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Reka Rowan offers a variety of services to the Tucker County and surrounding areas in the fields of education and job training at the Adult Education office at 307 First Street in Parsons.

Adult Education to Host Open House at New Location

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Adult Education Office will be hosting an Open House September 27th from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at their new offices at 307 First Street in Parsons. Adult Education Instructor Reka Rowan spoke to the Parsons Advocate about the upcoming event and everything the Center has to offer the community.

Rowan said there is a misconception that Adult Education is only for obtaining a GED or completing a High School Equivalency. “West Virginia has just recently moved back to the GED,” Rowan said. “But everyone thinks that, that is all Adult Ed can offer and that is so far from the truth.”

While High School Equivalency is the first thing that most people think of with

Adult Education, the Center offers a variety of work based assistance and coursework, as well such as TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) Prep, ACT or SAT, Career Exploration, Computer Essentials, Work Essentials, Money Essentials, Bloodborne Pathogens, Customer Service and West Virginia Welcome. “TEAS is the entrance exam for nursing,” Rowan said. “That is huge. That is a big step in the right direction for anyone in the area that is wanting to go into nursing because even to get into LPN school, you have to take the TEAS Test.”

Rowan said the Center also teaches job related soft skills such as work ethics. “We have programs that teach soft skills and hard skills,” Rowan said. “You hear employers say all the time, ‘employees don’t have any work ethic, this generation

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Commission Opposes Continued Intervention in Radio Quiet Zone

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Commission signed a resolution September 11th opposing continued intervention in public safety and cellular/wireless communications by the National Radio Quiet Zone. The National Radio Quiet Zone, according to the Green Bank Observatory website encompasses approximately 13,000 square miles near the border of Virginia and West Virginia and was established to “minimize possible harmful interference to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) in Green Bank, WV and the radio receiving facilities for the United States Navy in Sugar Grove, WV.”

According to Tucker County Director of Emergency Management and Parsons Fire Department Chief Kevin White, Tucker County falls within the border of the National Radio Quiet Zone. “Tucker County falls under the umbrella of the National Radio Quiet Zone, which is the Green Bank Observatory,” White said.

White said that most people don’t feel that the NRQZ affects them much, but it has a large impact on first responders in the area. “Most people say, ‘Well what does that do to us?’” White said. “Well, Law Enforcement, 911, Emergency Responders, you’re only allowed to put out so much of a signal for the radios.”

White said that due to the terrain, radio coverage in the area is spotty and can be lost easily. “So in a lot of places around here, you’re not going to get great radio coverage anyway,” White said. “You go around a turn and your radio goes BONK, you don’t have enough signal.”

According to White, the mandates surrounding the NRQZ have been in existence since the inception of the Observatory. “The government has mandated this as long as Green Bank has been there, but there has never been any funding to help put up more towers or anything like that to help alleviate the burden on the Counties,” White said. “Randolph, Webster, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Tucker, really fall inside that. Pocahontas really sees the hardest hit because its based right in their County.”

White said the hope is that the resolu-

tions will allow emergency responders to increase signal strength and place more towers to increase signal coverage during calls and emergencies. “We are asking that these resolutions be signed by the County Commissions in all the Counties that are affected with the hopes that it will give us some leeway with strength of signal, maybe funding for more towers to provide better coverage.”

Cellular phone coverage is also affected, White said. According to White, many first responders are relying on cell phones for notifications and calls. “You know, even now, our cell signals are also affected by that,” White said. “Our responders depend so much on cell signal for notifications on the system that you all purchased for us several years ago called IAMResponding,” White said. “You see a lot of Firemen, they aren’t carrying pagers on their sides anymore cause their radio acts as the pager.”

The lack of coverage in the County, White said, is attributable to the NRQZ and a 50 watt restriction on the towers on top

“If we don’t have communication, Jake (Kopek) and his men, the Fire Departments, EMS, they can’t do their job,” White said.

of the mountain. “So there are areas in the County where cell service isn’t as good,” White said. “A lot of that is due to the National Radio Quiet Zone and the restrictions that are placed on – I think it is 50 watts is the maximum we can put out off of our towers on the mountaintop.”

White said there is also a restriction on the direction that signals can be broadcast due to the Observatory and its location. “Its also directional dependent,” White said. “You can’t point it at a certain area because it might be pointed towards the Green Bank area.”

The restrictions directly affect communication, White said. White equated communication to the linchpin of emergency services. “So all these things affect communication,” White said. “Communication, as anyone will tell you, is where it all starts, they’re the center. They touch the football every time. If we don’t have communication, Jake (Kopek) and his men, the Fire Departments, EMS, they can’t do their job.”

The resolution was passed by unanimous vote in a motion made by Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau.

September Hunger Action Month



September has been declared Hunger Action Month by the Tucker County Commission. The declaration was part of the Commission’s September 11th meeting and was made in conjunction with Mountaineer Foodbank. Pictured from left: Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis, Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau, Mountain Food Bank Donor Relations Officer Servondo R. Arrendondo III and Tucker County Commissioner Tim Knotts.

Tucker County Retired School Employees Week



The Tucker County Commission has declared September 23rd through September 28th to be Retired School Employees Week in Tucker County. The declaration was made as part of the Commission’s September 11th meeting in conjunction with the Tucker County Association of Retired School Employees. Pictured: Tucker County Commissioners Mike Rosenau, Fred Davis and Tim Knotts with representatives from the Tucker County Retired School Employees Sylvia Rosenau, Eleanor Nester, Becky Moore and Janette Ware.

Community Helps Animal Shelter With Increased Animal Volume

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The month of August saw a near record number of intakes at the Tucker County Animal Shelter. Shelter Director Stacey Canfield thanked the community and rescue partners for their assistance during the crisis during a recent meeting of the Tucker County Commission September 11th.

According to Canfield between August first and 31st, the Shelter took in 14 cats and 27 dogs with 19 dogs taken in within a five day period. “We had quite a large number of intakes at once,” Canfield said. “We took 14 cats and 27 dogs.”

According to Canfield, the Shelter has relied on fosters to help with the influx of animals. “With only have eight kennels that was a pretty big hit for us,” Canfield said. “So we are relying pretty heavily on fosters. Staff is fostering right now, which is a big help.”

Canfield credited the community for its help during the crisis. According to Can-

field many of the volunteers and community members that had only heard of the influx of dogs, had reached out to help. “The community has really stepped up,” Canfield said. “We’ve had a lot of people take in dogs that have strictly volunteered before. Some people who didn’t even know we existed, when the word got out that we had taken in so many many dogs. Out of the 27, 19 of them were in five days.”

