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## Five Rivers Library Week September 1-8

The Tucker County Commission Declared the week of September 1st to the 8th to be Five Rivers Library Week in honor of the Library's 50th Anniversary. On hand for the declaration was Library Board Member Dennis Filler, pictured with the Tucker County Commission August 14th. Pictured from left: Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis, Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau, Fiver Rivers Library Board Member Dennis Filler and Tucker County Commissioner Tim Knotts.

## Town of Davis Talks Water, Raise Water Rates

By: Lydia Crawley  
The Parsons Advocate

The Town of Davis voted Wednesday, August 14th to raise water rates \$9.00 on the minimum rate of 3,400 gallons per month.

“I don't want you to think that we are just making decisions to increase the rate capriciously, that we don't care and that we're not sensitive to the fact that for many people, that's a very difficult increase,” Tomson said.

The unanimous vote of Council followed a slide show by Mayor Al Tomson outlining the current status of the sewer and water systems within the Town and the need for the increase. “The reason I showed you all the stuff in the background is I don't want you to think that we are just making decisions to increase the rate capriciously, that we don't care and that we're not sensitive to the fact that for many people, that's a very difficult increase,” Tomson said.

Tomson outlined in his presentation a series of costs and projects that the Town has been involved in that has warranted the need for the Water Rate increase. “There are things that need to be done, there are things that have been done and they cost money,” Tomson said. “Same as what you guys are dealing with, but we have to break even and there are some projects that we have to do.”

Tomson said that the Town has been running an annual deficit in the Water Department. “Right now, based on our last audit, we are in the hole \$21,000 for water and we need a million five for a water project

that also starts next year to replace some lines,” Tomson said.

According to Tomson, several lines in the Town are in need of replacement due to the presence of lead in the joints. “The lines from Wymer and the lines from Blackwater that go to the Water Treatment

Plant are going to be replaced and some water lines on 5th and 3rd are going to be replaced. The lines have lead joints. They are going to be a health hazard at some point. They need to be replaced. I don't want to have people basically drinking water that is going through lines with lead joints. That's not right. That's got to be replaced. I don't feel that that's negotiable.”

According to Tomson, due to a flood in December of 2022, over \$100,000 in equipment was lost to flood when a basement was filled with water. Tomson said that most of the loss was recovered by insurance, but there was no safety or backup system in place then for such an event. Tomson said, “Town has to worry about all the electronics at the water plant. Some rocket scientist put them in the basement. Back in December of 2022, the basement flooded and we easily had \$100,000 or more of damage to equipment. There was no safety mechanism or backup to address that failure when it flooded. We filed it to

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## Thomas Raises Water Rates

By: Lydia Crawley  
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Following a second reading of the water rate increase, the City of Thomas approved an increase that would see the minimum bill increase from \$22.34 to \$39.28 over a two step increase. City of Thomas Mayor Jody Flanagan and City Attorney Natalie Thomas outlined the rate increase and completed a second, final reading of the Water Rate Increase at a meeting of the Thomas City Council August 13th.

Flanagan said the City was unable to secure the release of grant funding due to being out of compliance with regulations that stipulated that the water rates be set at 1.5% of the Median Household Income for the City of Thomas. Flanagan said the City also cannot get additional loans or grants until the City raises its water rates to the 1.5% MHI numbers. “We can't get any money because we are out of compliance,” Flanagan said. “Even the grant money we have secured, they won't release it until our water rates are up to the standard of what they should be, one

and a half percent of median household income.”

According to Flanagan, the MHI is set by the U.S. Census and is determined by the number of participating households in the City. According to Flanagan the current MHI of Thomas is \$51,429. “So everybody who gets these censuses really need to fill them out and send them back because that actually drives the cost of your water and your utilities rates down,” Flanagan said.

The rate increase is scheduled to take effect in two phases, according to Thomas, with the first scheduled for the end of September with an increase from the current rate of a 2,020 gallon minimum bill of \$22.34 to \$33.06. “The first step rate would be applicable September 27th,” Thomas said.

The second increase is scheduled to come upon completion of Phase One of the Water Project, according to officials with a scheduled increase on a 2,020 gallon minimum bill to be \$33.06 to \$39.28.

The measure passed by unanimous vote of all the members present.

## City of Thomas Address Water Issues, Community Concerns



Community members listened intently as Thomas Mayor Jody Flanagan, left, reads from a prepared statement August 13th at Thomas City Hall.

By: Lydia Crawley  
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It was standing room only at the Thomas City Hall Tuesday, August 13th. Members of the public, the City Council and representatives of State, local, civic and County Government gathered to discuss the latest developments in an ongoing water crisis in the City. Among those present were State Senator Randy Smith, the Tucker County Commissioners and Tucker County Director of the Office of Emergency Management Kevin White.

Since the end of June, the City has been battling excess iron in their drinking water that has led to discoloration, odor and concerns within the community about the safety of the water. Flanagan said the water is safe to drink and that no health concerns are raised from the excess iron. Flanagan also called it an “aesthetic issue” when reading from a prepared statement.

Flanagan said the water was safe to drink and that the high iron was in no way a health risk. Flanagan also said that the City was supplying both drinking and non-potable water to the citizens at the City's expense to help alleviate any concerns in the community about the water. The City is also working with Davis-Thomas Elementary Middle School to supply water for returning students and staff, according to Flanagan. “We're getting ready to work on that this week,” Flanagan said.

As of now, there is no timeline for when normal water service will resume for the City of Thomas. Officials with the City has said it is dependent on rainfall and time. “It's hard to give a timeline on something when you are dealing with iron,” Flanagan said. “So until, I call it flipping the



State Senator Randy Smith, pictured center, was on hand with Tucker County Commissioners for the meeting at Thomas City Hall August 13th to hear the latest developments on the water issues faced by the Tucker County Community since later June.

reservoir, until we get enough fresh water and stuff coming into that reservoir to drive that iron back down, its hard to give a timeline.”

The State, in response to the social media campaign, has supplied non-potable water to residents for use for cleaning and other non drinking use, according to Flanagan. Non-potable water is water that has not been approved for drinking, but is safe to use for any other use such as cleaning or flushing of toilets. “The State's seen all the stuff you're putting out on social media about the aesthetics and stuff like that,” Flanagan said. “That's what the non-potable water is here for. In case you don't

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## City of Thomas, County Offer School Water in Crisis

By: Lydia Crawley  
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With the start of the school year looming and the City of Thomas under a long standing Boil Water Advisory for high iron levels in the water, the City of Thomas and Tucker County have offered Davis-Thomas Elementary Middle School assistance in securing drinking water for students and staff. The topic has been the subject of discussion at several recent civic meetings and has been a concern of community members.

During a recent meeting August 13th of the Thomas City Council, Thomas Mayor Jody Flanagan said his office was working on assisting the school with securing potable water for the students and staff, though no specific plans were available. “We're working on it,” Flanagan said.

Tucker County Director of Emergency Management Kevin White informed the Tucker County Commission August 14th. According to White, the current plan for the schools involved utilizing bottled water and potable water. “So right now they are planning on bottled water and potable water for cooking and everything like that,” White said. “Of course the water that's in the lines can be used for flushing the toilets and all that kind of stuff. At the moment, the plan is bottled water.”

White said he has been in contact with the school administration regarding the situation and has offered the assistance of his office. “I have told (the Administration)

“I have told (the Administration) if there is any assistance that they need through the OEM and Homeland Security, to reach out to me,” White said.

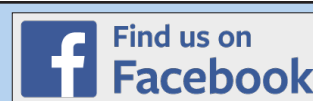
if there is any assistance that they need through the OEM and Homeland Security, to reach out to me and maybe we can get something set up with that,” White said.

Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau asked White if there was to be a potable water station at each school for cooking water. White said that it was his understanding that was the intended plan. “That is kind of what I was wondering if that is what they were going to need. They hadn't requested that yet, but that is kind of where we are at with that.”

The City of Thomas remains under a boil water advisory due to high iron levels in the water. State and Local Officials have been investigating the cause since the beginning of the crisis in late June, according to Thomas Mayor Jody Flanagan. According to Flanagan, preliminary results of the investigation has linked the cause to the severe drought in the area and while officials say there is no shortage of water for residents, the drought has caused the reservoir to contain high levels of iron that will dissipate with adequate rainfall and time.



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# News of Record

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

- John Darden Stevens, Dry Fork, was charged with one count of driving Revoked for DUI 2nd offense. According to the complaint on Friday, Aug. 9 Deputy B.M. Gidley was running stationary patrol on WV32 when he noticed a white SUV pass with no registration lights illuminated. He conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver. He asked for vehicle information and driver's license and the driver advised he did not have his license on him but provided his personal information. Gidley ran the information through Tucker 911. The name of the subject was revoked for DUI, once in Randolph County and again in Tucker County. He was arrested and transported to the WVSP Detachment in Parsons for processing and then on to TVRJ awaiting arraignment.
- Antonio Wackette, no address, was charged with Battery. The complaint states that on Sunday, Aug. 11 Deputy C.R. Summerfield of the TCSO and Trooper C.A. Hawkins of the WVSP received a call from Tucker 911 regarding an intoxicated male subject in Davis. 911 advised that the caller stated that the individual was out of control and threatening to kill everyone.
- Officers arrived on scene and observed a male subject standing in the yard with blood on his face. The subject appeared to be under the influence of something. When the subject noticed the officers he immediately ran toward them in an aggressive manner. They verbally ordered him to stop several times and he continued toward them. He finally

stopped near the front of Summerfield's vehicle, where he was detained.

