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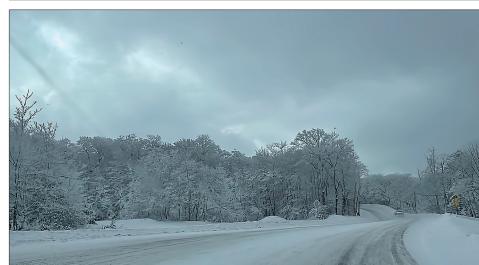
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Winter Wonderland^{*}









Winter has made its presence known in Tucker County with back to back storms and frigid temperatures gripping the region. Forecasts give little hope of relief in sight in the near future, but school children have been enjoying a few extra days away from classrooms thanks to Old Man Winter. Road crews throughout the area have been working overtime in attempts to keep ahead of the snowfalls.



City of Parsons Discuss Future Park Amenity Plans

By: Lydia Crawley

The Parsons Advocate

During the City of Parsons recent meeting on January 7th, there was a discussion on the status of an upcoming project to construct a handicapped bathroom at Mill Race Park at Pavilion One. Dave from the City Works Crews was a part of the discussion and input his expert opinion on the project. "So its not just build a shell and lets poop," Dave said. "There's a whole process and there's a lot of work."

Dave said that the project was going to need a lot more than just the construction of a building. According to Dave the project is going to require new water and sewer lines, electric lines and the removal of an old septic system from the property. "You got to do away with that septic tank," Dave said. "You have to force main that stuff all the way across the parking lot. New water lines, new electric lines all the way up to Billings Avenue and tie the other

bathroom into that.' City Administrator Michael Simmons said the City has talked about putting the project out for bid, but has not done so yet. Simmons also said he has been in contact with Dave about the logistics of the projects so that he is well educated when discussing the project with potential bidders. "We've been talking about putting it out on bid," Simmons said. "I've been talking with Dave a lot about where the utilities come from Billings at so that when I'm talking to people, having giving us some pricing, I know what I'm talking about, where the main comes in and where the electric comes off."

According to Dave, the septic system at the Park was supposed to have been removed four years ago. "We were supposed to have that tank out of there four years ago," Dave said. "There's quite a bit of stuff to get this to work. You can't just tie into that septic. You have to do away with it."

Dave said that there is a long way for the water and sewer lines to run to the site of the project. "That's a long ways across there,"

Dave said. City Council Member Tim Turner said that the electrical is already at the site of the pavilion. "The electric comes across the pavilion," Turner said.

Due to an undersized waterline, Dave said the site would need all new water lines installed to complete the project. The current half inch water lines would not support the new bathroom's needs, he said. "Need a complete new water line through there," Dave said. "There's only a half inch line all the way through there."

Council Member Sam Humphrey asked about running the lines to Pennsylvania Avenue instead of Billings Avenue as an alternative. "How about over on Pennsylvania Avenue?" Humphrey said. "Would it be more feasible to run that sewer line and water line that way or come over and up the hill at Billings?'

Dave said it doesn't matter where the lines run because once they are force fed, they can be placed anywhere. "It really doesn't matter because once you get force feed you can put it anywhere you want to," Dave said. "You can push it wherever you want to push it. It might be something to look into. Definitely."

Humphrey said he thought it might be closer from Pennsylvania Avenue. "It might be a lot closer," Humphrey said.

Dave said that the City could drill into a manhole in an alley, but that would still be a long way to run the lines. "But you're still way down here," Dave said.

The easiest path, Dave said, would be across the park trail and yard. "Might be easier to just go across the trail, right across the path and right through the yard," Dave said.

Council Member Kathy DiBacco suggested tying in near the car wash across the street. "There's not something there at the car wash that you could tie into?" DiBacco said.

DiBacco mentioned the new construction currently under way in the area across the street from the park. In her comments, DiBacco mentioned that the new building would have to tie in somewhere over there. Dave said that the building was located closer to the manhole on that side than the project being discussed is for the City. "He's a lot closer to that manhole then we are," Dave said.

