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St. George Medical Clinic and Pharmacy Hours

In celebration of Independence Day, all St. George Medical Clinic and Pharmacy locations will be closed on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th.

We will resume regular hours on Monday, July 6th. If you need assistance or have any questions, please feel free to reach out before the holiday.

Please remember if you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.



House Democratic Leader Sean Hornbuckle of Cabell County thanks the audience following the press conference at the Davis Town Hall June 15th.

WV Dems Talk Data Centers in Davis

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

House Democratic Leader Sean Hornbuckle of Cabell County was joined by Delegate Kayla Young of Kanawa County and Delegate Evan Hansen of Monongalia County. Deborah Stiles, Tucker County resident and Democratic Candidate for the House of Delegates representing Tucker and Grant Counties, also gave comments during the event.

"The Robber Barons like the Tech Baron Billionaires of today, took advantage of loose laws to amass huge fortunes on the backs of the people through exploitation of the resources of our beautiful State," Stiles said. "Indeed the Counties of Grant and Tucker, as with the rest of West Virginia, have a long history of resource exploitation."

Stiles went on to speak on the history of industry boom and bust in the region with logging, tanneries and other industries entering and eventually leaving the area due to globalization and lost union fights. She also said that little the State Legislature passed ever did anything to assist.

"The business and tax environment created since then though, by the West Virginia Legislature in successive sessions, has not resulted in the economic diversification needed for a sustainable and healthy economy," Stiles

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Forest Road 76 & 86 To Be Closed for Construction And Repair

Elkins, W.Va. — The Forest Service will begin road construction on Forest Road 76 and Forest Road 86 soon to repair flood damage, improve public safety, and restore reliable access to recreation areas and nearby communities. Visitors and residents should expect travel impacts, including temporary closures, detours, and increased construction traffic beginning in late June or early July as construction activities begin in active work areas.

Work on Forest Road 76 will focus on embankment stabilization in the Cranberry area, including locations near Baranshee drainage and the Upper Cranberry area. Work on Forest Road 86 will include base repair and resurfacing in the Williams River area. Construction schedules may shift depending on contractor availability, weather, field conditions, and other operational needs.

During construction, some road sections will be closed in phases while crews are working. Through-travel may not be available in certain areas, and visitors may need to use alternate routes that are longer or less direct. Access to private property will be maintained at all times, and access to key recreation destinations will be maintained whenever possible.

Recreation sites are expected to remain accessible through alternative routes via FR 101 and CR46/2 near Dyer, WV which include access to FR 76 from the north route, Cranberry Campground, Big Rock Campground, Woodbine, and FR86 to Tea Creek Campground, and Three Forks Trailhead. Access restrictions and alternate routes will adjust as project segments are complete. Visitors should plan ahead, allow extra travel time, watch for signs and flaggers, and avoid entering active construction zones. For safety reasons, vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles will not be permitted through active work areas.

The Forest Service will provide additional updates as schedules are finalized, including closure dates, detour information, and access guidance. Updates will be shared through official Forest Service communications, forest alerts, social media, district offices, and future news releases.

Visitors are asked to respect all posted closures and avoid attempting to bypass the affected area. Updates will be shared on the Monongahela National Forest website and social media as new information becomes available.

WV Dept of Commerce, Fundamental Data Exchange War of Words Over Ridgeline Project Deadline

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

June 18th the email and First Class Mail lines were busy between the offices of West Virginia Department of Commerce Deputy Secretary Nicholas S. Preservati and Fundamental Data's Responsible Person Casey Chapman over what the State was a failure on Chapman's part to register the project as a "High Impact Data Center" by the appropriate deadline.

Preservati in his June 18th letter referenced a May 18th meeting in Tucker County in which Chapman, along with other representatives of Fundamental Data, LLC met with the Tucker County Commission, the Mayors of Davis and Thomas, members of Tucker United and the general public in an event organized by the West Virginia Office of Energy. Preservati said that Fundamental Data not only described the Ridgeline Project in detail during this meeting the month prior, by answered detailed questions. The following specific details were asserted to have been revealed during the meeting and were outlined in the letter:



Casey Chapman



Nicholas S. Preservati

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Tucker County to Host America's 250th Celebration

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Get your Red, White and Blue ready because Tucker County is gearing up to celebrate the America's 250th Birthday. America's 250th Main Street Celebration will be held on Walnut and 2nd Street in Parsons on Thursday, July 2nd.

"We and the Commission believed this would be a great opportunity to get our youth involved in the community," Chief Deputy Clerk Lisa Gothelf said.

Events begin at 10 a.m. with the America250 Cere-

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A Song with a View

The Thomas Community Choir took time out the afternoon of Monday the 15th to stop by the Tucker United base camp at the main pavilion at Canaan Valley State Park for a performance. The Choir performed a variety of old miner's songs, as well as a few Welsh and even an Italian number. Copies of the lyrics were supplied and the the audience was encouraged to sing along. The event was part of the Tucker United protest during the West Virginia Legislature Interims at Canaan Valley Resort State Park.

Data Center Panel Brings Opposing Viewpoints to Tucker County

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

A panel discussion co-sponsored by Mountain State Spotlight and Country Roads News brought together Director of West Virginia Data Economy Office Chris Morris, Executive Director of Tucker United Amy Margolies, West Virginia Delegate Evan Hansen and West Virginia Delegate JD Akers at the Davis Fire Hall on Monday night June 15th. Dan Parks of Country Roads News acted as moderator during the discussion.

Nicholas Preservati, Deputy Secretary of Commerce, had planned to attend, but was unable to due to a death in the family. Delegate Akers stepped in as a replacement on the panel.

Opening statements were made by Tyler Dedrick of Mountain State Spotlight. Parks acknowledged Dedrick and Mountain State Spotlight in his opening remarks for suggesting the event and doing most of the planning.

Chris Morris was the first of the panelists to speak. In his opening remarks, Morris said that he turned down the appointment twice before accepting. He went to see a data center before he accepted the appointment. He said what he saw during his visit was vastly different then what was

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End of the Road

It is the end of an era for City of Parsons Council Member Melissa Jones and City of Parsons Recorder Rick Lemons. Jones, who is stepping down from the City Council and Lemons who resigned during the meeting, both attended their last official City Council Meeting June 16th. Their duties will resume until July 1st when the new Council will officially take over duties.

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News of Record

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

- **Tommy G. Nestor and Amy E. Nestor,** Black Fork District, C.E. Plumb Land, Lots 4 and 5 to Hunter Elza and Xyndra Pugh, $117,500.
- **Robert C. Summerfield and Clara E. Wotring/AKA/Clara E. Summerfield,** Clover District, Tract One – 114.58 acres; Tract Two – 1.65 acres to Ryan L. Summerfield.
- **Ryan L. Summerfield and Elizabeth Tate Summerfield,** Clover District, Tract One – 114.58 acres; Tract Two – 1.65 acres to Summerfield Farms LLC.
- **Edwin M. Kennard,** Davis Corporation, Lots 388 and 389, Blackwater Avenue to Andrea K. Quattro, $150,000.
- **Robert Bridwell,** Dry Fork District, Quitclaim Deed – 2.05 acres, Lot 12 High Meadows Estates to Jean Bridwell.
- **Nancy A. Weaver,** Licking District, Transfer on Death Deed – Lot 3D Hannahsville to Tracy L. Albert, Beneficiaries and Leigh A. Holstein, Beneficiaries.

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said.

Stiles acknowledged that the Ridgeline Project would bring many temporary and some permanent jobs to the area and that many think that factor may outweigh the negatives of the project. Stiles said she wanted to hear from as many people as possible what their thoughts were on the Project.

"Some believe these promised benefits, especially the tax revenue, outweigh concerns over noise pollution, water usage, light pollution and most importantly fostering a type of development that could alter forever, and negatively, the natural world upon which we humans depend. That's why its so important for me to hear from as many of you all as possible," Stiles said. "From as many constituents in Tucker and Grant Counties as possible, so that I can best represent this district in November."

"We all know we love our property rights," Hornbuckle said.

The Dems outlined in their plan for HB 2014 reform the need for local control, water rights, rate payer protection and the need for tax revenue to remain within the Counties.

"We've seen time and time again in the State of West Virginia how somebody comes in, dirties up the land, tears up the environment and leaves us with nothing," Hornbuckle said. "Its unacceptable and again, we just won't stand for it."

Delegate Kayla Young spoke on HB 2014 and its impact on tax revenue. Specifically, as it related to how the taxes were evaluated by the State.

"Something that I don't think is being talked about enough in this bill is evaluation of the places," Young said. "Before hand there would have been 100% of the property taxes going to them. It would have been valued at market value. In House Bill 2014, they got down to salvage value. That's 5%."

