





# Foundation announces creation of new scholarship fund

PARSONS – The Tucker Community Foundation is proud to announce the creation of the Louanna Bava Carr Memorial Scholarship Fund. The new Louanna Bava Carr Memorial Scholarship will provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving female athlete at Tucker County High School who is continuing her education in college or a trade school.

The Louanna Bava Carr Memorial Pass Through Scholarship was created by generous donations from Louanna’s high school graduating class. This scholarship was created to honor the life of Louanna Bava Carr, a gifted athlete and graduate of Tucker County High School. Louanna lost her life in a tragic car accident, at Crystal Springs on Memorial Day weekend in 2024.

Louanna Bava Carr, lovingly known as “Lulu”, was born and raised in Tucker County. Lulu attended Tucker County High School and graduated with the first graduating class in 1979. While in high school, she played basketball and ran track. She continued her basketball career for two years at Potomac State College and Fairmont State University. On December 16, 1988, Louanna married Patrick Carr and they had celebrated 35 years together at the time of her death. Louanna and Patrick Carr lived in Elkins. Lulu was an avid sports fan and a huge supporter of Tucker County Sports. She was the life of the party. She always had a smile on her face and loved to make people laugh. She was known for her kindness and generosity. She was a friend to all she met. This This scholarship is to honor Lulu’s life and memory and to help other students like her to attend either college or trade school.

The Tucker Community Foundation will be accepting donations to the Louanna Bava Carr Memorial Scholarship Fund, to continue this scholarship as long as funding lasts. The friends and classmates of Lulu would ultimately like to raise enough funds to change this pass-through scholarship into an Endowed Scholarship Fund which will provide perpetual funding for the scholarship to continue forever in Louanna’s Memory. To donate to the Louanna Bava Carr Memorial Scholarship Fund or any of TCF’s other scholarship funds make checks payable to TCF and



Louanna Bava Carr pictured with a former Tucker County High School basketball player.

put the name of the scholarship fund in the memo line and mail to Tucker Community Foundation, P.O. Box 491, Parsons, WV 26287. To see a complete list of scholarship funds or to make an online donation go to [www.tucker-foundation.net](http://www.tucker-foundation.net) make sure to put the scholarship name in the comment box.

The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 145 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to nonprofits and charitable causes throughout its nine-county service area. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the Foundation is “creating opportunities for the individuals and communities we serve”. For more information on how to set-up an endowed fund or to learn about the foundation, call 304-478-2930.

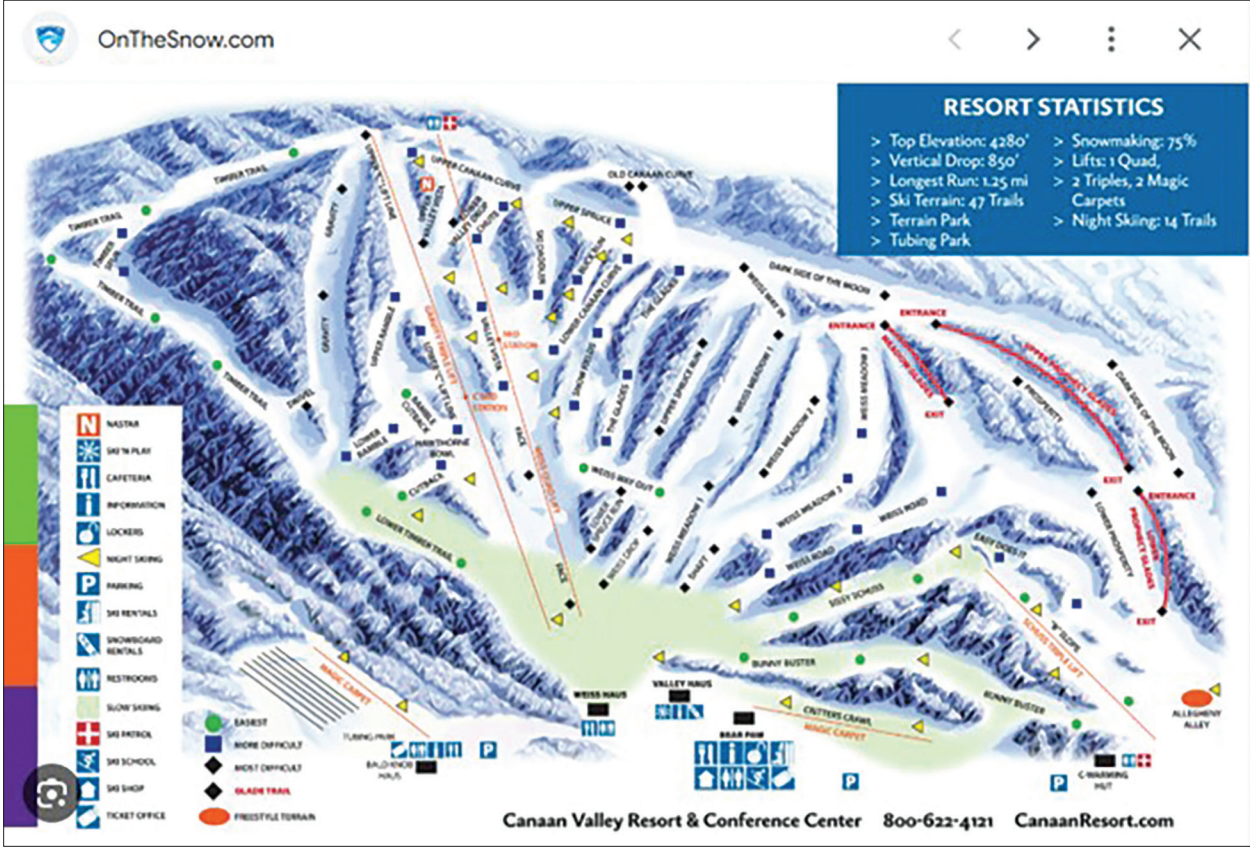


Louanna Bava Carr

## News of Record

- The following property transfers have been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk’s office:**
- Peter A. Williams and Karen S. Williams, Davis District, Lot 8 Canaan Heights Estates to Melissa Moeller and Justin Moeller, \$168,500.
  - John N. Simpson and Rebecca R. Simpson, Dry Fork District, Lot 59 North Lake to Benjamin L. Smith and Bronlyn Smith, \$75,000.
  - Graham H. Lacy, Gayle M. Lacy; Lacy Living Trust, Dry Fork District, Tract 9 Freeland Estates to Greg Zickefoose, \$130,000.
  - Travis Hines and Chelsie Davis, Dry Fork District, Lot #3, Stone Camp Ridge Sub-division – 2.03 acres to David Lawrence Brook and Erin Melinda Brook, \$25,000.
  - Raymond S. Webster and Danita M. Webster, Dry Fork District, 47 Cabin Mountain, Section A Extension – 5.16 acres to Mark McCoy and Kathleen McCoy, \$610,000
  - Maple Grove LLC, Davis Corporation, Lot 582 to Terezie Palmer, \$185,000.
  - Robert A. Diggs and Rhonda F. Diggs, Dry Fork District, Unit C-2, .11 acres, Cedar P1 to Wesley Stepp and Brittany Stepp, \$350,000.

