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## New Bills Proposed in State Legislature Take Aim at Data Centers



By: Lydia Crawley

*The Parsons Advocate*

Two new bills proposed in the West Virginia State Legislature are aimed at Data Centers. House Bill 4509 aims to revise HB 2019 and House Bill 4683 sets its sight on banning the use of groundwater for data centers.

HB 4509 was introduced January 19th by Delegates Hansen, Push-

kin, Hornbuckle, Fluharty, Williams, Hamilton, Garcia and Lewis and referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then the Judiciary. The bill aims to return control to local governments for data center projects and strikes out much of the original text of HB 2014, eliminated pages of the original text.

So far no action has

been made on the Bill.

HB 4683 was introduced January 21st by Delegates Anders, Kimble, Kump and Dillon and referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then the Judiciary. The bill aims to keep data centers from using groundwater with the goal of preventing the depletion of groundwater and aquifers.

The Bill states that:

(a) The Legislature finds that:

(1) Groundwater, aquifers, and private wells are finite public resources essential to life, agriculture, and property rights;

(2) Data centers are water-intensive industrial facilities capable of depleting groundwater if not properly regulated;

(3) Proven technologies exist that allow data centers to operate without withdrawing groundwater; and (4) The protection of private property, drinking water, and aquifers is a core responsibility of the State.

Under the Bill, no data center may withdraw groundwater or aquifer water for cooling purposes, drill or utilize private or industrial wells, use groundwater as a primary or backup cooling source, transport groundwater by tanker or other means for cooling or access groundwater under emergency, temporary or conditional permits and no permit, variance, waiver or rule may authorize groundwater use by a data center.

Under the Bill, provided no groundwater is used, the following cooling methods may be utilized: closed-loop cooling systems, air-cooled

or dry cooling systems, reclaimed or greywater systems, sourced from municipal or industrial wastewater, hybrid systems, or heat recovery or heat reuse systems the reduce cooling demand.

Water source restrictions include the stipulation that cooling water must be sourced from municipal reclaimed water systems or non-potable surface water sources expressly approved for industrial use.

Potable drinking water systems may not be used unless the facility can demonstrate that

there is zero alternative availability and the use

will not reduce residential or agricultural supply. There is a stipulation that under no circumstances may groundwater be substituted.

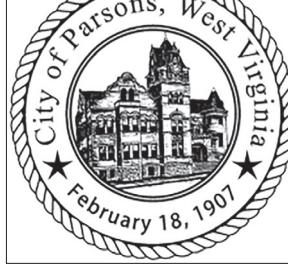
There is also water

use meter requirement, monthly water-use reporting, unannounced inspections and water use data shall be public records.

Prior to construction the Bill also requires a hydrogeologic impact study, cumulative impact study, drought condition modeling and in the case of any potential aquifer impact, the permit would be denied.

There has been no action taken on the Bill.

## Parson Water, Sewer Departments See Increased Calls



day for a Moore Avenue line collapse, Lipscomb said. The collapse required replacement of 14 feet of line. The area is already slated for replacement under the current City Sewer Project.

"It seems like all the trouble areas we're having lately is in the project area that is going to get replaced next, which is a good thing," Lipscomb said.

Within the few days between Sunday, January 18th and Tuesday, January 20th, Lipscomb said that his Department saw three calls on Sunday and two on Tuesday.

Lipscomb met with the contractor for the City Sewer Project on Friday, January 16th. He said the meeting went well and was pleased to see the contractor was one whose work he was familiar with. The bid was anticipated to be awarded on Thursday, January 22nd and Lipscomb said the contractor was eager to begin

within a week or two.

## Extreme Cold Creates Water Woes for Parsons

By: Lydia Crawley

*The Parsons Advocate*

The recent cold snap has created ice jams in the river that are creating problems for the Parsons Water Department. Parsons Water Department Director Red Lipscomb said that the ice jams have been clogging the raw water intake due to the low levels of the river and shutting down incoming water to the City's system.

On Tuesday, January 20th, the raw water intake completely shut down from icing on the river, Lipscomb said. City crews were able to restore water flow by evening, he said. The system was down for about three and half to four hours in total.

"Today, we had the raw water intake shut down. The whole river is iced over completely, but all the water coming down the stream is full of slush and ice that is blocking our intake off and there is nothing we could do today, but

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Price - WV Legislative Photography

## Tucker County Day 2026

January 22nd was designated Tucker County Day 2026 by the West Virginia Senate. Representatives from across the County were on hand at the Legislature to showcase all that Tucker County is about. The designation came via Senate Resolution 9 (SR 9). Those on hand included the Tucker County Commission, Tucker United, Town of Davis Mayor Alan Tomson, the Tucker County Development Authority, Berry Best Catering, Camp Caring, Laurel Creek Farm, Tucker Community Foundation, the Youth Leadership Association, Canaan Valley Spa and Wellness Center, Mountain Music Festival, Canaan Valley State Park and Resort, Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau, among others. Tucker County Day is an annual event at the State Legislature held to showcase and promote Tucker County at the State level in Charleston. Photos courtesy Tucker County Development Authority/ Will Price-WV Legislative Photography.

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## News of Record

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

- **Donald C. Black, Trustee and Jan C. Black, Trustee**, Irrevocable Trust Agreement to Donald C. Black, Trustee, Jane C. Black, Trustee; Donald C. and Jane C. Black Family Irrevocable Trust Agreement.
- **Haymond LLC**, Black Fork District, 33.69 acres to Mike Rose Inc., \$30,000.
- **Heather M. Clower, Trustee**; Freeman Family Irrevocable Trust, Clover District, QCD 97 acres +/- and 2 acres +/- to Heather M. Clower.
- **Rose Dee Schaeffer/AKA/Rose Dee Hubbard**, Davis Corporation, Part of Lot 78 to F&K Holdings LLC, \$135,000.
- **Sean E. Trimble and Melissa D. Trimble**, Davis Corporation, Lot 67 Tuscan Ridge Sub-division to Cvechko Investments LLC.
- **Shawn E. Trimble and Melissa D. Trimble**, Davis District, Lot 66 Tuscan Ridge Sub-division containing 0.63 acres +/- to

- Cvechko Investments LLC, \$46,000.
- **Cvechko Investments LLC**, Davis District, Lot 68 Tuscan Ridge Sub-division to Sean Trimble and melissa D. Trimble.
- **Linda L. Walker**, Dry Fork District, Unit C3 Week 13 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$605.
- **Neil Creed and Judy White**, Dry Fork District, Unit G3 Week 13 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., \$100.
- **Aaron Whitacre and Elizabeth Whitacre**, Dry Fork District, Unit F1 Week 19 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc.
- **Phillip Eugene Kirk, Jr.**, Dry Fork Unit B3 Week 40 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Caitlin A. Kirk.
- **The Golden Anchor Properties LLC**, Dry Fork District, 0.193 acres +/-, Lot 7 The Pines to Mild Holdings LLC, \$415,500.

