

News of Record

The following criminal complaint has been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

- Oscar Antonio Reyes Ferman, Bladensburg, Md., was charged with one count of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and one count of Obstructing an Officer. According to the complaint on Sunday, July 6 at approximately 7:45 p.m. Trooper R.K. Stewart was dispatched to the area of Front Street in Thomas for a welfare check. He was advised by Tucker 911 that a male was in a silver Nissan Altima was reported to be slouched over the steering wheel. Upon arrival he observed a silver Nissan matching the aforementioned description traveling Southbound on US48 near Cortland Acres. He initiated a traffic stop on the aforementioned vehicle. Upon initial contact, he identified the driver as the defendant. He asked Ferman if he was okay in which he stated that he was. The Trooper then smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Ferman’s person. He also observed Ferman’s eyes to be glassy and watery and he had slurred speech. At this time Ferman was asked to exit the vehicle to administer Field sobriety Tests in which he refused said tests. Due to the totality of these circumstances, Ferman was placed under arrest for DUI 1st Offense and for Obstructing. The Trooper did conduct a vehicle search in which he allegedly found a ¾ empty bottle of Jack Daniel’s Whiskey located in the trunk of the vehicle. Ferman was transported to the Parsons Police

- Department for a secondary chemical test in which he refused. He was then transported to the WVSP Parsons Detachment for processing, then to the TVRJ to await further arraignment. 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:
- John S. Davis, Black Fork District, Quit Claim Deed 0.62 acres to Justin K. Davis, Jacey R. Davis and Liam H. Davis.
 - Paula Jean Harsh, Justin K. Davis Jacey R. Davis, Liam H. Davis and Heather Harper, Black Fork District, Tract One: 1.05 acres and Tract 2: 0.62 acres to James W. Minear and Joyce A. Minear, \$149,000.
 - Edward L. Tennant, Sr., Clover District, 1.1 acres to Sandra L. Humphrey.
 - Richard J. Harrell and Terri L. Harrell, Dry Fork District, Lot #12, Woods End, 0.167 acres to Richard Joseph Harrell, Trustee, Terri Lynn Harrell Trustee; Richard Joseph Harrell and Terri Lynn Harrell Living Trust,
 - Lee O. Miller, Dry Fork District, Lot #44, Black Bear Woods, Section III, containing 1.1000 acres to Timothy R. Hausch and Melanie J. Hausch, \$70,000.
 - Jeffery R. Felton, Trustee; Jeffery R. Felton Trust Agreement, Dry Fork District, Tract 1 containing 47.10 acres to John Felton.
 - Jeffery A. McCroskey and Katherine L. McCroskey, Dry Fork District, Lot #22, Northface Section, Timberline Four Seasons Resort to Nathan S. Gainer and Chera N. Gainer, \$799,000.

- Donald W. Helmick, Hendricks Corporation, Lots 27 and 28 Rosendorf Addition, Town of Hendricks to Kevin S. Helmick and Roberta Helmick.
- Eugene Nojek, Christina Nojek and Thomas Nojek, Hendricks Corporation, 2.92 acres to Roberts Estate Inc., \$317,000.
- Mary G. Moore, Parsons Corporation, .29 acres and 55 x 43 to Ryan Moore and Timothy Moore.
- Jane Higgins Marx, Successor Trustee; Jean E. Southworth Restated Trust, Parsons Corporation, Fiduciary Deed Lots 4 and 5 Corick Addition to Deborah D. Hatfield, Christi Ann Flynn and Kellie Flynn.
- Appointee of the Honorable Christal G. Perry, Mark A. Hunter, State Auditor, Mega energy Inc., Silver Lining Resources LLC, Brent J. Morse, Maribeth Naughton, Trustee, Morse Family Security Trust, Mark A. Hunt, State Auditor and West Virginia state Auditors Office, St. George District, Gas and Mineral Interests 1,050 acres and 308 acres and 49.6 acres to Barbara Zickafoose, \$4,000.
- Donald W. Helmick, Hendricks Corporation, Life Estate Lots 1 and 2 Rosendorf Addition, Town of Hendricks to David W. Helmick, Donald W. Helmick, Annette E. Rhodes and Kevin S. Helmick.
- Monica Smith Pearl, Dry Fork district, Tract #15, Phase II Beech Cove Timberline, Tract #42 Cabin Mountain, Section A to Jonathan P. Pearl, Trustee, Monica S. Pearl, Trustee; Jonathan P. Pearl and Monica S. Pearl Revocable Trust.

RESIDENTS

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Department of Environmental Protection who are overseeing Fundamental Data's Air Quality Permit on the project. Representatives at the meeting had stated that since Fundamental Data had not expressly stated who the end user for the energy produced would be, HB 2014 did not apply to the project and had no affect on how they would approach the project. However, even if data centers were the end users, the representatives also said it would generally have little affect on air quality emissions.

“One of the major things that I took away from the meeting was that Mr. Kessler and Mr. Williams stating that at the current time that HB 2014 really has no bearing on this proposed plan,” Crossland said.

Crossland said that the fact that HB 2014 does not apply gives the County to opportunity to implement zoning to protect the health and safety of the residents of the County. Crossland complimented and thanked the County for its

work on the County's Comprehensive Plan. Crossland said she is still reviewing the document, but found it contains a lot of useful and interesting information,

“I think we should take advantage of this small window of opportunity we have here according to what the DEP said and I urge you guys to move into setting some standards of proper zoning and reasonable and ethical industry practices that will support this plan,” Crossland said.

Crossland also spoke on the need for the community to come together. Crossland said there is a mindset that those that move here are not “locals.” Crossland urged the Commission to talk to those they encounter in the community to combat the issue.

“If you are hearing this kind of stuff, I want to first of all, say thank you,” Crossland said. “I do have faith that you, like me, are encouraging the importance of being a good neighbor and of working together.”

Crossland said that she felt that many newer residents in the area's voices are not being taken as seriously as others are.

“You live here, you pay taxes here, you vote here, you're voice should hold as much weight regardless as to whether you've lived here three years or three generations,” Crossland said.

Crossland said that both sides of the issue have come to agreement on the issues of jobs and the welfare of the children of the area. She said that they also needed to come together on the fact that the issue is not necessarily a left vs right issue.

“So far people on both sides have agreed on at least two things: we need jobs and we want what's best for our kids,” Crossland said.

Sheriff's Report: June 2025

The following information was supplied from Sheriff Jake Kopek's Report to the Tucker County Commission July 9th.

Felony Arrests – 3
Arrested on Felonies – 2
Misdemeanor Arrests – 4
Misdemeanor Charges – 3
Misdemeanor Citations – 2
Hazardous Moving Violations Tickets – 3
Other Traffic Violation Tickets issued – 9
Hazardous Moving Violations Warnings issued – 14

Other Traffic Violation Tickets Warnings issued – 34
Motorist Assist/Broke Down Vehicle – 7
Vehicle Crashes/Reports Generated – 2
Felony cases fielded resulting in police report – 0
Misdemeanor cases fielded resulting in police report – 6
Drugs Confiscated Street Dollar Amount – \$80
Other Contraband Confiscated – \$80
Job Tasks Completed – 162
Calls for Service/ 911 or Walk-in – 72
This report is missing the information for one officer who is currently on vacation.

Horizons Academy and Hope, Love, and Charity Partner to Build New Community Center and School Facility at “The Smallest Church” Grounds

Eglen, WV – Horizons Academy, a growing Christian microschool, is proud to announce an exciting partnership with Hope, Love, and Charity at the Smallest Church to construct a new community center and educational facility. The building will be located on the historic grounds of Our Lady of the Pines – The Smallest Church in 48 States, a beloved landmark in Preston County.

The new facility will house Horizons Academy's expanding student body and will feature:

- Dedicated classrooms for individualized and small-group learning
- A multipurpose activity space for events, recreation, and enrichment programs
- A fully equipped commercial kitchen to support community meals and student food programs

This collaboration is driven by a shared mission to serve local families and provide a nurturing, faith-centered educational environment. With plans to break ground in August, the project represents a vital step forward for both

the school and the surrounding community.

“This new facility will not only meet the immediate needs of Horizons Academy’s students, but also provide a space where neighbors can come together, serve one another, and grow in faith and fellowship,” said Michelle Berry, Director of Horizons Academy.

Individuals or organizations interested in supporting this project or learning more are encouraged to contact: Michelle Berry at horizonsacademy23@gmail.com. Tax deductible donations may be sent to: Horizons Academy P.O. Box C Aurora, WV 26705. Please note “Building Fund” in the memo line.

Stay tuned for updates as Horizons Academy and Hope, Love, and Charity bring this vision to life at one of West Virginia’s most unique and cherished landmarks.

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MINISTRY

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together and to have people that are committed to the Lord and want to usher in the presence of the Holy Spirit in a modern way. We do incorporate some Hymns from the past, but we are really looking to refresh people with a worship experience,” Davis said.

Davis said that she feels that the Church has traditionally been a place of judgment and has not made those who have most needed it feel welcome. Along with others in the

community, Davis formed Deep Roots to serve the outsiders and the broken in the community in a setting that sought to be welcoming and non-judgemental.

“I sense that the Traditional Church is a place where people have been judged, not welcomed,” Davis said. “This new start of Church that we are partnering with each other, some people in the community and I, to do a new thing where its not judgy. We're just lift-

ing up Jesus together and providing encouragement for people that are broken, but seeking healing from Jesus.”

Services begin with a light breakfast at 10 a.m. with Worship at 11 a.m. according to Davis.

Deep Roots Global Methodist Church is held at Hostetler Funeral Home located at 225 Walnut St. in Parsons. For more information, go to www.deeprootsgmc.org or call Pastor Julie Davis at 304-704-1111.



GC administrators present at Watermark conference

Sisler, Bowser discuss Garrett College’s deployment of PSS platform

Washington, D.C. – Two Garrett College administrators presented at the Watermark Engage 2025 conference about the impact of employing Watermark’s Planning & Self-Study (PSS) platform for accreditation documentation.

Director of Institutional Effectiveness Dr. Kelli Sisler and Chief Academic Officer Christa Bowser’s presentation was entitled “Winning the Accreditation Game with Planning & Self-Study”. They discussed GC’s decision to acquire the PSS platform to enhance the College’s ability to effectively document its efforts to meet the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) standards of accreditation and requirements of affiliation.

Middle States is one of six regional accrediting bodies for U.S. colleges and universities, and has served as GC’s accreditor since the College was created.

“The College has been extremely diligent in meeting – and exceeding – Middle States’ standards and requirements,” said Sisler, GC’s Middle States accreditation liaison officer (ALO). “Our goal in implementing PSS was to make sure all of our accreditation efforts were being appropriately documented as we approach our 2027 reaccreditation.”