# Canaan Valley Resort State Park will now allow Uphill Skiing



The Canaan Valley Resort State Park endorsed and will now allow uphill skiing at the Canaan Valley Resort State Park ski area. Uphill skiing shall be permitted during normal ski hill operating hours, 0900-430pm daily, during weekdays and non-holidays.

The Canaan Valley Resort State Park will sell an uphill season pass for a fee of \$50.00. The pass will be valid for uphill skiing only. The uphill pass will not allow the pass holder to ride the ski lifts.

Uphill skiing will be permitted on the slopes designated in the daily trail report. The trail report is visible on the Canaan Valley Resort Website. Uphill skiers should know that uphill skiing will not be permitted on unopened slopes

where snow-making or grooming operations are ongoing.

The Prosperity and Darkside of the Moon slopes are available for uphill skiing whenever natural snow cover permits.

Uphill skiers will only be permitted to ski downhill on open ski runs.

When going uphill, skiers should stay within 10 feet of the edge of ski runs. Uphill skiers shall avoid traversing into the middle of the ski slopes.

Uphill skiers may use skins, scales, or split boards. Uphill ski equipment must have metal edges and be equipped with ski breaks, leashes, or the standard manufacturer’s safety equipment to prevent runaway skis.

## Nominations Now Open for Inductees to the 2025 WV Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame

Charleston - The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WVDFOF) today announced that nominations are open for the next round of honorees for West Virginia's Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame (WVAFHF).

The Hall of Fame highlights the people, businesses, organizations, institutions and foundations that have significantly contributed to agriculture, forestry and family life in West Virginia. Selected nominees will be inducted during a recognition dinner in July at Jackson's Mill.

Submitted nomination forms must be received by February 14, 2025 to be considered.

“This honor is given to those who have lived in West Virginia and have had a long-tenured associa-

tion with agriculture, forestry and/or family life and have made outstanding, direct contributions to those industries,” said Jeremy McGill, WVDFOF Assistant State Forester, and President of the WVAHF. “Inductees must demonstrate the highest standards of leadership and contributions on local, state, national and international levels. We look forward to the opportunity to induct a new class into the Hall of Fame.”

Nomination forms are available from the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame website or by contacting McGill via email at [Jeremy.R.McGill@wv.gov](mailto:Jeremy.R.McGill@wv.gov) or by phone at (304) 439-3003.

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Submissions must include a daytime telephone number, name and address. This is for verification purposes.

Letters can be submitted only once each 30 days and can not exceed 500 words.

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erty of The Parsons Advocate. The Parsons Advocate reserves the right to edit and/or reject letters. Personal attacks, lies, and etc. will not be published.

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If you have any questions, please call us at 304-478-3533.



# OBITUARIES

## Ruth Rosella Pifer Long Obituary

Ruth Rosella Pifer Long, 80, a resident of Nella's at Autumn Lake, passed from this life Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at Davis Medical Center in Elkins. She had been in declining health.

Ruth was born on Tuesday, May 30, 1944, in Tucker County, a daughter of the late Herman Pifer and Minnie Guthrie Pifer.

Left to cherish Ruth's memory are two daughters, Roseanne Miller and Kathleen Coberly, a son, Frankie Long, two grandchildren Jessica Ann Long and Eric Scott Pennington, one sister, Mary Ann Mullenax and one brother, Jack Pifer, several nephews, nieces, great nephews, and great nieces.

Preceding Ruth in death



besides her parents was a son, Billy Joe Miller and several brothers and sisters.

Ruth attended the schools of Tucker County and later obtained her GED. She was employed as a coal miner for North Branch Mine at Bayard and then as a construction

worker building bridges in Virginia. Ruth enjoyed crafts, shopping, interacting when able with residents in the nursing home, and her jobs. Over her life, she enjoyed holidays, especially Christmas, and enjoyed vacationing in Virginia Beach where she had lived for a time. She loved her dogs, and she especially loved her grandchildren.

Ruth's request for cremation will be honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Ruth Rosella Pifer Long. Send online condolences to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com).

## Shelvie Jean Varner Mullenax

Shelvie Jean Varner Mullenax, age 87 years, a resident of the Holly Meadows Community, Parsons, WV and for the past several years a resident of Cortland Acres at Thomas, WV, departed this life Friday evening, January 31, 2025, at Cortland Acres. She had been in declining health.

She was born Friday, July 30, 1937, at Dry Fork, WV, a daughter of the late Baden Varner and Alice Day Varner. On December 24, 1955, at Oakland, MD, she was married to Franklin Delano Mullenax, Sr, who preceded her in death November 11, 2005.

Surviving are one son, Franklin Delano Mullenax, Jr. and wife Diana of Sugarlands; two daughters, Deborah Lynn Knotts of Sugarlands and Sylvia Diane Mullenax of Elkins; one brother, Fred Varner of Barbour Co.; six grandchildren, Travis Mullenax and wife Katie, Lynne Sandell and wife Shelbe, Tammy Hedrick, Sarah



Rothenburgh, Briana Mullenax, and Lexie Simons; nine great grandchildren, Addyson, Macey, Lillian Sandell, Sommer McCord and husband Elijah, Sidney and Sean Simmons, and Landon Plum and Peyton and Carter Richardson; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are two brothers, Carl and Delbert Worth Varner; and two sisters, Shirley Parsons and Annabelle Pifer.

She attended the school at Dry Fork and was a graduate of Parsons High School. She was a home-

maker. She had worked at Parsons Footwear and Blackwater Falls State Park Lodge, working in the kitchen. She was a babysitter for her family, was an excellent cook and baker and loved spending time with her family. She attended the Brethren Church in Sugarlands.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Thursday from 4 PM until 6 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 11 AM. The Reverend James Snyder will officiate and interment will follow at the Bethel Cemetery at Holly Meadows, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Shelvie Jean Varner Mullenax. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; [www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com](http://www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com).

