canyon Trail

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

A landslide has damaged a famous landmark along the Blackwater Canyon Trail between Douglas Falls and Hendricks, according to Judy Rodd of Friends of the Blackwater. "There's a famous location on the rail trail between Douglas and Hendricks and this is called the Big Run Culvert, but it is really a huge archway made of cut stone. Probably Italian stonemasons built it. Then it was to hold up the railroad in a difficult location along the Blackwater Canyon Rail Trail," Rodd said.

The Big Run Culvert was damaged by a landslide when several trees loosened along the hillside and broke loose, Rodd said. "In the area down slope, a lot of the trees came loose and slid down the hill, pulling with them, lots of dirt and parts of this cut stone archway that Big Run goes through," Rodd said.

The keystone of the archway appears to have been damaged in the landslide, according to Rodd. Rodd said there is a fear that should the keystone fail, the archway itself could fail. "I think that the biggest problem at the moment is that the keystone – stone at the top of the archway – looks like it is coming loose," Rodd said. "And if that should happen, then it could

be that the entire culvert would collapse on itself."

Rodd said the Friends of the Blackwater are petitioning the Forest Service to act quickly to resolve the issue and devise a long term plan for the area. "We are demanding that the Forest Service get involved and get in there and prop up what they can from underneath and then think of a long term plan to put it back in place," Rodd said.

Rodd said that the Friends of the Blackwater feel it is the responsibility of the Forest Service to act, even though there are other land owners in the area. Rodd said she felt the Forest Service had a legal right, but did not cite a specific legal precedent that would allow the Forest Service domain on the area. "We think it is the responsibility of the Forest Service, even though there is some other ownership in that area, the Forest Service has a duty, an absolute right, to go onto this adjacent property to protect this public resource. Under the law they have an absolute right to go there and try to keep something worse from happening and to repair what has happened," Rodd said.

Rodd said the local bicycling community has been concerned about the landslide due to their frequent use of the trail.

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## Forest Service Addresses Blackwater Canyon Landslide

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

The US Forest Service has addressed concerns raised by the Friends of the Blackwater and local community members over a landslide along the Blackwater Canyon Trail that has damaged the historic Big Run Culvert. The Culvert, located between Douglas Falls and Hendricks, was damaged when several trees became loosened from the hillside. In a statement to the Parsons Advocate, US Forest Service Public Affairs Officer Josh Poling addressed the issue.

Damage to the keystone was confirmed by US Forest Service Public Affairs Officer Joshua Poling in a statement to the Parsons Advocate. Poling stated, "A preliminary inspection revealed a recent landslide had impacted the Big Run Archway, causing significant damage. The archway's outlet has been compromised with missing stones, including the keystone. An apparent failure of the right wingwall and headwall has occurred, significantly impairing the structural integrity of the arch."

The Forest Service in their statement

addressed the property boundaries. "The boundary between Forest Service and private property is located on the middle of railroad grade. Damage to the arch includes private property," the statement reads.

The statement also addressed the Friends of the Blackwater's request for long term planning. "The Forest will continue routine inspections of the Big Run Archway to monitor for further damage. And longer term, the Forest will need to develop a design and construction package for the repair. Anticipated challenges include restrictions in physical access, as well as the size and historic nature of the structure, and the depth and quality of fill," the statement reads.

According to the statement, the Blackwater Canyon Railroad grade that crosses the archway is not associated with any Forest Service trail system or road. "The Blackwater Canyon Railroad grade that crosses the archway is accessible only by foot. The railroad grade is not associated with any Forest Service trail system or road, though is used by the public as a social trail," the statement reads.

## Parsons Mural Makes Magazine Cover



The mural in the Pocket Park in Parsons was recently placed on the cover of the West Virginia Rural Water Association's Mountain State Water Line Magazine Spring 2024 Edition.

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The mural in the Pocket Park in Parsons has made the cover of the West Virginia Rural Water Association's Mountain State Water Line Magazine Spring 2024 Edition, according to Parsons Water and Waste Water Department Director John "Red" Lipscomb.

According to Lipscomb, there was no real forewarning that the mural was going to be selected for the cover. "They come up one day to take pictures. You see, I'm on the board of Rural Water Directors," Lipscomb said, "and they just come by to visit us one day when we were working on a sewer line. They were just out taking pictures."

Lipscomb said the visitors asked about the mural and he filled them in about what he knew of its background. "They published it as the front picture because they thought it was absolutely beautiful," Lipscomb said.



The Mountain State Water Line Magazine is a quarterly publication published by the West Virginia Rural Water Association.

## WVDOT Issues Statement in Corridor H Beam Collapse

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

The West Virginia Department of Transportation has issued a statement on the collapse of a steel beam during construction of the Cheat River Bridge part of the new Corridor H. The statement was issued and reported by 12 News reporter Joey Rather. The Parsons Advocate Reached out to WVDOT, Triton and Kekosing for comment on the incident, but had not received comment by press time.

In the statement given to the new outlet, WVDOT said the contractor, Triton Construction, Inc. were investigating the incident. According to the statement, Triton Vice-President Bruce Dunlap said that representatives from the crane manufacturer were en route to the site to assess the cause on Tuesday. "Contractors Triton Construction Inc. are investigating the cause of an incident with a bridge girder that occurred on the Cheat River Bridge project near Parsons on Monday, July 29, 2024," the statement read. "Triton vice-president Bruce Dunlap said two cranes were lifting a bridge girder at about 10:45 a.m. Monday when an apparent issue with one of the cranes left one end of the girder on the ground."

The statement also said no one was injured in the incident. There is no immediate cause of the incident available and the site remains restricted, as of the writing of this article. "No one was injured," the statement read. "Work in the immediate area has

been halted pending the results of an investigation, and access to the work site remains restricted."

The public has been asked to avoid the site by the WVDOT, according to the release. The WVDOT also stated that they will provide updates, as they become available. "The public is asked to avoid the work site," the statement read. "WVDOT will provide updates as the investigation progresses."

The area where the incident occurred was where the Cheat River Bridge is being constructed. Once completed, according to the release, the 3,330 foot long span will link a 15 mile long span of Corridor H designed to connect the span of Kerens to Parsons with Parsons to Davis and is designed to be one of the longest bridges in the state upon completion. "The Cheat River Bridge is an approximately \$148 million project to build a 3,300-foot span linking the 15-mile stretch of Corridor H between Kerens and Parsons with the sections between Parsons and Davis. Once complete, it will be among the longest bridges in West Virginia," the statement read.

The incident was caught on camera and posted to social media by Cheryl Bailey and showed two cranes installing a large steel beam. During this installation, the left beam is seen to the side of the beam it was holding, resulting in an audible crash and loud impact. The other crane is seen to retain hold of the beam and no one appears to be injured in the video.

## Pickin in Parsons 2024



Pickin in Parsons 2024 kicked off on Tuesday, July 30th and ran through Saturday, August 3rd. The five day bluegrass music festival was held at the Five River Campground in Parsons and drew a crowd from across the nation and from several interna-

tional locales, as well. A variety of acts graced the stage, including Joe Mullins and The Radio Ramblers, pictured. Other performers included Little Roy & Lizzy Show, Darren Nicholson Band, The Po' Ramblin' Boys, No Joke Jimmy's, Rhonda Vincent & Rage,



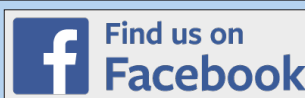
Leroy Troy & Cash Williams, Ralph Stanley II & The Clinch Mountain Boys, Lone-some River Band, Nothin' Fancy, Caroline Owens & New Company, The Prince Sisters, Authentic Unlimited, Russell Moore & IIIrd Tyme Out, The Junior Sisk Band, The Special

Consensus, The Gibson Brothers, The Malpass Brothers, Johnny Staats & The Delivery Boys, the Grascals, Dave Adkins Band, Blue Highway and Sister Sadie. The festival is held annually the first full week in August.