Parsons Administrator Talks Alley Abandonment, Surveyors

of sewer

the alley,

By: Lydia Crawley The Parsons Advocate

City of Parsons Administrator Michael Simmons updated the City Council during their recent January 7th meeting on the status of a recent application for alley abandonment and survey projects within

the City. Simmons said he had contacted two homeowners along an alleyway in the City that had applied for abandonment recently to inform them that due to the

placement lines within the abandonment request c o'u 1 d weather I would give him two weeks to informed approved. spoke with Amy Can-

field and Janette Bishoff and explained to them that our main sewer line ran down their alley and that we would not be able to abandon

it," Simmons said. According to Simmons, the main concern the homeowners had with the abandonment issue regarded a garage built in the 70s that was constructed partially on the alleyway that they feared the City would require torn down due to the overlap. "They said that their biggest concern, the reason they come there, because someone else in the area had told them they would have to do that because there was two foot of a garage that was built in the 70s on it that we would possibly make them tear down," Simmons said.

Simmons said that the conversation went well and that all parties were satisfied with the result. "So we spoke, we got everything hashed out," Simmons said. "Everyone's on the same page. They're happy. No issues on that.'

Simmons also said that he had reached out to the City surveyor about the status of several survey projects that are needed by the City. Simmons said that the surveyor had been delaying on a couple of projects of a time sensitive nature. "I spoke with our surveyor, Mr. Heffner," Simmons said. "He's been dragging his feet on a couple of projects we have going on."

Simmons said the surveyor said he preferred not to come out in inclement weather and wanted to wait until Spring to survey the area. "The last time I talked to him was more, I don't mind coming out, but when its cold, its not favorable for me to come out," Simmons said.

"I said, while it was bad

Simmons said he told the surveyor that there were projects of a time sensitive nature involved and that they would not wait until Spring. Simmons also said he would wait two weeks to see if the weather would break before seeking out someone else to handle the more urgent projects. "Some of these things got a little more time sensitive on them so, I told him, I said, while it was bad weather I would give him two weeks to see if the weather broke and he could come down and get it done," Simmons said. "If not, we may have to use someone else."

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Simmons said

another firm to complete the tasks. "I did tell him though if he couldn't get to these ones that he's been up to speed on that we'd probably be going somewhere else and we'd revisit him in better weather."

Council Member Kathy DiBacco asked how long it takes to obtain surveyor's credentials because it seems the City is in need of a surveyor. Simmons said he did not know. "It seems like we have a need," DiBacco said. "Somebody needs to do it."

Simmons equated surveying to any skilled trade in that you simply cannot call up and get instatnt satisfaction. There is often a waiting period and list to contend with. "Surveying is kind of like plumbing," Simmons said. "You can't just call and say, hey I need something done."

Council Member Tim Turner asked about the County's surveyor. the County still have a surveyor for the County?" Turner asked.

City Treasurer Mistee Griffith said she has reached out to Facebook for help in locating a surveyor for the City. "I did put a post up on Facebook about surveyors," Griffith said. "So I have a few names off of Facebook."

Turner acknowledged the difficulty in locating and retaining a surveyor. "It is hard to get surveyors," Turner said. "I know every county is supposed to have one, but I know a lot of counties don't."

Simmons said the County currently does not have a surveyor, like many across the State. "Unfortunately, we don't right now," Simmons said.



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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 thins 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 is 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 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.



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.

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, Broaddus 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.

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Applications will be accepted until January 24th, 2025 by 4:00 P.M. (EDT).

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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 inlaw 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

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. Misbrener 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.wackerlyfuneralhome.com

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

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 Courthouse County 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 wel-

come 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.

Johanna Biddlecomb Shahan

Biddlecomb Johanna 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 greatgrandchildren, 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.

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

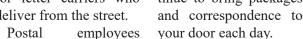
USPS is reminding customers of the importance of keeping walkways, sidewalks, and areas around mailboxes clear from snow and ice so letter carriers can provide safe and timely mail delivery.

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path to the mailbox including steps, porches, approach — will help letter carriers maintain consistent delivery service. Customers receiving curbside delivery should also ensure clear access to their mailboxes for letter carriers who deliver from the street.