- **Andrew Thomas and Kelly Thomas**, Dry Fork District, 2.17 acres, Lot 48 Mountainside to Matthew Neverusky and Maria Emilia Lopez, \$485,500.
- **Ferrell Glenn Sowards**, Dry Fork District, TOD Deed – Unit C1 Talheim Village to Neall Sowards.
- **Gene Worden, Jr.**, Parsons Corporation, Lot 12, Block 1, Park Addition to Melinda Wotring.
- **John A. Cantwell, Jr.**, St. George District, Lot 619, 2 acres to James D. Glaspey, Justin R. Lindsey and James D. Glaspey, III, \$30,000.
- **Ricky A. Knotts, Jr., April Knotts and Lucinda Jean Knotts**, St. George District, Confirmatory Deed Parcel A-20 .85 acres to Ricky A. Knotts and April Knotts.
- **Ricky A. Knotts, Jr., Delbert Pennington and Jason Loughrie**, St. George District, Confirmation Deed Parcel B-31 .09 acres +/- and Parcel C-0 .11 acres +/-.

## WATER

shut down," Lipscomb said.

From 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Lipscomb said the intake slushed up 27 times, an average of every six minutes. Due to the strain on the pumps, the decision was made to shut down and give the pumps a rest.

"I was just lucky that we were able to get up and running by this evening and get the tank full again," Lipscomb said.

The river was frozen up as far as around the bend to Kingsford, Lipscomb said. He anticipated conditions to only get worse with the cold weather projected to come to the area following the winter storm over the weekend. Low water levels in the river are also contributing to intake issues, according to Lipscomb.

Other dangers to the water supply may come in the form of home water lines, Lipscomb said. Unprotected water lines can freeze and break leading to water leaks. Lipscomb recommends having water lines adequately covered and protected, as well as letting water run during cold to prevent freezing.

"The water coming down the river, it was sketchy

today," Lipscomb said. "If the temperatures keep falling and warm up and thaw, then freeze again and get below zero again, we could have a situation."

Last year, Lipscomb said that a similar situation happened, causing the ice to break off and block the intake overnight. He said it is only a matter of time before it happens again.

Parsons does have the Emergency interconnector with Hamrick that was completed this fall. Currently, it is functional, Lipscomb said. However, Hamrick were have problems from the cold, as well on Tuesday, the 20th as well, he said.

"Hamrick is having issues today, as well. They've been having slush up issues all day yesterday," Lipscomb said.

As long as the slush and ice continues to move down the river, crews are able to work with the water flow, Lipscomb said. It is when the flow stops, that the intake will no longer be able to feed water at all, he said.

"If this weather persists like this, it may come down to having to take drastic measures," Lipscomb said.

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**DEADLINE  
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## == West Virginia using beet juice to pretreat roads ahead of winter storm

By Maggie Susa

*The Herald-Dispatch*

Huntington — Beet juice is being used across West Virginia, including Cabell County, to pretreat roads ahead of icy weather conditions.

It's a fairly new practice, and the state Division of Highways, which is under the Department of Transportation, started using the substance on an experimental basis last winter.

While salt brine is effective at melting ice at temperatures in the 15- to 20-degree range, salt brine blended with beet juice can be effective at near-zero temperatures, according to state Highway Engineer Jacob Bumgarner.

"It's not a magic pill," Bumgarner said. "But it's another tool in our toolbox."

District garages across the state receive the ingredients to mix their own product before it's put in trucks and distributed on the roads. Currently, it's a mix of 80% traditional salt brine and 20% beet juice.

"It looks very much, kind of like a syrup or like a used oil. It's very



A beet juice-salt brine mixture falls from a West Virginia Department of Transportation truck to pretreat a road. WVDOT photo

dark in color. It's not bright red like you might expect," said Luke Creasy, public information specialist for the West Virginia Department of Transportation.

Creasy compared it to stale coffee, in scent and appearance.

The beet juice also makes the salt brine stickier so it doesn't wash away as easily. Additionally, when crews salt on top of the pretreatment, it sticks better.

The pretreatment is more expensive up front but Creasy says that it damages the roads less than chemical products so it actually saves money in the long run.

In 2025, the Department of Transportation spent more than \$19 million on snow removal and ice control. Beet juice is also more environmentally friendly.

Many hardware stores sell beet-enhanced ice melters for home use.

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# SPORTS

## Tucker Boys Win Four in a Row, Including Rotary Classic Title



Drew Simmons finds a cutting Sam Marks for the lay in.

By: Adam Freeman

The Mt. Lions of Tucker County High School had a busy schedule last week. They started the week with a home matchup against Elkins, where Tucker trailed at the end of every quarter except the fourth. Tucker trailed 36–27 heading into the final period of play when the Mt. Lions went on a 20–7 run to finish the game and complete the season sweep of Elkins with a 47–43 victory.

Marks: 11 pts, 4 reb, FT 2–3; Mitchell: 11 pts, 1 reb, FT 2–3; Arnold: 10 pts, 2 reb; Cummings: 4 pts, 3

### — Wildcats Punish — Pendleton County 70-38



Teter races down the court for the finish.



Ryan Sexton pushes the round ball after the steal.

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker Valley boys basketball team hosted the Pendleton County Wildcats last week in Hambleton. Tucker Valley shot out to an early 17–5 lead over the Wildcats before extending that lead to 30–14 before halftime. Tucker doubled up Pendleton in the third period, holding a 52–25 lead going into the fourth, where Tucker Valley finished the job 70–38.

Wildcats' 8th grader Quinton Teter had himself a night, hitting five triples for a total of 28 points, followed by fellow 8th grader Titus Bowley with 19 points and Blake Holland with 9 points. Tucker will return to the gym on Monday, January 26th, to host the Harman Panthers.



Arnold takes it to the hoop.

reb, FT 4–4; Lambert: 4 pts, 2 reb; Black: 1 pt, 1 reb.

### 3-Point Field Goals (1–4)

Mitchell (1)

Tucker then hit the road to take on the other Randolph County school, Tygart Valley High School. Tucker found themselves struggling a bit from the field again and trailed 27–22 at the half. Tucker knotted the game at 39 each going into the final frame, where the Mt. Lions again had their best quarter of the night when it mattered most, outscoring the Bulldogs 19–12 to take the 58–51 win.

Marks: 22 pts, 9 reb, FT 2–4; Mitchell: 12 pts, 6 reb, FT 2–4; Arnold: 11 pts, 5 reb, FT 1–2; Cummings: 6 pts, 2 reb, FT 2–2; Dearborn: 3 pts, 2 reb; Lambert: 2 pts, 10 reb, 3 ast; Black: 2 pts.