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# News of Record

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

- **Jocelyn Marie Ellis**, of Red Creek, was charged with a felony count of Shoplifting 3rd Offense. According to the complaint, on Saturday, July 20 Senior Trooper C.A. Hawkins was dispatched to the Shop-n-Save in Davis for a shoplifting complaint.
- At approximately 7:58 p.m. he arrived on scene and made contact with the employee who called in. He stated that a customer approached him about another customer shoplifting. He stated that he had watched the cameras and saw the suspect steal a bottle of wine and he called police.
- The officer was shown the security video of a female putting a bottle of wine in her purse and then provided the officer with the registration of the vehicle that the suspect left in. The registration came back to Brenda Clemente and the employee advised the officer that Brenda is the mother of the suspect and they live at the same address.
- On Monday, July 22 Hawkins traveled to the address of the suspect and made contact with the suspect. He advised her of her Miranda Rights before questioning her. He advised her that the security footage from the store shows her placing the wine in her purse. Ellis allegedly stated that she had not opened the wine and that it was inside the residence. She advised the officer that she had been convicted of shoplifting in the past and she retrieved the wine and it was placed into evidence.
- Hawkins then traveled to Shop-n-Save and made contact with the acting manager who provided him with the store security footage of the date and time in question.
- On the same date Hawkins requested the criminal history of the suspect and it showed a previous Shoplifting 3rd Offense conviction on July 25, 2019.
- On Tuesday, July 23 Hawkins reviewed the security footage and observed the suspect remove several unknown items from the shelves and place them in her pants and her handbag. He observed nine instances of the suspect placing items in her handbag or pants.
- **Brenda Ellis Clemente**, of Red Creek, was charged with one felony count of Conspiracy. According to the complaint, on Saturday, July 20 Senior Trooper C.A. Hawkins was dispatched to the Shop-n-Save in Davis for a shoplifting complaint.
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- During the review of the security footage, Clemente can be seen pointing out an item on the shelf to Ellis, who can be seen removing the item and allegedly putting it in the waistband of her shorts. Immediately Clemente removed an item and directly hands it to Ellis who then allegedly puts it in her shorts. Clemente can then be seen handing Ellis another item which she allegedly places inside her handbag.
- **Chad Richard Friend**, of Friendsville, MD, was charged with Driving Revoked for DUI. The complaint states that Deputy B.M. Gidley was running a stationary patron on US48 in Davis when he noticed a gray pickup traveling westbound. He noticed there was no license plate on the truck, he pulled out and caught up with the pickup and then noticed there was a plate but it was illegible due to dust that covered it. Gidley made contact with the driver who was identified as Chad Friend. He advised the driver why he was pulling him over and requested the vehicle information and driver's license. The driver could not provide his license due to it being in his locker at work. Gidley ran the driver's information through Tucker County 911 who advised him that the license was revoked for DUI. Gidley requested a Triple III to be run on Friend along with the certified driver's history. Friend had been arrested on May 7, 2022 for DUI in Tucker County and the effective date of suspension was September 6, 2022. He was also arrested for Driving Revoked for DUI 1st Offense. Gidley transported Friend to the WVSP detachment for processing and then onto TVRJ for arraignment.
- **Christopher Guy Ross**, of Elkins, was charged with one count of Domestic Battery. According to the complaint on Saturday, July 13 Trooper R.S. Musgrave was requested by EMS for an individual needing law enforcement.
- Musgrave arrived at EMS and made contact with Dale Tinchler who advised he was allegedly beaten up by Christopher Ross. He stated they were on the porch drinking together and a verbal argument broke out. He stated Ross allegedly began striking him in the head and facial area, along with his chest and ribs.
- At this time Musgrave observed injuries consistent with the statement. He obtained a recorded statement and pictures of the injuries.
- On the same date Musgrave traveled to the residence where this incident occurred. He observed empty alcoholic beverages along with a small puddle of what he acknowledged as blood, again, consistent with the victim's statement.
- All the above incidents occurred in Tucker County and all suspects are considered innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Peggy Bonner, Hambleton Corporation, 12,808 square feet to Jacob Phillips and Angela Phillips, \$36,000.
- Arthur Bert Thorsen and Ann Berry Thorsen, Davis Corporation, Lot 225 to Jacob A. Muscavage and Amy M. Hruska, \$189,200.
- Wendy Worsing /FKA/ Wendy McLemore; Wendy McLemore now Wendy Worsing, Dry Fork District, Lot 95 Mountainside Section B – 2.24 acres to Ashley Sheffel, \$450,000.
- S and W Property Holdings, Black Fork District, .84 acres Blackman Flats to Matthew t. Mauzy and Melinda L. Mauzy, \$230,000.
- Warren D. Judy and Sarah Judy; S and W Property Holdings LLC, Black Fork District, .016 acres to Matthew Mauzy and Melinda

- Mauzy, \$70,000.
- Mountain State Land Title Company PLLC, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit E3 Week 10 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to JD Cunningham, \$500.
- David Close, Black Fork District, 29 square rods and 775 square feet to William Harris and Jeanette Harris, \$45,000.
- Jackson Hole Properties LLC, Dry Fork district, Interest in Unit E3 Week 10 Land of Canaan Vacation resort Inc. to Gregory A. Gorby and Cynthia D. Gorby, \$500.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit F2 Week 1 Land of Canaan Home Owners Association to Courtney Hawke, \$450.
- David Morris and Kelly Morris, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit A2 Week 33 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc. \$443.50.
- Doris G. Humphries, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit D2 Week 22 Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$555.50.
- Maggie Lou eye Trust, Dry Fork District, 4,775 square feet to Alexander Snyder and Elizabeth Holewski, \$47,500.
- Federal Home loan Mortgage Corporation, Davis Corporation, Lot 152 and 153 Seventh Street to Bradley James Heacock II, \$149,606.
- Properties by Zen LLC, Davis Corporation, Lot 309 Tuscan Ridge Sub-division, Phase 1, Section 3, containing .63 acres more or less to Thomas Kingry and Marydith Newman, \$13,500.
- Roberts Estates, Inc., Black Fork District, 16,500 square feet and 2,994 square feet to River City Inn LLC, \$600,000.
- Slayer Liller, Parsons Corporation, ½ acre parcel to Mellisa Bonner, \$40,000.
- Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc., Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit C3 Week 2, Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to George D. Sloan and Antonette L. Sloan, \$6,000.
- Allegheny Properties Inc., Dry Fork District, Unit G7 Northwoods Condominium to William R. Green and Elizabeth Ann Green, \$97,000.

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

- William Michael Small, Jr. to Jessica Lynne Iman on Friday, July 26, 2024.



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## Forest Service Seeks Feedback on Cranberry Glades Boardwalk Replacement Project

Marlinton, W.Va., July 31, 2024 – Monongahela National Forest is seeking feedback on a project to replace the Cranberry Glades Boardwalk located at Cranberry Glades Botanical Area, 9.5 miles west of Marlinton in Pocahontas County.

The Cranberry Glades Boardwalk Replacement Project will replace the existing boardwalk, entrance information board and all interpretative signs located along the boardwalk. The boardwalk replacement will be designed to be accessible, stable and low maintenance. Removal of the existing boardwalk and installation of the replacement will be completed with hand tools or machine powered tools within the footprint of the exiting route, as to ensure

minimal disturbance to the surrounding sensitive environment.

Submit email comments to [adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov](mailto:adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov) with the subject line “Cranberry Glades Boardwalk Replacement”. Comments can also be mailed to: Marlinton Ranger District, Attn: Jason Hattersley, 1627 Cemetery Road, Marlinton, WV 24954. Comments will be accepted until August 14, 2024.

Information received from the public during the comment period will be used to help develop the project proposal. For more information contact Adrienne Nottingham at [adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov](mailto:adrienne.nottingham@usda.gov) or call (304) 799-4334.

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Thousands of AARP members spoke up to ask lawmakers to help retirees keep more of the income they earned, and our lawmakers listened. Now retirees in our state will be better off financially.

Join us in thanking Senator Smith for leading the charge to bring Social Security tax relief to West Virginia! Visit [action.aarp.org/WVSocialSecurity](https://action.aarp.org/WVSocialSecurity)





# 17 Lakers named Academic All-Americans

## Six are first-teamers; three made second team; eight on third

Charlotte, NC – Seventeen Garrett College student athletes have been named 2023-24 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic All-Americans, including six Lakers who earned first-team honors.

“Everyone at the College should take pride in having 17 student athletes named as Academic All-Americans. We all had a hand in it,” said Eric Hallenbeck, head baseball coach and co-athletics director.

Baseball players Paxton Patronas (Uniontown, PA), Easton Rhoten (Grantsville), and Ethan Sebold (Grantsville) were joined on the first team by women’s soccer players Anna Martin (Accident) and Sydney Weeks (Oakland), and women’s volleyball player Aiyana Yoder (Swanton). Each first-team selection compiled a perfect 4.0 grade-point-average (GPA).

Wrestler Jacob Beeman (Grantsville), baseball player Steven Laurence (McMurray, PA), and women’s soccer player Samantha Preaskorn (Lavale) earned second-team honors. Student athletes were required to achieve a GPA between 3.8 and 3.99 to claim a second-team berth.

Four baseball players – Cooper

Blackburn (Wintersville, OH), Lucas Bridger (Mississauga, Ontario/Canada) Ty Giblin (Swain, NY), and Zach Hallenbeck (McHenry) – were among the third-team selections, which required a GPA of 3.6 to 3.79. Women’s soccer player Cheyenne Zack (Niles, OH), women’s volleyball player Alexia Wolf (Oakland), and men’s basketball player Nate Washington (Lavale) also made the third team, as did women’s soccer/basketball player Johnna Collins (Deer Park).

Hallenbeck said the number of Lakers named to the all-academic teams is particularly impressive given the size of GC’s intercollegiate athletic program.

“We finished third in the number of student athletes recognized out of 16 community colleges in Maryland,” reported Hallenbeck. “The two ahead of us offer five and six more sports than we do.

“In addition, our road trips are usually a lot longer than others because of our location,” added Hallenbeck, noting that leads to Laker student athletes missing more class time than most other state programs. “Yet, we are in the top three in Maryland JuCo! Yeah, that’s pretty special.”