The Dems outlined their plan to fix HB 2014 as the following:

* HB 4509 - Restoring local control over data centers

* HB 4822 - Redirecting data center tax revenue to healthcare, counties, and schools

* HB 4832 - Protecting groundwater and streams from data center impacts

* HB 4195 - Placing a two-year cap on electric rates

During the question and answer session, Hornbuckle was asked about the possibility of a moratorium on Data Centers in the State. Hornbuckle said that they were open to anything. He said he felt that more research needed to be done and if a moratorium was needed to accomplish that, he was open to it.

"We are exploring all option right now," Hornbuckle said.

Stiles outlined that other places had successfully utilized moratoriums in order to either stop data centers, such as Maine's recent moratorium. Or historically, in the case of fracking, to take time to see what can be done or what approach would be the best.

"Just to let the dust settle until they could see what was the best approach from the regulatory controls. So I'm not a legislator now, but I would think, yeah, a moratorium might be something, given its been something that's been successfully done elsewhere," Stiles said.

Another question raised the issue as to why the subject of Data Centers was not addressed during the Economic Development Committee meeting during the Legislative Interims earlier in the day. Hornbuckle said that he is on the Committee, but was out on other Committee business and got in late to the meeting, but called the issue, "telling."

"But I think its very telling that the West Virginia Legislature, that we are confining the data center topic. Its almost like we're hiding," Hornbuckle said.

Hornbuckle blamed the issues on what the Dems called a Republican "Supermajority" in Charleston. He said that no checks and balances existed. It was the "Supermajority" that the Dems blamed for what they saw as forcing through HB 2014.

"That is the issues we have with the Supermajority," Hornbuckle said. "Nothing good ever comes from that."

The question of a public measure on Data Centers was asked. Young said that would require a Constitutional Amendment to implement. In order to pass, 2/3 of each governing body of the Legislature would have to vote on the measure.

"It would require a Constitutional Amendment where 2/3 of each body of the Legislature would have to pass something to say that Data Centers have to be approved by the local county or municipality, the same way they do alcohol," Young said. "That's an option we are open to, absolutely."



Deborah Stiles, Tucker County resident and Democratic Candidate for the House of Delegates representing Tucker and Grant Counties speaks about the historical hardships Tucker and Grant Counties have faced with industries coming in and then leaving before asking for as many constituents to speak to her about how they feel on the topic as possible.

St. George Days

The community of St. George is preparing for its annual St. George Days celebration on June 27th and 28th.

A display of the history of our community will be on display for viewing at the St. George Community Church. The women's group at the church will host a fundraiser selling a hotdog with sauce, potato chips, a cookie and a drink for $6.oo. The food sales will start at 10 A.M.

Several items have been donated by local businesses to bid on in a White Elephant/Silent Auction. The money received will support missions.

The community cakewalk is scheduled to begin at 6 P.M. at the church pavilion. Come enjoy an evening of fun!

There will be yard sales all day throughout the town as well as at the church pavilion and the Academy. People who would like to set up a table for a yard sale are welcome to do so and join in!

The St. George Academy will also be open for tours on Saturday. They have several items for your viewing pleasure and to take a walk down memory lane. The Academy will be open from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Saturday. The St. George Academy Homecoming Queen will be crowned on Saturday at 12 Noon. We are all looking forward to seeing who our Queen will be for 2026! A celebration reception will follow the crowning.

The St. George Academy is also selling chances on TWO five day passes to the PICKIN' IN PARSONS Bluegrass Festival which have graciously been donated by the founders of the event and owners of The Five Rivers Campground, John and Joyce Bowers. The tickets sell for $5.oo per chance and the drawing will be held in mid July. The money raised will be used for the upkeep of the St. George Academy. Contact any Academy Society member to purchase your tickets.

Authors Carl E. Feathers and Laura Zick Mauzy will be present at the Academy with their books for sale.

The annual covered dish meal will be held on Sunday at the St. George Community Church at 12:30 P.M. Bring a covered dish and join us!

A gospel sing will follow the meal. Anyone who is interested in singing is welcome!

We are seeking student volunteers to assist with the festivities. If there is anyone needing service hours please contact Jane Pifer at 304-478-4283 to help with events at the church, or Janice Poling at 304-478-2889 to help with events at the Academy.

Come out and enjoy the day with us! We hope to see you there!

Correction

In the article issued on June 10th titled "Woodlands Development and Lending Launches Tech Toolshed to Help Businesses Improve Their Marketability," incorrect information was provided regarding the tile of the Greenbrier Valley EDC. The release stated, "Greenbrier County EDC" in the original press release when it should have stated "Greenbrier Valley EDC." For questions, contact Katie Wolpert at kwolpert@woodlandswv.org.

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SPORTS

Little League Regional Baseball Tournament Gets Underway



Zayden Williams elevates for the back-handed grab.



Miles Henderson lets loose of the fast ball.



Marshall Gilligan beats the ball to home plate.

By: Adam Freeman

In a challenging day in Summersville for Tucker County's youth baseball teams, the 9–10-year-olds fell to Tygarts Valley by a score of 15-9. Despite their efforts, the young athletes couldn't secure a victory, but they look forward to their next game on Friday at 6 PM against Summersville.

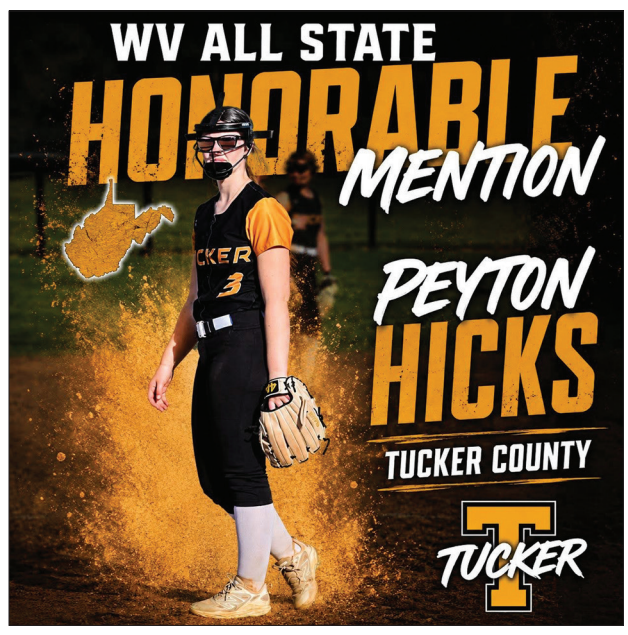
Meanwhile, the 11-12-year-olds also experienced a setback, losing 10-5 to Braxton County. The following day, they faced Pocahontas County and were eliminated after a 13-5 defeat. The team showed Tucker pride throughout the tournament, but their journey came to an end with the loss.



Tucker County Little League Baseball 11–12-Year-Old Team



Tucker County Little League Baseball 9–10-Year-Old Team



TC Boys Summer Basketball Team with Two Nice Wins

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker County's boys basketball team had a pair of quality wins this past week in their summer league. The Mt. Lions first got a lopsided win against regional rival East Hardy. The Mt. Lions put it all over the Cougars for a final score of 70-44. Tucker is hoping that this trend continues this coming winter, with the Cougars proving to be a perennial at Charleston come March.

The second matchup of the week was against Allegheny, MD. Tucker took care of business again with a commanding 53-35 victory. Tucker's success this summer comes as no shock to those who follow the Mt. Lions, whose sights are always set south on I-79, with this team's expectations being no different.

Mt. Lion Football Gets Underway With 7-on-7



Branson Hyre breaks up the pass. Photo by Joey Kittle

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker County's football squad was on the gridiron this last week, albeit not in full uniform. The Mt. Lions traveled to Elkins High School for 7-on-7 matches with the Tigers of Elkins High and the Tygarts Valley Bulldogs. Tucker would take on the Bulldogs first, with Tygarts Valley striking first blood to go up 1-0. The Mt. Lions would then go on a 3-0 run, seeing Cayden Arnold with a long TD grab, Cade Rapp over the middle for a 50-plus-yard catch-and-run, an interception from Evan Witt, and then another TD grab from Arnold to settle the final at 3-1, with Tucker taking the win.

The Mt. Lions would then take on AAA Elkins. The Tigers would get up 2-0 on Tucker before QB Branson Hyre would again find Rapp for a long catch-and-run score, which brought the final to 2-1 in favor of Elkins.

The first 7-on-7 event of the summer marks the kick-off of preparation for the upcoming fall, where Mt. Lions football reigns supreme.

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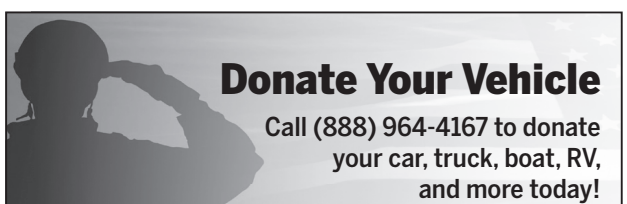
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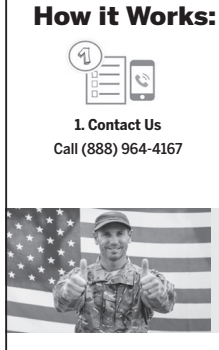
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What's Happening?

