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# News of Record

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

- **Jacob Brandon Ray:** was charged with one count Domestic Assault and one count Destruction of Property. According to the complaint on Friday, Jan. 3 at approximately 5:12 p.m. Deputy B.M. Gidley responded to a domestic. Contact was made with a subject later identified as Jacob Ray, he was detained on scene. Officers made contact with the caller and obtained a handwritten and signed statement where she advised she had gotten home from work and Jacob had been dropped off by someone with his belongings, assuming he was allowed to stay there. The caller has had problems in the past with him and wouldn't allow him to stay. He then began to get violent and yell things like "Help me" and "Let me in". The caller refused to let him in and he then allegedly stated, "It is f\*\*\*\*\* up of you" and "I should just kill you". The caller refused to open the door and at this time he attempted to kick the door in. The caller called 911 and 911 dispatchers advised they could hear him attempting to make entry into the home. Gidley obtained photos of the door and he could clearly see dents on the bottom of the door and the deadbolt strike plate was damaged and the wood was splintered. Ray was kicking the door to the extent that a piece of wooden wall décor fell off the wall next to the door. He was then arrested and transported to the WVSP detachment in Parsons for processing. He was then transported to TVRJ to await arraignment.
- **Michael T. Proudfoot:** was charged with one count of Battery. The complaint states that on Nov. 11, 2024 at approximately 8:37 a.m. Sgt. V.J. Pyles was dispatched to a battery complaint at 90

Quarry Dr. in Parsons located on Mountaineer Highway near the Barbour County line. Upon arrival he met with the victim and obvious injuries were noted. A large amount of blood was observed on the floor beneath the victim inside the scale house at his desk. Pyles was further advised at that time that the victim had gotten into an altercation with the defendant, a truck driver who hauls stone from the quarry. Past confrontations with DOH employees and a previous incident at the quarry location prompted the victim to refuse service to the defendant. This request was made by the owner of Doss Enterprises. When this information was relayed to the defendant, he got out of his vehicle and followed the victim towards the scale house continuing to argue and plead his case. The victim stated he stopped and turned around when he heard the defendant saying "something" and he was struck. The victim stated that he didn't know how many times he was struck altogether but he was on the ground when he came to. The victim had a large amount of selling and bleeding from the left side of his eye area.

- The defendant was located in Barbour County and a statement was taken. He stated there had been noise complaints/speed complaints from a residence near the quarry as well as an altercation with Weston DOH employees previously. He stated he got down from his truck to plead his case since work was scarce. He stated he followed the victim towards the scale house pleading is case when the victim stopped at the front of his pickup and placed his hand on his shirt. He stated he thought the victim was going to hit him but then he was not sure he was going to swing since

it was a slow motion with the other arm of the victim. He stated he allegedly struck the victim at least three times and then left the property. The defendant also had a mark on the left side of his neck area consistent with the collar of his shirt causing abrasion.

- Doss Enterprises Safety contacted Pyles and advised that the victim was seeking medical treatment and had possible eye damage. All acts occurred in Tucker County.
- 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:

- Patricia A. Simmons/Judith Elaine Ivens Living Trust, Randall Ivens/Judith Elaine Ivens Living Trust; Judith Elaine Ivens Living Trust, Dry Fork District, .566 acres to Alexander Seleznyov, \$15,000.
- James H. Vanmetre and Jakki L. Vanmetre, Dry Fork District, lot #34, Windwood Fly Resort Phase 1, 0.243 acres to John Dehn and Jessica Dehn, \$100,000.
- Thomas J. O'Neil and Erica N. O'Neil, Dry Fork district, Unit #120, Building 1, Ash Lodge of Beaver Ridge Condos to Charles H. Gane and Greta Gane, \$187,000.
- William d. Sorber and Luella Sorber, Dry Fork district, Unit B-3 Northwoods Condo to Richard Owens and Jennifer O'Brien, \$300,000.
- Gussie Mae Wilson, Mary Rosalie Winters, Linda Elaine Mierisch, Joyce Ann Donofrio, John Edwin Snyder, Marian Jo Browning, Sharon Louise Biasatti and Karen Sue Hamner, Davis Corporation, Lots 305 and 304 to Carolyn Culver and Judd Culver, \$135,000.