## Introducing the Newest Member of our Medical Staff: Daniel M. Mandel, MD

Bridgeport, WV—Neurologist Daniel M. Mandel, MD has joined the United Hospital Center Neurology practice.

He began on his education path by graduating magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Yeshiva University, New York, NY, before going onto New York Medical College in Westchester, NY, for his Medical Doctorate.

Internship in internal medicine, as well as his residency in Neurology, were taken at Brown University at the Rhode Island Hospital. Following that was a fellowship in vascular neurology at the University of Miami.

Dr. Mandel has had articles published in professional journals, including the Journal of Neurology and he has been a speaker at medical conferences. He has been praised for his teaching at Brown University where he was identified as a “terrific teacher,” plus he earned the Chief Resident Teaching Award, also from Brown.

Among his other activities, Dr. Mandel spent a week in Honduras, volunteering with the Global Health Medical Brigades, and while in medical school, he was in Guest Relations for the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley.



Daniel M. Mandel, MD  
UHC Neurology

He is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Hospital Association, the Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology, and the Neurocritical Care Society.

Dr. Mandel can be reached at UHC Neurology at 527 Medical Park Drive, Suite 107, in Bridgeport. For more information, please call 304.933.3843. He resides in Bridgeport with his wife.

## Foundation announces creation of new scholarship fund

PARSONS – The Tucker Community Foundation is proud to announce the creation of the DeVilder Family Scholarship Fund. The new DeVilder Family Scholarship will be used to provide a scholarship to deserving Tucker County Students that will be attending a West Virginia college majoring in Engineering, STEM, Pre-Law, Business or Agricultural/Veterinary related studies.

The DeVilder Family Scholarship was created with the generous donation and support of Mike and Shelia DeVilder. William Michael (Mike) DeVilder is the son of William Frank and Nola V. DeVilder, in 1999 he married Shelia Whetzel. They have three children, Marcy Williams, Daniel Williams and Jacob DeVilder. Jacob is currently attending WVU majoring in Biochemistry.

Mike graduated Tucker County High School in 1980 and went to WVU where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Mining Engineering in 1984. In 1986 he obtained his master’s degree and he acquired his Professional Engineering and Professional Surveying licenses in 1995. He also earned his MBA



Mike and Shelia DeVilder at this year’s TCF scholarship reception with Karley Kyle, TCF scholarship recipient.

in 2000 from WVU. Mike worked in the mining industry from 1985 to 2024 and held various management positions.

To donate to the DeVilder Family Scholarship Fund or any of TCF’s other scholarship funds make checks payable to TCF and put the name of the scholarship fund in the memo line and mail to Tucker Community Foundation, P.O. Box 491, Parsons, WV 26287. To see a complete list of scholarship funds or to make an online donation go to www.

tuckerfoundation.net.

The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 145 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to non-profits and charitable causes throughout the nine-county service area. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Foundation is “creating opportunities for the individuals and communities we serve”. For more information on how to set up an endowed fund or to learn about the foundation, call 304-478-2930.



John Jenkins of Jenkins Ford and Stephanie Santilli, a PanCAN Volunteer, present the PanCAN Choice Trophy to the Stainaker Brothers of Lumberport for their 1978 VW Bus and Camper at the 2023 Car Show.

## Jenkins Ford to Host Car Show for Pancreatic Cancer Research

On Saturday, September 28, Jenkins Ford in Buckhannon will host its Second Annual Car Show for pancreatic cancer research. The day’s events will include something for everyone and will be from 10 am to 3 pm. The first 200 cars will receive customized dash plates, and the cost per car is only \$15.

There will be raffles, door prizes, and trivia contests throughout the day. Auctioneer Aaron Harris will conduct a live auction as well.

Last year’s Inaugural Car Show was held on October 14, 2023 and it rained almost the entire time. Despite the weather, 53 cars

were entered, including one from Paducah, KY. Two cars were registered by two pancreatic cancer survivors, and over \$10,000 was raised for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN).

Former Jenkins Ford employee Jim Fetty passed away from pancreatic cancer in 2007. His first full-time job was with Jenkins Ford.

There will be over 25 trophies awarded to entries, including PanCAN Choice and Best of Show. If anyone has any questions, they can call Dennis Crawford at Jenkins Ford at 304-472-1700.

## GC announces workforce scholarships availability

### CMA, Medical Billing/Coding, and Phlebotomy are eligible programs

McHenry, MD – Garrett College’s Continuing Education & Workforce Development (CEWD) division recently announced the availability of scholarships for adults seeking to obtain certification as Certified Clinical Medical Assistants (CMAs), Phlebotomists, and Medical Billing/Coding professionals.

“Our goal is to remove financial obstacles for those who are passionate about contributing to the healthcare sector,” said Julie Yoder, dean of Continuing Education & Workforce Development. “By providing these scholarships, we hope to empower individuals to gain the qualifications they need to start or advance their careers as Clinical Medical Assistants, Phlebotomists, or Medical Billing and Coding professionals.”

The scholarships have multiple funding sources, including the Garrett College Foundation, the Maryland Higher Education Commission Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship, the CEWD Institutional Scholarship; and the County-funded GC STARS Scholarship. Yoder said the scholarships “are designed to support individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to pursuing a career in healthcare, and have a clear plan for how they will utilize their new skills in the workforce.”

Interested applicants are encouraged to visit <https://www.garrettcollege.edu/cewd-financial-assistance.php> for detailed information on eligibility requirements, application instructions, and deadlines. The selection process will focus on scholarship fund-specific criteria, student goals and financial need.

For more information about the scholarship process, please contact the Continuing Education & Workforce Development office at 301-387-3069 or [cewd@garrettcollege.edu](mailto:cewd@garrettcollege.edu).



Chelsea Stephens participates in a Garrett College phlebotomy class. Garrett College recently announced the availability of scholarships for individuals seeking certification as Certified Clinical Medical Assistants (CMAs), Phlebotomists, and Medical Billing/Coding professionals.

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Parsons, WV • 304-478-2991

**The Grant County Bank**  
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# What's? Happening

## Poling Reunion

The annual Peter T. Poling reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Methodist Church in St. George. Everyone welcome. Bring a covered dish if you wish.

## Food Handler's Training Classes

Sanitarian James Snyder announced that the Tucker County Health Department will be conducting Food Handler's Training Classes at the Senior Center in Parsons, on Wednesday, August 7 th at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Individuals attending the class will be issued a food handler's permit which will be good for two years. A \$10.00 registration fee will be collected upon admittance. The classes will start promptly, and late arrivals will not be admitted.

## Annual Ruth & Arthur Lipscomb Family Reunion

Saturday August 17, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Ferrell Family Campground in Leadmine, WVA (5573 Horseshoe Run

Rd) Please bring a covered dish to share (if possible). All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

## Bible School

Jesus is Out of This World VBS at Hendricks Free Methodist Church August 12 – August 16 6 – 8 p.m. Contact Alison DeLeurere 304-704-1319

## Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Parsons Shop-n-Save on Saturday, Aug. 10. Proceeds go for Hendricks Free Methodist Church Bible School.

## Thomas American Legion Post 22 Meeting

There will be a meeting on Friday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. at Saint Aquinas Catholic Church, 3rd Spruce Street, Thomas, in the dining hall. All veterans regardless of Legion affiliation are welcome Info: 304-851-6891, lbrobert61@gmail.com



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.*

Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.

Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 7, 1893: Parsons became the county seat of Tucker County. Parsons was named for Ward Parsons, a prominent resident and the largest landholder.

Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Va. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant business. His restaurants were named Shoney's when Schoenbaum's nickname was selected in an employee contest.

Aug. 8, 2006: The Morgan County Courthouse in Berkeley Springs was destroyed by fire.

Aug. 9, 1916: A storm front from the northwest dumped nearly six inches of rain in less than five hours on the headwaters of Cabin Creek in eastern Kanawha County; 71 people died, and 900 homes were destroyed in the flood.

Aug. 9, 1954: Don Chafin died in Huntington. As sheriff of Logan County, Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of the county.

Aug. 11, 1844: Emanuel Willis Wilson was born at Harpers Ferry. He served as the seventh governor of West Virginia from 1885 to 1890.

Aug. 11, 1958: The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) began a series of sit-ins at Charleston's Woolworth, Kresge, and Newberry five-and-ten-cent stores, quickly integrating most lunch counters on Capitol Street.

Aug. 11, 1974: Singer Landau Eugene Murphy Sr. was born in Logan. His Sinatra-like feel for the standards dazzled judges and helped him win America's Got



**Aug. 10, 1920: General Frank Kendall "Pete" Everest Jr. was born in Fairmont. Everest was a military aviator and a pioneer in U.S. rocket plane flying. In 1956, he flew the X-2 at Mach 3, exceeding 1,900 miles per hour and breaking the record of Chuck Yeager, his rival and close contemporary.**

Talent in 2011.

Aug. 11, 1994: The Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge became the 500th refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge system. It is one of the largest and most diverse freshwater wetland areas in central and southern Appalachia.

