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Grant County Bank Customer Appreciation Day

Grant County Bank held its Customer Appreciation Day in Tucker County Friday, September 20th at their Davis and Canaan Valley branches. Customers Joni Felton and Tina Wood stopped in at the Davis Branch to see Manager Brenda Wolford during the event. Grant County Bank's Customer Appreciation Day is an annual event held each year near the end of September, according to Wolford.

Humphrey and Fridley Present Plan to Bring Pickleball to Parsons

Bringing Pickleball to Parsons

9/11/24

WHAT'S PICKLEBALL?

- The fastest growing sport in America.
- An estimated 48.3 million Pickleball players across the U.S.
- Combination of Tennis, Badminton, & Ping Pong.
- Appeals to a diverse range of ages.
- Popular for its open-play format; being a very inclusive sport.
- Positive economic impact.
- Installation of courts boosts recreational aesthetics of the park.

SKETCHES OF PROPOSED PICKLEBALL COURTS :

THE PLAN :

- Resurface Court: Overall cost for re-surfacing an entire court ranges from \$0.55 per sq ft to \$1.50 (rough estimate).
- The resurfacing of the entire court, in total, would cost approximately \$10,800 - \$15,800
- Net prices range from \$180-\$500

Total Project Cost Estimate: \$12,800 - \$17,800

Lauren Fridley, left and Skylar Humphrey, right, present their plan to bring Pickleball to Parsons Tuesday night, September 17th to the Parsons City Council.

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Skylar Humphrey and Lauren Fridley appeared before the Parsons City Council Tuesday night, September 17th to present a plan to bring a set of four Pickleball Courts to Parsons.

Under the plan, Humphrey said the existing tennis court at Mill Race Park would be converted and resurfaced into four Pickleball Courts. "There's an opportunity over at Mill Race Park," Humphrey said. "The old Tennis Ball Court, as you all know, has not been refinished or played on in years."

According to Humphrey, the growing sport would bring in tourism opportunities and people to the area. "This new growing sport, Pickleball, its a fast growing sport and I really think its a great opportunity in town to bring some tourism activities and more inflow of people," Humphrey said.

Fridley related some of the statistics related to the growth of the sport to the Council. According to Fridley, the sport has grown 224% since Covid and is the fastest growing sport in the country. "Pickleball is the fastest growing sport across America," Fridley said. "From the years



Image: Skylar Humphrey and Lauren Fridley presented this visual to the Council during their presentation to illustrate their plan for the Pickleball courts.

2022 to 2023 the sport increased to 51.8% and then over the last four years, since Covid, its increased 224%. So this thing is like a monster growing across the U.S."

Fridley said the sport combines tennis, badminton and ping pong and is played on a hard top, which translated to the old tennis court being the perfect location for a pickle ball court in Parsons. "It combines

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Movie Money Makes Appearance in Parsons Stores



The front of the "Movie Money" bills are marked "For Motion Picture Purposes" next to the head of Ben Franklin on the front of the confiscated counterfeit 100 dollar bill. Any bills found should be reported to the Parsons Police Department.

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Counterfeit cash is making the rounds in Parsons, according to Parsons Chief of Police Kevin Keplinger. Keplinger said that there has been a recent influx of "Movie Money" to the area and local stores are seeing more of the fake bills in various denominations. "So we just wanted to remind businesses that if you are dealing with cash, to kind of keep an eye on what you are actually taking in," Keplinger said.

Keplinger said this was a problem that arose in the area a few years ago, as well. "A few years ago we saw an influx of what you would term 'Movie Money,'" Keplinger said. "You know, U.S. currency bills, but they are stamped movie use only. On the backside typically, they'll have some Chinese characters on them."

According to Keplinger, the issue a few years ago surrounded an influx of 100s and 50s. "What we saw then were mainly 100's and 50's," Keplinger said. "We're starting to see those come back. We've recovered a few here in town."

However, today Keplinger said he is seeing an influx of smaller denominations in the area. "But what they are doing now



The back of the confiscated counterfeit 100 dollar bill, the words "Motion Picture Purposes" appear across the top band along with the words "In Props We Trust" and "Prop Cash Central" above and below the image of the building. In the right hand corner under the orange 100, the words propcashcentral.com can be seen. Any bills found should be reported to the Parsons Police Department.

is they are dropping the denominations," Keplinger said. "We're seeing 20's, 10's because you get a 50 dollar bill, you check it. You get a 10 dollar bill, it goes into the till."

According to Keplinger there are several differences in the bills including feel and the writing on the bills themselves. The front of the bills will state "For Motion Picture Purposes" while the back will also state " For Motion Picture Purposes" but also the phrases " In Props We Trust" and "Prop Cash Central." An example supplied by Chief Keplinger for examination also showed the phrase propcashcentral.com on the right hand corner of the back. "The feel is different, but if you are not really paying attention to it, its fairly easy to get those to slip in," Keplinger said.

Keplinger said that approximately \$1,000 in \$100 bills was recovered in Parsons recently. "We recovered probably a thousand dollars worth of \$100 bills a couple of weeks ago," Keplinger said.

Should anyone find any Movie Money bills, please report it to the Parsons Police Department at (304) 478-3060.

