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Around 80 people packed the old courtroom of the Tucker County Courthouse for a Tucker County Commission meeting to voice their concerns about the Valley North Transmission Project. The Commission passed a resolution opposing the project and the use of eminent domain on Tucker County properties for the project.

Tucker County Joins Fight Against Valley North

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Commission unanimously passed a resolution before a packed house in the Tucker County Courthouse on July 22nd opposing the Valley North Transmission Project. The resolution declared the Commission's support of private property rights and opposition not only to that project, but to the use of eminent domain for property acquisition in that project or any project similar.

Around 80 community members attended the meeting to voice their opposition to the project and to the proposed Ridgeline power plant project. Tucker County residents spoke on the impact the Valley Link project would have on their property.

Some residents, such as Jeremy Hile spoke on both issues. The Valley Link project will impact this property. He thanked the Commission for "taking a stand against it."

"There's plenty of public land that it doesn't have to touch," Hile said.

Courtney Phillips spoke of her parent's farm, The Homestead the Valley North project's impact, should the project be allowed to go through their generational farm.

"My family's been here since the 1800's. My parent's live on a farm called The Homestead. The projected lines are supposed to go through their property, potentially taking where they live, how they take their money and my brother-in-law who lives there. I am opposed to this because I am not selling my heritage, my wildlife or my family." - Courtney Phillips

Mr. Blakely spoke about his farm, Seven Islands Farm in Parsons. Blakely said the farm was deeded by a land grant from the State of Virginia, before West Virginia or Tucker County even existed. The farm, Blakely said will celebrate its Centennial this year.

"The farm has been a farm ever since that time. My

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Commissioner Davis Sets the Record Straight



Tucker County Commissioner Fred Davis

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County Commission set the record straight during the July 22nd meeting of the Tucker County Commission. Davis rose from the Commission table to address the crowd of around 80 in the old courtroom of the Tucker County Courthouse following a series of comments, questions and demands from the crowd regarding the proposed Ridgeline power plant project.

On the night's agenda had been a resolution opposing the Valley North Transmission line project. The project is slated to run high voltage power lines across the state to supply power to Virginia and Washington D.C.

Following nearly an hour's worth of comments, questions and demands of the Commissioners regarding the ongoing debate over the proposed Ridgeline power plant project, Commissioner Davis rose and addressed those assembled.

"I'm just going to step up and look at you eyeball to

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WV Conservation Techs Deployed to Assist in Flood Debris

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Charleston – Governor Patrick Morrisey on Tuesday, July 21st declared a state of emergency for all of West Virginia's 55 counties related to the severe weather event that resulted in flash flooding, landslides, road closures and other related, dangerous conditions.

Technicians with the West Virginia Conservation Agency have been deployed to assess the extent of flood related debris blockages and damage, as well as provide assistance to residents affected.

Residents may also be eligible for Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program assistance. The EWP is a federal emergency recovery program that helps communities recover after a natural disaster strikes. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps communities to move from emergency response to long-tern recovery. The EWP allows the NRCS to work with local sponsors to assess damage, stabilize damage and streambanks, remove debris and protect homes, as well as infrastructures from future flooding. It is a technical and financial assistance program.

Tucker County is within the Tygart Valley Conservation District along with Barbour, Randolph, Taylor and Upshur Counties. Those affected by the recent flooding can contact the Conservation District for more information on services available at 304-457-3026.

Mission Mules Pack Out of Davis

By: Lydia Crawley
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A North Carolina based Christian non-profit organization used Davis as a staging area for disaster relief efforts in Weston, Buckhannon and Philippi following the area's devastating flooding impacted the region July 21st and 22nd. Mission Mules of Harmony, N.C. headed to West Virginia following the storm and Governor Morrisey's statewide disaster declaration.

The organization were in West Virginia from July 23rd to the 25th assisting in relief efforts.