Aug. 12, 1937: Author Walter Dean Myers was born in Martinsburg. In January 2012, Myers was named the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature by the Library of Congress. He died in 2014.

Aug. 12, 1997: The Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel strike ended when 79 percent of the workers approved a new contract. The 10-month walkout was the longest steel manufacturing strike on record when it concluded.

Aug. 13, 1900: Railroad mogul and founder of Huntington, Collis Potter Huntington, died. Raised in poverty, Huntington went west when gold was discovered in California. There he became rich, not from mining but by selling supplies to miners.

Aug. 13, 2018: The House of Delegates adopted articles of impeachment against all sitting justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

## By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

Life really throws you some curve balls sometimes. You think a part of your life is over, done, gone and then something from your past pops up unexpectedly. It is strange how things happen and I do believe they happen for a reason. Sometimes those reasons are shadowed or unknown and you have to stop and wonder what is going on.

I think life is like a huge wheel and some people call it karma, some call it destiny but whatever when something comes along that you never thought would happen you just have to reach out, grab it and hold on for the ride. *Momma Said*, "Don't ever say never for that is a very, very long time."

Sometimes the past doesn't stay in the past for a reason, and I wonder what that reason is. I have been hurt many times in the past, some of my

## Momma Said

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

By Teri Cayton  
The Parsons Advocate



own doing and some were totally blindsided. I am not a greedy person and all I ever wanted out of life were the simple things, a home, someone to love me and to feel safe.

I think that is all anyone needs to live a simple life, no fluff, no frills just to be comfortable and to enjoy life. I have lost family members and many, many good friends. My life hasn't been a hard one, but I have lost much. *Momma Said*, "I still have the love of my family, a place I call home and friends, old and new. Maybe I got what I wanted after all and didn't even know."

## Fresh Blueberry Crisp

### Ingredients

- Blueberry Filling
- 6 cups fresh blueberries, 6 cups is about 3 pints
  - ½ cup granulated sugar
  - 3 tbsp. cornstarch
- Topping
- 1 cup old fashioned rolled oats
  - ½ cup all-purpose flour
  - ½ cup brown sugar
  - ½ tsp. cinnamon
  - ½ tsp. salt
  - 1 stick unsalted butter, cold and cut into pieces

### Instructions

- Blueberry Filling
- Preheat the oven to 350°F. In your baking dish (use can use a 8x8 inch pan, 8 inch round pan, 9x9 inch pan, 9 inch round pan, 7x11 inch pan, basically you can use any dish that is 2 to 2.5 quarts) combine the blueberries, sugar and cornstarch. Toss with

- a spoon or spatula to combine.
- Topping
- In a mixing bowl combine the old fashioned rolled oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, salt and cubed cold butter. Use your fingers or a pastry cutter to cut the butter into the mixture. Mix until its "sandy" in texture, it is okay if there are pea sized clumps of butter! Use your hands to squeeze the mixture together.
  - Use your fingers to break the topping into clumps and evenly distribute the topping all over the blueberries.
  - Bake for 40-45 minutes. Check to see if the crisp is bubbling and if the topping is golden. If those two things have not occurred, bake for 10-20 additional minutes. The bake time will depend on what size of pan you used.
  - Allow the crisp to cool for 10-15 minutes then serve.

## Super Crossword

### NOVEL INTRODUCTIONS

<b>ACROSS</b>	55 President before Sadat	93 "Hip Hop Is Dead" rapper	<b>DOWN</b>	41 "As is" transaction	78 Hailed vehicle
1 Downgrade	56 Not duped by	94 Annual game at Aloha Stadium	1 Cruel ruler	42 Beseeched	83 Brand of root beer
7 Morals	57 Jungle beast	101 Did perfectly	2 Domain	43 Acronym for four entertainment prizes	84 Stranded cell stuff
13 Rich fabric with a silky finish	58 Said "There, there" to, e.g.	104 Fliers' military branch	3 Butcher's tool	46 Scott Turow memoir	86 Nintendo game console
20 "Bam!" chef Lagasse	60 Raised fortification	105 He wrote "The Raven"	4 Whale variety	47 Actress Laura	87 Fall away
21 Result in	62 Song closing a Catholic service	106 Annual honor given by Sports Illustrated	5 Dead heats	48 Sp. woman	89 Lighthouse lights
22 Went to the polls again	67 Kauai, e.g.	112 NYC subway line	6 Lilly of drugs	49 Dress of India	90 Sushi tuna
23 1978 arcade classic	68 Patch affixed with heat	113 Twin sister of He-Man	7 TV's	50 Opulent, floor-length cloak	91 Border
25 Immemorial	69 Many a hospital delivery	115 Actress on the sitcom "American Housewife"	8 Tantalizes	51 Of lesser importance	95 Noble sort
26 Gyro breads	70 Abbr. before an alias	116 Author of the novels whose titles are the starts of nine answers in this puzzle	9 Contained	52 Parisian pronoun	96 Thawed
27 Sue Grafton's "— for Alibi"	71 "To quote myself ..."	119 1990s talk show host Watts	10 Brain gains	53 "You win"	97 Beginning painting class
28 Its highest mountain is Denali	73 Opposed to	120 Fly planes	11 Key near Alt	54 Religious law	99 Became tiresome to
30 "... good witch — bad witch?"	74 Colorado's nickname	121 Singer Dolly	12 Sammy of the diamond	55 1040 ID	100 Gets wiser
31 Emphasize	77 Big name in car parts	122 Calls a talk show, e.g.	13 Car stopper	58 Must-see	102 Pop singer Lauper
33 Healthy	79 "Evita" star	123 Went back over, as one's steps	14 Of monarchs	59 Home to Augusta	103 City in southeast Minnesota
34 Bread sliced doubly thick	80 Meadowland	124 Peripherals	15 Coincide partly with	60 Home to Tenn.	104 Fess up to
37 College transcript no.	81 Copy a lion		16 Coke, e.g.	61 It's south of Tenn.	106 Fry up to
39 Charge to pitch a product	82 Old video game consoles		17 Truckloads	62 Become a participant	107 "The Time Machine" race
44 Many a hospital delivery	85 Not just moist		18 China's — Xiaoping	63 Pollute	108 — monster
45 Bottled water brand	86 Yard uglifiers		19 Border	64 Pollute	109 No-show GI
49 "Tis a pity!"	88 Aruba is in it		24 Mil. alliance since 1949	65 "Get what I'm talkin' about?"	110 Not fully shut
52 What a DJ talks into	91 Barbecue serving		29 White birds	66 Home to Tenn.	111 Super review
	92 "Gypsy" composer		31 Pig's digs	67 Home to Tenn.	113 Food herring
	93 "Gypsy" composer		32 Auto garage brand	68 Home to Tenn.	114 Cattle group
	94 "Gypsy" composer		35 Lawyers' gp.	69 Home to Tenn.	117 Cochlea site
	95 "Gypsy" composer		36 Lay turf on	70 Home to Tenn.	118 W-2 pro
	96 "Gypsy" composer		37 Enthusiastic greeting	71 Home to Tenn.	
	97 "Gypsy" composer		38 Mas' mates	72 Senate affirmatives	
	98 "Gypsy" composer		40 Stops harping on the subject	74 Pigeon shed	
	99 "Gypsy" composer			75 Allay	
	100 "Gypsy" composer			76 Home pest	
	101 "Gypsy" composer			77 Curved paths	

## Weather Totals

July 16 - July 23, 2024

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

### Temperature

Max 95° F  
Min 55° F

### Precipitation

Week 0"  
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		3	8					9
	8			2				5
		6			4	1		
8				6				3
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		2			3	8		
5				9		2		
		7	4					3
	4				6			7

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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Puzzle answers page 6A



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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER  
Monitoring Reporting Requirements No Met for  
Timberline-CV PSD WV3304711**

Our water system violated drinking water monitoring requirements. Even though these were not emergencies, you, as our customers, have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation. We are required to monitor your drinking water on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During periods listed in the table below, we did not monitor or test as required and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

**What should I do?** At this time, there is nothing you need to do. The table below lists the monitoring we did not conduct, other violations, and the associated compliance period.

Monitoring Violation	Year-Fed Report #	Monitoring Frequency	Compliance Period
03, MONITORING, ROUTINE MAJOR SODIUM Results Not Submitted	2023-65168	Triennially	3YR 2020-2022
	2023-65167	Annually	YR 2022
	2024-65172		YR 2023

**What happened? What is being done?** (Describe corrective action)  
The operator was unaware that the laboratory was not providing the results for Sodium in the Inorganic Compounds sampling panel. Once this was discovered he contacted the laboratory and made sure it would be included in the results from now on.  
For more information, please contact [Wesley Knotts](mailto:Wesley.Knotts@ gmail.com) at (304) 676-0317 or [knottswesley@gmail.com](mailto:knottswesley@gmail.com).  
Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.  
Date Prepared: July 29, 2024 Date Distributed 7/29/24

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**Tariff Form No. 8-C  
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION**

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed changes in rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will decrease revenue approximately \$38,675,000 annually, a decrease of approximately 25.4%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY who purchase their gas from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	DECREASE	DECREASE
Residential	\$ 10.85	12.24%
Commercial	\$ 50.62	14.85%
Industrial	\$ 763.20	15.12 %
Resale	\$ 1,703.30	19.86 %

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas Company, and City of Philippi.