# Maxwell Elected to Board of Directors for WV State Council for Homecare & Hospice

ELKINS, WV (JANUARY 6, 2025) – Vandalia Health's Davis Health System proudly announces the nomination and election of Ken Maxwell, Administrator of Home Health Services for Davis Health System, to the Board of Directors for the West Virginia State Council for Homecare & Hospice (WVCHCH). This esteemed organization is dedicated to advancing the home health industry through education, networking and advocacy.

Maxwell has been a member of Davis Health System's HomePlus home health care team since 2008, serving as an account executive and director of home medical equipment before his current role as administrator.

The WVCHCH plays a pivotal role in supporting home health agencies across West Virginia and Virginia by addressing industry challenges, providing resources and engaging with state and federal representatives on legislative matters.

"West Virginians rely heavily on home health services to maintain their independence and receive quality care in the comfort of their own homes. In our state and surrounding region, where rural communities are common, home health providers are a lifeline, delivering essential medical and support services to individuals who might otherwise struggle to access the care they need," Maxwell said. "I am honored to join the Board of Directors for the WV State Council for Homecare & Hospice and support its mission to provide regulatory support, education and leadership to home health providers and help ensure quality care and resources for communities statewide."

Maxwell looks forward to working alongside fellow board members to support the critical work of homecare providers and to advocate for the needs of the industry at both state and federal levels.

"We are incredibly proud of Ken's appointment to the Board of Directors for the WV State Council for Homecare & Hospice," said Ron Andro, Senior Vice President Davis Health System, and Chief Administrative Officer, Davis Medical Center. "Ken's extensive experience, dedication to patient-centered care, and leadership in home health services make him an excellent representative for our organization and the communities we serve. His role on the board will not only strengthen the voice of rural health care providers but also enhance our shared commitment to ensuring accessible, quality care for patients across West Virginia."

For more information about the WVCHCH, visit [www.vahc.org](http://www.vahc.org).



Ken Maxwell, Administrator of Home Health Services for Davis Health System.

For more information about Davis Health System's home health services, visit [www.DavisHealthSystem.org/Medical-Services/Home-Health-Care](http://www.DavisHealthSystem.org/Medical-Services/Home-Health-Care).

About Davis Health System: Davis Health System serves a vast population of West Virginians throughout the Potomac Highlands region of WV. The system includes Davis Medical Center in Elkins, Broadus Hospital in Philippi, and Webster Memorial Hospital in Webster Springs. Additionally, the system includes a Cancer Care Center, Long-Term Care, 24/7 Emergency Care, Surgical Care, Women's Health Care, Home Health Care and a number of other critical

ancillary services. In January, 2024, Davis Health System became part of the Vandalia Health Network.

About Vandalia Health System: Vandalia Health, headquartered in Charleston, is a multi-state health system with locations across West Virginia as well as in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Made up of CAMC Health System, Davis Health System and Mon Health System, Vandalia Health has 17 hospitals, over 190 ambulatory locations, more than 13,000 employees and more than 2,000 doctors and advanced practice providers. For more information or a map of locations visit [vandaliahealth.org](http://vandaliahealth.org).

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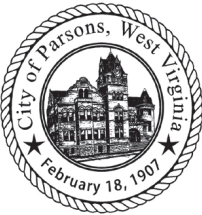
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# OBITUARIES

## Betty Bright McCourt

On January 7, 2025 the Irons Chapel Heavenly Choir welcomed their pianist, Betty Bright McCourt, 96 of Rock Hill, SC. Betty was born on September 25, 1928 in Parsons, WV to the late Henry Robert and Eva Belt Bright. On May 29, 1948, she was married to Allen “Bud” McCourt who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death was one sister, Eula M. Cross, and two brothers, Henry R. Bright Jr. and Harold G. Bright.

Surviving is her daughter, Cindi Sines (Mike) of Rock Hill, SC, grandsons Scott Sines, Todd Sines,



and Tyler Sines (Nora), great grandkids Charles Sines, Cady Sines, and Odin Sines. Cady and Odin brought so much joy to her life. She truly loved her family, and will be missed by each of us. Betty was

also survived by a sister-in-law Ruth Bright, and many nieces and nephews.

Betty loved the lord with all her heart. She was a member of the Fort Mill Church of God. She loved being the church pianist at the Irons Chapel Church. She was also the youth group leader for many years. She graduated from Parsons High School in 1946.