"Over the past several days, our mules have had the privilege of delivering supplies to families, carrying with them not only essentials, but the love, prayers, and generosity of supporters from across the country, and the hope that comes from God," the organization said.

The organization uses teams of volunteers and trained pack mules to carry relief supplies into places otherwise inaccessible due to where roadways are washed out, blocked or otherwise too damaged to pass by conventional means.

The organization's rapid assessment team was in contact with emergency operations centers and incident command teams in the area to coordinate where its efforts would best be utilized while in the area.

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Tucker Goes Purple

Tucker County has announced it will Go Purple in September in recognition of National Recovery Month as part of the West Virginia Goes Purple movement. The Tucker County Commission signed a proclamation July 22nd, announcing September 2026 as "Tucker County Goes Purple" in recognition of National Recovery Month. It is encouraged that Tucker County join by wearing purple, turning on purple porch lights, display purple ribbons and signs, support recovery and prevention efforts, share messages of hope and encouragement and stand beside individuals and families impacted by substance use disorder. West Virginia is the first state in U.S. history to unite all 55 counties during National Recovery Month.



Governor Morrisey and his Office responded to comments by an Engineer from Fundamental Data that went viral at a July 6th Belmont, N.C. City Council meeting about the company's Tucker County proposed Ridgeline project and allegations that the company was instrumental in the drafting of House Bill 2014.

Tucker County 'The Middle of Nowhere,' Governor Morrisey Responds

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County was once again at the forefront of social media, as a clip of a July 6th Belmont, N.C. City Council meeting went viral after comments by Ted McGavran, an engineer for Fundamental Data, the company behind the controversial proposed Ridegline power plant projects alleged the company was at the forefront of the drafting of House Bill 2014.

"When we were up in West Virginia, we were the guys who basically wrote the bill and got it through the legislature in 2024 and 2025 and that gave us the opportunity to generate and set out the rules for what is called a mictogrid," McGavran said.

McGavran said that besides "creating the bill" (HB 2014) the company had free reign over Tucker County, as well as control over the Utilities Commission rates. However, he did say, the only stipulation was that they could only sell 10% of the power they would generate.

"We can pretty much do whatever we want to do up there," McGavran said. "We set our own rates under the Utilities Commission," McGavran said.

As for the location, McGavran said the plant would be located on abandoned mining land. He described the area as "the middle of nowhere." However, it wasn't just the mining land that he was referencing. He went on to describe how Tucker and Grant Counties combined had a

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News of Record

The following criminal complaints have been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate Office:

- **Roy A. Tuesing, Jr.,** of Hambleton, was charged with one count of Cruelty to Animals. According to the complaint, Sgt. B.T. Zirk, of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) received a complaint of animal neglect from Animal Control Officer Thompson who provided him with a copy of his Incident Reports and a copy of a "Patient History Report" from Wild and Wonderful Veterinary Services.
  According to Thompson's Incident Reports, in summary, on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 he received a complaint about a dog running loose in Hambleton. He advised that it was reported to him the dog appeared to be very skinny and had no collar. He traveled to the area to attempt to locate the dog but was unable to do so. He advised while attempting to locate the dog he received a call that advised an individual had the dog. Thompson retrieved the dog and placed it in the Tucker County Animal Shelter.
  He advised that on Wednesday, May 13, the dog was taken to Wild and Wonderful Veterinary Services for a medical evaluation. He advised he believes the owner of the dog is Roy Tuesing, Jr. He advised he tried to contact the owner at his residence, but unable to do so. At this time, he left a notice attached to the door of the property to notify the owner.
  Thompson advised that on Thursday, May 15 he again traveled to Tuesing's residence where he did speak with him. Tuesing stated the dog was his and he attempted to look for it on Wednesday but was unable to find it. He stated he could not afford to have the dog put down due to its age and health condition. Thompson advised him how he could reclaim the dog but he stated he did not have the money for the fees nor the heart to have it euthanized. Thompson provided him with a copy of the veterinarian report. Thompson provided photographic evidence depicting the dog's poor condition to Zirk.
- **Charles William Miller,** of Thomas, was charged with one count of Failure to Register Sex Offender (Lifetime) 1st Offense. According to the complaint, on July 1 Sgt S.P. Miller met with the defendant, a known and registered sex offender in Tucker County. The defendant reported for his annual sex offender registry requirements and during same, advised that he had lost his job on May 8 from Allied Universal Security at Mettiki Coal in Grant County. WV. Through Sgt. S.P. Miller's investigation, he confirmed with Allied Universal Security that the defendant's last date of employment was May 8, 2026 and he also confirmed with the Sex Offender Registry in Charleston that the defendant was on the registry for life. Elkins Communications, also along with Charleston confirmed the defendant has no prior convictions for failure to register as a sex offender. The officer also checked his detachment file which showed the last time the defendant reported was on July 16, 2025 for his annual sex offender registration as well.
- **Brandon Lee Bryant,** was charged with one count of Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance. The complaint states that on Wednesday, June 3, officers were dispatched by Tucker County Communications (911) to 22 Blackwater Avenue in Davis (BFS Foods) for a trespass complaint. Sgt. B.T. Zirk of t he Tucker County Sheriff's Office and Trooper Tate of the West Virginia State Police responded. While enroute, 911 advised the officers that the suspected trespasser is Brandon Bryant. Upon arrival, officers met with the complainant who provided a handwritten and signed statement. In summary, they stated a customer told him Brandon Bryant was outside. They stated they asked the defendant to leave or they were going to call the police. and he got mad about it and said he didn't care. When asked where the defendant was it was stated that he was outside the window if Little Ceasars.
  Zirk spoke with an employee of the pizza shop and he stated the defendant was digging in the cigarette butt disposal for about 40 minutes.
  At this time, it was advised by BFS that the defendant had an active "No Trespassing Notice" against the defendant for the store located at 22 Blackwater Avenue. The notice trespasses the defendant from both businesses located in the same building.
- Zirk was supplied with surveillance footage of the defendant standing outside the building. He was served the No Trespass Notice on April 23, 2026 by Tucker County Sheriff's Office Process Server Ernie Nestor.

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

- **Messenger Limited partnership LLLP,** Clover District, 2.00 acre to John J. Clayton and Catherine A. Clayton, $262,500.
- **Gleen A. Felton,** Davis Corporation, West half of 72, 30 x 132.5 to David W. Fielder, $235,000.
- **Kimberly Corbin Quattro, Janice Mullenax and Cathy Jasper/AKA Cathy Ruckman,** Davis Corporation, Lot 149 Seventh Street and Thomas Avenue to Janice Mullenax and Stacy Mullenax, $150,666.67
- **Christopher J. Fennell and Sandra M. Fennell,** Dry Fork Corporation, Warranty Deed: Lot 19, Blackwater Section, Timberline, 5.60 acres M/L to Erin Alexander and James Cunningham, $700,000.
- **Craig W. Sease, Trustee, Jill Sease, Trustee: Jill Sease Revocable Trust,** Dry Fork District, Lot 126 and western half Lot 103, Black Bear Woods to Matthew D. Vanderhoek and Rachel A. Lieberman, $389,000.
- **Kenneth W. Getty and Bonnie L. Getty,** Dry Fork District, Unit 87, Deerfield Condos to Knollwood Investments LLC, $300,000.
- **Canaan Re Holdings LLC,** Dry Fork District, Lot A, 2.00 acres to Gary D. Speer and Helen A. Collins, $92,500.
- **Robert G. Nestor and Kimberly A. Nestor,** Hambleton Corporation, 1/7 acres to Jason L. Bensinger and April F. Bensinger, $85,000.
- **Jerry D. Cale and Jacqueline G. Cale,** Hambleton Corporation, Part 43 and Part 44 to Emma Hebb, $25,000.
- **Anselm C. Levskaya,** Licking District, Quitclaim Deed; 565.5 square feet, .16 acres, .14 acres, 4,269 square feet to Scott D. Riley.
- **Austin D. Heckler,** Parsons Corporation, Parcel Central Land & IMP Co. Addition to Jonathan J. Bush and Paula J. Bush, $40,000.
- **Brendon Scott and Cheala Hackney,** Parsons Corporation, .19 acres to Cheala Hackney.
- **Larry M. Stemple, Jr.,** St. George District, (1) 32.4 acres, (2) 12.1 Horshshoe Run to Larry M. Stemple Jr. and Kasey L. Stemple.
- **James R. Parsons Sr.,** St. George District, .54 acres to Troy Parsons, Tatiana Parsons, Bethal Cemetery Trustees, Troy Allen Dilan Parsons and Patyna Linda Mae Parsons.
- **Mary E. Carr,** Thomas Corporation, (1) Lot 163 Thomas, (2) Lot 164 Thomas to Mary Catherine Pennington and Gariet D. Pennington.

