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March 7, 2026: Happy 170th Birthday Tucker County

Job Fair To Be Held For Mettiki Workers



National Youth Science Academy

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

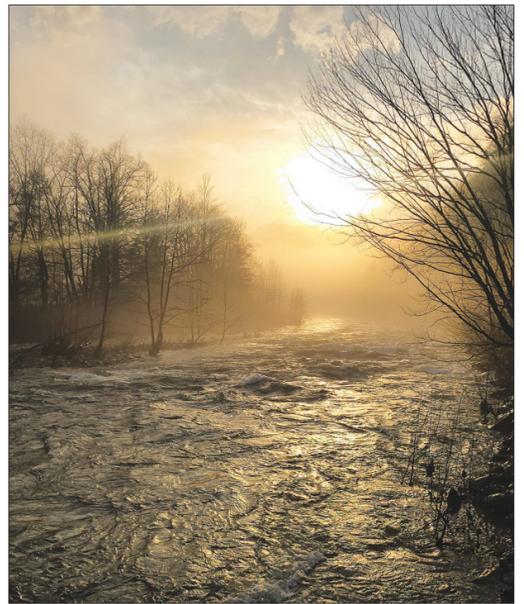
Workforce West Virginia will be hosting an Employment and Resource Fair at the National Youth Science Academy in Davis Wednesday, March 18th. for all workers from the Mettiki Coal, their spouses and secondary companies affected by the Metikki layoffs. The Tucker County Development Authority made the announcement March 2nd.

Job seekers will have the opportunity to apply for open positions, speak with employers, register in a jobseeker

database and sign up for the virtual job fair.

Resources will also be available such as: help creating a resume, learning about education and training opportunities, assistance finding community resources, retirement planning and unemployment benefits.

The Employment and Resource Fair will be held Wednesday, March 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the National Youth Science Academy located at 494 Riverstone Road in Davis. For additional information or questions, contact the State Rapid Response Unit at WFWVDWS@wv.gov or call 304-558-8414.



Blackwater Serenity

Tucker County resident Jamie Reeves caught a moment of serenity on the Blackwater following the recent thaw just before the sun disappeared behind the clouds. Reeves said the photo was taken the evening of March 5th on River Road. "The most gorgeous picture I have ever taken," Reeves said. Picture courtesy of Jamie Reeves.



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Blackwater Canyon Heritage Loop

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The new Mon Forest Town website offers a series of three day itineraries for the various Towns in its organization.

New Mon Forest Town Website Highlights Davis, Thomas, Parsons

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Mon Forest Towns has released a new website outlining a variety of special features, histories and unique attributes about each of their 12 communities, including those in Tucker County: Davis, Thomas and Parsons.

Davis on the site is listed as the "Gateway to Canaan Valley." The site promotes such local treasures as Blackwater Falls, Canaan Valley and the Canaan Valley Mountain trail systems, the small town charm of Davis and the area's reknown hiking, biking, skiing and wildlife experiences.

Promoting the thriving arts district with the Town's trail, waterfall, canyon access and northern gateway to the Mon Forest, Thomas is touted as the "Gateway to the Blackwater Canyon." The site also outlines the Blackwater Canyon Rail Trail and the old coke ovens on the edge of town, as well as quick access to Dolly Sods and Otter Creek Wilderness Areas and Canaan Mountain trails.

"The Gateway to the Cheat River" is Parsons. The site describes Parsons as a blend of small town amenities and direct access to the National Forest Wilderness Areas, the Allegheny Highlands Trail and Blackwater Canyon Rail Trail.

Besides listing the area attractions, the site offers multi-

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Fundamental Data Posts First Job Posting for Ridgeline Project

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

There may soon be progress on the mountain in regards to the controversial Ridgeline Power Plant Project. On March 2nd, Fundamental Data, the company behind the proposed Ridgeline Power Plant Project posted a job listing on LinkedIn for a Licensed Land Surveyor in Thomas.

The Ridgeline Project has come under fire from local environmental and community action groups since its announcement due to concerns over what the groups have called potential pollution to the surrounding communities of Davis, Thomas and Canaan Valley and its long term, health effects, as well as concerns over potential water usage and perceived excessive redactions in the company's Air Quality Permit to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

The posting, which as of Sunday morning had four applicants, is a full time position for the field and office. The listing also states that the position will report to the Project Manager/Engineering Lead. There is no word as to whether those positions have been filled.

The posting lists the need for a surveyor to be to "support a new development project — a large-scale site with complex boundary, topographic, and construction survey needs." The

surveyor's position on the project, according to the listing, will be to conduct land surveys, provide data for design and construction, as well as collaborate with construction teams to support project delivery.

Some of the field survey and data collection duties the listing outlines are boundary, topographic, control and construction staking, including locating pile locations for solar ground installation. Among other duties, the listing also lists conducting survey work related to roads, utility corridors, grading limits and site features.

The posting lists that that all surveys meet local, state and federal regulatory requirements, as well as the position seeks to ensure familiarity with West Virginia land use, permitting and record research.

The listing also seeks to hire a surveyor with over five years experience including boundary and construction project work with proficiency with drones, GPS, total station measurements and survey data processing tools such as CAD/GIS and a strong understanding of legal descriptions, boundary law and regulatory survey requirements.

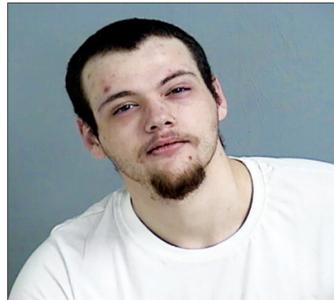
To date, the only position posted for the project by Fundamental Data on LinkedIn is the posting for the Land Surveyor.

Oakland Man Arrested for Homicide Just Over Tucker County Line

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Garrett County Sheriff Bryson Meyers released a statement on the arrest of Oakland resident Joseph Neal Tolliver, 22, in collection with the death of 62 year old Donna May Resor, also of Oakland. The homicide, by gunshot, occurred just over the Tucker County line.

Sheriff Meyers statement said that on March 2nd, Tolliver was arrested after deputies responded to the 1600 block of Kepmpton Road at approximately 1:30 a.m. for a reported death investigation. It was reported that Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division, Detectives with the Narcotics Task Force, along with the Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Inves-



Joseph Neal Tolliver

tigator responded to the scene and Detectives subsequently obtained a search warrant for the residence.

In the course of the investigation, it was determined that Resnor died as a result of a gunshot wound. Tolliver was arrested and charged with

First Degree Murder, Second Degree Murder and Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Crime of Violence, according to the statement.

"I want to thank our Detectives for their outstanding investigative work. Their persistence, attention to detail, and dedication were instrumental in moving this case forward. The community can be confident knowing we have professionals of this caliber serving and protecting them." Sheriff Meyers said.

Tolliver was transported to the Garrett County Detention Center to be held awaiting a pending bond hearing.

Tolliver also faces pending charges in Tucker County in unrelated matters and is awaiting arraignment.

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News of Record

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

- **Canaan Consulting LLC**, 26,484 square feet to Matthew S. Shockley.
- **Patrick A. Nichols, Kevin P. Nichols, Cullen C. Nichols, Robert S. Nichols, Shawn O. Nichols and Mary V. Nichols**, Davis Corporation, Lot 478 and 488 to INKA Properties LLC, \$50,000.
- **Mark Heaton and Kathleen E. Heaton, Davis Corporation**, Lot 90 Tuscan Ridge Sub-division to Mark A. and Kathleen E. Heaton 2025 Trust, Mark Heaton, Trustee and Kathleen Elizabeth Heaton, Trustee.

- **Carl Thomas Ortman and Danielle Ortman**, Davis District, Quitclaim Deed-Lot 13 Canaan Heights 3.63 acres to Rowdy Dell LLC, \$145,000.
- **Scott Alexander Hamilton and Lora G. Hamilton**, Dry Fork District, Marital Deed, Unit B-2 Week 7 Land of Canaan Time Share to Lora G. Hamilton.
- **Alfred A. Smith/AKA/ AA Smith and Jean A. Smith**, Dry Fork District, Lot 32 Yoakum Run Section, .502 acres to Michael Dombrowski and Tiffany Dombrowski, \$525,000.
- **Allan M. Lesser**, Dry Fork District, Unit 7 Winterset, 12,089 square feet to Larry Omps

- and Nancy Omps, \$699,999.
- **Julia L. Cassera**, Dry Fork District, Lot 102 Black Bear, Phase J, 0.21 acres to Scott Tomspn, \$475,000.
- **John M. Cvechko and Martha S. Cvechko**, Dry Fork District, Transfer on Death Deed – Lot 21, Canaan Vistas to Michael A. Cvechko, Eric R. Cvechko and Matthew A. Cvechko.
- **Toby L. Hebb**, Licking District, 185.80 acres Dogwood Flats to Tyler L. Hebb.
- **Sheria Blackburn**, Parsons Corporation, Lot 1 and 2 Coffman Addition to Sky Shine Paints LLC, \$4,000.

Work to Begin on Parsons Sewer Project

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Parsons will soon be seeing work crews on the streets for the City's Sewer Project. Thrasher Project Manager Eric Sherrard updated the Parsons City Council on March 3rd during their regular session that he anticipated crews to be on the streets of Parsons to begin camera work and some minor excavations the week of March 9th.

"They are actually planning to be out next week starting the camera work for the sewer," Sherrard said.

Crews have been in town doing "low impact" studies such as reconnaissance. However, crews are anticipated, according to Sherrard, to be in town next week placing cameras in lines and investigating to locate sewer lines that are not located on maps or otherwise not known or hard to get to. The work may involve some small measure of excavation, Sherrard said.

"There's a couple of sewer lines that we don't really know the exact location because there's no manholes," Sherrard said. "So they're actually going to have to dig down. We found clean outs, they're going to expose them so that we can just verify locations."

Thrasher is anticipating receiving an updated schedule of work and will be putting out notices to the public so that residents of Parsons are aware of what impact the work will entail, Sherrard said. Sherrard said there was the slight chance that a water line may occasionally be struck during construction, but the main impact would come in the form of traffic impacts.

"There will always be traffic impacts," Sherrard said. "They will have to put out signs, work with the town, provide updates to the Police Department."

Parsons Police Chief Kevin Keplinger requested that should construction crews require any assistance, that his office be notified. Keplinger also said that his office was happy to assist the crews in any way they needed to make sure the traffic impacts went smoothly. Traffic impacts are expected to be minimal.

"I'm excited that next week we will actually see something happening," Sherrard said.

The Department of Environmental Protection provided approval for Plans and Specs on the City of Parsons Water Project. Sherrard said that he is awaiting a binding committal request from Region VII to DEP and IJDC. Once the request is finalized, Sherrard said, the project will be able to go to bid.

"I'm hoping to get it in a couple of weeks, but it could take a month," Sherrard said. "That will be submitted this week."

Sherrard said he was hopeful that the project would get some reasonably priced bids. Currently, bid prices on construction jobs have been coming down, according to Sherrard.

"I don't want to jinx it," Sherrard said. "We are getting good numbers on line jobs."

Sherrard said he was also excited that both projects were going to be able to be completed at the same time.

Future projects that Thrasher is monitoring for grant

money on behalf of the City of Parsons, according to Sherrard included a contract for designs for the Sewer Plant. While the contracts were submitted to the Council, no action was taken until the next meeting.

The Sewer Plant Project has been exploring different technologies, Sherrard said. The next step will be site tours of facilities similar to the technologies being explored. Water and Sewer Director Red Lipscomb and Sherrard are expected to be making site visits, according to Sherrard, with an open invitation to the Council to join them.

Other future projects that Thrasher is eyeing grant funding for on behalf of the City of Parsons includes the next phase of Water and Sewer improvements which include the three way stoplight intersection at Highway 219 and Main Street. This was a project heavily discussed by Sherrard and the Council.

A third major project discussed for future funding was the Water Tank Project. Funding and completion of this project would see water tanks at both ends of Parsons, allowing for water access in case of failure at one end, Sherrard said.

Thrasher is also working on completing an updated map of all replaced and updated lines in the City. Thrasher has been working with all the files they have accumulated since they began working with the City in the 1990's, according to Sherrard. Sherrard informed the Council that the firm would be sharing the map with the City.

WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS

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day itineraries for each Town such as those focused to families, as well as historical (listed as Heritage) and scenic itineraries. These three day itineraries list various places and activities of interest in each featured Mon Forest Town featured, as well as tips as to the best time to visit, weather considerations, road conditions, wildlife safety and leave no trace guidelines. A brief historical background of each town is also given on each town's page.

Each page also includes unique trivia about the Town. Thomas' site includes the fact that during the coal boom, the Town was home to immigrants from 18 nationalities and hired an interpreter who spoke eight separate languages to assist the workforce. This fact, the site asserts is, "a multiculturalism reflected in its

contemporary arts and cuisine scene."

Trivia on Davis included the formation of "East-Coast tech" in the 1980's in rock gardens and bogs as "a Mountain Bike rite of passage and redefined adventure racing with events like 'Revenge of the Rattlesnake.'"