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Grant County Bank Welcomes Josh Evans as Consumer Lender

Petersburg, W.Va. [January 8, 2025] — Grant County Bank is pleased to announce the hiring of Josh Evans as a Consumer Lender. Evans brings to the role more than nine years' experience in community banking.

Prior to joining Grant County Bank, Evans, a Petersburg native and resident, served as Loan Officer and Centralized Loan Processor for Summit Community Bank in Moorefield, W.Va..

"We are thrilled to welcome Josh to our lending team," said George Ford, President & CEO of Grant County Bank. "His familiarity with our region and its people will be a tremendous asset in helping us in our mission to provide financial services and products to families, small businesses and the local agricultural community."

Evans holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Potomac State College of West Virginia University. He also completed the West Virginia Bankers Association's Emerging Leaders Program and the West Virginia School of Banking.

"I'm excited to join Grant County Bank and begin building relationships with customers," said Evans. "They're the people we see every day at the

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2025 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW The Tucker County Commissioners will sit as the Board of Equalization & Review during the following dates:

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 **Monday, February 3, 2025 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 2:00 PM 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Monday, February 10, 2025 Thursday, February 13, 2025 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Tuesday, February 18, 2025 1:00 PM Sine Die **Natural Resource and Industrial Hearing Only

Date and Time Subject to Change pending State Approval The purpose of these meetings is to listen to persons who appear be-

fore the COMMISSION and EQUALIZATION of their assessments for the tax year and to transact any other complaints concerning taxes, assessments, etc.

In no case shall any question of classification or taxability be considered or reviewed.

Each person requesting an appointment will be granted 15 minutes in which to present their case, and all must have an appointment. Taxpayers appearing before the Board of Equalization and Review will be given a written answer to their inquiry by no later than February 28, 2025. However, no decisions will be made on the day of the review. The burden of proof is the taxpayer's responsibility. To make an appointment, you must contact the County Commission Office at 304-478-2866



grocery store, at church, and at sporting events. It's important that the bank can offer them local decisions on loan requests, whether it's for buying a car or purchasing a home."

Evans became interested in banking at a young age, as his mother was employed in banking. Now a banker himself, he appreciates the importance of delivering exceptional customer service and helping customers.

"When I first meet with a client, I ask questions to learn about their lending needs and their credit situation," Evans said. "With that information, I can determine how we can help them get the loan that's right for them."

About Grant County Bank

The Grant County Bank was chartered as a West Virginia state bank on August 6, 1902 and began operations on August 15 with its first office in Petersburg, WV. Our mission of providing financial services and products to families, small businesses, and the agricultural community has served both our customers and the bank well over the years.

Subsequently, The Grant County Bank has expanded its marketplace throughout the Potomac Highlands and now operates a total of seven offices in six counties. After more than a century of continued service, The Grant County Bank is truly "Committed to The Communities We Serve" and is a subsidiary of Highlands Bankshares, Inc., also headquartered in Petersburg, WV.

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Notice of Public Comments for the 2025 Tucker County Comprehensive Plan Tucker County Planning Commission

The Tucker County Planning Commission will host two public meetings to present the revised Tucker County Comprehensive Plan. The first meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, in the Davis Town Hall (505 William Avenue) in Davis. The second meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, in the Old Courthouse Courtroom (211 First Street) in Parsons.

A copy of the full text of the proposed 2024 Comprehensive Plan is available for review at no charge at Five Rivers Public Library in Parsons, the Mountaintop Public Library in Thomas, and the County Clerk's office in the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons

The revised Tucker County Comprehensive Plan is designed to provide information and to serve as a resource to plan for the future of Tucker County. The Comprehensive Plan is Tucker County's official guide for land use, housing, transportation, economic development, infrastructure, public services, connectivity, tourism, and county demographics. The Plan will serve as the County's guiding document for 10 years into the future, protecting and enhancing the unique character of

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Monitoring Reporting Requirements Not Met for Timberline-CV PSD WV3304711

Our water system violated drinking water monitoring requirements. Even though these were not emergencies, you, as our customers, have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation. We are required to monitor your drinking water on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During periods listed in the table below, we did not monitor or test as required and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

At this time, there is nothing you need to do.

