





# News of Record

The following criminal complaint has been filed in the Tucker County Clerk’s office:

- William Cole Hutzler, of Belington, was charged with Possession with Intent. The complaint states that on Monday, Feb. 3, S/ Trp. C.A. Hawkins was contacted by Sgt. J.M. Tallman of the Mountain Region Drug and Task Force in reference to a drug investigation involving the defendant, William Cole Hutzler. This investigation was in reference to the defendant receiving narcotics through the common mail carrier system. Tallman observed the defendant arrive and shortly leave the area in which common mail is delivered in Tucker County, specifically the Thomas area. Hawkins observed the defendant driving a Chevrolet Impala that had a loud exhaust and a defective passenger taillight. At this time, he initiated a traffic stop on Brown St. He made contact with the defendant and observed his motor vehicle inspection sticker to be expired in December 2024. He observed a mail package lying in the front floorboard area of the car.
- Members of the Mountain Region Drug and Violent Crime Task Force arrived to assist in this investigation.
- Upon second approach, Hawkins noticed the box had been moved from its previous location. First Sgt. J.S. Chumley informed Hawkins the box was already semi-opened and could see a vacuum-sealed plastic bag inside the box, which was now on the front passenger seat where the defendant had placed it. Tallman then requested the defendant out

- of the vehicle and he was detained at this time.
- Members of the Task Force had informed Hawkins that they had already requested a K-9 to conduct a free air sniff around the vehicle.
- Hawkins was writing citations to the defendant for Defective Equipment; Expired MVI, Obstructed View and Loud Exhaust, all of which were attached to this criminal complaint. While writing these citations, a K-9 with the Task Force arrived and performed a free-air sniff around the vehicle. This search resulted in a positive indication for the odor of controlled substances. At this time, a search was performed by Task Force members and the previously mentioned box had approximately one (1) pound of a crystal like substance believed to be methamphetamine. Hawkins arrested the defendant for Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine and he was transported to the Parsons Detachment for processing.
- Zach Dorsey, of Berkley Springs, was charged with non-payment of rental fees in a state park, state forest or wildlife management area. According to the complaint on Dec. 19, 2024 Officer D.B. McFarlan was contacted by Dave Vance, the Recreation Manager at Canaan Valley State Park. He informed the office that Zach Dorsey of Berkley Springs had rented a campsite for the winter storage of his camper from Nov. 1 2024 too Jan. 1, 2025. Vance informed the officer that his office had made several attempts to collect payment from Dorsey, each time the transaction was declined by the credit card company. He had

- also tried to contact Dorsey by telephone, had left voicemails and Dorsey had not returned the calls. The total amount owed is \$530 and the camper was removed from the site as of Dec. 18, 2024. McFarlan requests that Dorsey be summoned to appear for violating 58CSR31-2, (It is unlawful for any person not to pay the rental, charge or fee for any facility, service, activity or good he or she uses or purchases in a state park, state forest or state wildlife management area).
- These crimes occurred in Tucker County and all individuals are presumed innocent until proven otherwise in a court of law.

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

- Thomas D. Renda, Dry Fork District, Lot 187, Mountainside to Bryan Edwardson and Antonia Edwardson, \$475,000.
- Daniel Messenger, Thomas Corporation, 0.02 acres more or less to Michael A. Safran, \$17,000.
- Gerald Joseph Loftus and Marie Helene Loftus, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit E1 Week 13, Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$525.
- Ruby J. Phillips, Dry Fork District, Interest in Unit C1 Week 35, Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$555.50.
- Gray Hinkle and Dortha Kay Hinkle/ AKA/ Kay Hinkle, Dry Fork District, .90 acres, Stringtown to Steven Hincks and Jenna Hincks, \$250,000.

## STORM WATER

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that will line corrugated metal pipe even with the bottom rusted out of it in areas that you can't get into,” Sherrard said.

Besides being under a lot of homes, Sherrard said there is likely many pipes that are damaged from time. “There's a lot of areas that corrugated pipe was the go to, but now 30 years later or if you have acid mine drainage, the bottom of that pipe's gone and there's a lot of it that's under people's houses,” Sherrard said.

According to Sherrard, case studies and tests are being conducted as to the feasibility of the liners that can accommodate anywhere from a 36 inch to 120 inch diameter pipe. “So we're exploring, we're doing some test runs, some case studies to see how that holds up, because it not only lines the pipe, it actually adds some structural rigidity back to it,” Sherrard said. “So we're just evaluating that.”

Sherrard said one of the goals of the sewer project is to identify and tag everything that is tied into the sewer system currently. “One thing that we are doing in the sewer project is we are going to identify everything that is tied into the sewer,” Sherrard said.

The identification will include identifying individuals who have run their storm water from gutter run off into the sanitary system, Sherrard said. “We're going to smoke test every connection we come across to verify they are sanitary connections and that they are not somebody's gutters or storm drain on the corner so we can identify what to do with it at that time,” Sherrard said. “There will be some allowance to lay some new storm, but if not, that's what gets flagged to apply for the next chunk of grant money for.”

While the project includes the replacement of some storm line, it does not have enough funds for the entirety of the town, Sherrard said. “The project budget just doesn't go far enough to keep replacing that storm line,” Sherrard said.

Sherrard said there is grant funding available if municipalities are creative. “As we learn more about this stuff and these different funding programs, you have to get creative, but there's a lot of green money for storm water,” Sherrard said.

Because storm water does not generate revenue, it does not qualify for most funding sources, Sher-

rard said and is generally the last funded. “Storm is the last thing to ever get funded,” Sherrard said. “Because as storm water is not a utility, you don't have revenue coming in, you can't get a loan so funding issues haven't looked at funding for storm projects.”

Sherrard said he recently received funding for a municipality through the DEP. While the effort required a certain amount of appeasements, it yielded \$200,000 worth of storm sewers, Sherrard said. “DEP has grant money and I've recently gotten some grant money where we had to install certain green infrastructure to appease it, like we have a section of permeable pavers and we have daylight into the stream and unusable property, we created green space,” Sherrard said. “We were able to put in about \$200,000 of storm system with all grant money.”