Betty was the office manager at the Kingsford Charcoal plant from which she retired, and then worked for Wykoff Color company.

A Memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Barbara A. (DiBacco) Sedmock

Our beloved mother age 96, died Sunday December 8, 2024 following a brief illness. Born in Thomas, WV, she attended West Virginia University before moving to Canton. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church. Barbara lived a life devoted to her faith and her family. She is survived by her sons: Mark (Karen) Sedmock of North Canton, Matthew (Donna) Sedmock of Akron, Michael (Christen) Sedmock of North Canton, Patrick (Christy) Sedmock of Uniontown; daughters: Ann (Mike) Looby of Canton, Linda Kay (Mike) Costello of Magnolia, Emma George



of North Canton; 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Edward Sedmock who died November 11, 2024 and brother Jerome DiBacco. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday at 11:00 am in St. Peter Catholic Church with the

Very Reverend Dr. David M. Misprenner as celebrant. The burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call 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 her name to St. Peter Catholic Church. Personal condolences are invited online at: [www.wackerlyfuneral-home.com](http://www.wackerlyfuneral-home.com)

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Barbara A (DiBacco) Sedmock, please visit our floral store

## Johanna Biddlecomb Shahan

Johanna Biddlecomb Shahan, 92, of Hagerstown, MD, passed away on January 7, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born at home in Fair Port, VA on October 5, 1932, to the late Walter Joseph and Maria McCullough Biddlecomb.

Johanna was graduated from Reedville High School in 1950 and from Longwood College in 1954. She taught elementary school in Fairfax County, VA before moving to Hagerstown in 1956. She taught at Fountaindale Elementary, Bester Elementary (Media Specialist), Smithsburg Elementary, and was a long-term substitute for many years. She retired from the Washington County Public Schools in 1998. Johanna was a member of The Presbyterian Church, Hagerstown, MD since 1957 where she served on many committees and served as an elder, a deacon, nursery coordi-



nator, and was a member of a Presbyterian Women's Circle. She had also been a Cub Scout den mother and a docent at the Hager House.

Johanna is survived by her children, Donald Shahan, Jr., Ann Blessing (Jim), Maria Sowers (Bill), Philip Shahan (Joyce Sykes), and Emily Failes (Bryan). She is survived by grandchildren, Jennifer Popp (Chris), Catherine Clear (Jim), Philip Shahan, Jr. (Kelsey Carlton), Ellen Goodrich, Kristin Shahan, Christine Brugh (Chase Aycock), Craig Fuss, Sarah

Fenwick (Cy), and great-grandchildren, Riley, Nora, Henry, John, Colton, and Miles. She is also survived by a brother, Joseph Dudley Biddlecomb (Anita) and sister-in-law, Beverley Biddlecomb.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Donald Brooks Shahan, sisters Maria Rogers (Ray), and Winifred Delano (Beale), and brothers Fred Biddlecomb, Walter Biddlecomb (infant) and David Biddlecomb (infant).

The Reverend Dr. Eric T. Myers of Frederick Presbyterian Church, Frederick, MD will officiate at graveside services on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 10:00 am at Rest Haven Cemetery, 1601 Pennsylvania Ave., Hagerstown, MD. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Douglas A. Fiery Funeral Home, 1331 Eastern Blvd. N., Hagerstown, MD.

## Blackwater Chapter Dedicate DAR Patriot Plaque



During a rainy afternoon on December 18, 2024, 13 Blackwater Chapter DAR members dedicated a bronze, commemorative patriot marker which has been placed on the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons, WV. This Patriot Marker joins other such plaques placed around the country and the state, is only the second plaque of its kind to be placed in West Virginia by a DAR chapter (The first was placed at Pricketts Fort in Fairmont) and the third including the one the WVDAR Central District placed at the I-79 Rest Area near Clarksburg.

A group of Tucker County veterans respectfully presented and retired the flags during the ceremony. The welcome was given by Blackwater Chapter Regent, Cathy Hebb. Other chapter members contributing during the ceremony were Terri Lawrence, Diane Beall, and Debbie Stevens. Speakers included WVDAR State Regent, Jane Jacobs Larke, who is also a member of Blackwater Chapter and WVDAR Central District Director and America 250! WV State Chair, Georgette Ward.