Parsons trivia includes such staples as Pickin' in Parsons and the Battle at Corricks Ford, but perhaps lesser known is the Fernow Experimental Forest. The site said the Fernow Experimental Forest was located just outside Parsons and designated in 1934. It pioneered watershed and red spruce research that is still in use in Appalachian forest management.

To explore the full site, go to <https://monforest-towns.org>.

Mountaineer Train Show



All Aboard for the first Train Show in the Morgantown area in 30 years! The Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society is sponsoring the event at Mountaineer Mall, 5000 Green Bag Road on Sunday, March 15th, 2026 from 10am til 4pm. Vendors will set up tables in and around Center Court. Fifty tables of trains and accessories of all sizes for you to admire and BUY! Admission is Free! Parking is Free. Donations Gladly accepted.

There will be at least three model railroads in operation for your viewing pleasure. All different scales from N to

O gauge. The Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society has the largest HO scale model railroad open to the public in North Central West Virginia. Also, an "O" gauge and N scale model railroads. Fun for the whole Family!

Refreshments will be available at the Playroom's Coffee Corner. The best locally roasted coffee, baked good and sandwiches in the area. All at reasonable prices.

Come see and buy the trains you have always wanted at the Mountaineer Train Show! For more information call 304-276-1046 or go to: <https://mvrhrs.org>

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SPORTS

Lady Mt. Lions Blow Past Pendleton for Regional Title



Tucker County Lady Mt. Lions 2026 Regional Co-Champions

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County Lady Mt. Lions don't know about you, but they're feeling 22 -- years in a row, that is. The streak of trips to the girls' state tournament has now been extended to 22 straight seasons, stretching back to before any current player was even born.

The Mt. Lions had a familiar opponent standing in their way: the Pendleton County Lady Wildcats. Tucker made it known early that they were on a mission, doubling up Pendleton 19-8 in the first quarter before extending their lead to 24 points at halftime, 41-17.

TC held the Lady Wildcats to just one point in the third quarter to really put the game on ice at 53-18. The Lady

Mt. Lions then set cruise control in the fourth quarter with the destination set for Charleston, WV, finishing with a final score of 70-25.

Gross 18 Pts, 8 Reb, FT 1-2; Kitzmiller 12 Pts, 2 Reb, 4 Stl, FT 1-1; Moats 12 Pts, 1 Reb; Evans 10 Pts, 5 Reb, FT 0-2; Hicks 9 Pts, 6 Reb; Thompson 2 Pts, 2 Reb; Carroll 2 Pts, 5 Reb; Shaffer 2 Pts, 5 Reb; Channell 1 Pt, 2 Reb.

3 Point Field Goals (9-29)
Kitzmiller (3) Moats (2) Evans (2) Gross (1) Hicks (1)

Tucker will now head to the Charleston Coliseum coming in at the #4 seed where they will take on the #5 seed, Ritchie County. Game time is set for Tuesday, March 10th at 9 pm.

GIRLS BASKETBALL CLASS A TOURNAMENT	
1 GILMER COUNTY	TUESDAY, MARCH 10 5:30 PM
8 WEBSTER COUNTY	THURSDAY, MARCH 12 7:15 PM
4 TUCKER COUNTY	TUESDAY, MARCH 10 9 PM
5 RITCHIE COUNTY	SATURDAY, MARCH 14 10 AM
2 TUG VALLEY	TUESDAY, MARCH 10 1 PM
7 GREATER BECKLEY	THURSDAY, MARCH 12 11:15 AM
3 ST. MARYS	TUESDAY, MARCH 10 9:30 AM
6 POCAHONTAS COUNTY	

Tucker Youth Travel Teams Shine at Grant County All-Star Invitational



Pic- 4th Grade Girls' Champions
Back row L-R: Coach Daniel Ramsey, Cambrie Freeman, PresLeigh Rosenau, Kyleigh Wamsley, Brayleigh Moore, Coach Adam Freeman; Front row L-R: Raelan Ramsey, Sophia Witmore, Amiyah Dillard, and Ivy Vandevender; Not pictured: Sadie Lester

By: Adam Freeman

Several youth basketball teams from Tucker County made the trip to the Grant County All-Star Invitational Tournament this past weekend, and the

young athletes represented their community well across multiple divisions.

Four Tucker County travel teams competed in the event, featuring three boys teams across differ-

ent grade divisions and one girls team. Each squad battled through tough competition and showcased the development, effort, and teamwork that have become a point of pride for the county's youth basketball programs.

The 5th/6th grade boys team turned in one of the tournament's standout runs. Competing in a very deep and competitive bracket, the team fought its way through multiple games to earn a spot in the championship. After a solid showing throughout the weekend, the group finished as tournament runner-up, capping off an impressive performance against some of the region's top youth talent.

Tucker County also celebrated a championship performance from its 4th grade girls team. The young Lady Mt. Lions played with energy and determination throughout the tournament, ultimately coming out on top and bringing home the championship trophy. Their effort highlighted strong defense and growing confidence on the court.

The other Tucker County boys teams also represented well in their respective divisions, competing hard and gaining valuable experience against strong competition.

For many of the players, the Grant County All-Star Invitational marked the beginning of the travel basketball season. Tournaments provide an important opportunity for players to continue developing key skills such as confidence, work ethic, teamwork, and overall fundamentals.

As the travel season continues, Tucker County's youth teams will look to build on this early success while continuing to grow and represent their community throughout the region.



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Tucker Valley Wildcats
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wild and Scenic Waterways in the Monongahela Forest

Legislative Action Need

The U.S. Forest Service says that the Glady Fork River in Randolph County is eligible to be included as a Wild and Scenic River Act waterway. They recognize that Glady Fork is free flowing and is an outstanding wild and scenic river. I've dealt with many other designated wild and scenic rivers around the country and have seen the recreational and environmental and aesthetic value that surrounds the places that can maintain that designation.

Although the Forest Service has said for quite a while that the waterway is eligible to be a Wild and Scenic River, it does not guarantee that things will not change in the near-term or long-term. Once those wild and scenic characteristics are gone it is almost impossible to get them re-established. Things happen and agencies can change their minds, particularly if they see degradation occurring to the waterway over time. Having that wild and scenic designation instills a sense of

pride and comfort in the people who live within those watersheds. That sense of pride creates a "protective spirit" in the people who live there.

Glady Fork is part of the headwaters in the Monongahela National Forest. These waters are critical drinking water sources and provide the outdoor recreation we all enjoy. I support the Wild and Scenic River designation because it recognizes what I love about the Glady Fork, but the designation does not impose any new rules or regulations. I know that I can continue to enjoy the Glady Fork the way I've always enjoyed it – and that my children and grandchildren will too!

I support Congress enacting permanent Wild and Scenic Rivers designations for the Glady Fork and for 15 other waterways in the Monongahela National Forest. I urge our Senators and Representatives to sponsor and file the WV Headwaters Protection Act.

Tom Rice
Elkins, WV

West Virginia Department of Human Services Highlights Waiver Program During Brain Injury Awareness Month



Charleston, W.Va. – In recognition of Brain Injury Awareness Month, the West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), Bureau for Medical Services (BMS), is raising awareness about the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver (TBIW) Program and the in-home, community-based services available to eligible West Virginians living with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

"The TBIW Program reflects DoHS' commitment to ensuring West Virginians with traumatic brain injury can access services that support independence and stability in their homes and communities," said Alex Mayer, Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Human Services. "Increasing awareness of these services helps connect eligible individuals and families to meaningful supports that improve daily living and long-term outcomes."

Traumatic brain injuries range from mild concussions to severe injuries and can result from falls, vehicle crashes, blunt trauma, violence, or other incidents, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. While prevention remains critical, early identification and connection to supportive services can significantly improve long-term outcomes and quality of life.

The TBIW Program provides in-home support for eligible West Virginians age three and older who meet medical and financial criteria. Services are designed to help individuals remain safely in their homes and communities

while maintaining independence and stability. The program currently serves 96 participants and has no waiting list, meaning additional eligible individuals can access services without delay.

Our goal is to ensure individuals living with traumatic brain injury have the opportunity to live safely and independently in their own communities," said Christy Donohue, DoHS Commissioner of the Bureau for Medical Services. "The TBI Waiver Program allows us to provide individualized support that strengthens stability for both participants and their families."

In addition to waiver services, statewide resources are available through the Bureau for Behavioral Health and the West Virginia University Center for Excellence in Disabilities TBI Services Program, which offers resource coordination, training, technical assistance, screenings, and assessments for individuals with brain injuries, as well as their families, caregivers, and service providers.

BMS also encourages preventive measures to reduce the risk of brain injury across all age groups, including wearing seatbelts and helmets, removing fall hazards in the home, improving lighting, and installing safety supports such as grab bars and handrails.

Individuals or families interested in learning more about eligibility or applying for services through the TBI Waiver Program can visit tbiwprogram.wv.gov.

Not Just on Islands: Protecting WV Kids

The crime of child sexual abuse has the nation's attention lately in a way never seen before. While we collectively, and rightfully, seek justice for these victims, let's not forget the kids up the street, or down the holler, who are currently in the midst of the same horrific experiences.

Last year, Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) in West Virginia saw 4,734 new kids, and of those, 2,182 were referred for suspected sexual abuse. 2,182 kids. That's approximately 161 separate little league teams or 108 classrooms full of WV kids who came to a WV CAC in 2025 because Child Protective Services or law enforcement had strong reason to believe that they were experiencing sexual abuse, and most often by someone who should have been nurturing and protecting them. Locally, Randolph Tucker Children's Advocacy Center saw 96 new children for allegations of abuse.

These crimes don't just happen on an island with private jet service; they happen every day in children's homes, schools, churches, sports complexes, and at the babysitters. Every victim of child sexual abuse deserves to have justice and access to healing services, and CACs work tirelessly every day to offer those things right here at home to WV's kids.

The 21 community-based, nonprofit CACs in our state, currently serving 48 of our 55 counties, receive limited government funding to fulfill the mission of seeking justice and healing for our

kids, but it's not enough. CACs scrape together every penny we can find, and we're happy to do so because our work needs to be done. But quite frankly, the work of CACs is hard enough without the added stress of the constant hustle to keep the doors open. Shouldn't funding these necessary, evidence-based, and trauma-informed victim services be the easy part? CACs are an easy sell — we save the state significant resources (our partners in law enforcement, CPS, and prosecution estimate we collectively save them about \$23M a year). The CAC model reduces children's trauma following experiences of abuse, and the forensic interviews conducted on-site at CACs increase the likelihood of successful prosecution of these difficult cases.

While the world is rightfully horrified by the things some powerful men and women have done to young people, we implore you to pay attention to the children in your life. Report any suspicions or concerns of abuse for kids that you know. We also ask that the government and the public alike, throughout WV and far beyond, learn more about Randolph Tucker Children's Advocacy Center where life-saving and life-giving support is provided to child victims in Randolph and Tucker Counties. Together, let's make sure WV CACs have the necessary resources to fulfill our mandate from society, policy, and God to support our most vulnerable citizens.

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

ROSE HOLDINGS, LLC,
a West Virginia Limited Liability Company,
Plaintiff,

v. Case No.: CC-47-2026-C-6

Norma Jean Trahern Shoemaker or her Unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs, or Successors
Rockie Lynn Fry or his Unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs, or Successors,
Charles Andrew Trahern or his Unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs, or Successors
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Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: The above-named Defendants, their unknown assignees, devisees, heirs or successors.

The above-captioned civil action concerns and involves a Complaint for Partition filed by the Plaintiff, Rose Holdings, LLC, a West Virginia limited liability company, seeking, pursuant to W.Va. Code §§ 37-4-1, et seq., among other things, the partition by allotment of certain limestone located partially in Clover District, Tucker County, West Virginia. More specifically, this action concerns and involves the limestone, of all depths, formations, horizons, intervals, strata, and zones (hereinafter collectively "limestone"), below, beneath, in, on, underlying or within the parcel or tract of real property located in Clove District, Tucker County, West Virginia described as follows, to the extent, and only to the extent, such parcel or tract is located on the southern side of W.Va. State Route 38 (Brushy Fork Road), as such existed in August 1943:

The limestone, of all depths, formations, horizons, intervals, and zones ("Limestone"), below, beneath, in, on, underlying, or within the parcel or tract of real property located in Clover District, Tucker County, West Virginia, described as follows, to the extent, and only to the extent, such parcel or tract is located on the southern side of State Route 38 [Brushy Fork Road, as such state route existed in August 1943:

"Beginning with a stone with chestnut and rock oak pointers on James Johnson; line; thence N. 172 poles to a stone; thence S. 88-1/2° E. 28 1/2 poles to a stone with chestnut pointers; thence south 207-3/4 poles to a stone; thence N. 66° E. 12-1/2 poles to a stone with hickory pointers; thence S. 15° 35 poles to a poplar; thence S. 44-1/6° W. 11 poles to the beginning, containing thirty-five (35) acres two (2) chains and ten (10) poles, more or less ("Parent Tract")

Upon information and belief, the (a) fourth (4th) course and distance contained in the description is reversed and should be S. 66° W. 12 1/2 poles, (b) fifth (5th) course and distance contained in the description is reversed and should be N. 15° E. 35 poles, and (c) sixth (6th) course and distance contained in the descriptions is reversed and should be N. 44 1/6° W. 11 poles; however, the foregoing is the description employed in the deeds of record in the Tucker County Clerk's office.