Humphrey asked what would happen if crews encountered several houses in the area had tied their gutters into the sewer system. Sherrard said that in the past the City had officially notified home owners to remove the gutters from the system. “For one thing, the City has actually notified them in the past,” Sherrard said. “If they've been found before, we'll reissue that. They're not allowed to have it tied in. The City can actually enforce that.”

Sherrard said that there is an issue of homeowners unhooking from the system only to reconnect gutters a couple of months later. “A lot of times people will unhook and then in a couple of months, they'll hook it back in,” Sherrard said. “That's what happens and it just comes down to the level of enforcement you want to put on that.”

Lipscomb said that the City will have to figure out what to do with the water before enforcement can begin to avoid flooding out properties. “Essentially if you are going to start enforcing it, you're going to have to have, say, 'Hey take that out or we're going to give you a fine,’” Lipscomb said. “Well what am I supposed to do with it? Its going to flood my house. We have to have somewhere to put it before we can actually enforce it too harsh.”

Humphrey reiterated the sentiment. “Before we can enforce it, the City needs to have a plan in place of where we are going to put it,” Humphrey said.

Lipscomb said that in compact

areas even a couple of inches of water coming off of roofs can cause significant flooding. “Water will just run off somewhere,” Lipscomb said. “You get a bunch of compact areas with everybody's roof drains. So many feet of water per square feet of that roof, a couple inches of rain is going to produce a lot of water. You got to have somewhere to put it, if not, you're just going to flood your neighbor out. Now its why we have the CSO's, you know.”

Sherrard said that it is every property owner's responsibility to mitigate the storm water on their property. “Every property owner is responsible for the storm water on their property,” Sherrard said. “They're allowed to convey it to their neighbor, but the people whose water runs out of their gutters, their responsible for the management of the storm water on their property.”

Sherrard acknowledged that it is hard to enforce without a plan of what to do with it, but said the City is well within its rights to say that it cannot go in the sewer system. Sherrard also said that a secondary right the City had for property owners with gutters tied into the system was to charge a surcharge on their sewer bill for wear and tear on the system. “Its hard to enforce without having a place to put storm water,” Sherrard said. “But you are allowed to tell them they can't put it in a sanitary sewer or you can implement a surcharge if their connection has been identified.”

Council Member Seth Rosenau questioned if property owners could discharge the storm water onto the sidewalk or into the street. Sherrard said that storm water could not be discharged in such a manner. “That is not managing storm water,” Sherrard said. “You discharge onto the sidewalk and it freezes and somebody slips and falls, what's going to happen? Its got to be collected somewhere.”

Sherrard also said that cities often get involved with storm water management due to neighbors discharging onto neighbors. “What happens is they discharge on their neighbor and they would discharge on their neighbor and it ends up that the City steps in anyway because it becomes a nightmare,” Sherrard said. “And everybody ends up showing up at your meetings.”

“Its very difficult because storm water is so hard to fund,” Sherrard said.



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# OBITUARIES

## Nancy Jo Snyder Pregley

Nancy Jo Snyder Pregley, 84, of Moore, SC passed away on Saturday, January 25, 2025. She was born in Parsons, WV on September 11, 1940 to the late Clarence and Mabel Arnold Snyder. She was the youngest of 5 children. Her sister, Kathryn Snyder Evans, and her brothers, Frederick Snyder, William Snyder, and Allen Snyder, have all passed from this life, so Nancy had many to welcome her home.

Nancy was nicknamed Toots by her father as a young child, and it was the name that stuck with those who knew her best. She lived in Thomas, WV for most of her life, graduating from Mountaineer High School, where she was a part of the band (played the drums) and was her school's homecoming queen during her senior year. She worked for the telephone company before marrying and moving



ing to Ohio where her two children were born.

After living in Ohio for several years, she moved back to Thomas into her childhood home where she lived until the age of 78 when she made the decision to move to SC to live closer to her daughter. She was a homemaker for many years but then joined the workforce working as a grocery store cashier, a bank teller, and finally retired at the age of 78 after working at the local hunting club with

her son for several years. She enjoyed working and talking with friends in her community so much that she just couldn't seem to retire permanently.

Although divorced, she continued to have a bond with her children's father, Frank Leonard Pregley, and was part of his care team when he became ill and passed away in February of 1995 at the young age of 57.

She is survived by her daughter, Dana Kay Rutkowski (Frank) of Moore, SC; her son, Frederick Allen Pregley of Moore, SC; her granddaughter, Samantha Jo Harper (Johnny) of Ardmore, PA; her grandson, Benjamin John Rutkowski of Greenville, SC; and her great granddaughter, Eliza Kay Harper of Ardmore, PA. She is also survived by many relatives living throughout the United States and back in WV.

## Anna Elizabeth Atzenhofer

Anna Elizabeth Atzenhofer, devoted mother of two children and four grandchildren, 64, of Core, WV courageously ended her battle with cancer surrounded by her family on January 30, 2025, at The Madison in Morgantown, WV.

Anna was born in Parsons, WV on June 14, 1960, to Loye and Suzanne Burns of Thomas, WV. Anna was a graduate of Tucker County High School in 1979. Anna started her professional career in the banking industry while traveling with her then husband, Jonathan Atzenhofer during his time in the US Army. Anna later changed her career to working as a pharmacy technician and then becoming optician before her cancer diagnosis.

Her work ethic was nothing short of inspiring, mirroring her unwavering dedication to her family. Family was the most important aspect of Anna's life. She loved nothing more than spending quality time with her loved ones, especially her adored grandchildren. Anna's life story is one of resilience, courage, love, and great strength, always ready to face whatever



life threw at her. She was a beacon of light that always shined brightly. She touched everyone she encountered with her radiant energy and unforgettable smile. Even while facing her toughest trials, she was always thinking of others, sending cards, gifts or, even baked goods to anyone needing encouragement. She was a woman of faith, and a member of Jakes Run Assembly of God Church. Throughout her journey in life, she exemplified the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

Anna is survived by her son Kristopher Atzenhofer (wife Bambi and children Isabella and Owen), daughter Janna

McClung (husband Craig and children Ariona and Aleah). Her siblings (Doreena Miles, Joyce McVicker, Jeffray Burns, Kenny Burns and Zetta Burns).