Monitoring Violation	Year-Fed	Monitoring	Compliance
	Report #	Frequency	Period
03, MONITORING, ROUTINE MAJOR Arsenic Total Results Not Submitted	2022-11927	Annually	YR 2021

What happened? What is being done? (Describe corrective action)

The Arsenic sample for 2021 was not taken so there were no test results to be submitted. The operator was recently hired at the time of this violation and did not have a complete understanding of the drinking water sampling plan. It is now standard practice to incorporate the drinking water sampling plan into a calendar that further breaks down which samples that are to be taken into detailed biweekly checklists so no water samples can be mistakenly overlooked.

For more information, please contact Wesley Knotts at (304) 676-0317 or knottswesley@gmail.com. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. Date Prepared: January 03, 2025 Date Distributed: January 10, 2025

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Exceeded Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Haloacetic Acids HAMRICK PSD, WV3304704

Our water system violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you, as our customers, have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation. $We routinely \textit{ monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Test \textit{ results for } 10/1/2024 \textit{ and } 12/31/2024 \textit{ and } 12/31/2024$ show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Haloacetic Acids. The average level of Haloacetic Acids over the last four quarters was 67.000000000µg/L at #1 LEADMINE BPS location. The standard for Haloacetic Acids is µg60.0/L.

What should I do?

Your do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, it is recommended that you consult with your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing Haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done? (Describe corrective action)

Excessive heat and drought led to the increased demand for chlorine to meet required levels for compliance, resulting in elevated HAAS. Rain and cooler temperatures, and an increase in flushing will help correct this issue. The next sample required will be in February 2025. For more information, please contact Jason S. Lipscomb at (304) 591-2827 or P.O. Box 228, Hendricks, WV

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This notice is being sent to you by: **HAMRICK PSD** STATE WATER SYSTEM ID #: WV3304704

12/10/2024 Date Distributed: 1/8/25

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What should I do? At this time, there is nothing you need to do.

The table below lists the required monitoring and the compliance period.										
Monitoring Violation	Year-Fed	Monitoring	Compliance							
	Report #	Frequency	Period							
03, MONITORING, ROUTINE MAJOR										
Inorganic Chemicals (IOC) Results	2022-11923	Annually	YR 2021							
Not Submitted										

What happened? What is being done? (Describe corrective action)

The IOC sample for 2021 was not taken so there were no test results to be submitted. The operator was recently hired at the time of this violation and did not have a complete understanding of the drinking water sampling plan. It is now standard practice to incorporate the drinking water sampling plan into a calendar that further breaks down which samples that are to be taken into detailed biweekly checklists so no water samples can be mistakenly overlooked.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY,

IN THE MATTER OF: A.F. - DOB: 04/09/2023

Case No. 23-JA-5 Hon. Hilary Bright

ADULT RESPONDENTS: Jennie Long - Biological Mother Unknown - Biological Father

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

You have been named as the putative father of a child who is the subject of the above-styled matter involving a petition alleging the abuse and neglect of the child, whose mother is Jeanie Long. It appears after due diligence the Petitioner has been unable to locate your current whereabouts. You are hereby notified of the above styled action pending in the Circuit Court of Tucker County, West Virginia, that can result in the permanent termination of your parental, custodial and/or guardianship rights.

led for an Adjudicatory Hearing relative spondent Unknown Father, before the Circuit Court of Tucker County, West Virginia, on February 12, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. This Hearing will be held in the Tucker County Circuit Courtroom located at 211 First Street, 4th Floor, Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, 26287, and a dispositional hearing could immediately follow thereafter.

You must appear at the hearing set forth above to protect and defend

Aaron Yoho, a competent local attorney, has been appointed as your attorney in this matter. His address is P.O. Box 233, Reedsville, West Virginia 26547, and his phone number is (304) 602-7702.