Based upon the allegation set forth in the Complaint, it appears that there are or may be persons or parties who are interested in the subject matter of such civil action and some of whose identities are or maybe unascertainable or unknown to Rose Holdings, LLC or who are unlocatable by Rose Holdings, L.C, including the following:

Nona Pearl Droz Trahern or her unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs or Successors;
Norma Jean Trahern Shoemaker or her unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs or Successors;
Charles Andrew Trahern or his unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs or Successors;
James Chelsey Trahern, Jr. or his unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs or Successors;
Glennis J. Trahern or her unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs or Successors;
Betty Lou Trahern or her unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs or Successors;
Forrest Adrian Trahern or his unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs or Successors;
Donna Lee Moody or her unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs or Successors;
Rockie Lynn Fry or his unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs or Successors;
Michael Bruce Trahern or his unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs or Successors; and
Richard Alan Trahern or his unknown Assignees, Devises, Heirs or Successors;

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action, that despite Rose Holdings, LLC's due diligence, the identities and/or whereabouts of the above defendants are unknown, and accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the above identified defendants, and any and all persons or parties who claim an interest in the above-described limestone must appear and serve upon Plaintiff Rose Holdings LLC's counsel, Hunter B. Mullens, MULLENS & MULLENS, PLLC, 9 North Main Street, P.O. Box 95, Philippi, WV 26416, an Answer including any related counter claim or defense you may have to the Complaint filed in this action within thirty (30) days from the date of the second publication of this notice. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon a proper hearing and trial, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This Order shall be published as a Class II legal advertisement in The Parsons Advocate, a newspaper in the publication area of Tucker County, West Virginia.

A copy of said Complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office located at 211 First Street, Suite 403, Parsons, 26287. Entered by the Clerk of said Court on 2/23/2026.

Sharon Moore
Sharon Moore, Clerk
Tucker County Circuit Court
By: *H. B. Mullens*
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Main Street's Art Stroll

Calling for All Artists



Crocheted and knitted items are on display during a former Art Stroll. Artists of all mediums and formats and local businesses are encouraged to contact Tammy Stemple at 304-457-3700, Ext. 226 or via email hotpepperbabe@hotmail.com to express an interest in participating.

"Whether you're a fiber, visual, musical, performing, or literary artist, we want you to be part of Philippi Main Street's annual Art Stroll Friday, May 1, 2026 from 5-8 pm in downtown Philippi," says a spokesperson for the Art Stroll Planning Committee.

Main Street's Art Stroll has been a mainstay in

downtown activities since the first stroll in 2011. Each year's stroll draws hundreds of strollers to downtown Philippi. These strollers enjoy visual artists, musicians, writers, and sometimes dancers who exhibit or perform in many business locations from the Barbour County Historical Museum to Freedom

Bank.

To fill the 20 plus exhibit sites with outstanding artists from the area, Main Street again calls out to local, area, regional, and state artists to join in the popular evening event. Anyone wanting to participate in Philippi's annual Art Stroll should contact Philippi Main Street

Director Tammy Stemple at 304-457-3700, Ext. 226 or via email hotpepperbabe@hotmail.com.

This year's Art Stroll will feature fiber art – knitting, crocheting, tatting, quilting, sewing, weaving, and all other fiber arts. Additionally, county school students, both public and private are always part of the stroll. Local musicians are also high points of the popular evening event.

Besides looking for a variety of artists, the Art Stroll is also looking for locations to showcase the evening's event. Any Main Street business or organization that wants to be an exhibit site, is asked to contact Stemple.

Main Street's Art Stroll Committee will place artists into available locations based upon a first-come, first-serve arrangement. Because locations fill up quickly, interested parties are encouraged to contact Stemple as soon as possible.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Proposals (RFP):

Notice of available funding to serve as the One-Stop Operator and/or Title 1 Comprehensive Youth Service Provider under the guidelines of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 for the eleven-county area of Region 1 in West Virginia (Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh Summers, Webster & Wyoming). Interested parties can review the RFP's at www.rwib.org on or after Monday March 2, 2026. Youth Services Prover Contract is \$789,342.33 and One-Stop Operator Contract is \$100,000.00.

The Mandatory Bidder's Conference for this Request for Proposal will be held on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 2 PM at the Raleigh County WORKFORCE American Job Center, 200 New River Town Center, Beckley, WV 25801.

LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Charles Daniel Thompson	Foster Allen Thompson
1st publication 03/11/26	502 Central Ave
2nd publication 03/18/26	Parsons, WV 26287
Charlotte Lee Poling	Denise Poling
1st publication 03/11/26	88 Cheat Hwy
2nd publication 03/18/26	Parsons, WV 26287

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

ATTEST: Barbara Evans, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345
TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: L-26-26 Public Notice Date: March 11, 2026

Paper: *Parsons Advocate*

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WV0022063
Applicant: PARSONS, CITY OF
341 SECOND ST
PARSONS, WV 26287

Location: PARSONS, TUCKER COUNTY
Latitude: 39:06:39 Longitude: 79:40:51

Receiving Stream:
SHAVERS FORK

Activity:
Operate and maintain an existing 0.4 million gallon per day (MGD) combined sewer collection and treatment system designed to serve approximately 4,000 persons or equivalents in the City of Parsons and the Hamrick PSD and discharge treated wastewater to Shavers Fork (0.1 miles from its mouth) of the Cheat River of the Monongahela River through Outlet 001. An antidegradation review has been conducted for Outlet 001 and Tier 1 protection is provided for the uses specified in Title 47, Series 2, Section 6.

Also, to operate and maintain disposal systems, best management practices, and the nine (9) minimum controls for the direct discharge of sanitary wastewater and storm water from Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Outlets C002-C004 and C006 to Shavers Fork (between 0.9 to 1.3 miles from the mouth) of the Cheat River and from C005 to an unnamed tributary of approximately 0.01 miles from its mouth to Shaver's Fork. The CSO outlets are permitted to discharge only when the hydraulic capacity of the collection system is exceeded during wet-weather events. Tier 1 protection shall be afforded for the uses specified in Title 47, Series 2 for the Combined Sewer Overflow Outlets C002-C006 through implementation of the facility's CSO long-term control plan.

Business conducted:
Municipality

Implementation:
Compliance shall be attained through Administrative Order No. 5907 issued June 30, 2006 and any revisions thereto.

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345
lori.k.devereux@wv.gov

The public comment period begins March 11, 2026 and ends April 10, 2026.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application.

Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.

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TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: L-27-26 Public Notice Date: March 11, 2026

Paper: *Parsons Advocate*

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WV0024856
Applicant: THOMAS, CITY OF
PO BOX 248
307 SPRUCE ST
THOMAS, WV 26292

Location: THOMAS, TUCKER COUNTY
Latitude: 39:08:43 Longitude: 79:30:10

Receiving Stream:
NORTH FORK/BLACKWATER RIVER

Activity:
To operate and maintain an existing 0.15 MGD combined sewage collection and treatment system. The system was designed to serve a maximum population equivalent of 1,500 persons in the City of Thomas and discharge treated wastewater through Outlet 001 to the North Fork of Blackwater River approximately 2.5 miles from the mouth of the Blackwater River of the Cheat River.

Also, the combined collection system contains one (1) combined sewer system overflow relief point which discharges only during wet weather when the hydraulic capacity of the combined collection system is exceeded through Combined Sewer Overflow Outlet No. C002 to the North Fork of the Blackwater River approximately 2.5 miles from the mouth of the Blackwater River of the Cheat River.

An antidegradation review has been conducted and Tier 1 protection is afforded for the uses specified in Title 47, Series 2 for the discharge from Outlet No. 001. Also, Tier I protection shall be afforded for the uses specified in Title 47, Series 2 for the discharge from Combined Sewer Overflow Outlet C002 through implementation of the facility's Long Term Control Plan.

Business conducted:
Municipality

Implementation:
Compliance with the final terms and conditions of this permit shall be attained through the implementation and in accordance with the terms, conditions, and schedules of (CSO) Administrative Order No. 5568 dated April 28, 2004 and any amendments thereto; Administrative Order No. 7611 dated June 8, 2012 and any amendments thereto; and in accordance with Executed Consent Order No. 7953 dated February 3, 2014 and any amendments thereto.

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section
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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)
Frances I Hovatter	Jon C. Hovatter
1st publication 03/04/26	8206 Cheat Valley Hwy
2nd publication 03/11/26	Parsons, WV 26287

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

ATTEST: Barbara Evans, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDs)

The Region VII Planning and Development Council and its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee completed a draft of the 2025-2030 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) for the Council. The purpose of the CEDs is to identify regional economic development strategies and develop an economic development action plan for Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Randolph, Tucker and Upshur Counties.

The draft of the CEDs is currently available for review at the Region VII Planning and Development Council offices located at 21 E. Main Street, Suite 102, Buckhannon, WV from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. An electronic copy of the CEDs is also available on our website at www.regionvii.com/plans-strategies. Comments on the CEDs will be accepted until April 10, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Comments may be submitted in writing or by email to:

Shane Whitehair, Executive Director
Region VII Planning and Development Council
PO Box 849
Buckhannon, WV 26201
(304) 472-6564
swhitehair@regionvii.com

DEADLINE
3PM
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IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Kaitlynn Barkley
174 Spruce St.
Parsons, WV 26287

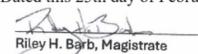
Petitioner
vs
Alesha McKinney
127 Bretz Back Rd
Hambleton, WV 26269

Respondent
To: Alesha McKinney
127 Bretz Back Rd.
Hambleton, WV 26269

Order of Publication

Please be advised that a hearing on the Petitioners Application for Wrongful Occupation against Alesha McKinney of 127 Bretz Back Rd. Hambleton, WV 26269 will be held on March 19, 2026 - 11 a.m. at the Tucker County Magistrate Court, 211 First Street, Suite 303 Parsons, WV 26287. Failure to attend may result in Default Judgment against the Respondent.

Dated this 25th day of February 2026.


Riley H. Barb, Magistrate

Statement of complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Tucker County Magistrate Court.

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NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Notice is hereby given that, under authority of a certain deed of trust hereinafter described, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will, at the front door of the Tucker County Courthouse, in Elkins, West Virginia, on

April 1, 2026
11:00 a.m.

offer for sale certain property described in that certain deed of trust executed by **ASHLEY NOVALLIS** to Jefferson L. Triplett, as Trustee, which deed of trust is dated the 6th day of May, 2024, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in **Trust Deed Book 323, at Page 19**; and given to secure **Citizens Bank of West Virginia**, the payment of a note therein described.

By Substitution of Trustee dated February 19, 2026, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 331, at Page 578, Jennifer L. Morgan was appointed Substitute Trustee.

The premises subject to the above-described deed of trust, which premises will be sold at the above stated public auction is that certain tract or parcel of real estate "situate in the Town of Davis, Tucker County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

"All of Lot No. 578 as laid off by H. G. Davis and others, which said lot fronts 40 feet on Fairfax Avenue and extends back at even width 132 feet to an alley which bounds the rear of said lot and is bounded on the east side by Lot No. 579 and on the west side by Lot No. 577."

And being the same parcel of real estate as conveyed to Ashley Novallis from Raymond R. Cyphers and Anna C. Cyphers by deed dated May 1, 2024, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 253, at page 519.

Ashley Novallis subsequently died intestate on February 15, 2025, leaving as heirs her sons, Deacon C. Novallis and Jaxson M. Novallis.

This conveyance is made subject to any and all reservations, restrictions, exceptions, rights-of-way and easements as set forth in prior instruments of record in the chain of title to said real estate.

The above-described property will be sold subject to all reservations, restrictions, exceptions and conditions contained in all prior deeds conveying said real estate except those pertaining to race, color or creed, and subject to all unpaid levies and assessments including real estate taxes.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale, or ten percent (10% down), or approved line of credit with closing to occur within thirty (30) days. Purchaser accepts subject real estate "AS IS."

The undersigned Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids received, and to continue said sale from time to time, upon announcement thereof given verbally, on day of sale and any continuance thereof.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2026.

Jennifer L. Morgan, Substitute Trustee

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TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: L-28-26 Public Notice Date: March 11, 2026

Paper: *Parsons Advocate*

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WV0117382
Applicant: RICOTTILLI LUMBER COMPANY
227 S HADDIX RD
MONTROSE, WV 26283

Location: MONTROSE, TUCKER COUNTY
Latitude: 39:04:58 Longitude: 79:43:06

Receiving Stream:
HADDIX RUN

Activity:
Operate and maintain a disposal system and best management practices for the direct discharge of untreated storm water runoff via Outlet 001, 002, 004, 005, 006, and 007 into Haddix Run approximately 2.08-2.29 miles from its mouth to Shaver's Fork of the Cheat River of the Monongahela River. The outlets identified in the Permit is an existing outlet. An antidegradation review has been conducted and Tier 1 protection is provided for the uses specified in Title 47, Series 2, Section 6.