Rhett Dusenbury, the District Representative for the Honorable Alex Mooney, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, brought greetings. Mr. Dusenbury also gave a brief account of his personal connection with the Revolutionary War as he is a SAR (Sons of the American Revolutionary) member.

Local historian Thomas Yocum gave an informative presentation during the ceremony, revealing some accounts of the six Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Tucker County. He said these patriots “had a wide range of duties during the war and saw several different battles. For instance, one Patriot was involved with the production of salt, which was a key resource for preserving meat, in Kanawha Valley that was blockaded by the British. Another was a member of Morgan’s Riflemen, a unit of elite sharpshooters.”

“The DAR never wants our Revolu-



tionary War Patriots to be forgotten for their service to our country. We owe everything as a nation to them, fundamentally. If it weren’t for their efforts and their sacrifices, our nation would not have been formed,” Blackwater Chapter Regent Cathy Hebb said.

The inscription on the plaque reads: ”Revolutionary War Patriots This marker commemorates the men and women who achieved American independence. These Patriots, believing in the noble cause of liberty, fought valiantly to found a new nation. 1775-1783 Presented by Blackwater Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

The placement of these Patriot Markers is meant to foster a sense of national pride in the areas in which they have been placed. They also serve as a testament to the DAR Society’s three primary goals: historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

The Tucker County Commissioners enthusiastically voted to approve the placement of Blackwater Chapter’s America 250! Patriot Marker on the Tucker County Courthouse. This is the one location which collectively serves all the residents of Tucker County and, more than likely, will remain many decades in the future.

## Keep Your Letter Carrier Safe by Clearing Paths of Snow and Ice

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# What's? Happening

## Annual Love Your Library Dinner

The Friends of Mountaintop Public Library (FOMPL), along with the Trustees and staff of Mountaintop Public Library, are holding their annual "Love Your Library" dinner on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at White Grass Cafe, located at 643 Weiss Knob Ski Rd, Davis. Doors open and a cash bar will be available at 5:30 pm. A buffet dinner including a salmon entree and a spinach lasagna (vegetarian) starts at 6:00 pm. There will be a basket auction and 50-50 raffle.

"A few years back, our dinners were held at White Grass, and from all accounts it was a very good time for

everyone," Deborah Stiles, President of FOMPL, said. "Last year's event was fantastic but we were looking for a larger spot. White Grass owners Chip Chase and Laurie Little have welcomed us back to Canaan Valley this year."

Tickets are required for the event. They are \$75 per person and can be purchased at Mountaintop Public Library, located next to the Davis-Thomas Middle and Elementary School, at 384 2nd Street, in Thomas. The library is open Monday, 8-4; Tuesday, 2-5:30; Wednesday, 8 to noon; Thursday, 12-5; and Friday, 8 to 2. Seating is limited, so stop by soon to get your tickets!



**Jan. 17, 1956: Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer, fiddler and songwriter from Pipestem, Summers County, and is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.**

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. 15, 1864: Frances Benjamin Johnston was born in Grafton. Johnston gained national renown as the first female press photographer and enjoyed a long and remarkable career as one of the nation's leading documentary, portrait and artistic photographers.

Jan. 16, 1850: Lawman Dan Cunningham was born in Jackson County. His remarkable career involved him in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, the West Virginia Mine Wars, and the destruction of moonshine stills.

Jan. 16, 1869: Ephraim Franklin Morgan was born in Marion County. Morgan, a Republican, was governor during the tumultuous West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 17, 1918: The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and a complete town with houses, a civic center and a hospital were completed.

Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new county was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

Jan. 19, 1844: The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."

Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In the opening battle at Manassas on July 21, 1861, he won the name "Stonewall" for steadfastness at a critical point in the engagement.

Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept the snow cover on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most towns in West Virginia.

Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

The talking heads are saying that Winter Storm Blair is over but it is really putting down the snow today and now they are saying that another storm named Cora is on the way. I really don't care one way or another because I am a born and bred West Virginian and this is how I remember winter. It would start snowing in early October and snow through March. Momma Said, "When you grow up with snow it doesn't scare you at all."

The only problem I have driving in snow is the other people I have to look out for. I guess it is like driving any other time but something happens to the brain and people think they can drive like summertime. I learned to drive in the snow and have always felt comfortable with it. I know what to do in case of a slide and I do not tailgate the driver in front. Momma Said, "It is really all about the use of your brakes."