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eyeball," Davis said. "You own a piece of land and you want to sell it to this person sitting beside of you, that's your business. Fred Davis is not going to tell you what to do with your land."

In regards to the Transmission Line project, Davis made the Commission's stance clear – the commission stood behind the people of Tucker County.

"If I'm a person going out here to bring a power line through our land and take our property, I'm going to stand behind you 100%," Davis said.

However, when it came to his views on Ridgeline. Davis put it simple, "Western Pocahontas owns that land. We're sitting here fighting, from day one, I told you, this is not going to happen."

"No one bought that land, yet. No one owns that land. But my thing is this, I don't care if you ever vote for me again, if you own the land, its yours. State or Federal government gives you permission to do what you want with your land. That's up to them. I'm not a federal man, I'm not the health inspector. I'm not an expert like everybody tries to be an expert. We're not experts. The State brought this to us. Now am I right? The State brought it to you, too, brought this headache to us. We didn't ask for this headache. We didn't ask for the power line headache." - Fred Davis

Davis went on to encourage peaceful debate, but expressed exasperation at what he and the other Commissioners perceived as continued badgering over the issue. Davis said he was tired of fighting over the issue and if anyone was upset by what he said, he was willing to talk about it, but it was simply how he felt. The comments raised a raucous round of applause from the audience.

Eastern Enrolling Students for New Artificial Intelligence Certificate Program Beginning This Fall

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. — Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College (Eastern) is enrolling students for its new Artificial Intelligence Certificate in Applied Science program, which begins in the fall 2026 semester. The certificate is West Virginia's first undergraduate AI certificate program.

Eastern was awarded a $169,440 Technical Program Development Grant from the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (WVCCTCE) last August to develop the curriculum, which has since received approval from both the state and the Higher Learning Commission. The program moves from vision to reality this fall under the leadership of Eastern President Dr. Thomas Striplin, who championed it from its inception.

The fully online, 30-credit-hour certificate is a one-year program. Upon completion, students will be equipped to use AI ethically, write Python programs using libraries such as NumPy and Pandas, apply machine learning algorithms, and efficiently leverage AI across various industries. Classes will be taught by Deepak Mehra, Ph.D., who was hired by Eastern to develop and instruct the program.

"Every industry needs people who understand AI," Mehra said. "In one year, our students go from their first line of Python to building machine learning models and pitching real AI solutions to business audiences — practical skills employers are hiring for right now."

Eastern offers in-state tuition rates to out-of-state students enrolled in fully online programs. Tuition for the AI program is $193 per credit hour. Additionally, Eastern's Workforce Education department will introduce a stackable micro-credential in artificial intelligence designed to run alongside the credit-bearing program.

To learn more about the program, visit easternwv.edu/artificial-intelligence/.