You can obtain a certified copy of the Abuse and Neglect Petition and Order in this matter and further information about this case from the Tucker County Circuit Clerk's Office at 211 First Street, 4th Floor, Parsons, West Virginia 26287 or by calling the Tucker County Circuit Clerk's office at (304) 478-2606. Submitted by:

West Virginia Department of Human Services, by Savannah Hull Wilkins, Prosecuting Attorney Tucker County, West Virginia

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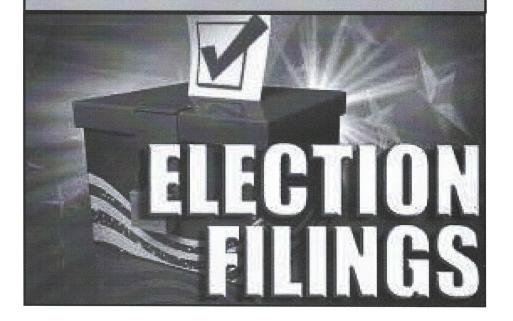
TOWN OF DAVIS

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

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.

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,

ginia 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

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

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 stead fastness 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

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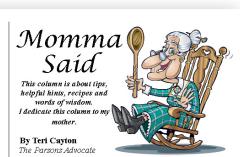
By Teri Cayton

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-



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

- 1/3 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
- 1/2 TEASPOON salt • 6 TABLESPOONS sugar
- 1/4 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

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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-

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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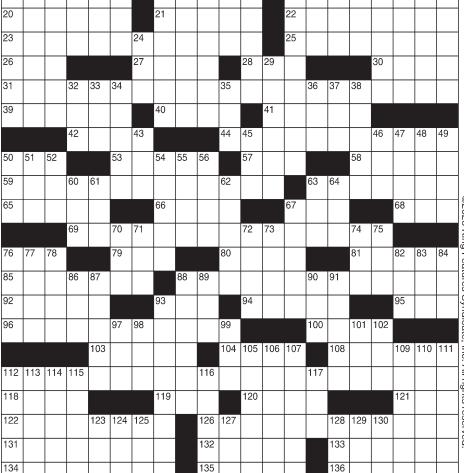
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Weather Totals

Dec. 31 - Jan. 7, 2025

Nursery Bottom Parsons

<u>Temperature</u> 58° F Max 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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Tucker County Youth Basketball Continues to Be Launch Pad for Success



Ryden Huffman & Nevin Luzier



Austin Mauzy





Carter Wolford

By: Adam Freeman The Tucker County Youth Basketball League has over 85 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



Savannah Witemore

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



Kye Shillingburg & Cambrie Freeman

Tucker Topples East Hardy for Second Time This Season game tied at 15 all after the first period, and with East Hardy

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

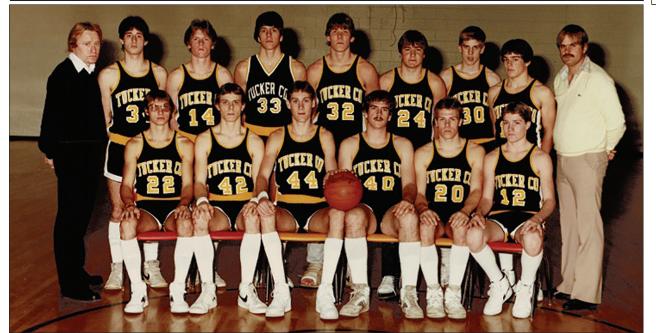
leading by 3 at the half, 28-25. Tucker's defense would prove to be the difference in the second half, holding the Cougars to 4 points in the third quarter to take the lead 37-32. Tucker would again outscore their opponent in the fourth, 16-10 to take the win 53-42. The Mt. Lions remain undefeated at 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

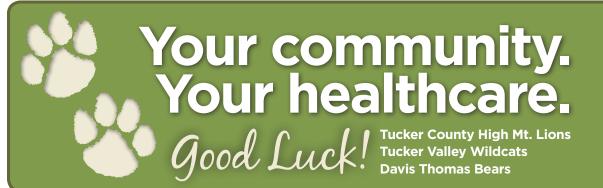
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This is a photo (left) of the 1984-85 Boys Varsity Basketball Team. They are identified as Row 1, left to right Bernard Nice, Marty Miller, Jerry Cooper, Allen Moore, Robin Bowley, Mike Cooper Row 2, left to right Coach Dave Kyle, Ronnie Ricotilli, 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-

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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

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 evidencebased 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. 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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How will the children's clothing be purchased?

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

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