- Summerfield met a male subject who was inside the residence and obtained a hand written and signed statement. In summary he and the defendant had some work in Davis and the property owner was allowing them to stay at the home while they worked. He stated that the defendant had a few drinks and became hostile. He said that while he was upstairs getting ready for bed he heard the defendant outside talking to himself, as he continually became louder he returned downstairs and observed the defendant at (a resident of the home who has dementia) a window, stumbling, talking to himself and allegedly stating that he was going to kill all of them. He walked to the bed talking crazy with his pants down. The male subject requested the defendant to leave the room and he stated that that he grabbed the defendant to get him off and he slipped. The defendant got up and pushed him causing him to fall.
- Summerfield also asked a female subject, who stated that she was a caregiver, to give a hand written and signed statement that summarized that she came downstairs to get the defendant away from the patient. While downstairs she observed the defendant fighting with the other male subject and observed the defendant pushing the male subject and heard him screaming that he would kill all of them.

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

- Jackie Surguy /FKA/ Jackie Waybright; Jackie A. Waybright /Now/ Jackie Surguy, Parsons

- Corporation, Lots 5 and 6 to Burl Waybright and Patricia Waybright, \$12,000.
- Elizabeth A. White, Davis District, a Deed of Easement and Right of Way to the Town of Davis, \$1.
- Pendletonheim Home Owners, Davis District, a Deed of Easement and Right of Way to the Davis District, \$1.
- Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc., Dry Fork District, 1.9165% interest in and to Unit D2 Week 15 to Doris Jean Newsom, \$5,500.
- Philip E. Martin, Dry Fork District, Lot 118 Phase 1 Tuscan Ridge 1.40 acres Section 3 to Matthew Robb and Jessica Robb, \$9,900.
- Marilyn K. Groves Revocable Trust; Darrell W. Groves Revocable Trust, Licking District, Lots 2, 3 and 4 Hannahsville to Zachary Hollifield and Carrie Hollifield, \$65,000.
- Alvin C. Bishoff, Jr. and Jeanette Bishoff, Parsons Corporation, Lot #6, Preston Miller Addition, Tucker County, WV to Michael Rosenau and Martha C. Rosenau, \$21,000.
- Land of Canaan vacation Resort, Inc., Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit D3 Week 5 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Robert L. Tucker and Jo Ann Tucker, \$7,000.
- Hamrick Public Service District, Hendricks Corporation, 120 square feet to Mountaineer Gas Company, \$2,500.

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

- Christian Macklin Mayberry was married to Lindsay Dawn Rippy on Monday, August 12, 2024.

## Community Concerns

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want to flush your toilet with out town water because it stains it or ruins it. You have the option to go up there and get 4,000 gallons of non-potable water to use however you feel necessary to use."

Potable water is water that is safe for human consumption. During the meeting, Tucker County Director of the Office of Emergency Management explained the difference between the potable water tank under City supervision and the non-potable water tanker. "All tanks that have potable water have to be certified by the Health Department," White said. "So they have to be sanitized, there's a process they have to go through and then when that tank is certified, as long as its using water from a certified system, it is ok to drink. The reason that, that state road tank is not is because they could get that water out of the river or anywhere to use, but the water that is sitting downstairs has been certified, it is used for potable water. That water is safe to drink. The reason that it is locked up downstairs and only open certain hours, is the fact that they can monitor that no one is tampering. That one is non-potable because it is standing out and anyone can theoretically do something to that water."

During the meeting, officials from the City discussed the issues surrounding the water crisis. According to the City, the pumps can only run for around 15 minutes before the system has to be back flushed due to iron build up in the system. The DEP and Health Department were both notified of the situation from the beginning and have been investigating the cause. According to the City, the preliminary cause of the high iron levels in the water is the extreme drought. According to U.S. Drought Monitor, as of last week, Tucker County was classified D3 Extreme Drought.

Flanagan said the City is working on future plans for a new water treatment plant and a settlement basin for the water treatment facility to handle high iron levels in the future. "We have been in talks with Abandoned Mine Lands, the DEP and the Health Department about putting a temporary settlement basin in our plant, which our plant does not have, which is to treat high iron, so we hope to get this thing funded and get it put in so this problem doesn't happen in the (future)."

According to Flanagan, the City has been paying for all the water that has been brought in and handed out to the citizens of Thomas. Flanagan and White said that while the drought has been declared a State of Emergency by the State, no State funds exist to assist Thomas with the added costs of the crisis. White said that the drought also does not qualify for FEMA funding or assistance and while a fund does exist in West Virginia for assistance, no money has ever been put into it. "The State had passed many

years ago, they passed a fund that is for emergencies that does not meet a FEMA declaration," White said. "This one does not meet a FEMA declaration, but the problem is that fund has never had a dime of money put in it. So the fund does exist, but its at a zero balance."

According to Flanagan the iron levels in the water are fluctuating daily with the level exiting the plant to the citizens at a level of .03, but coming from the intakes at .10 to .12 some days. "I believe the City Council past and present City Council that's on here now has worked diligently through this water crisis to try to get clean water, potable water, non-potable water to the citizens of Thomas," Flanagan said. "There's not much updating to do when all you have out there is high iron in your water. Nothing is changing. The iron is fluctuating everyday. Its fluctuating everyday."

When asked by one member of the audience why the community should continue to pay their water bills when the water was unsafe to drink, Flanagan said there was a lot of misinformation being spread on social media about the water situation. "There's been a lot of Facebook stuff on social media that isn't true," Flanagan said. "EWG, they are a lobbyist organization. This is not the correct information that is being put out all over. Its not through the EPA, its not an EPA website."

Flanagan went on to admit that the City has had water violations in the past "We've had violations, but we have never been fined," Flanagan said. "Some of the violations that are on the DEP website, some of them are clerical errors, is the main thing. You didn't find what you wanted on the DEP website so you pulled this up and cited a lobbyist group."

According to Flanagan, the City's water is tested every two weeks and submitted to the state. "The water gets tested every two weeks," Flanagan said. "It gets submitted by the State. If we had nine, 10 violations there'd be a padlock on that door out there. They don't let you have one violation and let you get away with anything."

Below is a transcription of the prepared statement read by Mayor Flanagan at the meeting.

"The Thomas City Council would like to recognize the challenges of the last month due to our city's drought induced water crisis," Flanagan said. "It has been a hardship for everyone that lives and does business here. Our homes and businesses, our appliances, our patience's have all suffered. This has been a West Virginia guided emergency and disaster response process. Every update/protocol received from the State has been forwarded along to its residents and business owners. Unfortunately, there has not been many to pass along. That the water was an aesthetic issue alone was an update that the City received from

the West Virginia DHHR and forwarded to the Thomas residents. The City received a tanker of non-potable water from the WVDOH as a donation to help alleviate citizens concerned about this aesthetic issue. This was an update that was received and forwarded from Governor Justice's Office and the DOH. The City employees will continue to do everything they can at our water treatment plant and continue to update the community accordingly. We will forward along any information regarding any State assistance if and as it becomes available to struggling businesses. In the meantime, until the State gets rain, please be kind to our City Clerk. Your frustrations are real. She is not at blame here. Additionally, the City Council has been working on a website. We have been stuck in limbo with the domain transfer and it has stalled out our efforts and if you would like, please direct your thoughts to the offices of your State Representatives. They are paying attention and only they have the power to bring the resources here."

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County Route 21 (**Clover Run Road**), Tucker County, will have lane closures from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 15, 2024, through Friday, August 16, 2024, for paving. Work will begin at milepost 6.64 and end at milepost 9.93, just past the intersection of WV 38 and County Route 21. Special accommodations for emergency vehicles and US mail only; all other motorists are to expect delays and to seek alternate routes.

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## Town of Davis

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insurance and we got most of the money back. That's the good news."

Tomson said following the December 2022 flood, the Town had a backup system put in that would drain excess water from the basement from the backwash pond. According to Tomson, the system has already been used twice since the installation. "The other thing that happened is, we put a backup in," Tomson said. "Very simple. They drilled a hole in the wall at the bottom of the basement. So if the basement were ever to take on water, it just goes out the hole and the pipe to the backwash pond. Very simple solution. \$12,500 to do it because they had to go through a very thick concrete wall. We've used it twice already. The basement would have flooded two more times if it wasn't for that backup."

When asked by a member of the audience if there was an alarm for the basement in case of flooding, Tomson said there was, but that it had failed. "There is, but it failed," Tomson said.

Another project outlined by Tomson was the cleaning of the Town's water tank. According to Tomson, the tank should be cleaned every five years, but had never been completed prior to the hiring of scuba company Liquid Engineering. Tomson said the company had described the tank as one of the worst they had seen. "Liquid Engineering is a company, they put scuba divers into our water tank to clean the sludge out of the bottom," Tomson said. "Never been done. Should be done about every five years. They said it was one of the worst they had ever seen. \$3,700 to do that."

According to Tomson, the Town spent over \$16,000 to construct a catwalk over the water basins at the Water Plant after receiving a violation from the DEP. The violation came after it was found that workers had been using 2X6 planks to walk over the basins, according to Tomson. "There's a catwalk at the Water Plant," Tomson said. "Before that, the Water Operators had to walk over the water basins on 2X6's. We got a violation for that by the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection). We had to put a catwalk in. \$16,366."

At the Water Plant, Tomson said the blocks on the building were in need of new mortar with many areas able to be seen completely through. "The bricks, the blocks for the water plant, the mortar had failed," Tomson said. "There were places where you could see between the blocks into the building. So we had them patch the blocks and put siding on it to protect the blocks in the future. \$40,000. We needed a new roof, \$12,000."

Tomson also said the cost of equipment and supplies have also raised in recent years and acknowledged that both the community and Town have noticed the rising costs. "You're all feeling prices go up and so are we," Tomson said. "Equipment in two years has gone up 43 percent. The power, both how much we use and the price of it has gone up 75 percent. Luckily, our chemicals have stayed flat. Those haven't gone up."