## Pamela Ann Fritter

It is with great sadness that we share the loss of our beloved Pamela Ann Fritter. On Friday January 24, 2025, she passed away peacefully, free of pain, surrounded by her loving husband & family. Pam is survived by her devoted spouse, Gary Fritter Sr. As well as her loving children, Gary Fritter Jr., Christina Hoover (Barry) & dear siblings, Robert "Buzzy"

Dumire (Helen), Charles McDaniel (Margaret), & brothers-in-law Michael Fritter Sr., Timmy Fritter & Barry Stevens Sr. Pamela was also a cherished grandmother & great-grandmother to Barry "Gus" Hoover III (Caitlyn), Sarah Bohns (Edward), Lindsay Hoover, Meghan Fritter, Katherine "Katie" Fritter, Barry IV, John, & Mackenzie. Including her adoring

nieces Angie & Virginia & devoted nephew Michael Jr. She is greeted at the gates of heaven by her parents, Angie & Charles McDaniel, her sister-in-law Beverly Stevens & many other cherished family members. Family & Friends gathered on February 1st, 2025 for celebration of life services. For more information, email [gffritterjr76@gmail.com](mailto:gffritterjr76@gmail.com).

## Loved Ones Lost

2024 November, Ruth Gotinsky, 86

## Governor Patrick Morrisey Gives Update on Budget Shortfalls

CHARLESTON, WV – At a recent press conference, Governor Patrick Morrisey addressed members of the media about issues with the state budget. Morrisey took to a whiteboard to lay out specific figures and line items that are contributing to the projected over \$400M deficit in fiscal year 2026.

The items discussed include:

Medicaid: \$153M came from one-time funding sources in FY2025 (budget gimmick).

Corrections: Requires an additional \$47M to get through FY2025 (prison guards, medical expenses, security).

PEIA: Additional \$62M of General Revenue Funding required in FY2026 – doesn't factor in 14.47% premium increase.

Education: Base increases of over \$100M due to School Aid formula, Higher Education formula, and HOPE Scholarship costs.

Tourism: Underfunded base budget by

\$13M of one-time funding in FY2025.

More highlights from Governor Morrisey's remarks today:

"I conveyed to you and said: we're going to be able to get through these budget challenges to the other side. But we've been learning a lot more over the last few weeks, and I'd like to provide even greater detail to you about what we're finding. I think, as you'll see on February 12, when we provide the formal budget, everything we say is gonna get backed up, so third grade math will understand what we're doing. I want to be really clear. This is important, that we are providing facts to people and to the public – these are not going to be disputable pieces of information."

"We're going to have to change how we do things. We can't rob Peter to pay Paul and push all the bills to future generations. We can't do that anymore. And that's a lot of what we've seen. We're going to be able to address things very, very differently."

Gail Parsons Ross, 88, born on September 11, 1936, in Parsons, WV to Paul Alton Parsons, Sr. and Jocie Lantz Parsons, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2025 surrounded by loved ones.

Gail met her husband at Berea College, Berea, KY, where she earned her Bachelor's degree. She earned her Master's at Old Dominion University while teaching. She dedicated her life to education and service. A passionate educator, she taught for almost 30 years and touched countless lives with her kindness, patience, and unwavering commitment to her students. Gail was also a cherished member of Westhaven Baptist Church where she faithfully served in various roles, including the choir, various boards, and committees. Later in life, Gail pursued a career in real estate, where she found joy in helping families find their dream homes. Her warmth and professionalism made her a trusted and respected agent in the community.



Gail was predeceased by her loving husband of 62 years, Forrest "Ron" Ross. Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Lycia Phipps James (Drew) and Ronda J. Ross (Cindy); sisters, Joann P. Criss, Robyn Mary Parsons (Bill), and Marlyn Stamey; brothers, Paul Alton Parsons, Jr. (Barbara) and Jared M. Parsons; grandchildren, Cameron Gail Phipps and Remy Forrest Phipps. Nieces and nephews, Tammy Parsons Sharpe (Garnie), Tommy Parsons (Melissa), Davilee Criss Kadrluk (Ben), Angela Criss, Michael Parsons (Shannon), Les-

lie Parsons, Brendon Few, Donna Harris (Tandy), Tracy Ross and Troy Ross as well as extended family members, dear friends, colleagues, and former students.

Gail deeply loved her family and cherished the time she spent with them. She had a special place in her heart for the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where she found joy and peace during family vacations, making precious memories with loved ones. Gail will be remembered for her kindness, sense of humor, generosity and for the profound impact she had on those who knew her.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 8th at 11am with reception to follow in the social hall, at Westhaven Baptist Church, 4900 Caroline Ave. in Portsmouth, VA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Westhaven Baptist Church. Arrangements are entrusted to Sturtevant Funeral Home, Portsmouth Blvd. Chapel. [www.sturtevantfuneralhome.com](http://www.sturtevantfuneralhome.com).

## DH, DHF, and DoHS Open Application Window for Summer Internship Program

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health (DH), Department of Health Facilities (DHF), Department of Human Services (DoHS), and the Office of Shared Administration are now accepting applications for the 2025 Summer Internship Program. The Office of Human Resources Management within the Office of Shared Administration for the departments is seeking motivated and compassionate students who are eager to gain meaningful work experience.

The 2025 advisory updates are the result of reviewing the recent fish tissues data and re-analysis of historical data. The current West Virginia Sport Fish Consumption Advisory can be reviewed at the following site: <https://oehs.wvdhhr.org/fish>.

There have been no changes to the current West Virginia sportfish advisory, as the recent data indicates that no changes were needed. The 2025 DNR fishing regulation and consumption advisories can be reviewed at: [https://wvdnr.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/20241217\\_Pub\\_Regs\\_Fishing2025\\_DNR\\_WILD\\_Interactive.pdf](https://wvdnr.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/20241217_Pub_Regs_Fishing2025_DNR_WILD_Interactive.pdf).

Low levels of chemicals like PCBs, mercury, selenium and dioxin have been found in some fish from certain waters. An advisory is advice

and should not be viewed as law or regulation. It is intended to help anglers and their families decide: where to fish, what types of fish to eat, how to limit the amount and frequency of fish eaten, and how to prepare and cook fish to reduce contaminants. Women of childbearing age, children, and people who regularly eat fish are particularly susceptible to contaminants that build up over time. Individuals falling into one of these categories should be especially careful to follow the guidelines.