One foster had a litter of 12 and an adult pit bull under her roof, according to Canfield, at one time. Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau sent his thanks to the foster and others

for their hard work and dedication. “In less than 30 days, she has moved seven of the puppies,” Canfield said. “She’s just moving them right along.”

Another partner, Heart For Animals, also stepped up to take in four cats and five dogs in one day for the shelter, Canfield said. “Because unfortunately, when we got seven dogs in one day after hours,

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Increased Volume Adds to Financial Burden at Animal Shelter

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

An unusually high number of intakes at the Tucker County Animal Shelter has led to an increased financial hit to the County, according to Tucker County Animal Shelter Director Stacey Canfield and Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau. The revelation came as part of a report given during the September 11th meeting of the Tucker County Commission.

Canfield reported that in the month of August, the Animal shelter had 14 cats and 27 dogs, of which 19 were taken in during a five day period. “We were hit really hard last month,” Canfield said. “The numbers that we see last month, we usually see over a three to four month span and it all happened within five days.”

Canfield said that the intake numbers were beginning to drop, however. “The

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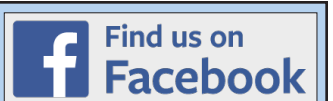
Part of the drop in numbers Canfield said was contributed to the end of kitten season. “Kitten season is definitely starting to slow down,” Canfield said.

Rosenau said that with such a large influx of animals comes a large influx of costs. “With the influx of animals we had at the Animal Shelter, not only placement, its cost,” Rosenau said. “The budget we have currently for the Animal Shelter did

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Bennett Pleads Guilty to Endangerment

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Herbert Bennett has plead guilty to one felony county of wanton endangerment with a firearm. As part of a plea agreement, the remaining four charges were dismissed. The plea was entered in person before Judge Courier September 10th in District Court.

Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins recommended five years in prison, but would consider alternative sentencing in the case. Wilkins also wanted a stipulation that Bennett continue his mental health treatment and medications, be barred from owning or possessing a firearm and requested a pre-sentencing report.

Bennett appeared in person along side his attorney Phil Isner. Bennett was sworn in during the proceedings and was explained his rights and the judicial process by Judge Courier, as well as some of the rights he could be expected to give up with a felony conviction, which included firearms possession and ownership. Judge Courier also explained that there are increased penalties for future offenses with felony conviction. Bennett said he understood.

Wilkins said that on October 19, 2022, a light was shot out outside the Family Dollar in Parsons. When employees investigated, a shotgun shell was found on the ground and saw a blue Jeep Liberty fleeing the scene. The employees

were later able to identify the defendant from a lineup due to an altercation earlier in the day at the store.

Law Enforcement found a large amount of firearms and ammunition at the home of Bennett, who at one time had been a licensed firearms dealer, Wilkins said. Wilkins said that confusion about what was happening at the time, from mental health issues, contributed to a situation that required the used of the Special Response Team by Law Enforcement.

Bennett asked about his ankle bracelet during the proceedings and the possibility to be released from home confinement. Wilkins requested he be kept on home confinement while Isner requested he be released from home confinement pending sentencing. Bennett said he has been wearing the monitor for 17 months. "He's been a model citizen since he's got his mental health in check," Isner said.

Judge Courier accepted the guilty plea to one count of Wanton Endangerment with a Firearm and ordered that the ankle bracelet monitoring continue until the sentencing hearing in October. Judge Courier said that his decision was based on the fact that the bracelet may remain on following sentencing and that it would be less than a month before Bennett was to be sentenced. Judge Courier said he would take up the matter of the ankle monitor at the sentencing hearing.

Bennett entered and written and verbal plea in the case. Bennett is scheduled to be sentenced in early October.

Hinkle Sanctioned on Probation Violation

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Crystal Hinkle appeared in District Court vial MSTeams from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail on a charge of Probation Violation, September 10th before Judge Courier. Hinkle's attorney Morris Davis appeared in person on her behalf on allegations that she engaged in drug use while on probation.

Attorney Davis said during the hearing that his client admitted to the allegations, but asked that, "Release her so that she can begin to continue to work on those issues," Davis said.

Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins asked the Court that Hinkle be sanctioned and released, but that the terms would necessitate that Hinkle reside in Tucker County with her father. Wilkins also said she would recommend referring to community corrections recommendations.

Judge Courier found Hinkle guilty on the charge of Probation Violation and sanctioned her with the findings that she be released that day with reinstated probation and ordered to check in with Community Correction Thursday morning. "I will accept the admissions of Miss Hinkle today and find her in violation," Judge Courier said.

Pifer Takes Plea Deal

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Maverick Pifer plead guilty to one misdemeanor charge of unlawful restraint on September 10th. The plea was part of a deal that when entered in court before Judge Courier, saw all felony charges dismissed in his case. The charge according to Tucker County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins stemmed from the defendant not allowing the victim to leave. The plea agreement was in conjunction with a civil case, Wilkins said.

During the hearing, Wilkins said Pifer originally had two felony charges from a case involving a four year old victim. Wilkins asked for a year in jail served as home confinement and said the plea was in conjunction with a civil case.

Wilkins further said that on July 30, 2023, the four year old returned home from a weekend visit with what was described as substantial bruising on the bottom and

the mother discovering the injury. Wilkins went on to describe the incidents surrounding the injury, including an incident of strangulation. "He used his hand to smack her on the butt," Wilkins said.

Pifer appeared along side of his attorney Brent Easton. Easton agreed that what Wilkins said was what the allegations of the case outlined. Easton said that the strangulation in the case was denied by his client. "It is what is alleged," Easton said. "Strangulation has been denied."

Easton said that the child was made to return to her room. "The child was returned to her room and made to stay there," Easton said.

Easton asked the Court for a pre-sentence report and the ability to ask for alternative sentencing in the case.

Judge Courier accepted the plea after explaining to Pifer his rights, as well as the trial and appeals process he was waiving by entering a guilty plea. Pifer was sworn in during the proceedings.

A pre-sentence report has been ordered and sentencing has been scheduled for mid October in the case.

Adult Education

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just doesn't have any work ethic.' We literally have a program that they can go through and take that can teach them the things that are considered work ethic."

Rowan also said the Center assists participants with resumes and other work document development. "We can help with resume development, cover letters, thank you letters," Rowan said. "Its all free and available with enrollment."

