

**Photo of Blackwater Falls at Blackwater Falls State Park. Courtesy of Rock and Lydia Savage.**

# Blackwater Canyon Becomes Publicly Owned

**By: Lydia Crawley**  
*The Parsons Advocate*

After a 25 year campaign, the Blackwater Canyon has become a publicly owned natural and recreation resource, according to Judy Rodd, Director of Friends of the Blackwater. The transfer took place on Monday, December 30th, according to Rodd.

In a statement on the transfer, the Friends of the Blackwater said that the 10,000 acre canyon, including Blackwater Falls State Park, is home to dozens of rare plant and animal species and is “an outdoor recreational centerpiece for the West Virginia Highlands economy.” The statement goes on later to describe the Blackwater Canyon as “West Virginia’s Scenic Crown Jewel” as described by the late Senator Robert C. Byrd, who called for its full protection, according to the statement.

An agreement was forged by U.S. Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia between the U.S. Forest Service and the John Crites Family for the transfer of over 2,700 acres of privately owned forest land and river corridor in the Canyon to the Monongahela National Forest, according to the statement. Manchin was backed by Senator Shelley Moore Capito on the matter. "This agreement ensures that future

generations will enjoy its breathtaking beauty and ecological richness," the statement reads.

Former West Virginia Governor Cecil Underwood acquired 450 acres in the Blackwater Canyon for public ownership, according to the statement. These acres, the statement said, included the iconic Lindy Point overlook that is featured prominently in tourism brochures. Former West Virginia Governor Bob Wise added 500 acres to Blackwater Falls State Park, the statement said.

Rodd and Friends of the Blackwater expressed their gratitude to the Senators in their statement. "We all owe an immense debt of gratitude especially to Senator Manchin for his leadership in championing this cause, and to Senator Shelley Moore Capito for her support," the statement reads.

“This is a victory for the people of West Virginia – and our many friends around the nation – who have supported this campaign, and who treasure the Mountain State’s natural beauty,” Rodd said. “Friends of the Blackwater remains committed to supporting ongoing conservation efforts and ensuring that Blackwater Canyon thrives as a haven for recreation, biodiversity, heritage tourism and inspiration.”

## ***New Players Announced in Landfill Gas Project***

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New players have been announced for the Renewable Natural Gas project at the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Landfill. Authority Presiding Chair Mark Holstine made the announcement during the Authority's December meeting December 18th at the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority Office on Landfill Road.

Just prior to the meeting, Holstine met with a representative from one of the two new companies attached to the project, Holstine said. A representative Holstine said was named Zach from Avolta discussed his company's role in the upcoming natural gas project. "You all saw Renewable Natural Gas show up with Zach from Avolta," Holstine said. "This is where it gets complicated. Over the last month, basically, Renewable Natural Gas has contracted some of this out to first Nacelle, then to Avolta."

Holstine said that Avolta will be the first point of contact on the project and the main owner onsite. “The way this is going to work, is Avolta is going to be your owner of your project onsite,” Holstine said.

The second company attached to the project, Nacelle, Holstine said, is slated to provide equipment for the project out of Charleston. “Nacelle will be another company. They’re out of Charleston that will provide equipment to the site for our Renewable Natural Gas Project,” Holstine said.

Holstine described the process of brokering the deal to the board. According to Holstine, Renewable Natural Gas acted as brokers who worked on the project from brokering a deal and design phase then brought in other contractors to complete the

work which is where Avolta and Nacelle come into play. "So as I had probably anticipated, Jeffery Craig with RNG represents investors who put out the initial capital for the project," Holstine said. "Then they get the project started in design. Then they take that design and broker it out to a contractor who wants to buy in. And the result is, Avolta will be who we deal with onsite. They're going to build it. They're going to operate it. They're going to get most of their equipment from Nacelle, which is another company out of Charleston."

Holstine said he had done extensive research on the process, as had his counsel and he was aware that this was coming from some of the documents he had previously signed. "I've done research on this," Holstine said. "My counsel has done research on this. There has been documents that I have signed relaying some of that responsibility over to Avolta and Nacelle. All of its clean for now. Its not uncommon."

According to Holstine he had also suspected that there would be other players later in the process since he had only dealt with Jeffery Craig in the past. "I'd anticipated it because with Jeffery never seen anybody else," Holstine said. "We'd talked to one other person on the phone with Jeffery, but its mainly just been him. So now we know how this is really going to work."

In his meeting with Zach from Avolta, Holstine said he “run him through the ringer a little bit ago” on the project. Holstine said he felt that Zach was forthcoming with his answers and would be a solid partner moving forward. “I run him through the ringer a little bit ago,” Holstine said. “So how’s this working and they came clean with it all.”

According to Holstine, Zach is from Morgantown and is excited about the project and

# *WV Dept Of Health Warn of Health Risks From Cold*



### Bad Weather: Stock photo



**Snow: Stock Photo**

**Wood Stove:** Wood stoves such as the one pictured are a popular way to drive away the winter cold, but the Department of Health cautions that any combustion heat source be well ventilated and well maintained.



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The West Virginia Department of Health has issued concerns to residents ahead of the incoming cold snap to prepare for the dangerous cold ahead. The Department has stated that prolonged exposure to the cold can cause such serious health issues as hypothermia and frostbite, which can result in severe injury or death.

Dr. Sherri Young, DO, MBA, FAFB, Secretary of the Department of Health was quoted in a statement by the Department of Health as saying, “Its essential that all West Virginians take the necessary precautions to stay safe during this period of freezing temperatures. Temperatures this low, combined with wind chill, can cause frostbite in less than 30 minutes. Protecting yourself, your family, and even pets is vital during these extreme conditions.”

Hypothermia, according to the Department, occurs when the body's temperature falls below 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Individuals should look for such warning signs as uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, confusion and drowsiness. Children should avoid playing outdoors in these conditions and pets should be brought inside to ensure their safety, the Department says.

Frostbite, the Department says, affects the extremities primarily such as fingers, toes, earlobes and the tip of the nose. Protective clothing such as hats, gloves and insulated footwear is essential for prevention, the Department recommends.

Communities across the State are opening warming shelters, the Department reports. “Residents without adequate heating sources are encouraged to contact their local Emergency Manager or health department for information on the nearest shelter or warming station,” the Department says.

the prospect of having a West Virginia based project. "The guy that was here, Zach, he's from Morgantown and is excited to get this project started because a lot of their projects are from out of state," Holstine said. "So he's excited to have a project right here in his own backyard."

Holstine said he feels the board should take advantage of the publicity opportunities this project will provide once it is operational. According to Holstine, there is no other landfill in the State doing a project like this and the TCSWA should take advantage of its position as a leader in landfill gas management. "This is a project that I have already questioned him on that we should take advantage of publicity wise once it gets going," Holstine said. "There's no other

These shelters are also being added to West Virginia 211, according to the Department. Those in need of assistance should visit [wv211.org](http://wv211.org) or call 211 for information on nearby shelters and resources.