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive a decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing.

This filing also contains proposed changes to MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY'S rate components for customers that purchase their gas from an alternative supplier/marketer and purchase only transportation services including MDFQ, Storage Balancing Fee, Firm Standby Fee, and Fuel Retention Percentage from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY. These transportation service rates are applicable to customers that voluntarily elect to subscribe to transportation service. The proposed changes to the rate components are as follows:

Rate Component	Current	Proposed
MDFQ	\$12.424	\$12.952
Storage Balancing Fee	\$0.470	\$0.483
Firm Standby Fee	\$1.751	\$1.833
Fuel Retention	3.5%	4.0%

Any change in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company:

Mountaineer Gas Company Office  
• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE SITUATE IN TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA ST. GEORGE DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to you that pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned Substitute Trustee, Jaelyn L. Nichols, said Substitute Trustee having been appointed by Grant County Bank as Substitute Trustee, which document is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission in Deed of Trust Book 323 at page 690 and pursuant to that certain Deed of Trust executed by Sarah D. Shipley and Stephen J. Plum, securing Grant County Bank, Petersburg, West Virginia, in the payment and performance of certain obligations set forth therein, which Deed of Trust bears date of June 15, 2023, and which Deed of Trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission, Parsons, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 319 at page 154, and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party of the said Deed of Trust to foreclose thereunto and the makers of the said note and obligations having failed to pay the obligations as provided under the terms of the said Deed of Trust and Note and the holder of said Deed of Trust and Note having declared the whole of said indebtedness to be due and payable, and having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in writing to make sale of the said real estate, located in Hendricks Corporation, Tucker County, West Virginia and described in said Deed of Trust as follows:

Map: 2 Parcel: 65.1

The following piece or parcel of real estate, situate in Hendricks Corporation, Tucker County, West Virginia, together with any and all appurtenant easements which may benefit same, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A piece or parcel of real estate being approximately 111 feet in width and 206.78 feet in length, containing .527 acres, more or less.

Being the same parcel of real estate conveyed by Deed of Brian L. Adkins to Sarah D. Shipley and Stephen J. Plum, as joint tenants with full right of survivorship, dated June 15, 2023, which deed is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission in Deed Book 250 at page 486.

A mobile home is located on the real estate. The mobile home is identified as a 1998 CLAZ FH Mobile Home, serial nos. CLH023497TNA and CLH023497TNB.

I, Jaelyn L. Nichols, Substitute Trustee, shall offer for sale the above-described real estate at public auction at the front door of the Old Tucker County Courthouse, 215 First Street Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, 26287 on:

August 14, 2024  
At  
2:00 P.M.

The real estate and mobile home identified above will be sold in its present (AS IS) condition, and the highest bid may be accepted by the Substitute Trustee, and the Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenants and/or persons occupying any of the above-described parcels of real estate to vacate the real estate. Any personal property remaining on the real estate after the date of the public sale will be disposed of and considered abandoned by the successful bidder or bidders.

**TERMS OF SALE**

- Cash in hand on day of sale or 10% of the purchase price by certified check or by a letter of credit from a leading institution on day of sale delivered to the Substitute Trustee and approved by the said Substitute Trustee, or such terms as agreed to by the Substitute Trustee.
- The above-described parcel of real estate will be sold subject to all prior liens senior in priority to the Deed of Trust, described above, the redemption right of the Internal Revenue Service as set forth in 11 U.S.C. Section 7425, and any and all unpaid real estate taxes or encumbrances and claims in favor of any municipality, county, or government entity, or other party, if any, and also further subject to any covenants, restrictions, conditions, reservations, rights-of-way and easements recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office prior to the Deed of Trust and affecting the subject real estate as well as any prescriptive easements that are unrecorded, if any, that may exist. The successful bidder shall pay all transfer stamps and recording fees, associated with the deed to be issued by the Substitute Trustee and the successful party shall have twenty (20) days to close the transaction after the public sale.
- The above-described real estate will be sold by the undersigned Substitute Trustee at public auction to the highest bidder subject to the right of the undersigned Substitute Trustee to reject any and all bids if, in his opinion, said bids are inadequate.
- The owner of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust shall have the right to bid at the public sale; and
- The public sale shall be without representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, and the Deed to be issued in this matter shall reflect the same and shall be a Special Warranty Deed.
- Such other terms as may be announced at the time of sale.

The undersigned Substitute Trustee reserves the right to continue the public sale or to adjourn the public sale for a time or from time to time without further notice other than oral public announcement at the time and place of sale as hereinabove set forth or at any continuance or adjournment thereof.

The sale shall be made WITHOUT WARRANTY OF TITLE of any nature.  
Any questions regarding the Public Sale should be directed to the undersigned Substitute Trustee.

Jaelyn L. Nichols  
Attorney At Law  
P.O. Box 201  
Parsons, West Virginia 26287  
434-409-9426  
[jackienicholsesq@gmail.com](mailto:jackienicholsesq@gmail.com)  
WVSB 13730

Given under my hand this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

*Jaelyn E. Nichols*  
Jaelyn L. Nichols  
Substitute Trustee

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER  
Monitoring Reporting Requirements No Met for  
Timberline-CV PSD WV3304711**

Our water system violated drinking water monitoring requirements. Even though these were not emergencies, you, as our customers, have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation. We are required to monitor your drinking water on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During periods listed in the table below, we did not monitor or test as required and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

**What should I do?** At this time, there is nothing you need to do. The table below lists the monitoring we did not conduct, other violations, and the associated compliance period.

Monitoring Violation	Year-Fed Report #	Monitoring Frequency	Compliance Period
03, MONITORING, ROUTINE MAJOR Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs) Results Not Submitted	2024-13320	Annually	YR 2023
	2024-13319		

**What happened? What is being done?** (Describe corrective action)  
The sample was pulled and sent to the lab for analysis well within the correct time frame. The results were good and then sent for approval to the health department. The laboratory was at fault for this violation and had submitted the final report as untreated water instead of finished treated drinking water. Once the operator found out the mistake it was too late to get it corrected and avoid the violation.  
For more information, please contact [Wesley Knotts](mailto:Wesley.Knotts@ gmail.com) at (304) 676-0317 or [knottswesley@gmail.com](mailto:knottswesley@gmail.com).  
Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.  
Date Prepared: July 31, 2024 Date Distributed 7/31/24

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON  
TARIFF FORM NO. 10  
(Tariff Rule No. 19A)  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES  
CITY OF PHILIPPI  
CASE NO. 24-0292-SWF-19A**

The City of Philippi has filed with the West Virginia Public Service Commission an application requesting increased rates and charges for its customers for its solid waste transfer station.

The Staff of the Public Service Commission has reviewed the application and recommended approval of the requested rate increases, which are as follows:

	Current Rates \$	Proposed Rates \$	Staff-Recommended Rates \$
<b>Gate Rate</b>			
Transfer Station Rate Per Ton	53.00	82.12	82.12
Meadowfill Landfill Tipping Fee	45.35	45.35	45.35
Total Tipping Fee	98.35	127.47	127.47
<b>Minimum Charge</b>	7.50	9.72	9.72
<b>Tires</b>			
Passenger Tire	3.50	4.54	4.54
Passenger Tire with rim	4.75	6.16	6.16
Light Truck Tire	4.10	5.31	5.31
Light Truck Tire with rim	5.35	6.93	6.93
Commercial Truck Tire	8.06	10.45	10.45
Commercial Truck Tire with rim	10.56	13.69	13.69
Tractor Tire	12.00	15.55	15.55
Amounts Include a Per Tire Transfer Fee	2.00	2.52	2.52

**Container Rental fees within the Corporate Limits Only**

	Current Rates \$	Proposed Rates \$	Staff-Recommended Rates \$
Rental Including Delivery Set-up, Pick-up, and 3 days	200.00	259.22	259.22
Each Additional Day	40.00	51.84	51.84

The Public Service Commission will adopt rates and charges for the City of Philippi which are the same as or less than the Staff-recommended rates and charges.

Anyone desiring to protest the proposed changes must do so in writing within twenty days of the date of publication of this notice. All protests should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. To help the Commission determine the justification for additional review and investigation, protests should be specific as to reasons that the changed rates and charges should be modified. In addition, anyone desiring a hearing in this matter must demand a hearing in the letter of protest. If no substantial protest is filed, the Staff-recommended rates may be approved without hearing.