Rowan said that Adult Education is tuition and fee free to participants. "Adult Ed is 100% free," Rowan said. "Your materials, your coursework, your coaching or training or instruction from me, however you choose to look at it, is 100% free."

However, while the program is free, Rowan said there is an enrollment process that participants must go through and schedule. Rowan also said there was the misconception that someone could simply walk through the door and begin. "There is an enrollment process, though," Rowan

said. "You do have to enroll into the program and enroll into Adult Ed."

Part of the enrollment process includes the Adult Basic Education Level testing. This testing, according to Rowan, is to establish not only a base level knowledge of the participant in order to know how to best serve them, but also to measure how far the participant has progressed in the program. "The testing for Adult Basic Education Level has no bearings on whether you are allowed to do the program or not allowed to do the program," Rowan said. "Its literally to test your level of skill and knowledge so we know where to start working with you at."

For more information on the Tucker County Adult Education Center or to enroll, contact Reka Rowan at rrowan@k12.wv.us ,call 681-399-9140 or stop by the Open House September 27th from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at 307 First Street in Parsons.

Animal Shelter

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we already had four puppies that were definitely needing more attention than unfortunately staff was able to give them at the time," Canfield said. "So at the drop of a hat, within six hours, they took a large number of our dogs out of our kennels to help us out."

Canfield said she is appreciative of the partner rescues the Shelter has. "So we are very appreciative to the partner rescues that we have made," Canfield said. "Marion County has also reached out to us recently just to see what supplies we need. They've heard of the influx of dogs that we've had specifically."

Canfield said the Shelter had no other option then to rely on fosters to care for the new arrivals. "At the shelter, in all reality, we didn't have anywhere safe for them to go, so

we really did rely on the community to step in and come together and get them into their homes for relief from staff and for safety measures in the shelter," Canfield said.

Canfield said the newly arrived animals are being adopted quickly, though. "Considering that we took in 27 dogs last month and we currently only have 25 in the shelter here as of yesterday, we're moving them pretty fast," Canfield said.

Many of the adoptions are taking place out of state, Canfield said. "A lot of adoptions have taken place out of state," Canfield said. "We did an adoption event at Tractor Supply in Oakland and we had a lot of people from the Maryland area come in and adopt."

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- Red Dot Pharmacy Inc. by Betty F. Potoczny, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit G6 Week 46 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$1,048.50.
- Brian C. Stuart and Vivian M. Stuart, Dry Fork district, Interest in Unit E6 Week 4 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc. \$525.
- Rita D. Crawford and James Crawford, Dry Fork district, Interest in Unit D5 Week 2 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to land of Canaan Homeowners Association Inc. to \$525.
- Bob Trahern, Clover District, Minerals to Shiloh Quarry, LLC, \$800.
- Fred Charles, Clover District, Minerals to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$500.
- Cheryl Rubcic, Clover district, Minerals to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$500.
- Clayton P. Gremillon, Dry Fork district, Lot 657 Brown Street to Lydia Epp Schmidt and Timothy Epp, \$117,500;.
- Kenneth H. Baum and Diana E. Baum, Dry Fork district, Lot 7 Sand Run to Anna Goussevskaia and Annibal Camara Sodero, \$225,000.

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SPORTS

Davis Thomas Faces Inner County Competitor, Tucker Valley, in Middle School Volleyball Match

By: Adam Freeman

DT JV lost both sets.
 First set: 25-12
 Leading Scorer: Aryanna Neville with 3, Alea Miller, Harper Wilt, Lily Henline, Shylah Wolfe, Brooklyn Ketterman all adding 1.
 Second Set 25-21
 Leading Scorer: Alea Miller with 9, Aryanna Neville and Harper Wilt both adding 3. Lily Henline, Shylah Wolfe and adding 2, and Brooklyn Ketterman and Peyton Shaffer adding 1 each.
 Varsity:
 DT loses first set to TV, winning the other 2
 First Set: 25-17 (TV)
 Everley Evans, Nettie Nelson, Morgan Simmons all adding 4, Shaylea Wolfe and Zayna Goosby adding 2, Jacey Helmick adding 1.
 Second Set : 25-21 (DT)



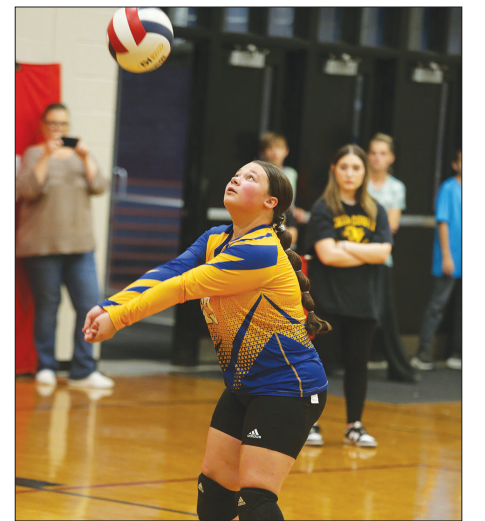
Madi Carr attacks the ball at the net.

Morgan Simmons : 8 Everley 5, Zanya Goosby – 4, Jacey Helmick 3, Nettie Nelson and Lily Bland each adding 1.
 Third Set: 25-23 (DT)
 Simmons was on fire – 11, Everley Evans 5, Zanya Goosby, Jacey Helmick,



Everley Evans makes a play. (Photo Credit: Brittany Channell)

Nettie Nelson, Brooklyn Ketterman, and Lily Bland all added 1.
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Jacey Helmick eyes up the return volley. Jacey Helmick eyes up the return volley.

Monday and East Preston on Thursday at home.

Mountain Lions Best the Cougars in the Battle of the Big Cats 20-7



Garrett Wilfong elevates for a reception amid the contact.



Marky Philipps & Garrett Wilfong work together to bring down the Cougar ball carrier.