Anna was preceded in death by her father Loye Ira Burns, mother Suzanne Marie Burns and two brothers Michael and Loye Jr.

Anna has chosen not to have a funeral service, but to be cremated. A celebration of life will be held at 1pm on March 22, 2025, at Noah's Ark Assembly of God in Fairview, WV. In lieu of flowers donations to CBN (The Christian Broadcasting Network) at [securegiving.cbn.com](https://securegiving.cbn.com) in her name are appreciated.

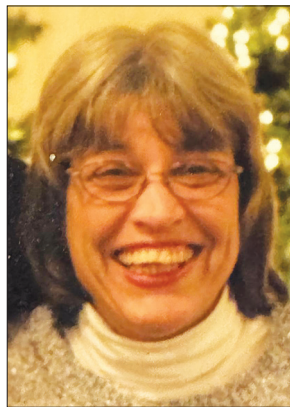
We invite you to share your memories and photos of Anna on her memorial page (<https://smithfcc.com/obituaries/anna-atzenhofer>). Each story and picture serve as a testament to her life and her impact on those around her. We encourage you to keep her spirit alive, not only in our hearts but in the stories, we share and the memories we cherish. It is through sharing these memories that we can truly honor her beautiful spirit.

## Linda Lucille Nestor Goss

Linda Lucille Nestor Goss, 66, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Hospice Inpatient Center in Elkins.

Linda was born Wednesday, March 26, 1958, in Parsons, a daughter of the late Marvin Ray Nestor and Violet Mary Wotring. On September 15, 1985, in Loch Lynn Heights, Md, she was married to Danny Charles Goss, who preceded her in death on January 28, 2019. They had celebrated thirty-three years of marriage.

Left to cherish Linda's memory is a son, Danny Allan Goss of Broomfield, Colorado, a brother, Marvin Delmas Nestor and wife, Shirley, of Horse-



shoe Run, two nephews, Marvin Chad Nestor and Denver Ray Nestor, and many friends.

Linda was a graduate of Parsons High School with the Class of 1976 and had worked as a CNA for Cortland Acres Nursing Home, as a receptionist for a dental office,

as a coal miner, and was still employed as a teller at Mountain Valley Bank where she had worked for eighteen years. Linda enjoyed riding her bicycle in her younger years, her flowers, reading, walking, being outdoors, yard sales and flea markets. She was so proud of her son and loved him very much. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Parsons.

Linda's request for cremation will be honored. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Linda Lucille Nestor Goss. Send online condolences to the family at [www.hostetlerfuneral-home.com](http://www.hostetlerfuneral-home.com).

## Deyon "Don" Coleman Henthorne

Deyon "Don" Coleman Henthorne was born on September 1st, 1934, in St. George WV and passed on January 26th, 2025 peacefully in his sleep after prolonged illness, in his home in Ripley. Don is preceded in death by his parents Walter Lee Henthorne and Margaret Lipsomb Henthorne of St. George WV as well as his 5 siblings Lonzo Henthorne, Iona Helmick, Leah Speir, Rodney Henthorne, and Dennis Henthorne.

He attended Parsons High School where he was a member of the graduating class of 1952. Shortly after high school he moved to Loraine Ohio where he worked in the US Steel plant. Two years later, he enlisted in the United States Army and served as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division where he completed dozens of successful jumps. He was part of the 82nd Airborne Division's rifle team, earning expert marksman status. After serving in the United States Army, he moved to Ripley in 1958 to work at Kaiser Aluminum. He later became an electrician and worked at Kaiser until his retirement in 1997. Don worked for 39 years and was an active member of the United Steelworkers Union Local 5668. After retirement he served on the Ripley City Council for 8 years as well as serving on the Ripley Main Street Beautification Committee.

Don Married Joan Black Henthorne on December 31st, 1960 and they had two children Donell Henthorne Haynes and David Wesley Henthorne.



He became a member of Epworth United Methodist Church in 1961 and was an active member serving on the property committee and helping with the Centershot Archery Program. Throughout Don's life he was an avid outdoorsman. He was credited with the first registered Archery kill in Jackson County in 1961. He loved hunting, fishing, supporting Ripley High School Athletics, West Virginia University Athletics, as well as watching his

grandchildren's sporting events. In final years of life, he loved painting, drawing, and designing walking sticks he would give to friends and family.

Don is survived by his wife of 63 years, Joan Black Henthorne; his children Donell Henthorne Haynes of Ripley and David Wesley Henthorne of Ripley; and his grandchildren Davis, William, and Sia Haynes of Ripley.

A celebration of Don's life will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, February 1st at Epworth United Methodist Church, Ripley. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Epworth United Methodist Church. Online memories and condolences may be shared with the family by visiting [www.waybrightfuneral-home.com](http://www.waybrightfuneral-home.com).

### TURNER'S TIDBITS



This is a valentine I received in 1972. Many people will remember decorating shoeboxes with construction paper or other materials to receive valentines from classmates. I remember opening the new box of valentines and addressing the envelopes to classmates. As I remember, there was always one valentine designed for the teacher. We would bring in the addressed envelopes and drop them into the classmates decorated shoeboxes. At some point towards the end of the day everyone would get their shoebox and open the envelopes. We had a party after opening the envelopes and thanking classmates. Ideas, comments, suggestions, or items to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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Charter Amendment

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objection,” Stranko said.

Council Member Tim Turner questioned whether an objection could be lodged against State Code. “Can you object to State Code?” Turner said. “If its a State Code how can you object to it?”

Stranko said there is no limit to what can be objected to. According to Stranko any citizen could object to anything in the document by law. “There is no qualification to an objection power,” Stranko said. “Any single citizen can object to anything with regards to charter amendments.”

City Recorder Rick Lemons read what sections specifically the objections were raised under. “Under number four, it strikes 'and Mayor' and then under 30, it says, 'the Mayor may vote on an issue before Council only in the occasion of a tie vote of Councilors and to resolve said tie vote,’” Lemons said.

Jones said that the power to break a tie is currently a power the Mayor holds. “That's what we go by now,” Jones said.