Tomson said that by State law, the Town is required to cover their operating costs and operate at 1.5% of Median Household Income. According to Tomson, the MHI for Davis is \$42,019. "What we're required to do by the state and by the PSC (Public Service Commission), we've got to cover our operating costs and we've got to get to the 1.5 of Median Household Income," Tomson said.

Tomson said that the drought has not helped issues with the Town's water. According to Tomson, the Town's main source of water, Wymer's Creek, was beginning to dry up under the strain. "The drought has been a problem," Tomson said. "We did not put anyone on a conserve water advisory. We had a problem though, because the Wymers Creek that's our main source could not keep up in the drought and started drying up."

In response to the need for water during the drought, the Town rented a six inch pump to bring extra water from the Blackwater River, according to Tomson. "So the people in the Town said let's rent a six inch pump, which is massive, its like a car engine and 800 feet of hose, so we could pump water from the Blackwater River, which is our secondary source, up to our reservoir. So we would keep having water to treat. That cost between the rental of the pump and the gasoline, \$6,000 a month right now."

Members of the audience asked why the Town's existing pumps could not be utilized to bring water from the Blackwater River. Town officials and Mayor Tomson said it was a matter of volume with the amount of water needed during the crisis exceeding the amount the current Town pumps could handle. Officials stated that at the peak of the water crisis, the Town was pumping 410 gallons a minute with the rental when the Town's pumps can only pump 180 gallons a minute. "Its a matter of volume from the Blackwater," Tomson said. "The pumps are smaller."

Tomson said a more permanent solution would be coming in the next five to 10 years with a new Water Plant that is in the works. "Now that is going to get fixed, but probably in the next five to 10 years," Tomson said. "There's a Lymeing Station that's on the Blackwater River by the dam that the DEP owned. They're giving us that building that we can use for a new Water Plant. We are in negotiations with First Energy about the property, whether we buy it or lease it or what the options are for that and we'll build a new Water Plant. One that has more capacity and pumps right from the Blackwater where we don't have to worry about a lot of the stuff that people have to deal with."

There was some debate at the meeting over the official MHI numbers, but Tomson informed the audience that the number is set by the national census and those who participate. Tomson also said the Town was exploring the option of conducting an independent survey of the Town's income that would require a mandatory 75% of households to participate in order to have the official MHI changed. No determination on the independent survey was made at the meeting.

The Water Rate Increase was approved by unanimous vote of the council at the meeting. There was no word given on when the rate increase was scheduled to take effect.

## Capito Visits Corridor H with Federal Highway Administrator Bhatt

PARSONS, W.Va. – Today, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, traveled to Parsons, W.Va. where she hosted Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Administrator Shailen Bhatt to see completed and ongoing construction projects on Corridor H, the last remaining section of the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) in West Virginia. While driving on Corridor H with West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) Secretary Jimmy Wriston, Senator Capito and Administrator Bhatt toured newly completed elements of the highway, bridge construction efforts, and excavation underway for future projects aimed at completing Corridor H.

"West Virginians across the state know how important completing Corridor H is, and as Ranking Member of the Senate EPW Committee and a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I have made securing federal resources for the highway a top priority. I invited Administrator Bhatt to West Virginia to see firsthand why Corridor H is vital to our state's economic future, as well as the unique challenges our state's topography presents in building new roads. I will continue working to secure federal funding and



U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) tours Corridor H with FHWA Administrator Shailen Bhatt in Parsons, W.Va. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

improve the permitting and environmental review process so that we can finish Corridor H," Ranking Member Capito said.

"I'm excited to join Ranking Member Capito today for a tour of Corridor H to get a firsthand look at this critical project and the surrounding communities that will benefit from improved connectivity, mobility and economic opportunities," Federal Highway Administrator Shailen Bhatt said. "Investing in rural America

is a top priority for the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration is working closely with the West Virginia Department of Transportation on Corridor H, including overseeing active construction underway on the Kerens to Parsons segment, which includes \$603 million in Federal funding. We look forward to continuing to work with our partners in West Virginia to advance this important project."

### BACKGROUND:

Senator Capito has secured funding through multiple sources for Corridor H including:

December 6, 2018: \$20 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grants for the Tucker County expressway project between Kerens and Parsons of Corridor H.

May 31, 2019: \$100 million through DOT's Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) program for construction of an interchange at the junction of Corridor H and WV 72,

along with 4.6 miles of roadway and a bridge spanning Cheat River.

June 15, 2020: \$12 million from DOT to support the completion of the Corridor H pavement project from Kerens to Parsons.

December 22, 2022: \$5 million for Corridor H through a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) measure included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 government funding legislation.

March 23, 2024: \$12.5 million for Corridor H between Wardensville and the W.Va./Va. border through a CDS measure included in FY24 government funding legislation.

As Ranking Member of the Senate EPW Committee, Senator Capito fought to secure resources for federal formula programs that provide flexible funding to state departments of transportation. The five-year Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act, which was written by the EPW Committee and became law as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), provides West Virginia with over \$3 billion in transportation formula funding from 2022 to 2026. Since 2022, West Virginia has obligated over \$202 million of these federal formula dollars to Corridor H.

Through a supplemental appropriation included in the IIJA, West Virginia ADHS projects received \$37 million in 2022, \$40 million in 2023, and \$41 million in 2024, with similar funding amounts to be released for 2025 and 2026. Senator Capito has also worked to include \$15 million for West Virginia ADHS projects including Corridor H in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies government funding legislation each year since 2020.

In June of this year, Ranking Member Capito spoke with Administrator Bhatt regarding delays to Corridor H's construction and designation as a "major project."



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## Senior News

Tucker County Seniors attended the annual picnic at Hendricks Park on Monday, August 5, 2024. The Tucker County Veterans including Danny Barkley, Ralph Helmick, Buddy Adkins, Jimmy Waugh, and Charley Showalter provided the flag raising. Joe Osment provided wonderful entertainment by playing his fiddle, singing several songs, and taking requests from the audience.

Tim Turner, Director, welcomed everyone and encouraged folks to take advantage of senior services

offered. There were 74 in attendance, and all enjoyed traditional picnic fare provided by the cooks and volunteers along with various side dishes brought by attendees.

There were enough donated door prizes that everyone won something. Door prizes were provided by the senior center, Roxanne Tunesing, and WV Aging & Disability Resource Center. The next out-post will be on August 28 at Flanagan Hill. For information about the senior center services, please call 304-478-2423.

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# OBITUARIES

## James LeRoy Buddingh

James LeRoy Buddingh, age 90 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life early Monday morning, August 12, 2024, at the Davis Medical Center.

He was born Saturday, March 24, 1934, at Kent County, Michigan on a farm, a son of the late Fredrick Rudolph Buddingh and Carol Evelyn Vanzee Buddingh. On June 13, 1993, at Glen Bernie, MD, he was married to the former Margaret Eleanor Bell, who survives.

Also surviving are one son, James Mathew Buddingh and wife Jenay, all of California; three daughters, Carla Jean Buddingh, Daliah Ann Buckley and Pamela Lynn Kolat and husband Bulant, all of California; one step-son, Douglas Clay Rhodes and wife "Angel" of VA; two step-daughters, Rebecca Ann Kimes and husband Bill of MD, and Sherill Lynn Teung and husband John of FL; two sisters, Carol Ahern and Dorothy Fjeld and husband Jack, all of Santa Anna, California; four grandchildren, one great grandchild; twelve step-grandchildren; seven-



teen step-great grandchildren; and several step-great great grandchild.

Preceding him in death are one son, Mark Wade Buddingh; one step-son, Rocky Allen Rhodes of Md, and one brother, Jan Karl Buddingh; and one sister, Nancy Sue Buccieri.

He was a graduate of Amphitheater High School of Tuscan, Arizona, with the class of 1952. He was a Veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. He attended the Acme School for Tool & Die Engineer in 1962, where he also taught for a couple of years. He then went on to Orange County Junior College. He

was a Dairyman, served in the military, was a Technical Illustrator and worked for a contractor as an Art Director for the U.S. Navy, when he retired. He was a member of the Union Chapel Church at Brushy Fork. He loved to paint, draw pictures and play the guitar and sing.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Thursday, August 15, 2024, from 10 AM until 11 AM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Thursday at 11 AM. The Reverend James Snyder will officiate and interment will follow at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, WV, where full military honors will be accorded by members of the WV Army National Guard Honor Guard Program, the Tucker County Veterans Association and the Tygarts Valley Post # 3647, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for James LeRoy Buddingh. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Model Railroad Open House



It's that time of year again, students of all ages are heading back to school. The Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, Inc. located at 5000 Green Bag Road, Morgantown, WV in the Mountaineer Mall will open its doors for a model railroad extravaganza on Saturday, August 24th from 10am til 4pm and on Sunday, August 25th from 1pm til 4pm. Admission is Free! Donations are kindly accepted.

Come see all the work we have accomplished on our new HO scale layout, O gauge model railroad and N scale model railroad for your viewing pleasure. All our layouts represent West Virginia and the railroads that served our region. Trains will be running through the hills, across rivers and through towns all day long.

We will have five White Elephant tables with all kinds of used LIONEL and HO train items for sale.

Free magazines, railroad postcards, tourist railroad and hobby shop information along with railroad historical displays. We will have crayons, pencils and colorsheets for the children!

So, All Aboard for a weekend of model railroading fun at the Back To School Model Railroad Open House. For more information call Rich Henderson at: 304-276-1046. The Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt educational/charitable organization. Follow us on facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/MVRRHS> Or our website at: <https://MVRRHS.org>.