Another perk of the snow is it freezes up all the mud in my back-

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



yard. I don't have to mop up mud just a little melted snow and I am fine with that. Also I don't have to look out to see if it is snowing because I have the weather dogs to do that for me. I can judge the intensity of the snow by how white they are when they come back inside. Just keep a towel by the door and wipe them down and we are good to go.

I would not care if it stayed like this until the middle of March and then started to warm up. I guess the mid and southern part of the United States is going to get hit again. California is getting burned up again and we are being covered in snow. I will take the snow any day of the week.

## Peach and Blueberry Cobbler - Oven Version

### INGREDIENTS

- ½ CUP sugar
- 3 TABLESPOONS cornstarch
- PINCH of salt
- 6 CUPS sliced peeled peaches (fresh or frozen and thawed)
- 2 CUPS blueberries fresh or frozen and thawed
- 1/2 lemon juiced
- TOPPING
- 1 CUP all-purpose flour
- 1½ TEASPOONS baking powder
- ½ TEASPOON salt
- 6 TABLESPOONS sugar
- ¼ CUP butter cold
- ¾ CUP buttermilk
- Turbinado sugar (raw sugar) you can also blend part brown sugar and white sugar

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pre-heat the oven to 400°F.
2. Combine the sugar, cornstarch and a pinch of salt in a large bowl. Add

the peaches, blueberries and lemon juice and toss the fruit so that everything is coated with the sugar mixture. Transfer the fruit to a 9-inch by 9-inch baking dish or a 10-inch oven-safe skillet.

3. In a large mixing bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Grate the butter into the flour and stir it in to coat evenly. Gently stir in the buttermilk. The dough should be quite wet.

4. Dollop the batter over the top of the fruit, leaving some of the fruit uncovered. Sprinkle the Turbinado sugar over the batter – this will form a crunchy texture on top of the dough.

5. Transfer the baking dish to the oven and bake for 50 minutes, until the fruit is bubbling and the topping is lightly browned.

6. Let the cobbler stand for at least 10 minutes and then serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

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7 Greek vowel  
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112 Managers of houses in a subdivision

- 118 SpaceX founder Musk  
119 Formed a lap  
120 "Leave — the pros"  
121 Anna of fashion  
122 It has Cut and Copy commands  
126 Apt playing card for this puzzle's theme?  
131 Company VIP  
132 Barrymore or Waters  
of "Pinky"  
133 Consignment shop deal  
134 "I have no idea!"  
135 — Dame  
136 A whole lot

### DOWN

- 1 Become lenient  
2 Intestine: Prefix  
3 Of axons and dendrites  
4 "— be my honor"  
5 Ram's mate  
6 Prince, e.g.  
7 Eye-related  
8 Philippine capital

- 9 One-sharp musical key  
10 Sticky gunk  
11 Hit — (run into some trouble)  
12 Urbane  
13 Fruity drink  
14 Foot part  
15 Busy crawler  
16 Artsy cap  
17 Garlicky mayonnaise  
18 Replay speed, briefly  
19 "Your Song" singer John  
24 Whole lot  
29 Ice cream drink  
32 "Tsk!"  
33 — friendly  
34 She was Mrs. Gorbachev  
35 Stephen of "Still Crazy"  
36 Nuptial oath  
37 Buddhism branch  
38 Point of view  
43 K-O linkup  
45 Toon frame  
46 Fish eggs  
47 Seep out  
48 Wields  
49 Crime doer  
50 French bud  
51 Join nuptially  
52 Pitching stat  
54 Sharp as —

- 55 Popular Aussie boots  
56 Avocado dip, for short  
60 Fidel's cohort  
61 Sweltering  
62 "... sad and dreary everywhere —": Stephen Foster  
63 Suitable  
64 Disloyal sort  
67 Ivy and kudzu  
70 Go in haste  
71 Electees, e.g.  
72 Diner offering  
73 "— Lisa"  
74 PC key  
75 Gin inventor  
Whitney  
76 Ski lift type  
77 Pakistani language  
78 Tennis' Björn  
82 Positive vote  
83 And so on: Abbr.  
84 Dark loaf  
86 Fly trapper  
87 Jazz's  
— Gyra  
88 Mecca-to-Medina flight  
89 Country east of Arg.  
90 Little drink  
91 Giraffe's kin  
93 Be certain