Sisler said Garrett has successfully integrated PSS “into every phase of the College’s accreditation cycle.”

“The College uses PSS for everything from General Education assessment and annual program reviews to strategic planning and evidence management,” noted Bowser, who said the platform’s built-in collaboration tools simplify cooperative assessment analysis.

Bowser said PSS has also made it easier to “align



Garrett College Chief Academic Officer Professor Christa Bowser, left, and Director of Institutional Effectiveness Dr. Kelli Sisler recently presented at the Watermark Engage 2025 conference in Washington, D.C.

internal processes with Middle States standards while strengthening our ability to manage accreditation efficiently and proactively.”

Sisler noted the College comprehensively documented how it met Middle States’ accreditation standards leading up to a successful 2020 reaccreditation, but the effort was labor-intensive.

“We came out of that 2020 reaccreditation knowing

we needed a better platform for documenting our accreditation efforts,” said Sisler.

Sisler and Bowser’s presentation also highlighted key outcomes from the PSS implementation, including increased staff engagement, improved data accessibility, and significant time savings.

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TCF holds 35th Annual Uncle Sam’s Birthday Party



Amanda Simmons with Donna Patrick, chairman of the event and David Cooper as Uncle Sam.



Amanda Simmons celebrating her winning of the \$10,000.

PARSONS – The Tucker Community Foundation’s 35th annual Uncle Sam’s Birthday Party was held on July 4th in the Bear Paw Lodge at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis.

The event started with some social time and a dinner that included a petit fillet and crab cake before the elimination part of the evening started. During the elimination there were door prize winners and every 25th ticket drawn won the chance to pick a balloon. Each balloon contained a dollar amount between \$250 and \$1,000. The \$250 winners were Carolyn Waddell, Jason Myers, Judy Parsons, Nancy Dotson, Chip Chase and Michael Shaffer. The \$400 winner was Tim Walsh. The \$500 winners were Tim Knotts, Helga Mehring and Andrea & Bruce Dalton. The \$600 winner was David Parsons, and the \$1,000 winner was Blaine Steensland. Ticket # 250 was auctioned off for \$4,500 before the 246th draw. The group of Kelly & Solena Roberts and Fred Meyer had the winning bid. The last 5 tickets had the opportunity to split all of the remaining prize money. However, since one of the last 5 did not want to split they were eliminated one at a time until there was only one ticket left. The final five were Julie Civiello who won \$200, Derika Bower won \$300, the group of Kelly and Solena Roberts and Fred Meyer won \$400, Kim Roberts won \$500 and the grand prize

winner was Amanda Simmons who won \$10,000.

The Foundation sold raffle tickets during the event for 4 different prize packages. This year the packages were: The Greenbrier Package that included a 3 day 2 night weekend stay with a round of golf for two with everything included, patriotic golf bag and \$300 to spend at the Greenbrier Resort, The eBike package that included a his and hers eBike from Blackwater Bikes in Davis, and 2 Tucker Packages that were made of items and gift certificates from businesses in the surrounding area that totaled over \$6,000. Kim Bowley won the Greenbrier Package that was worth \$2,780. James Snyder won the eBike Package that was worth \$3,400. Zachary Barwinczak won one of the Tucker Packages that was worth \$3,010 and Nancy Dotson won the other Tucker Package that was worth \$3,020. “This year the Tucker Community Foundation gave away \$28,610 worth of prizes between the cash prizes for the elimination dinner and the four packages that were raffled off at the event.” said Michael Moore, Chief Financial Officer at the Foundation.

“We had another record crowd at the event this year and everyone seemed to have a really good time and people were already talking about next year’s event. Donna Patrick, chairman of the Uncle Sam’s Committee, and the rest of the com-



Amanda Simmons and Uncle Sam, David Cooper stand in front of the elimination boards.

mittee did a wonderful job as always. The Foundation wants to thank the people that donated time, merchandise and money to make the event such a success. We couldn’t do without everyone’s help” said Moore. “Since this was the 35th Anniversary everyone in attendance received a commemorative plate from Fiesta Ware that was sponsored by Citizens Bank of

West Virginia” said Moore.

The Tucker Community Foundation uses the proceeds from the event to help fund their scholarship and grant programs. These programs issue over \$1,300,000 in grants and over 45 different scholarships to students in our region.

This year’s official judge for the event was Mike Moore.

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St. George Senior Outpost July 17 at 6:00 pm

St. George Senior Outpost is July 17 at 6:00 pm at the St. George Community Church. Bring a covered dish and enjoy good food and fellowship with other seniors.

Vacation Bible School

Held at St. John's Church, Parsons from July 21 - 25, 6pm - 8pm. Come MAGNIFY the Lord with us and discover the BIG-NESS OF GOD!

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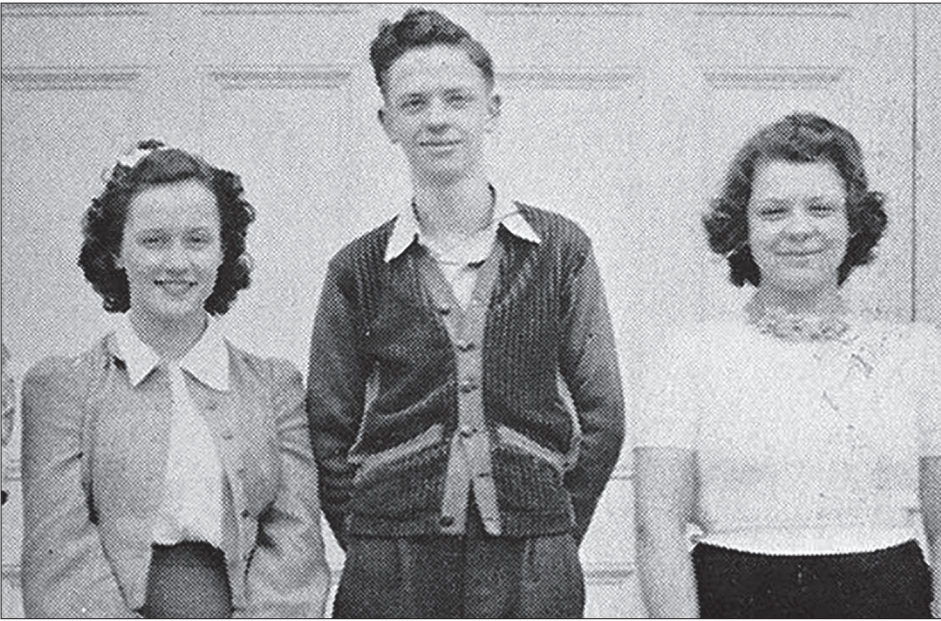
Held at St. John's Church, Parsons on July 26th from 1pm - 3pm. Games, Food, Bouncy House, Ice Cream and lots of Fun!

Waybright Reunion

The reunion of the descendants of Don and Irabelle (Teter) Waybright will be Sunday, July 27 at the Community Building at Red Creek. Lunch will begin at 12:30 PM. Please bring a covered dish to share. Tableware and drinks will be provided. All family and friends are welcome.

Friends of the Mountaintop Public Library

A non-profit organization that supports the library in Thomas, WV, is hosting a garden party on Saturday, August 2, in Canaan Valley. Tickets are \$50 per person and proceeds will benefit the New Library Building Fund and support general operations. Ticket holders will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. A large silent auction will feature artwork, books, vacation rentals, golf and other activity passes, gift certificates, and much more. Tickets can be purchased at the Mountaintop Library located at 384 2 nd Street in Thomas or online at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/garden-party--2025>. For more information, call 304-642-8728.



July 21, 1924: Don Knotts was born in Morgantown. The comedy legend will be forever remembered for portraying Barney Fife on The Andy Griffith Show.

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.wven-cyclopedia.org.

July 16, 1791: Adam Stephen, a physician and Revolutionary War general often credited as the founder of Martinsburg, died at his home in that city.

July 16, 1869: Philanthropist Michael Late Benedum was born in Bridgeport. He made a fortune in the oil and gas business but is best remembered for establishing the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

July 17, 1861: The Battle of Scary Creek took place in Putnam County. It was one of the earliest battles of the war and one of the first Confederate victories.

July 17, 1914: Singer Eleanor Steber was born in Wheeling. She made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in 1940.

July 17, 1921: Marcenia “Toni” Stone was born in Bluefield. She would become the first woman to play professional baseball for a previously all-male team. In 1953, she joined the Indianapolis Clowns of the old Negro American League, replacing the team’s second baseman, Hank Aaron, who had just joined the National League’s Milwaukee Braves.

July 17, 1922: The Cliftonville Mine

Battle took place east of Wellsburg, Brooke County. The gun battle between striking miners and sheriff’s forces left at least nine people dead.

July 18, 1776: Methodist bishop Francis Asbury first set foot in present West Virginia outside of Berkeley Springs. He worked extensively in what is now the Eastern Panhandle, preaching and lecturing almost every day, before continuing farther into western Virginia.

July 18, 1865: Samuel Cabell was murdered at his Institute plantation by either pro-Union or pro-Confederate sympathizers, depending on the source. His widow and mother of his children, Mary Barnes Cabell, who had previously been one of his slaves, inherited all his land, on which West Virginia State University would be founded in 1892.

July 18, 1893: Spencer State Hospital opened. With its connected brick buildings, a quarter-mile in length, the hospital was sometimes referred to as the longest continuous brick building in America. It remained in operation until June 1989.

July 19, 1850: Pope Pius IX established the Diocese of Wheeling, naming Richard V. Whelan as its first bishop.

July 19, 1863: A Confederate raid led by Gen. John Morgan came to an end on

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By Teri Cayton

The Parsons Advocate

Did you ever think to thank Mother Nature for slicing and wrapping an orange for you? Did you ever stop to think that odds are you will have more money by not buying that lottery ticket? My mind just can’t stop thinking about nonessential stuff, have you ever had that happen to you? **Momma Said**, “A mind is a terrible thing to waste.”

Can you tell that sometimes I have a lot of time on my hands and with that time comes endless amounts of stuff to think about. Like for instances if you jump from an object that is moving in one direction onto an object traveling in the opposite direction are you going to land on the object or land where the object was at the time you jumped?

Sometimes I scare myself with the questions that I ask me. It does give me

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



time to reflect on where I would be today if I had really applied myself when I was younger. Would these questions still be in my head or would my brain have exploded if I had found all the answers.

Is today the day I find out all the answers or just make up more questions to ponder? I am not sure which path I will take until I get to the fork in the road. **Momma Said**, “My luck when I get there it will be a spoon.”