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## Fairmont State University Receives Grant to Organize Week-Long Celebration for First-Generation College Students

Fairmont State University has received \$5,000 through the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) to organize a week-long series of events and activities celebrating the resilience and achievements of first-generation college students. More than 40 percent of students at Fairmont State are first-generation college students.

Students are identified as first-generation if their parents did not complete a four-year college degree. These students are more likely to face challenges and barriers to obtaining their degree.

"I was the first person in my family to attend college, so I understand how challenging the transition from high school can be," says President Mike Davis. "At Fairmont State, we are dedicated to being a Great Place to Learn. That means supporting our first-generation students in every step of their journey, ensuring they have the tools and resources necessary to

succeed and transform their futures."

Justin Rader, Associate Director of Orientation, and Keith Gipson, Manager of Student Support/Outreach Enrollment Services, collaborated to receive the grant.

According to Rader, "The First-Generation Celebration at Fairmont State will highlight the resilience and achievements of our first-generation Falcons, fostering a culture of support and pride that strengthens our entire campus community. Our goal is to honor the perseverance of our first-generation Falcons, enhance their sense of belonging, and inspire the entire campus to support and uplift them."

Through this grant funding, Fairmont State will host events including motivational speeches from first-generation graduates, interactive workshops, panel discussions with experts and stakeholders, presentations highlighting the experiences of first-gener-

ation students, and forums discussing and promoting effective support strategies and policies. Other activities planned to facilitate connections and peer support within the first-generation student community include social events, networking sessions, mentorship programs, and group activities.

Events will begin on November 4 and conclude with the national First-Generation College Celebration Day on November 8.

The WVHEPC's First-Generation Success Grant sponsors initiatives that address the unique needs or support the recruitment and retention of first-generation students, as well as initiatives that enhance data collection, research, or practices to improve institutional first-generation policies. This current project aims to foster a sense of community, enhance student retention, and promote awareness of the diverse experiences of first-generation students.

**Dear World...**

MY YOUNG SON starts to school today...It's going to be sort of strange and new to him for awhile, and I wish you would sort of treat him gently.

You see, up to now he's been king of the roost...He's been boss of the backyard...His mother has always been near to soothe his wounds and repair his feelings.

But now things are going to be different. This morning he's going to walk down the front steps, wave his hand, and start out on the great adventure...It is an adventure that might take him across continents, across oceans...It's an adventure that will probably include wars and tragedy and sorrow...To live his life in the world he will have to live in, will require faith and love and courage.

So, World, I wish you would sort of look after him...Take him by the hand and teach him things he will have to know.

But do it gently, if you can. He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just, that all men are not true.

But teach him also that for every scoundrel there is a hero...that for every crooked politician there is a great and dedicated leader...Teach him that for every enemy, there is a friend.

Steer him away from envy, if you can...and teach him the secret of quiet laughter.

In school, World, teach him it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat...Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone says they are wrong...Teach him to be gentle with gentle people and tough with tough people.

Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the bandwagon...Teach him to listen to all men but teach him also to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and take just the good that siphons through.

Teach him, if you can, how to laugh when he's sad...Teach him there is no shame in tears...Teach him there can be glory in failure and despair in success.

Treat him gently, World, if you can, but don't coddle him...Because only the test of fire makes fine steel...Let him have the courage to be impatient...Let him have the patience to be brave.

Let him be no man's man...Teach him always to have sublime faith in himself.

Because then he will always have sublime faith in mankind.

This is quite an order, World, but see what you can do...He's such a nice little fellow, my son!

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## Eastern College has Expanded Solar Energy Capabilities on Campus

Moorefield, W.Va. – Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College was granted \$157,614, in May of 2023, from the West Virginia State Advance Grant. This has allowed them to expand their capabilities of solar-powered technology on campus for the Solar Installation Technology training. This has been done with purchases of EnGoPlanet solar-powered benches, a new Eastern-branded flag, and wall-mounted display monitors. "Eastern is committed to providing relevant, hands-on education that prepares our students for the workforce," said Lauren Arbaugh, Workforce Education program coordinator, "Our renewable energy programs, including our solar and wind initiatives, are shining examples of that mission, equipping our graduates with in-demand skills for a grow-

ing industry."

Two EnGoPlanet solar benches have been placed outside the main entrance on campus for student and community use. These benches allow individuals to connect to the internet, charge their phone wirelessly and by USB, and connect to Bluetooth. The flagpole, lit at night by the lights connected to the new solar array, overlooks Corridor H from behind the main campus building. Students who registered for the Spring 2024 Solar Installation Technician training session got to test the solar panels and ensure they worked correctly before installation. Four large monitors have been installed in room 104b at Eastern's main campus. These monitors will be used for student learning across programs. "Here at Eastern, we are trying to expose students to all the latest in solar technology – from a fully equipped lab where they will work with products used every day in the field, to a number of functioning arrays on campus where they can see and monitor how systems work once they are installed," said Jay Warmke, Solar Installation Technician instructor & owner of Blue Rock Station.

Enrollment for the Solar Installation Technician program is currently open. A free training seminar will be held on August 21 from 6-7 p.m. for those wanting to learn more. Then six weeks of online education begins on September 3 with two-day in-person training on October 10 and 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To register, email [WorkforceEd@easternwv.edu](mailto:WorkforceEd@easternwv.edu) or call 304-434-8000 ext. 9413.

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**TURNER'S TIDBITS**

This is a photo of a birthday party and from the looks of the candles on the cake it was a milestone. The photo is identified as follows: the lady seated at the table is the birthday girl, Anna Harman Thompson. Standing from left to right are Myrtle Good, Carrie Harman Roy, Clem Roy Pennington, Jocie Thompson Armentrout (daughter of Anna). Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.



# What's? Happening

## Back to School Bash/Free Friday Block Party

A Back to School Bash and a community Free Friday block party will be held on August 23, from 4-7 pm at the First United Methodist Church pavilion in Parsons. There will be giveaways for kids, games, and a potluck dinner. Some of the menu items will be hotdogs, summer salads, baked beans, desserts and drinks. Everyone is

welcome to come out and have a good time!

## KNOTTS REUNION

The 86th annual Knotts Reunion will be held at the Sugarlands Church of the Brethren pavilion on Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024. Sunday school will be in the Church at 10a.m. and lunch in the pavilion at 12:30 p.m. All family and friends are welcome.



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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. 21, 1861: Confederate troops under General John B. Floyd crossed the Gauley River at Carnifex Ferry, Nicholas County, and began to entrench their position. It was the beginning of what became known as the Battle of Keslers Cross Lanes.

Aug. 21, 1915: Singer Ann Baker was born in Pennsylvania. She later operated a popular Charleston nightclub, The Shalamar, and became known as “Charleston’s First Lady of Jazz.”

Aug. 22, 1872: Following the Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West Virginia electorate ratified a new state constitution by a vote of 42,344 to 37,777. In the same election, voters rejected a controversial convention proposition that would have prohibited Black citizens from holding public office.

Aug. 23, 1965: Sylvia Mathews Burwell was born in Hinton. She was U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (2014-17) under President Obama before serving as American University’s first woman president (2017-24).

Aug. 23, 1970: The Mormon Church established its first “stake,” or congregation, in West Virginia. The stake was organized in Charleston with a membership of nearly 4,000 people.

Aug. 24, 1918: Louis Bennett Jr. died of injuries sustained when his plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire. Bennett, with 12 combat kills, was West Virginia’s only World War I fighter



**Aug. 27, 1902: Mary McClain was born Mary Smith in Huntington. McClain was a blues legend who performed at Carnegie Hall, the White House, the Apollo Theatre, and the Cotton Club.**

Aug. 24, 1947: Joe Manchin III was born in Fairmont. He served in both houses of the legislature and as secretary of state before becoming the 34th governor in 2005. In 2010, he ran successfully for the late Robert C. Byrd’s U.S. Senate seat and stepped down as governor. In 2023, he announced he would retire from the Senate at the end of his term in 2025.

Aug. 25, 1903: Soprano Susanne Fisher was born in Sutton. Fisher was the first West Virginian to sing at the Metropolitan Opera.

Aug. 25, 1921: Miners began to arrive at Blair Mountain near the border of Logan and Boone counties. Sheriff Don Chafin, a hated symbol of anti-unionism in southern West Virginia, met them with a combined force of deputies, mine guards, civilian volunteers and others.

Aug. 25, 2000: The Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope was dedi-

cated. It is the world’s largest fully steerable radio telescope.

Aug. 26, 1863: Union and Confederate forces collided in what became known as the Battle of White Sulphur Springs. The next morning, with ammunition nearly depleted, Union General William Averell retreated to his base without accomplishing any of his objectives.

Aug. 26, 1918: Mathematician Katherine Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs. For 33 years, Johnson worked for NASA, making calculations for manned space flights, including the Apollo 11 moon landing. In 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.




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As I write my column this week I am doing so on National Left Handers Day. I have been the odd ball in my family all my life. As far as anyone can remember back there were no left handed people on either side of the family. I don’t know what happened to me but I guess God had plans for me. **Momma Said**, “You do you!!”

It was always so hard in school I can remember clear back to grade school learning to write cursive. Yes I can write cursive despite the fact that it is now obsolete. The teacher would show us how to make the letter “O” with a long line of circles. Of course, my circles were backward from everyone else’s. But they were “O’s” none the less.

The notebooks with the wire spiral binding and the big notebooks with the 3 rings inside were always a pain for me as well. **Momma Said**, “Persevere and make the best of a bad situation.” I guess I was either tough or



**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

stubborn because I made it through a bunch of stuff in school and don’t get me started on Home Economics. When it came to the part where we learned to sew, it was hard for me to follow the teacher with hand stitching. Her solution was to turn my project upside down and it would turn out like the others, or learn to sew right handed, God Forbid that she would take the time to show me how to do it any other way.