Ambulance Authority Faces Bleak Future

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County Ambulance Authority Board President Dennis Filler presented a bleak future to the Board at their regular meeting September 17th. In his comments, Filler presented a future in which Tucker County may not have an Ambulance service in 2027/2028 if additional funding sources cannot be found. "The real take away on this thing is that the Board has to reduce our services because we are just not going to have enough labor dollars this year," Filler said. "We didn't have the carry over we had in years prior," Filler said. "We have scaled back."

A budget summary analysis provided to the Board and the Parsons Advocate by Filler outlined that in Fiscal Year 2025/2026, the Ambulance Authority faces a budget shortfall of \$93,714.12. The shortfall, the documents show stems from expenses of \$1,009,266.02 with an estimated working capital of only \$915,551.90. The expenses shown on the documents are for expenses such as labor, contract expenses, vehicle expenses, medical supplies, insurances, office materials, communications, maintenance and other necessary expenses. "The other thing is that, we tried to make it very clear, is that it is unlikely that we will financially sustain

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or present scaled back services in the next fiscal year," Filler said. "And transition to one station operation is likely to happen by the beginning of the fiscal year July 1, 2025."

The future of the Ambulance Authority is uncertain, according to Filler. Even under a one station model, Filler said without additional funding, the Ambulance Authority would likely fold sometime in the 2027/2028 fiscal year. The documents provided contain a spreadsheet with future projection models that show a projected \$44,076.44 shortfall for the 2027/2028 budget year under the one station model. "The bottom line is, on that model, even if we scale back to one station operations, its likely the furthest we can take it out is the 27/28 business year, all things being," Filler said. "I mean that is the company totally being unable to provide services."

"Prices are not going down," Filler said. "It shows the urgency that folks, we need to do something different."

Under the current plan, the Ambulance Authority will reduce service to one station while addition funding sources are sought.

Council Votes to Remove Mayor's Ability to Talk with City Attorney

By: Lydia Crawley
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In a contentious vote Tuesday, September 17th, the Parsons City Council voted to remove Mayor Bruce Kolsun's ability to speak with City Attorney Tim Stranko on City matters. It was a vote that Attorney Stranko strongly opposed. "I need to talk to you all as you feel the need to talk to me," Stranko said. "That's my service."

The agenda item was one of three similar items brought forth by Council Member Tim Turner. The motion was also made by Turner. "I would like to make a motion to revoke the prior permission granted to the mayor to communicate with our City Attorney on City's behalf," Turner said.

Before a second on the motion could be made, Attorney Stranko took the opportunity to speak on the issue. "If I could address the motion before anyone makes a second," Stranko said. "I've been doing this 30 years, I know who to talk to and who not to talk to. The City Manager a pleasure to work with. We're developing a close and symbi-

otic working relationship. I don't understand the purpose of the motion. I frankly find it limiting to my ability to do the job to the best I can."

Council Member Melissa Jones also

"I don't need this guidance. I don't want this guidance. If you choose to enact it, I'm still going to talk to the Mayor," Stranko said.

spoke out against the motion, saying that should it pass, it would set a dangerous precedent that would limit any council member's ability to speak to the City Attorney. "I think its limiting to the Council, also to contact you if something comes up," Jones said.

Stranko said he takes calls and emails from the entire council, but that he always loops the City Manager in on all replies. "I take calls from everybody," Stranko said.

"I take emails from everybody, too. But what I want you to know, is when anyone of you contacts me, my reply is going to copy the City Manager because communications is what we are not doing well here. So we need to close the loop."

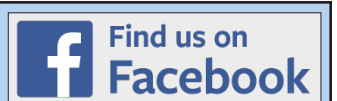
Council Member Seth Rosenau said that since he became a Council Member recently, he has not received any emails since coming to Council. "Just so you know, I have received zero emails from anything you do, I'm going to be honest," Rosenau said. "There are emails that are sent, maybe from Thrasher, maybe from you, maybe from whatever, that the rest of us never know anything about. So, I think they want that remedied and I think this lays out the language to make sure that its remedied."

Stranko said that everyone on the Council, as elected officials, were entitled to speak to him on City business. However, Stranko did say what is forwarded or not forwarded afterwards, is between the City and the City Manager. "Everyone of you on Council as elected officials are entitled to ask me questions," Stranko said. "Again, every

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News of Record

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

- **Wendell Allen Morgan**, Keyser, was charged with one count of Grand Larceny. According to the complaint, on Tuesday, Sept. 3, Deputy C.R. Summerfield, of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) received a theft complaint. He spoke with the victim, Marilyn Shoenfeld by telephone. She stated that she recently rented a fully furnished property to the defendant and Matraca Morgan. She stated that they stole most of the items that were in the residence.
- The following day Summerfield met with the victim at the residence and obtained a handwritten and signed statement from her. In summary she stated that she rented a property to the couple on April 6, 2024. It was rented fully furnished and she further stated that that they were served an eviction notice early in July. They departed with all the furniture and left behind six cats. Summerfield obtained photographic evidence of the residence and the property that was left on scene. The victim provided him with a list of items that were stolen. The estimated total value for the items is \$6,795.
- **Matraca Nicole Morgan**, Keyser, was charged with one count of Grand Larceny. According to the complaint, on Tuesday, Sept. 3, Deputy C.R. Summerfield, of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) received a theft complaint. He spoke with the victim, Marilyn Shoenfeld by telephone. She stated that she recently rented a fully furnished property to the defendant and Wendell Allen Morgan. She stated that they stole most of the items that were in the residence.
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- **Richard Allen Corbitt**, Dry Fork, was charged with one count of Removal, injury to or destruction of property. The complaint states that Patrolman First Class N.C. Gidley received a call at Parsons City Hall in regards to a destruction of property complaint at 401 Main Street in Parsons. He and Chief Keplinger responded to that address and met with the victim, who showed officers her vehicle. On the passenger side and hood of the vehicle, officers observed what appeared to be red and black paint. The paint appeared to have been thrown on the vehicle from next to an adjacent outbuilding that the victim stated was in a blind spot of her security cameras. She stated, in summary, that she had recently been having issues with an ex-boyfriend, she identified as the defendant, and that he is the only other individual that knows the blind spots of her security system. At approximately 1:18 p.m. the victim call back into city hall and Gidley arrived at her residence where she showed him that the passenger front tire had also been cut/slashed and was flat.