### 3-Point Field Goals (3–21)

Mitchell (2) Dearborn (1)

Tucker then traveled northwest to New Martinsville for the Rotary Classic at Magnolia High School. The first matchup pitted Tucker against the host Magnolia Blue Eagles. Tucker put together its best offensive performance of the season with four players in double figures; as a team, they hit 10 triples, and 10 different players found the bottom of the net. The Mt. Lions scored 25 points or more in three of the four quarters and scored a season-high 90 points to take the first-round game 90–36 over the Blue Eagles.

Arnold: 18 pts, 3 reb, FT 3–4; Simmons: 12 pts, 3 reb; Black: 12 pts, 3 reb; Dearborn: 11 pts, 3 reb, FT 1–1; Lambert: 9 pts, 9 reb, FT 2–3; Cummings: 8 pts, 5 reb, FT 2–2; Ricottilli: 7 pts, 3 reb, FT 1–3; Marks: 5 pts, 7 reb, FT 1–1; Mitchell: 4 pts, 4 reb, FT 2–2; Davis: 4 pts, 4 reb, FT 0–2.

### 3-Point Field Goals (10–21)

Arnold (3) Dearborn (2) Black (2) Simmons (2) Lambert (1)

Tucker finished the big week with a matchup against the defending AA state runners-up from Williamstown High. Tucker was in a dogfight after one quarter, holding a narrow 12–11 advantage. The Mt. Lions went on an 18–9 spurt before the half to take a 10-point lead at 30–20. Tucker remained in control of the game, never trailing in the second half and securing the win and the Rotary Classic Title with a final score of 64–51.

Arnold: 18 pts, 3 reb, FT 1–2; Marks: 12 pts, 6 reb, FT 1–1; Cummings: 12 pts, 4 reb, FT 2–5; Lambert: 12 pts, 6 reb; Mitchell: 7 pts, 4 reb, FT 5–6; Dearborn: 3 pts, 2 reb, FT 1–2.

### 3-Point Field Goals (8–19)

Arnold (3) Lambert (2) Cummings (2) Marks (1)

Pending the weather, Tucker is scheduled to play Pendleton County during the school day at 1:00 p.m. at Tucker County High on Tuesday, January 27. With four straight wins, Tucker's record improves to 10–5 on the season.



Izzy Kitzmiller scans for an open Lady Mt. Lion (Photo by Brittany Channel)



Moats with the triple threat move (Photo by Brittany Channel)

## Lady Mt. Lions Stopped by Southern, Get Past Pendleton

By: Adam Freeman

The TCHS Lady Mt. Lions were handed their first home loss of the season this past week by the Southern (MD) Rams. Tucker came out of the gates on the slow side, managing just 7 points in the first and second periods to fall behind 31–14 at the half. Tucker's offensive struggles continued in the third, as they scored just 3 points in the period. Tucker did find the goal at a better rate in the fourth to net the final at 54–32 in favor of Southern.

Moats 15 Pts, 3 Stl, 1 Reb; Evans 5 Pts, 10 Reb, FT 1–4;

Gross 4 Pts, 1 Reb, 1 Stl; Carroll 4 Pts, 1 Reb, 1 Stl; Shaffer 4 Pts, 2 Reb.

### 3-Point Field Goals (3–17)

Moats (3)

Tucker stayed home to finish the week with a regional opponent in Pendleton County. Tucker held Pendleton to just 5 points in the first and 9 points in the second to take a 22–14 lead into the break. TC blew up for 24 points in the third period to take a 19-point lead into the fourth at 46–27. Tucker had another productive fourth period to put the Wildcats away at 59–43 for the final score.

Moats 20 Pts, 4 Reb, 1 Stl; Kitzmiller 10 Pts, 3 Reb, 7 Stl; Carroll 8 Pts, 3 Reb, 2 Stl; Evans 6 Pts, 10 Reb, FT 2–2; Gross 6 Pts, 1 Reb, FT 1–1; Hicks 5 Pts, 3 Reb, 1 Stl; Shaffer 4 Pts, 5 Reb.

### 3-Point Field Goals (8–22)

Moats (4) Kitzmiller (2) Hicks (1) Gross (1)

Tucker's record settles in at 9–2 after the week, with a big matchup looming against defending Class A champions, the Gilmer County Titans, on Tuesday, January 27th.

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# Sports

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## Davis Thomas and Tucker Valley Show the Future is Bright for Lady Mt. Lions Basketball

**By: Adam Freeman**

This week, both middle school girls' basketball teams in Tucker County played outside opponents as well as each other.

Davis Thomas (DT) took on Bruceton Middle, where the Lady Bears took an early 17–5 lead, extending it to 27–9 by the break. DT grew their lead to 20 points by the end of the third quarter, leading 40–20, before finally settling the final score at 44–22. Addy Johnson led the Bears in scoring with 21 points, followed by Morgan Simmons with 13 points and Harper Wilt with 4 points.

County Tucker Valley, meanwhile, took on Pendleton County. The Lady Wildcats fell behind early, trailing 21–3 after the first quarter and 23–7

at the half. Tucker attempted to battle back in the second half but ultimately fell to Pendleton 41–16. Mia Lambert led Tucker with 6 points, Maci Owens collected 5 points, and Kosi Slaughbaugh and Ally Wright netted 2 points each.

Davis Thomas and Tucker Valley then faced each other for an inner-county showdown. The Wildcats jumped out to an early 8–4 advantage over the Bears, but DT pulled ahead 11–10 before the break. The Bears extended their lead to 6 points, making it 22–16 going into the fourth quarter. The Wildcats fought back, outscoring the Bears in the final frame, but their efforts weren't quite enough; Davis Thomas took the first matchup of the season

against Tucker Valley with a final score of 30–27.

Johnson led the Bears with 15 points, Simmons scored 9 points, and Hadley Nestor finished with 5 points. Owens led the Wildcats with

8 points, while Lambert and Slaughbaugh both netted 7 points.

Davis Thomas will host Kasson Middle on Monday the 26th, while Tucker Valley will host the Harman Panthers.

## Davis Thomas Beats Harman, Loses to Moorefield and Bruceton

**By: Adam Freeman**

The Davis Thomas Bears picked up another win last week over the Harman Panthers. The Bears jumped out to an early 17–5 lead and held Harman scoreless in the second to lead 34–5 at the half. Davis Thomas kept its foot on the gas and finished the job with a final score of 38–14. Elijah O'Brien led the Bears in scoring with 12 points, Westyn Huffman followed with 8 points, and Kevin Kerr finished with 6 points.

DT also took on the Moorefield Yellowjackets. Moorefield proved to be too much for the Bears as they took the win 44–23. Nolan Luzier led the offensive attack with 8 points, O'Brien net-

ted 7 points, and Huffman and Jarrett Dearborn each had 3 points.