And as luck would have it, I was the only left handed student in the class. I pushed through and my projects passed the test and I did them my way, not upside down. **Momma Said**, “It truly is a right handed world.”

## Blueberry Skillet Biscuit

### Ingredients

- Unsalted butter to grease the pan
- 2½ CUPS self-rising flour
- ½ CUP sugar
- ½ CUP butter 4 ounces or 1 stick, cold
- Zest of 2 lemons
- 2 CUPS blueberries
- 1½ CUPS buttermilk
- 2 TEASPOONS turbinado sugar (raw sugar)

### Instructions

1. Pre-heat the oven to 400°F and arrange a shelf slightly below the center of the oven. Butter the bottom and sides of a 9- or 10-inch cast iron skillet.
2. In a large mixing bowl, stir together the flour and sugar. Grate the cold but-

ter into the flour and stir it in to coat evenly. Stir in the lemon zest and the buttermilk. When the dough comes together gently fold in the blueberries. The dough will be quite wet.

3. Spread the dough into the prepared skillet. Sprinkle the turbinado sugar over top the batter.

4. Place the skillet on the arranged shelf in the oven. Bake until lightly browned - about 25 minutes. Brush the tops of the biscuits with some melted butter and pop them back into the oven for another 5 minutes or so, until nicely browned.

5. Turn the biscuit out onto a plate, and then invert it again so it is right side up. Cut into wedges and serve warm with whipped cream or top with a little powdered sugar.

## Super Crossword

CALLING FOR SILENCE

<b>ACROSS</b>	1 Human rights org.	5 Costa —	9 Scored two under par	15 Apparel	19 Stars and Stripes, e.g.	20 Big whoops	21 Louisiana cuisine style	22 French girlfriend	23 Places to buy salmon fillets and such	25 Everyday routine	26 Metal beam with two flanges	27 Brainpower stats	28 Actor Bana	29 Overnight delivery, say	31 Regret deeply	32 Nothin’ at all	33 Lauder of perfumery	34 Shutter strip	35 Breathable gym bottoms	38 Actor Alan	40 Vaping devices	43 Some tech. inst. grads	44 Trio after G	46 They’re like lay-ups, but farther from the basket	48 Father, to a tiny tot	51 Like some artificial body parts	54 A snake injecting venom, e.g.	55 Become too warm	58 Like a bass voice	60 Napoleonic marshal	61 Coin that was worth 12 pence	65 Purvey something dry	69 Often-flexed arm muscles	70 Paint coat applied to rough plaster	71 Brand of snowmobiles	73 Snow glider	74 Informal name for a herding breed	76 Congregated	78 Concealed	79 City development area	80 Dangler on a garment in a store	85 Most modern	88 Harper of “Far North”	89 Top worn on a safari	91 Snooze	92 Epoch	94 Opera solos	95 Tomb-raiding Croft	97 Resembling a plate	103 Turner of the Washington Nationals	105 Check recipient	107 Tubular snack cake	108 Flat-fixing org.	109 Guard to keep something dry	112 Novelist	113 “Despicable Me” villain	114 Very dry	115 Tiki bar drink	116 What nine answers in this puzzle suggest that you do twice?	118 Donate	119 Peeves	120 Les — (French for “some”)	121 Emend	122 Tomahawks	123 Level	124 Indiana-to-Ohio direction	125 Witty types	36 Word after big, cold or soft	37 Albeit, in brief	39 For — (very cheaply)	41 Former rival of AT&T	42 Former Russ. state	45 First lady after Melania Trump	47 Move hastily	48 Lou formerly of CNN	49 Pop rocker	50 Rid of frost	51 Crank’s cry	52 “Challenge accepted!”	53 Rum mixers	56 Clued in	57 Lion chaser?	59 Hope (for)	62 Opposite of 58-Across	63 “You Be —” (1986 Run-D.M.C. hit)	64 Avian abodes	65 Savors Earl Grey, say	66 Funny	67 Sacks in war	68 Balcony sections	71 Use stitches	72 Mattel man	74 Online biz	75 Torrid	76 Untidy states	77 Afr. country	80 Keglers’ org.	81 Karel Capek sci-fi play	82 Question starter in old Memorex ads	83 Total shams	84 Plotting in math class	86 Walked in water	87 Dermis or Pen lead-in	90 Turncoat	92 Most pasty	93 Phantom	96 “Yes, cap’n!”	98 Reporter on “Parks and Recreation”	99 Buds from the hood	100 Multi-roof temple	101 Winged bug with pincers	102 Intimidates	104 Sportscaster Rashad	106 “Für —” (piano piece)	109 Chronicle	110 Grand — (annual race)	111 Clearheaded	116 “— pasa?”	117 Dawn drops
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## Weather Totals

August 6 - August 13, 2024

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

### Temperature

Max 94° F  
Min 50° F

### Precipitation

Week 2.45"  
August 3.37"  
2024 34.86"

### Snowfall

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

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## LEGAL

The 2023 Form 990-EZ Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax for the Northpoint Property Owners Association is available for inspection at the offices of Mountaintop Realty LLC at 6379 Appalachian Hwy, Davis, WV 26260 by appointment during regular business hours.

## LEGAL

The Town of Davis is seeking a Part Time Code Enforcement Officer. This job will require the applicant to enforcement of ordinances, building codes, and etc. that the Town has set forth. Pay will be discussed at the time of interview based on qualifications and experience. Preferred experience is welcome but not necessary, the Town of Davis will have you trained. For information on this, call the Town of Davis at 304-259-5302 and ask for Joni. She will be able to help you with any inquiries that you may have. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

## LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Hub Nace Bechtol	Sally Strickland
1st publication 8/21/24	210 Lavaca St.
2nd publication 8/28/24	Austin, TX 78701
	And
	Michele Turnquist
	7808 Brightman Ln.
	Austin, TX 78733
	Carol Helmick
	PO Box 161
	Thomas, WV 26292
	Sandy Holland
	5807 Railroad Ave.
	White Marsh, MD 21162
Walter S. Helmick, Jr.	
1st publication 8/21/24	
2nd publication 8/28/24	
Glen Helmick	
1st publication 8/21/24	
2nd publication 8/28/24	

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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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 Hope Gas, Inc. (the “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 all of its customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed decreased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will decrease revenues approximately \$33.1 million annually, a decrease of 16.63%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	(\$13.69)	(13.60%)
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)	(\$56.59)	(16.83%)
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS) 1/	\$0.18	0.02%
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LCS)	(\$3,170.49)	(24.59%)
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LCS) 1/	\$2.65	0.03%
Industrial Sales (Rate Class LCI-D & LCI-DS)	(\$6,104.96)	(25.85%)
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	(\$8,352.21)	(22.93%)
Daily Balancing for Transport	\$17.22	3.84%

1/ To account for an increase in standby rate.

FORMER PEOPLES GAS WV - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Service - Residential Sales	(\$24.09)	(23.03%)
General Service - Commercial Sales	(\$121.62)	(25.70%)
Industrial Service - Sales	(\$1,683.61)	(31.59%)
Swing Service Charge for Transport	(\$39.32)	(18.63%)

FORMER SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Service - Residential Sales	(\$15.01)	(20.91%)
General Service - Commercial Sales	(\$73.78)	(26.84%)

FORMER STANDARD/BAZZLE GAS COMPANY - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
General Domestic - Residential Sales	(\$5.33)	(7.22%)
Commercial Service - Sales	(\$22.23)	(11.02%)

Resale customers of the Company include Consumers Gas Utility Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Lumberport), Mountaineer Gas Co., and Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville).

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. 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 (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease 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 Morgantown office of the Company, 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia. 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 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 increases or 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 the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, with copies to Daniel M. Taylor, Jr., Hope Gas, Inc., 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26505 and Kurt L. Krieger, Post Office Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326-1588. 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, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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**TARIFF FORM NO. 12**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF WATER RATES OF**  
**THE TOWN OF DAVIS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the TOWN OF DAVIS (the “Town”) enacted an ordinance on August 14, 2024 containing increased rates and charges for furnishing water service to 448 customers at Davis and vicinity, in Tucker County, West Virginia.

The proposed rates and charges will become effective as provided in the ordinance unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce the following additional revenue annually:

	(\$) Revenue Increase	(%) Revenue Increase
Phase 1 - Effective 45 Days After Enactment	\$2.25	20%
Phase 2 - Effective Upon Substantial Completion of a Waterworks System Improvement Project or Six Months Prior to Initiation of the Debt Service Associated with the Waterworks System Improvement Project	\$2.20	17%

The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will change as follows:  
**Phase 1 - Effective 45 Days After Enactment**

	Present Rates	Phase 1 Rate	(\$) Rate Increase	(%) Rate Increase
Residential (3,400 gallons)	\$37.40	\$45.05	\$7.65	20%
Commercial (3,400 gallons)	\$37.40	\$45.05	\$7.65	20%

**Phase 2 - Effective Upon Substantial Completion of a Waterworks System Improvement Project or Six Months Prior to Initiation of the Debt Service Associated with the Waterworks System Improvement Project**

	Phase 1 Rates	Phase 2 Rates	(\$) Rate Increase	(%) Rate Increase
Residential (3,400 gallons)	\$45.05	\$52.53	\$7.48	17%
Commercial (3,400 gallons)	\$45.05	\$52.53	\$7.48	17%

The Town has no resale customers.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested 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. The Public Service Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates and charges by:

- Any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility; or
- Any customer who is served by a municipally operated natural gas public utility and who resides outside the corporate limits and who is affected by the change in said rates or charges and who presents to the Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or
- Any customer or group of customers of a municipally operated natural gas utility who are affected by said change in rates who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the Commission alleging discrimination between said customer or group of customers and other customers of the municipal utility. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Recorder's Office at the Town Hall, 505 William Avenue, Davis, West Virginia.