Space heaters are also a popular way to stay warm during this cold weather. However, they do come with risks, the Department says, especially when not utilized properly. The Department recommends keeping space heaters at least three feet from flammable objects such as furniture, bedding and curtains and never leave a space heating unattended while it is running, as well as turning the unit off when leaving the room or going to sleep. The Department also recommends plugging the units directly into a wall outlet and not into extension cords or power strips to prevent overheating and fire risks. Gas powered units should be well ventilated to avoid carbon monoxide buildup, the Department says.

The improper use of space heaters can lead to such dangers as fire and carbon monoxide poisoning, as well as electrical overload, the Department says. Space heaters are a leading cause of house fires during the winter, the Department reports. "Fuel-burning heaters can also produce dangerous carbon monoxide levels if ventilation is inadequate," the Department says.

The Department recommends utilizing layers of clothing and blankets to retain body heat and limiting the time spent outdoors, as well as limiting outdoor activities and cover exposed skin when going outside. Other recommendations include monitoring updates from local authorities and preparing emergency supplies, including food, water and flashlights, in case of power outages.

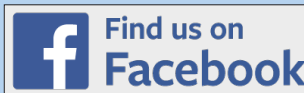
“Stay safe, stay warm, and check on your neighbors during this extreme weather event,” Dr. Young said.

landfill doing anything quite like we are getting ready to do. So I think we should use that as positive publicity for this board in this area in kind of taking the lead in managing their landfill gas. Big cudos to us I think for bringing this along and I think it is something you can be proud of."

Holstine did say, however, that the introduction of the new companies into the mix has delayed the timeline for the project. According to Holstine, the board should not expect any work on the project to commence onsite for at least 12 to 18 months. “However, the new players and all have slowed it down a bit,” Holstine said. “So you’re probably still looking at 12 to 18 months before you see any real dirt flying anywhere up here. But its going to be worth it for sure.”



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# News of Record

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

- Morgan Lynn Parsons:** was charged with one count of Domestic Battery. According to the complaint, on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024 at approximately 1:30 p.m. Deputy B.M. Gidley received a walk-in complaint at the Sheriff's Office. The complainant was Marshall Parsons. Gidley and Chief Deputy Sigley spoke with the victim about what happened. He stated that he and a friend went back to Morgan Parsons' house to return the tags off his truck, He advised he went in and gave them to Morgan Parsons and she started to cuss him and then proceeded to punch him in the arms and face. He did push her away and told her, "Not to punch him in the face." Morgan then went to leave and the doorknob came off and Morgan threw it at Marshall hitting his pinky finger and breaking it he stated. The officers did observe marks on the victim's face below the left eye. At this time Marshall wanted to make a report and not pursue it further.
- On Monday, Dec. 16, 2024, Marshall was arrested for a warrant regarding the offense that occurred on that date. Marshall informed officers that after he got out, he would like to provide a statement and press charges.
- On Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024 Deputy B.M. Gidley met with Marshall at the Sheriff's Office and obtained a

handwritten and signed statement from him.

- On Friday, Dec. 20, 2024 Gidley met with the witness at the Sheriff's Office and obtained a handwritten and signed statement from him.
- In summary, on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024 around 1 p.m. he and Marshall went to Morgan's house after coming from the DMV in Elkins. He stood in the doorway while Marshall and Morgan talked in the garage area. He then say Morgan swing and hit Marshall in the arm then she swung again hitting Marshall in the face below the left eye. Marshall did push her back and told her not to be hitting him in the face. Morgan went to leave and the doorknob fell off in her hand and she then threw it hitting Marshall in the pinky. He and Marshall then left the house and came to the Sheriff's Office to make a note of what happened.
- Luke James Bennett:** Was charged with one count Aggravated DUI and one count Underage Consumption. The complaint states that on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 at approximately 3 a.m. Trooper R.S. Musgrave was dispatched to a single vehicle accident in the Canaan area. He was advised the vehicle was stuck and the driver was slouched over, unresponsive with his foot still pressed to the accelerator.
- At approximately 3:35 a.m. Musgrave arrived on scene and observed a white Ford over a small embankment

stuck in the ditch. Upon further investigation Musgrave acknowledged the odor of alcoholic beverages. At this time, he observed multiple open alcoholic beers within the vehicle along with multiple alcoholic beverages on the ground just outside the vehicle.

- Musgrave attempted to speak with the driver who was located in the ambulance. During contact he did notice the odor of alcohol emanating off the driver's person. He was able to obtain name and date of birth from the male. The WVSP Communications was able to obtain the males WVOLN and he was identified as Luke Bennett. He is under the legal age of 21 years old.
- Bennett was transported by EMS to Davis Medical Center in Elkins. Musgrave also traveled to this location and was able to obtain Disclosure of Health Information which was signed by Bennett. His blood was collected by the medical staff and was sent to their lab. Upon obtaining the results, they showed Bennett's BAC level at a .213.
- These crimes occurred in Tucker County and all suspects are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- CEPROPERTIES LLC, Lot 18, Dry Fork District, Lot 18 Canaan Vistas to Canaan Valley Retreat LLC, \$590,000.

# West Virginia First Foundation Unveils New Brand Identity New Year, New Brand: A Fresh Start for Hope and Recovery in West Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA (January 2, 2025) – West Virginia First Foundation (WVFF) is proud to announce the launch of its new brand identity - the ButterFFly - a powerful symbol of its commitment to hope and recovery for all West Virginians.

At the heart of the new brand is a redesigned logo that reflects WVFF's mission, vision, and guiding principles. The logo features a monarch butterfly, West Virginia's state butterfly, symbolizing transformation, resilience, and renewal. The butterfly's wings are designed to subtly form the shape of two "F's" for First Foundation, reinforcing the organization's identity.

Traditionally orange, the monarch butterfly in the WVFF logo has been reimagined in purple, with the purple gradually overtaking the orange. Purple is the designated color for overdose and recovery awareness, making it a fitting choice to represent WVFF's focus on healing and hope.

"As the orange of the monarch gives way to purple, it mirrors the transformation we envision for West Virginia: a journey of healing, renewal, and progress," said Jonathan Board, Executive Director of West Virginia First Foundation. "This brand

is more than just a logo; it tells a story of strength, resilience, and hope, while serving as a repository of wisdom for West Virginia—honoring where we've been and laying the foundation for a healthier, stronger future."

The Foundation's new tagline, "Transforming Lives, Inspiring Hope," captures the essence of its mission. It represents the hope WVFF offers today and the lasting change it is working to create for future generations. Just as the butterfly undergoes a metamorphosis, WVFF fosters transformation in the lives of individuals and families, laying the foundation for a stronger, more resilient West Virginia.

"This new brand finally gives us a flag to rally around, a symbol we can carry as we work together to address one of the greatest challenges our state has ever faced," said Matthew Harvey, Chairman of the Board. "With the monarch butterfly at its core, our branding represents the resilience and transformation that define our mission and our people."

The power of WVFF's new brand lies in its ability to convey an effective, unified message through compelling storytelling. This branding will amplify the Foundation's voice and help it connect with West


Virginians in a meaningful, enduring way. Over the next several weeks, WVFF's new branding will begin to roll out across its social media platforms, website, and other communications channels.

For more information, visit [wvfirst.org](http://wvfirst.org).