Business conducted:
Manufacturer of Split Rail Fence

Implementation:
N/A

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP
ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
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lori.k.devereux@wv.gov

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THANK YOU FOR READING

The Parsons Advocate

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10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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Notice is hereby given that Pineview Apartments in Thomas, Tucker County, West Virginia, is seeking to locate the next of kin of **Elsworth Bailey Layman, Jr.**, date of birth August 8, 1948, who passed away on March 1, 2026, in Morgantown, West Virginia.

At the time of his death, Mr. Layman was a resident of Pineview Apartments, Thomas, West Virginia. Any relatives or next of kin are requested to contact Pineview Apartments regarding the disposition and claiming of personal property.

Please contact Pineview Apartments at **681-228-9076**.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2026.

Employment Opportunity

TUCKER COUNTY 911 IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 911 DISPATCHERS



Job requirements; Must have a high school diploma/GED, able to pass a background/drug test, able to type 35 wpm. For more information call 304-478-2121

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Contact: **William Peterson, LeftBank Properties, LLC**
68 Mount Aerie Rd, Davis, WV 26260
leftbank@mindspring.com
Cell: 703-362-2839

Available end of March, 2026

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FULL BOARD MEETING

The Region VI Workforce Development Full Board will meet Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 10:30 am at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Fairmont, WV. For more information about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530. Projects and programs provided by Region VI WDB are 100% funded with Federal WIOA funding by the U.S. Department of Labor through grant awards totaling \$2,462,559.00. No funding is being received from non-governmental sources for projects and programs provided by Region VI WDB at this time. Region VI is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance, please call WV Relay 7-1-1.

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- March 12 Donna Bolinger
- March 19 Julie Davis
- March 26 V.J. Davis
- April 2 Bill Hardy

Luncheon will be provided from noon to 1 pm.

Buckwheat Dinner at St. John's Church

Parsons on Saturday, March 14th from 4pm - 6:30pm. \$12 donation for adult meal and \$6 for children 12 and younger. Carry out orders call 304-478-2620. Meal A - (5) buckwheat cakes & (2) cakes of sausage & (1) 4 oz. gravy & (1) biscuit. Meal B - (4) biscuits & (2) 4 oz. gravy & (2) cakes of sausage. Meal C - (4) pancakes & (2) cakes of sausage & (1) 4 oz. gravy & (1) biscuit. Sponsored by St. John's Men.

Candy Easter Eggs

½ pound Easter Eggs by St. John's Women & Win-One Sunday School Class on March 17th. Peanut Butter, Cherry Nut & Coconut for a \$7 donation per egg. To order call Sally Purnell at 304-619-2199.

Retired School Employees Meeting

Wed March 18 at noon - TC Retired School Employees meeting is Wednesday March 18 at TC Senior Center in Parsons. Lunch is available at 11:30 if you wish, meeting to follow at 12:00 noon. All retirees are welcome.

Seed Swap

The Randolph Tucker Master Gardeners will be hosting a Seed Swap March 20th from 9am to 11am at the Mountaintop Library. Everyone is invited to participate. Bring seeds, take seeds, and prepare for spring planting!

Clothing Giveaway

The Southern Baptist Church of Rowlesburg will have a clothing giveaway on Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

WV Hunter Education Class

A WV Hunter Education Class will be held at Mount Grove Community Center located at Mount Grove Community Center in Eglon. Students must be 10 years old to register for class and may bring a packed lunch to class. Students must attend both days. Classes are on Sat, March 21 from 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday, March 22 from 1-5 pm You can register at register-ed.com.

No Kings Rally in Thomas

(Thomas, WV) On March 28th, local Tucker County residents will come together with millions of Americans in a nationwide day of non-violent protest at the third No Kings National Day of Non-violent Action. Join us at the bank parking lot on Front Street in Thomas from noon to 2 p.m. this Saturday, March 28. The event is organized by WV Highlands Indivisible.

By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

The official countdown is on, as of the day I am writing this it is 14 days until the official first day of Spring, **HOORAY**. The robins are back and daffodils are poking through the ground, although they usually get their little heads snowed on at least once before it is officially Spring.

Mom would have mowed the lawn at least once by now and that is actually the unofficial sign of Spring. **Momma Said**, "The early bird gets the worm and she had to be the first to mow." Our weather has warmed up significantly but we are getting a lot of rain.

If the weather runs the same course it has for the past few years it will be Spring for maybe a month and then turn into Hades. The

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



weather has changed so much over the years that we are not a temperate weather area anymore. We are getting more southern summers and northern winters.

Our weather used to be like the Three Bears story, not too hot, not too cold, it was just right. I like Summer but our weather patterns as of late are just too dang hot to do anything outside. That really bums me out because, as I have told ya'll before, I don't like to be indoors. **Momma Said**, "Nobody shuts my baby indoors for long."

Cajun Shrimp Pasta

Ingredients

- 8 ounces penne or fettuccine pasta
- 1 lb. large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2-3 tablespoons Cajun seasoning, divided
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup diced roasted red peppers (from a jar)
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 (14 ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions

- Cook the pasta in a large pot of salted boiling water until al dente. Drain and set aside.
- While the pasta cooks, toss the shrimp with 1-2 tbsp of the Cajun seasoning in a bowl until evenly coated. Set aside.
- Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high

heat. Add the seasoned shrimp in a single layer and sear for 2-3 minutes per side until browned and cooked through. Remove to a plate.

- Melt the butter in the same skillet. Add the onion and sauté for 2-3 minutes until softened. Stir in the garlic and roasted red peppers and cook for 30 seconds until fragrant.
- Whisk in the remaining 1/2 cup Cajun seasoning, then stir in the chicken broth, crushed tomatoes, and heavy cream. Bring to a simmer and cook for 2-3 minutes until slightly thickened.
- Reduce the heat to low and stir in the Parmesan cheese until melted. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Add the cooked pasta and shrimp to the sauce and toss until everything is evenly coated. Sprinkle with fresh parsley and serve immediately.



Charleston WV - The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvenyclopedia.org.

March 11, 1847: Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

March 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason and Cabell counties. It was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, a leading commander at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War.

March 11, 1856: Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson and Gilmer counties. It was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

March 11, 2004: The legislature named the Shay No. 5 as West Virginia's official locomotive. In the early 1900s, the Shay was a logging railroad workhorse, with gear-driven engines developed for steep tracks and rough terrain.

March 12, 1835: Marshall County was



March 17, 1869: Historian and journalist Minnie Kendall Lowther was born in Ritchie County. One of the earliest women newspaper editors in West Virginia, she worked for the Pennsboro News, Wetzel Republican, West Union Record and Glenville Democrat.

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Weather Totals

Feb 24 - Mar. 3, 2026

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature

Max 62° F
Min 20° F

Precipitation

Week 0.31"
February 1.66"
March 0.17"
2026 5.57"

Snowfall

New Snow 0"
Snow on ground 0"
Winter Total 40.5"

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Super Crossword

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HISTORY

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created from part of Ohio County. It was named for John Marshall, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

March 12, 1850: Wheeling Hospital was chartered. During the Civil War, the institution was used as a general military hospital. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were hired as army nurses, treating wounded Union and Confederate soldiers side by side.

March 13, 1942: Steel guitarist Russ Hicks was born in the Beckley area. He was a longtime member of Hee Haw's house band, did session work with the biggest names in Nashville, played in his own band Barefoot Jerry and had his own line of pedal steel guitars, The Russler.

March 13, 2002: Herbalist and folk doctor Catfish Gray died in Huntington. Gray was known for his vast knowledge of traditional plant lore and for his quaint and engaging personality. At the height of the folklore revival of the 1970s, Gray was a frequent newspaper and television interview subject.

March 14, 1931: Noting the interest in the annual reunion of Carnifex Ferry battle veterans from the Civil War, the legislature created the Carnifex Ferry Battlefield Park Commission.

March 15, 1822: Coal pioneer William Henry Edwards was born in New York state. In the 1850s, he opened early coal mines in the Kanawha Valley. As an avid entomolo-

gist, he documented at least 165 species of butterflies. His three-volume *The Butterflies of North America* became a standard in the field.

March 15, 1882: Union leader Frank Keeney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Keeney, who went to work in the mines as a boy, became a rank-and-file leader during the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912–13.

March 15, 1890: Architect Walter Martens was born in Illinois. After moving to Charleston, he won competitions to design prominent buildings across the state, including the current governor's mansion.

March 15, 1952: Governor Earl Ray Tomblin was born in Logan County. He was elected as a Democrat from Logan County to the House of Delegates in 1974, when he was only 22 years old and still a senior at West Virginia University. After serving as president of the senate for 15 years, he was governor from 2010 to 2017.

March 16, 1906: Country musician Buddy Starcher was born Oby Edgar Starcher near Ripley. In 1946, Starcher cut his first recordings on Four Star, including his best-known composition, "I'll Still Write Your Name in the Sand," which became a hit in 1949.

March 16, 1922: WHD at West Virginia University received the first radio license in West Virginia.

March 16, 1954: Award-winning bluegrass musician

and songwriter Tim O'Brien was born in Wheeling. He helped form the "new grass" band Hot Rize, and his songs have been recorded by Garth Brooks, Kathy Mattea and New Grass Revival, among many others.

March 17, 1837: Mercer County was created from parts of Giles and Tazewell counties and named for Hugh Mercer, a Revolutionary War general.

March 17, 1858: William Edwin Chilton was born in Coalsmouth, now St. Albans. A lawyer, U.S. senator and businessman, Chilton expanded Charleston's electric streetcar system and was publisher and editor of the *Charleston Gazette*.

March 17, 1891: West Virginia State University was founded as the West Virginia Colored Institute by the legislature. It was one of 17 Black land-grant colleges established under the Second Morrill Act of 1890.

March 17, 1912: Athlete Joe Stydahar was born in Pennsylvania. A star in football and basketball at WVU, he was the first-round selection of the Chicago Bears in the first NFL draft of college players in 1936.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

CASA for Kids Seeks Volunteers in Tucker County

Child Advocacy volunteer group, Casa for Kids is seeking additional volunteers in Tucker County. The group's mission is to advocate for children within the Circuit Court system. Volunteers act as the voice of children within the Court.

"We are really wanting to develop the program there," CASA for Kids Executive Director Leah Turner said.

CASA for Kids has served Tucker County since 2024, Turner said, but is seeking additional volunteers in the County to assist in the program. As part of the initiative, CASA for Kids just hired a staff member exclusively for Preston and Tucker Counties, Preston County Volunteer Supervisor Les Taylor.

According to the organization's website, Les Taylor has more than 30 years of experience in law enforcement, organizational leadership and community engagement. He has previously been employed in such roles as Sheriff, operations supervisor and assistant general manager.

"He is the Supervisor," Turner said. "He is responsible for recruiting, training and monitoring CASA volunteers that are appointed by the Circuit Court to advocate for children there in Tucker County."

Taylor's responsibilities will mostly to recruit new volunteers to advocate for children in the court room and training, according to Turner. He has been visiting businesses in Tucker County, as well as Post Offices and Libraries to hand out fliers and speak with the public about CASA and what they do and working on presentations.

"So we are basically the eyes and the ears of the Court, making sure that whatever Court ordered services will be beneficial for that said child or family (and) is being completed," Turner said.

The volunteers engage in an extensive 30 hour training, Turner said. The training encompasses the population that CASA works with, the children that have experienced trauma, different ways to communicate effectively with those children and how to gather information in the Court case.

All volunteer applicants go through a Child Protective



Executive Director Leah Turner

Services background check and a Criminal Background Check. Once those are completed, applicants must go through an interview process before acceptance into the program.

Turner said that CASA also makes recommendations to the Court on effective services that would benefit the child or family best. According to Turner, the primary goal is reunification of the family.

"If the reunification is not achievable, then we recommend a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible," Turner said. "Sometimes that's in foster care, sometimes that's with their family members. They have a guardianship program that's established where their parent's rights aren't terminated, but they're basically in limbo until they can petition the Court...Basically, they have to prove to the Court that they are ready to be reunified with their children."

CASA for Kids will be hosting its annual gala in Morgantown Saturday, March 21st at the Erikson Alumni Center. The event is intended to raise funds to support Court



Preston County Volunteer Supervisor Les Taylor will be overseeing volunteers in Tucker County.

Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) for children who have entered the court system due to abuse and neglect.

This year's theme is "Denim and Diamonds." The event is described as "promises a bedazzling evening that blends relaxed denim with elegant sparkle, bringing the community together for a night of celebration with a serious purpose." Last year, CASA reported over 165 attended the event. Event organizers anticipate this year's gala to be even larger. Tickets are \$110/person or \$180/couple with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. for cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a buffet dinner and evening program.