- On Thursday, Aug. 29 the victim provided officers with security footage of her vehicle having paint thrown on it and a subject appearing to cut the tire before standing up and leaving the area. In the footage it appears that when the subject stood up and began to leave, briefly it is seen that the subject has a very odd limp or gait.
- On Wednesday, Sept. 4 Gidley and Trooper Hawkins went to speak with the defendant at his residence. Upon arriving, Corbitt approached officers through the yard and appeared to be limping on his left leg, giving him a gait similar to the subject seen walking in the video. Officers also observed that his residence had what appeared to be a fresh coat of black paint, similar to the paint found on the victim's car. They spoke with him after advising him of his Miranda Rights. He denied any knowledge of the damages that occurred to the victim's vehicle.
- These crimes occurred in Tucker County and all individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Tucker County Development Authority, St. George District, 1.48 acres Butts Farm Rd. to Digital Connections Inc. DBA Prodigy, \$9,500.
- Richard Lane Hudson Sr., Davis Corporation, Lot 97 to Effie Hudson McCauley, \$120,000.
- Peter C. Johnson, Davis Corporation, Lot 7 Davis Riverwalk to Patrick Stodel, \$69,000.
- Marben Realty LLC, Parsons Corporation, Lots 56 and 57 Davis Addition to Dana Mahanes, \$133,000.
- Stephen Reilly and Rene Reilly, Dry Fork District, 1.73 acres Lot 3 to Christina Nelson, \$6,000.
- Vicky Ann Brown and Kelly May, Dry Fork District, 3.97 acres to MTP-WV LLC; MTP WV LLC, \$31,626.
- Anna Marie Greer, Clover District, Minerals to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$1,000.
- Susan J. Charles, Clover District, Minerals to Shiloh Quarry LLC, \$500.
- Daniel L. Simpson, Davis Corporation, Lots 390 and 391 Blackwater Ave. to Andrea K. Olson and Robert A. Quattro, \$130,000.
- Norman Elder and Jill Elder, Interest in Unit C4 Week 13 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, \$1,129.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit B3 Week 41 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to James J. Donlin, V, Pamela S. Donlin, James J. Donlin, VI, Rachel E. Hutson and Parker D. Donlin, \$750.
- Roy L. Menefee and Donna L. Menefee, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit A2 Week 32 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$525.
- William K. Miller, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit D2 Week 42 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, \$1,624.
- William D. Hannum, Jr. and Jane D. Hannum, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit D6 Week 9 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association,

- Inc., \$555.50.
- David Eric Waggoner and Paula Renee Waggoner, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit C6 Week 42 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$555.50.
- Janice L. Burkhammer, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit G6 Week 8 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, \$555.50.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit A4 Week 7 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to David L. Cline, Teresa D. Cline and Robert P. Cline, \$257.20.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit B4 Week 38 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. Clark E. Woomer and Donna L. Woomer, \$550.
- Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit G2 Week 27 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Tam Dang, \$757.50.
- Jimmie R. Davis, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit E6 Week 6 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, \$550.50.
- Gregory Hanlon, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit E1 Week 19 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, \$550.50.
- Robert W. Arbogast and Anita H. Arbogast, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit E1 Week 19 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, \$550.50.
- Larry L. Bennett and Charlene D. Bennett, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit A3 Week 39 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, \$525.
- Norma Dailey, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit C3 Week 9 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, \$550.50

TURNER'S TIDBITS



This picture is a group of teachers, or it appears to be. The man in the back on the left is Mr. King. I am hoping that someone could help identify the others. Items to share, comments, or suggestions contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

OBITUARIES

Mary Virginia Lewis Anderson

Mary Virginia Anderson, age 91, born Mary Virginia Lewis passed away peacefully on September 13, 2024 after a short but brave battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Mary was born on November 14, 1932 in Parsons, West Virginia, daughter of Martha Crossland Lewis and Nick Lewis. She graduated from Parsons High School in 1950 at the top of her class and earned the honor of valedictorian. She then went on to higher education at Davis and Elkins College on a full scholarship.

Mary worked for the Federal Government at the Department of Defense and retired in 1998.