The advisory covers only sport fish caught in West Virginia waters. Safety regulations and advisories for fish in the marketplace are the responsibility of the United State Food and Drug Administration (FDA). For more information you can contact the FDA at: <https://www.epa.gov/fish-tech/epa-fda-advice-about-eating-fish-and-shellfish>.

The West Virginia Department of Health (DH) seeks to advance the health and well-being of all West Virginians promoting healthy behaviors, working to mitigate public health crises, and increasing access to health-related resources and information.

For more information, visit [dhhr.wv.gov](http://dhhr.wv.gov).

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# More than 13,500 New Businesses Started in 2024:

## Annual Report from the Secretary of State Showcases Strength of West Virginia Economy Anchored by Small Business Entrepreneurs and Real Estate

Charleston, W. Va. – WV Secretary of State Kris Warner and the WV One Stop Business Center are celebrating more than 13,500 new business registrations in 2024.

According to the WV Secretary of State’s Business Statistics Database, 2024 was a particularly exciting year, with several industries experiencing significant new business growth and registrations.

In the small business sector, ‘Other Personal Services’ such as pet care, photofinishing, parking lots, and garages garnered the highest number of new business registrations in the state (702). Rounding out the rest of the top five are real estate (565); activities related to real estate (483); other specialty trade contractors (391); and residential building construction (352).

When comparing sectors to industry growth in 2024, ‘Other Personal Services’ was also second highest in new business growth at 32.94%, being outdriven only by the Charter Bus Industry, which led the state with 47.37%. Industries categorized as 'Other Textile Products' came in third boasting a

growth rate of 30%.

As further indication of the beauty and flavors of wild and wonderful West Virginia, the scenic and sightseeing transportation industry and special food services, which include catering and mobile food, gave a taste of what’s to come in the new year with growth rates of 28% and 22.89% respectively.

“Looking at both the new business growth percentage and the number of new businesses registered in 2024, it is evident that West Virginia is emerging as a preferred location for expansion and creativity for businesses,” said WV Secretary of State Kris Warner. "With growth in many diverse sectors, our state shows no sign of slowing down its diverse economic growth and development potential in 2025.”

“As I begin my first term as Secretary of State and the state's chief business registration official, I am committed to doing my part to help continue this momentum by supporting innovation, streamlining services and making sure every business, whether small or large, has the resources and support it needs

to succeed," Warner said.

Business registration services can be accessed online and at any time by utilizing the WV One Stop Business Portal. Walk-in customers are also welcome at the WV One Stop Business Center in Charleston or the remote business hubs in Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

New for 2025, virtual appointments allow entrepreneurs and business owners to meet directly with a Business Specialist in the WV Secretary of State's Office from the comfort of their home, office, or on the go. These appointments can be scheduled on our website at wvsos.gov.

The WVSOS Office also hosts a chatbot named "SOLO" - which stands for Single Online Location. SOLO is available 24/7 to answer many questions an entrepreneur or new business owner may have about starting a business in West Virginia. Anyone can access SOLO simply by visiting the WV Secretary of State's website at wvsos.gov.

# West Virginia Division of Multimodal Transportation

## Facilities Announces numbers for train rides in 2024

CHARLESTON, WV – The Cass Scenic Railroad, Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad (West Virginia Central), and Potomac Eagle, have concluded another year of both scenic and freight operations, with total ridership numbers showing a slight dip in certain segments but a strong recovery in the fall months.

Year-End Ridership:  
Cass/Durbin/WV Central: 54,619 passengers  
Potomac Eagle: 41,021 passengers  
Rail Explorers: 15,932 riders

Although the summer months of July and August 2024 saw a decrease in ridership compared to the previous year, the fall season brought a resurgence of passengers, bringing the total ridership numbers for the year in line with those of 2024, according to Cindy Butler, Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities. The division oversees ports, aeronautics, rail and public transit within the state.

Beyond its popular excursion services, the South Branch Valley Railroad, which operates the Potomac Eagle, continues to provide vital freight transportation for customers in Hardy and Grant counties. Similarly, the West Virginia Central Railroad supports local economies in Randolph County with its

freight services to various businesses.

Rail Explorers had its inaugural year with The Buffalo Creek Cruise railbike tour which came with great success. Mary Joy Lu, Rail Explorers CEO worked with the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) and state tourism officials to open this in June of 2024. Its state-of-the-art railbikes are pedal-powered, have hydraulic disc brakes, and feature a custom-built electric motor – the REX Propulsion System. Riders can choose a Quad Railbike that holds up to four riders or a Tandem Railbike that holds up to two riders.

The new outdoor adventure has brought more than 15,932 visitors to the small town of Clay, making it a significant new tourism attraction for the region.

Visitors from all 50 states and 25 countries traveled to Clay to experience the scenic beauty and rich history of the Buffalo Creek and Gauley Railroad, a historic line that dates back to 1904.The 2024 season was a major success for both Rail Explorers and the local community.

“Between tourism and the freight service, the railroads under our ownership provide economic lifelines to many parts of West Virginia.” Butler said.

For more information, visit mountainrailwv.com.

With work continuing in all 55 counties across the state, the West Virginia Division of Highways and the West Virginia Department of Transportation remind the public of the importance of keeping everyone safe in work zones by keeping “Heads up; phones down!”

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Velma Lorena Hebb	Crystal Sigley
1st publication 2/5/25	5774 Location Rd.
2nd publication 2/12/25	Parsons, WV 26287

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

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Wide Area Network

The Tucker County Board of Education, Parsons, WV, invites proposals for WAN Connections for Tucker County Schools. Proposals must comply with the Universal School and Library Program of the Universal Service Fund, or E-Rate requirements. The scope of service, submission requirements and the basis for the award is contained in the request for proposal. No proposal may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for at least ninety days. No responses will be accepted after the posted closing time. Other requirements are detailed in the RFP. Proposals will be publicly opened on **March 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Tucker County Board of Education Office, 100 Education Lane, Parsons, WV 26287. Proposals may be obtained by contacting Jonathan Hicks at 304-478-2771 or jrhicks@k12.wv.us

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Beginning February 3, 2025, the Region VI Workforce Development Board (RVI WDB) is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of a One-Stop Operator from qualified providers. Interested parties must contact the RVI WDB at (304)-368-9530 to obtain a complete Request for Proposal packet, or may download the packet from the Region VI WDB website at [www.regionviwv.org](http://www.regionviwv.org) under the “About” tab. A Bidder’s Conference will be held on February 14, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at the Region VI WDB offices in Fairmont, WV. Further information about the bidder’s conference and the RFP is included in the RFP packet. Any agency interested in submitting a proposal in response to this RFP must send a representative to the Bidder’s Conference. The deadline for submission of the proposal is March 4, 2025. The completed packet must be received by post or by hand delivery to the RVI WDB office by 4:00 p.m. on March 4, 2025. Fax or email submissions will not be accepted.