For more information or to volunteer, go to www.casaforkidsmpc.org or call 304-599-1087. A volunteer application is available on the organization's website. CASA for Kids serves Monongalia, Preston and Tucker Counties.

Harris emerges as storyteller, filmmaker

Award-winner to screen a *Blackwater Story* at GC's PAC March 7th



Award-winning West Virginia filmmaker Justin Harris was last Wednesday's speaker in this month's Joan Crawford Lecture Series at the Performing Arts Center at Garrett College.

McHenry, MD – Award-winning West Virginia filmmaker Justin Harris has learned you can't produce a great film without a great story.

"You know you've told a great story when that story makes people feel they have a call to action," said Harris, who was last Wednesday's speaker in this month's Joan Crawford Lecture Series at the Performing Arts Center at Garrett College.

Harris – whose early films have mainly focused on West Virginia's whitewater kayaking and skiing communities – screened two Nike commercials as examples of great storytelling. The first – which finished with the message *It's only crazy until you do it* – focused on athletes overcoming significant physical challenges to accomplish incredible athletic feats.

"How much of that commercial is about Nike products? Almost none of it," observed Harris. "It's about human beings and their stories."

The second commercial featured Jason Williams and Randy Moss, who were classmates at DuPont (WV) High School before going on to impactful careers in the NBA and NFL, respectively. The commercial showed each making spectacular plays at the high school, college, and pro levels despite starting in rural West Virginia.

"I want to do that – tell stories that inspire people," said Harris.

Harris has accomplished that goal with his first three films:

- *Red Creek Sessions*, which took an in-depth look at

the region's rock structures through the descent of Red Creek by local whitewater kayakers on Cheatfest Weekend 2022.

- *Freeland* – A White Grass Story, which focused on West Virginia Nordic skiing at the iconic White Grass Ski Area, as well as the mountain's relationship to the Blackwater River kayaking community.
- *A Blackwater Story*, which highlighted the Blackwater River in the Monongahela National Forest and the kayaking community that gave birth to the sport of "steep creeking."

Harris didn't launch his filmmaking career until his first marriage ended in divorce and "she took everything, including the house."

"I'd lost everything," recalled Harris. "A lot of people spend their entire lives fearing they might lose everything one day. It's kind of funny – when you actually do lose everything, that fear goes away."

Harris moved to an island in the middle of the James River that overlooked the city of Richmond.

"I lived on that island the entire spring, summer, and fall of 2013 as a way to reset my mind and decide what I wanted to do," said Harris, who determined what he really wanted to do was become a photographer.

"I used all the money I had left to buy a camera and became a photographer," recalled Harris. "I remember my dad saying, 'Don't you think you should take some of that money and spend it on food?'"

He eventually came west, meeting "this wonderful Garrett County woman" – his second wife, Marcie Harris, "who told me, 'Go do what makes you happy.'" So, Harris became a rafting guide, graduated to photo boater, transitioned to be Canaan Valley Resort's photographer, and then launched Mountain River Media (MRM) in 2018.

"My bosses were like, 'You can make more money if you're a contractor,'" said Harris of the story behind MRM. Harris concentrated on developing a kayak-centric YouTube channel that focused on "telling stories on the river – not running the rapids, but all the stuff they were doing between the runs."

"That definitely put us on the map," said Harris of the YouTube channel.

Harris had so mastered his storytelling skills by the time his first film - *Red Creek Sessions* – was completed that it was named the winner of the Accomplished Film Award and the Viewers Choice Award at the 2023 National Paddling Film Festival. All told, that film has garnered more than 35 awards.

A White Grass Story was told through a focus on Chip Chase, who was characterized by Highland Outdoors writer Dylan Jones in a 2021 feature as "the Supreme Commander of the White Grass Ski Touring Center."

"You can imagine what it's like following him around with a camera for two years," said Harris. "During that time

I started to realize the importance of storytelling."

A White Grass Story developed when Harris "took a mini-documentary and turned it into a film about my favorite place on earth: White Grass on a sunny day with two feet of snow."

"We told a story that humanized White Grass and connected it to viewers," Harris said of White Grass, which he took it to all of the major outdoors film festivals. "They felt like this was a special place and they wanted to be part of that special place."

"White Grass toured the world," added Harris, who took it to all of the major outdoors film festivals.

That cinematic success led to commercial opportunities, Harris noted.

"I started getting emails from companies, saying, 'We want you to make a film about our company and do the same thing you did for White Grass.'"

"White Grass is such a special place," Harris noted. "At that point, I had to ask myself, 'Can I tell any story out there?'"

Beyond the people, Harris said the ephemeral nature of White Grass is what attracts people to his story.

"White Grass exists on a private farm that has been re-farmed as the national wildlife refuge in Canaan Valley State Park," Harris explained. "It's borrowed land – it only exists when it's operating – when it's not operating, it doesn't exist; that's what makes the ephemerality of it so beautiful."

Harris said White Grass led naturally to *A Blackwater Story*.

"When the snow melts off of the mountain, White Grass melts into Freeland run, which is why we call it Freeland," Harris explained. "If you ski White Grass and two days later run the upper Blackwater, you're probably on the same liquid you were on two days before."

Harris said *A Blackwater Story* allowed him to mix with "the highest concentration of living legends in kayaking anywhere in the world," including super-legend Jeff Snyder.

"It took me five years to convince Jeff Snyder to actually take part in an interview," Harris remarked.

Harris has toured *A Blackwater Story* throughout the outdoors film festival circuit for the last year. That tour ends March 7th, with a screening of *A Blackwater Story* in the Performing Arts Center at Garrett College.

Harris now finds himself in the "lucky position of getting to pick and choose the businesses I work with," including the new Canaan Valley Spa at the Timberline entrance.

"Now we're telling their story about the land the spa was built on and their connection of the wellness center to the local community," said Harris. "The spa is allowing their tourism dollars to be put back into the business so that they can help with the health and wellness of the local community at a discounted rate."

Harris is also working with the Over the Mountain Studio Tour – 19 different artists in West Virginia's Jefferson County.

"They want to tell their story," said Harris, who appears to be equipped to tell anyone's story.

Obituaries

Frank Albert Jones



Frank Albert Jones, age 78 years, a resident of Location Road, St. George, WV, departed this life Sunday, March 1, 2026, at Cortland Acres at Thomas, WV, with his family by his side.

He was born Saturday, August 30, 1947, at Location, St. George, WV, a son of the late William “Billy” Jones and Bonnie Pifer Jones. On September 28, 1974, at Oakland, MD, he was married to the former Maxine Lee Shipman, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Opey Joe Jones and Frank Theodore Jones,

are two brothers, Donnie Jones and Keith Jones, Sr.

He attended the schools of Tucker County. He worked in the coal mines in Kingwood and worked construction. Frank was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed fishing and hunting and his dogs.

Mr. Jones’ request for cremation will be honored. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Frank Jones. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

both of Location; two brothers, Henry Jones and companion Janet of St George, and John Jones and companion Audrey of Elkins; two sisters, Jo Ellen Kelley and husband Jerry of Terra Alta and Jean Watermen of Westminster, MD.

Preceding him in death

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Ellsworth Bailey Layman, 77, formerly of Thomas, WV passed away Sunday, March 2nd, 2026 at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital in Morgantown.

Mr. Layman was born on August 08, 1948.

Anyone with knowledge of family members is encouraged to contact Smith Funeral & Cremation Care of Westover at 304-292-9494. It is the intent of the funeral home to provide cremation services.

GC, TEDCO partner on economic development

Myers, Perando to serve as Entrepreneurs in Residence at the GIEC



Jeremy Perando



Sarah Myers

McHenry, MD – Garrett College’s Business Solutions Department and Maryland’s Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) are collaborating on an Entrepreneurs in Residence (EIR) program within the College’s Garrett Information Enterprise Center (GIEC) in support of TEDCO’s mission of economic development in Western Maryland.

Funded through a TEDCO grant, the initiative is expected to increase access to mentorship, innovation programming, and capital connections for Garrett County entrepreneurs, with a focus on strengthening engagement with technology-based ventures and scalable startups.

The program will be managed within Garrett College’s Division of Continuing Education & Workforce Development by Business Solutions. Business Solutions manages the GIEC, a college-based incubator which currently houses six tenants in various stages of entrepreneurial development, while maintaining strong working relationships with Garrett County Economic Development, the Western Maryland Small Business Development Center, and the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce to support entrepreneurial development in Garrett County.

“The enhanced partnership with TEDCO will provide Garrett County residents with greater access to the organization’s services and resources, with the EIRs providing advising sessions, workshops, innovation clinics, and various outreach activities throughout the next year,” said Dr. Kim Govi, Garrett College’s coordinator of professional education.

Sarah Myers and Jeremy Perando have been selected as the two Entrepreneurs in Residence.

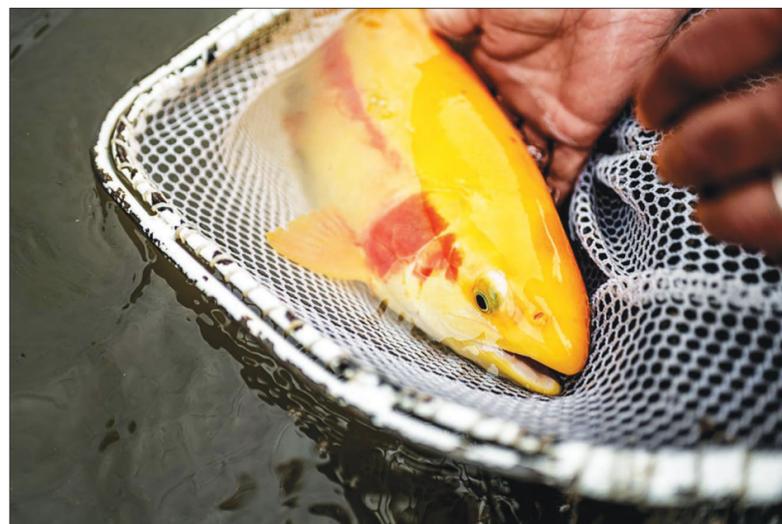
“Our approach to the Request for Pro-

posal (RFP) was unique, in that we proposed two of our GIEC tenants to share the EIR role for Garrett County,” said Julie Yoder, GC’s dean of continuing education and workforce development. “Sarah and Jeremy have complimentary skillsets which will benefit aspiring and established entrepreneurs seeking services and resources. The EIRs will dedicate time to mentoring, connecting founders to regional investment capital, and serving as TEDCO liaisons in Garrett County.”

Myers, who holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA), is a GIEC tenant who is a leader in entrepreneurial ecosystem building and the co-creator of the award-winning Power of Possibilities (POP) initiative. She has expertise in communications, operations management, and collegiate teaching, making her ideally suited to lead the next phase of local entrepreneurship support.

Perando, a specialized business/computer science expert, will be focused on complementing Myers’ skills by concentrating on startup mentorship, workshops, and innovation clinics, as well as STEM and robotics community engagement and outreach. He founded Xologies, Inc., a Maryland-based systems integration company specializing in network architecture, automation, and digital infrastructure for commercial, education, and government clients.

“Together, the EIRs will serve as local liaisons to TEDCO while working to expand entrepreneurial engagement and technology-based venture growth in Garrett County,” said Govi. “This partnership represents a significant step in reinforcing Garrett College’s role as a regional driver of innovation and economic development.”



West Virginia Gold Rush Returns March 30

WVDNR will stock 69 lakes and streams with golden rainbow trout

Charleston, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) today announced the return of Gold Rush stockings at 69 lakes and streams around the state starting March 30.

“As we celebrate the ninth anniversary of the Gold Rush, we look forward to seeing all of the ways this exciting event helps recruit the next generation of anglers and helps us keep West Virginia’s outdoor traditions alive and well for years to come,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion.

From March 30 - April 11, the WVDNR will stock more than 50,000 golden rainbow trout at 69 lakes and streams around the state, including waters in or near 15 state parks and forests. Of these fish, 100 will receive a numbered yellow tag. If an angler catches a golden trout with one of these tags, they can enter the tag number online for a chance to win one of the following prizes:

- (1) Free Resident West Virginia Lifetime Fishing License (1 Winner)
- (1) One-Night West Virginia State Park Lodge Stay (5 Winners)
- (1) \$25 West Virginia State Parks Gift Card (5 Winners)

Prizes will be awarded by random

drawing. All anglers with a valid fishing license and trout stamp who report a verified tag during the event will be eligible to receive a gift bag with Gold Rush merchandise. To learn more about Gold Rush giveaways and stocking locations, visit WVdnr.gov/goldrush.

Save 15% at Select State Parks During Gold Rush

To encourage anglers and their families to plan a Gold Rush adventure, West Virginia State Parks is offering a 15% discount on lodge rooms and cabins at select parks booked between now and April 30. Offer is valid only on new stays (two-night minimum) at Blackwater Falls, Cacapon Resort, Cass, North Bend, Pipestem Resort, Tygart Lake and Watoga state parks. To receive the discount, book online at WVstateparks.com and use the offer code GOLD at checkout.