Apple Galette

INGREDIENTS

For the Crust

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, cold and cubed
- 1/4 cup ice water, as needed

For the Filling

- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3-4 medium apples (about 1 1/2 pounds)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

For Finishing

- 1 egg, beaten
- coarse sugar, optional
- tablespoon apricot jam, optional

INSTRUCTIONS

- **Make the pastry:** In a food processor, pulse the flour, sugar, and salt to combine. Add the cold butter and pulse until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Then, gradually add the ice water, a tablespoon at a time, pulsing just until the dough comes together.
- Turn the pastry onto a clean surface and gently press it into a thick disc. Wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
- **Assemble the galette:** In a large

bowl, whisk the brown sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, and nutmeg until well combined. Set aside.

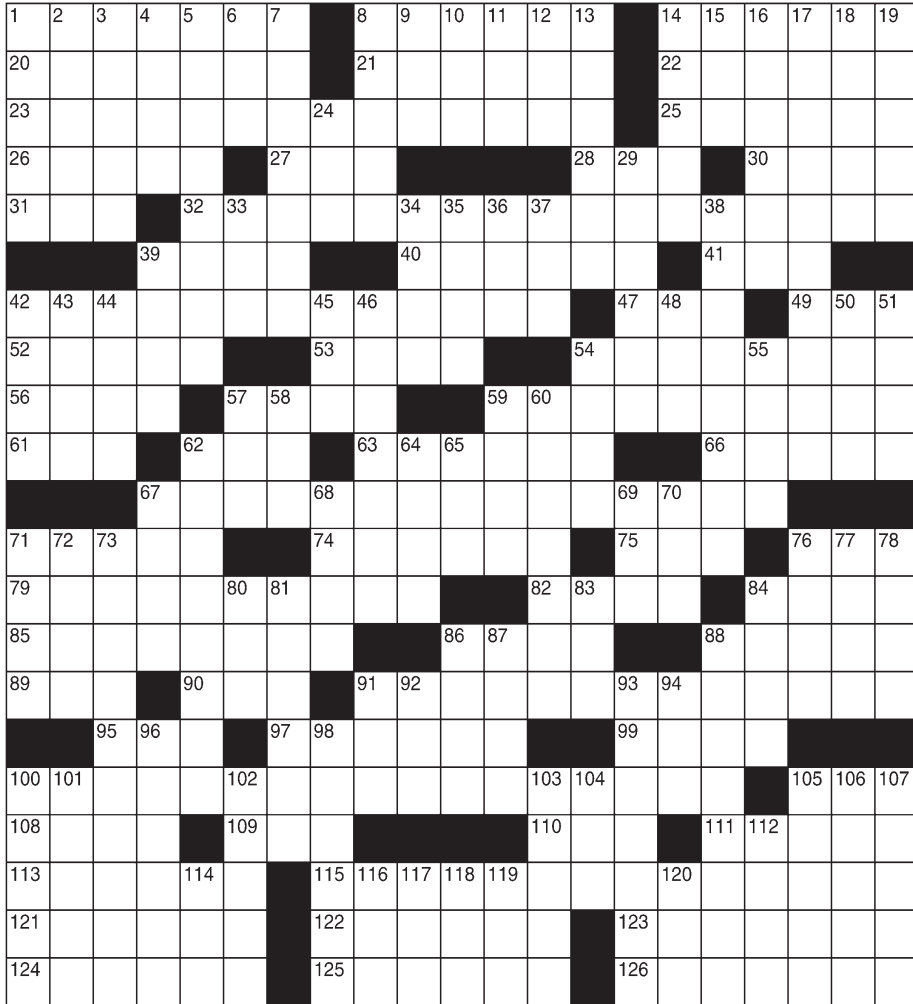
- Peel, core, and thinly slice the apples (1/8 to 1/4-inch thick). Add them to the bowl, along with the lemon juice, and gently toss until all of the slices are evenly coated. Set aside.
- Roll out the chilled dough on a floured surface into a rough 12-inch circle. Transfer to a parchment lined baking sheet.
- Arrange the apple slices in the center of the dough, leaving a 2-inch border. Drizzle over any juices, too. Then, carefully fold the edges of the dough over the apples and brush the edges with the beaten egg. If using, sprinkle the coarse sugar over the top.
- Refrigerate the galette for 20-30 minutes, then preheat the oven to 400°F.
- **Bake and finish:** Bake for 40-45 minutes until the crust is golden brown and the apples are tender. Let the galette cool on the baking sheet for 10 minutes before moving to a wire rack.
- While the galette cools, microwave the apricot jam for 20-30 seconds until runny. If needed, add a teaspoon of water to loosen it up. Brush the jam over the galette, then serve warm and enjoy!

Super Crossword

AMERICAN CINEMA

ACROSS

- 1 Gender-inclusive pronoun phrase
8 Recording on a cassette
14 Drab military wear
20 Jostled, in a way
21 Fill with love
22 Wear away
23 1987 Nicolas Cage crime comedy
25 Evening party
26 Second-string sports squad
27 Screw up
28 Revered Fr. woman
30 Singer Anita
31 "Absolutely!"
32 1991 Denzel Washington drama
39 Certain Slav
40 Novelist Gay
41 "Help!" asea
42 1999 Russell Crowe comedy-drama
47 Tango move
49 Actor Linden
52 Wear away
53 Cribbage pins
54 Voluntarily
56 Messy sort
57 Executive nix
59 1961 Elvis Presley romantic comedy
61 Take an ax to
62 Amigo
63 Got close to
66 Ronstadt of song
67 1978 Maggie Smith comedy
71 Pretend to be
74 Pontificated
75 "— Miniver"
76 37-Down container
79 1984 Harry Dean Stanton road movie
82 Maple fluids
84 Jestling Jay
85 Tablelands, French-style
86 Org. looking for aliens
88 Deserve
89 Ecol. or biol.
90 Film bomb
91 2004 Olsen twins teen comedy
95 "General" on a Chinese menu
97 Even (with)
99 Fleming and McKellen
100 1991 River Phoenix drama
105 Morning times, in brief
108 — avis
109 Dusting cloth
110 Talking- (lectures)
111 Smack the baseball hard
113 Flaxen-haired woman
115 Fictitious college
122 Quiz show fodder
123 Designed to fit most people
124 Argon and radon
125 Shiny fabrics
126 Ingredient in emollients
DOWN
1 Well-seasoned, in a way
2 Fill with joy
3 Some theater awards
4 Parks who stayed put
5 Pool contest
6 Pullet, e.g.
7 Slips past carefully
8 Naturalist
9 DiFranco of song
10 La —, Bolivia
11 "I believe," to a texter
12 Prefix with profit
13 Holds firmly
14 DJ Casey
15 "Watchmen" network
16 Melodious
17 Reality TV family name
18 Paragon
19 "Adios!"
24 Skill, to Cato
29 Many a '60s T-shirt
33 Sale bin abbr.
34 Antlered deer
35 Get lippy with
36 Sort
37 Soup veggie
38 Road paving materials
39 Wild guess
42 Net fabric
43 Harvard rival
44 Pack away
45 Germane
46 "Il Trovatore" heroine
48 German "I"
51 Sister of Luke
54 Amigos
55 Tot's injury
57 Kilmer of film
58 Director Roth
59 Soft cheese
60 Brings about
62 Relayed
64 Epochs
65 Wee colonist
67 Reality star Jenner, familiarly
68 Actor Jamie
69 Sports arbiter
70 TeleTax org.
71 Downloads for iDevices
72 Class taken after trig
73 Like turncoats
76 Land of Lima
77 Tending to the matter
78 Lavish love (on)
80 Fraternity "™"
81 Writer Welty
83 Inhaled stuff
84 Eye part
86 Smack hard
87 Literary Jane
88 Studies as a secondary focus
91 Like sailors' mil. branch
92 Ecol. monitor
93 South Korean compact car
94 — jongg
96 "— Way" (Proust novel volume)
98 Dark periods
100 Head honcho
101 Crimean port
102 Part of UPI
103 "— my pleasure"
104 "Cock-a-doodle —!"
105 "... to fetch — of water"
106 Actress Gaynor or McCall
107 Artist Jan
112 "You never had — good!"
116 — pro nobis
117 Ignited
118 VII octupled
119 Yang's partner
120 Genetic ID



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Weather Totals

July 1 - July 8, 2025

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 92° F
Min 55° F

Precipitation

Week 0.26"
July 0.34"
2025 31.80"

Snowfall

New Snow 0"
Snow on ground 0"
Winter Total 47"

U.S. Forest Service

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TOWN OF DAVIS
TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

General Notice

Town of Davis (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
**WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
T10-11085**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **Davis Town Hall** located at **505 William Avenue, Davis, West Virginia 26260**, until **Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** local time. At that time the Bids received will be **publicly** opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Dam rehabilitation including the injection of grout into identified voids of the structure, installation of a new intake screen and control valve, and all necessary appurtenances. Distribution system improvements including the installation of 6” water line, 8” water line, reconnection of services, and all necessary appurtenances.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Water System Improvements**

The Work will be substantially completed within 180 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run, and completed and ready for final payment within 210 days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Liquidated damages shall be \$1,000 per day.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

QuestCDN: https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553

or

www.thrashergroup.com

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

**The Thrasher Group, Inc.
600 White Oaks Blvd
Bridgeport, WV 26330**

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying the amount of each set listed below.

Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office’s receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents will be transmitted to the prospective Bidder. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method requested. Bidding Documents are available for purchase in the following formats:

- Bidding Documents issued as hard copy full-size drawings and hard copy specifications, are available for **\$100.00** per set.
- Bidding Documents issued as hard copy half-size drawings and hard copy specifications, are available for **\$75.00** per set.
- Bidding Documents issued as digital drawings and digital specifications, are available for **\$40.00** per set via the following link:
QuestCDN: https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553

Amounts paid are not subject to refund.

Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at

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| Davis Town Hall 505 William Avenue Davis, WV 26260 | The Thrasher Group, Inc. 600 White Oaks Boulevard Bridgeport, WV 26330 |
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Contractor’s Association of WV
2114 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25311

A two envelope system will be used.

Envelope No. 1 must have the following information presented on the front:

Name and address of Bidder
Bid on Contract - Water System Improvements
Received by the Town of Davis

Envelope No. 2 labeled “Bid Proposal” shall also be placed inside of Envelope #1.

Envelope No. 1 will be opened first and the Bid Opening Requirement items checked for compliance as outlined on the Bid Opening Checklist on page BOR - 1 of these contract documents. If such documents are found to be in order, Envelope No. 2 “Bid Proposal,” will then be opened and will be publicly read aloud. If the documents required to be contained in Envelope No. 1 are not in order, Envelope No. 2 “Bid Proposal” will not be opened and the Bid will be considered non-responsive and will be returned to the Bidder.