The Bears finished the week taking on Bruceton Middle. DT was in a fight the whole way, trailing 7–2 after the first but narrowing the margin to just 4 at 20–16 at the half. The Bears found themselves down 6 at 33–27 heading into the final period; they battled to the end but fell short of the comeback at 38–33. O'Brien again led the Bears with 13 points; Luzier and Kerr both collected 8 points in the loss. The Bears are slated to hit the road for three games next week, traveling to Harman on Monday, Moorefield on Wednesday, and Bruceton on Friday.

### TUCKER COUNTY DAY

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# AAA: Bitter Cold Dangerous for Homes and Vehicles

## Proper home insurance and vehicle maintenance is essential

Some of the winter's most frigid temperatures are hitting a large portion of the country this week and AAA is reminding vehicle owners and homeowners about the importance of being prepared for inclement weather. Below-freezing temperatures can wreak havoc on a home's heating system, plumbing, and exterior features. Also, winter is particularly tough on car batteries and tires. Maintaining homes and vehicles during cold strikes is essential to reduce the risk of winter damage.

"As much of the country is being impacted by winter storms, homeowners and motorists should be proactive in making sure their residences and vehicles are ready for cold weather," said Jim Garrity, director of public affairs, AAA East Central. "High repair costs and headaches can hopefully be avoided by taking measures to ensure a home's interior and exterior are prepared for frigid temperatures and car batteries and tires are in proper working order."

### Home Protection

- Remove hoses from exterior faucets.
- Repair or replace weather stripping around windows and doors, vents and fans, plumbing, air conditioners and electrical and gas lines.
- Use caulk or insulation to seal all cracks, holes and other openings on exterior walls.
- Let faucets drip a little bit to prevent freezing pipes.
- Know where water shutoff valves are located so water can be turned off in case of an emergency.
- Air inside the walls, where pipes are, can be much colder than air in the room, so set the thermostat at a reasonable temperature, even if no one is home.
- Keep bathroom and kitchen cabinet doors open to let warm air circulate around the pipes.

### Winter Damages Covered by Homeowners Insurance

Winter comes with snow, and sometimes lots of it. A standard home insurance policy may cover the damage if a roof collapses or is damaged due to the weight of snow or ice from a storm. Another threat to homes in the winter season is cold snaps. Water left standing in pipes when the temperature drops may expand with enough force to cause it to burst, leading to severe water damage if the issue isn't immediately identified. Damage caused by burst pipes and the repair costs are covered by most standard home insurance policies, if regular maintenance is performed and owners main-

## WVU Medicine Golisano Children's ranked among the Top 50 hospitals for patient safety and quality

Morgantown, W.Va. – WVU Medicine Golisano Children's continues to receive national recognition for its care of patients and their families.

"The Vizient ranking is a powerful testament to our team's excellence and impact," Rafka Chaiban, M.D., associate chief quality officer for WVU Medicine Golisano Children's, said. "It affirms our place among the nation's top-performing hospitals and reinforces the culture of compassion, innovation, and collaboration that defines our organization. This recognition not only celebrates our achievements but also inspires continued growth – serving as a catalyst for ongoing improvement and encouraging us to build on our strengths and pursue even higher standards of care."

"This achievement highlights the incredible teamwork and dedication of our physicians, nurses, and staff who continuously focus on improving outcomes and ensuring every child receives the safest, highest-quality care possible," Pavithra Ellison, M.D., associate chief quality officer for WVU Medicine Golisano Children's, said.

Vizient Quality and Accountability Rankings are based on a comprehensive evaluation of 98 participating pediatric hospitals across the country in clinical performance and safety outcomes.

They evaluated key areas of patient experience and quality, including safety, mortality, effectiveness, efficiency, equity, and patient-centeredness.

Over the past year, physicians, nurses, and all clinical staff have collaborated to enhance patient care. The hospital formed a Patient Experience Committee to collect feedback from families and incorporate it into processes that promote safe, high-quality outcomes.

Significant improvements in Vizient metrics were achieved in WVU Medicine Golisano Children's Asthma Program, Neonatology, and the Emergency Department.

"These results affirm that the commitment and collaboration of our teams are making a measurable difference," Dr. Ellison said. "We will continue to strengthen our efforts to ensure that WVU Medicine Children's delivers exceptional, safe, and high-quality care for every patient while maintaining a safe and supportive environment for our employees."

Vizient's rankings come just weeks after WVU Medicine Golisano Children's was named the top hospital in West Virginia by U.S. News & World Report, underscoring its commitment to providing safe, high-quality, and compassionate care for patients and families in West Virginia and the surrounding region.

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tain heat in the building.

Most damages not covered by insurance are due to homeowner neglect or lack of maintenance. These may include damage resulting from extreme cold due to failure to maintain heat in the home.

### Be Proactive

By taking the necessary precautions and preparing houses for winter, making an insurance claim this winter season can be avoided. Trimming threatening trees, shutting off water and draining pipes, and cleaning gutters are all things that can be done before it gets too cold. If a winter disaster does strike, having the right home insurance coverage will help. Review policies with a trusted agent to be sure everything is in order.

### To prepare a vehicle for winter driving, AAA recommends the following tips:

- *Have the vehicle's battery tested.* Last winter, AAA East Central contractors responded to more than 66,000 battery calls, the number one call received by the Club.
- *Replace worn windshield-wiper blades.* Purchase one-piece, beam-type or rubber-clad "winter" blades to fight snow and ice buildup. Use cold-weather windshield washer solvent and carry an ice scraper.

• *Inspect tires.* Make sure tires have adequate tread depth – at least 4/32" – as worn tires can affect a motorist's ability to stop in slick conditions. An easy way to check for wear is by inserting a quarter into the tread groove. If the top of Washington's head is exposed, the tread depth is less than 4/32" and it's time to replace tires. Also, check that the vehicle has a spare tire and keep it properly inflated. In harsh winter climates, a set of snow tires may be a wise investment.

• *Carry an emergency kit equipped for winter weather.* The kit should include sand or cat litter, a small shovel, flashlight, an ice scraper or snow brush, booster cables, a blanket, gloves or mittens and flares or reflective triangles.

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## Vandalia Health names Laura McCall as Executive Director of Philanthropy for northern region

Morgantown, W.Va. – Vandalia Health is proud to appoint Laura McCall as the Executive Director of Philanthropy of Vandalia Health's northern region. Most recently serving as the Senior Director of Philanthropy for the Vandalia Health Mon Health Medical Center Foundation, McCall brings more than 25 years of experience in fundraising and development to this new role.

"It is an honor to welcome Laura McCall as the Executive Director of Philanthropy," said David Goldberg, President and CEO of Mon Health System and Davis Health System–Vandalia Health Northern Region, and Executive Vice President of Vandalia Health. "Her deep understanding of the needs, challenges and opportunities that exist within our health system and the communities we serve combined with her proven leadership and passion for development will be essential in this role as our philanthropic efforts come into alignment with health system mission and vision."