Council Member Seth Rosenau said that the Kolsuns objections stemmed from the language embroiled in the Mayor and his position in regards to the governing body. “Bruce and Cindy Kolsun want 'and Mayor' struck from the new ordinance where it says shall be the governing body,” Rosenau said. “So if that's struck, it will just say the Council shall be the governing body, which I'm fine with that.”

Jones said that the Council as the governing body is State Code and what was the original intent of the amendment, but the Kolsuns want the Mayor to be a part of the governing body. “And that's

State Code,” Jones said. “That's what we wanted to change it to, to follow State Code. They're going against that. They want the Mayor to be part of the governing body.”

Rosenau said it boiled down to a matter of semantics. “So if the wording, Mr. Stranko, sir, if the wording in that sentence says the governing body shall be the council and Mayor that literally changes no duties upon anybody at all?” Rosenau said. “Its just a wording issue is all we're talking about?”

Jones asked Stranko if the wording would give the Mayor any additional power were they to adopt the language. “That does not give the Mayor any more power over the Council or anything because right now the Council is the final say,” Jones said. “So he will still not have a say unless Council has a say.”

A motion was made by Council Member Kathy DiBacco and a second by Seth Rosenau to adopt the 30.1 section of the charter as a new charter provision that establishes the duties of the City Manager. “The 30.1 what we are doing there is amending the ordinance to amend the charter to delete section four and section 30 and continue section 30.1,” Stranko said.

The changes to the charter amendment cleared any objection the Kolsuns had to the measure and paved the way for adoption of the measure under the law, according to Stranko.

“Basically, Mr. Kolsun, sir, everything you didn't object to we'll go ahead and approve,” Rosenau said. “And your objections we're taking out.”

Eastern Hires Teresa Nazelrodt as Workforce & Continuing Education Program Coordinator

Moorefield, W.Va. — Teresa Nazelrodt, a resident of Petersburg, West Virginia, has been hired as the Workforce & Continuing Education program coordinator at Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College. She has lived in Petersburg her entire life and has been married to her husband, Mark Nazelrodt, for 26 years. They have two sons, Eli and Isaac.

Nazelrodt has nearly two decades of clerical and administrative experience within the community and has also volunteered her time for several programs through WVU Grant County Extension, including Agriculture Services, 4-H, and the Family Nutrition Program. "In working with the Grant County WVU Extension Service, I helped our 4-H and CEOS members in much the same way that I now work with our Workforce Education students," said Nazelrodt. "I look forward to meeting our current and future students and helping them reach their career goals. Our spring semester may be underway, but it is not too late to enroll in our online medical career paths, online HVAC technician program, or CDL driving courses."

When asked what she has enjoyed about Eastern, she said, “I have really enjoyed meet-

ing the staff, faculty, and students while learning about everything Eastern has to offer for individuals wanting to further their education or skill set.”

About Eastern

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Students and the community are supported by Eastern, with access to the Career Center for job placement, resume assistance, interview preparation, and more. Eastern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Senior News

Parsons Senior Center Outpost was held on February 4, 2025. Arlene Ramsey welcomed everyone and led the group in reciting the Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Becky Poling led singing of “God Bless America” and singing of “Happy Birthday” to Debbie Simmons.

Eleanor Nestor announced readings would be from author Cleta Long’s poems. Kenny Knotts read “Nibblings For a Suitor” and Debbie Simmons read “The Blessings of Friends”.

Kim Ledden from the Tucker County Health Department gave

advice and information on blood pressure and Carol Precht provided blood pressure readings for the seniors. Becky Poling, physical therapist from St. George Medical Clinic, talked about the benefits of exercise and lead the group in examples of ability appropriate exercises.

Door prizes were won by Earl Moore and Jean Myers and folks enjoyed a wonderful lunch. Come join us on Thursday, February 13 for our Valentine’s Day celebration starting at 10:30. For further information about senior activities and services, call the center at 304-478-2423. .

We Get Letters

Rumors of a major incoming property tax hike have been bandied about in the past weeks, and for a lot of homeowners around here, that’s devastating news. Especially for those who’re already struggling with higher costs of living in every sector of life, children and mortgage payments included. Political talking heads and pundits blame incompetency on the last administration for all the inflation and outright economic fallout we’ve experienced. The stark rises in food prices, energy bills, gas and rent. I find that incredibly generous to blame all of this solely on incompetency.

This has all been done by design, in my view. It’s not some coinkydink of whoopsie daisies and misplaced good intentions. I’d even take it a step further and say you’d be hard pressed to convince me that taxing us on not just our labor, but our property is nothing short of communism, centuries in the works. To whit: “Taxes are the source of life for the bureaucracy, the army and the court, in short, for the whole apparatus of the executive power. Strong government and heavy taxes are identical.” -Karl Marx. Or how about this beauty. “There is only one way to kill Capitalism - by taxes, taxes, and more taxes.”

This leads me to my next question. How on God’s green earth is it remotely constitutional and lawful to tax someone for something they supposedly already

own, free and clear? It’s one thing to pay taxes on houses and land. But our vehicles and pets too? What’s next, my shoes? My toothbrush and toothpaste? The pillow I sleep on? My Hardee’s “Rise and Shine” coffee mug I’ve had since 1985?

Proponents of this longstanding practice will tell us it’s how we pay for schools, and police, the fire department, libraries and roads, water and sewage. Fine. I’m all for basic societal needs. But this needs to be implemented differently, via a flat tax on nonessential goods and tariffs as president Trump is proposing.

What are property taxes, really, but paying rent on the king’s land like peasants for the privilege of pretending we actually own something? And I don’t even blame our elected officials and sheriffs for enforcing this craziness. Through years of legislative incrementalism they’ve been slowly sleepwalked

into this as much as anyone else. And I’m willing to wager they don’t like ponying up to this insanity anymore than you or I. They’re simply where the rubber meets the road.