A bidder may not withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to Town of Davis in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid.

Suspension and Debarment - Recipient shall not entertain the use of businesses that are listed on the “System for Award Management” (SAM) at www.Sam.gov in accordance with 2 CFR Part 1532 and Subpart B and C of 2 CFR Part 180.

Drug Free Workplace - West Virginia Code 21-1D-5 provides that any solicitation for a public improvement construction contract requires each vendor that submits a bid for the work to submit at the same time an affidavit of compliance with the bid. The enclosed drug-free workplace affidavit must be signed and submitted in the first envelope as evidence of the vendor’s compliance with the provisions of Article 1D, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia code. Failure to submit the signed drug-free workplace affidavit in the first envelope shall result in disqualification of such bid.

Prospective Bidders should note that this Contract will include the following critical requirements as identified in the Contract Documents.

1. Affirmative Action Program Requirements and Goals
2. Specific Labor Standard Provisions
3. WV Contract Licensing Act - All bidders are required to have a WV Contractor’s License per Section 30-42-12 of the WV Code.
4. WV Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Act
5. Any other requirements deemed critical.

All Bidders are required to have a West Virginia Contractor’s License per Section §30-42-12 of the West Virginia Code.

Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. The Town of Davis reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Davis Town Hall, 505 William Avenue, Davis WV 26260**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: Town of Davis

By: Alan Tomson

Title: Mayor

Date: **Wednesday, July 16, 2025 & Wednesday, July 23, 2025**

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EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
Policy of Nondiscrimination

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College provides opportunity to all prospective and current members of the student body, faculty, and staff on the basis of individual qualifications and merit without regard to race, color, sex, sexual preference, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, familial status, veteran status, or disability. The College neither affiliates knowingly with nor grants recognition to any individual group or organization having policies that discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual preference, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, familial status, veteran status, or disability as defined by applicable laws and regulations.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is required by Section 904, Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972, not to deny admission on the ground of blindness or severely impaired vision; by 45 CFR 84, Subpart E, Section 84.42 and by Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, not to deny admission on the basis of handicap; by 45 CFR 90, 91, not to discriminate on the basis of age; and by 45 CFR 86, Subpart C, Section 86. 21, not to deny admission on the basis of sex. By Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin. Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is an equal opportunity-affirmative action employer in compliance with Title VII of Civil Rights Act, West Virginia Human Rights Act, Title IX (Education Amendments of 1972), Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, American with Disabilities Act, and other applicable laws and regulations.

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Monica Wilson/Tiffany Sentman
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Moorefield, WV 26836
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Degree Programs

- Accounting
- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Science
- Automotive Technology
- Biological & Environmental Technology
- Board of Governors
- Business Management
- Cyber Intelligence
- Early Childhood Development
- General Studies
- Nursing
- Technical Studies
- Wind Energy Technology

Certificate Programs

- Accounting
- Allied Health Care
- Automotive Technology
- Biological & Environmental Technology
- Business Management
- Cyber Intelligence
- Electromechanical Technology
- Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Paraprofessional in Education
- Technical Studies
- Wind Energy Technology

Certification Programs

- Certified Nursing Assistant Administrative
- Dental Assisting
- Industrial Equipment Maintenance
- Medical Assistant
- Microsoft® Office Specialist
- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Residential Care Specialist
- Welding

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NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE’S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

By virtue of that certain Deed of Trust dated November 6, 2020, made, executed, and granted by KEVIN A. LEE to JEFFREY D. NOBLE as Trustee for the benefit of FIRST COMMUNITY BANK (the “**Secured Party**”), and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia (the “**Clerk’s Office**”), in Deed of Trust Book 301, at Page 240 (the “**Deed of Trust**”), default in the performance of the obligations thereby secured having occurred, and pursuant to the terms thereof and to the written request of the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured, and further pursuant to the authority granted to the undersigned by that certain Appointment of Successor Trustee dated June 25, 2024, and recorded in the Clerk’s Office in Deed of Trust Book 323, at Page 402, the undersigned Successor Trustee will sell the following described real estate which is purported to have an address of 10 Pierce Benbush Rd., Thomas, West Virginia 26292 (the “**Real Estate**”), at public auction to the highest qualified bidder on
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M.

at the steps of the Tucker County Courthouse located at 215 1st St., Parsons, WV 26287:

All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging including any manufactured structures, mobile homes, double wide or modular homes, situate in Fairfax District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and being known as Lot No. 2 in the Town of Benbush.

The property herein described is the same tract conveyed to Kevin Lee by Tamara J. Paugh and E. Virginia Paugh, by deed dated January 31, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 186 at page 515.

There is excepted and reserved from the aforesaid property all of the coal, oil and gas in, upon and underlying the same together with the necessary mining and removal rights, as the same have heretofore been excepted and reserved or conveyed away by the present or former owners.

This conveyance is made subject to all existing reservations, restrictions, exceptions, conditions, easements, rights of way Of other servitudes, if any, made, reserved or created in prior deeds of record in said Clerk’s office, or which would be disclosed by a visual inspection of the premises. For the stated consideration, the Grantor does further grant and convey all rights of way and easements, together with all appurtenances pertaining to the aforesaid real estate, whether presently owned or hereinafter acquired, which are matters of record in said Clerk’s office or otherwise.

The sale shall be made subject to any and all easements, rights-of-way, exceptions, reservations, restrictions, covenants, conditions, leases, liens or encumbrances affecting title to the Real Estate, and further to any state of facts that would be disclosed by or apparent upon an inspection or an accurate survey of the Real Estate; provided, however, that any such restriction, covenant or condition indicating a preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, marital status, ancestry, disability, handicap, familial status or national origin is hereby deleted to the extent such restriction, covenant or condition violates 42 U.S.C. §3604(c). The sale shall further be made subject to accrued and unpaid ad valorem real property taxes upon the Real Estate, for which the purchaser will be responsible. The Successor Trustee makes no representations or warranties as to the validity or priority of such liens, taxes, encumbrances and other matters, if any.

TERMS OF SALE:

1. A buyer’s premium equal to five percent (5%) of the successful bid amount (“**Buyer’s Premium**”) will be added to the successful bid amount to determine the contract sale price (the “**Contract Sale Price**”).
2. Cash in hand on the day of sale. The successful bidder shall tender to the Successor Trustee on the day of sale a deposit of **Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) by certified or cashier’s check payable to “Robert J. Dobkin, Successor Trustee.”** Such deposit is **NON-REFUNDABLE**, except as expressly provided by these Terms of Sale. The remaining balance of the Contract Sale Price must be paid to the Successor Trustee by certified or cashier’s check or electronic funds transfer no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, August 29, 2025.
3. Upon conclusion of the sale of the Real Estate, a Memorandum of Sale will be executed reflecting the sale of the Real Estate, the Contract Sale Price, the Terms of Sale, and the purchaser’s agreement to comply fully therewith. Time is of the essence.
4. If the purchaser fails to deliver the Contract Sale Price within the prescribed time, at the Successor Trustee’s sole discretion, the Successor Trustee may either (a) file suit to enforce specific performance or seek breach of contract or other applicable damages, (b) convey the Real Estate to the next highest bidder if such bidder will honor his, her or its bid, or (c) proceed to resell the Real Estate pursuant to the aforesaid Deed of Trust. In the event of such a default the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Secured Party for the payment of any deficiency in the Contract Sale Price resulting therefrom, all costs and expenses of any subsequent sale, reasonable attorneys’ fees, all other charges due, and incidental damages. In the event a resale of the Real Estate results in a sale in excess of the amount originally bid by the defaulting purchaser, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to return of his, her or its deposit, and waives any and all claims, rights and interest to any such excess amount and shall not be entitled to any distribution whatsoever from the resale proceeds.
5. The Secured Party reserves the right to bid on the Real Estate at the sale, which bid may be in the form of a credit bid. The Secured Party shall not be required to post a deposit.
6. The Real Estate may be sold either as a whole or in parcels in the Successor Trustee’s sole discretion.
7. The Real Estate will be sold subject to any and all assessments and taxes against said Real Estate; all prior liens and encumbrances of any nature whatsoever; and the Internal Revenue Service’s right of redemption, if any.
8. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of any accrued and unpaid ad valorem real property taxes against the Real Estate.
9. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by West Virginia Code §11-22-2 and all other settlement costs and costs incidental to transfer of the Real Estate. Taxes and all other public charges and assessments outstanding against the Real Estate shall be paid by purchaser at settlement.
10. The Real Estate is sold in “AS IS” condition. The Successor Trustee makes no representations or warranties of any kind or character including, but not limited to, the condition or zoning of the Real Estate, fitness of the Real Estate for any particular purpose, or the title to the Real Estate to be conveyed. **Prospective purchasers must perform such independent investigations with respect to the Real Estate as they deem necessary prior to bidding on the Real Estate. For additional information, please contact Walker Commercial Services, Inc., 101 Albemarle Avenue SE, Roanoke, Virginia 24013, (540) 344-6160, info@walkercommercialservices.com.**
11. The purchaser is responsible for, and the Real Estate is sold subject to, any environmental matter or condition, whether latent or observable, if any, that may exist at or affect or relate to the Real Estate and to any governmental requirements affecting the same. The Real Estate will be sold subject to any building or housing violations, easements, agreements, restrictions, terms, rights of way, filed and unfiled mechanics’ and materialmen’s liens, covenants, conditions, rights of redemption, liens and all other encumbrances having priority over the aforesaid Deed of Trust, if any, lawfully affecting the Real Estate, whether or not of record, including but not limited to environmental conditions (including without limitation possible wetlands, riparian rights, critical or protected areas, and the presence of protected or endangered species) and all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations lawfully affecting the Real Estate.
12. The Successor Trustee will deliver a trustee’s deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by West Virginia Code §38-1-6 upon receipt of the full Contract Sale Price in good and available funds.
13. If the Successor Trustee fails, refuses or for any reason is unable to convey title to the Real Estate, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of any deposit actually paid by the purchaser to the Successor Trustee. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition by the grantor prior to the sale or reinstatement or payoff of the loan without the knowledge of the Successor Trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by a party in interest, the Successor Trustee, in his sole discretion, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. Purchaser shall have no further remedy.
14. The Successor Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the Real Estate to vacate. Prospective purchasers are hereby advised that the rights of any existing tenants or persons occupying the Real Estate may be covered by the provisions of the federal Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act and West Virginia Code §38-1-16.
15. The Successor Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any items of personal property remaining at the Real Estate following the sale to be removed therefrom. The purchaser shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable laws in the disposal of any such items of personal property, including West Virginia Code §38-1-17, to the extent such statute applies.
16. The Successor Trustee reserves the right to (i) modify or waive the requirements for bidder’s deposits and terms of sale and/or settlement, (ii) withdraw the Real Estate from sale, (iii) reject any and all bids, and (iv) to adjourn the sale of the Real Estate for a time, or from time to time, without further notice, by announcement made at the time and place of the sale described above.
17. Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over all prior communications, both verbal and written, concerning the sale of the Real Estate, including, but not limited to, these Terms of Sale.