Free Friday

It will be Hoagie Night at Free Friday on June 26, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 6 pm. Along with hoagies, we will be serving macaroni and potato salad, baked beans, chips, desserts and drinks. Hope to see you there!

Gospel Sing

Gospel Sing, Saturday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Union Chapel Church, 162 Brushy Fork Rd. (off of Clover Run Rd.) Parsons WV ~ Featuring Woman of Faith group from Philippi. All are Welcome.

I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. (Psalm 9:2, NKJV)

Fall Clothing Giveaway

There will be a fall clothing giveaway from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 27 at the Southern Baptist Church in Rowlesburg.

St. George Day

June 27th and 28th, starting at 10 a.m. Join us for food sales, silent auction, cakewalk, tours, Queen crowning, and more. See Page 2 for more details. Hope to see you there!

Fairview Cemetery Homecoming

50th Anniversary, 1976-2026. Sunday, June 28th at Road Church Pavilion. Covered dish lunch at noon. Everyone is welcome. Send mowing donations to Fairview Cemetery Fund, c/o Mountain Valley Bank, NA, P.O. Box 383, Parsons, WV 26287.

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



I think I have finally conquered one of my latest conundrums with my dog Raven. She is a 2-1/2-year-old black German Shepherd that weighs half as much as I do and is twice as strong. When I take her for a walk, or should I say when she takes me for a walk, she pulls like a freight train. I have tried different collars and harnesses with no result.

I recently saw a different kind of harness that does not cross over the chest, it goes between the front legs, with a D-ring on the front. The purpose of this is to redirect the dog, so when they do pull it diverts them to the side. Momma Said, "Kind of like getting a toddler's attention with candy."

Before, I could picture a sled dog with the harness across the chest and hooked at the top to the sled. They are, of course bred to pull. I guess it is the same thing with any working breed. Raven is very much prey driven. Anything that moves, she wants to go after. Momma Said, "I was the caboose behind the engine."

The very first time I put this harness on her, it was like flipping a switch in her brain. She was a totally different dog, no pulling, no running to keep up with her it was like a miracle. That is the first time I actually enjoyed a walk with her. I saw this on Facebook Marketplace, so if you need a miracle with your dog, Momma Said, "Take my advice, it is worth the price and peace of mind."

Florida Watermelon Sunrise

Ingredients

- 6 cups Florida watermelon chunks, pureed
- 2 Florida oranges, juiced
- 1/2 cup vodka (such as Florida Fish Hawk Spirits)
- 1/2 cup ginger beer (or to taste)
- 1 cup melted orange sherbet
- Fresh! Florida Watermelon Sunrise from Follow Fresh From Florida on Vimeo.

Instructions

- Puree watermelon in a blender (or with an immersion blender or food processor), and strain if desired.
- Combine watermelon puree and orange juice, mixing well.
- Fill glasses with ice, and pour the desired amount of vodka into each glass, followed by a watermelon mix and a splash of ginger beer.
- Drizzle orange sherbet and garnish with a watermelon slice and orange peel.

Weather Totals
June 9 - June 16, 2026

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

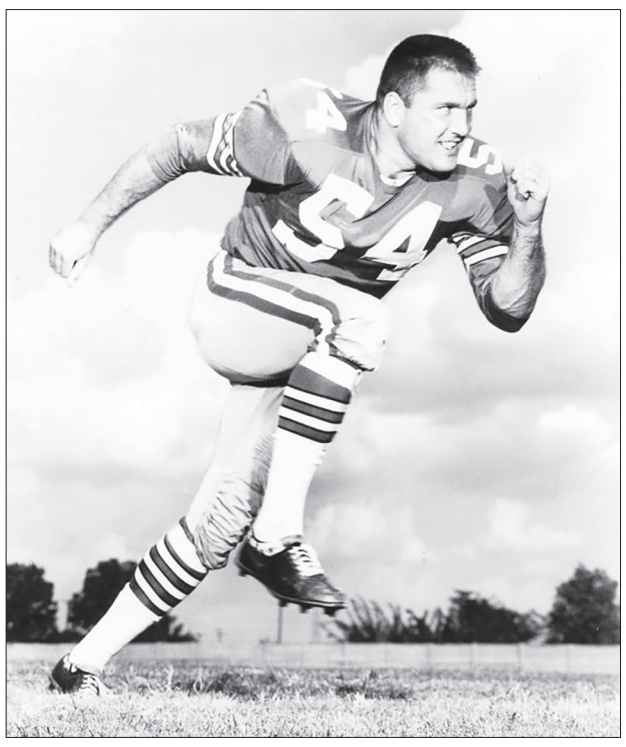
Temperature		Precipitation	
Max	88° F	Week	1.49"
Min	50° F	June	1.55"
		2026	24.21"

Snowfall

Winter Total	46.5"

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June 28, 1936: Athlete Chuck Howley was born in Wheeling. Howley starred at West Virginia University and played linebacker for 12 seasons for the Dallas Cowboys. A six-time All-Pro, he is the only Super Bowl MVP to play for a losing team.

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

June 24, 1842: Author Ambrose Bierce was born. Bierce found the setting for some of his famous short stories in the mountains of Civil War-era West Virginia.

June 25, 1811: Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth was born near Beverly, Randolph County. His many works included the earliest covered bridge at Beverly and the famous Philippi covered bridge.

June 25, 1950: The Korean War began when the armies of Communist North Korea pushed across the 38th parallel into South Korea. Army private Kenneth Shadrick of Wyoming County was among the first U.S. servicemen killed in action, on July 5, 1950.

June 26, 1887: Sheriff Don Chafin was born in Logan County. Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of Logan County, most notably during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain.

June 26, 1892: Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro in the home of her maternal grandparents. She received the Pulitzer Prize for The Good Earth and was the first American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.

June 26, 1936: Basketball star Hal Greer was born in Huntington. Greer was the first Black athlete to play at Marshall College (now University). When his pro career ended in 1973, he held the NBA record for most games played and ranked in the top 10 in points scored, field goals attempted and field goals made.

June 27, 1791: This is the earliest known issue date for the Potowmac Guardian, and Berkeley Advertiser, the first newspaper in present West Virginia. Published initially in Shepherdstown and then Martinsburg, the last known issue was as the Potomak Guardian in 1800.

June 27, 1897: Musician Maceo Pinkard was born in Bluefield. Pinkard became one of the most successful songwriters of the 1920s Jazz Era, including co-writing "Sweet Georgia Brown."

June 27, 1929: WHIS radio first went on the air in Bluefield. Brothers Hugh and Jim Shott named the station after their father, Hugh Ike Shott Sr., congressman and owner of the Bluefield Daily Telegraph. The station became an important outlet for live country music.

June 27, 1961: Honey in the Rock was first performed at Grandview State Park near Beckley. The play by Kermit Hunter depicts the founding of the Mountain State in 1863.

June 29, 1845: George W. Atkinson was born in Charleston. In 1896, Atkinson was elected governor in an upset victory over Cornelius C. Watts of Charleston, ending 26 years of rule by the Democratic Party.

June 29, 1952: Writer Breece D'J Pancake was born in South Charleston and grew up in Milton, Cabell County. Many of Pancake's stories are set in Milton, fictionalized as "Rock Camp."

June 29, 2012: A violent storm called a derecho raced across West Virginia, leaving downed trees and damaged homes in its wake. About 688,000 homes and businesses lost power for a week during a widespread heat wave.

June 30, 1914: Statewide prohibition of alcohol sales became law years before it was enacted for the whole nation.

June 30, 1929: The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert at Oglebay Park.

June 30, 1944: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park was authorized as a national monument, the first in West Virginia.