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TURNER'S TIDBITS



Belated Christmas and New Years wishes for all. I apologize for not having an article submitted but we were out of town. This photo was taken in January of 2004. Most people will relate to hauling in firewood to keep the home fires burning. In the summer, the logs had been hauled in, cut into sections, split and stacked awaiting to be hauled to the woodshed. I don't think there is any warmer heat than wood heat. I saw a mantra not long ago that read: one who gets in his own firewood, heats himself twice. Ideas, comments, suggestions or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

# Eastern recognizes Tucker County students for fall semester honors

Multiple Tucker County residents achieved academic honors during the Fall 2024 semester at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

Earning President's List honors, which requires completing 12 or more credit hours this fall with a 4.0 grade point average, was county resident Abbigail Jenkins.

Dean's List recipients, earned for completing 9 or more credit hours this fall with at least a 3.5 grade point average, were Jeanna-Lee Boyles, and Amber Price.

Merit List recipients, which requires completing 6 or more credit hours this fall with a 3.25 grade point aver-

age, were county residents Hunter Bohon, Bailey Cale, Moira Callaway, Alyssia Carr, Malia Cussins, Adelaide McCann, Ava Shaffer, and Sarah Spencer.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, based in Moorefield, serves six rural counties in West Virginia's Potomac Highlands by offering affordable academic programs, including five online degrees, early enrollment courses for high school students, and a variety of flexible workforce trainings. Eastern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. For more information, visit [easternwv.edu](http://easternwv.edu) or call 304-434-8000.

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# OBITUARIES

## Betty Jane Henline Moran

Betty Jane Henline Moran, age 87 years, a resident of Hambleton, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at her home.

She was born Sunday, May 2, 1937, at Leadmine, WV, a daughter of the late Gilbert and Ina Evans Henline. On December 18, 1953, at Red House, MD, she was married to Melvin Moran, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Bruce Moran of Hambleton, Steven Moran and wife Suzan of Elkins, and Michael Moran of Parsons; two daughters, Judith Persutti of Hard-e-e-ville, SC, and Donna Hebb of Hendricks; special chosen son, Charles Schadewald of the Moore Community; son in law, Lanny Heckler of Hambleton; several grandchildren and several great grandchildren; and beloved cat,



Benjamin.

Preceding her in death are two daughters, Sandra Lee Moran and Tina Heckler; and two, brothers, Charles Raymond Henline and Irvin Henline.

She attended the schools at Tucker County. She worked at the former Tucker County Hospital and retired in 1999 from Cortland Acres. She was a lifetime member of the Leadmine Community Church. She was a

great pillar of faith who prayed for and supported many friends and family throughout the years with her love and prayers. Betty enjoyed crochet, and in the summertime, working on her flowerpots and in her flower beds.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Thursday, from 4 PM Until 6 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Friday, January 3, 2025, at 11 AM. Pastor Chopper Evans will officiate and interment will follow at the Texas Cemetery on Hogback Mountain, Preston Co., WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Betty Jane Henline Moran. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).

## Edward M. Sedmock

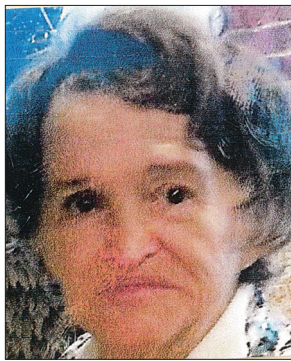


Age 96 died Monday, November 11, 2024, following a brief illness. Born in Thomas, WV and lived in Canton most of his adult life. He was a graduate of Fairmont State University and served in the U.S. Air Force. Ed retired from East Canton High School working as a teacher as well as the head baseball coach and assistant football coach. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Barbara (DiBacco) Sedmock of the home; sons: Mark (Karen) Sedmock of North Canton, Matthew (Donna) Sedmock of Akron, Michael (Christen) Sedmock of

16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, November 15 at 11:00 am in St. Peter Catholic Church with the Very Reverend Dr, David M. Misbrenner as celebrant. The burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Friends called on Thursday evening from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Wackerly Funeral Home. We would like to extend a special, "Thank You" to the staff at Canton Christian Home for all the personal love and care. Donations may be made in his name to St. Peter Catholic Church. Personal condolences are invited online at: [www.wackerlyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wackerlyfuneralhome.com).

North Canton, Patrick (Christy) Sedmock of Uniontown; daughters: Ann (Mike) Looby of Canton, Linda (Mike) Costello of Magnolia, Emma George of North Canton; sister, Mary S. Maguire of Thomas, WV,

## Carol Parsons Wingfield



Carol Parsons Wingfield was born January 21, 1933 to Frances Kalar Parsons and Paul Alton Parsons. She went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 to join her husband, Billy Wingfield in heaven. Carol was a devoted Christian and cherished worshipping the lord. She is survived by her daughters, Pamela Villers (Mike Villers) of Woodstock, GA and Scheryll Richards of Morgantown, WV; two sons, Brian Wingfield (Ruth) of Grand Junction, CO and Kevin Wingfield (Rachel) of Marlinton, WV; granddaughters, Sheena and Melissa Villers of Woodstock, GA, and Vanessa Rich-

ards of Cape Coral, FL; grandsons, Cameron Villers (Amanda) of Atlanta, GA and Garrett Richards (Megan) of Morgantown, WV; great-grandchildren, Logan LeCour, Ayden Villers, Carson and Brody Richards, and Violet Richards. Carol is also survived by her stepsisters, Gail Ross, Joann Criss, Robyn

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## Marilyn Crites Thompson



Marilyn Crites Thompson, age 71 years, a resident of Parsons, WV, departed this life early Sunday morning, December 29, 2024, at her home, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Wednesday, February 18, 1953, at Elkins, WV, a daughter of the late James Crites and Velma Weeks Brown, and stepfather, Jack Brown. On February 22, 1982, at Parsons, WV, she was married to Charles Daniel "Joe" Thompson, who sur-

She graduated from High School in Maryland. She was a nurse assistant and caregiver and was a former employee of Cortland Acres. She enjoyed playing cards, Yahtzee, Uno and poker. She was a very loving wife and friend who will be greatly missed.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Thursday, January 2, 2024, from 11 AM to 1 PM. Cremation will follow. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Marilyn Crites Thompson. Condolences may be expressed at; [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).

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Also surviving are three children, Michael Ends, Angie and Stephanie; two sisters, Joyce Davey and husband John of MD, and Linda Danner and husband Ron of FL; ten grandchildren and several great nieces and nephews.

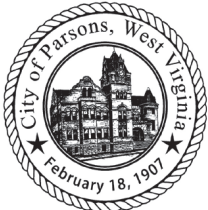
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Friday, April 18, 2025	Thursday, April 17, 2025
Monday, May 26, 2025	Tuesday, May 27, 2025
Wednesday, June 18, 2025	Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Friday, June 20, 2025	Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Friday, July 4, 2025	Thursday, July 3, 2025
Monday, September 1, 2025	Tuesday, September 2, 2025
Monday, October 13, 2025	Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Wednesday, November 26, 2025	Tuesday, November 25, 2025
Friday, November 28, 2025	Wednesday, November 26, 2025
Wednesday, December 24, 2025	Tuesday, December 23, 2025
Wednesday, December 31, 2025	Tuesday, December 30, 2025

**The City of Parsons reserves the right to change this schedule in the event of unforeseen circumstances.**

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# Justice Wooton to Serve as Chief Justice in 2025

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia today announced Justice William R. “Bill” Wooton has been designated to serve as chief justice during 2025.