Given under my hand June 30, 2025.

/s/ Robert J. Dobkin

ROBERT J. DOBKIN

Successor Trustee Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY
ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit has been filed been before the Tucker County Commission at 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV 26287.

That no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of law but that a foreign will or affidavit of heirs of the following decedent has been filed with the Tucker County Commission and is of record in the Tucker County Clerk’s Office.

Any interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must be filed with the County Commission within 60 days after the first publication date or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

1st Publication Date: July 9, 2025

Decedent: Linda Joyce Ashby Guerrieri

Filed by: Francis Xavier Guerrieri
7723 Royal Sydney Drive
Gainesville, VA 20155

Relationship: Spouse
Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 1, 2025
Sherry Simmons
Tucker County Clerk

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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) |
| Leah Virginia Booth | Dannette P. Parker |
| 1st publication 7/9/25 | PO Box 65 |
| 2nd publication 7/16/25 | Pineville, WV 24874 |

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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General Admission Requirements for Eastern West Virginia and Technical College Students seeking admission to EWVCTC as a degree seeking student must submit the following: (Please see College Catalog for specific information):

- 1) Application for Admission
- 2) GED or HS Diploma or TASC Assessment
- 3) ACT/SAT/Accuplacer Scores
- 4) High school and/or College Transcripts

Some programs have limited enrollment and require additional requirements for admission. Please visit the website at www.easternwv.edu or call 304-434-8000 for further information.

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TIMBERLINE-CV PSD
WV3304711
Consumer Confidence Report - 2025
Covering Calendar Year - 2024
This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affects drinking water quality or if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please attend any regularly scheduled water board meeting held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the CVVFD Fire Hall or call ROBERT METZGER at 304-866-3433.

| Your water comes from ground water: | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Source Name | Source Water Type |
| WELL 4 (GW) | Ground Water |
| WELL 5 (GWUDI) | Ground Water under the influence of Surface Water |

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include: *Microbial contaminants*, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system has an estimated population of 577 and is required to test a minimum of 1 sample(s) per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data
The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2024 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1 - December 31, 2024. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.
Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.
Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/l)
Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.
Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
Monitoring Period Average (MPA): Art average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.
Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.
Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.
Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

| Testing Results for: TIMBERLINE -CV PSD | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------|-----|------|--|
| Regulated Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range (low/high) | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
| BARIUM | 8/7/2024 | 0.0777 0.0777 | 0.0463- | ppm | 2 | 2 | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits |
| CHROMIUM | 8/7/2024 | 1.6 | 1.5-1.6 | ppb | 100 | 100 | Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits |
| NITRATE | 4/3/2024 | 0.41 | 0.39-0.41 | ppm | 10 | 10 | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits |
| NITRATE-NITRITE | 4/3/2024 | 0.41 | 0.39-0.41 | ppm | 10 | 10 | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits |
| SELENIUM | 8/7/2024 | 1.3 | 0-1.3 | ppb | 50 | 50 | Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines |

| Lead and Copper | Monitoring Period | 90th Percentile | Range (low/high) | Unit | AL | Sites Over AL | Typical Source |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------|-----|---------------|--|
| COPPER, FREE | 2024 | 0.052 | 0.0041-0.0791 | ppm | 1.3 | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives |
| LEAD | 2024 | 0.35 | 0.13-0.36 | ppb | 15 | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at increased risk of these harmful health effects. Adults have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. Contact your health care provider for more information about your risks.

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. TIMBERLINE-CV PSD is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking; or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact TIMBERLINE-CV PSD and ROBERT METZGER at 304-866-3433. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

TIMBERLINE-CV PSD completed lead tap sampling in 2024, the results are available for review and can be accessed at the CVPSD Office. TIMBERLINE-CV PSD has prepared a service line inventory identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The most up to date inventory is located at the CVPSD Office. By November 1, 2027, our water system must develop an updated initial inventory, known as the "baseline inventory" and it must include each service line and identified connector that is connected to the public water distribution system. Our water system identified that we have 0 lead service lines in our inventory. If you have any questions about our inventory or if you would like information about our service line replacement plan, please contact ROBERT METZGER at 304-866-3433.

| Chlorine/Chloramines | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|--|
| Maximum Disinfection Level | MPA | MPA Units | RAA | RAA Units | |
| 5/1/2024-5/31/2024 | 2.20000 | MG/L | 1.50000 | MG/L | |

AVAILABILITY OF MONITORING DATA FOR UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS
Our water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that do not yet have a drinking water standard set by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that this data is available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact: Robert Metzger at 304-866-3433.

| Analyte | Facility | Highest Value | Unit of Measure | Month Occurred |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Turbidity | TREATMENT PLANT well 5 (GWUDI) | 1 | NTU | November |

| Radiological Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------|-----|------|-----------------------------|
| GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U | 4/23/2020 | 0.458 | 0.458 | pCi/L | 15 | 0 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| RADIUM-228 | 2/20/2020 | 0.592 | 0.452-0.592 | pCi/L | 0 | 0 | Erosion of natural deposits |

| Secondary Contaminants-Non Heath Based Contaminants-No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range (low/high) | Unit | SMCL |
|--|-----------------|---------------|------------------|------|------|
| NICKEL | 8/7/2024 | 0.31 | 0.31 | UG/L | 0 |
| SODIUM | 8/7/2024 | 3.36 | 2.37-3.36 | MG/L | 1000 |

During the 2024 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

| Compliance Period | Analyte | Comments |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1/1/2020-12/31/2022 | PUBLIC NOTICE | Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state |
| 1/1/2022-12/31/2022 | PUBLIC NOTICE | Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state |
| 7/1/2022-12/31/2022 | PUBLIC NOTICE | Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state |
| 1/1/2024-12/31/2024 | TTHM | Failed to monitor/report as required for chlorine or disinfection by-products |
| 1/1/2024-12/31/2024 | TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) | Failed to monitor/report as required for chlorine or disinfection by-products |

There are no additional required health effects notices.
There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful waterborne pathogens may be present, or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify and correct problems that were found during these assessments.

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There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Your CCR is available at the CVPSD Office . To receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact us at the phone number above.

Ritter Retires from Citizens Bank of WV

Nathaniel S. Bonnell, President & CEO of Citizens Bank of West Virginia, has announced that Vice President & Financial Center Manager Debbie Ritter has retired after 41 years of service to the people of Tucker County. Her retirement was effective June 30, 2025.

Debbie has had a storied career in banking, having worked in all areas of the bank including branch manager, assistant branch manager, loan officer, loan specialist, loan clerk, proof operator and teller. She was promoted to Vice President in 2018.

She was recently awarded the coveted Tuckineer Award by the

Tucker County Chamber of Commerce for her active involvement in the community. She previously served on the Board of Directors for the Tucker Community Foundation and Tucker County Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the Parsons Blueprint Community Team Married to husband Mike Ritter, she has one daughter and son-in-law, Kristin and Evin Thomas, and two grandchildren, Nolan and Eden.

“Debbie is a valued employee that has made a lasting impact on the lives of our customers, employees, and the Tucker County community,” said President & CEO Nathaniel S. Bon-



Debbie Ritter

nell. “Her passion for serving our customers and others embodies the essence of our organization and we will all miss her. We wish her a well-deserved and happy retirement.”

Citizens Bank of West Virginia,

with \$679 million in assets, provides integrated financial services including retail and commercial banking, wealth management, and mortgage services from six offices in Elkins, Parsons, Beverly, Snowshoe, Buckhannon and New Martinsville. The bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Citizens Financial Corp. (OTC: CIWV). Citizens Bank was recognized for the fourth consecutive year by American Banker magazine in the Top Performing Publicly Trading Community Banks Under \$2 Billion of Assets in the Nation, ranking 25th on the prestigious Top 100 list and 1st among WV banks. Citizens is also named

to Newsweek's America's Best Banks list as the Best Small Bank in WV, ranked 16th as one of the Best Banks to Work for in the Country by American Banker, The Inter-Mountain's People's Choice Best Bank, Mortgage Lender, Customer Service & Employer, SBA WV Community Lender of the Year, and ranked the nation's no. 9 top lender by Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) in the consumer/mortgage category for banks \$300M - \$1B in assets and No. 1 as the consumer/mortgage lender in West Virginia in this class. More information is available online at www.citizenswv.com.

Lansberry Hired as Citizens Financial Center Manager

Nathaniel S. Bonnell, President & CEO of Citizens Bank of West Virginia, recently announced that Jenese Lansberry has been hired as the Financial Center Manager at their Parsons location. She succeeds Vice President & Financial Center Manager Debbie Ritter who retired on June 30.

Jenese Lansberry joined Citizens with twenty-two years of banking and leadership experience, having previously served as vice president of loans, loan administration officer, loan officer, and commercial loan clerk.

As Financial Center Manager, Jenese will ensure clients get the products and services needed to achieve their financial goals,

while also focusing on community relations, and managing both branch operations and the branch team members.

She is a graduate of Tucker County High School and West Virginia Banking School.

Parsons’ new financial center manager serves as treasurer of the Tucker County Building Commission. She resides in Parsons and has one daughter, Zoey.

“Jenese not only has banking expertise, but she also has an exceptional understanding of Tucker County’s local businesses and community,” said President & CEO Nathaniel S. Bonnell. “Her connection to knowing the local economy and



Jenese Lansberry

people will enable her to better serve our clients. We invite you to stop by and see her for personalized advice and financial support tailored to your needs and goals.”

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THANK YOU FOR READING THE PARSONS ADVOCATE

Opinion

Data Center Debate: The Other Side of the Coin

By: Brian Bennett
Washington, WV

When I saw the original headline for a proposed data center in the April 9th Advocate I was pleased at the possibility of jobs and increased tax revenue for Tucker County. I just got to the 4th paragraph of the article and the misinformation started. Senator Randy Smith said a data center had filed for a permit to come to Tucker County This never happened then, and as of this writing, still has not happened.