CITY OF PHILIPPI

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE SITUATE IN TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA ST. GEORGE DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to you that pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned Substitute Trustee, Jaelyn L. Nichols, said Substitute Trustee having been appointed by Mountain Valley Bank, N.A. as Substitute Trustee, which document is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission in Deed of Trust Book 317 at page 290 and pursuant to that certain Deed of Trust executed by Ashley R. Hebb and Robert Jesse Roy, Jr., securing the Mountain Valley Bank, N.A., Elkins, West Virginia, in the payment and performance of certain obligations set forth therein, which Deed of Trust bears date of December 31, 2008, and which Deed of Trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission, Parsons, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 236 at page 42, and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party of the said Deed of Trust to foreclose thereunto and the makers of the said note and obligations having failed to pay the obligations as provided under the terms of the said Deed of Trust and Note and the holder of said Deed of Trust and Note having declared the whole of said indebtedness to be due and payable, and having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in writing to make sale of the said real estate, located in St. George District, Tucker County, West Virginia and described in said Deed of Trust as follows:

Map: 186 Parcel: 12.1

The following piece or parcel of real estate, situate in St. George District, Tucker County, West Virginia, together with any and all appurtenant easements which may benefit same, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Lot No. 4, Beginning at a set 5/8 inch iron rod, located 15 feet east of the center line of Secondary Rt. 9, from which the intersection of Secondary Rt. 9 and Secondary Rt. 9/2 near Laurel Run is N. 56-11 W, 27.52 feet to the west edge of Secondary Rt. 1, thence N 12-45-20 E, 770 feet to the center of the above mentioned intersection, thence from the said 5/8 inch iron pin, with the south boundary of a 18 foot right-of-way reserved by Robert Lipscomb, S 77-03-30 E, 261.97 feet to a set 5/8 inch rod, thence S 17-34-20 W, 104.81 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron rod, thence N 76-37-35 W, 233.09 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod, set 15 feet east of the center line of Secondary Rt. 9, thence N 1-41-40 E, 104.78 feet to the beginning, containing 25,939.69 square feet.

Being the same parcel of real estate conveyed by Deed of Ashley R. Hebb and Robert Jesse Roy, Jr. to Ashley R. Hebb, dated July 24, 2017, which deed is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission in Deed Book 226 at page 46.

I, Jaelyn L. Nichols, Substitute Trustee, shall offer for sale the above-described real estate at public auction at the front door of the Old Tucker County Courthouse, 215 First Street Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, 26287 on:

August 13, 2024  
At  
2:00 P.M.

The real estate and mobile home identified above will be sold in its present (AS IS) condition, and the highest bid may be accepted by the Substitute Trustee, and the Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenants and/or persons occupying any of the above-described parcels of real estate to vacate the real estate. Any personal property remaining on the real estate after the date of the public sale will be disposed of and considered abandoned by the successful bidder or bidders.

**TERMS OF SALE**

- Cash in hand on day of sale or 10% of the purchase price by certified check or by a letter of credit from a leading institution on day of sale delivered to the Substitute Trustee and approved by the said Substitute Trustee, or such terms as agreed to by the Substitute Trustee.
- The above-described parcel of real estate will be sold subject to all prior liens senior in priority to the Deed of Trust, described above, the redemption right of the Internal Revenue Service as set forth in 11 U.S.C. Section 7425, and any and all unpaid real estate taxes or encumbrances and claims in favor of any municipality, county, or government entity, or other party, if any, and also further subject to any covenants, restrictions, conditions, reservations, rights-of-way and easements recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office prior to the Deed of Trust and affecting the subject real estate as well as any prescriptive easements that are unrecorded, if any, that may exist. The successful bidder shall pay all transfer stamps and recording fees, associated with the deed to be issued by the Substitute Trustee and the successful party shall have twenty (20) days to close the transaction after the public sale.
- The above-described real estate will be sold by the undersigned Substitute Trustee at public auction to the highest bidder subject to the right of the undersigned Substitute Trustee to reject any and all bids if, in his opinion, said bids are inadequate.
- The owner of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust shall have the right to bid at the public sale; and
- The public sale shall be without representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, and the Deed to be issued in this matter shall reflect the same and shall be a Special Warranty Deed.
- Such other terms as may be announced at the time of sale.

The undersigned Substitute Trustee reserves the right to continue the public sale or to adjourn the public sale for a time or from time to time without further notice other than oral public announcement at the time and place of sale as hereinabove set forth or at any continuance or adjournment thereof.

The sale shall be made WITHOUT WARRANTY OF TITLE of any nature.  
Any questions regarding the Public Sale should be directed to the undersigned Substitute Trustee.

Jaelyn L. Nichols  
Attorney At Law P.O. Box 201  
Parsons, West Virginia 26287  
434-409-9426  
[jackienicholsesq@gmail.com](mailto:jackienicholsesq@gmail.com)  
WVSB 13730

Given under my hand this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

*Jaelyn E. Nichols*  
Jaelyn L. Nichols  
Substitute Trustee



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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0496-G-390P HOPE GAS, INC.

Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program and Application to Implement Modification to Existing PREP Gathering Program NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On May 31, 2024, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope) filed its Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program (PREP) Filing with revised PREP Rates, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-1k, which authorizes the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) to approve cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade, and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

Additionally, pursuant to Commission Order in Case No. 23-0317-G-PC, Hope shall assess and collect a surcharge rate increment (Legacy Surcharge) on each customer that becomes a customer of Hope through Hope's acquisition of additional gas utilities (or their assets) and merged into Hope on and after January 1, 2023. The Legacy Surcharge shall be a rate equal to Hope's PREP rate for the customer's appropriate class.

In its base case PREP Filing, Hope projects PREP capital investment for calendar year 2025 of \$65.5 million as part of its General Program (core distribution system) and Gathering Program (gathering facilities) under multi-year plans. The PREP Filing also contains a true-up for actual versus projected 2023 calendar year PREP capital investment activity for both the General Program and the Gathering Program. The PREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, regulator stations and other plant equipment. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Hope service territories throughout the State. These projects are identified in the PREP Filing, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

In this annual PREP filing, Hope is also reconciling actual costs under Southern Public Service Company's (Southern) Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program as directed by the Commission in a prior order approving Hope's acquisition and merger of Southern into Hope.

Hope proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through an increment within the fixed or volumetric, base rate component of its rates depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered, to be effective on November 1, 2024. Hope projects that if the program and rate increments are approved as requested, the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed on November 1, 2024, as follows.

Table with 3 columns: TYPE OF CUSTOMER, \$ INCREASE, % INCREASE. Rows include Residential Sales, Small Commercial Sales, Large Commercial Sales, etc.

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The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average.

Table with 2 columns: EVENT, DEADLINE. Rows include Filing Date, Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony, All Rebuttal Testimony, etc.

If the Commission receives no opposition to the PREP Filing within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived, and the Commission may issue a final Order within 150 days of the filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within twenty (20) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission Order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

HOPE GAS, INC.

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until September 10, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time).

Table with 4 columns: Call Contract, State Project, Federal Project, Description. Row 1: 012 2021990003 U399-WRI/S-1.00 HSIP-2023(001)D ContWrkTyp STATEWIDE RWIS RENOVATION STATEWIDE RWIS RENOVATION COUNTY: STATEWIDE

DBE GOAL: 8% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

REMARKS: Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' licence is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferral, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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Tariff Form No. 8-C PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION (Tariff Rule N. 30-C)

NOTICE is hereby given that Canaan Valley Gas Company, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to 693 customers at Canaan Valley, Tucker County, West Virginia.

The proposed decreased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce approximately \$91,893 annually in decreased revenue, a decrease of 6.104%. The average monthly bill for a residential customer using 8 Mcf and a commercial customer using 43 Mcf will be changed as follows:

Table with 3 columns: (\$) DECREASE, (%) DECREASE. Rows include Residential \$ 8.784 5.987%, Commercial \$ 47.214 6.216%

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing.

A complete copy of the tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the offices of Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cortland Road, Canaan Valley, West Virginia. A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the offices of the Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301.

The Rule 30C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the costs of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated.

DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

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Notice is hereby given that METTIKI COAL (WV), LLC, 1146 MONARCH ST, STE 350, LEXINGTON, KY 40513 has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 307.05 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number U200104 to mine coal underground and operate ancillary facilities in the Freeport seam of coal.

The operation is discharging into Beaver Creek of the Blackwater River, of the Black Fork River of the Cheat River and Elk Run and Little Buffalo Creek, of the North Branch of the Potomac River of the Monongahela and Potomac Rivers and is located 5.5 miles northeast of Davis in Davis and Union District of Tucker and Grant Counties, Longitude 79° 22' 54" and Latitude 39° 11' 14" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Table with 2 columns: NAME, ADDRESS. Lists various property owners and their addresses, including Western Pocahontas Properties, LP, Mettiki Coal (WV), LLC, Shoben Grant County, LLC, etc.