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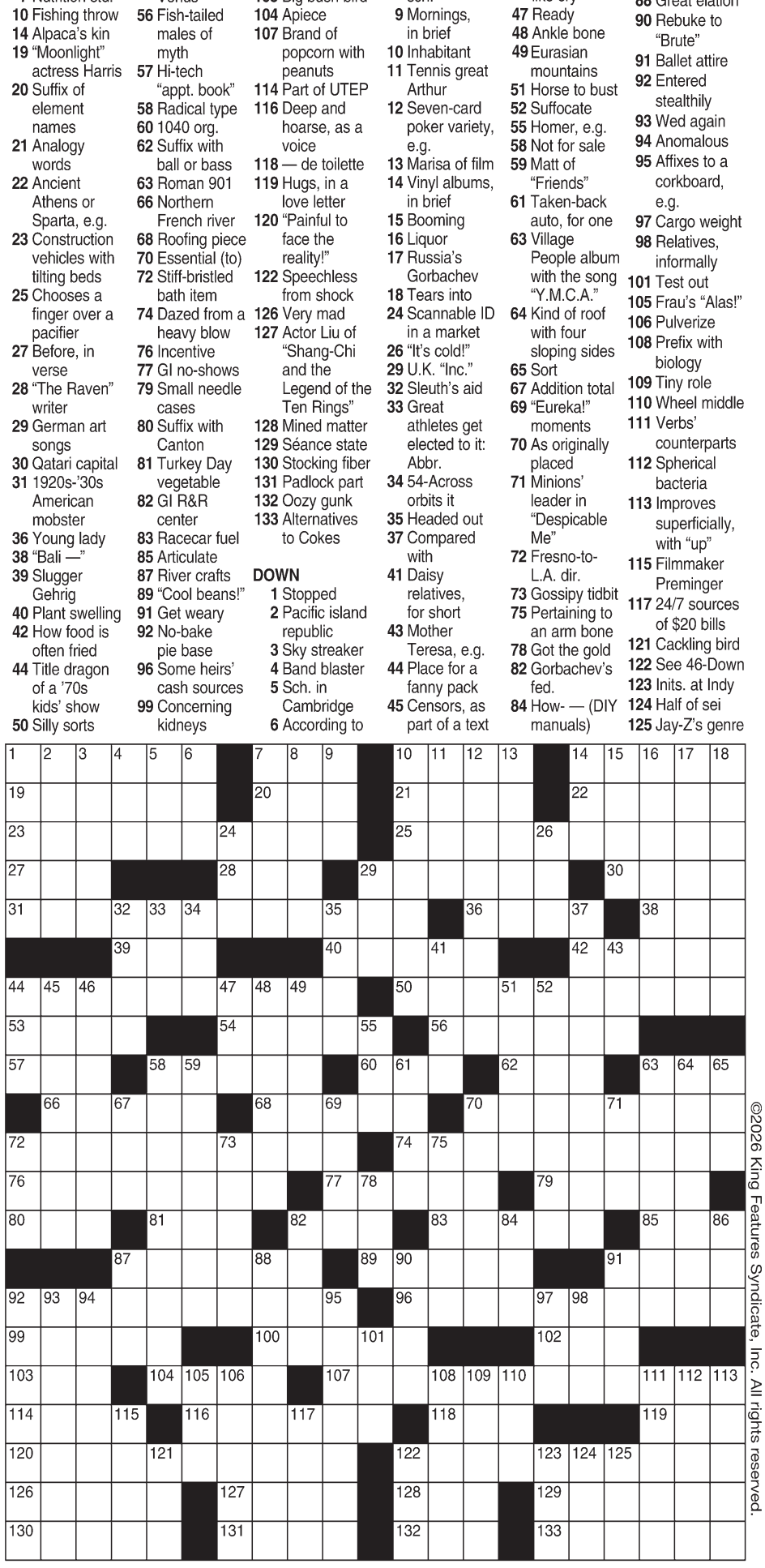
Super Crossword U2

ACROSS

1 Sleep out in a tent
7 Nutrition std.
10 Fishing throw
14 Alpaca's kin
19 "Moonlight" actress Harris
20 Suffix of element names
21 Analogy words
22 Ancient Athens or Sparta, e.g.
23 Construction vehicles with tilting beds
25 Chooses a finger over a pacifier
27 Before, in verse
28 "The Raven" writer
29 German art songs
30 Qatari capital
31 1920s-'30s American mobster
36 Young lady
38 "Bali —"
39 Slugger Gehrig
40 Plant swelling
42 How food is often fried
44 Title dragon of a '70s kids' show
50 Silly sorts
53 French suffix with jardin
54 Neighbor of Venus
56 Fish-tailed males of myth
57 Hi-tech "appt. book"
58 Radical type
60 1040 org.
62 Suffix with ball or bass
63 Roman 901
66 Northern French river
68 Roofing piece
70 Essential (to)
72 Stiff-bristled bath item
74 Dazed from a heavy blow
76 Incentive
77 GI no-shows
79 Small needle cases
80 Suffix with Canton
81 Turkey Day vegetable
82 GI R&R center
83 Racecar fuel
85 Articulate
87 River crafts
89 "Cool beans!"
91 Get weary
92 No-bake pie base
96 Some heirs' cash sources
99 Concerning kidneys
100 Brooklyn art institute
102 Granola bit
103 Big bush bird
104 Apiece
107 Brand of popcorn with peanuts
114 Part of UTEP
116 Deep and hoarse, as a voice
118 — de toilette
119 Hugs, in a love letter
120 "Painful to face the reality!"
122 Speechless from shock
126 Very mad
127 Actor Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"
128 Mined matter
129 Séance state
130 Stocking fiber
131 Padlock part
132 Oozy gunk
133 Alternatives to Cokes

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1 Stopped
2 Pacific island republic
3 Sky streaker
4 Band blaster
5 Sch. in Cambridge
6 According to
7 Big name in photocopiers
8 Blue Devils' sch.
9 Mornings, in brief
10 Inhabitant
11 Tennis great Arthur
12 Seven-card poker variety, e.g.
13 Marisa of film
14 Vinyl albums, in brief
15 Booming
16 Liquor
17 Russia's Gorbachev
18 Tears into
24 Scannable ID in a market
26 "It's cold!"
29 U.K. "Inc."
32 Sleuth's aid
33 Great athletes get elected to it: Abbr.
34 54-Across orbits it
35 Headed out
37 Compared with
41 Daisy relatives, for short
43 Mother Teresa, e.g.
44 Place for a fanny pack
45 Censors, as part of a text
46 With 122-Down, rodent with a bark-like cry
47 Ready
48 Ankle bone
49 Eurasian mountains
51 Horse to bust
52 Suffocate
55 Homer, e.g.
58 Not for sale
59 Matt of "Friends"
61 Taken-back auto, for one
63 Village People album with the song "Y.M.C.A."
64 Kind of roof with four sloping sides
65 Sort
67 Addition total
69 "Eureka!" moments
70 As originally placed
71 Minions' leader in "Despicable Me"
72 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.
73 Gossipy tidbit
75 Pertaining to an arm bone
78 Got the gold
82 Gorbachev's fed.
84 How- — (DIY manuals)
86 "Of course!"
87 Nashville awards org.
88 Great elation
90 Rebuke to "Brute"
91 Ballet attire
92 Entered stealthily
93 Wed again
94 Anomalous
95 Affixes to a corkboard, e.g.
97 Cargo weight
98 Relatives, informally
101 Test out
105 Frau's "Alas!"
106 Pulverize
108 Prefix with biology
109 Tiny role
110 Wheel middle
111 Verbs' counterparts
112 Spherical bacteria
113 Improves superficially, with "up"
115 Filmmaker Preminger
117 24/7 sources of $20 bills
121 Cackling bird
122 See 46-Down
123 Inits. at Indy
124 Half of sei
125 Jay-Z's genre



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Jefferson County Sheriff Thomas Hansen Sworn In As President Of West Virginia Association Of County Officials

WHEELING – Jefferson County Sheriff Thomas "Tom" Hansen was sworn in as President of the West Virginia Association of County Officials (WVACo) during the organization's annual Spring Board Meeting on Monday at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling.

Hansen succeeds Greg Vandall, Assessor of Summers County, who served as WVACo president during the past year.

WVACo is comprised of statewide representatives from West Virginia's six constitutional county offices – assessors, circuit clerks, county commissioners, county clerks, prosecuting attorneys and sheriffs. The organization serves as the unified voice of county government across all 55 counties in the Mountain State.

"I am honored by the confidence my colleagues have placed in me and grateful for the opportunity to serve as president of this outstanding organization," Hansen said. "County government is where many of the services most important to our citizens are delivered every day. I look forward to working with county officials from across West Virginia to strengthen local government, support our communities and ensure counties continue to have a strong voice in Charleston."

WVACo Executive Director Jonathan Adler said Hansen brings decades of public service and leadership experience to the statewide position.

"Sheriff Hansen has earned a reputation as a thoughtful leader, a dedicated public servant and a strong advocate for effective local government," Adler said. "His experience in law enforcement, his commitment to public service and his collaborative approach make him exceptionally well-qualified to lead the association during the coming year. We are excited to work alongside him as we continue advancing the interests of West Virginia's counties."

Hansen originally joined the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in 1995. During a career spanning more than two decades, he served as a patrol deputy, field training officer, detective and the department's first School Resource Officer at Jefferson High School. He ultimately rose to the rank of

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We invite landowners and interested parties to attend an upcoming open house for the proposed Valley North Transmission Line Project.

The Valley North Project will build approximately 260 miles of new 765 kV electric transmission line between Putnam County, West Virginia, and Frederick County, Maryland. It also includes two new substations in Hardy County, West Virginia, and Frederick County, Maryland. This project increases the electric grid's capacity to deliver electricity across the region, reducing the risk of outages and improving reliability.

We are hosting open houses across multiple counties, and you are welcome to attend whichever one fits your schedule. The open houses will feature information stations where you can learn about the project and speak to team members one-on-one at your own pace.