The RVI WDB reserves the right to reject any and or all proposals submitted. For more information, contact Amy Hall at 304-368-9530 or [ahall@region6wv.org](mailto:ahall@region6wv.org).

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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 our county.

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

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Joey Lee Eskridge	Jodi Myers
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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Division of Highways  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until February 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
002	2022880005	S388-REC/AL-25 00	STBG-2025(010)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS D-8 RECALL STRIPING 2025 DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: PENDLETON, POCAHONTAS, RANDOLPH, TUCKER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER  
Monitoring Reporting Requirements No Met for  
City of Thomas WV3304709

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.

The table below lists the monitoring we did not conduct, other violations, and the associated compliance period.

Monitoring Violation	Year-Fed Report #	Monitoring Frequency	Compliance Period
3A, MONITORING, ROUTINE, MAJOR (RTCR) Valid Compliance Total Coliform Sample(s) Not Reported	2024-142252	Monthly	JUL 2024
27, MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR Failure to monitor Trihalomethanes (CTHM”s)	2024-13657	Quarterly	3QTR 2024
27, MONITORING, ROUTINE, MAJOR CHLORINE, Failure to Report Required Chlorine Residual with a Coliform Sample Result	2024-142260	Monthly	JUL 2024

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43, Turbidity Exceedance-Single Comb Filter Effluent (IESWTR/LT1)	2024 142249 2024 142254	Monthly	JUN 2024 JUL 2024
44, Turbidity-Monthly Comb Filter Effluent (IESWTR/LT1)	2024 142250 2024 142253	Monthly	JUN 2024 JUL 2024

**What happened? What is being done?** (Describe corrective action)  
43-44 & 3A - The City of Thomas water supply contained excessive high iron levels due to severe drought conditions.  
The City of Thomas is looking into different levels of treatment to prevent these issues in the future. These violations occurred during our water boil advisory June - August 2024.  
For more information, please contact [Brian Zirk](#) at (304) 463-4360 or 307 Spruce Street, Thomas, WV 26292.

*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.*  
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City of Parsons WV3304707

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.

The table below lists the monitoring we did not conduct, other violations, and the associated compliance period.

Monitoring Violation	Year-Fed Report #	Monitoring Frequency	Compliance Period
03, MONITORING, ROUTINE MAJOR REGULATED VOLATILE ORGANICS (VOC) Results Not Submitted	2024, 778963 thru 778983	1/Year	1/1/2023-12/31/2023

**What happened? What is being done?** (Describe corrective action)  
Samples were pulled during the correct monitoring period. However, the P.H. qualifier was not within the parameters for testing due to lab standards. The water quality was **NOT** affected. Samples will be pulled earlier in the year in case this happens again. We will continue to ensure samples are pulled at the proper monitoring time.  
For more information, please contact [John Lipscomb](#) at (304) 478-2311 or 341 Second Street, Parsons, WV 26287.

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## What's Happening

### Pasta Dinner

All you can eat pasta dinner 4 – 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Maple Spring Church of the Brethren Family Life Center. Meal includes:

Spaghetti with meat sauce and/or meatballs, Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo, bread, salad, drink and dessert. Donations accepted. Sponsored by, The Maple Spring Church Youth Group.



## e-WV The West Virginia Encyclopedia

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).

Feb. 5, 1784: Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln, was probably born February 5, 1784, in Hampshire County on Mikes Run in what is now Mineral County, although historical records relating to her early life do not exist.

Feb. 5, 1889: Fiddler and self-taught physician James Franklin “Doc” White was born near Ivydale, Clay County. White served the community as doctor, dentist and midwife, delivering more than 1,800 babies.

Feb. 5, 1890: Coach Eli Camden “Cam” Henderson was born in Joctown, Marion County. He is a revered figure in Marshall University sports history.

Feb. 5, 1941: Actor David Lynn Selby was born in Morgantown. His stage and screen credits include the outdoor drama Honey in the Rock, and the television shows Falcon Crest and Dark Shadows.

Feb. 6, 2007: Selva Lewis “Lew” Burdette, a native of Nitro, died in Florida. Burdette was an outstanding major league baseball player who spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves. He won three games in the 1957 World Series, helping the Braves defeat the New York Yankees.

Feb. 7, 1867: West Virginia University was established by an act of the West Virginia legislature. The college, originally called the Agricultural College of West Virginia, opened its doors in September 1867.

Feb. 7, 1889: Nell Elizabeth “Pistol Nell” Walker was born at Sewell Mountain. Known as the “First Lady” of Fayette County, she served 12 terms as a member of the House of Delegates.

Feb. 8, 1892: Cartoonist Irvin Dugan was born in Huntington. For many years, his “Adam” cartoon character was a feature on the editorial pages of the Herald-Dispatch.

Feb. 8, 1915: Photographer Volkmar Kurt Wentzel was born in Dresden, Germany. He emigrated with his family to the United States at age 11. As a teenager in West Virginia, Wentzel took up with an eclectic group of people who had retreated to Youghiogheny Forest, a Preston County artist colony.

Feb. 8, 1918: Medal of Honor recipient Herbert Joseph Thomas Jr. was born. He excelled as a football half-back at South Charleston High School, and Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital in South



**Feb. 6, 1882: Poet Anne Spencer was born in Virginia but spent most of her youth in Bramwell, Mercer County. She became an acclaimed poet during the 1920s Harlem Renaissance. In 2000, two of her poems were included in the Library of America's anthology of 20th Century American poetry.**

Charleston is named for him.

Feb. 9, 1843: Republican leader Nathan Goff Jr. was born in Clarksburg. In 1888, Goff lost West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election to A. B. Fleming. Goff's initial 106-vote majority was challenged, and both men were sworn in on inauguration day. The case dragged on until 1890, when Fleming was determined to be the rightful winner.

Feb. 9, 1900: “Aunt Jennie” Wilson was born near Henlawson. Wilson was a Logan County traditional musician, considered a master of clawhammer-style banjo playing.

Feb. 9, 1950: U.S. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's speech to a group of Wheeling Republicans launched the 1950s red scare. McCarthy, a Wisconsin Republican, claimed in his speech to have a list of 205 communists who worked in the U.S. State Department.