“I am honored to be selected by my colleagues to serve as chief justice in the coming year and look forward to this opportunity to lead our judicial branch,” Justice Wooton said. “West Virginia is unique in that we rotate our chief justice every year. I believe this helps strengthen our Court by allowing each of the five justices to share in the administrative work of the judicial branch while bringing our own individual perspectives to its leadership.”

Elected in 2020 to a 12-year term which began Jan. 1, 2021, this will be Justice Wooton’s first year serving as chief justice. He succeeds current Chief Justice Tim Armstead, who served as chief justice

in 2020 and 2024.

“I’m proud of what we accomplished in 2024, including our efforts to make magistrate court records more accessible by launching an online search portal as well as the work we began toward clarifying the role of guardians ad litem in abuse and neglect matters,” Chief Justice Armstead said. “I know Justice Wooton will continue our Court’s commitment to transparency and accountability while also strengthening the public’s trust in our court system.”

In addition to Justice Wooton’s chief justice designation for 2025, the Court has also selected Justice Haley Bunn to serve as chief justice in 2026. Justice Bunn will also serve as acting chief justice in 2025 when Chief Justice Wooton is unavailable.

“I’m grateful for this opportunity to serve the people of our state and look forward to working with Chief Justice Wooton throughout 2025,” Justice Bunn said.

# WVU Cancer Institute patients first in state to receive new lung cancer treatment

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – The WVU Cancer Institute has become the first in the state to offer Imdelltra (tarlatamab), a pioneering therapy for patients with extensive-stage small cell lung cancer (ES-SCLC).

Approved by the FDA in May, Imdelltra has shown potential to be a transformative advancement in treating one of the most challenging forms of lung cancer. This targeted therapy is designed to improve outcomes in patients who have tried all other treatment options, offering new possibilities for those with advanced disease. Its introduction at the WVU Cancer Institute reflects the Institute’s mission to provide West Virginians and those from surrounding regions with the highest quality cancer care.

“Imdelltra is a promising step forward in the fight against lung cancer,” Mohamed Almubarak, M.D., section chief of

solid tumors in the Department of Medical Oncology at the WVU Cancer Institute, said. “For patients facing extensive-stage small cell lung cancer, this therapy delivers new hope for improved outcomes and better quality of life.”

Hannah Hazard-Jenkins, M.D., executive chair and director of the WVU Cancer Institute, emphasized the significance of this achievement for the state and region.

“As the state’s premier cancer care provider, we are committed to ensuring that West Virginians have access to the most innovative and effective treatments available,” she said. “The introduction of Imdelltra aligns with our goal of leading cancer care advancements and improving outcomes for all our patients.”

For more information about lung cancer treatments at the WVU Cancer Institute, visit WVUMedicine.org/Cancer.

## LEGAL

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT  
SOLID WASTE PERMITTING UNIT  
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PERMIT MODIFICATION  
WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345  
TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.  
APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF A WEST VIRGINIA SOLID WASTE FACILITY/  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT  
Public Notice No.: SW-23-24      Public Notice Date(s): January 01, 2025  
January 08, 2025

**Paper:** THE PARSONS ADVOCATE  
The following has applied for a Solid Waste Facility / WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit Modification for this facility or activity:  
**Appl. No.:** SWF-8295 / WV0109126  
**Applicant:** Tucker County Solid Waste Authority  
P.O. Box 445  
David, WV 26260  
**Location:** TUCKER COUNTY  
**Latitude:** 39:08:32      **Longitude:** 79:28:20  
**Physical Location:** 0.3 miles northwest of the intersection of Route 32 and Route 93, between Thomas and Davis, Tucker County, West Virginia

**Receiving Stream:** Unnamed tributary of Pendleton Run  
**Activity:** To acquire, install, construct, operate and maintain a storm water management system, Sediment Basin No. 6 (2.768 ac-ft)  
**Business conducted:** Commercial Sanitary Landfill  
**Implementation:** N/A

On the basis of review of the application, the “Solid Waste Management Act (Chapter 22, Article 15, Section 5(b) and 5(c)), the “Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))” and the “West Virginia Legislative Rules,” the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP  
ATTN: Hiral Kukkillaya, Solid Waste Permitting Unit  
601 57th Street SE  
Charleston, WV 25304-2345  
hiral.kukkillaya@wv.gov

The public comment period begins 01/01/2025 and ends 01/30/2025. Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit modification application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the site registration permit application and this facility’s coverage under the General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information.

The application may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.

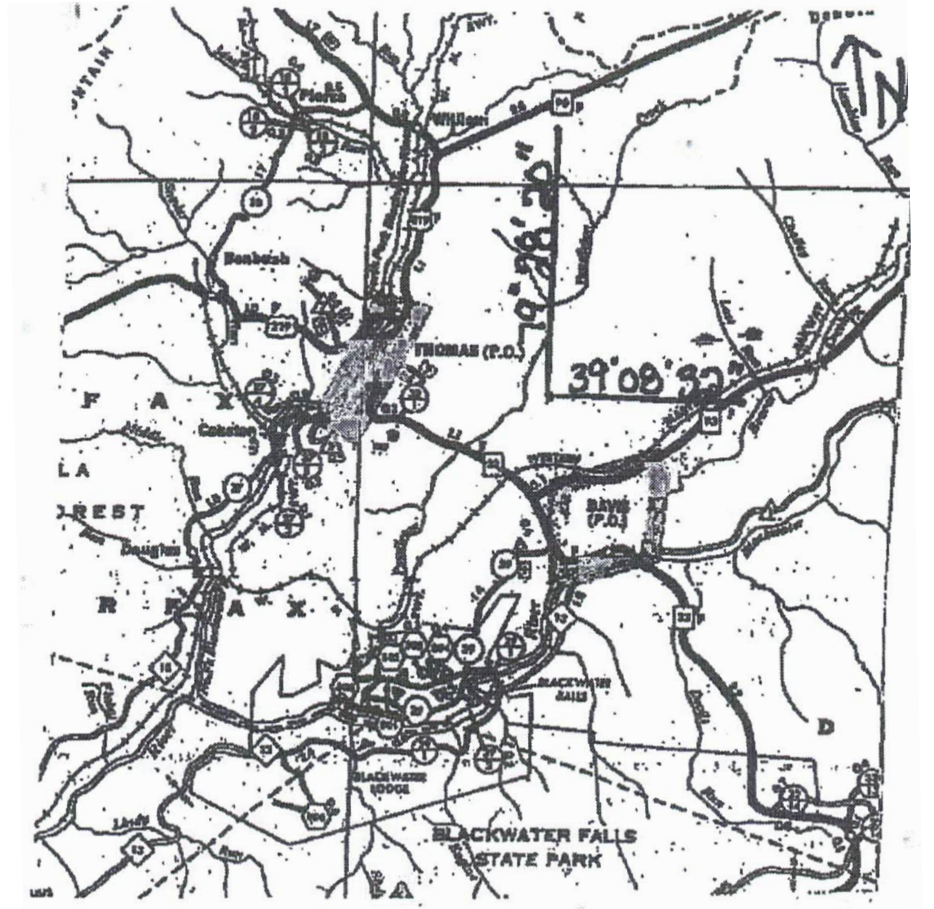
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# Giving back: WVU students volunteer with help from private scholarship support

A West Virginia University student is continuing on the path of service he started while in high school — as a volunteer for community canned food drives, trail maintenance and garbage cleanup projects — thanks to private scholarship support.