There is no formal presentation, so you're welcome to stop by whenever it's convenient for you. All open houses will be held from **4 to 7:30 p.m.** Doors will open at 4 p.m. All open house locations are available on our project website at ***vltransmission.com/valley-north.***

Community input plays an important role. It helps us understand what matters most to your community, learn about any potential impacts and find ways to reduce those impacts as we move forward.

There is an open house near you. Please join us!

Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Hampshire County, WV
4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Bottling Works Event Center
426 E Main Street
Romney, WV 26757

Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Tucker County, WV
4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Tucker County High School
116 Mountain Lion Way
Hambleton, WV 26269

Can't attend an open house? Visit ***www.vltransmission.com/valley-north*** for project materials and additional open house details.

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

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Source Name	Source Water Type
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WELL 5 (GWUDI)	Ground water under direct influence of surface water

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

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

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

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.
Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.
Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.
Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

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

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

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2025 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1 - December 31, 2025. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

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

Testing Results for: TIMBERLINE -CV PSD

Regulated Contaminants	Facility Name	Collection Date	Highest (low/high)	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	Treatment Plant-Well 5 (GWUDI)	4/16/2025	1.8	0.1.8	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM	Treatment Plant-Well 4 (GW)	12/23/2025	0.0763	0.0474-0.0763	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
CHROMIUM	Treatment Plant-Well 5	12/23/2025	1.6	1.2-1.6	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE	Treatment Plant-Well 4	4/16/2025	0.44	0.41-0.44	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NITRITE	Treatment Plant-Well 4 (GW)	4/16/2025	0.44	0.41-0.44	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
SELENIUM	Treatment Plant-Well 5 (GWUDI)	12/23/2025	1.3	0-1.3	ppb	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines

Disinfection By-products	Sample Point	Collection Date	Highest LRAA Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	LOT #153	2025	0	0-0	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	LOT #153	2025	3	3-3	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2025	0.073	0.0031-0.11	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2025	0.76	0-0.92	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

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

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

TIMBERLINE-CV PSD completed lead tap sampling in 2025, the results are available for review and can be accessed at the CVPSD Office.

TIMBERLINE-CV PSD has prepared a service line inventory identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The most up to date inventory is located at the CVPSD Office. By November 1, 2027, our water system must develop an updated initial inventory, known as the 'baseline inventory" and it must include each service line and identified connector that is connected to the public water distribution system.

Our water system identified that we have 0 lead service lines in our inventory.

If you have any questions about our inventory or if you would like information about our service line replacement plan, please contact ROBERT METZGER at 304-866-3433.

Source Water Assessment and Protection

When required by West Virginia State law, TIMBERLINE-CV PSD maintains a comprehensive **Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP)** that is updated every three years and reviewed by the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health (WVBPH). For systems utilizing surface water or groundwater under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI), SWPPs provide a detailed strategy for protecting intake areas and the surrounding Zone of Critical Concern.

Because these types of sources are open to the environment, they generally have a higher susceptibility to contamination. This susceptibility rating does not mean your water is contaminated; rather, it indicates that conditions exist which could impact the source water if a release occurred due to the sensitive nature of the intake area. A public version of our current Source Water Protection Plan (if applicable) or further information regarding our specific source susceptibility is available for review at our office during normal business hours or by contacting ROBERT METZGER at 304-866-3433. A Source Water Assessment may previously have been completed to identify potential sources of contamination and the susceptibility of our water source. You can view these historical assessment reports online at the WVBPH website: https://www.wvdhhr.orq/oehs/eed/swap/search.cfm.

For more information on source water protection and to learn how you can help protect drinking water sources, visit the EPA at https://www.epa.gov/sourcewaterprotection/how-can-you-help-protect-source-water.

Chlorine/Chloramines Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
1/1/2025-1/31/2025	2.10000	MG/L	1.60000	MG/L

AVAILABILITY OF MONITORING DATA FOR UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

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

Unresolved Deficiency Date Identified	Facility	Comments
1/24/2025	Mountainside Tank	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened. (64CSR77-9.1.f.2) Please endure proper screening is in place for the storage tank overflow.
1/24/2025	Ski Area Tank	The storage tank overflow is not properly screened. (64CSR77-9.1.f.2) Please endure proper screening is in place for the storage tank overflow.

Analyte	Facility	Highest Value	Unit of Measure	Month Occurred
Turbidity	TREATMENT PLANT Well 5 (GWUDI)	0.31	NTU	January

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED URANIUM	12/3/2025	0.461	0-0.461	µg/L	30	0	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM-228	12/3/2025	0.9024	0-0.924	pCi/L	0	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Turbidity

Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration.

Percentage of samples in compliance with Std	Months Occurred	Violation	Highest Single Measurement	Month Occurred	Sources	Level Indicator
99.00	12	NO	0.31	January	Treatment Plant - Well 5 (GWUDI)	Yes

Secondary Contaminants-Non Heath Based Contaminants-No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
SODIUM	12/23/2025	3.68	3.62-3.68		MG/L 20

During the 2025 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Fed Rep ID	Compliance Period	Violation Type	Category	Rule	Explanation	Actions Taken by Water System
65226	1/1/2024-12/31/2024	Public Notice Rule linked to violation	PN	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state	Operator is aware and is currently working to resolving these violations
65227	1/1/2024-12/31/2024	Public Notice Rule linked to violation	PN	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state	
65223	6/26/2025	Public Notice Rule linked to violation	PN	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state	
65224	6/26/2025	Public Notice Rule linked to violation	PN	PUBLIC NOTICE	Failed to issue public notice or failed to provide a copy of the notice and certification to the state	
65220	6/26/2025	Failure address deficiency (EPA survey)	TT	LT2ESWTR	Failed to address a deficiency	
65221	6/26/2025	Failure address deficiency (EPA survey)	TT	LT2ESWTR	Failed to address a deficiency	
65222	7/1/2025-11/5/2025	CCR Report	RPT	Consumer Confidence Rule	Failed to deliver Consumer Confidence Report to the state or consumers on time	
65225	10/1/2025-11/8/2025	CCR adequacy/ availability/ content	RPT	Consumer Confidence Rule	Inadequate Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) or failure to deliver a CCR Certification form to the state on time	

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If you are interested in examining the results, please contact: Robert Metzger at 304-866-3433.

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

LEGAL

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

Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
Adam Cale	Jacqueline G Cale
1st publication 06/24/2026	6498 Holly Meadow Road
2nd publication 06/01/2026	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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lieutenant before retiring from the department in July 2015.

In February 2016, Hansen was recognized as "Police Officer of the Year" by the American Legion Department of West Virginia. He was elected Sheriff of Jefferson County in November 2020 and first took office in January 2021. Following his re-election, he began a second term in January 2025.

As sheriff, Hansen has focused on improving officer morale, implementing operational changes designed to increase efficiency, strengthening community engagement and reducing response times throughout the county.

In addition to his law enforcement responsibilities, Hansen has served as Commander of Post 71, 10th District Commander, and Department Vice Commander for the American Legion Department of West Virginia. He remains actively involved in public safety and community leadership initiatives throughout the region.

WVACo's mission is to achieve unity of purpose among elected county officials in order to promote the professionalism, preservation, and protection of county government for the benefit of the citizens they serve. Its strives to be a unified partner in creating a better West Virginia.

The officials represented by WVACo provide many of the public services West Virginians rely upon every day, including law enforcement, elections administration, tax collection, property assessment, court record management and local fiscal oversight.

Founded more than six decades ago, WVACo serves as the principal organization for county-government advocacy, professional development and inter-county cooperation in West Virginia. The association works closely with state policymakers on issues affecting local government and provides educational, training and support programs for county officials across the state.

About The West Virginia Association Of County Officials

The West Virginia Association of County Officials is the statewide organization representing county government in all 55 West Virginia counties. Through advocacy, education, professional development and member services, WVACo works to strengthen county government and support the elected officials and employees who serve West Virginia citizens every day.

West Virginia Legislature Interims Come to Canaan

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The West Virginia Legislature Interim Committees were held at Canaan Valley State Park over three days. From Sunday, June 14th to Tuesday, June 16th, Legislators were in the area to become informed on and discuss a range of issues, as well as tour various sites in the area.

Members of the public were allowed to sit in on the legislative sessions such as the Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development on Monday. The legislators were informed on the latest information by Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Workforce Participation, Christine H. Davies and Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Tourism Chelsea A. Ruby.

Davies informed the legislators that companies are always looking at West Virginia and the Governor is reaching out to CEOs about West Virginia and its opportunities. The state currently has 78 active deals with new companies with 14 of those with companies wishing to expand into the State and the remaining 64 as new business opportunities. Davies said of every 10 new businesses the State negotiate with, only three ever make it to the offer stage, making it a 10 – 25 % offer rate.

Davies said that 50 new prospects came from an expo meeting in San Diego. The State is also looking to expand the export market into Spain and Portugal currently. Aviation is another avenue the State is looking to expand.