Mayor Al Thomson of Davis joins in by saying the project would bring risks to the area, threatens natural resources, and jeopardizes the water supply. He never says how these things will happen, just that they will. The Friends of Blackwater really gin up the scare by saying the project will bring unwanted noise, toxic air pollution, bright lights, and traffic. Just

remember folks at this point the only thing the permit that Fundamental Data asked for was for a power plant. No data center.

I have read the Advocate every week now for 13 editions and have read a lot of complaints about tax structure, few jobs, little or no income to the county, but I have never seen any figures at all.

This ends now! According to the Fundamental Data permit there will be 50 full time jobs at the power plant, but maybe more. The starting pay at Mount Storm is \$27 per hour, \$1080 per week, or \$56,160 per year. The operator pay there is \$46 per hour, \$1840 per week, or \$95,680 per year. These are living wage jobs. The average wage in Tucker County is \$30,000 per year. These new jobs would be 2 to 3 times the average wage now.

Taxes , taxes, lets talk taxes. I have talked with Casey Chapman of Fundamental data 5 times now for a 3 hour total. Because Fundamental did not file as a microgrid, he believes that the taxes on the power plant should all go to Tucker County. I talked with assessor Greg Stevens and at a \$100,000,000 cost to build the power plant the money to Tucker County would be \$740,000 per year. Just for fun, lets say that it costs \$700,000,000, which is probable closer to the fact. That is \$5,000,000 plus to Tucker County. Mayor Al Thomson told me that the tax revenue would be 10 million. You readers need to see these numbers because Tucker United sure won't tell you about them. This brings me to the latest rumor about who is going to locate next to the power plant. I have heard that John Deere Farm equipment wants to put a factory there. They will build hay balers and manure spreaders. With the amount of manure that Tucker United has spread in the last 3 months, there is bound to be an excellent crop of hay for the next few years.

The April 16th Advocate had articles concerning water use at the plant. In my conversations with Mr. Chapman he told me that Fundamental would not drill any wells on the property, use any water from Beaver Creek, or will a dam to get water from. He did mention water from the Mettiki as a possible source of water. Chapman also said that air cooling would be part of the project.

The April 20th Advocate has a letter to the editor from Joe Dumire of Thomas. Joe says everything about the project is just unacceptable. Lack of water--just answered that. Noise pollution--answered by Fred Davis when he visited the 3 data centers. Air pollution--within the state and federal guidelines. Lack of good paying jobs--please refer to the previous figures on the power plant. Unfair taxes--please review the property tax quotes for the power plant. Negative view shed--Give me a break please Joe, this project is behind the landfill with a 100 foot or more wall of dirt, as well as some very tall trees. Potential oil tank explosion causing damage to both Thomas and Davis--an airplane could also drop out of sky and hit the towns at the same time. Mr. Chapman told me the tanks

will be extra thick, with liners, and that they are the Mercedes of oil tanks. He said they went to great lengths to put in extra safety features to prevent problems.

The April 20th Advocate had words of wisdom from attorney Brent Easton about the state taking control of permits for power plants and data centers. After seeing the reaction of Tucker United I can see why the state did this.

The June 4th Advocate article on the plant certainly was a stretch of imagination. Where did the 10,000 acre possibility with the largest data center in the world come from? What was someone smoking when they came up with this? The permit that Fundamental has applied for cover 1 1000 mega watt power plant. This plant can only serve 12 data centers that are 75,000 mega watts.

They are buying 542 acres of land. Much of the land towards the Mettiki Mine is not useable because of the topography of the land, and the coal mines that are underneath the ground.

Tucker United has also raised concerns about temperature inversion. An article published in the January 24, 2024 Elkins paper by brad Johnson said the National weather Service has said and I quote "Canaan had a strong temperature inversion in which the Monday morning temperature in Canaan valley 37 to 38 degrees lower than at nearby points east and west" as being "pretty rad." When I think of rad I do not associate that with being bad. This controlled by the federal government means the temperature on the floor of the valley was cooler than higher up the mountain. Backwards from normal, but it is not long lasting, as the Tucker United folks would have you believe. It is nothing to fear. So much for a scary term that actually means very little.

The other big concern from the article was the fact that 90% of the town of Davis would be within 2 miles of the data center. Fairfax County, Va. has 45 data centers, and they are the largest County in Virginia population wise with 1.1 plus million people. 70% of the data centers in the county are within 500 feet of a residential area. Article by James Jarvis for December 11, 2024. Written for ARLnow news.

The June 11th Advocate involves some very fancy footwork by Mayor Al Thomson. He is saying that there will be 150 to 300 covering 10,000 acres. As I have stated before the 10,000 acre figure is just wrong if you are saying that data centers will cover that much ground. Casey Chapman did tell me that is fundamental had to put in transmission lines and various right of ways that they could use up to 10,000 acres. But not 10,000 acres of data centers. I do not know where mayor Al got the 150 to 300 data center figure because Fundamental only has a permit for 1000 megawatts of power which would power only 12 75,000 megawatt centers. This would be those centers of 1 acre or larger.

The June 18th Advocate provided some additional new reasons not to build. John Bright was concerned about pollution and making the area some kind of dark area national park. Like Tucker County needs more federal government land in the county so that we can collect those wonderful "in lieu of" payments. We still have plenty of dark spots in the County.

The July 2nd Advocate had some novel reasons for not building, but Zina Raye's concerns over fire suppression were over my head. I do not know what she meant. Sandra Goss said she was concerned about lack of transparency from Fundamental. Fundamental redacted what was proprietary to them, and the State upheld that that was fine. I want to open a pizza shop in Davis and I hope that Sandra will post all of her recipes on Facebook so that I use them. I don't see that happening. Jess Tucker was concerned about limited housing. I am sure that if new people move to the area that someone will build them

housing.

A couple of meeting before that Michael Goss objected to the project because he was worried about the deer. If you Google what counties in Virginia have the most Pope and Young records for bowhunter trophy kills you will find that at the top of the list is Fairfax County and around 4th is Loudoun County. These counties have 45 and 115 data centers respectfully. Perhaps the bucks came there for the WiFi.

One other objection that has come up more than once is the specter of decreased property values. My oldest daughter has lived in Loudoun County for 27 years. I asked to think back to the value of their house in 2016, when the first data center was built there, and then to think of today. She said her house value is up about 40%. So much for losing value.

If just 12 data centers were built in the county, at 20 employees each, that would be 240 new jobs for the county. If 50% were janitors or security paying \$20 per hour, \$800 per week, or \$40,000 per year, and the rest were professionals as \$45 per hour, \$1800 per week, or \$93,600 per year, just imagine how much stuff these people could buy at places all over the county. Cobine that with the 50 workers at the power plants and you have some pretty powerful numbers.

Taxes, taxes, and more taxes. Loudoun County has 115 data centers that generate \$663,000,00 dollars for their county every year. That is \$5,765,277 for each center. If Tucker County could collect 50% of that it would be \$2,882,638 for each center per year. Even if tucker gets just 30% of that the number is \$864,792 per center. Since the power plant can support 12 centers that would be 12 X \$864,792 or \$10,377,498. per year to the county. Add this number to the figure of \$5,000,000 for power plant, and you have a total of \$15,000,000, or 2 times the current Tucker County budget. Just imagine what the county commission could accomplish with this new money.

A problem that has been mentioned a couple of times is increased traffic. According to the Tucker County Development president 150 commercial vehicles come into Tucker County each day.

Supposedly there will be 6 fuel trucks coming to the power plant at most every day. That is a 4% increase, hardly a problem. A projected 250 cars per day at the power plant and proposed data center would be spread out over a 24 hour work day. Once again, hardly a problem when you consider the amount of tourons that come to Tucker County.

The only fear that I have seen from the Tucker United group that is backed up by facts is the possible pollution numbers. There indeed will be some pollution by the plant, however it is not mentioned by anyone from Tucker United that these numbers are less than the permissible emissions allowed by the state and federal regs. The 2 pollutants that could give you trouble are benzene and nitrogen oxide. I had a conversation with Mayor Al Thomson, and invited him to a cup of coffee at Milo's. Since they cook with gas, besides the coffee, we just get some good benzene and nitrogen oxide which are given off by gas appliances. I also invited him to Sirianni's for lunch pizza, where besides their good pizza, we could pick extra benzene and nitrogen oxide from their gas pizza oven. I have been going to Sirianni's for 37 years and don't plan to stop. I like their food! For all of the Tucker United people who have gas cook stoves at home you get these fine 2 chemicals right in your own home.

These projects will not hurt tourism in Tucker County, but will provide almost 300 well paying jobs, and a ton of tax revenue researched this project and wrote this article to let the people of tucker County know the other side of this story, because you were never ever going to hear about this from Tucker United.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Reports 2025 Second Quarter Earnings And Declares Quarterly Dividend

Petersburg, WV - Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (OTC: HBSI) announced unaudited earnings of \$2,808,000 for the first six-month period ended June 30, 2025. This represents an increase of 32.39% from the \$2,121,000 earned during the same period in 2024. On a per share basis, net income was \$2.12 for the first six months of 2025, compared to earnings of \$1.59 per share for the six months ended June 30, 2024.

On July 8, 2025, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.45 per share to be paid on August 1, 2025 to all shareholders of record as of July 18, 2025. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 5.14%.

Jack H. Walters, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the holding company, stated "I am very pleased with the performance of the company during the first half of 2025. We continued to see strong growth in deposits as well as across all loan segments. Our net interest margin continues to improve as legacy loans repriced and deposit costs have remained stable. Economic conditions in our region continue to be stable, but we are watchful for any potential downturns as we judge that the current credit cycle is closer to the end than the beginning. We enjoy and look forward to continuing to build partnerships with individuals and businesses throughout our area who appreciate our commitment to community banking."

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. currently operates twelve banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia

ANIMAL SHELTER

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Canfield said that one foster family is currently housing 12 dogs, a mother and 11 puppies. Canfield, herself, fosters seven large dogs, which she lets run with her own five large dogs at home. According to Canfield, the County supplies the food for the foster animals.

"I'm desperate for community involvement," Canfield said. "For people to step up as fosters. A bathroom, a basement, anything that you can separate these animals safely from your other animals," Canfield said.

Canfield said that in cases where animals are friendly, with proper introduction, dogs can roam freely with existing pets.

"My dogs, my foster dogs just run with my pack because we did proper introduction," Canfield said.

Canfield said her goal is to maintain the Shelter's status as a "No Kill Shelter," one of the few in the area. To keep the Shelter's No Kill status, the Shelter must maintain above a 90% Live Release Rate, according to Canfield. A Live Release Rate is the amount of animals that are either adopted, transferred to other partner rescues or releasing into the wild. The Tucker County Animal Shelter currently maintains a 98% Live Release Rate.