Mary was a loving grandmother who spent quality time with her grandchildren throughout their lives and always went out of her way to make them each feel special. She never missed a



birthday. She always sent a card and she always made a phone call. Mary was an excellent cook and her family looked forward to sharing meals together during holidays and treasure the recipes she shared with them. Mary also enjoyed keeping photo albums of each of her children and grandchildren. She took pride in caring for her yard, and kept a thriving vegetable garden. Mary was a loyal Washington Redskins fan and enjoyed other sports in the off-season as well. She was an active member of Bush Hill Presbyterian Church.

Mary will be fondly and lovingly remembered by her family and friends as an intelligent and hard worker who always put family above all else. The world has lost a special soul and she will be missed immensely. Surviving to cherish Mary's memory are her five children: David (and his wife, Deborah), Roger, James (and his wife, Lynn), John (and his wife, Sue), and her beloved Mary Patricia; her ten grandchildren: Adam, Stephanie, Stephen, Kristina, Heather, Hannah, Nic, Matthew, Katie, and Michael; and two great-grandchildren: Nathan and Noah. Preceding Mary in death are Carl Anderson, father of her children, her parents Nick and Martha (Crossland) Lewis and her brother Richard Lewis and his wife Twila Lewis.

A private celebration of her life will be held on October 5, 2024 at her home where she lived for over 60 years.

In lieu of flowers, Mary's family requests a donation be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/give.html>.

Charles William Fox

Charles William Fox, 94, a resident of Elkins, passed from this life Friday, September 20, 2024, at Tygart Valley Health and Rehabilitation Center in Belington.

Charles was born Friday, November 22, 1929, in Hambleton, a son of the late Henry Harrison Fox and Edna Summerfield Fox Jordan. He was married to the late Ruth Skidmore Fox who preceded him in death on July 30, 2004.

Left to cherish Charles' memory are two sisters, Pearl Bolyard of Moatsville, and Jean Hart of Morgantown, a stepdaughter, Teresa Miller and husband, Robert of Elkins, five nieces, Gloria Fox, Loretta Lawson, Janet Canfield, Ellamae Hurley, and Pam Bonner, three nephews, Butch Fox, Richard Dumire, and Jonathan Crites, several step grandchildren, and step great grandchildren, a special



friend, Charlie Ramsey, and his beloved dog, Bella.

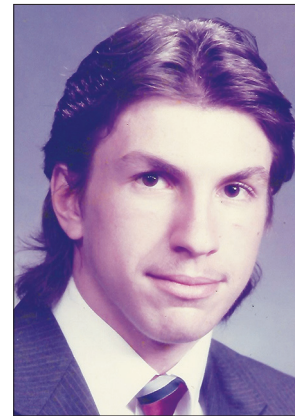
Preceding Charles in death besides his parents and wife were two brothers, Harold Fox and Robert Fox, a sister, Rada Roy, and a stepson, Jerry Bolyard,

Charles attended the schools of Tucker County and served with the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force where he obtained his GED and fought in the Korean Conflict. He had been employed in construction and coal mining. Charles enjoyed playing

guitar, hunting, fishing, watching westerns and family gatherings. He was a member of the H.W. Daniels Post #29, American Legion and Elkins Family Worship Center.

Visitation will be held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Monday, September 23, 2024, from 12pm until 1pm, the funeral hour. Rev. Jim Weber will officiate, and interment will follow in Parsons City Cemetery where members of H.W. Daniels Post #29, American Legion, Tygart's Valley Post #3647, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Tucker County Veterans Association, and WV Honor Guard. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Charles William Fox. Send online condolences to the family at: www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

David Lee Hull



George and various caregivers throughout the years who helped with David's care; also surviving are several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was a graduate of Tucker County High School with the class of 1989, where he was very

active and enjoyed working on automobiles, riding motorcycles and playing football and basketball. He was very kind and willing to help anybody. He had worked in the Saw Shop for Tucker Valley Home and Garden, Shop N Save, and Asplundh Co. until his injury in October of 1993. Later in life he enjoyed listening to music, watching westerns and working on his computer. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys and WVU Fan and enjoyed watching Nascar and cheering for Mark Martin. He had a great sense of humor and will be greatly missed.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, from 11 AM until 1 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday at 1 PM. Pastor Lowell Moore will officiate and interment will follow at the Shaffertown Cemetery on Leadmine Road, St. George, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for David Lee Hull. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

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

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

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 1st publication 9/25/24
 2nd publication 10/2/24

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ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO INCREASE SEWER RATES AND CHARGES

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DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

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 Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until November 19, 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):

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On Stage at the Parsons Railroad Depot The Story and Poetry of Karl Dewey Myer

The Tucker County Historical Society is delighted to extend an invitation to all to come to “The Depot” (105 Davis Street, Parsons) on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. to hear the fascinating story of Karl Dewey Myers, the first Poet Laureate of West Virginia, and listen to his poetry recited by none other than Karl himself (as portrayed by Thomas Yocum).

Karl Dewey Myers was born on February 12, 1899, in Moore, Tucker County. From the beginning, his life was marred in tragedy. He was born severely malformed, especially in his lower limbs. Although it was expected that he would die, he lived and was nurtured by his mother and father, Mary and Benjamin Myers, and the rest of his siblings. As he grew into boyhood, Homer Floyd Fansler (author of “History of Tucker County, West Virginia”) became his close friend and stood by him faithfully, helping him cope with his lower limb deformity by carrying him from place to place wherever their youthful adventures took them.