As the landscape of health care continues to evolve and present unique challenges, McCall sees opportunities for philanthropic efforts to help ease the burdens of patients, support innovation and expansion for the health system and bring value to the communities the health system serves.

"Being able to align donors' wishes with identified needs can lead to meaningful, life-changing outcomes, from expanding access to education to supporting treatments for patients who might not otherwise be able to afford them," said McCall.

During her tenure as Senior Director of Philanthropy, a broader team approach to development began to form with events like the first annual Dragon Boat Festival, which benefitted clinical expansion projects at Vandalia Health Mon Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital in Weston and Vandalia Health Mon Preston Memorial Hospital in Kingwood, and the 2025 Ball of the Year, which for the first time gave donors the ability to choose which community was impacted by their gifts.

"My vision is to strengthen philanthropy across Vandalia Health's northern region by creating alignment where it matters and preserving local identity where it's essential," said McCall. "Each of our hospitals has its own history, relationships, and priorities, and that's a strength."

In this new role, McCall will work in close partnership with the boards, donors and community stakeholders of Vandalia Health's northern region to support their efforts, working collaboratively to achieve goals within the region.

For more information about philanthropy across Van-



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For information about Vandalia Health, visit [VandaliaHealth.org](http://VandaliaHealth.org).

*About Vandalia Health: Vandalia Health, headquartered in Charleston, is a multi-state health system with locations across West Virginia as well as in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Made up of CAMC Health System, Davis Health System and Mon Health System, Vandalia Health's 17 hospitals (including 3 affiliates) provide a comprehensive variety of services including the only kidney transplant center in southern West Virginia, the first freestanding women and children's hospital in West Virginia, a Level I Trauma Center (highest ranking), a Level I pediatric intensive care unit (highest ranking) and a Level III neonatal intensive care unit (with the most critical NICU resources). Vandalia Health also has over 220 outpatient locations, more than 13,000 employees and more than 2,000 doctors and advanced practice providers. Additionally, the Institute for Academic Medicine provides education, outreach and research support to student physicians and other medical professionals hosting, on any given day, more than 1,000 students in programs leading to degrees or certifications in health professions. For more information or a map of locations visit [VandaliaHealth.org](http://VandaliaHealth.org).*

## Eastern WVCTC to Host College Fair April 8

Moorefield, W.Va. — Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College will host a College Fair on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., inviting students, families and community members to explore college transfer opportunities, academic pathways and future career options.

The event will take place on Eastern's campus in Moorefield and will feature representatives from colleges and universities offering students the chance to ask questions, gather materials and make direct connections with admissions staff.

The College Fair is free to attend with ample free parking on campus. The event will be widely promoted

to encourage strong student participation throughout the day.

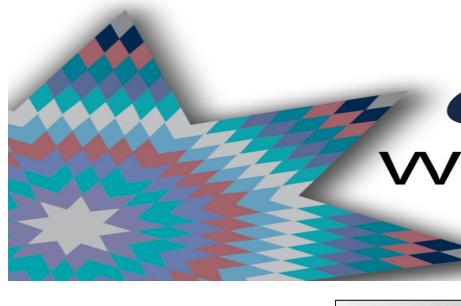
Colleges and universities interested in participating will be provided with a table and chairs, complimentary breakfast and lunch, and a well-advertised recruitment opportunity. Institutions are encouraged to save the date, with registration details to be announced soon.

College recruiters interested in reserving a table should contact Dixie Heavener at 304-434-8000, ext. 9239, or email [dixie.heavener@easternwv.edu](mailto:dixie.heavener@easternwv.edu). Students and community members seeking additional information may use the same contact details.

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Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**Jan. 28, 1902:** Miners Hospital No. One opened at Welch, with a young Dr. Henry Hatfield as president. The legislature had passed a law requiring state hospitals for those engaged in dangerous occupations, and eventually three hospitals for miners were built in different sections of the state.

**Jan. 28, 1937:** In a flood that drove a million Ohio Valley residents from their homes, the Ohio River crested at Huntington at 69.45 feet, more than 19 feet above flood stage. By the time the water receded, five people were dead, and the city was in ruins. Parkersburg, Ravenswood and Point Pleasant also were badly damaged.

**Jan. 29, 1903:** The great rhododendron was designated the official state flower of West Virginia, after being recommended by the governor and voted on by public school students.

**Jan. 29, 1928:** Wood sculptor Wolfgang Flor was born in Silesia, Germany (now part of Poland). After immigrating to Upshur County, he became a renowned artist in the late 20th century. His masterpiece is the Twelve Apostles in Wesley Chapel at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

**Jan. 30, 1818:** Nicholas County was created by the Virginia legislature from parts of Greenbrier, Kanawha and Randolph counties. The county was named for Wilson Cary Nicholas, a Virginia governor and U.S. senator who lived from 1761 to 1820.

**Feb. 1, 1901:** Frank Buckles, the last surviving American veteran of World War I, was born in Missouri. Buckles purchased a farm in Charles Town in 1954 and continued to live there until his death in 2011.

**Feb. 2, 1908:** Justice Marion Chambers was born in Huntington. Chambers was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the World War II Iwo Jima campaign in February 1945.

**Jan. 30, 1895:** Mingo County was created from the southern part of Logan County. Mingo is the youngest county in West Virginia.

**Jan. 31, 1878:** Educator William Woodson



**Jan. 31, 1922:** Movie and television actress Joanne Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan. Her movie career included more than 40 films. Her brother, singer and TV host Peter Marshall, was also a West Virginia native.

Trent was born in rural Nicholas County. He served as state superintendent of schools from 1933 until 1957.

**Jan. 31, 1945:** Sergeant Jonah Edward Kelley of Mineral County was killed in action while leading his squad against German positions during World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his "superb courage."

**Feb. 1, 1832:** Education reformer Alexander Luark Wade was born.

Wade reorganized rural Monongalia County schools to require progress through eight prescribed levels with a graduating exercise and receipt of a diploma. Wade's system worked so well it was copied in other counties and states.

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**Feb. 3, 1825:** Confederate General William Lowther Jackson was born in Clarksburg. He was one of at least three Southern officers to bear the nickname "Mudwall."

**Feb. 3, 1845:** Gilmer County, located in the heart of West Virginia, was established from parts of Kanawha and Lewis counties. It was named for Thomas W. Gilmer, a governor of Virginia.

**Feb. 3, 1923:** WVU broadcast announcer Jack Fleming was born in Morgantown. He was the long-time "Voice of the Mountaineers."

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## Proposed West Virginia power plant raises pollution risks for Tucker County and nearby residents and could cost \$35 million annually in health damage, independent analysis finds

Davis, W.Va. — Tucker, Grant, and Hardy counties will be exposed to dangerous air pollutants from the proposed Ridgeline power plant and data center complex, causing up to \$35 million in annual health-related damage to residents and visitors to the region, according to an independent impact analysis led by a Harvard environmental health scientist.