But the bottom line is this kind of graduated taxation leads ultimately to gentrification, raised rents, and lower income families being forced to sell their homes and move elsewhere because wealthier outsiders understandably buy up property like gangbusters, to which then local governments feel justified in arbitrarily reevaluating our homes and charging us accordingly. It’s time for everyone to show up at town and county meetings and at least start honest discussions about this. Forcing people to pay, in perpetuity, for something they’ve already bought is ridiculous on it’s face and grotesquely obscene.

Christopher Phares  
Thomas, WV

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

Personal Representative(s)	Deceased
Betty Marie Roy	Donald Ray Carr
1st publication 2/12/25	288 Shavers Fork Rd.
2nd publication 2/19/25	Montrose, WV 26283

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 file a statement with the County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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**LEGAL AD**

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). 100% Federally funded program. Equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. WV Relay 7-1-1

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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.

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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(2022-C-000044 - TUCKER COUNTY - BARBARA ZICKEFOOSE)

To: MEGA ENERGY, INC, BRENT J. MORSE, THE MORSE FAMILY SECURITY TRUST, SILVER LININGS RESOURCES, LLC, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT ST. GEORGE MAP 9999 PARCEL 0110 0300 0000**

You will take notice that BARBARA ZICKEFOOSE, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000044**, located in ST. GEORGE District, OIL & GAS MINERAL INTERESTS 1050 AC & 308 AC & 49, which was returned delinquent and nonentered in the name of MEGA ENERGY ETAL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on June 27, 2023. BARBARA ZICKEFOOSE requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 10619.	\$	330.70
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 10672.	\$	218.72
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor’s Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	217.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	665.10
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	\$	557.15
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order or certified or personal check.	\$	1,989.27

**You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

Given under my hand January 30, 2025

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.  
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.  
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of GREENBRIER County, State of West Virginia

**Please return this letter and payment to the WV State Auditor’s Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568**

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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF ABANDONED MINE LANDS AND RECLAMATION**

Public meetings will be conducted to describe proposed AML Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Projects. The intent of these AMLER Projects is to alleviate health, safety and environmental problems created by coal mines abandoned prior to August 3, 1977, while providing an opportunity for economic and community development end use. Information regarding these projects, including required NEPA documentation, can be obtained from the WVDEP at 304-926-0499. The following projects listed with county locations will be explained.

Project Name	County
Air Raid Bike Park Phase 2	Kanawha
White Mountain Lodging	Logan
Mylan Park KOA Resort & Campground Phase II	Monongalia
Cranberry Tri-Rivers Rail Trail	Nicholas
Wheeling Gateway Center	Ohio
TAZ Site Development	Preston
Clear Fork Rail Trail II	Raleigh
Rustic Ravines Lodging & Tourism Attraction	Wayne
The Landing Strip	Wyoming
A.S. Holdings, Inc.	Raleigh
AWVR*	Fayette
Cumberland Village*	Mingo
National Youth Science Academy - Davis Campus*	Tucker
John C. Allen Regional HUB - Recreational Complex Phase 1A & 1B*	Upshur
East Wheeling Community Park*	Ohio

\*These projects will be or have been submitted to and vetted by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement for funding consideration. Public meetings to explain these projects will be conducted as follows:

- Tuesday, March 4, 2025, Fairmont - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 1000 Technology Dr., Suite 3220, Fairmont, WV 26554, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 5, 2025, Charleston - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 601 57th st. SE, Charleston, WV 26330, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 6, 2025, Fayetteville - WV DEP, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation, 1159 Nick Rahall Greenway, Fayetteville, WV 25840, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend these meetings for the specified dates and times, have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact [DEPAMLER@wv.gov](mailto:DEPAMLER@wv.gov) or Shon Cyfers/Ryan Jackson at 304-926-0499 for further assistance.



# What's? Happening

## Valentine Covered Dish

St. John's Church invites the community to their Valentine covered dish dinner beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15. Bring a dish and join us.

## PHS Alumni meeting February 13

Parsons High School Alumni meeting February 13 at TC Senior Center in Parsons. Senior Center choir sings at 10:30. Lunch is available at 11:30, meeting to

follow shortly after 12:00 noon.

## I Forever Do!

A bible based Christian marriage weekend Friday, Feb. 28 – Sunday, March 2. Rekindle romance and intimacy with Andrew and Robin Bair. Parsons Seventh-Day Adventist Church will sponsor sessions Friday at 6:30 P.M.; Saturday, morning at 9:30 a.m.; Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning at 10 a.m.



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

Feb. 12, 1867: Barboursville was incorporated by an act of the state legislature. Originally the county seat of Cabell County, it lost that honor after the C&O Railway was completed to Huntington.

Feb. 12, 1899: Karl Dewey Myers was born in Tucker County with severe disabilities. He never attended school but educated himself through persistent self-study. He was named the state's first poet laureate in 1927.

Feb. 13, 1800: Gen. John Jay Jackson was born near Parkersburg. He served in the Seminole Wars as a member of Gen. Andrew Jackson's staff.

Feb. 13, 1913. Labor leader Mother Jones was arrested in Charleston after supporting union miners on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.

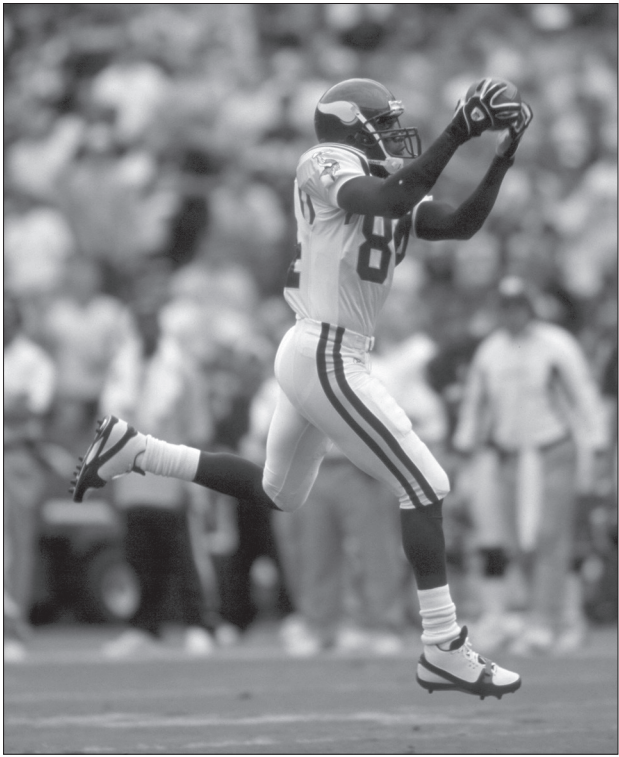
Feb. 13, 1923: Chuck Yeager was born at Myra, about seven miles from Hamlin. In 1947, in a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour.