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, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

TOWN OF DAVIS

**LEGAL**

**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](http://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 October 08, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
005	2023470015	S347-32-11.80 00	NHPP-0032(047)D	ContWrkTYP CANAAAN HEIGHTS - DAVIS Starting Point of Project COUNTY: TUCKER

**DBE GOAL:** 4% 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 contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

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](http://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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**ADVERTISEMENT**

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 Freepport 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). Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Western Pocahontas Properties, LP	5260 Irwin Road, Huntington, WV 25705
Mettiki Coal (WV), LLC	293 Table Rock Road, Oakland, MD 21550
Shoben Grant County, LLC	4320 Pergate Lane, Fairfax, VA 22033
Laurel Run Mining	1000 Concol Energy Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317
Abromitis James M & Cecelia L	28 Park Circle Road, Middletown, PA 17057
Vindex Energy Corp	One City Place Drive, Suite 300, Saint Louis, MO 63146
Gloftely Carole A & Johnson	137 North 4th Street, Oakland, MD 21550
Jennie L Et al	
Coastal Forest Resources Company	P.O. Box 709, Buchannon, WV 26201
Kelley Bonnie Kay & Evans	P.O. Box 2137, Mt. Lake Park, MD 21550
Carolyn Sue	
Bailey Christopher R 7 Carolyn R 2/3 Et al 1/3	689 Jacob Road, Xenia, OH 45385
King Michael S	5110 Chinook Avenue, Pensacola, FL 3205
Jones James E & Mark W	110 Lakeside Drive, Stephens City, VA 22655
McCalley Farms, LLC	11 Dogwood Drive, Petersburg, WV 26847
Mt Storm Acquisition Co, LLC	700 Universe Blvd., North Palm Beach, FL 33408
Camp Beaver, LLC	39124 Hughesville Road, Leesburg, VA 20175
Layman Curtis B & Jannette C	P.O. Box 97, Oakland, MD 21550
Booth Linda	P.O. Box 53, Gorman, WV 26720
Heinrich Richard W & Donna S	716 Bayard Cemetery Road, Gorman, WV 26720
Foley Linwood & Rosita R Life	10169 George Washington Highway, Gorman, WV 26720
Messenger Limited Partnership LLLP	442 South 8th Street, Oakland, MD 21550
West Virginia DOH	P.O. Box 99, Burlington, WV 26710
Mountain Top PSD	P.O. Box 237, Mt. Storm, WV 26739

\*and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Western Pocahontas Properties, LP	5260 Irwin Road, Huntington, WV 25705
Alliance Properties, LLC	1146 Monarch Street, Suite 350, Lexington, KY 40513
Laurel Run Mining,	1000 Consol Energy Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317
Coastal Forest Resources Company	P.O. Box 709, Buchannon, WV 26201
Mettiki Coal (WV), LLC	293 Table Rock Road, Oakland, MD 21550
CDS Family Trust, LLC	122 North Oak Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301
Huffman Gerald W and Myra L	3330 Franklin Pike, Petersburg, WV 26847
McGinnis Tommy A and Sandra K	29 Peacock Avenue, Gorman, WV 26720
Miller Frances Marie	96 Mountaineer Road, Mathias, WV 26812
Mt. Storm Hunting Club, Inc.	P.O. Box 132, Millwood, VA 22646
Bailey Christopher R & Carolyn 2/3 et al 1/3	689 Jacob Road, Xenia, Ohio 45385
Moomau George B et al Trust	1045 North Fork Highway, Petersburg, WV 26847

\*and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Western Pocahontas Properties, LP	5260 Irwin Road, Huntington, WV 25705
Alliance Properties, LLC	1146 Monarch Street, Suite 350, Lexington, KY 40513
Helmick Bruce M & Joey Et Al	966 East High Street, Oakland, MD 21550

Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

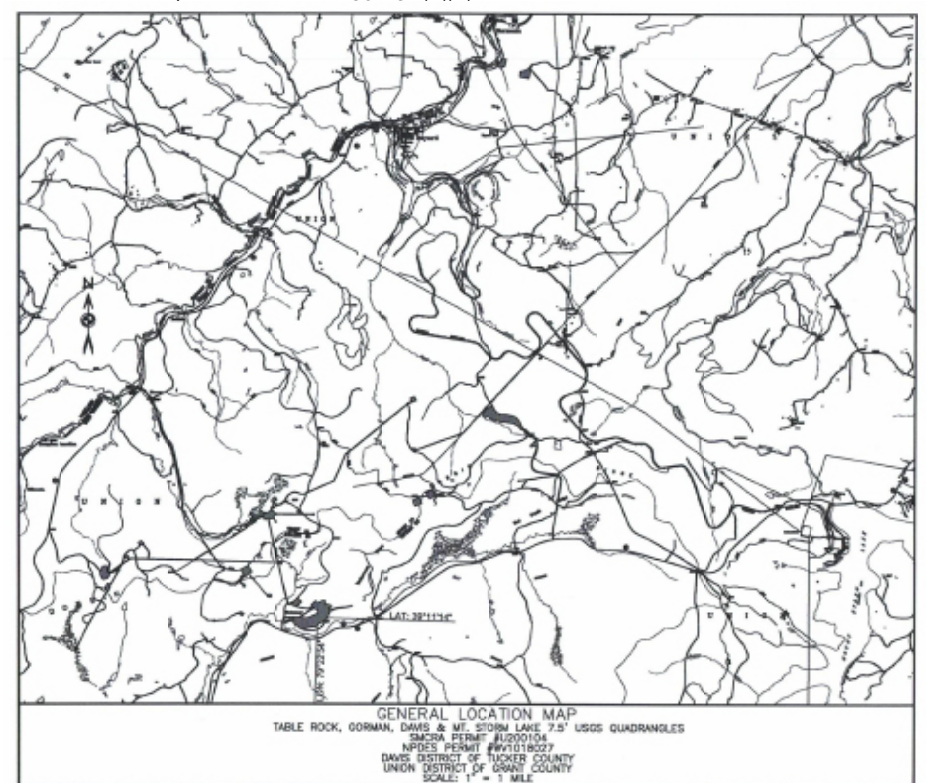
NAME	ADDRESS
Barr Donnie G Sr & Teresa A	2077 Welton Orchard Road, Petersburg, WV 26847
Martin Douglas K	P.O. Box 162, Davis, WV 26260
Smith James Benjamin Jr	3895 Poor House Road, Martinsburg, WV 25403
Slagle Norma J	P.O. Box 305, Bayard, WV 26707
Wolfe Randy L & Annette L	3129 Fairway Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508
Riggelman Randall E & Peggy A	P.O. Box 235, Bayard, WV 26707
Dingess James & Heather	P.O. Box 76, Bayard, WV 26707
Combs Linden Duane	13945 George Washington Hwy, Mt. Storm, WV 26739
Slagle Ronald L & Norma J	P.O. Box 305, Bayard, WV 26707
Miller Frances Marie	96 Mountaineer Road, Mathias, WV 26812
Pratt John V & Frank H	1135 Cold Spring Road, Moorefield, WV 26836
Shroeder Linda M	329 Hillcoove Pointe, Wellford, SC 29385
Zeis Marlin & Jodi Frank	10178 Hades Church Road, Greencastle, PA 17225
O'Dell Samp Jr Life	10887 George Washington Highway, Gorman, WV 26720
Marple Richard A Sr	83 Allen Marple Drive, Oakland, MD 21550
Mann, Richard & Angela	P.O. Box 6, Gorman, WV 26720
CDS Family Trust, LLC	122 North Oak St., Clarksburg, WV 26301

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](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)



**LEGAL**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES BY NON-LRR MUNI UTILITY**

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Thomas has adopted by ordinance on August 13, 2024, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing water service to approximately 389 customers within the City of Thomas, Tucker County, West Virginia.

The proposed Step-1 increased rates and charges will become effective September 27, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$115,778 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 47.99%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	INCREASE (%)
Residential	\$ 15.17	47.98%
Commercial	\$ 60.12	47.97%
Board of Education of Tucker County	\$ 605.42	47.99%

The proposed Step-2 increased rates and charges will become effective for service rendered 90 days prior to the date the initial installment is due on the bonds issued for the Phase I water Project or upon substantial completion of the Phase I Water Project, whichever occurs first, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$67,169 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 18.81 % over Step-1 rates. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	INCREASE (%)
Residential	\$ 8.80	18.82%
Commercial	\$ 34.92	18.83%
Board of Education of Tucker County	\$ 351.27	18.81%

The City of Thomas does not have any resale customers.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested 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. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates or charges by any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, PO. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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

City of Thomas  
307 Spruce Street,  
Thomas, 26292

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, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.



# Glenville State University Department of Education introduces new Autism Coursework starting Fall 2024

GLENVILLE, WV – Glenville State University is excited to announce new graduate-level Autism coursework starting Fall 2024. This will be offered through two online courses designed to enhance educators' skills in Autism education.

EDSP 570: Foundations of Autism (Fall semester)

EDSP 580: Advanced Autism Strategies (Spring semester)

Participants must complete 30 hours of field-based classroom observation or documented experience with students with Autism. Glenville State University's Department of Education will assist in arranging these experiences in public school settings. Upon successful completion of the coursework, the qualified individuals who hold appropriate

certifications, may apply to the West Virginia Department of Education for an additional endorsement in Autism.