Jared Reall bounces a run to the outside. (Photo Credit: Brittany Channell)

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County Mountain Lions Varsity played host to the visiting East Hardy Cougars, last Friday night in Parsons for the Battle of the Big Cats, in what was a very physical and hard-fought contest. Tucker would get on the board first after a lengthy drive capped off with a 5-yard touchdown run by Jared Reall. The two-point attempt was unsuccessful, and Tucker was out to an early 6-0 lead. Neither team would score again in the first, however, Reall would score to start the second, this time on a 9-yard touchdown carry with

the two-point conversion completed on a pass from QB, Sam Marks, to receiver, Garrett Wilfong, making the score 14-0. Tucker would hold East Hardy on its next possession and take a lengthy drive down the field that would eventually stall on the 1-yard line. A few plays later linebacker, Garrett Wilfong, would take an incredible, high-flying 30-yard interception return for a touchdown pushing TC lead out to 20-0 as the two-point attempt failed. The Mt. Lions would head to the locker room with the lead at half. Neither team was able to find the endzone in the third quarter and it was not until the final few minutes of the fourth quarter,

that East Hardy found the end zone for the first time in the game making the score 20 – 7, which would be the eventual final to the contest. Tucker was led on the night by Jared Reall with 30 carries, 179 yards, and two touchdowns. Tucker was led on defense by linebacker, Marky Philipps, who had eight tackles, two tackles for loss, along with defensive tackle, Josh Crossland, who added five tackles, two tackles for loss, and one sack. With the victory, Tucker improves to 3-0 on the season and will return home Friday night, as the visiting Titans of Gilmer County make the trip to RH Armstrong Memorial Field Class of 1984 Stadium.

Tucker JV Football Shuts Out Tygarts Valley 46-0

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker High JV football squad took on the visiting bulldogs of Tygarts Valley, last Monday at RH Armstrong Memorial Field Class of 1984 Stadium, in Parsons. Tucker would strike first in the contest on an 8-yard touchdown pass from QB, Luke Barb, to wide receiver, Evan Hexom. The two-point attempt was good by running back Cade Rapp, making the score 8-0. The Mt. Lions would hold the Bulldogs scoreless on their next possession and follow it up with an 11-yard touchdown run by QB, Luke Barb. The two-point attempt was accomplished again by Rapp, making the score 16-0. Tucker would once more score on a 3-yard touchdown run by QB, Mikey Mitchell, and Braxton George would add the two-point conversion making the score 24-0. The defense continued the shutout allowing Mitchell to score again, this time on a 60-yard touchdown pass to running back Braxton George. The conversion was no good and the score was 30-0. Tucker would go on to score an additional touchdown before the half on a 6-yard run by George. The conversion



Cayden Arnold bears down on the Bulldog ball carrier. (Photo Credit: Adam Freeman)

attempt was successful by Mitchell, making the score 38-0 going into the break.

Tucker would find the end zone one more time in the second half on a 3-yard touchdown run by Ayden Myers, with the conversion no good for a score of 44-0, in favor of the Mt. Lions. TC would end the game on a safety by Gunnar Carroll, for a final score of 46-0 over the Bulldogs.

Wildcats Game at Pocahontas Canceled, JV Squad Travels to Elkins

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker Valley Wildcats were scheduled to travel to the Pocahontas County Warriors last Wednesday, however, due to a school threat to Pocahontas County Schools, the game was forced to be canceled with no intent of rescheduling.

Tucker Valley's JV squad traveled to Elkins this past Saturday to take on the Hornets. The young group struggled offensively, managing just one score that came in the second half on a 65-yard touchdown run by Rhys Hovatter, with the conversion by Zane Carr. The Wildcats gave up 38 points in the fight, however, numerous young contributors were able to make an impact on the game and get involved in the action. Tucker Valley fell 38-8 in the JV contest. The varsity squad will return



Wildcats JV Defense prepares for the next set.

home to Parsons Thursday night to take on conference opponent, Tygarts Valley with kickoff scheduled for 6 PM.

Tucker Cross Country Competes at Southern and Frankfort

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker County Cross Country traveled to Broadford Lake Park, MD to compete in Southern Garrett's home meet on Tuesday, September 10th. There were 12 schools represented on the line that day. Tucker Girls' team scored 178, giving them 7th place. Northern Garrett went home with the win at 69. Addi Moats ran 24:39 for 13th. Lela Wright came in at 30:56, Lilly Collar got a 34:28, Adrianna Tuttle at 40:31, and Kaydence Rosier with a time of 43:28.

The Boys' team scored 90 points giving them 3rd behind Frankfort scoring 86 and the winning team, Keyser, with a score of 63. Lynk Suesli led the Mt. Lions with a time of 18:33 for 7th place. Cameron Judy followed at 9th and Alex Collar 10th, both crossing at 18:44. Nate Ricottilli had a time of 21:47, then Allen Collar coming in at 22:41. Ryan Scott

ran a 23:23 and freshman, William Gilligan behind him at 23:24.

Saturday, September 14th the team attended Frankfort's meet along-side 16 other schools. Tucker Girls and Boys both received 9th place with Elkins winning both divisions. Moats was the leader once again running a 24:28. L. Collar crossed second for the team at 35:37. Wright comes in next with a time of 38:14. Tuttle finished at 43:49 with Rosier completing the 3.1 mile run at 47 flat. Suesli led the way for the boys' team at 18:52. Alex Collar followed with a 19:09. Judy finished at 19:41 and Gilligan was fourth on the team crossing the line at 22:26. Ricottilli had a 22:58, Allen Collar ran a 23:44 with Scott finishing at 24:11.

The Cross Country Team will run Tuesday, September 17th at South Harrison. Then Saturday, September 21st they head to the Graffon Bearcat Invitational at West Taylor Elementary.


Busy Week for TCHS Golf

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County Golf Team traveled last Monday to Stonewall Jackson Resort, where the Titans of Gilmer County would play host. The Mt. Lions would bring home a third-place finish, closely behind strong regional competitors, Dodge County and Gilmer County.

Tuesday the Mt. Lions hosted a match at Canaan Valley State Park, where the


Petersburg Vikings would take the win behind a school-record performance. Tucker, again, would finish third in the contest with senior, Brayden Gray, finishing sixth overall. The Mt. Lions would finish the week at home at the Holly Meadows Golf Course finishing second, just a few strokes behind the winning Bulldogs of Tygarts Valley. Tucker County's sophomore golfer, Nate Davis, would go on to earn low medalist honors in the match.



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OBITUARIES

Alan Kenneth Smith

Alan Kenneth Smith (Smitty), age 86 of Leesburg, VA passed away September 5, 2024 in the care of Capital Caring Hospice. Alan, the son of Henry Harrison and Loutie Hedrick Smith, was born in Red Creek, WV on June 20, 1938.