Feb. 14, 1866: Grant County was created and named for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, who later became the nation's 18th president.

Feb. 15, 1898: Musician John Homer "Uncle Homer" Walker was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of Black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.

Feb. 15, 1930: Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.

Feb. 15, 1975: Elizabeth Kee, the state's first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Kee was elected to Congress in 1951 after the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1965 and was



**Feb. 13, 1977: Football wide receiver Randy Moss was born in Rand, Kanawha County. After two All-American seasons at Marshall University, he went on to a hall of fame career in the National Football League.**

succeeded by her son, James.

Feb. 16, 1821: Morris Harvey was born near Prosperity in Raleigh County. Harvey's gifts to the Barboursville Seminary led to its name being changed to Morris Harvey College in 1901. The institution is now known as the University of Charleston.

Feb. 16, 1917: The legislature established the West Virginia State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the care of Black TB patients. It was built at Denmar in Pocahontas County.

Feb. 16, 1951: Second Lieutenant Darwin Keith Kyle of Boone County died during an intense exchange against Chinese forces in Korea. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 17, 1735: Morgan Morgan of present-day Berkeley County was commissioned a captain of militia in the 201st Field Artil-

lery, which is considered the oldest military unit in the United States.

Feb. 17, 1930: Tunney Hunsaker was born in Kentucky and later became Fayetteville's long-time chief of police. He was also a boxer and, in 1960, lost to a young Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) in Ali's first professional bout.

Feb. 18, 1843: Ritchie County was created from portions of Wood, Lewis, and Harrison counties. The county was named for Virginia journalist and politician Thomas Ritchie.

Feb. 18, 1890: Ellison Mounts, a cousin to the Hatfield family, was hanged for murder, ending the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

Feb. 18, 1969: Hundreds of miners in Raleigh County went on strike over the issue of black lung. Within days, the walkout spread throughout southern West Virginia.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

Well, here we go again folks, another sicko predator taken off the streets. A man that lives in a town not 60 miles away from where I live was arrested in Mexico for allegedly trying to buy a seven year old girl. Yes, you heard me HE WAS TRYING TO BUY A CHILD! He was arrested for failing to update his sex offender registration after traveling to Mexico not for trying to purchase another human being.

When he was arrested in Mexico he had in his possession two tranquilizer air guns, meth, a cell phone jammer and \$5,000 in cash to purchase the child. **Momma Said**, "I don't know what is worse a man purchasing a child or a person selling a child." I just cannot wrap my mind around this one.

He is a predator and is only sentenced to 10 years in prison. I am so glad the child is apparently safe and there was no mention of the person

## 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



trying to sell the child. I don't honestly know if that little girl will ever be destined to be safe. I pray for her little soul and hope someone helps her. Unfortunately we will never hear any more from this story.

I hope he lives a life of HELL while in prison and he deserves everything that happens to him. There are men in prison that would as soon associate themselves with murderers than a child molester. I have seen enough on TV to know what would have happened to that innocent little girl and none of it would have been good. **Momma Said**, "Happy hunting boys go get him."

## Butterscotch Cookie Recipe

### INGREDIENTS

3 cups all-purpose flour  
2 tsp. cornstarch  
1 tsp. baking soda  
¼ tsp. salt  
½ tsp. cinnamon  
11 or 12 oz. bag butterscotch chips  
1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature  
1 ¼ cups brown sugar  
¼ cup granulated sugar  
2 large eggs, room temperature  
1 tsp. vanilla extract

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat the oven to 350° F. Line a cookie sheet with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper.
- In a mixing bowl combine the flour, cornstarch, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and 1 cup of butterscotch chips. Set aside.

- In a larger mixing bowl combine the butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. You want this mixture to be fluffy and pale in color.
- Add in the eggs and vanilla extract, beat for 30 seconds.
- Gradually mix in the dry ingredients, mixing on low speed. The dough will be thick. I like to finish mixing the flour into the dough by hand with a spatula.
- Use a cookie scoop to form golf ball sized cookie dough balls, roll into a smooth ball between your hands. Press the remaining butterscotch chips on the outside of the dough balls. Place about 8 cookies on a cookie sheet lined with a silicone baking mat at a time.
- For 2 Tbsp. sized dough balls, bake for 10-13 minutes. Adjust the bake time accordingly for smaller or larger cookies.
- Allow the cookies to cool for 15 minutes on the baking sheet before removing.