Feb. 10, 1904: Jay Legg was shot and killed by his wife, Sarah Ann, in their home in Clay County. The trial, conviction, appeal and acquittal of Sarah Ann led to a popular West Virginia folk ballad, “The Murder of Jay Legg.”

Feb. 10, 2010: Frederick Appleton “Fred” Schaus, West Virginia University basketball All-American, coach, and athletic director, died at age 84 in Morgantown. Schaus coached WVU, 1954-1960, to a 146-37 record, and lost by one point in the 1959 national championship game.

Feb. 11, 1903: Artist Grace Martin Taylor was born in

Morgantown. She produced an immense body of work in various styles and enjoyed a lengthy career at the Mason College of Music and Fine Arts in Charleston.

Feb. 11, 1904: Clarence Watson Meadows was born in Beckley. His mother hoped he would become a Baptist minister, but he ultimately entered politics, becoming the 22nd governor of West Virginia.

Feb. 11, 1911: The Charles Town Opera House opened. The 500-seat theater ushered in an era of entertainment and service lasting more than 30 years.

Feb. 11, 1923: Eight members of the Black Hand were arrested in Harrison County. The Black Hand was the name and symbol of an underworld society of Italian immigrants that extorted money from other Italian immigrants.

Feb. 11, 1935: The first houses in the Tygart Valley Homesteads were ready for occupancy. One of three resettlement projects in West Virginia, the homesteads were intended to provide a new start for unemployed farmers, miners and timber workers.

Feb. 11, 1949: Singer and pianist Ethel Caffie-Austin was born in Bluefield and raised in Mount Hope. As “West Virginia's First Lady of Gospel,” she performed around the world, taught countless students, earned the Vandalia Award and founded the Black Sacred Music Festival. She was inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame in 2020. She died in 2024.

By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

I had a very nice customer stop in this week and we had a great chat. I want to wish her family traveling mercies on an upcoming trip and also wish them fair weather and calm seas. I like to interact with people who this article has an impact on. I'm hoping I am doing Mom and Gran justice with this little look into our lives.

As I have said before we had a good life growing up and we didn't know we were not rich. We were not rich with wealth but we were millionaires in life lessons. **Momma Said**, “Money cannot buy everything.” I grew up with common sense, which I didn't use sometimes, humility, morals and manners.

I can look back on my life and say sometimes things didn't go just right but most times it was good. Everyone makes mistakes

## 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



but it takes a bigger person to walk through those mistakes, admit you were wrong and persevere. **Momma Said**, “It is easier to bend than to break. Learn from mistakes and be a better person.”

I hope everyone is getting along with this last Artic Blast. Hopefully Spring is on the horizon and we will see some green instead of white. I now, I know, a few weeks ago I was wishing for the cold weather to bypass the mud, but eventually it is going to be back to the old mop and bucket. **Momma Said**, “So goes the life of a doggie mom.”

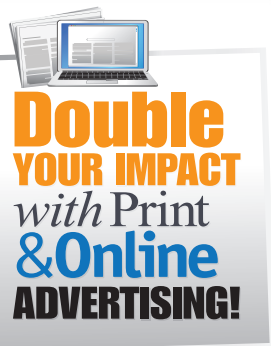
## Cowboy Candy

### INGREDIENTS

2 pounds jalapenos  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup vinegar  
1 cup water  
1 teaspoon turmeric  
Pinch of salt

### INSTRUCTIONS

Slice jalapenos leaving seeds intact, set aside. In saucepan add all other ingredients and stir until sugar dissolves. Add peppers and simmer 10 minutes, peppers will turn a darker green. Add to jar, let cool and refrigerate.



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## Super Crossword

CELEBRITY ANAGRAMS

### ACROSS

- 1 Hindu music pattern  
5 Captivated  
13 Kellogg's toaster treat  
20 Missing GI  
21 Sprinted competitively, perhaps  
22 One shunning something  
23 Best Actor nominee for “Mrs. Miniver”  
25 Maximal-ebb phenomenon  
26 Trauma pro in a hosp.  
27 “Knives Out” actress — de Armas  
28 No, in Fife  
30 Japanese wheat pasta  
31 Filmed again  
33 American Ballet Theatre principal dancer beginning in 2015  
39 Double Stuf cookies  
42 Look for water with a divining rod  
43 “Juno and the Paycock” playwright Sean  
44 He played Otto Octavius in “Spider-Man 2”  
48 Truth bender  
49 Shifts body weight against  
50 Pics to click  
52 Which person  
55 Series-ending abbr.  
56 “Yes, Yvette”  
57 “The Revolution Will Not Be Televised” poet  
62 Jeff Bridges sci-fi film  
65 Glockenspiel relative  
66 Frosty film  
67 Planet's path  
68 Trying Jenny Craig, e.g.  
70 Stands up  
71 Midday time  
72 Treaty result  
74 Impacts  
77 Apt retail establishment for 57-Across to own?  
80 “Kew!”  
81 Daddies  
83 Moose kin  
84 These, in Spain  
85 Alternative to laser tag  
88 — buco  
89 Apt item for 44-Across to keep files in?  
92 Chief Cochise, e.g.  
95 Garlic mayo  
97 Principal  
98 Apt business for 33-Across to have on the stock exchange?  
101 Mimicking a crow's cry  
105 Sci-fi princess  
106 Alias letters  
107 Pal, to Yves  
110 Former chief justice Roger  
111 Carrier based in Tehran  
114 Apt ingredient for 23-Across to make  
119 Guevara called “Che”  
121 Assistant  
122 Court period to own?  
123 Like the Zax and the Lorax  
124 Gleeeful cries