During Karl’s teen years, he developed into a gifted poet and, thereafter, was able to express his life, love and longings in beautiful poetry. He was named the first West Virginia Poet Laureate by Governor Howard Gore in 1927. He published two books, “The Quick Years” (1926) and “Crown and Cross” (1951); the last being lost to the ages.

Karl suffered the gradual loss of all his

loving family and friends and died alone and penniless on December 4, 1951. He is buried in the IOOF Potters Field in Elkins and the exact placement of his body is unknown.

Appearing on stage to present Karl’s story and read his poetry are two very talented award winning journalists, Cindy Karelis and Tom Yocum.

Cindy Karelis is a lifelong West Virginia resident who currently resides in the Tygart Valley area. While obtaining her Masters in Public History at West Virginia University, she stumbled upon the very neglected presence of Karl Dewey Myers in the archived records housed at the West Virginia & Regional History Center.

Building on her abilities as a writer – and buoyed by winning a First Place Editorial Contest as a correspondent for the “Cumberland Times News” and the publishing of her story about Myers in “Goldenseal” – she hopes to write a book detailing the talented bard’s little-known legacy and restore him to that place of distinction he so richly deserves.

Tom Yocum resides in Canaan Valley and is the founder and editor of a new newspaper in town, “The Tucker County Observer”. The “Observer” is a free monthly back-to-basics community newspaper. Tom describes his paper, which is a member of the Tiny News Collective, as “a way to give everyone the opportunity to create relevant, accurate and culturally

conscious local news and information, and where everyone can more fully engage in civic life, make more informed decisions, and better understand the world around them”. People in Tucker are loving this publication.

Tom is remembered for his excellent portrayal of Ab Crossland in last year’s production of “Moonshine Memories”. We look forward to hearing Tom bring Karl’s

poetry to the stage and reading it as he believes Karl would have read it.

A reception will follow with light refreshments to give the audience a chance to visit with Cindy and Tom. Members of the Historical Society will be available to talk to you about the Society, and members of the Davis Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) will be on hand also. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bill Peterson is New Canaan Heights Weather Observer

By Dave Leshner

William “Bill” Peterson of Canaan Heights has been appointed by the National Weather Service as a new member of its Cooperative Weather Observer Program. Bill’s responsibility is to report the daily high and low temperatures, precipitation, snowfall and snow depth each day at his home in Canaan Heights. He took over from the previous Canaan Heights weather observer who retired in 2023 after 21 years of service. Bill uses high quality weather instruments installed by the Weather Service to obtain the data he sends to the Weather Service each morning via the internet.

The National Weather Service Cooperative Weather Observer Program is a network

of daily weather observations taken by more than 8,500 volunteers across the United States. The program began more than a century ago and is vital to understanding the U.S. climate, and providing near real-time information that supports forecasts, warnings and alerts, and other public service programs.

Bill’s interest in weather and climate makes it important to him to give the attention to detail and dependability required for doing that volunteer work every day. What’s more, he has also set up a website where anyone can see his daily snowfall report plus all monthly and winter snowfall totals since the original weather station was established in 2002. As a community service, the link to that ad-free site is <https://snowgallery.com/pages/canaan-snowfall>.

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Pickleball

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tennis, badminton and ping pong,” Fridley said. “So all of those are played on a hard top. That’s why when we saw the tennis court in the shape it was, we thought this would be the perfect place for it.”

Fridley said the sport appeals to all generations with today’s players averaging in age from 18 to 44, but pre-covid players aging 50 to 65. “The primary appeal of this sport, is that it comes from an inclusivity of all players,” Fridley said. “So, the average range of player right now, as of today, is 18 to 44. But before Covid, it was 50 to 65.”

According to Fridley the game is easy to learn. “Its easy to pickup,” Fridley said. “A lot of people can just meet up and play all ages.”

Fridley said that the City would benefit financially from future tournaments the Pickleball Courts could host. “From boosting small businesses to driving tourism, the sport is an economic force right now,” Fridley said. “Communities that are hosting Pickleball tournaments are

seeing a huge surge in visitors, which is leading to more restaurants having businesses, hotels, all sorts of things.”

Humphrey said that under their plan, the existing 20 by 60 tennis court could be divided into four pickleball courts. “We have one 20 by 60 court down there right now,” Humphrey said. “That could be broken up into four different courts... there’s enough for four courts there with an eight foot spacing between each court.”

Under the plan outlined by Humphrey and Fridley, the total cost would be between \$12,000 and \$17,000 to renovate and install the courts, according to Humphrey. “So, ours being in the condition its in, it might be a little bit more expensive, but from I’ve found online, the average cost is 55 cents to \$1.50 per square foot,” Humphrey said. “We have 7200 square foot. That comes out to about \$10,800. You’re nets are about \$500 a piece for your really nice ones. You can get cheaper ones for \$150 a piece, but all in you’re looking at between \$12,000 to

\$17,000.”

Council Member Tim Turner said that during the Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the Board had discussed the issue of pickleball courts, but were not aware of Humphrey and Fridley’s plans. Humphrey said that resident Judy Pitzer had been working on procuring grant funding for the project, as well, but was unable to attend the meeting. “We did talk about it in our Park Board meeting,” Turner said. “We did not know that Judy was working in the background to try to secure money from Tucker County Endowment.”