All anglers 15 and older must have a West Virginia fishing license with a current trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing during Gold Rush. Licenses and stamps can be purchased online at WVfish.com. Anglers are also reminded to follow West Virginia’s fishing regulations, available to download at WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations.

Senior News

The Parsons Senior Center outpost was held on March 3, 2026. Executive Director Tim Turner welcomed everyone. He introduced special guests Becky and Kevin Arbogast who sang many beautiful hymns much to the delight of the audience. Virginia Popio, Dale Varner, and Earl Moore had March birthdays and were honored by the

group singing “Happy Birthday”. Barb Haller and Rita Roberts won door prizes and everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch.

The next Parsons outpost will be April 7 at 10:30 am, plan on bringing a covered dish and enjoy visiting with other seniors. For any questions about senior services please call the center at 478-2423.

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GC international students visit Crellin Elementary



Garrett College students Isaac Rodriguez and Jordany Anderson, who are both from the Dominican Republic, recently visited Mrs. Nazelrod's fifth-grade class at Crellin Elementary School to share their personal stories. Pictured, left to right, are (front row) Carson Lewis, Caleb Fontaine, Camden Lewis, Bentley Cosner, Jensen McComas, Richard Beiler, Brody Welch, Regina Gank, Kyla Tressler, Malia Savage; (second row) Jazmine Markins, Harper Cessna, Sadie Scott, Kaydee Moon, Kaylee Sweitzer, Remy Bostic, Levi Lispcomb, Gunner Miller, Kalan Meyers, Alex Fowler, Kinleigh Hinebaugh; (third row) Riley Brown, Bem Agev, Jaxon Schmidt, Taylor Murphy, and Paisley Pittman.



Financial Aid Department Staff Left to Right: Amanda M. Lamb - Financial Aid Counselor, Sheri Goff - Financial Aid Counselor, Jamie Post - Financial Aid Assistant II, Stephany Amos - Financial Aid Director, Mary Jones - Financial Aid Counselor, Lora Stump - Student Loan Officer, and Alyssa Yeager - Coordinator of External Scholarships

Financial Aid Staff Selected for Barr Professional Development Award

Glenville, WV – Glenville State University Financial Aid Office has been selected to receive the 2026 Pete and Betsy Barr Professional Development Award.

The award, which was first established in 2010 by former GSU President and First Lady Dr. Peter and Betsy Barr, is rotated annually between Glenville State faculty and staff and must be used within eighteen months of being awarded. The award is designed primarily for the recipient to further their professional growth; however, the awardee can use the money to further their particular area of interest in traditional professional development activities.

As the recipient of this award, the Financial Aid office will send three of their staff members to the 2026 National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) Conference in National Harbor, MD in June. The NASFAA Conference will provide invaluable professional development opportunities.

"Our department being chosen as a recipient of the Barr Award is an honor," said Financial Aid Direc-

tor, Stephany Amos. "The training provided at the NASFAA Conference will strengthen our knowledge and skills in the ever-changing financial aid landscape. This opportunity directly supports our students and the University's mission by ensuring we remain informed and up-to-date on best practices, regulations, and emerging trends. It also allows us to maintain compliance and protect the University's integrity, while providing accurate and timely guidance to our students and their families," she added.

Previous recipients of the Barr Award have included: Dr. Sara Sawyer (2010), Amanda Frymier (2011), Cheryl Fleming McKinney, CPA (2012), Denise Ellyson (2013), Dr. Megan Gibbons (2014), Sports Medicine Staff (2015), Dennis Wemm (2016), Dustin Crutchfield (2017), Dr. Jeff Bryson (2020), Kristen Cosner (2021), Dr. Mark Sarver (2022), Bridget Carr (2024), Dr. Dwight Heaster (2025).

The next Barr Award will be presented in 2027 to a selected faculty applicant. A committee reviews all applications and selects the awardee.

For more information about the Pete and Betsy Barr Professional Development Award, contact Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of GSU Foundation David Hutchinson at David.Hutchinson@glenville.edu or (304) 462-6381.

Click It or Ticket: West Virginia Launches Statewide Seat Belt Enforcement Campaign

Charleston, WV — To ensure the safety of every traveler on the road, the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) has announced a high-visibility Click It or Ticket mobilization running from March 6–23, 2026.

This statewide initiative serves as an essential ramp-up to the national seat belt campaign in May. The goal is simple: to ensure every occupant—whether in the front seat or the back, driver or passenger—is properly buckled up on every single trip.

The Life-Saving Stakes

Seat belts remain the single most effective defense against injury or death in a collision. However, recent data highlights a concerning trend in the Mountain State:

- Fatal Statistics: In 2023, 40% of passenger vehicle occupants killed in West Virginia crashes were unrestrained.

- Usage Trends: West Virginia's seat belt usage rate dipped slightly to 91.6% in 2025, down from 91.9% in 2024.

- Rural vs. Urban Risk: There is a common misconception that rural roads are safer. In reality, 65% of the state's traffic fatalities in 2023 occurred in rural areas, compared to 35% in urban centers.

Enforcement Day and Night

"During this mobilization, law enforcement officers across West Virginia will be out in full force. They will be strictly ticketing drivers who are unbuckled or who are transporting children not properly restrained in car seats," said Jack McNeely, Director of the GHSP.

"Click It or Ticket isn't about the citations; it's about saving lives," continued McNeely. "A ticket is a wake-up call. It is far less expensive than the alternative—paying with your life or the lives of your family and friends."

Under West Virginia law, wearing a seat belt is a requirement, not a suggestion. While a citation carries a \$25 fine, the GHSP emphasizes that the true value of the campaign is found in protecting our priceless community members.

Officials urge drivers not to buckle up just to avoid a fine, but to do so because it is the most vital step in reaching their destination safely.

For more information about the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program, visit highwaysafety.wv.gov or call 304-926-2509.

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Blackwater PSD Receives Grant Funds

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Blackwater PSD and Tucker County Commission have received a total of \$3 million in the form of grant funding towards the PSD Sewer Treatment facility's engineering funding. The grants came in the form of two Congressional funding grants: one in the amount of \$1.5 million from Senator Shelly Moore

Capito and another \$1.5 million from Representative Riley Moore.

Capito's office released a statement on March 6th in which the CDS allocation was listed. The \$1.5 million allocation was listed to the Tucker County Commission "to create one regional collection system and wastewater treatment plant to meet the expanding infrastructure needs."

The allocation was part of Capito's Fiscal Year 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending to support water infrastructure projects throughout West Virginia. The allocation was one of nine projects funded in FY 2026.

"The need for clean water across West Virginia is critical," Senator Capito said. "These investments will go a long way in mak-

ing sure communities across our state have more efficient water systems that better serve residents and businesses. By directing federal funding to projects like these, we are helping ensure stronger, healthier communities and a brighter future for all West Virginians."

Blackwater PSD President Alan Tomson said that the funding will go towards the engineering phase of the project. The funds will combine with the additional \$1.5 million allocated from Representative Riley Moore's office, according to Tomson.

"From Riley Moore, we also received a million and a half," Tomson said. "So that's three million together."

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From the ICU to the slopes: Coordinated care at Vandalia Health Mon Medical Center helps Spencer woman reclaim her life



Amy Fry skis at Canaan Valley, reclaiming the life she loves after coordinated heart care at Vandalia Health Mon Medical Center helped save her life.

Morgantown, W.Va. – On a clear winter morning in Canaan Valley, Amy Fry steadied her skis atop her favorite slope, breath visible in the cold mountain air. It was a moment she once feared she would never experience again.

More than a decade ago, Fry's medical journey began at just 34 years old with a diagnosis that led to open heart surgery, intensive cardiac care and months of rehabilitation — when survival, not skiing, was the goal. In the years that followed, additional health challenges would test her resilience and reinforce her trust in the coordinated care she found at Vandalia Health Mon Medical Center in Morgantown.

An ordinary morning

The morning of Feb. 17, 2012, started like any other. A nurse, Fry had just completed five 12-hour shifts and initially brushed off her symptoms as exhaustion.

"I just didn't feel good — severe nausea, extremely tired," Fry said. "I thought it was because I had worked five 12-hour shifts before that."

After dropping her daughter, Cara, then 5 years old, off at school, Fry drove to a neighboring county to pay her personal property taxes.

"I was in the sheriff's office and just started feeling hot. But, you know, it's February and I had a coat on, so again, I didn't think much of it."

That quickly changed.

"I walked out to the parking lot and bent over to put the sticker on my license plate, and it felt like somebody hit me with a sledgehammer," Fry said. "Being a nurse, I knew it was something with my heart. I checked my carotid pulse and it just felt off."

Fry drove herself a few blocks to a clinic, but by the time she reached the waiting room, she collapsed to her knees. With no provider on site, she was taken by ambulance to Elkins.

"I knew the doctor at Elkins — I had worked with his wife. He said, 'OK, something's wrong. We've got to get you going. Where do you want to go?' There was no doubt in my mind. I was going to Mon. I grew up going there with my grandparents, so I knew that's where I wanted to go. And the next thing I knew, I was in a helicopter on my way to Morgantown."

At Vandalia Health Mon Medical Center, Fry was rushed to the cardiac catheterization lab. There, she met cardiologist Richard Smith, MD, moments before her procedure.

"He introduced himself to me as they were putting me on the table and told me that he was going to take care of me," Fry said. "That was it. I don't remember anything after that."

What physicians quickly discovered was not a routine heart attack. Fry was experiencing an acute and extremely rare spontaneous coronary artery dissection (SCAD) — a sudden tear in one of the heart's main arteries, specifically the left anterior descending artery, which supplies blood to a large portion of the heart muscle. The tear severely restricted blood flow and also involved another major branch artery, placing a significant portion of her heart at risk.

In many young, otherwise healthy patients, this type of sudden blood flow restriction can trigger a fatal heart rhythm before they ever reach the hospital. Remarkably, Fry did not develop those life-threatening arrhythmias — giving her care team a critical window to intervene.

Most patients with this type of sudden event do not survive long enough to reach the hospital. Her decision to seek care at Mon Medical Center reflects her confidence in a team capable of managing even the rarest and most critical cardiac emergencies — with advanced heart care readily available.

Unlike many heart patients who develop gradual blockages over time, Fry had no warning signs or prior heart damage. Her condition was sudden, severe and rapidly deteriorating.

"Amy's situation was catastrophic and unfolding in real time," Dr. Smith said. "She had an extensive tear involving the most critical coronary vessel. In many cases, this is immediately fatal. Our heart team moved quickly to stabilize her circulation and implant a temporary support device to buy precious time so we could get her to surgery. Every minute mattered."

Within moments, interventional cardiology, cardiac surgery, anesthesia, perfusion, nursing and critical care teams were mobilized — executing a carefully coordinated, time-sensitive plan with defined roles and seamless communication.

Fry's condition required emergency open-heart surgery, performed by Alexander Nagy, MD, Chief of Cardiac Surgery.

"This was not a routine bypass," Dr. Nagy said. "In the thousands of open-heart surgeries I've performed over my career, I have rarely encountered a case like Amy's. The tear extended into multiple major coronary branches, including the left anterior descending artery and other critical vessels. Most patients with this type of extensive and unexpected tear do not survive."

To restore blood flow, the surgical team developed a complex plan that had not previously been performed at Mon Medical Center — creating an extended six-centimeter bypass graft to the left anterior descending artery, along with additional grafts to other affected vessels on the left side of her heart.

"It required a very long reconstruction of blood flow and meticulous coordination in the operating room," Dr. Nagy said. "It was technically demanding and extremely high risk. But she was 34 years old. She deserved the chance."

Behind the scenes, the broader heart and vascular team continued working in seamless coordination — managing circulation support, monitoring heart rhythm, guiding anes-



Fry with cardiologist Richard Smith, MD

thesia, preparing the intensive care unit and anticipating the next phase of recovery before the surgery was even complete.

"When cases like this happen, it's never one physician," Dr. Smith said. "It's a fully coordinated heart team — from the cath lab to the operating room to the ICU — moving in sync. That level of coordinated, personalized care gave Amy the opportunity to survive something most people would not."

"In what world does a surgeon say, 'We're going to operate on this girl who has a heart function of three?'" Fry said. "Dr. Nagy just wanted to give me a chance to be a mom."

When Fry finally opened her eyes the following Tuesday, her father was there.

"When I woke up, my dad was sitting beside me," Fry said. "He didn't say much. He just held my hand. I didn't know how bad it had been yet — but I knew if he was there, it must have been serious. He never told me how scared he was, not until years later. But I could see it in his eyes."

One team, every step of the way

Over the years, Fry's care has included surgery, electrophysiology, catheterization, imaging and rehabilitation — delivered by the Vandalia Health Mon Heart and Vascular Center team who remained closely connected throughout each phase of her recovery. The initial event left lasting damage to her heart's electrical system, requiring ongoing rhythm management, additional procedures and careful device monitoring.

For Fry, the experience never felt fragmented.

"It never felt like separate departments," she said. "It felt like one team."

And that team didn't just care for Fry — they cared for her daughter, too.