While most of the health burden would fall on West Virginians, the Ridgeline pollution plume would also extend into Virginia and Maryland. The analysis estimates more than 250,000 people across the three states would experience increased exposure to fine particulate air pollution.

The analysis—commissioned by Tucker United, a non-partisan grassroots coalition—was designed to independently evaluate the health impact and economic costs associated with the proposed gas- and diesel-fired plant that will power data centers in Tucker County. The project was brought forward by Fundamental Data, LLC of Purcellville, Virginia, which has not fully disclosed key air quality data associated with its power plant.

One of the most harmful air pollutants, fine particulate matter, or PM2.5, was examined in the independent analysis using pollution estimates from Fundamental Data's air permit application. This air dispersion analysis was critically important because PM2.5 can penetrate deep into lung tissue and enter the bloodstream and is associated with both short- and long-term health effects, including premature death, lung cancer, asthma, heart attacks, cardiovascular disease, strokes, and cognitive decline.

"No level of fine particulate matter is safe," said Beth Boehme, a Physician Assistant and steering-committee

member of Tucker United. "The very uncomfortable truth is that the health impacts will happen here to us, our kids, our grandparents, and our closest friends."

Tucker United moved to commission the independent analysis after the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) declined to conduct air dispersion modelling and granted the air permit for the facility in August 2025.

"We believe the public deserves answers," said Amy Margolies, PhD, a public health expert and steering-committee member of Tucker United. "Our community wanted to better understand the air-pollution impacts of the proposed Ridgeline Facility because so much information was hidden from us. When decisions are made behind closed doors, it puts the public at risk. Communities should have a voice on projects that affect their health and their future."

The analysis found that residents of Davis and Thomas—Tucker County municipalities that serve as the gateway to the Canaan Valley and Monongahela National Forest recreational area—would experience the highest increases in exposure to fine particulate pollution. Tucker County currently generates over \$85 million annually from tourism, a key economic engine for the region. Although pollution impacts on tourism were not evaluated in the independent study, Tucker County residents are concerned that tourism will suffer from the spillover effects of poor air quality. The pollution plume would also extend across eastern West Virginia and into Virginia and Maryland, affecting more than 250,000 people.

Based on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's COBRA health-impact model, the Ridgeline facility

could impose between \$19 million and \$35 million in annual health-related damages, the analysis shows.

"When data centers are powered by fossil fuels, they emit fine particulate matter that is linked to serious health risks," said Michael Cork, a Harvard-affiliated environmental health scientist and lead analyst of the study. "In this case, permitted emissions alone could lead to up to \$35 million in annual health damages."

The analysis—drawing on well-established methods to evaluate health risks from PM2.5 and ozone—provides a conservative estimate of potential health impacts, as it assumes the facility operates within permitted emission limits set by the state of West Virginia. The analysis does not account for additional pollutants, non-routine operating conditions, or site-specific weather events. Specifically, the analysis also does not account for temperature inversions, which occur regularly in Canaan Valley. During inversions, air pollution can become trapped near the ground, indicating that real-world exposures—and the associated health risks—may be higher than those projected in the report. The report reinforces that regulations are not always protective of health.

"I worry the true cost of these data centers is being obscured and that West Virginians will be forced to bear the health and economic burdens," said Shaena Crossland, a small-business owner based in Thomas and a steering-committee member of Tucker United. "No good economic development proposal puts the health and wellbeing of local residents at risk. I feel West Virginians deserve better."

The full report is attached and available at [www.tuckerunited.com/study](http://www.tuckerunited.com/study).

## US Marshals seek fugitive sex offender, offer reward up to \$5K

Clarksburg, W. Va. -- The U.S. Marshals Service is requesting the public's assistance in locating a West Virginia man wanted on state charges and is offering a reward of up to \$5000 for information that leads to his whereabouts.

A warrant issued out of Gilmer County on Feb. 2, 2023, charged Carl Leon Nicholson Jr., 61, with failure to update sex offender registration, sexual assault, and domestic violence.

Nicholson was last seen Dec. 23, 2022, driving a silver 2002 Chevrolet Monte Carlo with WV Plate 2RK964. On Dec. 30, 2022, this vehicle was found burned on Haymond Rocks Road in Mount Clare.

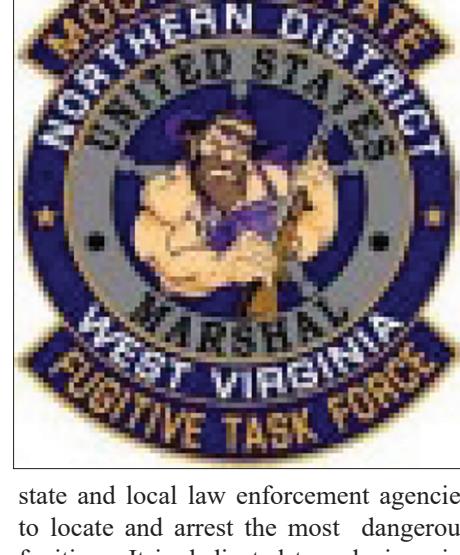
Over 60 known associates to include friends and family have been interviewed over the course of the investigation. No one has reported seeing Nicholson since his disappearance in December 2022.

Investigators learned that Nicholson traveled throughout Randolph, Barbour, Upshur, Lewis, Taylor, and Harrison counties over a five-day period prior to his disappearance.

Nicholson stands 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs approximately 150 pounds. He has brown hair and hazel eyes. He has a history of violent tendencies and should be considered dangerous.

Investigators believe Nicholson may be deceased; however, his body has not been found. Anyone with information regarding Nicholson's whereabouts should contact the U.S. Marshals Service at 304-623-0486 or contact 911 for immediate assistance. Tips may also be submitted via the USMS Tips App.

The USMS Northern District of West Virginia Mountain State Fugitive Task Force combines the efforts of federal,



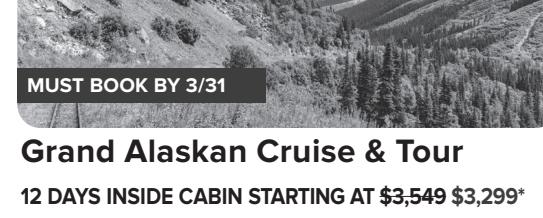
state and local law enforcement agencies to locate and arrest the most dangerous fugitives. It is dedicated to reducing violent crime by locating and apprehending

**Carl Leon Nicholson Jr.**  
wanted criminals. It also serves as the central point for agencies to share information on fugitive matters.