- 97 Actor Ayres  
98 A, in Berlin  
99 Self-help author  
LeShan  
101 Lyric-penning  
Gershwin  
102 Ballplayer of D.C., in brief  
105 Apple computer camera  
106 Bible book before Job  
107 Mark with multicolored spots  
109 Optical  
110 Exact  
look-alike  
111 Licoricelike seeds  
112 Listens to  
113 Classic song  
114 Actress  
Shearer  
115 PC key  
116 Dutch painter Jan  
117 Dove's call  
123 Roman 1,200  
124 Biblical verb suffix  
125 — de plume  
127 Figure skater  
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128 To's partner  
129 Company  
VIP  
130 Timothy Leary's drug

## Weather Totals

Dec. 31 - Jan. 7, 2025

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

### Temperature

Max 58° F  
Min 4° F

### Precipitation

Week 1.50"  
December 3.95"  
2024 50.06"  
January 1.50"  
2025 1.50"

### Snowfall

New Snow 12"  
Snow on ground 10.5"  
Winter Total 23.5"

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# SPORTS

## Tucker County Youth Basketball Continues to Be Launch Pad for Success



Ryden Huffman & Nevin Luzier



Austin Mauzy



Kace Nestor & Malik Dillard



Carter Wolford



Savannah Witemore



Kye Shillingburg & Cambrie Freeman

**By: Adam Freeman**  
The Tucker County Youth Basketball League has over 185 young Tucker Countians that take part in practice all week and games every weekend. For years now the Annex Gym in Parsons has been home to some of the best entertainment in town every weekend through the winter months. With all the success our high school teams have

experienced as of late (#1 Boys AP Poll, #2 Girls AP poll) it's good to remember where it all started for a lot of these young athletes, and to support the future of the Black & Gold we all so proudly cheer on and embrace. The next top teams and players in the State in Single A might just be current members of the Tucker County Youth Basketball League.

## Tucker Topples East Hardy for Second Time This Season

**By: Adam Freeman**  
The Tucker County Boys Basketball team traveled to Baker, WV last Friday for their lone game of the week due to the weather. Tucker would battle some rebounding and shooting woes throughout the contest, getting outrebounded by 8 boards and shooting 0-19 from behind the arc. However, the Mt. Lions did what Championship caliber programs do, and that was to find a way to win on an off night. With school being canceled all week long, and the chance to get in the gym together was limited, Tucker was happy to take home the W. The game was tight through the first half with the

game tied at 15 all after the first period, and with East Hardy leading by 3 at the half, 28-25. Tucker's defense would prove to be the difference in the second half, holding the Cougars to 4 points in the third quarter to take the lead 37-32. Tucker would again outscore their opponent in the fourth, 16-10 to take the win 53-42. The Mt. Lions remain undefeated at 9-0 on the season with a home matchup this Wednesday against Pendleton County, tipoff is set for 6:00 pm.  
Bonner 16 pts, 4 reb, FT 2-3; Wilfong 16 pts, 4 reb, FT 2-2; Mitchell 11 pts, 4 reb, FT 3-3; Marks 4 pts, 2 reb; Lambert 4 pts, 6 reb; Arnold 2 pts, 1 reb



Mason Wamsley & Braydon Carr

### TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a photo (left) of the 1984-85 Boys Varsity Basketball Team. They are identified as Row 1, left to right Bernard Nice, Marty Miller, Jerry Cooper, Allen Moore, Robin Bowley, Mike Cooper Row 2, left to right Coach Dave Kyle, Ronnie Ricotilli, Dale Nestor, Todd, Betler, Shane Gravelle, Eric Alkire, Frank Puskas, Scott Bolyard, Coach Tom Gutshall. Ideas, comments, suggestions, items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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## West Virginia Chosen as National Leader in Transforming Maternal and Infant Health

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) today announced that the State is among 15 selected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to participate in the Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) Model, a groundbreaking initiative aimed at improving maternal health outcomes for mothers and infants enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

The TMaH Model, which launched on January 1, 2025, will operate over a 10-year period and is designed to address critical disparities in access, care, and outcomes for mothers and newborns. West Virginia's participation underscores its ongoing commitment to maternal and child health, especially for vulnerable populations.