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SPORTS



Tucker County Mt. Lions Claim Summer League Championship

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County Mt. Lions boys basketball team capped off an impressive summer campaign by capturing the Summer League Championship with a convincing 54-37 victory over Fort Hill (Md.) in the championship game at Potomac State College in Keyser, W.Va.

The Mt. Lions earned their spot in the title game with a dominant semifinal performance, defeating the Keyser Golden Tornado 63-43. Tucker County controlled the game from the opening tip.

In the championship matchup, the Mt. Lions carried that momentum into the final, once again putting together a complete team effort. Tucker County's defense limited Fort Hill's scoring opportunities while the offense remained efficient throughout the contest, resulting in the 54-37 championship victory.

The title serves as a fitting conclusion to a successful summer league season and reflects the team's continued growth heading into the winter basketball season. With the confidence gained from the championship run, the Mt. Lions will look to build on their success as they prepare for the 2026-27 campaign.

Beyond the Finish Line: A Q&A with Tucker XC

By: Adam Freeman

Estoria Chase, Junior



What motivated you to join the cross-country team, and how long have you been running?

I started track my 8th grade year as a sort of way to stay active and get faster before soccer season started, and then I did track in 9th grade and XC in 10th. I joined the XC team because I liked the long-distance aspect of track and wanted to continue that.

Can you describe your typical training routine during the season?

Typically, we do static stretches and do a short warm-up run followed with more stretching. Depending on the day, we usually run the course once for speed work or twice at a slower pace. After, we do a cool-down run and stretch.

What do you find most challenging about cross-country running?

Personally, the most challenging part of XC is how different every course is (which is also a reason I love it because it makes things exciting), but sometimes you don't really know what you're getting into, which can be very stressful.

How do you mentally prepare for a race?

Before I race, I try to just take deep breaths and tell myself it's just putting one foot in front of the other. I think that as long as I try my hardest and push myself, no matter what place or time I get, I still try to be happy and proud of it.

Which course has been your favorite to run on, and why?

If I had to choose one, it would probably be the Braxton course. It starts out pretty rough, going up and down through a field and then a BIG uphill, but after that it's just a winding downhill, which is very fun to stride on and catch your breath for most of the way back before a big finish. They also have a really cool live footage setup, which I think is fun so your family and everyone can watch it, and the people who make that possible seem very nice.

Do you have any pre-race rituals or traditions that help you focus?

Last season before every race I would kind of just go in my own head and try to imagine the entire course to prepare myself for when I would really have to push myself. After that, me and the two other girls I raced with would pray and then line up.

Do you have a particular pre-race meal you like before a race?

Honestly no, I try to eat a lot of carbs the night before and hydrate as much as possible. Then the day of I have a light breakfast with a lot of fruit.

What other sports do you participate in?

Track

What was your most memorable race experience so far?

Cross country states of 2025. I ran the entire race with a really sweet girl. The entire time we just motivated each other to try to stay with each other and make sure no one was catching up. I think it definitely helped me and calmed me because having someone there kept me present. At the end she did outkick me, but it's really not something I am mad about because she totally deserved that!

What are your plans following your time at Tucker County High School?

After high school I plan to go to college to become a physical therapist! I will most likely go to WVU. I am very excited to stay in an environment that helps athletes and everyone recover and strengthen their bodies!

Draven Bunnell, Junior



What motivated you to join the cross-country team, and how long have you been running?

I like this sport very much. I have been running since last year.

Can you describe your typical training routine during the season?

I typically work on running mileage and try to even out the amount of easy days and hard days.

What do you find most challenging about cross-country running?

The most challenging part of XC is the mental battle before, during, and after the race. It's a sport that is 90% mental and 10% physical.

How do you mentally prepare for a race?

I mentally prepare for a race by warming up separately from the group and listening to music that puts me in a hopeful mood.

Which course has been your favorite to run on, and why?

Last year, my favorite courses were Keyser, East Fairmont, and Saint Mary's.