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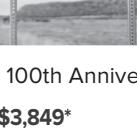
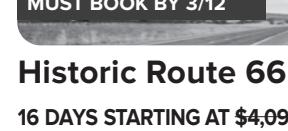


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# WVDNR stocks 16 waters during week of Jan. 12

## Anglers are reminded to purchase a 2026 fishing license and trout stamp

Charleston, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) today announced that the following lakes and streams were stocked with trout during the week of Jan. 12:

- Cranberry River
- Greenbrier River (Marlinton)
- Kings Creek
- Little River West Fork Greenbrier River
- Miletree Lake
- Mountwood Park Lake
- North Bend Tailwaters
- North Fork South Branch (Catch and Release)

- Pennsboro Reservoir
- South Fork Cranberry River
- Summit Lake
- Tomlinson Run
- Tomlinson Run Lake
- Tracy Lake
- West Fork Greenbrier River
- Williams River

While daily trout stockings are not announced in advance, the WVDNR publishes a list of recently stocked waters at [WVdnr.gov/fish-stocking](http://WVdnr.gov/fish-stocking). In the event of inclement weather, hatchery staff will make up

missed stockings before the end of the month (weather permitting) by making additional stocking runs or adding extra fish to upcoming stockings. For more information about trout stocking locations, anglers should check pages 6-7 in the Fishing Regulations Summary, available to download at [WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations](http://WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations).

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license and a valid form of identification while fishing in the state of West Virginia. Trout stamps are required for those fishing for trout. Licenses and stamps may be purchased online at [WVfish.com](http://WVfish.com).

## LEGAL

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

Deceased Personal Representative(s)  
James Edward O'Neill Patricia Pase D'Arcangelis  
1st publication 01/21/26 141 Featherstone Court  
2nd publication 01/28/26 Stephenson, VA 22652

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

ATTEST: SHERRY SIMMONS, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

## LEGAL

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

Deceased Personal Representative(s)  
Kenneth David Judy Sherri Johanna Tharpe  
1st publication 01/28/26 133 Hunter Road  
2nd publication 02/04/26 Mauretton, VA 26269

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## LEGAL

**2026 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW**

The Tucker County Commissioners will sit as the Board of Equalization & Review during the following dates:

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Monday, February 2, 2026 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
\*\*Friday, February 6, 2026 2:00 PM  
Thursday, February 12, 2026 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 1:00 PM Sine Die

\*\*Natural Resource and Industrial Hearing Only

Date and Time Subject to Change pending State Approval

The purpose

The purpose of these meetings is to listen to persons who appear before the COMMISSION for REVIEWING and EQUALIZING of their assessments for the tax year and to transact any other complaints concerning taxes, assessments, etc.

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

Each person requesting an appointment will be granted 15 minutes in which to present their case, and all must have an appointment. Taxpayers appearing before the Board of Equalization and Review will be given a written answer to their inquiry by no later than February 27, 2026. However, no decisions will be made on the day of the review. The burden of proof is the taxpayer's responsibility. To make an appointment, you must contact the County Commission Office at 304-478-2866 Ext. 1207.

## LEGAL

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

At Charleston

**A PROCLAMATION**

By the Governor

WHEREAS, the passing of Justice Tim Armstead, has caused a vacancy in the office of Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, article VIII, section 7 of the Constitution of West Virginia provides that if from any cause a vacancy shall occur in the office of a justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, the Governor shall issue a directive of election to fill such vacancy in the manner prescribed by law for electing a justice of the court in which the vacancy exists, and the justice shall be elected for the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, section 3, article 10, section 3 of the West Virginia Code provides that where an unexpired term of office for a justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals is for a period longer than two years, the vacancy shall be filled by a successor who has timely filed a certificate of candidacy, and has been elected in a non-partisan election and qualified to fill the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, at the time of Justice Tim Armstead's retirement, more than two years remained unexpired in the term of office for the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**I, PATRICK MORRISEY,**

Governor of the State of West Virginia, under the authority vested in my by the Constitution of West Virginia and the laws of this State, do hereby proclaim and declare that the unexpired term of office for Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia shall be filled by the voters of West Virginia at the primary election to be held on May 12, 2026.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**DONE** at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Ninth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand "Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.

*Patrick Morrisey*

GOVERNOR

By the Governor

*Kris Warner*

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### WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Division of Highways

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until February 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
004	2021000732	S388-STR/IP-26 00	HSIP-2026(159)D	PAVEMENT MARKINGS ROADWAY STRIPING DISTRICT WIDE COUNTY: PENDLETON, POCAHONTAS, RANDOLPH, TUCKER

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Projected Warranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com).

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

## LEGAL

### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

#### SITUATE IN TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

#### PARSONS CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to you that pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned Substitute Trustee, Jaclyn L. Nichols, said Substitute Trustee having been appointed by Miners and Merchants Bank as Substitute Trustee, which document is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission in Deed of Trust Book 330 at page 467, pursuant to that certain Deed of Trust executed by Christopher B. Gidley, securing Miners and Merchants Bank, Thomas, West Virginia, in the payment and performance of certain obligations set forth therein, which Deed of Trust bears date of February 8, 2024, and which Deed of Trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission, Parsons, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 322 at page 52, and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party of the said Deed of Trust to foreclose thereunto and the makers of the said note and obligations having failed to pay the obligations as provided under the terms of the said Deed of Trust and Note and the holder of said Deed of Trust and Note having declared the whole of said indebtedness to be due and payable, and having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in writing to make sale of the said real estate, located in Parsons Corporation, Tucker County, West Virginia and described in said Deed of Trust as follows:

Map: 4      Parcel: 98

The following piece or parcel of real estate, situate in Parsons Corporation, Tucker County, West Virginia, together with any and all appurtenant easements which may benefit same, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

All that parcel of real estate known as part of Lots 97 and 98, lying between Main and Chestnut Streets in the City of Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the line of Lot No. 97, 105 feet from the corner of said lot at the corner of Main and Third Streets, and extending back along the line of said Lot No. 97 and Main Street 85 feet to the corner of Lot No. 99 and 100 and Lots 97 and 98 to Chestnut Street; thence along the line of said Lot No. 98 and Chestnut Street, a distance of 85 feet; thence crossing said Lots No. 98 and 97 so as to intersect at the beginning point of Main Street

Being the same parcel of real estate conveyed by Deed, dated January 8, 2024, from David Gidley, II and Melissa Sanders to Christopher B. Gidley, and is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Tucker County Commission, in Deed Book 252 at page 654.

I, Jaclyn L. Nichols, Substitute Trustee, shall offer for sale the above-described real estate at public auction at the front door of the Old Tucker County Courthouse, 215 First Street Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, 26287 on:

February 12, 2026

11:00 A.M.

The real estate identified above will be sold in its present (AS IS) condition, and the highest bid may be accepted by the Substitute Trustee, and the Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenants and/or persons occupying any of the above-described parcels of real estate to vacate the real estate. Any personal property remaining on the real estate after the date of the public sale will be disposed of and considered abandoned by the successful bidder or bidders.