Mr. Smith attended Flanagan Hill School and graduated from Mountaineer High School. After high school, Alan continued his education at Davis and Elkins College majoring in education and serving in the ROTC program. Upon graduation from Davis and Elkins, Alan accepted a position at Loudon County High School, where he taught math and sponsored the Yearbook and several other student organizations during his 38 year teaching career. Upon his retirement in 1998, Alan continued working the ticket gates for most sporting events at Loudoun County High School and later at Briar Woods High School. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Loudoun County High School in 2016.

Family was always very important to Alan. Along



with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Merlin Propst, Ernest Propst (Frances), Richard Propst, and Lewis Smith as well as brother-in-law, James Good. Left to cherish his memory are his sisters, Bonnie Smith Good of Manassas, VA, Violet Smith Charles of Winchester, VA and sister-in-law, Rose Marie Smith of Red Creek, WV. Also surviving are his nieces, Susan (Mark) Pritt, Carol (David) Shirley, Jennifer (Bobby) Miles, Cindy (Jeff) Shiflet, Karen Smith, Sarah (Jeff) Pumphrey, and nephews Gary (Cindy) Simmons and Wayne (Robin) Simmons, as well numerous great nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Smith was a member of Flanagan Hill Church, which he enjoyed attend-

ing, when returning to West Virginia for summer visits. He was also a member of the Masonic lodge. In his free time, Alan enjoyed watching sports, especially baseball, studying family history and making everyone laugh with his jokes and sense of humor.

A viewing for Alan K. Smith will be held at Loudoun Funeral Chapel in Leesburg, VA on Friday, September 13, 2024 from 6-8 pm.

A viewing will also be held at Flanagan Hill Church in Red Creek, WV from 10-12 am on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Mr. Smith's funeral will be at 12:00 o'clock at Flanagan Hill Church with interment immediately following at Flanagan Hill Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the amazing team at Capital Caring Hospice and the staff at Poet's Walk. In lieu of flowers, it was Mr. Smith's wish for donations to be made to Flanagan Hill Church, P.O. Box 24, Red Creek, WV 26289 or Capital Caring Hospice, 24419 Millstream Drive, Aldie, VA 20105.

Mary Ann Dickerson Phillips

Mary Ann Dickerson Phillips, departed this life and went home to be with the Lord on September 8th, 2024, at the age of 91. She was born in Hiawatha, WV, May 25th, 1933, the daughter of Cora Mae and Thurman Dickerson, Princeton, WV.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hayward L. Phillips, and they were married for 64 years.

Surviving are son, Hayward L. Phillips, Jr., (wife Jane) and daughter, Melody Phillips-Williams, (husband Doug), Williamstown, WV, grandson, Thurman Kyle Phillips, (wife Courtney), Chesapeake, VA, and great grandson, Weston Phillips, grandson, Mike Payette, Charlotte, NC, brothers, Palmer Dickerson, Kernersville, NC, Thurman Dickerson, Jr., Athens, WV and



Jack Dickerson, Roanoke, VA, and in addition to many nieces and nephews.

Mary Ann graduated from Matoaka High School, class of 1951. Mary Ann was a Christian lady and led a faithful, Jesus filled life and was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church of Parsons, WV. Mary Ann, first and foremost, loved her family, as well as her church, working in her flower garden, baking, shopping, listening to music and reading. While Mary Ann was a

homemaker, she also spent several years working at Barb's Drug Store in Parsons, and as a hostess at Humphrey's restaurant in Parsons. Mary Ann was also a member of the Purple Majesty Red Hatters Chapter of Elkins, WV.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Tuesday from 4 PM to 6 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 11 AM. The Reverend Gregory Smith will officiate and interment will follow at the Bethel Cemetery at Holly Meadows. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Mary Ann Dickerson Phillips. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Department of Arts, Culture and History Seeking Entries for Inspired: West Virginia Wildlife Juried Art Exhibition

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) will begin accepting submissions for the third installation of Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024. This installation of the exhibit will fea-

ture West Virginia wildlife. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, Nov. 8, 2024.

The exhibit will open Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, at 2 p.m. with an awards ceremony and reception at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston and will be displayed through mid-May

2025.

Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions is a four-part series in honor of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, highlighting visual representations of West Virginia themes. The final installation will feature West Virginia Historic Figures. Previous shows have focused on landscapes, as well as historic buildings and structures. All parts of the series will be displayed in the Commissioner's Gallery of the Culture Center.

Artists must be current West Virginia residents and may enter up to two pieces in each of the four exhibitions. Entries should be made within the past two years and not exceed 7 feet in any dimension. Film/video works are not eligible for this exhibit.

Prospectus and entry information can be found on our website at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/museums/>.

For more information, please contact WVDACH Exhibits Coordinator Sidney Duncan at (304) 558-0220 ext. 175 or Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov.

Financial Burden

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not incorporate into it, when we planned for our budget to go in, all of the added expenses we've had. So, its blown our budget completely out of the water cause of the vetting."

Rosenau said a lot of the cost is not only in food and shelter, but in the care and vet bills associated with the animals. "Its not only the feed and the shelter," Rosenau said. "Its the vet bills."

Canfield outlined the cost the County has for each animal it takes in. "Immediately upon intake, the minimum we put into any animal is \$50," Canfield said. "And that's just starting with the basic vaccines. That doesn't include the two week boosters they need until they are 12 weeks. So the second any animal steps foot through the door, we automatically put \$50 into them with dewormer, preventatives, parasite treatment and vaccines."

Following the initial care, the animals are taken to the vet for a basic screening, Canfield said. "Then they go to vet for screening," Canfield said. "If they are fixed, they come to us and they are already spayed or neutered, they still have to go to the vet to be medically cleared by the vet. So we're looking at a minimum of an additional \$45, just for an exam."

Next, Canfield said, is the spay and neuter costs. "If they are not fixed, the cheapest animal that we send in to be fixed is a two pound kitten and they run us \$40, even then," Canfield said. "Anything above \$40, you go up to \$60, if the cat is six months and older, then you go to \$130 to \$160 per cat."

Dogs are more expensive, according to Canfield. "Dogs, the cheapest dog that you'll see go through is about \$155," Canfield said. "And that is just for the spay and neuter. That doesn't include the initial \$50 when they walk through the door."

According to Canfield, the total cost of each animal runs the County a minimum of \$100 to upwards of \$550. "In all reality, its a minimum of \$100 a cat is what we see and that includes the little two pound kittens," Canfield said. "And anywhere from \$150 to \$550 a dog."