Turner also said that he was aware of talks between Pitzer and a former Park Board member about available funding for the project. “I’ve talked to Skylar some about it,” Turner said. “We didn’t know if its too late in this season to get it done.”

Humphrey said should the courts be approved and built, he would be willing to host a tournament. “I truly think this is a realistic goal that would bring a lot

to this area,” Humphrey said. “If it happens, I’m willing to host a tournament. Between her and I, I’m sure we can get some contacts down here.”

The Council agreed to help find grant funding for the project and connect Humphreys and his associates with possible grant opportunities to check into. Humphrey said that donations were also welcome for the project, as well.

Turner said the goal would be to complete the courts in spring using Harman funds to complete the project. “I think if our goal could be to get this work done in early spring, we would be able to see if we would be able to get some leverage from Harman funds early to help with it,” Turner said. “So, we do have that option.”

Turner said that the money should be able to be available for the project. “I think we can probably get the money pulled together,” Turner said. “It is just getting the contacts of people that can resurface it.”

Council Votes

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answer I give is copied onto Mr. Simmons. Communications pivot is sitting right there. What he forwards you and doesn’t forward you is between you and him. He works for you, of course.”

Rosenau said he didn’t believe it had anything to do with City Manager Michael Simmons, only that he had not received any emails from the City at all since coming to office. “I don’t think it has anything to do with Mr. Simmons,” Rosenau said. “Since I’ve been on Council, I haven’t been forwarded anything whatsoever.”

City Recorder Rick Lemons also opposed the measure. Lemons said he agreed with Jones that the measure would essentially revoke the entire Council’s ability to contact the City Attorney. “I can say one thing, I do agree with Missy that this motion, you’re going to basically, you’re going to be revoking your own privilege to talk to the attorney also,” Lemons said.

Council Member Tim Turner clarified his motion by stating that when hired, Stranko said he would only accept calls from designated representatives. “Let me just say this and this is why I put this on there in addition to clarifying what is going on is when we first hired you, Mr. Stranko you said you were not going to accept calls from everyone,” Turner said. “And so we voted to give, at the time the Mayor and Aggie, whatever she was, permission to speak on our behalf. That’s what you said and that’s what we did.”

Stranko said that he initially set up the system because he thought the Parsons City Council operated like other Councils he was used to dealing with. Stranko also referenced the unusual interpersonal dynamics in the group as a mitigating factor in the change in how he accepts calls and interacts with the council. “The reason I said that, let me answer this,” Stranko said. “The reason I said that was I assumed that we had a council that was functioning the way I am used to councils functioning in regards to interpersonal relationships and communications. When I discovered that wasn’t what was happening, then I invited and have taken

multiple calls and emails from individual Councilors and the Mayor.”

Jones said she has relied on Stranko to counsel and advise her on personnel matters prior to the hiring of Simmons as City Manager and she still relies on Stranko on matters that both she and Simmons do not have answers for. “And I have to say being the Chair for the Personnel Committee, I rely on him to answer personnel questions for me,” Jones said. “When something comes up that Mike doesn’t have the answer to and I don’t have the answer to, this is the man I fall to. And if you take the privilege away from the Mayor or anyone else, that’s going to have to set with all of Council and that’s going to have to set with all the Chairs.”

Rosenau said that he felt that there should be one point of contact with the attorney and that point of contact should be the City Manager. “All I’m saying is, Mr. Stranko when he was hired, had Aggie and the Mayor,” Rosenau said. “So if you’re doing your Personnel, whatever, and I’m doing my Streets or anything and I have a question, instead of bombarding him with whatever, I can just say, ‘Hey, Mike,’ and then Mike can contact the lawyer and then copy us all back in and make him responsible and hold him responsible for all of our communications.”

Stranko said he likes to think that he helps the individual Committee Chairs and the Mayor complete their jobs and help Parsons succeed. “I like to think that I help the Mayor and individual councilors do their jobs,” Stranko said. “When the Wastewater Chair calls we, we talk about sewer business, we talk about water business. When Missy calls me, we talk about Personnel. I am trying to help you all. And I want to help the Mayor, too. There is nothing that I do for the Mayor that is not focused on helping this group do better and ultimately Parsons do better.”

Stranko said he did not ask for the motion or the guidance and insisted that if the motion passed that he would continue to speak with the Mayor. “I don’t need this guidance,” Stranko said. “I don’t want this guidance. If you choose to enact it, I’m still

going to talk to the Mayor. And if you feel that you need to fire me because I am not following your guidance, you’re welcome to do that, too.”

Jones said that there was never an issue of anyone trying to interfere with the City Manager and City Attorney communicating. “The thing is, since Mike has come on, he has been in contact with Stranko,” Jones said. “Its not that no one has told him or Mike that they could not communicate and I know that is like the next agenda item or whatever, that’s already taken in affect. So the agenda item should not even be on there.”

Following the vote, Mayor Kolsun said, “I’m part of Council. This is ridiculous. Its a

pick on. Its a target. Its a target.”

Kolsun said he felt he was being silenced. “You just put a silence on me,” Kolsun said. “You just said I’m not allowed to talk. Would you want that silence on you?”