Izaak Whetsell, an Elkins native, is among 24 students to benefit from a recent \$100,000 gift made by WVU alumnus Andrew S. Good. His namesake scholarship goes to full-time West Virginia undergraduate students with a minimum 3.0 GPA and financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to community service.

Whetsell is a junior majoring in computer science, computer engineering and electrical engineering. He receives several scholarships that cover the cost of his tuition and living expenses, allowing him to get involved through WVU student organizations.

“The scholarships I’ve been granted have allowed me to not focus on money as much, as far as needing a part-time job or anything while I’m here at college,” Whetsell said. “It’s allowed me the opportunity to do all the clubs and maintain my grades because I don’t have to spend the extra hours each week to work a job. It’s been a great help.”

Whetsell is involved with the Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers, the Amateur Radio Club and the University Rover Challenge Team. He also volunteers his time with the WVU-affiliated Appalachian Prison Book Project, a nonprofit organization that provides books and education to incarcerated people and educates the community about legal and prison systems.

“I think volunteering is

a way to give back to the people who helped kind of raise me, in a sense,” Whetsell said. “I was always taught to respect your neighbors and be kind to those around you, and I feel like this is one way I’m able to give back in a meaningful way.”

Good, of Plano, Texas, said he hopes his scholarship will encourage more students to volunteer their time and appreciate the benefits of community service. A native of Wheeling, Good attended Virginia Tech for one year before earning two degrees from WVU — a bachelor’s degree in mining engineering and a law degree. He spent most of his career as in-house counsel for North American Coal Corp.

Good began volunteering after he effectively retired in 2008, and he now divides his time among five different volunteer roles. He helps with food pickups for a homeless shelter, does minor repairs and maintenance for people who are elderly or disabled, works with the Plano Police Department’s victim services program, assists Plano’s neighborhood services department and serves as a hospital advocate for a rape crisis center.

“I feel that I have gained a lot personally from volunteering, and I think it’s important to give back,” Good said. “Granted, I don’t expect college students or college-bound students to do anywhere near as much volunteering as I do, but I think that it is good to have that sense of community and the desire to help others.”

Kristi Wood-Turner, assistant dean for community engagement and director of the WVU Center for Community Engagement, said service leads to personal and professional

## LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Ruth M. Gotinsky	Beverly D. Gotinsky
1st publication 01/01/25	PO Box 286
2nd publication 01/08/25	Parsons, WV 26287
Eileen G. Poling	Porter Edward Poling
1st publication 01/01/25	1303 Homewood St.
2nd publication 01/08/25	Parsons, WV 26287

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

## LEGAL

# TOWN OF DAVIS

The Town of Davis Municipal Election will be held on June 10th, 2025.

The offices are for a two-year term. Offices to be filled are;

Mayor, Recorder and (5) Councilmembers.

Filing dates are January 13th thru January 25th, 2025.

Filing forms will be available at Davis Town Hall, Monday - Friday, 8am to 4pm. Filing forms must be notarized and filing fee of \$5 must be paid at time of filing.

\*Candidates must be a full time resident of Davis for one year.

For questions, please call Town Clerk, Joni Felton at 304-259-5302.



# What's? Happening

## Buckwheat Dinner

Buckwheat Dinner at St. John's Church, Parsons on Saturday, January 11 from 4pm - 6:30pm. \$12 donation for adult meal & \$6 for children 12 and younger. Carry out orders call 304-478-2620. Meal A - (5)

buckwheat cakes & (2) cakes of sausage & (1) 4 oz. gravy & (1) biscuit. Meal B - (4) biscuits & (2) 4 oz. gravy & (2) cakes of sausage. Meal C - (4) pancakes & (2) cakes of sausage & (1) 4 oz. gravy & (1) biscuit. Eat in is all you can eat!



Jan. 14, 1873: The first session of the Glenville Branch of the State Normal School began in the old Gilmer County courthouse. In 1943, the legislature changed the name to Glenville State College.

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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Jan. 8, 1866: William Gustavus Conley was born near Kingwood in Preston County. Conley was West Virginia's 18th governor, serving from 1929 to 1933.

Jan. 8, 1919: The West Virginia legislature ratified the U.S. constitution's 18th Amendment in the Senate, 26-0, and in the House, 81-3. West Virginia was the 21st state to ratify it. National prohibition went into effect under the Volstead Act on January 16, 1920.

Jan. 8, 1926: Comedian Soupy Sales was born Milton Supman. Raised in Huntington and graduating from Marshall College (now University), he achieved fame as a wacky television personality.

Jan. 9, 1911: Louise McNeill was born on the family farm in Pocahontas County. She was appointed poet laureate by Governor Jay Rockefeller in 1979, holding that title until her death in 1993.

Jan. 9, 1986: The first instant "scratch" lottery tickets were sold in West Virginia. Voters had approved the lottery amendment to the state constitution two years before.

Jan. 9, 2014: Hazardous chemicals were discovered leaking into the Elk River, contaminating the water supply for a nine-county region.

Jan. 10, 1846: Wetzel County was created from a part of Tyler County. It was named for Indian fighter Lewis Wetzel.

Jan. 10, 1860: Webster County was created from parts of Braxton, Nicholas, and Randolph counties. The county was named for Daniel Webster.

Jan. 10, 1923: Musician "Curly" Ray Cline was born in Baisden, Logan County. He was one of the most significant bluegrass fiddlers from West Virginia from 1938 until his retirement in

1993.

Jan. 10, 1925: Judge Elizabeth Virginia Hallanan was born in Charleston. She was West Virginia's first female federal court judge.

Jan. 10, 1928: Gov. Howard Gore appointed Minnie Buckingham Harper to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper. She was the first Black woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the United States.

Jan. 10, 1940: The Pond Creek No. 1 mine at Bartley in McDowell County exploded. The blast killed 91 miners, with another 47 escaping. Rescue teams worked five days to retrieve the bodies, but found no additional miners alive.

Jan. 11, 1865: Confederate forces under General Rosser burned the covered bridge at Beverly. Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth rebuilt the damaged span in 1872-73.

Jan. 11, 1873: Dwight W. Morrow was born in Huntington. Morrow was a financier, diplomat and U.S. senator, representing New Jersey.

Jan. 11, 1893: U.S. Senator Harley Martin Kilgore was born in rural Harrison County. Kilgore served as a senator from West Virginia from 1940 until his death in 1952.

Jan. 12, 1869: Newspaperman Herschel Coombs Ogden was born near Fairmont. In 1888, he relocated to Wheeling and entered the newspaper business.