Do you have any pre-race rituals or traditions that help you focus?

Listening to music and spending prep time alone helps me focus more and be less nervous before a race.

Do you have a particular pre-race meal you like before a race?

Anything light on the stomach. Crackers, granola bars, cookies, etc.

What other sports do you participate in?

Track

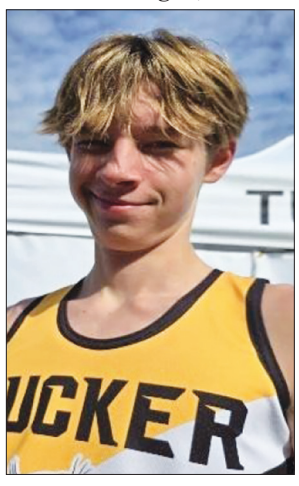
What was your most memorable race experience so far?

The state championship of last year's season holds a very special place for me. Finishing a sports season is such a rewarding and memorable feeling.

What are your plans following your time at Tucker County High School?

I have not fully decided yet. Potentially go to college for track or XC if possible.

Liam Gilligan, Junior



What motivated you to join the cross-country team, and how long have you been running?

What motivated me to run cross-country was seeing people I've run with in the past go out for it and not thinking it was a bad idea, and I have been running cross-country for three years.

Can you describe your typical training routine during the season?

My typical routine for running is, if we don't have practice or if it's the weekends, I usually run about 3 to 4 miles.

What do you find most challenging about cross-country running?

Myself. In a race, when you're surrounded and can barely hold on, all you have is yourself, and sometimes on the last mile or last hill or stretch, you will try to stop yourself.

How do you mentally prepare for a race?

I mentally prepare by just not thinking about it that much.

Which course has been your favorite to run on, and why?

My favorite course to run on is probably Frankfort, and it's my favorite course because most of the race, if not all, is all in the woods and on trails.

Do you have any pre-race rituals or traditions that help you focus?

Not really. I just usually do a light stretch before and try to not think about it too much.

Do you have a particular pre-race meal you like before a race?

Anything that builds strength and stamina will do.

What other sports do you participate in?

I participate in baseball during the spring.

What was your most memorable race experience so far?

My most memorable experience was at last year's states, when I was one of the kids out of four in both Single A and Double A to PR.

What are your plans following your time at Tucker County High School?

My plans for this school year are just to be myself, not care what others think or say, and just stay true to myself and be myself because most of the time, you're only going to have yourself. Inspirational quote time, "Sometimes you'll have to clean your picture to see yourself and how far you've come."

Juniper Judy, Sophomore



What motivated you to join the cross-country team, and how long have you been running?

Going into my third year of running. I decided to join cross country since I have really found enjoyment in longer distances and already really enjoy trail running by myself.

Can you describe your typical training routine during the season?

N/A

What do you find most challenging about cross-country running?

N/A

How do you mentally prepare for a race?

Tell myself it'll be over after I do it.

Which course has been your favorite to run on, and why?

N/A

Do you have any pre-race rituals or traditions that help you focus?

No.

Do you have a particular pre-race meal you like before a race?

Peanut butter crackers.

What other sports do you participate in?

Track

What was your most memorable race experience so far?

N/A

What are your plans following your time at Tucker County High School?

I'm not sure.

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Super Crossword

Answers

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What's Happening

BMA Food Pantry Open House and Dedication

The Blackwater Ministerial Association Board of Directors and Food Pantry Volunteers invite you to join us Thursday, July 30 from 2-4 PM at our new site located at 374 Quail Ridge Road in Thomas. Light refreshments will be provided.

ZOOM Meeting

The Tucker County Democratic Executive will hold the 2nd qtr meeting via ZOOM on July 30 @ 6 PM.
Use this link to join the meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86841525368?pwd=KZcBypEIvCnbx7gIthp8PpCJd8Wmmp. Meeting ID: 868 4152 5368 Passcode: 443757.