Canfield said that the Shelter recently had an elderly dog undergo an extensive spay that cost the county over \$500. "We just had a dog come through with an extensive spay," Canfield said. "She was really old and we still had to have her spayed per our guidelines, so just her spay itself cost us \$532."

The Shelter relies on SNIP West Virginia to assist with spay and neuter costs for cats, according to Canfield. "SNIP West Virginia is really, really, really, really helping us out with the financial side if it because every single cat we take is at least \$130, whether its just feral we're just going to fix and release or its one we are going to adopt out and eventually see an adoption fee back for," Canfield said.

SNIP West Virginia in Morgantown does very low cost spay and neuter for owned animals throughout the state, according to Canfield. "So SNIP West Virginia wanted me to let the public know that they do owned animals, as well," Canfield said. "They do not need to feral cats. Only the feral cats are free. But their numbers are very different compared to the local vets around here just because all they do is spay and neuter."

Canfield said that the Shelter has relied on the Community for donations, as well. "We have really relied on the financial side of donations," Canfield said.

Rosenau thanked those who have donated their time, money and resources to the Shelter. "I want to make sure its noted how much I thank the people that donate to our shelter," Rosenau said. "That's the one thing I like about Tucker County, no matter what the need is, we step forward and we help and so the Citizens of Tucker County, this Commission wants to thank."

Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis also thanked the Shelter and their volunteers for their hard work and dedication. "You guys do remarkable work," Davis said. "Your workers and the people that come up there to help out, tell them from the Commission, that we are very appreciative."

TURNER'S TIDBITS

GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1944

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This card is from the General Election of November 7, 1944. The candidate is Darl Stalaker. He is running for Clerk County Court on the Democratic ticket. I do not find that he won the election. James Darl Stalaker (1909-1999) was married to Vivian Bissett Stalaker. He held the position of Chief of the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389. Someone called to find out where they could purchase a copy of the book "... And Live Forever" by Mariwyn McClain Smith. McClain Printing Company produced a reprint and you may contact them directly.

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Gov. Justice launches School Safety Task Force to address and mitigate recent threats

CHARLESTON, WV — In response to the recent uptick in school threats across the state, Gov. Jim Justice has directed The West Virginia Department of Homeland Security to establish a comprehensive task force to address and mitigate these concerns.

The newly created School Safety Task Force is actively compiling and analyzing all reported school threats by county, educational institution, and Safe Schools Unit Region to ensure a thorough and coordinated response.

The School Safety Task Force is made up of the following agencies:

- West Virginia Fusion Center
- West Virginia State Police (WVSP)
- West Virginia Safe Schools Unit
- WVSP – West Virginia Intelligence Exchange (WVIX)
- Federal Law Enforcement Partners
- West Virginia Department of Education
- West Virginia Prevention Resource Officer Program

In conjunction with this effort, the task force is reaching out to each county prosecutor to identify all arrests and juvenile petitions related to school threats that have been filed. This data collection is critical to ensuring a swift and transparent legal process is in place for those who threaten the safety of our schools.

To enhance real-time communication, a communication connect room is being established to provide a centralized hub for all School Safety Task Force partners. This platform will be activated in the event of a critical incident, ensuring immediate coordination and response across agencies. The task force is also committed to sharing all relevant information with our

partners to ensure a unified and effective approach to school safety.

Gov. Justice remains committed to ensuring the safety of students, educators, and communities across West Virginia and will continue to provide resources and support to ensure our schools remain safe havens for learning and growth.

The West Virginia Department of Homeland Security and West Virginia Fusion Center will provide updates as more information becomes available.

Reporting a Threat

The West Virginia Department of Homeland Security reminds all West Virginians to immediately call 911 if there is an immediate danger or law enforcement intervention is necessary.

Additionally, West Virginia has partnered with My Mobile Witness to implement a "see something, send something" reporting system that can be completed on a smartphone or other mobile device. All West Virginians are encouraged to participate in this initiative by downloading the free See, Send application from the App Store or Google Play.

My Mobile Witness is also compatible with web-based reporting and is not strictly for cell phone use. Once the app is downloaded to a device, users will be prompted to enter their first and last name (though any reporting can be done anonymously, if the user prefers), their phone number, and then select a state of residence. Once those fields are entered, the app will be ready to use. The user may submit tips for "Crime/Suspicious Activity" or "School Threat or Safety Issues," and they may also request help for "Suicide or Addiction."

What's? Happening

Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic

The Tucker County Health Department will hold a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Tucker County Health Department parking lot from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and

Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Davis Fire Hall parking lot from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Parsons clinic will be held inside the Tucker County Health Department and the Davis clinic will be held

inside the Davis Fire Department.

Seasonal flu shots will be given to anyone 18 years of age and older. If you have insurance, please bring your card. You will not be charged and co-pay. If you do not have insurance, you can still receive a flu shot at no cost.

Revival – Parsons Nazarene Church

Sunday September 22 at 11am and 6:30pm. September 23-25 at 6:30pm.



Sept. 24, 1918: George Spencer "Spanky" Roberts was born in London, Kanawha County. He entered aviation cadet training with the first class of Tuskegee Airmen and became the first Black military pilot from West Virginia.

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.

Sept. 18, 1947: Historian and journalist Minnie Kendall Lowther died. Born in Ritchie County, she was one of the first West Virginia women to become a newspaper editor.

Sept. 18, 1989: Playwright Maryat Lee died in Lewisburg. She established Eco Theater in Summers County as an indigenous mountain theater, using Summers County people as actors.

Sept. 19, 1862: The two-day Battle of Shepherdstown opened with an artillery exchange between Union and Confederate troops. Following the Battle of Antietam, it ended Robert E. Lee's Maryland Campaign and helped convince Abraham Lincoln to issue his preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.

Sept. 19, 1892: William "Bill" Blizzard was born in Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Blizzard became one of West Virginia's most influential and controversial labor leaders of the 20th century.

Sept. 20, 1910: Dorothy Johnson Vaughan was born in Kansas City but moved at a young age to Morgantown, where she was valedictorian of Beechurst High School. Like fellow West Virginian Katherine Johnson, Vaughan became a mathematician and computer expert for NASA and made key contributions to the U.S. space program.

Sept. 20, 1914: Ken Hechler was born on Long Island, New York. Hechler served 18 years in the U.S. Congress and four terms as West Virginia's secretary of state.

Sept. 21, 1895: Samuel Ivan Taylor was born in Mercer County. Taylor was the first member of the West Virginia state police. He was part of the force that faced off against union miners during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain in Logan County.