Industrial Development is also a focus the State continues to work on. Such industries as high performance materials, automation, aircraft engines and aerospace, power electronics components, grid hardware and competing hardware and maintenance are all industries the State is reaching out to.

Davies said her office is receiving a lot of calls on the Federal Opportunity Zone Program, which was recently made permanent. The program has been live since May 1 and is taking applications through July 1. Only 25% of the 207 census tracks will be chosen for the program. The program will gather better information on all the zones, as well as work with economic development partners in those areas to market to firms.

The Ready Sites Program, of which both the Parsons Industrial Park and Tucker County Industrial Park are a part of, continues. Davies said the State continues to work with existing sites, as well as evaluate the next sites, with an eye on infrastructure for the next Ready Sites chosen sites.

Davies said that she didn't want to say anything just yet, but there would soon be other related programs announced soon.

When asked by a Delegate what the most important focus was for economic development in the State, Davies said, manufacturing was the number one area. She said that was the industry with the most interest, but that she "hates to put all the eggs in one basket."



Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Workforce Participation, Christine H. Davies infoms Legislators on the latest on the State's efforts to entice new industry to the West Virginia during the Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development June 15th at Canaan Valley Resort State Park's Spruce Room.

The next and last speaker of the session was Ruby, who spoke on the status of Tourism within the State. Ruby said her office's focus was to mainly try to change how people view the State of West Virginia. Her job, she said was storytelling through advertising.

While most states market their advertising strictly outside the borders of their State, West Virginia is unique in that, State Tourism also markets within the State, as well. Ruby said a large number of tourism dollars in the State comes from in-State tourism. West Virginia, Ruby said, is one of the fastest growing tourism States in the U.S.

West Virginia Tourism began offering a free course for tourism workers or those who live in tourism areas called Tourism Works. The Program involves 12 modules and has already provided 24,000 credentials. Ruby said it is a great way to be a "good ambassador in your own state." The program is perfect for those who need training for workers, as well as residents welcoming those into their communities, Ruby said.

West Virginia has also appeared in such publications as Outside's 50 Most Epic Adventures in North America, Travel + Leisure's The Cranberry Wilderness in West Virginia Might Be One of the Most Peaceful Places in the U.S., Conde Nast Traveler's The 50 Most Beautiful Places in the U.S.and National Geographic's Glamping with the stars: These 7 retreats are perfect for night-sky watchiing. Ruby said she continues to invite journalists to come to West Virginia and engage in its many unique experiences.

Tourism equates to over $9 billion in economic impact, with $6.6 billion in traveler spending. State Park revenue is also up nearly $2 billion over last year. Of that, $1.1 billion is generated in tax revenue and 1 in 15 workers in the state is employed in a tourism-related industry, according to Ruby.



Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Tourism Chelsea A. Ruby updates the Legislators on the latest efforts of the State's Tourism Department during a meeting of the Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development June 15th at Canaan Valley Resort State Park's Spruce Room.

So far, 2026 has been off to a "great start," Ruby said. The winter sports and travel industry got a big boost from one of the longest winter ski seasons on record. Ruby said Spring has also been strong and Summer is also off to a great start, as well.

Short-term rental numbers, such as Airbnb, continue to soar in the State. The topic locally, has been the subject of controversy, especially within the Town of Davis, where a recent measure on zoning was voted down in an election and a moratorium on short-term rentals was lifted, leading to an astronomical rise in the number of units in the Town.

There were also tax credits for tourism infrastructure and historic preservation, as well as grants available for libraries. Valley View Cabins in Canaan Valley were part of six new Tourism Development Act tax credit projects that generated over $117 million in new investment across six counties.

Sunday, the Legislators toured Dolly Sods, Big Timber Brewing Company and the National Youth Science Academy. A reception and dinner were held at Bear Paw. Transportation was provided by Canaan Valley Lodge.

On Monday, the Legislators enjoyed breakfast and lunch at the Hickory Dining Room followed by a full day of Standing Committees and an off site visit to Valley View Cabins. Monday's Committee meetings included the: Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary; Joint Standing Committee on Finance; Joint Standing Committee on Education; Joint Standing Committee on Organization; Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development and Joint Standing Committee on Health. The day ended with the off site tour and a reception and dinner at Blackwater Lodge.

Tuesday began with breakfast in the Hickory Dining Room followed by off site tours. The Legislators toured Mt. Storm Power Station followed by in Elkins, the Tygart Hotel, Augusta Heritage Center and the nearly finished Railyard Event & Conference Center. The final tour was of the Bowden State Fish Hatchery.

Local action groups were also on hand during the events to protest. Tucker United hosted a two day protest Sunday and Monday, with a standing base camp at the main pavilion. Protesters lined the main road and also could be found in a designated protest area of the parking lot at the main lodge.

Nichols to speak on Garrett County history

July PAC event created to support Garrett 250 Birthday Bash



McHenry, MD – Garrett County may not officially be 250 years old, but the area that is now Garrett County has plenty of history dating back to our nation's birth. Noted local historian Chris Nichols will be exploring that history in a 6 p.m. presentation on Wednesday, July 22nd at the Performing Arts Center at Garrett College.

Nichols, a senior energy analyst with Australia-based Energy Exemplar, is adapting material from his five-part newspaper series entitled 250 Years of Garrett County: Local History in the American Story.

"The history of Garrett County is deeply intertwined with the broader story of the United States," wrote Nichols in Part 1 of his series. The series seeks to highlight "both continuity and change – showing how a frontier wilderness gradually became a modern Appalachian community while maintaining its distinct identity and character."

Nichols is a regular presenter in Garrett College's Joan Crawford Lecture Series, which is also hosted in the performing arts center. Previous Nichols presentations include Energy Resources of Garrett County: A History of (Almost) All-of-the-Above, and Before the Dam: Life Around Deep Creek Pre-1925.

Garrett College is sponsoring Nichols' presentation in support of the Garrett 250 Birthday Bash, which is being organized by the Garrett 250 Commission and supported by the Garrett County Commissioners. The celebration around the nation's 250th birthday includes Celebrating America Together, a free event at the Garrett County Fairgrounds from noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 18th.

Celebrating America Together, according to the Garrett 250 website, includes:

- "A Country United" Large Flag Unfurling, a collaborative project honoring our veterans and celebrating America's 250th anniversary. Sign up to be part of this unforgettable community display of patriotism at https://bit.ly/a-county-united
- Heritage Hall, featuring Garrett County's "eight unique towns" of Oakland, Accident, Deer Park, Friendsville, Grantsville, Kitzmiller, Loch Lynn Heights, and Mountain Lake Park;
- Veterans Park, featuring organizations such as the VFW, American Legion, and other veterans groups;
- Stars and Stripes Kids Zone;
- Freedom on Wheels Car Show;
- Hometown Heroes section honoring firefighters, law enforcement officers, EMS personnel and public safety teams, and others who serve and protect the community;
- Community Showcase, highlighting many of the county's nonprofit groups, organizations, and service initiatives;
- Spirit of '76 Biergarten, featuring food, drinks, and an all-day lineup of live music; and
- A custom Drone Show presented by Firefly Drone Shows beginning at 9:30 p.m.

For more information on Garrett 250, please visit https://www.garrett250.com.

Opinion

To The Citizens of Parsons,

I want to take a moment to express how much I have enjoyed working for the City of Parsons. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve the City of Parsons for the past 10 years as councilman, recorder, and mayor.

I would like to clarify misinformation that was reported. I remain Mayor until June 30. My absences from meetings was due to a previously planned family vacation, which is an annual event for my family.

At no time were my duties neglected. All required signatures for Region VII projects for Parsons were completed, and those projects continued to move forward as needed.

I take my responsibilities seriously and remain committed to serving the community through the end of my term.

I have loved serving this community and working for dedicated citizens, employees, and leaders who care deeply about the future of our city. Our employees are the best! Parsons will always be special to me, and I am thankful for the support you have shown me throughout the years. How exciting it was to represent the City of Parsons as Mayor for the opening of Corridor H on Monday. Though I will no longer be mayor, my support for the City of Parsons and its people will continue.

I have always looked out for the interests of our citizens. Fiscal responsibility has been critical to me, and I want to ensure that money is not wasted or spent on projects that are not good for the citizens. We must continue to remember the age of our population and make sure that we are providing services not only for our youth, but for our senior citizens also. Our greatest resources are our people.

Parsons will always be the small city with a big heart to me as it is to you.

Best wishes to our new mayor.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bruce Kolsun

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PAC receives impressive survey ratings

Performing Arts Center scores high in all 5 key metrics

McHenry, MD – The Performing Arts Center at Garrett College produced impressive survey ratings in each of a recent community survey's five key satisfaction metrics, Garrett College and PAC officials recently announced.

The PAC had positives ratings of over 90 percent in each key metric, including facility cleanliness (98.8 percent), welcoming experience (94 percent), venue amenities and ticket purchasing (each 91.7 percent), and percent of respondents likely to recommend the venue (90.5 percent).