"We were a 98% No Kill Shelter for the Year of 2024," Canfield said. "I take a lot of pride in that because there are a lot of facilities surrounding us that are not considered a No Kill Shelter and I want us to continue to stay that way for years and years and years to come."

Canfield said that she does not want to have to be put into the position to have to consider the quality of life of the long term residents of the Shelter due to space constraints. However, the current situation is placing the Shelter in a position where decisions may have to be made.

"I would never want to be put in the position that we would have to make the decision for the longer term residents to look at quality of life because just to put it out there we are currently in a position to where we are going to have to reconfigure what we do," Canfield said.

The crisis has meant that the Shelter has had to turn

away intakes for weeks now. The Shelter has been at capacity on dogs for two weeks and three weeks on cats simply because there is no more space. Canfield said they have placed kennels in her office and the lobby and have cats in dog kennels and have doubled up dogs in kennels in an effort to make space.

Canfield said she feels that she is letting down not only the community, but the animals that she has pledged to serve.

"There are more people that we are letting down, there are more animals that need us that we are not serving and that's not a good feeling to go to bed with," Canfield said.

Canfield said she has tried reaching out to partner rescues for help, but it is problem that everyone else is facing, as well. Of the 10 rescues that Canfield said she has contacted in the past 10 days, the ones that had gotten back to her have said that they were even too full to even want 10 week old purebred German Shepherd puppies.

"That's saying a lot about the crisis that we are in right now," Canfield said.

Besides the logistics of placement of animals, the Shelter is facing a financial crisis, as well. Each intake costs a minimum of \$150 for vaccinations and spay/neuter. Those costs do not include the costs of litter, bedding, food or any needed vet care the animal may need. The Shelter also suffers from aging and broken kennels.

"Right now the kennels we have, have not been renewed in a very long time, so they are rusty and we are rigging them up with zip ties and that goes for the cats, as well," Canfield said.

The Shelter is also seeking Business involvement during this crisis. There is a need for more kennels at the facility. Canfield said she is going to begin going around to Businesses in the area seeking sponsorship for kennels and cages.

"I need to rely on the people of this County to step up and help us get these animals into safe homes while they wait on their forever homes so that we can continue to serve and help more," Canfield said.

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Obituaries

Carol Ann Carr Simmons

Carol Ann Carr Simmons, 89, a resident of Hambleton, passed from this life Wednesday evening, July 9, 2025, at her home. She had been in failing health and death was due to cardiac arrest.

Carol was born Thursday, June 25, 1936, in Hendricks, a daughter of the late Tennis Lee Carr and Pansy Ellen Bright Carr. On Nov. 8, 1954, at Oakland, MD, she was married to Lloyd Junior Simmons who preceded her in death on January 26, 2003.

Left to cherish Carol's memory is one son, Jeffrey L. Simmons of Hambleton, four grandchildren, Jeffrey Simmons and wife, Heather, Katie Phillips and husband, Cody, Kim Showalter and husband, Charlie, and Ricky Simmons and wife, Kaitlyn, seven grandchildren, Cameron, Kendall,



Bryson, Maddie, Vaeda, Granite, and Carson, one sister, Zetta Fansler, three brothers, Danny Carr and wife, Phyllis, Hoyo Lynn Carr and wife, Shirley, and Phillip Carr, one daughter-in-law, Barbara Simmons, one sister-in-law, June Ann Carr, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Carol in death besides her husband and parents was one son, Ricky Lynn Simmons, one brother, Doral Carr, and

one brother-in-law, Allen Dale Fansler.

Carol was a graduate of Parsons High School. She and her husband, Lloyd, owned and operated a grocery store in Hambleton for several years before she found enjoyment in being a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, canning, and raising her chickens. Matt Dillon, westerns, and other tv programs were part of her evening plans over her last few years. She was also an avid reader especially when it came to her Bible. Carol was a Christian with a strong faith in her Lord.

A private graveside service was held at Parsons City Cemetery. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Carol Ann Carr Simmons. Send condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneral-home.com.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Announces First Quarter 2025 Results

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (OTC: HBSI) announces results of operations for the first quarter of 2025.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc., the parent company of The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, posted first quarter 2025 earnings of \$1,384,000 or \$1.04 per share of common stock outstanding (EPS), compared to \$891,000 or \$0.67 EPS for the same period of 2024.

On April 8, 2025, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of \$0.45 per share. The dividend was payable to all shareholders of record as of April 25, 2025 and was paid on or about May 2, 2025. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 5.3%

Return on average assets (ROAA) increased in 2025 to 0.94%, as compared to 0.64% in the same period of 2024. The return on average equity (ROAE) increased to 8.82% at March 31, 2025, as compared to 6.38% at March 31, 2024.

Total assets, as of March 31, 2025, increased \$10,276,000 to \$589,836,000 compared to December 31, 2024. Total liabilities increased \$8,744,000 as of March 31, 2025 to \$527,085,000 compared to December 31, 2024 as a result of an increase in deposits.

Shareholders' Equity at March 31, 2025 was \$62,751,000 or \$47.24 per outstanding share, compared to December 31, 2024 of \$61,282,000 or \$45.84 per outstanding share.

Jack H. Walters, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the holding company, stated, "We are pleased to report increased earnings in Q1 2025 compared to the prior year. Stabilizing deposits costs and growth in our loan portfolio have combined to enhance our net interest margin compared to the year ago period. This increase has contributed to higher levels of net interest income, which is our primary source of earnings. We look forward to continuing to work with consumers and small businesses to help them realize their dreams and to contribute to the overall well-being of our communities."

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. is listed on the OTC market under the symbol HBSI (<http://www.otcm Markets.com>) and is the holding company for The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank. Highland's subsidiary banks operate twelve banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia and offer credit insurance through its wholly-owned subsidiary, HBI Life Insurance Company.

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Blackwater Falls Construction Foundation Funded

Davis, WV - The West Virginia State Parks Foundation is pleased to announce new building construction at the Sled Run at Blackwater Falls State Park. Put in place by Milco Metals of Phillipi, the new building will provide indoor storage and repair space for the heavy equipment used to groom sledding trails. Park Superintendent Ben Leedom said, "construction of this building was long overdue and badly needed." Notably the longest sled run on the East Coast, The Blackwater Falls sledding area provides a quarter mile of winter fun and serves an average of 12,000 guests annually.

Funding for the project was provided by the West Virginia State Parks Foundation. "The staff at Blackwater Falls would like to thank the foundation for making this project possible," Leedom continued. Foundation Board Member Kim McCluskey related

that "all of the funding for this project was provided by donation. Our funding comes from grants and donations, and we use all of it for projects on our state park areas, and for capacity building." Donations to help with projects like the Sled Run building can be made at the WV State Parks Foundation at www.wvpsf.org.

The West Virginia State Parks Foundation Inc. is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to "preserve, protect, and enhance West Virginia State Parks by providing leadership in communication, funding, and advocacy in partnership with individual Park Foundations.

Located in the Allegheny Mountains of Tucker County, Blackwater Falls State Park is named for the amber waters of Blackwater Falls, a 57-foot cascade tinted by the tannic acid of fallen hemlock and red spruce needles.

Midcap named Presidents Council chair

GC president has served on MACC Executive Committee since 2021

Annapolis, MD – The Maryland Association of Community Colleges Board of Directors has elected Garrett College President Dr. Richard Midcap to chair MACC's Presidents Council.

Midcap, who has been on MACC's Executive Committee since 2021, officially took over as chair of the 16-member Presidents Council on July 1. He succeeds Dr. Mary Bolt, Cecil College's president, who served a pair of one-year terms as chair.

"I'm honored to serve as chair of such an impressive group of presidents," said Midcap, who is in his ninth year as president of Garrett College. "We're a collaborative and close-knit group that has one overarching mission – supporting all of the community college students across the state who are preparing for transfer to four-year colleges and universities or direct entry into Maryland's workforce."

As chair of the Presidents Council, Midcap will also serve as vice president of MACC. Audrey Farley, a Prince George's Community College trustee, will serve as MACC president.

Three other community college presidents – Dr. James Klauber (Hagerstown Community College), Dr. Dawn Lindsay (Anne Arundel Community College) and Bolt as past chair – will serve with Midcap and Farley on MACC's Executive Committee. Trustees Reza Jafari (Chesapeake College) and Shawn Coates (College of Southern Maryland) will round out the seven-member Executive Committee.

MACC was formed in 1992 to serve as the unified voice of Maryland's 16 community colleges. Dr. Brad Phillips serves as executive director of MACC, which acts as a liaison for community colleges with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), the University System of Maryland, and other relevant state and federal organizations.

MACC also has a significant government relations role, maintaining relationships with the Maryland General Assembly, the office of Governor Wes Moore, and other state departments and agencies. It has in recent years taken on a significant grants-management role, serving as the grant recipient for a host of federal and statewide grants in the cybersecurity field that support training at the 16 community colleges.

Midcap spent 23 years at Chesapeake Col-



Garrett College President Dr. Richard Midcap has been elected chair of the Maryland Community Colleges Council of Presidents (MCCCP).

lege, including 13 as vice president, before being appointed Garrett College's 13th president in November 2016. His GC tenure has been marked by comprehensive capital improvements – including construction of the Offutt STEM Center, the Performing Arts Center at Garrett College, the Mosser Road Heritage Trail, and a multipurpose turf field – as well as successful reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE).

The College has also seen a broad expansion of its intercollegiate athletics program, with men's soccer set to become GC's eighth varsity sport this fall.

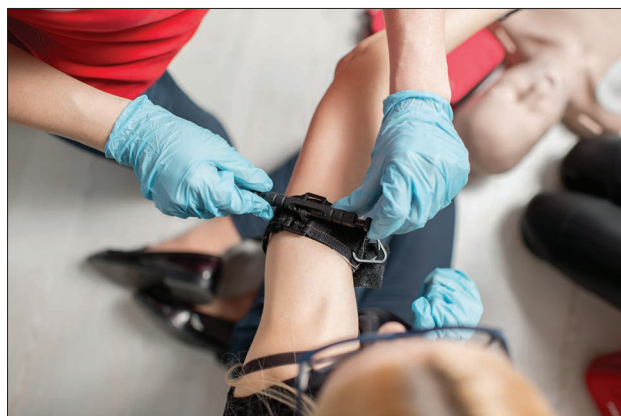
Midcap earned a Bachelor of Science degree in History from Salisbury (MD) University, a Master of Education degree in History from Washington (MD) College, and a doctorate in innovation and leadership from Wilmington (DE) University. He is also a graduate of Maryland Eastern Shore Leadership, and earned a certification in sport management from Concordia (MN) University St. Paul.