Sept. 21, 1937: The West Virginia Conservation Commission acquired 6,705 acres in Kanawha County to create Kanawha State Forest. Redevelopment of the land, which had been heavily mined and timbered, began the

next year by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Sept. 21, 1970: Filming began in Moundsville on the movie Fools' Parade, based on the novel by Davis Grubb. The filming concluded one month later when Grubb came to Moundsville for a dinner, accompanied by his dog, making the \$750 round trip from New York City in a taxi.

Sept. 22, 1856: Albert Blakeslee "A. B." White was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was West Virginia's 11th governor, serving from 1901 to 1905. He was the fourth person to serve as governor from Wood County, his adopted home.

Sept. 22, 1894: Louis Bennett Jr. was born in Weston. Bennett was West Virginia's only World War I flying ace. With 12 combat kills, including three aircraft and nine balloons, Bennett placed himself ninth on the roster of aces. This record was accomplished in just 10 days after assignment to his combat unit.

Sept. 22, 1970: The "Brinkley Bridge" in Wayne County collapsed under the weight of an overloaded truck. The bridge was named for newscaster David Brinkley who had filmed a 1960 news report about the poor condition of the span.

Sept. 23, 1922: Five men were struck and killed at the Glen Rogers mine in Wyoming County when equipment fell during the construction of a deep shaft.

Sept. 23, 1923: Folk artist Herman Hayes was born in Elkview. His woodcarvings were displayed in Washington and New York City, and he twice won the top award in the West Virginia Juried Exhibition.

Sept. 23, 1938: The Mingo Oak was cut down after succumbing to the fumes of a burning coal refuse pile. The Mingo Oak, which stood near the Logan-Mingo county line, was more than 500 years old and may have been the largest white oak in the world.

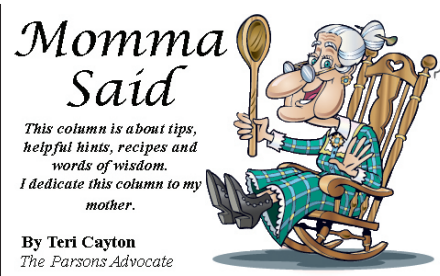
Sept. 24, 1911: Laura Jackson Arnold died in Buckhannon. The sister of Stonewall Jackson, she was a staunch Unionist during the Civil War, opening her home to care for injured Union soldiers.

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

A 14 year old is named in the mass shooting in a Georgia school. In the name of God Almighty, what is becoming of the world? I read an article that explained this child had been on the radar of police last year. The father explained that he had guns in the house but the child had no access. So how does a 14 year old get hold of an AK assault rifle? His father bought it for him as a gift. The thought of this sends cold chills up my spine.

Two students and two teachers are killed, nine others hurt, and for what purpose. I can't fathom what is going on in the mind of a 14 year old boy to hatch a plan like this and then follow through with it. He has robbed two families of their children, two families of their loved ones and has ruined his own life, not to mention that of his parents.

We all have problems in our lives but to go this extreme is getting more prevalent in today's society.



Parents don't know half of what their children are getting into on line or take the time to be interested in what their children are doing day to day. It is hard to connect with children today because we have become a society of hiding behind text messages.

Please take the time to try and connect with your children just ask, "Hey how was your day?" We don't sit down and have meals together anymore or actually do anything together as a family. I miss having an extended family to get together with. **Momma Said**, "Treasure what you have today because it could all be gone in the blink of an eye."

Air Fried Sugared Dough Dippers with Chocolate Amaretto Sauce

Ingredients

- 1 lb. bread dough defrosted
- ½ cup butter melted
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 12 ozs good quality semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 tbsp Amaretto liqueur or almond extract

Instructions

1. Roll the dough into two 15-inch logs. Cut each log into 20 slices. Cut each slice in half and twist the dough halves together 3 to 4 times. Place the twisted dough on a cookie sheet, brush with melted butter and sprinkle sugar over the dough twists.
2. Pre-heat the air fryer to 350°F.
3. Brush the bottom of the air fryer basket with melted butter. Air-fry the dough twists in batches. Place 8 to 12 (depending on the size of your air fryer) in the air fryer basket.

4. Air-fry for 5 minutes. Turn the dough strips over and brush the other side with butter. Air-fry for an additional 3 minutes.

5. While dough is cooking, make the chocolate amaretto sauce. Bring the heavy cream to a simmer over medium heat. Place the chocolate chips in a large bowl and pour the hot cream over the chocolate chips. Stir until the chocolate starts to melt. Then switch to a wire whisk and whisk until the chocolate is completely melted and the sauce is smooth. Stir in the Amaretto. Transfer to a serving dish.

6. As the batches of dough twists are complete, place them into a shallow dish. Brush with melted butter and generously coat with sugar, shaking the dish to cover both sides.