"Front-of-house staff were consistently viewed as professional and welcoming," reported Julie Yoder, Garrett College's dean of continuing education and workforce development. "Many comments also highlighted appreciation for the music, theatre, community performances, lectures, and diverse entertainment offerings."

Chantel Lowdermilk, director of the PAC and Garrett College events, said PAC staff and college leadership learned a lot about their customers from the survey.

"Facebook and word-of-mouth were identified as the most effective marketing channels," said Lowdermilk. "Families are the primary audience group, representing the majority of attendees, and most attendees purchase tickets well ahead of events rather than walk-up sales."

Lowdermilk said respondents also identified opportunities for improvement, including expanded programming variety focusing on younger audiences, concession enhancements and additional seating in waiting areas, and increased advertising and community outreach.

Survey availability was promoted on the PAC's new website, in local newspapers, and in social media.

Lowdermilk said the high ratings were a testament to the PAC's high-quality partners – Garrett County Public Schools, Garrett County Arts Council, StageWEST, and Garrett County Government – as well as College facilities, security, custodial, business, and food services staff.

RIDGELINE

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"1) the project will include a microgrid data center;
2) the gas-fired power plant for which Fundamental Data, LLC submitted an Air Quality Permit Application with the WV DEP on March 15, 2025, is part of the microgrid center project;
3) the gas-fired power plant will be located in Tucker County, West Virginia and the data center facilities will be located in Tucker and Grant Counties, West Virginia;
4) Fundamental Data, LLC owns, operates, or otherwise controls the property to be utilized for the project;
5) Phase 1 of the project will include approximately 800 MW of power generated from natural gas, 1.3 GW of electricity generated from solar, and 14 data center buildings that will utilize the over 2.0 GW of power.
6) Phase 2 of the project will include an additional 3.1 GW of gas-fired generation and sufficient data center buildings to utilize that amount of generation."

Preservati stated that based on representations made by Fundamental Data at the meeting, the Ridgeline Project met the definition of a High Impact Data Center and therefore, was required to have submitted a request for certification within 30 days or by June 17th.

"Based upon Fundamental Data, LLC's representations on May 18, 2026, and given that no application has been received more than 30 days later, it appears that Fundamental Data, LLC is in violation of 145 CSR 20-10.1," the letter states.

The letter gave Chapman and Fundamental Data five days to respond if plans had changed or Fundamental Data did not believe that the project applied to H.B. 2014. The letter also gave the company 10 days to submit their application for a microgrid district and High Impact Data Center.

Chapman's response came quickly with cc's to Christopher G. Morris, the Director of the West Virginia Data Economy Office and Matt Herridge, the West Virginia Secretary of Commerce.

Chapman claimed that Preservati had confused the definitions of High Impact Data Center and Certified Microgrid District. "They are not the same thing, as the statute and the promulgated rules make quite clear," Chapman writes.

The letter goes on the state that, "the data center market – consistent with both our public statements and what we have told your office privately and repeatedly," is conceptual and while the company anticipated that to be the end user of the power generated, may not be the sole user.

"Those users may or may not qualify as High Impact Data Centers...what is certain, is that the obligation...attaches only to the entity that satisfies that definition, measured by that entities own awareness," Chapman writes. "Nothing in 145 CSR 20 imposes that entity-specific obligation on a generation developer merely because it is associated with a project."

Chapman agreed that Certified Microgrid District Certification could apply to the project, but asserted that the certification was voluntary and no filing deadline applied. Chapman called it an "elective regulatory status" that an eligible entity could petition for by submission of a Letter of Intent with no compliance deadline applying. "There is no triggering event, no 30*day clock, no compliance deadline, and no penalty attaching to a party that has not sought it," Chapman writes.

"The demand is defective for a further reason," Chapman writes. "Your letter directs Fundamental Data to file 'for a microgrid district and High Impact Data Center within ten (10) days.' Those are two separate certifications, governed by separate provisions and separate timelines: the microgrid decisions runs on a two-month schedule combines them into a single ten-day filing obligation. The Department has no authority to collapse two distinct processes into one deadline of its own creation."

The letter goes on to dispute that Preservati established the 90-megawatt threshold of "critical IT load." Chapman claimed that figures described in the May 18th meeting were "planned generation capacity of the power complex," a category of different measure to what the letter identified and therefore no critical IT load was established at all by Preservati's letter. "The Department has therefore established no qualifying element," Chapman writes.

Chapman went on to question the motivations for the May 18th meeting. He claimed that the meeting was arranged by the West Virginia Office of Energy and Fundamental Data attended in good faith and was open and honest throughout. The company answered all questions with candor, he claimed.

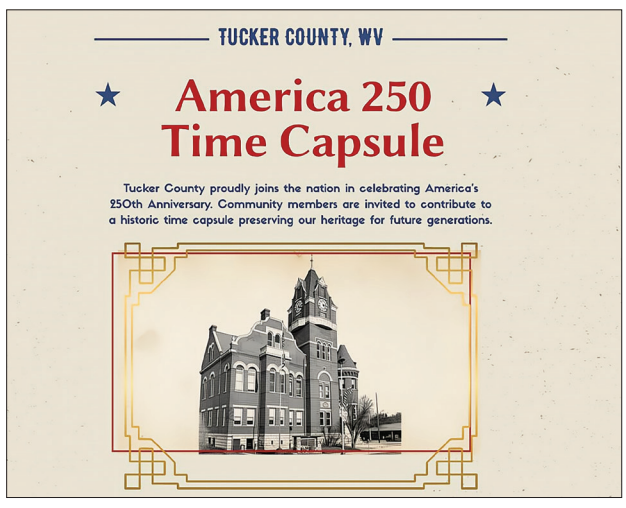
"A company's candor at a public forum the agency itself convened cannot be turned into a trigger for an enforcement action – all the more so where the rule ties the obligation to the entity's own awareness that qualifies, not to the Department's characterizations of statements made at a meeting the Department arranged," Chapman writes. "This is not how we would expect the State to treat a company that has chosen to invest in West Virginia at no cost or risk to its residents."

The letter concluded with a statement that Fundamental Data requests a finding in their favor in writing and that no deadline is currently running against the company. It also reiterates the company's intent to continue to work with the State in good faith.

"Fundamental Data has conducted itself in compliance with applicable West Virginia law throughout the development of this project and intends to continue doing so, but, in the process, we will make our own decisions regarding any regulatory pathways that may be available to us at the appropriate time," Chapman writes.

AMERICA

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America is turning 250 and Tucker County is throwing a bash in her honor. America's 250th Main Street Celebration will be held at Walnut and 2nd Street in Parsons on Thursday July 2nd.

mony. The Ceremony will begin with a welcome by Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau, followed by the posting of the Colors by the Parsons VA Association. The National Anthem will be sung by the Blackwater Chapter of the DAR. There will also be a presentation of the Declaration of Independence Scroll and a Dedication of the America250 Mural and a Time Capsule.

The Scroll and Time Capsule were sent by Governor Morissey's Office. Submissions for the Time Capsule are being accepted through June 30th. Items can be dropped off at either the Mountain Top or Five Rivers Libraries during their normal business hours.

At 9 a.m., Belva Dilly of the Historical Society will be hosting a Historical Walking Tour of Parsons. Those interested in attending should meet at the Historic Courthouse.

At 11 a.m., there will be a Parsons City Block Party, featuring free hot dogs and family activities until 2 p.m. The City of Parsons co-sponsored the Block Party. The County are coordinating with Parsons City Manager Mike Simmons and office staff Rachel Wilfong on the free hot dogs, popcorn, D.J., face painting and other children's activities.

The Historic Tucker County Courthouse will also be open from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for self guided tours. Also at 11 a.m., the Five Rivers Libraries will be handing out some July 4th treats and swag, while supplies last, until 3 p.m. The Library and Mountain Top Library gathered articles from the community for the event.

The day will end at 6 p.m. with a Historical Reenactment. The Parsons Depot will host an interview with Martha Washington and a visit from Revolutionary War Captain Salathiel Goff.

Don't forget to pick up a passport at the event welcome table to be entered for a gift basket.

The event is sponsored in part a $5,000 grant from the Tucker County CVB as part of the America250 Mural Project, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts to commission a hand-painted mural that honors the part patriots played in the founding of America. The mural was completed by Tucker County High School Art Teacher Frank Puskas and his students and is being hand painted by Frank Puskas and Senior Alyssa Bolyard.

Tucker County High School Shop Teacher Dave Nelson and his shop class sand blasted the old jail gates saved from the historic courthouse.

"Our amazing maintenance guys Joe Long and Bennie Kisamore put it all together for us," Gothelf said.

An additional $1,000 grant was awarded by the Tucker County CVB towards promoting and landscape. Other Sponsors for the event include The City of Parsons and Blackwater Falls State Park.

The America's 250 Main Street Celebration will be held Thursday, July 2nd at the corner of Walnut and 2nd.