This coursework reflects Glenville State University's commitment to education and continual improvement in professional development. The Autism coursework is designed to equip educators with the necessary skills to effectively support and educate students with Autism.



## Mountaintop Readers Team Seeks Donations through the 2024 Run For It Event

Mountaintop Public Library in Thomas is raising funds for a new building. Support the library by joining the Mountaintop Readers Run For It team! The 2K walk and 5K run are on Saturday, September 28, 2024 during the Leaf Peepers Festival in Davis. Half of your registration is donated to the library and will be split between the library operating fund and the building fund. You can also support the team by doing a virtual run or by donating. Money raised by the Mountaintop Readers through registration and donations can result in additional support from the Tucker Community Foundation. Information at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).

## Mountaineer Trail Network Camp 70 Trail Signage Presentation

Morgantown W.Va. – Mountaineer Trail Network (MTN) is announcing their upcoming Camp 70 Trail Signage Presentation at the National Youth Science Academy Campus in Davis, West Virginia on Wednesday, August 21st, from 10:00am – 12:00pm EST. All members of the media, local government, and project partners are welcome to attend a short presentation followed by a light hike to review Camp 70's new signage.

Since the Summer of 2023, the MTN has worked with partner organizations in Tucker County towards the completion of new enhanced signage within the Camp 70 Trail System in Davis, West Virginia. The Camp 70 Trail System makes up roughly 30 miles of shared use trails and showcases some of the best and most beautiful hiking and mountain biking trails in the state.

The project encompassed a detailed mapping project to depict the trail system and its intersections more accurately in the Fall of 2023 and then moved into a signage design phase in the Winter of 2023/2024. The design phase saw Camp 70 partners work with the MTN to utilize new standardized difficulty ratings and trail descriptions to improve user's experiences. New signage was designed by the International Mountain Bike Association's Trail Solutions group and the MTN then purchased roughly \$30,000 in materials to get ready for installation in the Spring/Summer of 2024.

This culminated in the Summer of 2024

with the installation of 4 brand new kiosks along Camp 70 road and the National Youth Science Academy Campus, updated panels on 3 exiting kiosks on Camp 70 road, roughly 130 different intersection markers, and 4 smaller map kiosks within the trail system at key intersections.

The MTN is proud to work with a wide variety of different partners on this project and their drive and love for their community and their trails were evident throughout this signage process. Those partners include Heart of the Highlands, Blackwater Bicycle Association, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, West Virginia Land Trust, First Energy, National Youth Science Academy, and the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

MTN is an economic development authority created by the West Virginia legislature to identify, enhance, and promote outdoor recreation infrastructure and outdoor economic development. MTN is currently serving this mission through signage and enhancement projects like this throughout its 16 county regional footprint.

To get in touch with the Mountaineer Trail Network, you can visit their website at [mountaineertrailnetwork.com](http://mountaineertrailnetwork.com) and schedule a call or message them on social media.

The Mountaineer Trail Network is led by Executive Director Andrew Walker. To contact him directly, please send an email to [Andrew.Walker@MountaineerTrailNetwork.com](mailto:Andrew.Walker@MountaineerTrailNetwork.com).

# FFA to Sell Mums This Fall



Tucker FFA got together over the summer and planted mums that will be sold through the TCHS greenhouse this fall. There were two different workdays needed to complete this project. The first was the

filling of pot with soil and the planting of 1,000 mum plugs. This step was completed on Saturday, June 22nd. Wednesday evening of July 31st mums were moved from the greenhouse to the high tunnel to give



the plants room to grow. Students returning to school on August 26th will continue the care of the mums. Mr. Pennington,



FFA Advisor, will post on the TCHS and Tucker FFA web pages when the mums will be available for sale in September.

## NRCS announces EQIP and AMA programs signup deadline September 13, 2024

MORGANTOWN, W.Va., August 16, 2024– The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has established the Fiscal year (FY) 2025 application batching date for the first FY 2025 application evaluation period for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA). Producers interested in being considered for financial assistance need to submit applications to NRCS by Friday, September 13, 2024.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. EQIP is the flagship conservation program that helps farmers and forest landowners integrate conservation into working lands. Through EQIP, agricultural producers receive technical and financial assistance to implement structural, vegetative and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land.

The AMA program provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural

producers to voluntarily address issues such as water management, irrigation systems, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operation and mitigate risk through production diversification.

EQIP and AMA are open to all eligible agricultural producers and submitted applications may be considered or evaluated in multiple funding opportunities.

While WV-NRCS has set the first FY 2025 application batching date for EQIP and AMA on September 13, 2024, NRCS accepts program applications year-round on a continuous basis. Application evaluations only take place during announced ranking periods. Applications received after a batching date will automatically be considered during a future funding cycle. For consideration in the first-round of FY 2025 funding, eligible landowners must submit their application no later than September 13, 2024. For more information, visit a local USDA Service Center or visit our website at <http://www.wv.nrcs.usda.gov>.

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## Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund accepting grant applications

*Interested parties have until Oct. 31 to submit applications for land-protection projects*

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund announced today that it is accepting grant applications for land-protection projects and that interested parties have until Oct. 31 to apply.

Land-protection projects can include important wildlife habitats, working forests and farmlands, as well as hunting, fishing and outdoor recreational areas. Applications for large and small grants will be accepted. Large grants are those totaling more than \$25,000. Up to \$400,000 may be awarded in total, including \$50,000 reserved for small grants.

Applicants are reminded to complete their application and determine if their project qualifies for funding by using the OHCF's eligibility assessment tool and

technical assistance manual, all available at [commerce.wv.gov/outdoor-heritage-conservation-fund](http://commerce.wv.gov/outdoor-heritage-conservation-fund).

About the Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund

The Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund, created by the West Virginia Legislature, invests in conserving wildlife habitats, natural areas, forests, farmlands and recreational spaces. It acquires property interests and awards grants for conservation projects aligned with plans like the Wildlife Conservation Action Plan. An 11-member Board of Trustees, comprising stakeholders from land trusts, state divisions, recreation groups and experts, guides the fund's efforts. To learn more about the Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund, visit [commerce.wv.gov/outdoor-heritage-conservation-fund](http://commerce.wv.gov/outdoor-heritage-conservation-fund).

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# Gov. Justice announces launch of the inaugural West Virginia Healthy Habits School Contest

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice, the West Virginia Department of Health, the West Virginia Department of Education, and Aetna Better Health of West Virginia, announced today the launch of the inaugural West Virginia Healthy Habits School Contest.

The initiative aims to recognize and celebrate elementary schools across the state that are leading efforts to improve health outcomes for students and communities.

“Our schools around West Virginia are filled with unbelievable creativity, so I know everybody will have incredible ideas for this contest,” Gov. Justice said. “We all have a role in helping our kids stay healthy, and this contest makes learning about wellness fun and engaging. It’s a great chance for students to show how they’re making a difference and getting excited about their health.”

“We encourage all schools to get creative with this contest and show West Virginia and the world all of the amazing things they are doing to stay healthy,” Secretary Sherri Young, DO, MBA, FAAFP, said. “This initiative not only recognizes those schools going the extra mile in the promotion of student health, but also empowers schools to continue making meaningful impacts on the health of their community.”

Contest Details:

Launch Date: August

Deadline to Apply: November 5, 2024

Award Ceremonies at Top Three Schools: December

Objective: The West Virginia Healthy Habits School Contest challenges schools to showcase their innovative approaches in promoting health and wellness. By highlighting these efforts, the initiative seeks to inspire others and foster statewide improvements in health outcomes.



Prizes:

First Prize: \$2,500

Second Prize: \$1,000

Third Prize: \$500

How to Enter:

Participating schools are invited to submit a two-minute video via an electronic form link provided by the West Virginia Department of Education showcasing their creative initiatives to enhance health within their school or community. The entry form link will be made available in late August to kick-off the 2024-2025 school year. A written summary of the school’s efforts may accompany the entry.

Judging criteria will focus on creativity alongside the school’s commitment to promoting wellness. Members of the judging panel will include representatives from the West Virginia Department of Health, Department of Education, and AETNA Better Health of West Virginia.

The contest is open to all West Virginia elementary schools.

Utilization of Prize Money:

The awarded funds provided by Aetna Better Health of West Virginia can be used by winning schools to further support their health initiatives, such as purchasing sports equipment or enhancing playground facilities.

“We’re proud to be associated with the Healthy Habits Schools Challenge,” Todd White, CEO of Aetna Better Health of West Virginia, said. “Prevention and wellness are paramount in leading a healthy life. This contest is a wonderful opportunity for the students around the state to demonstrate how they are striving to improve their lives and to showcase their efforts to others.”

## SBA makes drought relief funds available in WV including Tucker County

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has declared Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) available for businesses and organizations affected by the severe drought that began on July 16,

2024. This declaration, under SBA Disaster Declaration WV-20007, impacts several counties across West Virginia including Tucker County as well as neighboring states.

## Tucker County Giving Circle announces grant application deadline

PARSONS – The Tucker County Giving Circle in conjunction with the Tucker Community Foundation has announced that their grant cycle for 2024 will start on Friday, August 30, 2024 with a deadline of Friday, September 27, 2024 at 3pm. Grant applications can be submitted electronically by email to [grants@tuckerfoundation.net](mailto:grants@tuckerfoundation.net), hand delivered to the Tucker Community Foundation office, located on the second floor of the Tucker County Board of Education Annex, 100 Education Lane, Parsons by 3pm, or mailed with a postmark of September 27, 2024, to PO box 491, Parsons, WV 26287.