"This selection reflects West Virginia's dedication to ensuring that every mother and infant has access to the highest quality care," said Cindy Beane, DoHS Bureau for Medical Services Commissioner. "Through the TMaH Model, we have the opportunity to transform maternal health care in our state, eliminating barriers and providing comprehensive, compassionate care to families who need it most."

Key pillars of the TMaH Model include:

Access to care, infrastructure, and workforce capacity: Expanding access and addressing barriers that limit resource availability. This includes fostering culturally sensitive care and empowering mothers to manage their birth experiences effectively.

Quality improvement and safety: Implementing evidence-based patient safety bundles to enhance maternal and infant health outcomes. This includes tackling challenges like hypertension during pregnancy, substance use disorders, and cardiac conditions, as well as working toward the CMS "Birthing-Friendly" hospital designation.

Whole-person care delivery: Offering tailored care plans based on physical, social, and mental health needs. This includes prenatal screenings, remote monitoring for conditions like hypertension, and connections to community organizations to address social determinants of health.

For families interested in West Virginia Medicaid or WV CHIP services, applications can be submitted at [wvpath.wv.gov](http://wvpath.wv.gov). For more information about the TMaH Model, including its goals and resources, visit the TMaH Model webpage.

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# McClain Printing Company 2024 Employee of the Year



The owners, management and staff of McClain Printing Company celebrated the holidays, end of 2024, and the employee of the year Friday evening, December 13th, at Piccolo Paula’s in Parsons. Everyone enjoyed delicious appetizers, entrees and desserts followed by the presentation of the MPC Employee of the Year award by owner, Ken Smith.

This year’s recipient is Chris Reynolds. Chris has been an employee at MPC for three years in the bindery department setting up and utilizing all machinery, as well as occasionally operating the presses and making deliveries when needed.

Chris lives in Parsons where he is a photographer, musician, and a volunteer fire fighter, with the highest 2024 responding rate with the Parsons Volunteer Fire Department. He is a great asset to MPC and a good friend to his colleagues.

Those attending the 2024 annual event were: Ken and Bonnie Smith, Kevin and Debbie White, Shelly McKinnie, Melinda and Paul Pennington, Chopper and Barbie Evans, Jack Plum and Dawn Champ, Roy and Melinda Lipscomb, Ray Amie and Jennifer Lewis, Jerry Kelly and Mary Lee White, Cody and Shelley Beadle, Chris Reynolds and Autumn Moore.

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Ice on front of Mountain Valley Bank.

# Capito to Serve as Chairman of Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) today issued the following statement after the Senate adopted a resolution formally naming her Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) for the 119th Congress.

“It is an honor to serve as Chair-

man of the EPW Committee, and I am deeply humbled by the trust my colleagues have placed in me to lead the Committee. EPW was among my first committee assignments when I was sworn into the U.S. Senate in 2015, and serving as Ranking Member for the past four years has provided me great experience with the issues within

our jurisdiction and how to achieve bipartisan solutions. I am dedicated to getting things done and delivering for the American people.

“The EPW Committee also welcomes a new Ranking Member in Senator Sheldon Whitehouse this Congress, and several new members including Senators John Curtis and Jerry Moran on the Republican side, and Senators Adam Schiff, Lisa Blunt Rochester, and Angela Alsobrooks on the Democrat side. I look forward to working with Ranking Member Whitehouse and all of the Committee members to continue our bipartisan tradition of reaching commonsense solutions.

“As the Chairman of the EPW Committee, I am committed to advancing policies that unlock all forms of American energy, and improve the permitting process of infrastructure projects of all types while protecting our environment and the health of our constituents. I will work with our members to pass a long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill that improves our nation’s roads and bridges, as well as water resource development legislation that invests in our communities and

the infrastructure that protects them. I will prioritize legislation that provides the resources our communities need to upgrade drinking water infrastructure and address legacy PFAS contamination. Importantly, I am also committed to working with President Trump and his administration to swiftly confirm high quality nominees and deliver on our shared goals.

“I am confident in the EPW Committee’s ability to work together in the upcoming Congress, continuing to be one of the most productive committees in the U.S. Senate. Let’s get to work.”

EPW Committee members in the 119th Congress include Ranking Member Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Senators Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), John Curtis (R-Utah), Ed Markey (D-Mass.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-Del.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Angela Alsobrooks (D-Md.), and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.).

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