#### TERMS OF SALE

1. Cash in hand on day of sale or 10% of the purchase price by certified check or by a letter of credit from a leading institution on day of sale delivered to the Substitute Trustee and approved by the said Substitute Trustee, or such terms as agreed to by the Substitute Trustee.

2. The above-described parcel of real estate will be sold subject to all prior liens senior in priority to the Deed of Trust described above, the redemption right of the Internal Revenue Service as set forth in 11 U.S.C. Section 7425, and any and all unpaid real estate taxes or encumbrances and claims in favor of any municipality, county, or government entity, or other party, if any, and also further subject to any covenants, restrictions, conditions, reservations, rights-of-way and easements recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office prior to the Deed of Trust and affecting the subject real estate as well as any prescriptive easements that are unrecorded, if any, that may exist. The successful bidder shall pay all transfer stamps and recording fees, associated with the deed to be issued by the Substitute Trustee and the successful party shall have twenty (20) days to close the transaction after the public sale.

3. The above-described real estate will be sold by the undersigned Substitute Trustee at public auction to the highest bidder subject to the right of the undersigned Substitute Trustee to reject any and all bids if, in her opinion, said bids are inadequate.

4. The owner of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust shall have the right to bid at the public sale; and

5. The public sale shall be without representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, and the Deed to be issued in this matter shall reflect the same and shall be a Special Warranty Deed.

6. Such other terms as may be announced at the time of sale

The undersigned Substitute Trustee reserves the right to continue the public sale or to adjourn the public sale for a time or from time to time without further notice other than oral public announcement at the time and place of sale as hereinabove set forth or at any continuance or adjournment thereof.

The Sale shall be made WITHOUT WARRANTY OF TITLE of any nature.

Any questions regarding the Public Sale should be directed to the undersigned Substitute Trustee.

Jaclyn L. Nichols

Attorney At Law

P.O. Box 201

Parsons, West Virginia 26287

434-409-9426

WVSB 13730

Given under my hand this the 9th day of January, 2026.

Jaclyn L. Nichols

Jaclyn L. Nichols

Substitute Trustee

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# = Friends of Mountaintop Library = Announce Love Your Library Event



Thomas, West Virginia—January 18, 2026. The Friends of the Mountaintop Public Library (FOMPL) has announced its annual “Love Your Library” event, which will be held on Wednesday, March 4, at the White Grass Ski Touring Center and Café in Canaan Valley.

The theme of this year’s event is “Light Up the Night”.  
hot and cold non-alcoholic beverages, and beer and wine will be available for purchase. Doors open at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. The White Grass Ski Touring Center and Café are located at 643 Weiss Knob Ski Road, Davis.

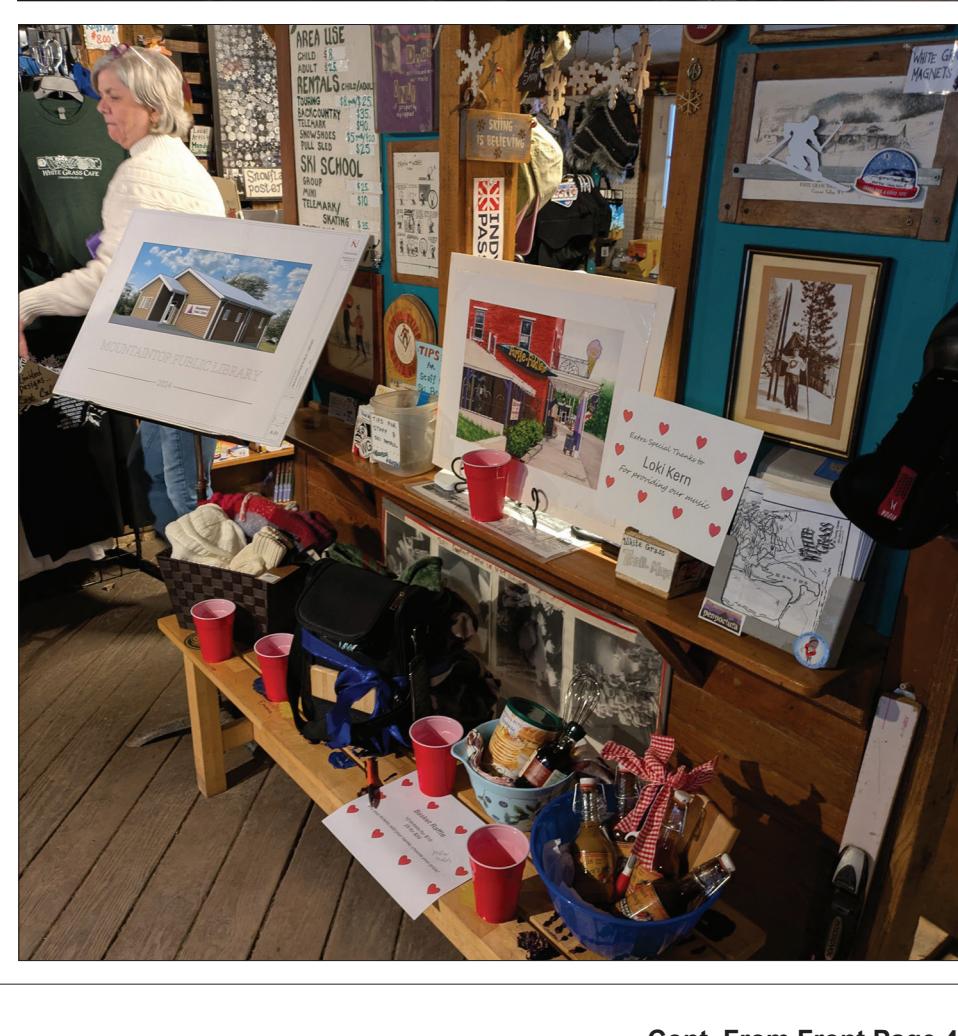
The Mountaintop Public Library serves as a community library for Davis, Thomas, Canaan Valley, and beyond. It also serves as the library for the Davis-Thomas Elementary/Middle School. FOMPL was established to provide financial support and other types of assistance to the library, including educational, literacy, cultural, and social materials and activities for the community. Fundraising efforts are mostly focused on providing library operational support and the construction of a new library building. For more information about FOMPL or the “Love Your Library” event, write to [fompl.tucker@gmail.com](mailto:fompl.tucker@gmail.com) or visit the library at 384 2nd Street in Thomas.

Tickets are \$75 per person for the multi-course dinner and can be purchased starting January 19 at the Mountaintop Public Library or by visiting <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/love-your-library-dinner>. In addition to a fabulous meal, guests will have chances to win baskets of curated collections throughout the evening. Separate tickets will be sold during the event for the basket raffle.

Dinner entrees will include a choice of Chicken Marbella and Marinated Tofu Steak with Butter Miso Sauce. A vegan option

can also be requested at the time of ticket purchase. Dinner will include

Thomas.



## TUCKER COUNTY DAY

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