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## Super Crossword

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- 1 Milk-Bone products  
10 Legend-ary masked swordsman  
15 "Getting out of it is not possible for me"  
20 Stat for a baseball pitcher  
21 Mountain nymph of Greek myth  
22 Can't get out of it  
23 Start of a riddle  
25 Santa's little helpers  
26 "Delicious!"  
27 Insect snares  
28 Told fibs  
29 Attempts to hit, as a fly  
31 Hair fixative  
32 Ryder Cup org.  
33 Manipulator  
34 Prefix with angle  
35 Felt concern  
38 Riddle, part 2  
43 Supreme Norse deity  
44 California vineyard valley  
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57 Not docile  
58 Serpentine fish  
59 Above, in poetry  
60 Gabrielle of volleyball  
64 Vietnamese New Year  
65 Grad's gala  
68 Flop  
70 Indian royal  
72 Camera — (Cannes award)  
73 Wear down  
75 Actor DeLuise  
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79 Big city in Ontario  
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86 Utah winter vacation spot  
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90 Ladle, e.g.  
91 Concerning  
92 Iris coverer  
94 With 108-Down, "Piece of cake!"  
96 Memorable periods  
97 Squint  
98 End of the riddle  
101 Cottage cheese bits  
102 Hit the slopes  
103 Alternatives to coffees  
104 Part of LAPD  
105 Perp catcher  
106 Like fishes without appendages  
108 Casino fixture  
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7 "I smell —!"  
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9 — cone  
10 Astrological diagrams  
11 Writer Sarah — Jewett  
12 Scan or skim  
13 Aries animal  
14 Ukraine port  
15 "Tell me about it!"  
16 Ale grain  
17 Generalized rivalry situation  
18 Zinc — (cosmetics ingredient)  
19 Brand of tortilla chips  
24 Gymnast Korbut  
30 Competitor of McDonald's and Burger King  
31 Big Swiss city  
32 Extol  
33 Toward a stream's source  
35 Calculate  
36 Ornament hanger, e.g.  
37 Italian rice dish  
38 Lot in life  
39 Makes the decision  
40 Sheriff Andy Taylor's boy  
41 PC shortcut code  
42 Barter  
44 Consumer advocate Ralph  
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51 Pre-euro Italian money  
54 Bank of China Tower architect  
55 Power connectors  
56 One of the Muses  
61 He played Santa in "Elf"  
62 Recoiled in fear  
63 Blackboard clearers  
66 Baltic Sea feeder  
67 Tile designs  
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71 — Hopkins University  
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76 Year division  
78 Writing assignments  
80 Cause to stumble  
82 Keaton and Sawyer  
83 Not yet final, in law  
84 Folk stories  
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99 React to with a quick breath  
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101 Meal division  
105 Tally up  
107 Boxer Spinks  
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## Weather Totals

Jan. 28 - Feb. 4, 2025

Nursery Bottom  
Parsons

### Temperature

Max 63° F  
Min 20° F

### Precipitation

Week 1.63"  
January 4.27"  
February 0.05"  
2025 4.32"

### Snowfall

New Snow 0"  
Snow on ground 0"  
Winter Total 37"

U.S. Forest Service



# SPORTS

## Davis Thomas, Tucker Valley Round Two Made for Special Event

By: Adam Freeman

Davis Thomas and Tucker Valley Middle Schools squared off for the second time this season. This time the administration from both middle schools and Tucker County High School got together to make the games a unique atmosphere. Students were bused from the middle schools, from both schools to Tucker High, where those students were able to attend as well. Students, young and old, were put into their respective school's student sections. The games would start off with the girls' matchup and Davis Thomas would take that win 33-14

Davis Thomas: Simmons 10pts; Johnson 8 pts; Thompson 5 pts; Wolfe 4 pts; Wilt 2 pts; Ketterman 2 pts; Goosby 2 pts.

Tucker Valley: Channel 7 pts; Decker 5 pts; Lambert 2 pts

The boys' matchup would go opposite of the girls with the Tucker Valley Wildcats taking the win with a final score of 44-19.

Davis Thomas: Kerr 10 pts; Huffman 3 pts; O'Brien 2 pts; Dearborn 2 pts; Sisler 2 pts.

Tucker Valley: Hyre 5 pts; Bowley 4 pts; Boyles 3 pts; Tuttle 2 pts; Wilfong 2 pts; Carr 2 pts; Pitzer 2 pts; Teter 3 pts; W.Boyles 2 pts; Freeman 3 pts; F. Hyre 6 pts; Simmons 2 pts.



Dearborn tries to secure rebound from Carr and Pitzer



Simmons works past Brown

## Mt. Lions Maul Moorefield, 70-40

By: Adam Freeman

The Mt. Lions Boys team traveled to Moorefield High School last week for a battle with the (AA) Yellowjackets. Tucker got on Moorefield early, taking a 15-7 lead after the first quarter. The Mt. Lions would pull the lead out to double digits before the break and take a 36-19 into halftime. The third quarter is where Tucker would put this one out of reach for the Yellowjackets, only allowing them to score 4 points to Tucker's 13 and the score was 49-23 heading into the final period. Tucker would drop 21 more points in the fourth quarter and put this one away 70-40. The Mt. Lions would hit 10 triples in the contest by 6 different players enroute to the 30-point victory. Tucker has two matchups this week, on Tuesday, February 11th they travel to Gilmer County for a 6pm tipoff, and on Friday return home for a matchup with one of the top AA squads in Doddridge County tipoff is set for 6pm.

Bonner 22 pts, 4 reb, FT 8-10; Cummings 14 pts, FT 3-5; Carr 8 pts, 2 reb;



Carson Dearborn drives through the defenders.

Arnold 6 pts, 3 stl, FT 2-2; Mitchell 6 pts, 5 reb, FT 1-2; Lambert 5 pts, 4 reb, 2 stl; Dearborn 5 pts, 3 reb; Marks 4 pts, 4 reb 3 Point Goals 10-23: Cummings (3) Bonner (2) Carr (2) Dearborn (1) Mitchell (1) Lambert (1)

## Lady Wildcats Net Second Win Over Philippi Middle

By: Adam Freeman

The Lady Wildcats of Tucker Valley Middle School captured their second win of the season over Philippi Middle. The game was tight through one quarter of play with offense being at a premium Tucker held a slight advantage 4-2. Tucker would find its groove in the second quarter and take a 13-5 lead into the halftime break. The Wildcat defense would continue to tighten its grip on Philippi only allowing 2 points in the third quarter and pushing the lead out to 20-7. The Lady Wildcats would really put the game away in the fourth quarter scoring 12 points to Philippi's one lone point, and Tucker secured the win 32-8. Tucker Valley will travel to Petersburg this Monday, February 10 at 6:00pm.

Channel 9 pts; Lambert 7 pts; Decker 7 pts; Evans 5 pts; Owens 4 pts.



Marlee Evans takes it to the rack

## Tucker Valley Boys Double Up Buckhannon Upshur

By: Adam Freeman

The TVEMS boys' basketball team got a respectable win this last week against Buckhannon Upshur Middle School. Tucker jumped on BU from the start taking a 19-4 lead after the first quarter. Tucker would only allow single digits in the second quarter as well and took a 20-point advantage into the half, 27-7. The Wildcats continued their dominance

in the third quarter, but BU would find some offense, scoring 14 points in the third quarter making the score 41-21. Tucker would cruise in the final period and take home the 31-point win over BU. Tucker will travel to Westwood Middle next Wednesday, February 12th with tipoff set for 6:00pm.