The motion by Turner was initially in a stalemate vote with Turner and Rosenau voting for and Jones and Lemons against. Council Member Sam Humphrey was undecided. Council Member Kathy DiBacco was absent. Following additional, explanation, debate and discussion, Humphrey broke the stalemate with a vote in a roll call vote on the measure that would remove Mayor Kolsun’s ability to speak to the City Attorney on City matters.

Tucker County FFA



Members in attendance were Matthew Stoner, Braxton Smith, Ivan Lothes, Makenna Evans, and Emily Snyder.

Tucker FFA competed in the Eastern Regional Large Tractor and Zero-Turn competition on September 19th. Five members of the chapter traveled with their advisor, Paul Pennington, to Moorefield High School. The large tractor contest included four parts. Each scored separately: a written test on general knowledge of tractor engines; safety and operational skills; a tool/tractor part ID; a two-wheel driving skill and a

four-wheel driving skill. The zero-turn tractor also included the written test with the addition of a problem-solving component, tools and parts ID, and the driving portion. Ivan Lothes brought home first place in the large tractor division, with Matthew Stoner bringing home the third-place position. Both will be eligible to compete at the state level in July of 2025 at Cedar Lakes Convention Center, in Ripley, WV.

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Jared Reall cuts off of Keelyn Eichelberger's block.



Garrett Wilfong elevates above the defender for the reception.



Reid Kisamore and Marky Phillips combine to make a tackle on the Titan ball carrier.

By: Adam Freeman

On a rainy evening in Parsons, the Mt. Lions would take on the Titans of Gilmer County in a homecoming match. Tucker would start the game off right with Josh Crossland blocking a punt on the Titans' opening possession. The defensive effort was rewarded with a 3-yard touchdown run by Jared Reall. The point after was good making the score 8-0 in favor of the Mt. Lions. Tucker's defense would again stand tall on their next possession, as Reall would take it in for the score, this time on a 3-yard pass from quarterback, Sam Marks. The Mt. Lions would again get on the board fast to start the second quarter on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Marks to receiver, Luke Barb. The two-point attempt was unsuccessful, and the score was 20

-0 in favor of the Mt. Lions. Tucker's defense would continue their shut out and give its offense another chance to score. Running back, Jared Reall, would exploit the opportunity, adding a 10-yard touchdown run, with the two-point attempt being successful, making the score 28 - 0 midway through the second quarter. The Mt. Lions would add more points before the half as Sam Marks connected with receiver, Garrett Wilfong, on a 36-yard touchdown reception. The point after was accomplished making the score 36 - 0 heading into the half. Tucker would start the third, the way they finished the second, with a 2-yard touchdown run by Reall, however, the two-point try was no good and the score was 42 - 0. Tucker would continue to keep the Titans out of the end zone and would find it them-

selves one final time on a 34-yard touchdown run by Reall. Neither team would find the goal line in the fourth making the final score 50 -0 in favor of the Tucker County Mt. Lions. Running back, Jared Reall, would finish the night with 15 carries, 173 yards, four rushing touchdowns, and one receiving. Quarterback, Sam Marks tallied 11 of 16 passing for 141 yards and three touchdowns. Garrett Wilfong ended the night with four catches for 69 yards and one touchdown. Tucker's defense remains stellar as they have only allowed two scores through their four games, The Mt. Lions continue to stay unbeaten with a current 4-0 record. Tucker will travel to Webster County Friday to take on the ranked and unbeaten Highlanders. Kickoff is set for 7 PM.

Wildcats Whip Bulldogs 34-0



Wildcats Offense waits for the call from the sideline. (PC: Brittany Channell)



Sawyer Fansler fights off a tackle. (PC: Angie Teter)



Titus Bowley takes the end around and looks for a running lane. (PC: Brittany Channell)



Johnathan Tuttle springs a run after a block from Sawyer Fansler. (PC: Angie Teter)

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker Valley Wildcats played host to the visiting Bulldogs of Tygarts Valley last Thursday. The Wildcats would force the Bulldogs on a four and out on the opening possession of the game and answer it with a 37-yard touchdown run by Branson Hyre with the two-point conversion added by Jonathan Tuttle, pushing the Wildcats out to a 8-0 lead. The Bulldogs would fail to reach the end zone in the first quarter, and the score remained the same going into the second. Tucker Valley would again find the goal line on a 3-yard run by Hyre. The conversion was no good, making the score 14-0 going into half. The Wildcats got the ball to start the second half, drove down the field, and capped it off on another 2-yard touchdown by Hyre. The conversion was added by Titus Bowley, making the score 22-0. The Wildcats defense continued its dominance allowing less than 20 yards of total offense for the Bulldogs, compiling five sacks and eight tackles for loss on the evening. The Wildcats would get the ball to start the fourth and the drive

was capped off with an 11-yard touchdown pass from quarterback, Braylon Simmons, to wing back, Jonathan Tuttle. The two-point try came up short and the score stood at 28-0. Tucker Valley's defense would come up big one more time with a 55-yard pick six interception for a touchdown by Tuttle. That play proved to be the final score in the contest at 34-0 in favor of the Wildcats. Quarterback, Branson Hyre, finished the night with 11 carries, 110 yards, and three touchdowns. Jonathan Tuttle added six carries for 74 yards and one receiving touchdown, and wing back, Titus Bowley added over 85 yards of total offense. Tucker Valley will travel to Webster County Thursday night to take on the Highlanders with kick off set for 6:30 PM.