### DOWN

- 1 Less refined  
2 Au courant  
3 Top medals  
4 Valved brass instrument  
5 Make a gaffe  
6 California wine valley  
7 Have — with (be favored by)  
8 Lady's title  
9 Assn.  
10 “Norma —”  
11 Writer Umberto  
12 IHOP competitor  
13 Prefix with -lithic or -zoic  
14 — lacto vegetarian  
15 “Wham!”  
16 From which a name is taken  
17 Reebok rival  
18 Made over  
19 Au courant  
24 Tourist destination that's “green”  
29 Golf rarity  
32 Ho-humness  
34 Cruel Amin  
35 Many an heir  
36 Pan Am rival  
37 Travel origin, generically  
38 Virtual money  
40 “— vincit amor”  
41 Heavy drinker  
44 Bar brew  
45 “It's go time!”  
46 Almanac, in large part  
47 Ship's diary  
48 Trent of Mississippi  
50 Slushy drink  
51 — Rica  
52 Accessory near a mouse  
53 Real estate transaction  
54 Individuals  
58 “It's too hard for me”  
59 Brought on  
60 More crafty  
61 Comic Idle  
63 “— I a stinker?”  
64 “I'd rather — there” (“That topic is off limits”)  
67 A while ago  
69 Loch —  
70 Ketchup ingredient  
72 Belittled, informally  
73 Study of insects, informally  
75 Many a monk  
76 Some unofficial sci-fi stories  
78 Two-gender pronoun  
79 Prefix with center  
82 Camera variety, briefly  
86 Swiss mount  
87 Bowled over  
88 Gas ratings  
89 Floor cleaner  
90 Styled after  
91 Writer Anaïs  
92 Partners  
93 Capital of South Dakota  
94 Laotians and Thais  
95 Just dandy  
96 Likenesses  
99 Leslie of “Lil”  
100 “The Deep” director Peter  
102 Delhi's land  
103 Very poor  
104 Whirls around  
108 Short skirt  
109 Old Peruvian  
112 “Do — say!”  
113 Skater Midori  
115 Adam and —  
116 Actress Lucy  
117 TV pitches  
118 Signing tool

## Weather Totals

Jan. 21 - Jan. 28, 2025

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

### Temperature

Max 41° F  
Min -13° F

### Precipitation

Week 0”  
January 2.69”  
2025 2.69”

### Snowfall

New Snow 0”  
Snow on ground 8”  
Winter Total 37”

U.S. Forest Service

## Weekly SUDOKU

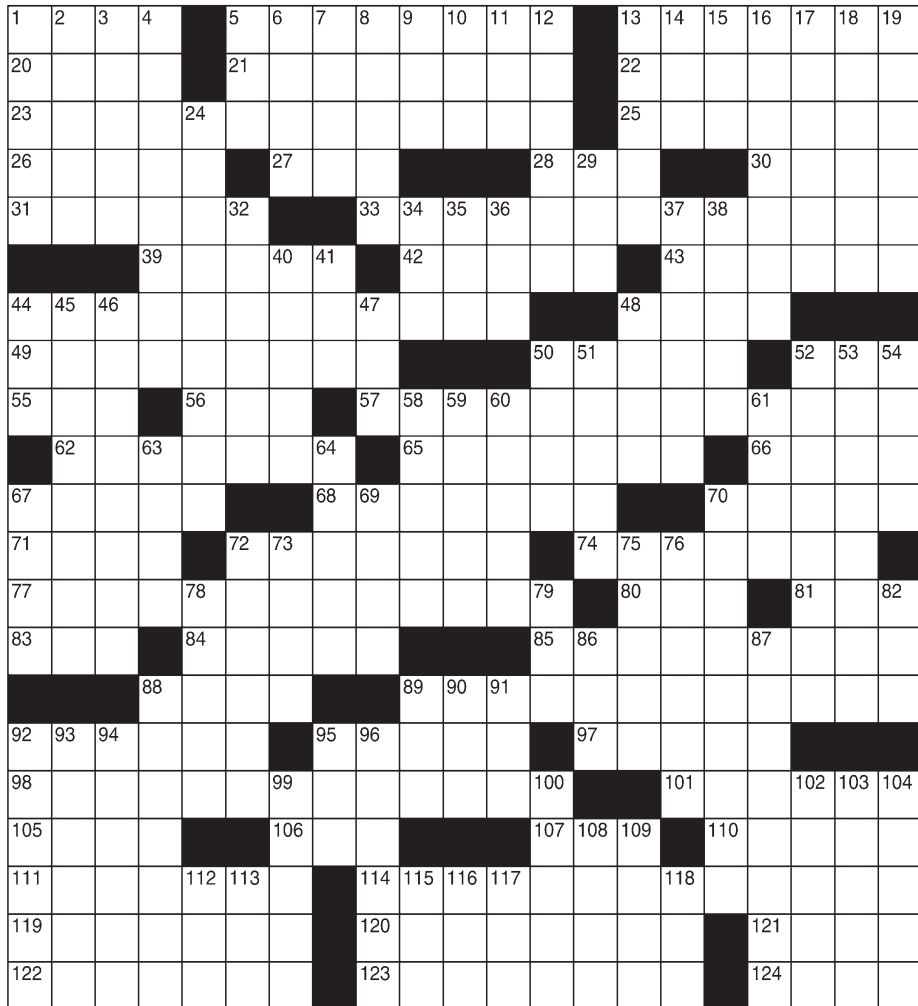
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Puzzle answers page 7



# SPORTS

## Mt. Lions Rout the Rams but Fall to Panthers

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County Boys Basketball team had two big games this last week, both on the road. First, the team would travel to Oakland, MD to take on longtime rivals in the Southern Rams. Tucker would lead the games entirety and take the win back to West Virginia, 61-39.

Bonner 16 pts, FT 2-4; Arnold 16 pts, FT 5-6; Wilfong 12 pts, FT 2-3; Marks 6 pts FT 2-4; Mitchell 5 pts; Lambert 2 pts; Dearborn 2 pts; Felton 2 pts.

3 Point Goals 4-12: Bonner (2) Mitchell (1) Arnold (1)

Tucker would then take the 4-hour Saturday bus ride to Naugatuck to take on the Tug Valley Panthers for round two of the State Finals rematch from a season ago. Tucker won the first matchup by 2 points in overtime at home but would fall to Tug Valley on the road 56-39.

Wilfong 13 pts; Bonner 10 pts, FT 1-2; Marks 6 pts; Lambert 3 pts; Arnold 3 pts; Carr 2 pts; Cummings 2 pts FT 2-2.

3 Point Goals 4-16: Wilfong (1) Lambert (1) Bonner (1) Arnold (1)

Tucker will travel to Moorefield on February 6th to take



**Bonner meets the Ram at halfcourt.**  
on the Yellowjackets for their next contest, tipoff is set for 6:00pm.



**Wilfong drives the ball to the rack amongst the defenders.**



**Boyles surveys the defense.**

## Tucker Valley Nets Win Over Philippi Middle 51-31

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker Valley Boys Basketball team netted a 20-point win over Philippi Middle last week in Barbour County. Tucker would trail at the end of the first by one point, 15-14. Neither team would score double digits in the second period and Philippi would hold the advantage 22-19 at the half. The Wildcats would outscore Philippi

by 10 points in the third quarter to take the lead 32-25. Tucker Valley would finish the job in the fourth and go on to get the win with a final score of 51-31.