"Everybody included Cara," Fry said. "The doctors talked to her. They asked her if she had any questions. The ladies in the little café by the lobby knew Cara's vanilla latte order before she even got to the counter. That's when you know you're not just a room number. They watched her grow up right alongside me."

During Fry's initial recovery, she relied on her parents for support and temporarily moved back home, where early progress was difficult.

"I remember when Cara went back to school, I wanted to go to the end of the driveway to get her off the bus and I couldn't make it — like 20 feet — and my dad had to come get me," Fry said. "That's when I realized this is going to take a while."

But Fry stayed determined.

"Recovery was brutal," Fry said. "But I was hell bent on it — it wasn't going to get me down."

In the years that followed, additional procedures and device adjustments became part of Fry's routine as physicians worked to manage the lasting effects of her initial heart event. At one point, Fry's implantable cardiac device had to be adjusted and later replaced as part of her continued care. The setbacks were frustrating — but they never changed her goal.

"My goal has always been, 'I want to ski — you have to let me ski,'" Fry said. "If I can't ski, then I might as well just go ahead and stop now."

Skiing is more than a hobby for Fry. She grew up skiing at Canaan Valley Resort and has been part of the ski patrol community for more than three decades — following in the footsteps of her father, who spent 40 years on patrol and was one of the resort's earliest members.

"I get to ski and carry my dad's legacy," Fry said. "He was there when I woke up in that hospital room. Now when I stand at the top of the mountain, I feel like he's still right there with me."

Yet her determination wasn't only about the mountain.

"More than anything, I wanted to be here for my daughter," Fry said. "I wanted to watch Cara grow up."

A second test of trust

Nearly eight years later, just as Fry found her footing again physically and emotionally, another frightening diagnosis would test her resilience and her trust in her care team once more. In January 2020, after experiencing symptoms of abdominal pain, Fry was told at a local hospital that she had ovarian cancer.

"I had just overcome everything with my heart. I had just buried my dad. And now I have cancer? I couldn't believe it," Fry said.

Fry chose once again to seek care at Mon Medical Center and scheduled an appointment with gynecologic oncologist William McBee, MD.

"The first thing he said after he introduced himself was, 'You do not have ovarian cancer,'" Fry said. "I felt like I was going to float off the bed."

Instead, Fry was diagnosed with severe endometriosis and underwent surgery.

The procedure itself was successful. Because of her heart history, she was recovering at home on blood thinners when an accidental fall in her yard led to internal bleeding — and back to Mon Medical Center.

"My husband and I were just walking outside and our German shepherd turned and knocked me down," Fry said.



Fry with Alexander Nagy, MD, Chief of Cardiac Surgery.

"I got right back up and didn't think much of it."

Hours later, severe pain sent her back to the hospital, where physicians discovered internal bleeding and transferred her to Morgantown for emergency care.

The incident occurred during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, when visitor restrictions were in place. Fry's husband could not remain at her bedside.

But she was not alone for long. Members of her heart care team — physicians and staff who had treated her for years — came to check on her and sit with her during the scare. Elizabeth Carpenter, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing, Cardiovascular Services, made sure Fry wasn't alone.

"They didn't have to do that," Fry said. "Liz made sure I wasn't by myself. They knew me. They knew my history. They showed up."

For Fry, the experience reinforced the importance of receiving care within a coordinated system at Mon Medical Center, where providers understand the full scope of a patient's medical history — and where her heart history was never separate from the rest of her care.

"Even though it's a long drive for us, we'll always go to Mon," she said. "My husband's had job opportunities out of state, but it's important to us to be near the doctors who saved my life and continue to care for me. They know my heart. They know my story."

The impact of Fry's medical journey has shaped more than her own recovery. Today, Cara is a nursing student and hopes to specialize in pediatric cardiac intensive care. Fry believes her daughter's career path was influenced in part by the years she spent alongside her mother in hospital rooms and clinics.

"They included her in everything," Fry said. "They talked to her. They answered her questions. She saw what that kind of care looks like."

Back to the slopes

Each year on Feb. 17, Fry marks what she calls her "Happy Heart Day" — a reminder not of the crisis, but of survival, second chances and the team that helped her reclaim her life.

Fry returns to the slopes each winter — not at the same pace as before, but with a renewed perspective.

"I can't ski the way I used to," she said. "But I get to be there. I get to be with my ski patrol family. And I get to ski."

For more information about heart care at Vandalia Health, visit MonHealth.com/Heart.

Statement from Senate President Randy E. Smith Regarding SB 1071

Please see the following statement on behalf of Senate President Randy E. Smith, R-Preston, regarding this week's action on Senate Bill 1071.

In recent days, there has been a lot of discussion regarding the fate of Senate Bill 1071, the Creating Public Defense and Provisioning Act, also known as "the Machine Gun Bill." This bill, which was introduced in the Senate on the last possible day Senate bills could be introduced, was a poorly drafted piece of legislation provided by a gun rights group who, to my knowledge, had never been active in the West Virginia Legislature prior to this bill. After consultation with several attorneys and with membership of West Virginia's two leading and longstanding gun rights groups — the National Rifle Association and the West Virginia Citizens Defense League — I was convinced this bill as it was submitted to us would be unable to pass the House of Delegates, and would face numerous legal challenges to its implementation upon passage.

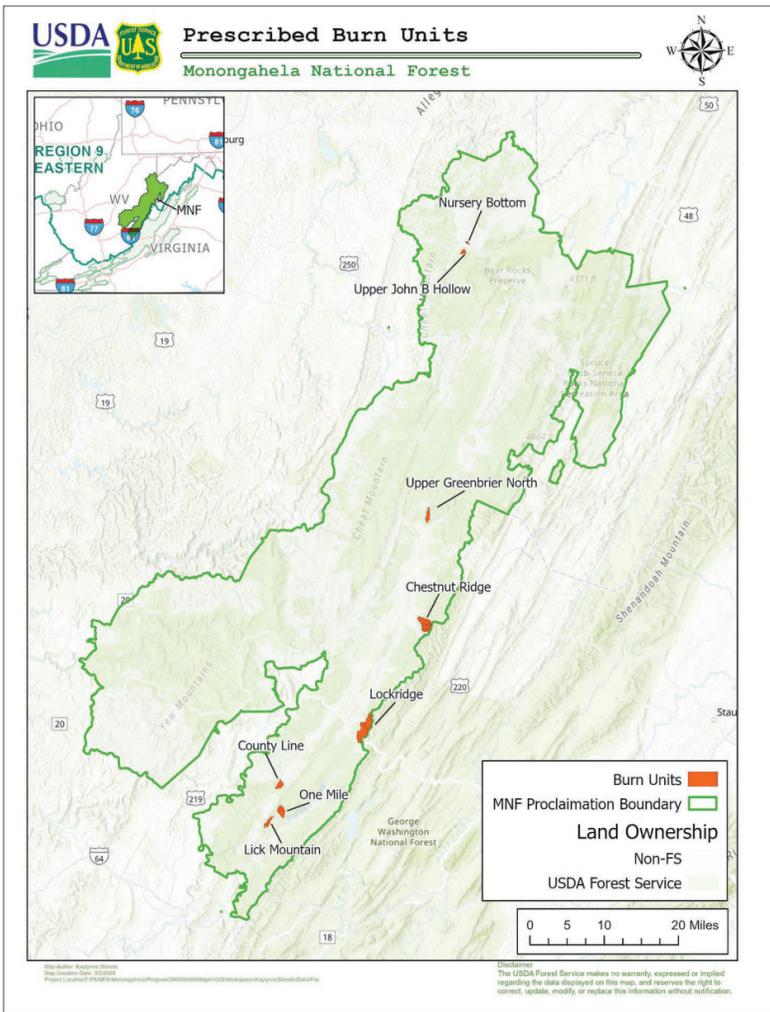
Based upon those conversations, I alone decided that the Senate would not take up the bill for further consideration. I did so with no reservation. With an issue as critical as the protection of our Second Amendment rights, we must ensure the legislation we pass will survive legal challenge. This would not have.

My record with the NRA and WVCDL is unquestioned, and West Virginians unquestionably trust the judgment of these groups on Second Amendment issues. And, further, I trust them.

The behavior of this out-of-state group has been disappointing to say the very least. I have seen individual Senate members harassed and threatened. I have seen calls for people to show up at their homes. I've seen people accuse the Senate of treason. It makes it very difficult to negotiate in good faith with anybody who cannot come to the table with respect.

We welcome the Gun Owners of America to consider this legislation next year, but would encourage them to submit the bill before the last minute so that the Senate can give it the full, thorough, and fair vetting it deserves.

Senate President Randy E. Smith, R-Preston



Monongahela National Forest Spring Prescribed Fires

Elkins, W.Va., – The Monongahela National Forest is planning spring prescribed fire operations, contingent upon favorable weather conditions and required approvals. Prescribed fire is a critical tool to help manage healthier forests, and to help protect local communities, infrastructure and natural resources from wildfires.

The locations of the anticipated prescribed fires can be found on the below map. More specific information will be provided for prescribed fires at the time of the associated event.

Here is a list of the planned prescribed fires for spring 2026 by unit name and priority:

- Lockridge: Marlinton-White Sulphur District- 2,439 acres
- Upper Greenbrier North: Green-

brier District- 465 acres

- Nursery Bottom: Cheat-Potomac- 55 acres
- Chestnut Ridge: Greenbrier District- 1,579 acres
- One Mile: Marlinton-White Sulphur District- 724 acres
- Upper John B. Hollow: Cheat-Potomac- 209 acres
- North Fork: Marlinton-White Sulphur District- 331 acres
- County Line: Marlinton-White Sulphur District- 472 acres
- Lick Mountain: Marlinton-White Sulphur District- 448 acres

Burn areas may be closed to the public for several days for public safety. Watch for warning signs along roads near all prescribed fire areas before and during burns. Smoke may be visible from

Garrett baseball takes a pair from Hawks

Madden wins opener; Broadwater goes 4-for-4 in nightcap

La Plata, MD – Sophomore shortstop Noah Broadwater went 4-for-4, including a run-scoring single as part of a six-run fifth inning, Sunday afternoon as Garrett College held off the College of Southern Maryland, 8-7, to complete a baseball doubleheader sweep.

“He’s the returner who drove in the most runs for us last season,” said GC head coach Eric Hallenbeck of Broadwater, who had three RBI in each game of the doubleheader. “He also played well defensively – he just had an all-around great day for us.”

The Lakers won the opener, 6-1, as winning pitcher Bryce Madden yielded the one run on four hits with four strikeouts and a walk over six innings.

“Bryce had command of all of his pitches, challenged hitters, and competed all day like he normally does,” said Hallenbeck of his sophomore right-hander.

Broadwater’s three-run, third-inning double – on a 3-2 pitch – and Meyer Cabrera’s two-run single as part of a three-run seventh were the only hits in the opener by the Lakers, who also benefited from six walks.

“That’s really maximizing your hits,” said Hallenbeck, noting the Lakers’ two hits drove in a total of five runs in Game 1.



Noah Broadwater drove in six runs – three in each game of the baseball doubleheader – Sunday afternoon as Garrett College swept the College of Southern Maryland.

Garrett trailed, 4-1, in the nightcap before putting together its six-run fifth inning. That uprising included just two hits – Broadwater’s run-scoring single and Bryden Green’s RBI double – and was aided by a pair of bases-loaded walks.

Kai Canson, the third of four Garrett pitchers in the nightcap, earned the victory with a pair of scoreless innings while yielding one walk and striking out two batters.

Trailing 8-4, CSM

mounted a seventh-inning rally. Reliever Keaton Walsh allowed three inherited runners to score on what Hallenbeck characterized as “a couple of bloop hits,” but Walsh came up with the final two outs via strikeout to earn a save.

The Lakers improved to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in NJCAA Division II Region 20-West with the sweep.

“Any time you win on the road in Region 20 is great,” remarked Hallenbeck.

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Eastern WVCTC to Host the WVFBLA State Leadership Conference

Moorefield, W.Va. — Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College will host the 2026

West Virginia Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference on April 23–24,

2026, at the college’s main campus. Historically, this conference has been held in the southern and central regions of West Virginia, making this the first time it will be held in the Eastern Panhandle.

Dixie Heavener, Eastern WVCTC career counselor, Title III project director, and newly named West Virginia FBLA Collegiate state director, will coordinate the event. “Hosting the 2026 WV FBLA Collegiate State Leadership Conference at Eastern is an exciting opportunity for our campus and community,” said Heavener. “This event brings together ambitious, driven students who are preparing to lead in business, industry, and entrepreneurship. We look forward to showcasing Eastern and

creating an unforgettable leadership experience for students across the state.”

The WV FBLA State Leadership Conference brings together college students from across West Virginia to compete in business-related events, participate in leadership workshops, and network with peers and industry professionals. The conference is designed to provide a transformative experience for students, helping them build confidence, strengthen professional skills, and envision successful careers in West Virginia.