7. Serve the sugared dough dippers with the warm chocolate Amaretto sauce on the side.

Super Crossword

DISORDERLY CREATURES

ACROSS	1 Old-time crooner Julius	7 James — Garfield	12 Taxing org.	15 Old newspaper section	19 On cloud nine	20 Having fine granules	21 Refilled to the brim	23 Nocturnal burrower wearing clothes?	25 "Rocky" star	26 French "a"	27 Talking after	28 Semiaquatic reptile that's really zealous?	30 Big spotted cat released from jail early?	34 Doc treating laryngitis	35 Orig. texts	36 Sports official	37 Interprets	39 Antifraud org.	42 1990s Toyota coupe	45 "McQ" actor Gulager	46 Ready- (precooked)	48 Region	49 Tesla's Musk	50 Lobe-finned swimmer turning red?	54 Pioneering email co.	55 One-eighty	56 Mini-guitar	57 Elizabeth — Browning	58 Spiny anteater on a leash?	64 Put in very hot water	65 Solid ground	66 Actor Wallace	67 Seat winners	69 Florida city	72 Quark's place	74 Very small monkey from the red planet?	79 Rhine siren	82 "Sliver" writer Levin	83 "Emma" has two of these	84 Slalom, e.g.	85 Whip-tailed marine menace going off course?	90 Bard	91 Composer Khachaturian	92 Fix up, as an old house	93 Hard wood	94 Actress Blair	95 Kid's amuser	96 Eighth Greek letter	98 Mil. bigwig	99 Irish dance	100 Waterloo marshal Michel	101 Wheel-spinning rodent that's a Bay State college mascot?	108 Large lizard from northern South America?	112 Dialect suffix	113 Penny prez	114 Electric circuit component	115 Mimicking bird that's predatory?	119 Classic typewriter brand	121 Text alterer	122 Trait carrier	123 Enervate	124 Latin abbr. meaning "and the following"	125 Sailor's morning warning	125 Sailor's morning warning															
DOWN	1 Starting boost	2 Actress — De La Garza	3 More scarce	4 Gambling parlor, in brief	5 "Look here, too," in a reference	6 Befuddles Doc's gp.	7 Doc's eye site	9 Dust picker-upper	10 Take — of faith	11 Actress Loy	12 "Agreed!"	13 Campus mil. gp.	14 Zoned (out)	15 Ignited again	16 2004-11 Laker Lamar	17 Bluefin, e.g.	18 Unbox, e.g.	22 Schemes	24 With "31-Down, it doesn't bode well	29 Like the verb "go": Abbr.	31 See 24-Down	32 Humdinger	33 Aussie birds	38 "... three men in —"	39 She starred in "Room"	40 — Actress (award for 39-Down)	41 Thai currency	42 Serenity	43 "Hi," in Hilo	44 Nonpolluting power source	45 Bonnie's pal	46 — torch land	47 Linear, briefly	48 Sahara's	50 Agent's cut	51 "Say what?"	52 Seize	53 Spruces up	55 Sinful	59 Group of PC gurus	60 Hard wood	61 Covert org.	62 Actress Long	63 Actress Jillian	68 Fajita meat	70 Was keen on	71 Singer O'Day	73 "Don't tell — can't!"	75 Singer Coolidge	76 Chi-Town daily paper	77 Singer Janis	78 Novelist Tan	79 Future atty.'s exam	80 Other, in Oaxaca	81 Pertaining to	86 "Return to reality!"	87 SeaWorld whale, once	88 Leaves	89 Vent vocally	90 Sty animals	94 Greenish citrus drink	96 All wound up	97 "Regency" hotels	98 Pie charts, e.g.	99 Quartz type	100 Easily duped	102 Presnell of "Fargo"	103 Legislate	104 That girl	105 Petite pies	106 Kindle buy	107 New attempt	108 Sailor's quaff	109 700-mile-long Congolese river	110 "The check — the mail"	111 Ninth Greek letter	116 Game draw	117 Trio before R	118 Free (of)

Weather Totals

Sept. 3 - Sept. 10, 2024

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 86° F
Min 32° F

Precipitation

Week 0.15"
September 0.45"
2024 37.20"

Snowfall

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

U.S. Forest Service

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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WVDOT among 12 states vying for America's Transportation Award

CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) is one of 12 finalists in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) annual America's Transportation Awards.

West Virginia was nominated for the innovative Wellsburg Bridge project, one of three WVDOT projects to win regional America's Transportation Awards at the Southeastern Association of State Highway Officials (SASHTO) Annual Meeting in August. The two additional West Virginia projects receiving that award included the Grant Street Bridge in Bluefield, and the US 340 Safety Stabilization project near Harper's Ferry.

"How many times have I stood out there with Governor Justice and cut a ribbon on a project that has just been decades in the making," said Jimmy Wriston, P.E., West Virginia Secretary of Transportation, on the opening of the Wellsburg Bridge. "It's called leadership, and that's what the Governor has brought to the Department of Transportation. He made us the focus of economic recovery."

The WVDOT's Wellsburg Bridge will compete alongside the other eleven states for both the Grand Prize and the People's Choice Awards, both offering a \$10,000 cash award for a charity or transportation-related scholarship of their choice.

West Virginia's Wellsburg Bridge will compete with Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Washington state.

"These 12 projects serve as the best of the best transportation projects completed by state DOTs across the country, but they are only a fraction of the incredible work states are doing to better their communities," said AASHTO Executive Director Jim Tymon. "State DOTs today are focused on a wide range of work, including projects that enhance every mode of transportation



and increase safety, equity, and quality of life. This list of Top 12 contenders serves as a great example of just how diverse these state DOT projects are."

Construction of the 1,875-foot Wellsburg Bridge began in 2018. Flatiron Construction was awarded a contract for approximately \$131 million to build the structure, which connects the communities of Wellsburg, West Virginia, and Brilliant, Ohio.

The main span of the bridge was built on the banks of the Ohio River. On Monday, April 26, 2021, the 4,100-ton main span was hefted onto two sets of barges, floated downstream to the bridge site, and slowly jacked up to rest on its support piers. The operation took more than 13 hours.

An estimated 2,500 people turned out for the official opening of the new bridge on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Federal, state, and local officials from both Ohio and West Virginia attended the opening ceremony, accompanied by high school bands, confetti, and fireworks.

Building a bridge between the two communities had been in discussion for a century. The bridge will drastically reduce travel time between the

two communities, provide a new river crossing for commerce, spur economic development on both sides of the Ohio River, and provide another way across the river if work needs to be done on neighboring spans.

"This is an incredible day for both Wellsburg and Brilliant because we are finally opening a bridge connecting these two communities that is long overdue," Gov. Jim Justice said at the dedication. "This bridge is going to make life better for everyone who travels through West Virginia's Northern Panhandle. This is truly an incredible day, and I'm proud to see another bridge project across the finish line. The bridge might be in the Northern Panhandle, but this is a great day for all of West Virginia."

Contest winners will be announced at the AASHTO Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in October.

Sponsored by AASHTO, AAA, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the America's Transportation Awards recognizes the positive impacts of state DOT projects on communities across the nation.

Finalists for the America's Transportation Awards are:


- Arizona Department of Transportation: Loop 303 – 43rd and 51st Avenue Interchange Project
- California Department of Transportation: CA Interstate 10 Santa Monica Freeway Bridge Fire
- Delaware Department of Transportation: Claymont Train Station
- Florida Department of Transportation: Orange Blossom Trail Pedestrian Safety Improvements
- Illinois Department of Transportation: Connecting Illinois via High-Speed Rail
- Michigan Department of Transportation: High Speed Lane Separation on US-31, M-72 in Acme Township
- New Jersey Department of Transportation: I-76/676, Bridges and Pavement, Contract 1
- Ohio Department of Transportation: Downtown Ramp up I-70/71 Project 3B
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation: I-95/Cottman Avenue Emergency Response
- Tennessee Department of Transportation: Broadway Bridge Replacement
- Washington State Department of Transportation: Winona Trestle Emergency Replacement Project
- West Virginia Department of Transportation: Wellsburg Bridge

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