Wilfong 14 pts, 15 reb; Tuttle 14 pts, 5 reb; Bowley 12 pts, 3 reb; Boyles 7 pts, 3 reb; Hyre 3 pts, 6 ast; Carr 1 pt.

Tucker Valley returns to action at home on February 6th at 6:00pm against Tygarts Valley.

## Lady Bears Get Four Victories in Busy Week

By: Adam Freeman

The Lady Bears participated in 4 games over the previous week, bringing home the win in all 4. They began the week off with a double digit win over the Lady Vikings of Petersburg Middle, 41-23. Simmons 18 pts; Johnson 11 pts; Wilt 5 pts; Thompson 5 pts; Nestor 2 pts. The Lady Bears would then get a win over the Union Tigers with a final score of 31 -17. Johnson 16 pts; Simmons 7 pts; Wolfe 4 pts; Nestor 2 pts; Wilt 2 pts. Davis Thomas would then get a massive vic-

tory over West Preston Middle School by a margin of 60 points, getting the win 76-16. Simmons 21 pts; Johnson 14 pts; Ketterman 12 pts; Nestor 11 pts; Wolfe 8 pts; Goosby 4 pts; Thompson 4 pts; Wolfe 2 pts. The last game of the week for the Lady Bears was at Tygarts Valley where DT would again take home a win 38-14. Johnson 14 pts; Thompson 12 pts; Simmons 4 pts; Pase 2 pts; Nestor 2 pts; Goosby 2 pts; Ketterman 2 pts.

The Lady Bears Will travel to Belington Middle on February 4th at 5:00pm for their next contest.

## Bears Take Trio of Losses Last Week

By: Adam Freeman

The Davis Thomas Boys Basketball team had 3 games this past week but unfortunately fell in all 3 contests. DT first fell to Union 31-17, O'Brien 11 pts; Kerr 3 pts; Huffman 2 pts; Sisler 1 pt. The Bears would then host West Preston Middle school and take the loss 46-29,

O'Brien 13 pts; Huffman 8 pts; Dearborn 4 pts; Kerr 4 pts. Lastly DT would travel to Mill Creek to take on the Tygarts Valley Bulldogs, DT would fall to the Bulldogs 45-21. Kerr 6 pts; O'Brien 5 pts; Dearborn 4 pts; Huffman 4 pts; Sisler 2 pts. DT will return home on February 4th to take on South Preston Middle, tipoff is set for 7:00pm.

## Tucker Girls Collect Pair of Wins Over Both Hardy County Schools

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County Lady Mt. Lions swept both Hardy County Schools this past week in a convincing fashion. Tucker first defeated the East Hardy Lady Cougars by a margin of 20 points with a final score of 59-39.

Matthews 16 pts, 13 reb, FT 2-3; Gross 15 pts, 3 reb; Shaffer 8 pts, 3 reb, FT 0-1; Evans 5 pts, 6 reb, 8 ast, FT 3-4; Kitzmiller 5 pts 1 reb; Herron 5 pts, 5 reb; Pase 4 pts; Snyder 1 pt, FT 1-2

3 Point Goals 5-16: Gross (3) Kitzmiller (1) Herron (1)

The Lady Mt. Lions would then travel to the other Hardy County School, the Moorefield Lady Yellowjackets. Tucker would take home the victory for the Hardy County sweep 54-37.

Matthews 20 pts, 12 reb, FT 8-10; Gross 11 pts, 3 reb, FT 0-2; Shaffer 6



**Gross takes the short corner jumper.**

pts, 8 reb, FT 2-3; Moats 6 pts, 4 reb, FT 1-2; Herron 4 pts, 4 reb, FT 0-2; Kitzmiller 4 pts; Evans 3 pts, 6 reb, FT 1-2.

The Lady Mt. Lions will return home on Monday, February 3rd to take on the ranked AAA Elkins Lady Tigers.

TURNER'S TIDBITS

This is a photo of the Western Maryland Railroad Station in Thomas from 1903. There is a walkway across the tracks. At the end of the walkway, there are steps which lead down to a platform made of boards leading to the station. Three lines of company houses can be seen in the photo. Outhouses can be seen around homes and along the hill side. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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## Funding Available for Adult Education Programs

CHARLESTON, W. Va. – The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is conducting a competitive Request for Proposals process as required by Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to award grant funding for Adult Education Section 231, Corrections Section 225, and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Section 243 of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act. The Office of Adult Education is prepared to continue building skills for success by providing adults with the opportunity to enhance the quality of their lives and foster productive employment, family growth and citizenship.

Grants will be awarded for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2025. Funding for subsequent years will be contingent upon annual federal and state appropriations. Application forms and guidance information are available on the Adult Education Request for Proposals page beginning January 27, 2025 and will be accepted by mail to: Mendy Marshall, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 6, Suite 825, Charleston, WV 25305; or email at [mamarsha@k12.wv.us](mailto:mamarsha@k12.wv.us). Mailed applications must be postmarked March 24, 2025, and emails must be received by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time that same day.

Eligible providers must be a local educational agency, community-based organization or faith-based organization, volunteer literacy

organization, an institution of higher education, public or private nonprofit agency, library, public housing authority, or a nonprofit institution that is not previously described and can provide adult education and literacy activities to eligible individuals, consortium or coalition of the agencies, organizations, institutions or libraries as described above or a partnership between an employer and an entity described in any of the items above.

“Adults pursuing quality education and improving their work skills become productive citizens that enhance the world around them,” said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. “It is imperative that every opportunity be explored in order to create success for themselves, their families and the community.”

Potential applicants looking for an opportunity to ask questions can register for a technical assistance webinar to be held on February 13, 2025. Questions for the webinar may also be submitted to [AskAE.wvde@k12.wv.us](mailto:AskAE.wvde@k12.wv.us). Following the event, all questions and responses will be available in the FAQ section on the website.

For media inquiries, contact Christy Day, WVDE Office of Communications, at 304-558-2699 or [Christy.Day@k12.wv.us](mailto:Christy.Day@k12.wv.us).

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## Flanagan, Young Tie the Knot




Connor Flanagan & Amelia Young were married December 6, 2024 at King's Family Winery in Crozet, VA. Connor is a graduate of VA Tech with an electrical engineering degree. Amelia is a graduate of VA Tech with a degree in Business Architect and a master's degree in Agricultural Economics. After a honeymoon in Banff, Canada, they reside and work in Charlottesville, VA. Connor is the son of Jeff and Lori Flanagan of Woodbridge, VA., and the grandson of Dennis and Kay Flanagan of Hendricks, VA.

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