The Tucker County Giving Circle is a relatively new organization, formed in 2020, with the goal of creating a network of support to address the needs of women and children of Tucker County. Working in partnership with the Tucker Community Foundation, they annually award grants to Tucker County not-for-profit organizations that align with their mission of increasing the life skills of women and children. All grants are funded by annual dues paid by the Tucker County Giving Circle members. Grant amounts will vary from year to year, depending on the number of members and the number of grant applications. In 2020, their first year in existence, the Giving Circle awarded a total of \$4,673 in grants, last year the Giving Circle grant

award amount grew to \$11,983.

All organizations should review the Eligibility Criteria for application, prior to applying. Each application must meet all three criteria to receive funding from the Giving Circle. The three eligibility criteria for application are listed below:

1. Grant funds must be used to increase the life skills of women and/or children of Tucker County.
2. Organizations must be a not-for-profit, 501(c)3, church or a government entity.
3. Organizations must be based in Tucker County.

Michael Moore, Chief Financial Officer, said “to download a grant application, go online to [www.tuckerfoundation.net](http://www.tuckerfoundation.net) then click on Grants. Paper copies are available at the Foundation’s office at 100 Education Lane, Parsons, WV. If you have any questions or need a paper copy mailed to you please feel free to call our office between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 304-478-2930.”

Grant applications must be turned into the Tucker Community Foundation’s office located at 100 Education Lane, Parsons WV 26287 by September 27th at 3 pm. They can also be mailed, to PO Box 491, Parsons WV 26287, with a postmark date of September 27th. Grants can be electronically submitted to: [grants@tuckerfoundation.net](mailto:grants@tuckerfoundation.net).

## Back to school supplies checklist

As summer draws to a close, millions of students are preparing to return to school. Some may be excited to return so they can see their friends again each day, while others may lament the loss of carefree days under the warm summer sun. Regardless of which category students fall into, all will need the right supplies to begin the new school year on the right foot.

Some teachers now contact students’ parents prior to the start of a new school year to let them know which supplies kids will need during the year. But the following grade-based rundown of supplies can help families get a head-start on back to school shopping.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten marks most students’ initial introduction to formal schooling, and this exciting year of school is filled with lots of fun and new experiences. Some of the more common supplies kids need for kindergarten include:

- Pencils
- Colored pencils and crayons
- Washable markers
- Erasers
- Pencil case
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue sticks
- Children’s scissors with a blunt tip
- Tissues
- Backpack
- Lunchbox/bag

· Headphones

Elementary school

Elementary school students typically need different supplies based on which grade they’re in. Children between first and third grade may be asked to bring many of the same supplies as students in kindergarten, including pencils, washable markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, and children’s scissors. But first, second and third grade students also may be asked to bring some additional supplies, including:

- Ruler
  - Pencil grips
  - Index cards
  - Wide-ruled notebooks
  - A box for supplies, including pencils
- Fourth and fifth graders will likely be asked to bring supplies that align more with academics than arts and crafts. Such supplies may include:
- Calendar
  - Personal organizer
  - Binders
  - Loose-leaf paper
  - Spiral notebooks
  - Calculator
  - Pens
  - Plastic folders
  - Highlighters
  - Book covers

Middle school and high school

By the time children reach middle school and high school, parents are



## From High School to Healthcare Heroes: Young Women Pursue CNA Careers

Four exceptional young women from our community have embarked on their journey to become Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) while still in high school, showcasing their dedication and passion for healthcare.

Madison and McKenzie Howell, who attended Union High School in Mt. Storm, WV, were inspired by their mother, a dedicated CNA with many years of experience at Cortland. Following in her footsteps, McKenzie enrolled in the CNA course at the South Branch Career & Technical Center during her junior year, with Madison joining her senior year. Upon completion, both secured positions at Cortland Acres.

McKenzie quickly obtained her certification and was hired as a CNA, while Madison worked on the Resident Support Team (RST) until she received her license. McKenzie, who loves her role as a CNA, especially enjoys working on the Memory Care unit at Cortland. She says, “I love being a CNA. The longer I work there, the more I love it! It gives me joy to see how I can make a difference in the residents’ day.”

Madison, equally passionate, shared, “My mom worked many hours at Cortland and often talked about her work, which inspired me to follow in her footsteps and care for the elderly. I now understand why she does it; it makes me feel good caring for the residents.”

Joining them on this path is their friend, Katelyn Greaser, who also attended Union High and as a Senior became a CNA. Katelyn’s inspiration came from another source, her desire to help care for a family member. Becoming a CNA is just the beginning of my career path; my goal is to become a registered nurse. I have become friends with the residents and really enjoy the conversations with them, they have such great memories to share” stated Katelyn.

The fourth CNA who started her journey while attending Harman High School is Haylee Ketterman. Haylee enrolled in the CNA course at Cortland during her senior year, but due to the start date of the course being delayed she accepted a position as a Resident Support Team member to get her feet wet until the class started. Haylee excelled in the five-week training and quickly obtained her CNA license. Haylee said “I have always wanted to be

a nurse and getting this experience has been a stepping stone in my journey”.

McKenzie, Katelyn and Haylee are furthering their education to become nurses and will begin classes at Potomac State College in the near future, continuing their commitment to healthcare and setting a powerful example for others.

Their achievements highlight the support and opportunities provided by Cortland Acres, fostering a nurturing environment that encourages young talent to thrive in the healthcare field. Beth Clevenger, Administrator at Cortland Acres, stated, “We celebrate these young ladies’ dedication and success, which not only exemplifies their personal ambitions but also contributes to the betterment of our healthcare services.”

Robin Eye, Director of Nursing, added, “Their story is a testament to the impact of strong role models and the importance of early career education and training. We are committed to supporting our community by offering accessible career opportunities in healthcare. Our Certified Nursing Aide program at Cortland not only covers the cost of CNA training but also ensures that trainees receive a paycheck while completing their clinical hours and have an opportunity for employment upon completion of the program.”

Cortland Acres accepts applications for the Certified Nursing Assistant program on a continual basis. If you have the desire to help others and an interest in becoming a CNA, please contact Nikki Nelson at Cortland Acres at 304-463-4181 or apply online [www.cortlandacres.org/cna-training-application](http://www.cortlandacres.org/cna-training-application).

Cortland Acres is a leading long-term care facility located in Thomas, WV. With a commitment to providing compassionate care and enriching experiences for residents, Cortland Acres offers a wide range of services and amenities to support the health and well-being of individuals and their families. The Cortland Acres campus includes a 94-bed long-term care facility, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs, rental apartments in Pineview and garden and patio homes in The Pines. For more information about Cortland Acres or to set up an appointment for a tour of the facility call 304-463-4181 or visit [www.cortlandacres.org](http://www.cortlandacres.org).

well-versed in back-to-school shopping and likely know what is required. But some of the more unique items parents may be asked to provide for students in these grades include:

- Graphic calculator
- Graph paper
- Permanent markers
- Combination lock
- Protractor

- White-out
- Three-ring binders

Teachers are a great resource that can help students and their parents as they begin back-to-school shopping. Families are urged to reach out to educators or visit school websites to determine if there are any specific items kids will need during the school year.



# YARDS OF THE MONTH



The Vickie Nestor home, located on Quality Hill was selected as a residential YOM . The home is adorned with many colorful flowers and shrubs throughout the yard. Along with ornamental grasses and a spectacular Crepe Myrtle, the yard feels very welcoming! Business YOM belongs to Bonner's Collision Service in the Pulp Mill bottom. The building entry has a very impressive welcome with large pots of geraniums that highlight their patriotic American flag art. Also noted are the carefully trimmed shrubs and lovely rock garden.

## TUCKER COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK SALE

# SALE

**SATURDAY AUGUST 24 • AUCTION STARTS 6 PM**  
 BUYER REGISTRATION, MEALS AND VIEWING OF ANIMALS BEGIN AT 4 PM

### Barn Events!

<p><b>Monday:</b> Project check in 3-8pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> Poultry &amp; Rabbit Conformation &amp; Showmanship at 6 PM.</p> <p><b>Wednesday:</b> Beef &amp; Hog Conformation &amp; Showmanship at 6 PM.</p> <p><b>Thursday:</b> Goat &amp; Sheep Conformation &amp; Showmanship at 6 PM.</p>	<p><b>Friday:</b> Celeb Goat Milking Contest at 5:30 PM. PeeWee and Old Timers Show at 6 PM. Ag Olympics at 8 PM.</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> Buyers registration at 4 PM. Pie and Cake Auction at 5 PM. Kiss a Pig contest at 5:45 PM. Livestock Sale at 6 PM.</p>
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## Employment Opportunity Full-Time Mental Health Therapist

Tucker Day Report is recruiting a full-time Mental Health Therapist. Licensed preferred or license eligible in the following areas: Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), Licensed Graduate Social Worker (LGSW), Licensed Clinical Psychologist (PsyD), or Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). Compensation for supervisory hours is available.

In this role, you will be responsible for conducting mental health and substance use evaluations, developing treatment plans, providing individual, family, and conjoint therapy, and facilitating group therapy. You may work with a wide range of populations including but not limited to individuals struggling with substance use, mental health disorders, individuals with sexual offenses, individuals involved with the criminal justice system, co-occurring disorders, etc.

We offer our employees a wide variety of competitive personal benefits including paid sick and annual leave, paid holidays, insurance and flex benefits, retirement plan, paid educational opportunities, etc.

Our main office is located in Tucker County with extension offices in Clarksburg and Moorefield, West Virginia. The office location for this position can be discussed during interview.

**Please submit your resumes to  
Tucker Day Report, Attn: Dustin Luzier, 213  
First Street, Parsons, WV 26287.**

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## YOU CAN HELP... WARM THE CHILDREN

*Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need*

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

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

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

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

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Enclosed is my donation to the WARM THE CHILDREN FUND. Make checks payable to WARM THE CHILDREN FUND.

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