Midcap and his wife, Donna, a retired elementary school teacher, live in McHenry.

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West Virginia Becomes First State in Nation to Develop Statewide Tourniquet Takedown Protocols for EMS



CHARLESTON, W.Va. – West Virginia has become the first state in the country to develop statewide tourniquet removal or ‘takedown’ protocols for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and, after one year of measurable success in the field, is becoming the model for tourniquet training at the national level.

“An opportunity like this one doesn’t present itself every day,” shared Secretary of Health Dr. Arvin Singh. “This is something that takes time, dedication, and hard work to see to fruition. I am extremely proud of those who have had a hand in developing these protocols and am excited to see their impact on the future of health-care, not just for West Virginia but for other states and their communities as well.”

A tourniquet is a device used to apply pressure to a limb in the effort to control bleeding, especially in cases that involve severe bleeding, such as gunshot wounds. West Virginia's protocols were developed by Acting State Health Officer Dr. P.S. Martin alongside Dr. Greg Schaefer, a trauma surgeon at West Virginia University, after recognizing that, although tourniquet use in pre-hospital trauma care is well-documented in controlling hemorrhage and improving surgical outcomes, limited data exists regarding the success of and potential risks of tourniquet removal in the field by EMS providers.

Dr. Martin found that there were cases in which tourniquets had been applied as part of routine pre-hospital care that could have been reassessed and removed but were not due to current guidelines.

"There is this taboo in the medical community surrounding tourniquet takedown," Dr. Martin explained. "Once one is in place a lot of hospitals do not want to remove it unless there is a vascular surgeon present. However, every minute a tourniquet is applied, there is a risk of tissue death and limb loss. We wanted to find those situations where tourniquets could be removed and do so through proper training and see what that data looked like to show that takedown is not only viable but preferred in the right situations."

Together, Dr. Martin and Dr. Schaefer developed statewide takedown protocols, which allow providers two chances to remove the tourniquet. Upon receiving patients with tourniquets, providers will now assess the device by first making sure it has been properly placed and replacing it if not. Then, they will expose the wound, apply a properly packed wound dressing, and wait approximately three to five minutes while slowly releasing the tourniquet's pressure. If bleeding resumes, they will retighten the tourniquet and repack the wound with one more chance for removal after 15 minutes, if they are not already at the hospital.

Since June 15, 2024, Dr. Martin has been evaluating cases where a tourniquet was applied and subsequently removed in the field. Data was extracted from electronic patient care records, including structured fields and provider narratives, to ensure only cases with confirmed tourniquet applications were included. A total of 98 cases met the inclusion criteria, with approximately 20 percent undergoing tourniquet takedown. Of those who underwent tourniquet removal, 16 did not have to have their tourniquets redeployed.



Join TVCD for a Grazing Outreach Field Day at Sickler Farm on July 26

Philippi, WV: The Tygarts Valley Conservation District invites farmers, landowners, and ag professionals to attend its upcoming Grazing Outreach Field Day on Saturday, July 26th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Sickler Farm, located at 1739 Chestnut Ridge Road, Moatsville, WV 26405.

This free event will focus on practical approaches to pasture management, rotational grazing, soil health, and other conservation-minded practices that benefit both the land and your livestock. Attendees can expect expert demonstrations, real-world strategies, and plenty of time for Q&A and discussion.

Featured speakers include experts from USDA-NRCS, WVU Extension, and the Tygarts Valley Conservation District, who will share helpful tools and insights that producers can take back to the field.

Registration is free, but TVCD asks participants to sign up in advance so a head count can be taken for refreshments.

Attendees will also have the chance to win useful door prizes, including:

- Vouchers for soil tests and forage tests
- 36" stainless steel soil probes
- Hand-held seeders

The event will take place rain or shine, so bring your boots and be ready for an informative day outdoors.

You can find the registration link and more details on TVCD's Facebook page: facebook.com/TygartValleyCD and on Eventbrite

Contact: Tygarts Valley Conservation District
Phone: (304) 457-3026
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Comparative analysis showed no statistically significant difference in patient outcomes between takedown and non-takedown groups, although the takedown cohort exhibited a higher proportion of clinical improvement at 64.7%. Additionally, no patients in the takedown group experienced deterioration, while 2.9% of non-takedown patients worsened, suggesting that tourniquet takedown, when performed by trained EMS personnel, may be associated with clinical improvement.

"Tourniquets can be extremely helpful in saving lives, but they can also be overused," says Dr. Martin. "There is sometimes this knee jerk reaction that if we see blood we want to stop it, and that's not the wrong reaction but sometimes a tourniquet is not always the answer, especially when a less invasive, less limb threatening method will do the job. Prolonged tourniquet use, when they are not necessary, can be very limb threatening when you are dealing with the prolonged transport times faced by those in rural West Virginia. This study brings light to that and, we hope, shows that we don't have to fear tourniquet removal but can actually use it

to bring the best care possible to patients.”

"We want to take any opportunity that we can to further expand the expertise of our EMS providers," explained Joseph Ratliff, Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services. "Doing so gives those providers the tools they need to perform at their best and ensures that they are doing all they can to save lives and improve the health of West Virginians."

In May, Dr. Martin shared his findings at the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials' (NASEMSO) Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, marking West Virginia as the first state to provide patient data on tourniquet takedown conversion at the national level. NASEMSO and the National EMS Quality Alliance will use that data as they work to build national takedown protocols and quality measures.

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.

Summer Reading 2025

Five Rivers Public Library has completed the 36th annual summer reading program with a total of 173 children and adults attending the four day program. The event titled “Color our World” focused on the arts with a book to go Five Rivers Public Library has completed the 36th annual summer reading program with a total of 173 children and adults attending the four day program. The event titled “Color our World” focused on the arts with a book to go along with each week’s theme. Week one “Fabulous Foods” was led by Jes Streets, Cindy Harsh and Marcy Evick from Tucker Co Extension Service. Using food provided by Tucker County Community Action the children were led through fruit kabob making, paint stamping with fruits and vegetables, and a scavenger hunt. The second week “Magical Music” was led by Heather Lantz, music teacher at TVEMS. Heather had the kids making music with recorders and drums and dancing with pool noodles. The third week “Cosmic Colors” was led by Crystal Hardy, third grade teacher at TVEMS. Crystal led the kids through a step by step sponge painted galaxy on a canvas, constellation crafting using marshmallows and pretzel sticks, and glitter slime making. To kick off the last day of summer reading the kids gathered at the Mill Race Park to enjoy the splash pad and grilled hot dogs courtesy of the City of Parsons.

Of the reading lists that were turned in, 2015 books were read during the 3 week program. The top readers this year were: 1st place Haisleigh Ranker, 2nd place Iestyn Bolinger, 3rd place Ryleigh Blue. All children were rewarded with treat bags with the top three readers receiving special notes. Local businesses contributed by donating gift certificates for the kids' bags. For their contributions we would like to thank McDonalds, Shop n Save, Mr. Pizza, Happy Jax Frosted Memories, The Sunrise Coffee Co., Black Fork Pizza, and Piccolo Paula's Caffè. We would also like to thank the Tucker County Extension office, Tucker County CEOS and Tucker



County Community Action for preparing and delivering the kids lunches. We also appreciate all the parents, grandparents, etc. who brought the children to our program and the volunteers that made it so special. The kids had a great time as did the library staff!

Children attending this year: Luke Rippy, Madison Mayberry, Ryleigh Blue, Raeghan Blue, Eve Carrico, Annabeth Evans, Lorelai Evans, Ryder Glover, Colt Glover, Adalee Lycliter, Avery Lycliter, Reid Smith, Clara Smith, Idalee Nestor, Quinn Hovatter, Gage Hovatter, Camden Thompson, Beau Smith, Cameron Smith, Isabell Martin, Haisleigh Ranker, Iestyn Bolinger, Ella Hess, Jackson Hess, Hadley Parsons, Callen Parsons, Wade Summerfield, Evelyn Summerfield, Briar Hebb, Boone Hebb, Addalee Hebb, Anatala Hebb, and Jack Hebb.

Thanks to our volunteers, Daniel Smith, Baylee Lewis, Ava Wilfong and Amesley Channel. And a special thanks to Wendy Niceler from the Health Plan.



**1st place Haisleigh Ranker, 2nd place Iestyn Bolinger,
3rd place Ryleigh Blue**

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Yards of the Month - July



Home of Amy and Marty Smith.



Home of Trenton Helmick.

The Mountaineer Garden Club chose the homes of Amy and Marty Smith and Trenton Helmick, both located in the Pulp Mill bottom, along with Lohr and Barb Funeral Home for July's Yard of the Month recipients. The Smith home on Mill Street has a garden oasis on the left side of the house hidden behind evergreen bushes as well as beautiful clematis plants that climb trellises on the front porch. The yard and porch boasts a wide variety of plants and flowers including catmint, lady's mantle, butterfly weed, lavender, hydrangea, flox glove, hostas, ferns and cactus.

The Helmick home on Chris Drive has a patriot theme showcasing numerous

antiques, red white and blue vintage decor and flowers galore including million bells, petunias, ivy, spiderwort, hostas, pansies and a crepe myrtle bush. The antiques are incorporated in the front yard garden and include a suitcase, watering, gas and milk cans, tables, bicycles and a wash tub.

Lohr and Barb's Funeral Parlor in downtown Parsons also boasts a patriotic theme with vintage flags, red carnations, red roses and a red maple tree. Front and side entrances even have red cushioned white wicker furniture.

Be sure and check out these beautiful displays of color, flowers and decorations this month.



Lohr and Barb Funeral Home

Fireworks accident near Big Bear Lake in Preston County sends man to hospital with severe groin, leg injuries



BRUCETON MILLS, W.Va. (WV News) — A man was seriously injured in a fireworks accident late Friday night near Big Bear Lake in Preston County, prompting a rapid emergency response.

According to emergency radio traffic and initial reports, the incident occurred around 10 p.m. on July 4, when a mortar-style firework detonated and struck the man in the groin area, causing a large laceration and major blood loss.

Emergency responders on scene immediately applied a tourniquet in an effort to control the bleeding. HealthNet

was contacted for potential air transport, with weather conditions being evaluated for flight safety. Monongalia EMS was also alerted due to the need for a potential emergency blood transfusion.

The injured man remained conscious and alert during treatment. He was transported by Bruceton Mills EMS ambulance and met Mon EMS en route for continued care before arriving at the hospital.

Details regarding the man's identity and condition have not yet been released. The incident is under investigation.

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A white dog with a red collar.

A brown dog with a white patch on its chest.

A beagle sitting on grass.

A tabby cat sitting on a fence.

A dog with its tongue out.

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