Jan. 13, 1905: Joseph H. Diss Debar died in Philadelphia. A supporter of the movement to create West Virginia, Diss Debar was commissioned in 1863 to design the Great Seal of West Virginia.

Jan. 14, 1842: Marion County was established and named after Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion. Middletown was chosen as the county seat, but the name was changed to Fairmont the following year.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

Holidays are behind us and now West Virginia gets its Christmas snow. As of time of writing this we are in the middle of an Arctic Blast and snow is supposed to accumulate quite a bit. It is accurately refreshing to see some snow at this time of year. I always think of the ski resorts in the area having a good season. **Momma Said**, "Just a bit hard to ski without snow and it has been so warm they can't even make it."

As this storm progresses I don't care if it dumps a bunch of the white stuff on us because I kind of miss it. All of the time the kids were off school for vacation, they didn't get to take the opportunity of just going outside and sledding, skiing or building a snowman. That was so much fun when we were young we had so many games we played. The only way we went in the house was for freezing feet.

We didn't have insulated boots so mom would save all the bread bags and we put those on our feet first to keep out the wet

## Momma Said

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

By Teri Cayton  
The Parsons Advocate



and then boots. Needless to say it didn't take very long to lose all feeling in our toes. We played until we could hardly walk and then went inside to warm up. If we went back out we just started all over again. When we went in for the evening mom would fix us hot chocolate.

Nowadays I can hardly brush the snow off my truck before I am breathless. I am so glad I have insulated boots now because my feet never stay warm. I don't know how we did it as kids I guess we just didn't know any better. **Momma Said**, "I guess sometimes ignorance is bliss."

## Chocolate Lasagna Recipe

Chocolate lasagna is a no-bake dessert made in just 20 minutes with 5 amazing layers. An oreo crust is topped with layers of cheesecake, chocolate pudding, and cool whip, then crunchy oreo pieces and chocolate shavings to top it off.

### Ingredients

#### OREO CRUST LAYER

- 14.3 oz. package oreos, equal to 36 oreos

- 6 tbsp. unsalted butter, melted

#### CHEESECAKE LAYER

- 12 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 8 oz. cool whip

#### PUDDING LAYER

- two 3.9 oz. packages instant chocolate pudding
- 2 ¾ cup milk

#### TOP LAYER

- 8 oz. cool whip
- Oreo crumbs
- Chocolate Curls / Shavings

### Directions

1. In a food processor or blender, blend the oreos until you have fine crumbs. Remove 1 tbsp. of crumbs and set aside for the topping.
2. In a mixing bowl combine oreo crumbs and melted butter. Stir until thick.
3. Using your fingers or the bottom of a glass, firmly press the crust into a

9x13 inch pan.

4. Wipe out the mixing bowl and add the cream cheese. Beat the cream cheese with an electric mixer for 90 seconds, until fluffy.

5. Beat in the powdered sugar and vanilla extract. Add in 1 container of cool whip, mix. Spread this mixture evenly over the crust. Refrigerate for 10 minutes.

6. Rinse out the mixing bowl and dry. Beat together the chocolate pudding mix and milk until thick. Spread this mixture evenly over the cheesecake layer. Refrigerate for 10 minutes.

7. Top with the remaining container of cool whip. Sprinkle the reserved 1 tbsp. of oreo crumbs over the top, plus sprinkle on chocolate shavings. The easiest way to make chocolate shavings is to take a Hershey's bar and use a vegetable peeler to make shavings and curls. Transfer the shavings to the dessert using a spoon, that way the heat from your fingers won't melt the tiny chocolate pieces!

8. Cover and place in the fridge for at least 2 hours. Best served within 48 hours.

## Super Crossword

### OBJECTS OF DEVOTION

#### ACROSS

- 1 Serengeti trek  
7 Freeway exit  
14 Calm assurance  
20 Neighbor of Saturn  
21 Sun porches  
22 Deli machine  
23 Aficionado of air ducts?  
25 Capital of Cuba  
26 Jean jacket material  
27 Email chuckle  
28 Soccer player Hamm  
30 Citrus peels in recipes  
31 "House" actor  
34 Aficionado of wild, irrational talk?  
37 Contributor  
40 State of fury  
41 Fly with no co-pilot  
42 Thus  
43 Hail — (yell "Taxi!")  
45 Las Vegas-to-Denver dir.  
47 Ending for Japan  
49 Aficionado of bellies?  
52 Aficionado of sweet fillings?

- 58 Pet-rescuing org.  
59 Walked very stealthily  
62 San — (California county or city)  
63 CIA missions, e.g.  
66 Give the boot  
68 River of Paris  
69 Louisianans of French descent  
70 Café au — (light brown)  
72 Aficionado of confidential matters?  
75 Shapes of parentheses  
76 Member of a ruling family  
78 Sank, as a putt  
79 Writer Wiesel  
81 Once  
82 Cuban-born writer Calvino  
83 Downgraded  
85 Ward with Emmys  
87 Aficionado of wickedness?  
89 Aficionado of apartment managers?

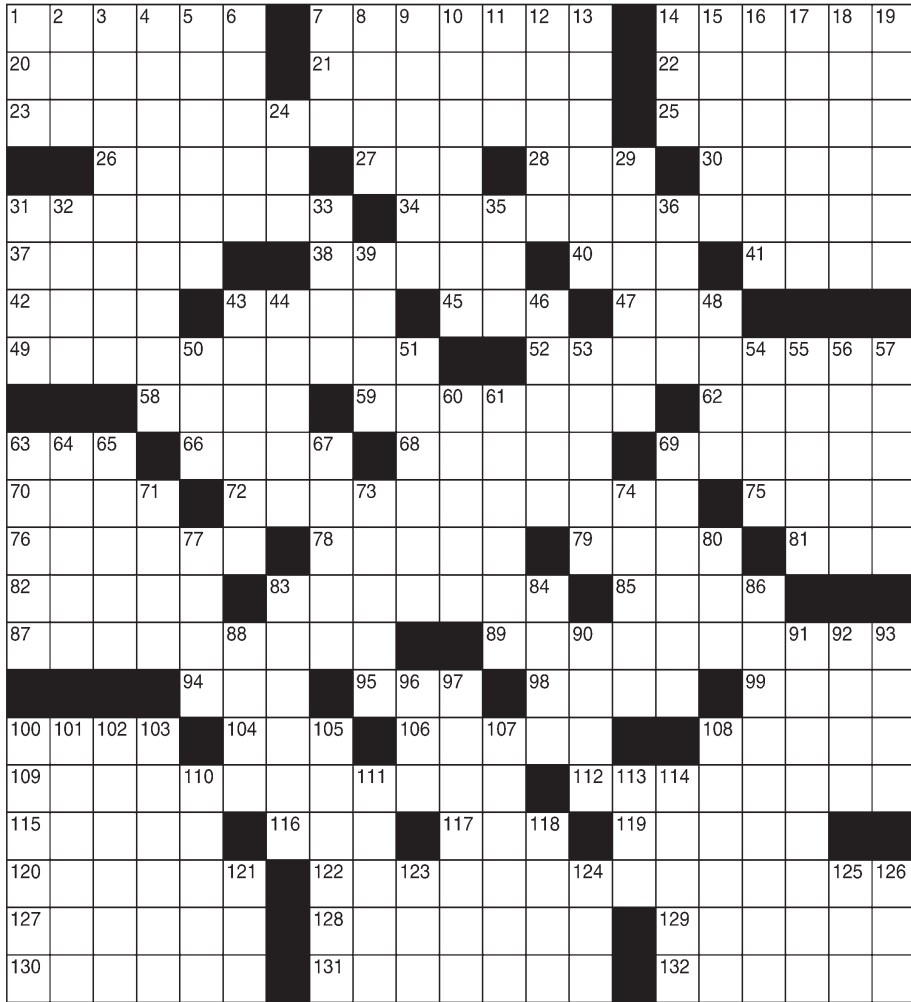
- 94 "Taking Woodstock" director Lee  
95 NFL stats  
98 Loch —  
99 Jethro — (rock group)  
100 Do pool laps  
104 Sir, to Brits  
106 All mixed up  
108 High-quality black tea  
109 Aficionado of Mauna Loa snacks?  
112 Set free  
115 Fetus holders  
116 Be mistaken  
117 "— culpa"  
119 "Going Rogue" author Sarah  
120 Sends in  
122 Aficionado of customs officials?  
127 Painting on plaster  
128 Made even  
129 Rocky's last name in "Rocky"  
130 Electronic keyboards, for short  
131 Escape artists, say  
132 Like finger paintings