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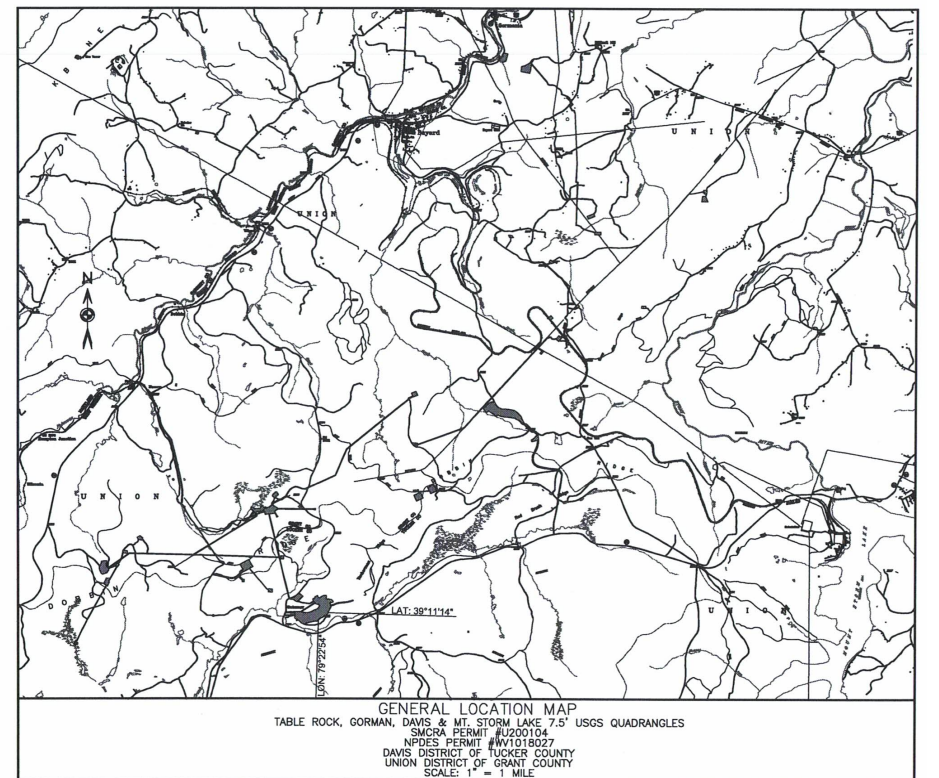
Table with 2 columns: NAME, ADDRESS. Lists various property owners and their addresses, including Barr Donnie G Sr & Teresa A, Martin Douglas K, Smith James Benjamin Jr, etc.

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until 9/27/24, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available or review until 9/27/24, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/\_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm.

The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries. DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219 Permit Number: U200104

\*These items are to be completed only for operations involving mineral removal. Include location map in accordance with 38-2-3.2(b)(2)



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AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE Notice of Application

Notice is given that The Kingsford Manufacturing Company has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a Class II Administrative Update for an existing bulk lime unloading operation located on Route 219, two miles South of Parsons, WV, in Tucker County, West Virginia. The latitude and longitude coordinates are 39.079883 and -79.691224.

The applicant estimates the increased potential to discharge the following Regulated Air Pollutants will be:

Table with 2 columns: Pollutant, Amount. Rows include PM 0.19 tons per year, PM10 0.09 tons per year, PM2.5 0.01 tons per year

Startup of operation is planned to begin on or about the 1st day of October, 2024. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 926-0499, extension 41281, during normal business hours. Dated this the (31) day of (July), (2024).

By: Kingsford Manufacturing Company Robert Boggs Plant Manager P.O. Box 464 Parsons, WV 26287

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NOTICE CITY OF THOMAS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Thomas, a municipal corporation, will hold a hearing before the final vote on a proposed ordinance, the principal object of which is the increase of water rates for customers of the water system operated by the City of Thomas. The title of such ordinance is "An Ordinance Setting Forth the Rates, Fees and Charges for Service to Customers of the Water System of the City of Thomas, West Virginia." The final vote on adoption of said proposed ordinance shall be held in the Council Chambers of the City of Thomas, City Hall, 307 Spruce Street, Thomas, West Virginia on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. Interested parties may appear and be heard at such time with respect to the passage of the proposed ordinance. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Office of the Clerk, City Hall, in the City of Thomas.

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Carol Faye Pae	Tambra J. Hebb
1st publication 7/31/24	5312 Location Rd.
2nd publication 8/7/24	Parsons, WV 26287

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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**NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE**

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

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

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

1st Publication Date: August 7, 2024  
 Decedent: Glen Helmick  
 Filed By: Sandy Holland  
 5807 Railroad Ave.  
 White Marsh, MD 21162

Relationship: Daughter  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 2, 2024  
 Sherry Simmons  
 Tucker County Clerk

**LEGAL**

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Evan W. Rhoades	Angela M. McCrum
1st publication 8/7/24	PO Box 54
2nd publication 8/14/24	Hendricks, WV 26271
James Edgar Wright	Sharon L. Wright
1st publication 8/7/24	1544 Hickory Orchard Rd.
2nd publication 8/14/24	Parsons, WV 26287
Frankie W. Bible	Bonnie Bible
1st publication 8/7/24	PO Box 4
2nd publication 8/14/24	Davis, WV 26269
Margaret M. Dove	Roberta Helmick
1st publication 8/7/24	PO Box 121
2nd publication 8/14/24	Parsons, WV 26287
Edward M. Kennard, Jr.	David Kennard
1st publication 8/7/24	PO Box 341
2nd publication 8/14/24	Davis, WV 26260

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

**Landslide**

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A landslide has damaged the Big Run Culvert along the Blackwater Canyon Trail. Photo courtesy Stephen Strother.



The landslide on the Blackwater Canyon Trail has damaged the keystone on the Big Run Culvert, pictured. Photo courtesy Stephen Strother.

However, Rodd said the biking community aren't the only ones who frequent that area of the trail. "The biking community is very concerned because they use that trail all the time," Rodd said. "Its also a popular spot for people to picnic because there's a little trail down on the upper side down where you can sit on a rock and see Big Run and all that. So its not just the bikers, although I'd say they are one of the biggest users."

Rodd said the trail provides a valuable link between the top and bottom of the mountain. "Its just incredibly important to link the top of the mountain with the bottom of the mountain," Rodd said. "That is the route. There's no other trail that does that."

The trail is maintained by volunteers, according to Rodd. "Its all run by volunteers," Rodd said. "Volunteers make it passable. They don't have the resources to fix that huge structure."

According to Rodd, the trail is part of the Blackwater Industrial Complex. "Its part of what's called that Blackwater Industrial Complex, which is 11 miles of the railroad grade from Hendricks to Thomas and it was recognized by the keeper of the National Register as eligible to be on the National Register and that person is within the National Parks Service. So they looked at all the features and said it was very significant for the basic four reasons," Rodd said. "It makes it Nationally significant, that railroad grade, and especially this piece of it, which is perhaps the most dramatic structure along



Stone from the landslide have been found as far down as the Blackwater River, as pictured. Photo courtesy Stephen Strother.

there besides old railroad bridges and the coke ovens are also very famous, too."

The Friends of the Blackwater has begun a letter writing campaign in an effort to illicit action from the Forest Service. "We are going to put out a call for people to contact the Forest Service and ask that they get involved. I do believe they've been there, but nothing has happened."

**Pickin in Parsons**

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**THANK YOU FOR READING THE PARSONS ADVOCATE**



**Complete the "Get Tuckered" Scavenger Hunt in Tucker County for a Chance to Win \$500**

Davis, W.Va. — With summer nearing its end, the Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) reminds residents and visitors there is still ample time to explore the county's beauty and win a prize in the annual "Get Tuckered" Scavenger Hunt. The deadline for participation is October 31, 2024, giving adventurers a chance to discover unique landmarks and experience the changing fall foliage.

This year's scavenger hunt boasts an even more enticing prize — a \$500 gift card, double the amount offered in previous years. Participants can pick up passports at the Tucker County Visitor Center, Vacation Rental offices, Canaan Valley Resort State Park, Blackwater Falls State Park or Parsons City Hall. The objective is to visit five designated locations and collect corresponding stickers, completing the passport for entry into the prize drawing.

"The final stretch of summer and the upcoming

fall foliage offer spectacular backdrops for exploring Tucker County," said Jessica Waldo, Executive Director of the Tucker County CVB. "The scavenger hunt allows participants to discover the unique charm of our region while offering the chance to win a \$500 prize."

Participants are encouraged to share photos of their favorite stops on social media using the hashtag #GetTuckered.

For more information on the "Get Tuckered" Scavenger Hunt, including rules, driving directions and passport details, visit [gettuckered.com/scavenger-hunt/](http://gettuckered.com/scavenger-hunt/).


About the Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau

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



**Heart of the Highlands Team Seeks Donations for the 2024 Run For It Fundraiser**

A great way to support the Heart of the Highlands is to join our Run For It Team. The 2K walk or 5K run takes place on Saturday, September 28, 2024 during the Leaf Peepers Festival in Davis, WV. Half of your registration fee is donated to HoH and you have the option to participate virtually, or just donate. Money spent on this fundraiser can result in more compensation for HoH by having more team members or more donations.