Bowley 15 pts; Tuttle 11 pts; Hyre 6 pts; Boyles 6pts; Pitzer 6 pts; Wilfong 3 pts; Freeman 1 pt.



Raven Matthews takes the contested lay up

## Tucker Girls Go 1-2 in Gauntlet of Games

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker's Lady Mt. Lion basketball team had themselves a very challenging week to say the least. They played three ranked opponents from three different divisions. They began the week with a home matchup against the #9 (AAA) Elkins Lady Tigers. This was such a great game it couldn't be contained into four quarters and overtime was required to decide the victor. Tied at 52 at the end of regulation, Tucker would hold Elkins to 3 points in the overtime period and take the overtime win 59-55.

Matthews 25 pts, 15 reb, 4 stl, FT 7-11; Gross 20 pts, 7 reb, FT 3-7; Evans 5 pts, 5 reb, FT 5-9; Snyder 4 pts, 2 reb; Herron 2 pts, 2 reb; Moats 3 pts, 2 reb.

3 Point Goals 2-11: Gross (1) Moats (1)

The Lady Mt. Lions week would get even more difficult as they would travel to the #1 (A) Gilmer County Lady Titans. Tucker played Gilmer tight early in the contest as it was 15-14 in favor of the Titans after one quarter. Tucker would hang tough in the second quarter until senior Raven Matthews would find herself in foul trouble and be forced to leave the contest. This would prove to be vital in the contest as

Gilmer would begin to pull away, 30-24 at the half. Tucker was never able to close the distance, and foul trouble would continue to plague the Mt. Lions in the second half as they would eventually fall 65-39.

Evans 15 pts, 8 reb, FT 4-8; Gross 12 pts, 1 reb; Matthews 7 pts, 4 reb; Herron 3 pts, 3 reb; Shaffer 2 pts, 1 reb.

3 Point Goals 4-11: Gross (2) Evans (1) Herron (1)

Tucker would close the week with a return trip home with a matchup against the 5th ranked (AA) Lady Irish of Charleston Catholic. Tucker would maintain a small lead through most of the contest holding leads of 2 points after the first period, 6 points at halftime and 4 points going into the final period. The Lady Irish would rally the troops and outscore Tucker 16-9 in the fourth quarter to take the win back to Charleston, 51-47.

Matthews 18 pts, 13 rebs, FT 3-6; Gross 15 pts, 5 reb, FT 5-6; Herron 6 pts, 3 reb; Shaffer 4 pts, 2 reb, FT 0-1; Moats 2 pts; Kitzmiller 2 pts, 2 reb.

3 Point Goals 1-8: Matthews (1)

Tucker will return home next Thursday, February 13th to take on the Tygarts Valley Lady Bulldogs, tipoff is set for 6pm.

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# Young Bears Team Picks Up Win against South Preston

By: Adam Freeman

The Davis Thomas Bears basketball team had two matchups this week outside of the Tucker Valley game. First, they squared off against Belington Middle. This game went to the wire and couldn't be decided in four quarters, so overtime was required. The Bears would eventually fall in OT, 30-28.

Kerr 14 pts; Dearborn 8 pts; Huffman 4 pts; Luzier 2 pts.

The young Bear squad would then take on South Preston Middle School. This game would prove to be DT's first win of the season and be their highest point total to date. Davis Thomas got the victory at home with a final score of 53-45.

Davis Thomas will be home in their next matchup against the Kasson Eagles on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30pm.

Kerr 18 pts; Luzier 12 pts; O'Brien 9 pts; Huffman 6 pts; Dearborn 4 pts; Sisler 2 pts.

# Lady Bears Pick Up Pair of Wins Against Belington and South Preston

By: Adam Freeman

The Lady Bears from Davis Thomas Middle continue their winning ways as they picked up two more victories this past week. Their first bout was with Belington Middle where the Lady Bears would take the lop-sided victory, 55-17.

Johnson 14 pts; Simmons 12 pts; Thompson 11 pts; Wolfe 7 pts; Ketterman 4 pts; Nestor 3 pts; Pase 2 pts; Wilt 2 pts.

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Sierra Hensley  
Jessa Kuykendall  
Hunter Lipscomb  
Bryson Mihalko  
Aubrey Mitchell  
Avalée Nestor  
Easton Phillips  
Aaron Rettig  
Keaton Sexton  
Kendyll Showalter  
Nikolai Stemple  
Hunter Stout  
Brendan Streets  
Denton Streets  
Layne Suesli  
Sydney Vandevender  
Anthony Wiseman  
William Bolyard  
Aubree Smith  
**Honor Roll**  
**5th grade**  
Gage Beckman  
Kiera Mason  
Hannah I Nestor  
Ethan Sigley  
Jace Barkley  
Easton Brown  
Marshall Gilligan  
**6th Grade**  
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Brayven Wolfe  
Shannon Davis  
Caden Triplett  
Noah Adams  
Kragen Cale  
Alleigh Lipscomb  
Keiran Parsons  
Liam Ricottilli  
Kylar Southern  
Gracyn White  
Brantlee Rosier  
Maci Owens  
Fletcher Hyre  
Addalyn Browning  
Mia Lambert  
Aleena Reed

Easton Wolford  
Brooklee Hebb  
Braylon Simmons  
Luke Lantz  
Gabriella Cussins  
Dayton Bunnell  
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Naomi Dean  
Rece Lambruno  
Gunner Lester  
Camden Rettig  
Brittany Knotts  
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Lucas White  
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**Principals Honor Roll**  
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Devin White  
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Titus Bowley  
Gunner Smith  
Hunter Vandevander  
Laila George  
Ally Wright  
Briar Arbogast  
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Blake Holland

**7th grade**  
**Honor Roll**  
Evelyn Bennett  
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Harleigh Fream  
Legend Harper  
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**Principals Honor Roll**  
Madison Carr  
Amesley Channel  
Alissa Hebb

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Isaiah Lipscomb  
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