#### DOWN

- 1 Chevy Equinox, e.g.  
2 "Rules — rules!"  
3 Spanish dance in triple time  
4 Lobbies  
5 That which destroys  
6 Long Island airport town  
7 Opposite of west, in Germany  
8 Chocolate kiss wrapper  
9 Elevator stops  
10 Went longer than expected  
11 Dog noise  
12 Florida's "Magic City"  
13 Grilled Italian sandwiches  
14 Silvery-gray  
15 Town square  
16 Energizes  
17 Congress' Alexandria — Cortez  
18 Cerebral  
19 "Donnie —" (1997 Johnny Depp film)  
24 Current unit  
29 Assented  
31 Laudatory poems

- 32 Funny Sahl  
33 Wound cover  
35 U-Haul rental  
36 Tableland  
39 Be up against  
43 Confront  
44 Rush after  
46 Cut-rate, in brand names  
48 "Easy A" star Stone  
50 Likely  
51 Model Bündchen  
53 Actor Christopher  
54 Mexican peninsula  
55 Road reversal  
56 Trespassing deterrent  
57 Dancer Bob  
60 Flying Pan  
61 Spanish squiggles  
63 Vintage tune  
64 Premium channels  
65 Mideastern peninsula  
67 "Danke —"  
69 "Hear ye!" yellers  
71 Like most NBA players  
73 Boisterous  
74 "That's somebody — problem"  
77 Couch  
80 Pixie

- 83 Pea or lentil  
84 Sandy hill  
86 Tiny blood vessel  
88 Actress Swenson  
90 Ring out  
91 Big pet food brand  
92 Mucho  
93 Painter Paul  
96 Aykroyd of "Soul Man"  
97 Up a tree  
100 Blue toons of the 1980s  
101 Aqueous  
102 Deliverers of frozen blocks  
103 The Red Foxes' college  
105 Macho  
107 TV sleuth Remington  
108 "The Taking of — 123" (2009 thriller)  
110 Last — effort  
111 Brand of cellulose fiber  
113 NYSE debut  
114 Fish piercers  
118 Big PC brand  
121 "Rescue us!"  
123 "Law & Order: —"  
124 NFL stats  
125 Neither hide — hair  
126 Week division



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## Weather Totals

Dec. 23 - Dec. 31 2024

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

### Temperature

Max 68° F  
Min 15° F

### Precipitation

Week 0.3"  
December 3.95"  
2024 50.06"

### Snowfall

New Snow 0"  
Snow on ground 0"  
Winter Total 11.5"

U.S. Forest Service

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# SPORTS

## Mt. Lions Win Title Rematch Over Tug Valley in Busy Holiday Break



Cayden Arnold drives to the basket for a contested 2 points.

**By: Adam Freeman**  
The Tucker County Mt. Lions Boys Squad played in four games over the holiday break. The team started off participating in the Lincoln Invitational Holiday Tournament in Shinnston, taking on the host team, Lincoln High School. Tucker was on top after one period of play, 13-9. TCHS continued its dominance in the second period taking a 35-26 lead before halftime. The second half would prove to be all Mt. Lions with Tucker taking a 26-point win 79-53.  
Bonner 27 pts, FT 3-3; Wilfong 18 pts, 8 reb, FT 4-9; Mitchell 13 pts, 6 reb; Marks 9 pts, 4 ast; Arnold 4 pts; Cummings 4pts; Carr 2 pts; Dearborn 2 pts  
3 Point Goals 6-18: Marks (1) Mitchell (1) Bonner (4)  
Tucker would then take on the Philip Barbour Colts in the title round of the tournament. Tucker would hold a narrow lead at the end of one, 20-16. They would extend their lead, but the contest was still tight at the half with Tucker holding the edge 33-27. The Mt. Lions began to separate in the second half holding the Colts to only 6 points in the third quarter and pushing the lead out to 54-33. Tucker would double up the Colts outscoring them 14-7 in the final quarter to garner the win and the title 68-40.  
Bonner 19 pts, 6 reb, FT 2-4; Wilfong 16 pts, 7 reb, 8 stl, FT 4-10; Mitchell 15 pts, 4 reb, FT 3-4; Marks 8 pts, 4 reb; Lambert 6 pts, 5 reb, FT 2-3; Dearborn 2 pts; Arnold 1 pt, FT 1-2; Carr 1 pt, FT 1-2  
3 Point Goals 5-18: Bonner (1) Marks (2)

Mitchell (2)  
After the weekend spent in Shinnston, Tucker would return home to take on their all-sport rivals in the Cougars of East Hardy. Tucker would lead their regional foe from tip to final whistle, holding a 9-point lead after the first quarter and a double-digit lead from that point on. Tucker dominated the contest, which was never in doubt as the Mt. Lions were in command throughout. Tucker took the win in the first of two matchups of the season 59-40.  
Bonner 20 pts, 3 ast, FT 1-2; Wilfong 13 pts, 14 reb, 4 blk, FT 1-4; Mitchell 10 pts; Arnold 6 pts, FT 0-2; Marks 5 pts, 5 reb; Lambert 5 pts, 4 reb, FT 3-4  
3 Point Goals 6-14: Bonner (3) Marks (1) Mitchell (2)  
The final contest over Tucker's holiday break would prove to be the most anticipated and difficult victory of them all. The reigning state champion Tug Valley Panthers made the long trip North for a title rematch from last season, in a game that would end up being delayed a day due to the weather. In front of a packed house with standing room only, Tug would take the lead after one quarter of play, 13-11. The game would stay taught in the first half with Tug still holding a narrow lead 28-26. This game would never have a double-digit lead at any point in the contest as the Panthers continued to lead after 3 quarters 43-42. The fourth period just wouldn't be enough to decide a winner in this clash of Single A title contenders, as the fourth quarter horn blew, the game was tied 57 all. In



Coach Daniel Helmick celebrates a hard-fought OT win as the final buzzer sounds. (Pictures by Brittany Channell)



Marks elevates for the put back.