DATA CENTER

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built eight or ten years ago.

The goal for his office, Morris said, was discerning responsible projects. The office is currently working on a process for approving projects that the State can be proud of, he said.

Next to give opening statements was Amy Margolies. She said as a group, Tucker United didn't ask to be in the position they are. They are thinking through what they want the future to be. She asserted that more understanding is needed to weigh the costs and benefits. Margolies said that 70% of Americans said they do not want to live near a data center.

Delegate JD Akers was next to give his opening statements. Akers expressed his gratitude for face to face meetings such as the one at the Davis Fire Hall. He said that on social media people rarely get along on controversial issues and it affords little opportunity to constructively talk out issues.

Akers said West Virginia keeps losing its most important commodity, "its people." He said his focus is on trying to keep the State's young people at home. There are 7% fewer young people living in the State, according to Akers.

As far as the Ridgeline Project and Fundamental Data, Akers said he was "Agnostic" on the matter. He said that each project needed to be examined to see if it was a fit for the community.

"Have you know if it is the right project for the right community," Akers said.

Lastly, Delegate Evan Hansen gave his opening remarks. He said that his focus was on HB 2014 and in what he saw as flaws in the data center law such as protecting water resources and the tax base.

The first question, directed at Morris, revealed that two projects had been approved. However, neither was in Tucker County and no applications had been filed for Tucker County with his office.

Morris said there are Counties across the State that want Data Centers to come to them. His office is working on comprising a list of these communities so that he can submit them to companies wanting to build data centers in order to ease the process.

"People want to go where they are desired," Morris said. "They don't want to go where they aren't."

Margolies responded that she found Morris' ideas promising, but what was needed was legally binding promises. She brought up the 1,600 comments to the Air Quality Board on the Ridgeline Permit, a number she said the DEP was a record number and how the community felt after they were disregarded by the entity.

"We don't want a participation trophy," Margolies said.

On the subject of redactions, Hansen said that he felt companies had an obligation to disclose as much as possible to the public. Akers questioned the number of redactions on the permit, but said there was nothing unique about the application process.



Tyler Dedrick of Mountain State Spotlight gives the opening remarks at the Data Center Panel June 15th in Davis.



Dan Parks of Country Roads News acts as moderator for the panel June 15th in Davis.. The panel consisted of, from left: Director of West Virginia Data Economy Office Chris Morris, Executive Director of Tucker United Amy Margolies, West Virginia Delegate JD Akers and West Virginia Delegate Evan Hansen.

Akers said that HB 2014 was established to established ruled and guardrails because there were already a handful of smaller data centers in West Virginia already. He said the main issue is power generation. There is going to be a need to more power generation to avoid a drain on the existing grid. He even went so far as to say that a data center could still be built without HB 2014 even applying, if it were small enough and State and Federal regulations would still apply to the project.

Hansen said that he had introduced an amendment to HB 2014 over local control, but it was party-line issue. Margolies said that the issue was unique to West Virginia and is not a partisan question, "in any way, shape or form." She said that the State government advertises this part of HB 2014 on its website as a selling point.

Akers also addressed the issue of revenue split in HB 2014. He said that revenue split could be a good thing if done right. He said that while 70% of tax revenue would go to the State, money would trickle back into the County through various programs and funds regulated by the State, much like the Coal Severance Program.

Morris was asked about possibility in the near future of data centers in space, as well as clean up issues after a center is abandoned. He said that data centers cluster and he felt that the idea of space based data centers were impractical. As far as abandoned data centers, Morris said that he has never heard of a data center being decommissioned.

"We are using these things all day every day. They aren't going away," Morris said. "I haven't heard of any that have been decommissioned."

Akers said he did not want any County to become Loudoun County, however he did not want sensitive information held overseas. He also said he wants to see them responsibly built and to have some measure of control.

"We do want to have some measure of control over these," Akers said.

Morris said that he and Margolies agreed on a lot of issues. Morris' office is assembling an Advisory Council that will report directly back to the Governor. Within the next 30 to 60 days, Morris anticipates to begin seeking prospective members from across the State from all walks of life and areas of expertise.

"Power generating projects are already regulated," Morris said. "You don't want that stuff right next to a school. So I agree with that. You deserve to ask these questions and you deserve to have those answers."

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Mid-Atlantic Fire Compact trains at GC

Seven-state organization provides fire-suppression training

McHenry, MD – More than 300 people took part in last week's annual Mid-Atlantic Wildfire Training Academy at Garrett College.

The academy is sponsored by the Middle-Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact. The compact comprises seven states – Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Delaware, Ohio, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania – as well as the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Chip Broadwater, a Garrett County native who recently moved from instructor to academy coordinator, said academy students receive training that's hard to replicate at the statewide level.

"The biggest value is we bring instructors from other states with specialized knowledge needed for more advanced classes," said Broadwater. "It's hard for some of the smaller states to get that level of training on their own. The instructors we bring here really deliver high-quality instruction."

Garrett College has hosted the academy eight of the last nine years, with the exception being when it was canceled due to COVID in 2020.

"They love coming here and they're a great group to work with," said Julie Yoder, Garrett College's dean of continuing education and workforce development. "Hosting a weeklong event of this size is a lot of work, but it also allows us to showcase the College's assets and resources. Everyone enjoys having this group on campus."

Broadwater said one of the main reasons the academy returns to GC every year is "the college staff itself."

"They're friendly and they really want us here," said Broadwater. "Julie and her staff, and everyone else on staff from security to facilities to custodians, are so helpful. It's nice to be appreciated."

The academy consisted of 231 registered students, and approximately 60 academy instructors and staff. The academy staff was supported by the College's CEWD staff as well as security, information technology, facilities, residence life, and food services staff.

In addition to onsite courses at the College, there were two aviation courses that took place – one online and one at Coyle Airfield in New Jersey.

Notes: The compact's primary goals are assisting in fire suppression between the states, working together in developing fire prevention programs, and combining resources to promote quality fire-suppression training.

The weeklong academy also included the annual silent and live auctions, with proceeds going to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation. Over $11,000 was raised this year for the foundation, which supports injured firefighters and the families of deceased fire fighters.



The annual Mid-Atlantic Wildfire Training Academy took place last week at Garrett College. Pictured, left to right, are Jamie Johnson, Instructor Jim Boling, and David McGill during the Wilderness First Aid course. Photo by John Rudd.

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. Announces First Quarter 2026 Results

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. (OTC: HBSI) announces results of operations for the first quarter of 2026

Highlands Bankshares, Inc., the parent company of The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, posted first quarter 2026 earnings of $1,775,000 or $1.35 per share of common stock outstanding (EPS), compared to $1,384,000 or $1.04 EPS for the same period of 2025.

On April 14, 2026, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of $0.47 per share. The dividend was payable to all shareholders of record as of April 24, 2026, and was paid on or about May 1, 2026. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.22%

Return on average assets (ROAA) increased in 2026 to 1.12%, compared to 0.94% in the same period of 2025. The return on average equity (ROAE) increased to 10.34% at March 31, 2026, as compared to 8.82% at March 31, 2025.

Total assets, as of March 31, 2026, increased $2,914,000 to $634,710,000 compared to December 31, 2025. Total liabilities increased $1,916,000 as of March 31, 2026, to $566,070,000 compared to December 31, 2025, as a result of an increase in deposits.

Shareholders' Equity at March 31, 2026, was $68,640,000 or $52.03 per outstanding share, compared to December 31, 2025, of $67,642,000 or $51.27 per outstanding share.

Jack H. Walters, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the holding company, stated, "We are extremely pleased with results through the first quarter of 2026. Our teams are executing at a high level and we continue to seek and find relationships with customers that fit our community minded and relationship-based banking model. We continue to benefit from stabilized deposit costs, which combined with increasing loan balances has led to higher levels of net interest income."

Highlands Bankshares, Inc. is listed on the OTC market under the symbol HBSI (http://www.otcmarkets.com) and is the holding company for The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank. Highland's subsidiary banks operate twelve banking locations in West Virginia and Virginia and offer credit insurance through its wholly owned subsidiary, HBI Life Insurance Company. Capon Valley Bank will be opening their new Winchester North branch, located in Winchester, Virginia in first half of 2026. The Grant County Bank also plans to start construction of a new branch located in Falling Waters, WV in 2026.

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WVFF Issues Request for Applications for $9.87 Million Community Catalyst Grant (CCG)

The West Virginia First Foundation (WVFF) has announced the release of a Request for Applications (RFA) for its Community Catalyst Grant (CCG), a $9.87 million, three-year investment designed to reduce substance use, strengthen public safety responses, and improve rehabilitation and prevention systems across the state.

In recognition of National Prevention Week, WVFF is launching the RFA this week, with applications opening at midnight on June 1, 2026, and closing at 12:00 p.m. (noon) ET on June 30, 2026.

Additional details are at wvfirst.org/CCG.