The West Virginia FBLA Collegiate State Leadership Conference also highlights student growth through business and leadership competitions, professional development workshops, networking with peers and industry professionals, and recognition of student achievement. Community and business sponsorships make this transformational experience possible, with tiered opportunities to support student programming, conference materials, and awards. Every contribution helps strengthen West Virginia’s future workforce.

Business leaders, entrepreneurs, FBLA alumni, and community members interested in serving as volunteer judges, guest speakers, or conference sponsors are encouraged to get involved. To request additional conference details or explore partnership opportunities, contact Dixie Heavener, West Virginia FBLA Collegiate State Director, at dixie.heavener@easternwv.edu or 304-434-8000, ext. 9239. Visit easternwv.edu to find the conference schedule.

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Nate Davis (All action photos by Brittany Channell)



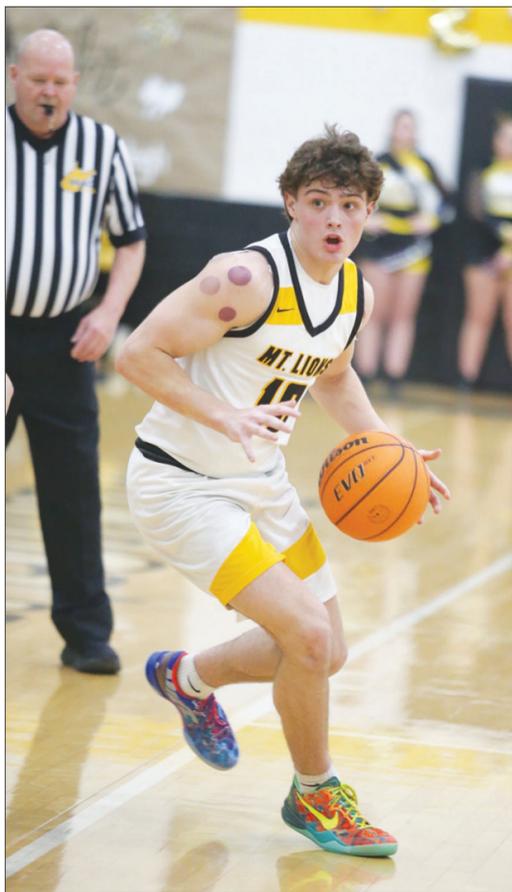
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Carson Dearborn (All action photos by Brittany Channell)



Ethan Cummings (All action photos by Brittany Channell)



Drew Simmons (All action photos by Brittany Channell)

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Tucker County Basketball Team Season Stats (2025-26)

Mascot Mountain Lions **Team Varsity** 2025-26 **Colors** Black, Gold

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Overall 15-8 **League** 3-4 **State (WV)** Rank 40

League Potomac Valley A **Division** WV Class A



Game Stats

#	Athlete Name	GP	MPG	PPG	DEFR	OFFR	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG	TPG	PFPG
5	M. Mitchell (Sr)	21	1.1	7.5	2.1	1.1	3.1	2.1	1.0	0.1	1.7	2.5
10	J. Black (Sr)	19	0.6	3.2	1.0	0.5	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.8
12	C. Dearborn (Sr)	21	1.3	8.4	2.5	1.0	3.6	1.7	0.9	0.1	2.3	1.4
14	X. Lambert (Sr)	21	1.2	4.3	3.3	1.7	5.0	1.8	1.1	0.1	1.3	2.1
15	T. Ricottilli	10	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2
20	S. Marks (Sr)	21	1.4	10.3	2.3	2.0	4.5	2.7	1.1	0.5	1.4	2.6
24	E. Cummings (Jr)	18		10.6	2.8	0.9	3.7	1.6	1.3	0.4	1.6	1.3
30	C. Arnold (Jr)	21	1.5	12.4	2.0	0.8	2.7	2.2	1.1	0.3	3.0	2.6
32	N. Davis (Jr)	5		0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0
34	A. Simmons (Jr)	11		2.1	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.6
Season Totals		22		54.5	15.5	8.2	23.8	12.7	6.9	1.4	11.7	13.4



Cayden Arnold (All action photos by Brittany Channell)

Tucker Boys Top Trinity, Pound Paw Paw to Reach Regional Championship

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County boys basketball team had a last-minute addition to their regular season as a matchup came about with Trinity Christian. Trinity came to Tucker ranked in the top 10 in the Single-A power rankings.

Tucker got on top early, holding a narrow 12-8 lead at the end of the first period. TCHS continued to pound away and built the lead to seven at the half, holding a 26-19 advantage. Trinity made a run in the third period, outscoring Tucker 15-12 and cutting the lead to four at 38-34. Tucker then turned the tables on Trinity in the fourth period, doubling up the Warriors and outscoring them 19-8 to take the win, 57-42.

Cummings 21 Pts, 3 Reb, FT 2-2; Dearborn 14 Pts, 7 Reb, FT 2-2; Mitchell 7 Pts, 3 Reb, FT 1-2; Marks 5 Pts, 1 Reb, FT 1-2; Arnold 4 Pts, 3 Reb, FT 2-2; Simmons 2 Pts; Black 2 Pts, 4 Reb; Lambert 2 Pts, 8 Reb

3 Point Field Goals 3-22

Dearborn (2) Cummings (1)

Tucker then stayed home to host the Paw Paw Pirates in the first round of postseason regional play. The Mt. Lions pounced on the Pirates early, jumping out to a 21-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and building a sizable advantage by halftime, leading 47-23. Tucker really put the game away in the third period, leading 68-33, and finished the game off with a final score of 95-48. Every player for TCHS found

their way into the stat book, with all 10 players scoring.

Marks 18 Pts, Cummings 17 Pts, Arnold 15 Pts, Lambert 12 Pts, Simmons 9 Pts, Mitchell 5 Pts, Black 4 Pts, Ricottilli 4 Pts, Davis 4 Pts, Dearborn 2 Pts 3 Point Field Goals

Marks (3) Mitchell (1) Arnold (1) Cummings (1)

With the win, it sets up the third matchup of the season with the Pendleton County Wildcats, with the Wildcats taking the first two meetings. Tucker will travel to Franklin with a trip to Charleston on the line on Wednesday, March 11, with a 7:00 p.m. tipoff.

Signs of sports injury in young athletes

Youth sports attract scores of participants each year. The National Council of Youth Sports estimates that around 60 million children are registered to play youth sports in the United States. Solutions Research Group Consultants estimates that more than four million Canadian youths participate in one or more organized sports and activities.

The benefits to sports play are numerous, but the advantages to being active and competitive should not overshadow the need to be safe during sports play. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 2.7 million young people are treated in the emergency room every year for sports-related injuries.

Parents, coaches and other adults working and volunteering in youth sports must learn to recognize signs that a player has become injured and address those injuries as soon as possible. It can be hard to spot certain sports injuries. The following are some sports injuries and their symptoms.

- **ACL tears:** Anterior cruciate ligament injuries occur when the ligament connecting the thigh bone and the shin bone tears after an athlete suddenly turns and changes direction, which is common in many sports. Pain is often immediate when suffering a torn ACL, and swelling can occur within several hours of being injured. The child may express that they heard or felt a pop in the knee area and are having trouble supporting their weight.

- **Internal abdominal injuries:** Internal injuries are less common than other sports injuries, but Stanford Medicine Children's Health says some studies suggest they are on the rise. Injuries to the kidneys, spleen and liver can occur. These injuries can produce pain in the abdomen. The spleen is in the upper left side of the abdomen. The liver is in the upper right side. The kidneys are on the flanks of the body. Blood in urine may be a sign of internal abdominal injury and needs to be addressed promptly.

- **Ankle sprain:** When the ankle twists or the foot rolls on its side, the ligaments that support the ankle joint can stretch and tear. Swelling and pain usually occur on the

outside of the ankle within minutes to a few hours of the injury, depending on injury severity. Because it may be impossible to differentiate an ankle sprain from an ankle fracture without an x-ray, particularly if the pain in the ankle makes putting weight on it unlikely, a visit to an orthopedic doctor may be necessary.

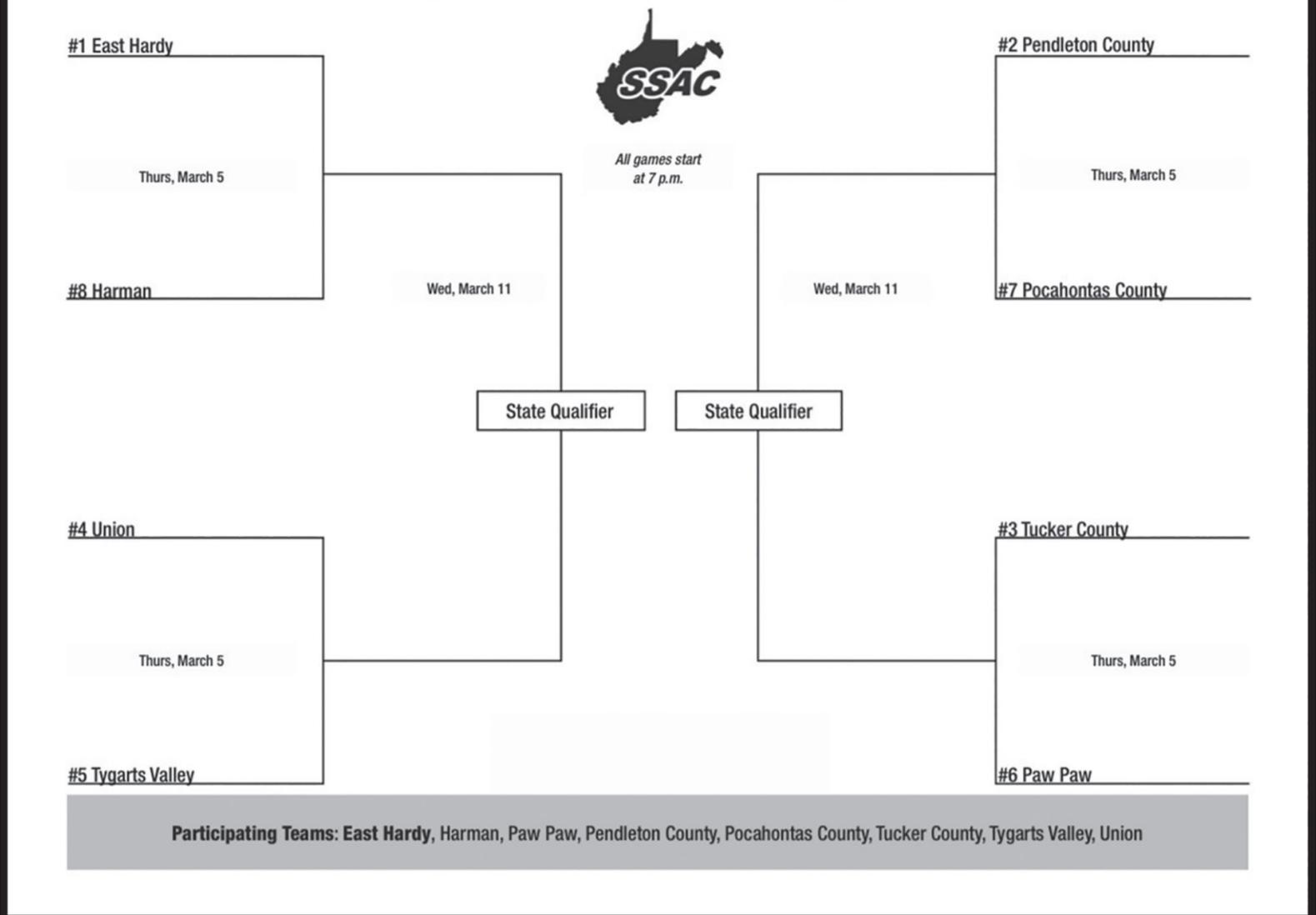
- **Broken bones:** Bone fractures often happen during collisions with other players or from falls. Sometimes a fracture is obvious, but not always. A snap or grinding sound at the time of injury often signals a fracture, says VCU Health. If there's a break in the skin and the bone is showing, or the athlete cannot bear weight or use the extremity after 15 minutes, an X-ray is likely.

- **Concussion:** Any activity that can cause an injury to the head may lead to a concussion. A concussion is a mild traumatic brain injury that occurs when the brain is shaken or hit. It can cause temporary changes in brain function. The American Academy of Pediatrics says signs of a concussion can include an athlete who appears dazed or stunned. There may be confusion and the youth could move clumsily and answer questions slowly. An inability to recall events before or after the head trauma, or losing consciousness even briefly, are additional signs of concussion. In older children and teens, nausea, vomiting, balance problems, light sensitivity, and headache also can occur.

- **Growth plate injuries:** Growth plates are soft cartilage at the end of bones like the arms, legs and fingers that are replaced by strong bones as children get older and stop growing. Growth plates are more susceptible to injury than the rest of the bone. A fracture may not be readily visible in a growth plate, but doctors can look for other signs. The Mayo Clinic says pain and tenderness and an inability to move the affected area or put weight or pressure on the limb are signs of a growth plate injury. It's important to note that growth plate fractures occasionally can be caused by overuse from repetitive throwing or during sports training.



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