Garrett Wilfong squares up key free throws in overtime.

overtime Tucker would find itself down 1 point with under 30 seconds left to play. Senior Garrett Wilfong would step to the line and knock down two free throws to go up by one point. Wilfong would then get a stop on the following possession as Trevan Bonner would secure the rebound and draw the foul with under 5 seconds left to play. Bonner would hit 1 of 2 from the line putting Tucker up 2 with one possession left for Tug. Tug would get up a shot at the buzzer that would fall short, and Tucker would take the

massive, early season win 65-63 in dramatic fashion.  
Bonner 18 pts, 3 ast, FT 4-6; Mitchell 14 pts, 4 reb, 3 ast; Marks 12 pts, 5 reb, FT 0-2; Wilfong 9 pts, 8 reb, FT 5-8; Arnold 7 pts, 4 stl, FT 1-2; Lambert 5 pts, 3 reb  
3 Point Goals 7-18: Bonner (2) Lambert (1) Mitchell (4)  
The Tucker County Mt. Lions will play again January 8th at home, hosting Moorefield, with a tipoff of 5:45pm.

## Tucker Girls Finish Second in Holiday Tournament, Take OT Victory at East Hardy



Regan Herron at the foul line against East Hardy.

**By: Adam Freeman**  
The Tucker County Lady Mt. Lions had a busy schedule over the holiday break. Tucker hosted its annual holiday tournament, in which they would finish second place overall. Tucker took on Clay County in the first-round matchup, the Lady Mt. Lions held Clay County to one point in the first quarter and only five points in the second, holding a 39-17 lead at halftime. Tucker would cruise in the second half to a commanding victory with a final score of 57-22.  
Shaffer 16 pts, 10 reb, FT 4-7; Matthews 12 pts, 10 reb, FT 2-4; Helmick 8 pts, FT 2-3; Gross 5 pts, FT 1-2; Hicks 5 pts; Herron 4 pts; Moats 3 pts; Kitzmiller 2 pts, FT 0-2; Cross 2 pts  
3 Point Goals 4-18: Helmick (2) Moats (1) Hicks (1)  
Tucker would then take on the undefeated AAA squad in Hurricane High School for the tournament championship. This matchup was a back-and-forth contest throughout as a one-point lead was held by HHS at the end of the first, then a one-point lead was held by TCHS going into the break. Again, TCHS had a one-point lead at the end of three quarters. Hurricane would prove to be too much in the fourth, outscoring Tucker



Courtney Shaffer fights for position on the rebound against the Cougar.  
17-10 taking home a 45-39 win for Hurricane. Tucker would finish second in the tournament respectively.  
Gross 15 pts, 6 reb, FT 3-6; Matthews 9 pts, 20 reb, FT 1-4; Moats 9 pts, FT 2-2; Kitzmiller 5 pts, 5 Reb  
3 Point Goals 2-10: Moats (1) Kitzmiller (1)  
Tuckers final game of the break would come via an OT win against the East Hardy Lady Cougars. The contest was tied at the end of the first half with a score of 22 all. Tucker would take a slight lead at the end of the third quarter holding a 32-26 advantage. The Lady Mt. Lions, however, would only muster one point in the final period allowing East Hardy to tie it up at 33-33 at the end of regulation. Tucker would hold the Lady Cougars scoreless in overtime taking the win 37-33.  
Gross 9 pts, 15 reb, FT 4-8; Herron 9 pts, FT 1-2; Moats 6 pts, FT 2-2; Matthews 5 pts, 6 reb, FT 1-2; Shaffer 4 pts; Pase 4 pts  
3 Point Goals 3-20: Gross (1) Herron (2)  
The Lady Mt. Lions will return to action on January 9th, 2025, as they travel to Gilmer County to take on the #1 ranked team in Single A, tipoff is set for 5:45pm.



Johnson looks to make the pass, with Nestor and Pase as options.

## DT Lady Bears Win 39-18 Over the Lady Bulldogs

**By: Adam Freeman**  
The Davis Thomas Lady Bears played host to the visiting Lady Bulldogs of Tygarts Valley this past week in Thomas. The Lady Bears got out to the early lead and after the first quarter lead 12-4. DT would build an even larger lead by the half out scoring their opponent 12-2 in the second quarter to take a 24-6 lead into the break. The Lady Bears

would hold onto that lead and at the end of the third quarter the score was 28-11. DT would finish the game on top with a 39-18 victory. Davis Thomas' next game will be on January 6th at West Preston Middle School at 5:00pm, then at Kasson Middle School on January 9th at 5:30pm.  
Johnson 18 pts; Simmons 8 pts; Thompson 6 pts; Wolfe 4 pts; Pase 3 pts

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# Hambleton Photographer Featured in 2025 Calendar



Kathryn Davis of Hambleton is one of the photographers featured in the 2025 Roadsides in Bloom calendar. Her photograph of a White Rhododendron on the Holly Meadows Road in Tucker County was selected for the month of April. She was also featured in the 2018 Roadsides in Bloom calendar. The free calendar, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Adopt A Highway program, includes 12 pictures of West Virginia wildflowers growing naturally along state roadways. The pictures were


chosen from dozens of entries submitted by photographers from West Virginia and surrounding states. Other winning submissions include: Anthony Ovies, January; Kathy Gregg, February; Karl Boon, March; Anglie Bolen, May; Sandra Miller, June; Beth Knotts, July; Gary McCoy, August and calendar cover; Lynn Carr, September; Dawn Ovies, October; Dietra Savage, November; and Ed Rehbein, December. To order a calendar, complete the online order form, call 1-800-322-5530, or email [dep.aah@wv.gov](mailto:dep.aah@wv.gov).

Requests are limited to one calendar per household, and West Virginia residents receive priority consideration. Co-sponsored by the WVDEP and the state Division of Highways (DOH), the Adopt-A-Highway program is administered by the WVDEP's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) and improves the quality of the state's environment by encouraging public involvement in the elimination of highway litter.

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## New Doctor Joins St. George Medical Clinic

St. George Medical Clinic is excited to announce that Dr. Lydia Davis, DO will be joining their team in January 2025. Dr. Davis will be seeing patients at the St. George Canaan Valley Clinic located at 6368 Appalachian Highway, Davis, WV. Dr. Davis received a degree in Psychology from the University of Virginia then went on to obtain her medical degree from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, WV. She completed her residency at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. Osteopathic physicians are graduates of American osteopathic medical colleges and are licensed to practice the full scope of medicine. Dr. Davis is excited to make Tucker County her home and to join the St. George Medical family. She said, "I've been looking for the right community to put roots and Tucker County is the right place to do just that." Dr. Davis enjoys skiing, hiking, hunting, fishing and all things outside and looks forward to enjoying those activities in beautiful Tucker County. When not outdoors, she enjoys music, spending time with family, and cooking.

The addition of Dr. Davis is just another example of St. George Medical Clinic's dedication to maintaining a highly skilled and professional staff to deliver family centered health care to those they serve.

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