Mountain Lions JV down 'Cats 44-0

By: Adam Freeman

On Monday night in Parsons, the JV Mt. Lions took on the visiting Wildcats of Pendleton County. Tucker would get on the board first with just over a minute to play in the first quarter on a 7-yard touchdown run by running back, Cade Rapp. Quarterback, Luke Barb, would add the conversion on a two-point scramble making the lead 8 - 0. Junior corner, Mikey Mitchell, would intercept the pass on the following possession, giving the Mt. Lions the ball in plus territory to start the drive. On the following play running back, Braxton George, would take the ball up the middle for a 45-yard touchdown run. Mitchell would scamper in from the quarterback position to add the two-point conversion making the score 16 - 0. Pendleton would turn the ball over on downs on the following possession, giving Tucker the ball at their opponent's 44-yard line. The Mt. Lions would fail to make any headway on the drive turning the ball back over to Pendleton County. The Wildcats would again fail to muster any offense and were forced to punt the ball back to the Mt. Lions. Tucker would again make their opponents pay as Braxton George gashed the defense for a 51-yard touchdown run. The two-point attempt was no good, making the score 22 - 0. Pendleton's luck would not change as two plays later freshman corner, Evan Hexom, would intercept a pass and take it all the way down to the Wildcat 24-yard line. The Mt.



Receiver, Brock Hovatter, hauls in the reception.

Lions would capitalize on the turnover as Mitchell connected with receiver, Brock Hovatter, for a 20-yard touchdown pass. Mitchell would take in the two-point conversion making the score 30 - 0 entering the half.

The game would remain 30 - 0 until Tucker would again score on a 4-yard touchdown scramble by Luke Barb. The two-point attempt was denied by the Wildcats, making the score 36 - 0 with under two minutes to go in the third quarter. Mt. Lions would hold Pendleton on its next possession and answer with a 44-yard touchdown pass from Luke Barb to sophomore receiver, Cayden Arnold, just before the end of the third. Barb added the conversion making the score 44 - 0. Neither team would score in the fourth and that would ultimately be the final.



Front row left to right: Zayna Goosby, Everley Evans, Alea Miller, Lily Bland, Aryanna Neville, Elizabeth Delsignore, Shaylah Wolfe Back Row Left to right: Peyton Shaffer, Shaylea Wolfe, Jacey Helmick, Lily Henline, Morgan Simmons, Harper Witt, Brooklyn Ketterman, Nettie Nelson

Davis Thomas Volleyball Takes on Kasson & Terra Alta

By: Adam Freeman

Davis Thomas played Monday, September 16th at home. JV played three exciting sets, unfortunately, ending the last set, 25-27 losing. Varsity also played three sets, losing another close one with the final set 22-25. Later in the

week the Bears hosted East Preston on Thursday, both JV & Varsity losing in 2 sets.

DT plays in a Tri-Match facing Paw-Paw and Union on Monday, September 23rd. They don't hit the floor again until October 2nd, at home.

Tucker County Cross Country Competes at Two Invitationals



Addie Moats, Lynk Suesli, and Alex Collar pose with well-earned hardware.

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker's Cross Country Team had two boys in the top five at the South Harrison Invitational last Tuesday. Alex Collar led the Lions with a time of 17:49 giving him 3rd while Lynk Suesli was on his heels coming in 4th at 17:55. Allen Collar's time was 21:36, Nate Ricottilli crossed at 21:53. William Gilligan with 22 flat and Ryan Scott finished with a time of 23:21 giving the Mt. Lions a score of 88, placing the team 5th. East Fairmont went home with the win scoring 44 points. The Lady Lions also took home a medal on Addi Moat's neck with a time of 24:25. She placed 7th overall. Lilly Collar ran a 32:47. Adrianna Tuttle completed the race in 42:26,



Nate Ricottilli looks to make gain on the incline.

along with Kaydence Rosier finishing at 44:13.

On Saturday, September 21, four of the seven Mt. Lions finished the Bearcat Invitational in the 18 minute mark. Suesli 18:02, Alex Collar 18:05, Cameron Judy 18:25 and Ricottilli getting his PR with a 18:59. Allen Collar was next to cross for the Lions at 22:42. Gilligan finished with a 22:47 and Scott completed the run with a time 23:31. There were 125 boys that crossed the finish line that day. Moats had a time of 24:23, for the Lady Lions. L. Collar ran at 34:38. Tuttle's time at 43:24 and finishing with a 44:33 was Kaydence Rosier.

TC Golf Wraps Up Regular Season

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County Mt. Lions Golf Team wrapped up its regular season this past week with matches on Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday's match was at home at Canaan Valley with five other schools competing in the match. This match was senior night for lone senior golfer, Braden Grey. Grey is a second-year member of the team and has been a consistent finisher throughout the season. Tucker would not win the match, however, golfer, Nate

Davis, would finish as sixth overall individually. On Thursday, Tucker traveled to Petersburg's home course at Valleyview Golf Club. Tucker would take home third place as a team and sophomore, Andrew Simmons, would shoot a team low score of 42 placing him seventh overall individually. Tucker will participate in the PVC Tournament this week at Canaan Valley Golf Course. Next Monday, they will begin regional play, also at Canaan Valley.

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