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#### Pupils

##### Boys

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Earl Pennington  
Preston Pennington  
Allen Pennington  
Edward Pennington  
Arthur Roy  
Harry Judy  
Earl Judy  
George Blanchard  
Belman Pennington  
Hobert Sites  
John Long  
Harry Long  
Joshua Pennington  
Adam Pennington

##### Girls

Lily Keagle  
Mary Keagle  
Anna Judy  
Cynthia Judy  
Sena Judy  
Bessie Pennington  
Stella Pennington  
Ethel Harman  
Rettie Judy  
Jennie Judy  
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Bertha Judy  
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Cynthia J. Kesnar

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Dick Kesnar  
Oscar Sites  
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## We Get Letters

### To the editor,

Could there be a more perfect way to understand Donald Trump than his closing remarks in Florida at The Believers Summit on July 26th? He said, "Christians, get out and vote, just this time. You won't have to do it anymore. ... You got to get out and vote. In four years, you don't have to vote again. We'll have it fixed so good you're not going to have to vote."

He doesn't even care about the Republican Party, which he leads. Nope...it's just about him. Not policy, not scary evil Democrats, not the working class getting a fair shake, not the influx of immigrants, not crime or drugs, not even about the swamp.

For Donald Trump, this election is all about begging you to vote for him. Just him, his insatiable ego, and the power to pardon himself for all past and future crimes.

Mimi Kibler

## Bible School

Jesus is Out of This World VBS

Hendricks Free Methodist Church

AUGUST 12 - AUGUST 16

6 - 8 P.M.

Contact Alison DeLeurere 304-704-1319

This list of students is from a School Souvenir printed in the late 1880's or early 1900's. Teacher had these little booklets printed. The teacher's picture was placed on the front cover, the students were listed and then there were a few poems or words of wisdom. This booklet is from The Pennington School District No. 4. The teacher was Gordon Bennett, and the students are listed. Several Tucker County residents will find family among the names such as Kisamore, Judy, and Pennington. The Trustees of the school were D. A. Sites, Gabe Kisamore and Isaac Pennington. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389. I am still returning phone calls so if I have not called yet, I will soon.

## NOTICE

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**WATER WELL PUMPING SYSTEMS, SALES AND INSTALLATION.** Rowan

Drilling WV004493 304-591-0272; 304-704-3764.

## GARAGE SALE

**Multi Family Garage Sale** - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 at 44 Apple Jack Lane, Rebecca Moore residence. Tools, furniture, housewares, adult and children's clothing, toys, baby items, much more.

## HELP WANTED

**WANTED:** St. John's Church in Parsons is seeking a full-time pastor. I you are interested, please contact Curtis Wilfong at 304-621-3381. Please respond by Wednesday, August 21st.

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### Answers

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# Country Music Artist Kate Boytek Helps Cook up Half a Million in College Aid for Future WVU Students

Country singer/songwriter Kate Boytek performed at the 37th annual Boone County WVU Alumni and Friends Pig Roast and Mountaineer Music Frolic on Saturday, July 12th at Waterways Outdoor Amphitheater in Julian. The annual scholarship fundraiser is organized by The Boone County WVU Alumni Association and is one of its longest-running signature chapter events. Kate and others helped raise almost half a million dollars at this year's event.

"I am truly honored to be part of this incredible fundraiser to help rural students go to college, many times as the first college student in their family" says Kate, who proudly serves as an official ambassador for the nearby City of Charleston, WV's Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Music has the power to bring people together and make a real difference and I am humbled I was given the opportunity to support this wonderful cause!"

The Boone County fundraiser began in 1987 with 10 WVU alumni in Boone County contributing \$100 each, raising a total scholarship amount of \$1000.00 to help one local student attend West Virginia University. The annual summer event has grown into a must-attend affair that has raised more than one million dollars, funding 500 student scholarships. This makes the Boone County alumni group the top provider of scholarships

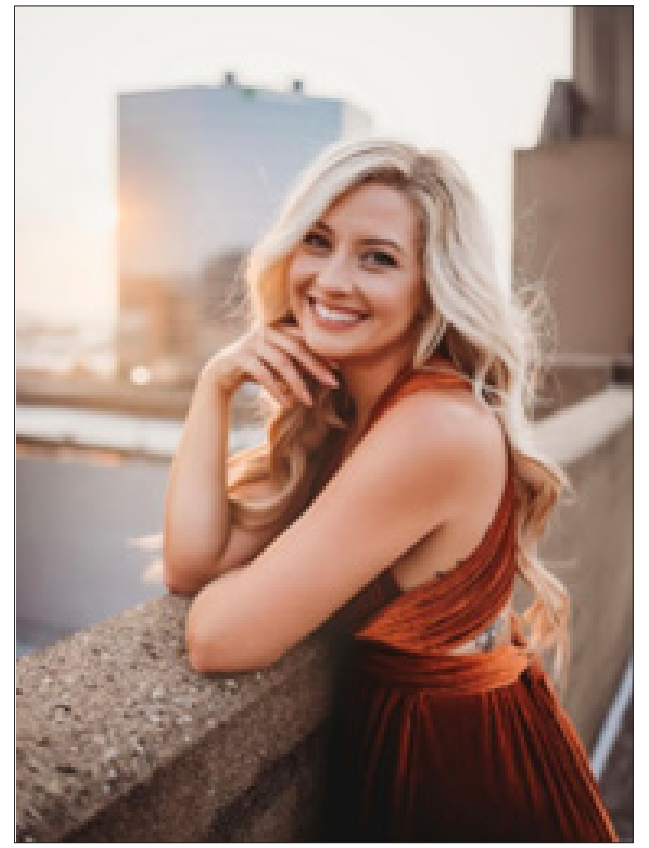
among all WVU Alumni chapters. Organizers said the 2024 pig roast, including Kate's live performance was not only a fundraiser for those scholarships, but was also illustrative of what a community can accomplish when it pulls together to help it's own residents.

In addition to her accelerating music career, Kate's impact extends beyond live performance. Over the years, she has appeared at Healing Appalachia, helping spotlight the region's ongoing fight against opioid addiction, visited West Virginia public schools to encourage music education, and performed for West Virginia AmeriCorps staffers and volunteers to thank them for their service. Boytek's 2024 tour is presented by the Town of Gilbert's Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Kate's latest single release is "House Fire"; listen [HERE](#).

Visit Kate Boytek online at [www.kateboytekoofficial.com](http://www.kateboytekoofficial.com). You can follow Kate on her social media platforms:

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## Legal Aid of WV Receives Grant from Truist Foundation

Charleston, W.Va. – Legal Aid of West Virginia (LAWV) recently received a grant from the Truist Foundation to help better serve clients in their Charleston office.

The \$50,726 grant will support LAWV's move to a newly renovated space in the former Staats Hospital building on Charleston's West Side, along with functional additions to the space like furniture, office equipment and technology infrastructure.

According to The Truist Foundation, grants are given based on Truist's overall purpose to inspire and build better lives and communities.

"We make strategic investments in non-profit organizations to help ensure the communities we serve have more opportunities for a better quality of life. Our grants and activities focus on building career pathways to economic mobility and strengthening small businesses."

LAWV's Charleston office is the

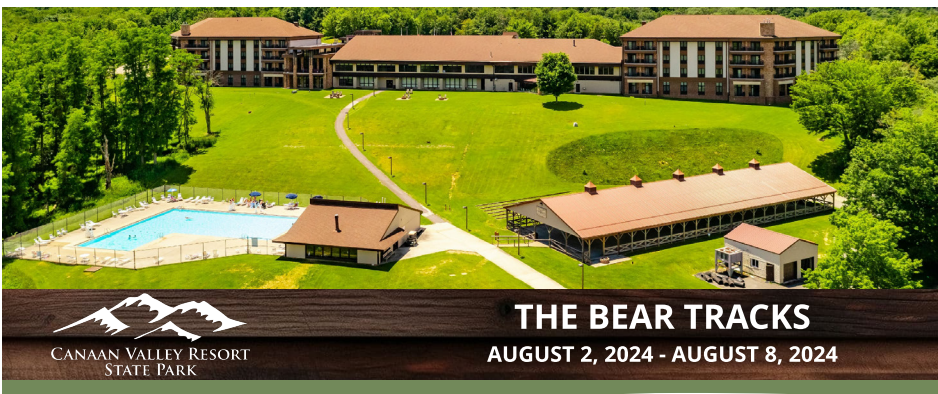
largest of 12 offices across the state and serves as the organization's state headquarters. The new office space will include trauma-informed, functional spaces for both clients and staff. Funding for this move extends beyond the organization's standard budget and is being met by generous donors and funders like the Truist Foundation.

"Truist's gift is invaluable to reaching our financial goals in our Charleston move," said LAWV's Executive Director Adrienne Worthy. "Not only will their dollars support an office appearance that better reflects the outstanding work done by our staff, but the support we have received from the people at Truist has been tremendous. They believe in our mission, and at the end of the

day, their confidence in our work is very affirming."

### About Legal Aid of West Virginia (LAWV)

Legal Aid of West Virginia (LAWV) is a nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal services, long-term and elder care advocacy and behavioral health advocacy. These areas of focus allow LAWV to reach West Virginia's most vulnerable people, solving problems and providing meaningful solutions for thousands of individuals and families every year. LAWV's offices are based in Charleston, W.Va., with 12 regional offices throughout the state. More about programs, eligibility, applying for services and free legal resources can be found at [www.legalaidwv.org](http://www.legalaidwv.org).





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