Yard Sale / Bake Sale / Hot Dogs

The First United Methodist Church, located on 101 First St. in Parsons will be having a yard sale/bake sale and hot dogs on Saturday, Aug. 1 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Evans Family Reunion

The descendants of Daniel L. and Edna Shaffer Evans will hold their 45th annual reunion Saturday, August 1, 2026 at Arnold Park, Leadmine, WV hosted by the Bus Evans Family. A covered dish lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m.. Please bring a raffle gift. Horseshoe and cornhole tournaments will commence following the meal.

Mountaineer Garden Club Annual Picnic

The Mountaineer Garden Club will hold its annual picnic on Tuesday, August 4 at 6pm at Pavilion #2 in Mill Race Park. This year we are inviting anyone who is interested in finding out about the club and possibly joining, as well as Yard of the Month recipients from 2025 and 2026, to come to the picnic. Hamburgers, sides and water will be provided but additional covered dishes are welcome. If you plan to attend the picnic, please RSVP by texting 304-642-8773 by August 1st. Please join us!

Helmick Reunion

The 100th annual Helmick Reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 2 at the Sugarlands Church of the Brethren. Sunday school will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by a basket lunch at 12:30 p.m. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Five Rivers Public Library

Super Hero & Princess Day. Date: August 5, 2026. Super Hero @ 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Princes @ 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Each session includes: Crafts, activities, pictures. Visit from a special super hero & princess. Snacks & drinks provided.

Peter T. Poling Family Reunion

The Peter T. Poling family reunion will be taking a break this year. We'll see you next year on Saturday August 14th 2027.

e-WV The West Virginia Encyclopedia

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.

July 29, 1873: Malcolm Malachi "Mack" Day was born. As sheriff of McDowell County, he claimed that God had called him to enforce Prohibition, even arresting an uncle and his own son.

July 29, 1900: Musician Don Redman was born in Piedmont, Mineral County, and then graduated from Storer College in Harpers Ferry. He was a multi-instrumentalist whose innovative arrangements for jazz greats laid the foundation for the big band era.

July 29, 1915: Camp Good Luck, the world's first 4-H encampment, began at Elkwater, Randolph County.

July 30, 1973: The Frederick Hotel in downtown Huntington closed to transient trade. After it was built in 1905, it was touted as the most elegant hotel between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

July 31, 1932: Actor Theodore Crawford "Ted" Cassidy was born in Pittsburgh but was raised in Philippi. He was best known for his role as Lurch on The Addams Family.

Aug. 1, 1866: The earliest recorded match game of baseball in West Virginia history was played in Wheeling, with the home team losing 45-12 to a club from Washington, Pennsylvania.

Aug. 1, 1921: Baldwin-Felts detectives shot and killed Sid Hatfield and Ed Chambers as they approached the McDowell County Courthouse in Welch. As Matewan's police chief, Hatfield had assisted the United Mine Workers' campaign to organize Tug Fork miners. The assassinations set in motion an armed miners' march ending with the Battle of Blair Mountain.



July 29, 1918: Novelist Mary Lee Settle was born in Charleston. Her experiences in West Virginia, World War II and life abroad shaped her writing, including the National Book Award-winning Blood Tie. She is best known for the Beulah Quintet, a five-novel series tracing four centuries of West Virginia history.

Aug. 1, 1940: Justice Franklin Cleckley was born in Huntington. In 1994, he became the first Black justice to serve on the West Virginia Supreme Court. The Supreme Court once referred to Cleckley's handbooks on evidence and criminal procedure as "the bible for West Virginia's judges and attorneys."

Aug. 2, 2009: Golfers Sam Snead and Bill Campbell became the first two inductees into the West Virginia Golf Hall of Fame.

Aug. 3, 1897: Fire destroyed much of downtown Lewisburg. The town rebuilt and evolved into a hub for one of the state's major farming regions and a center for

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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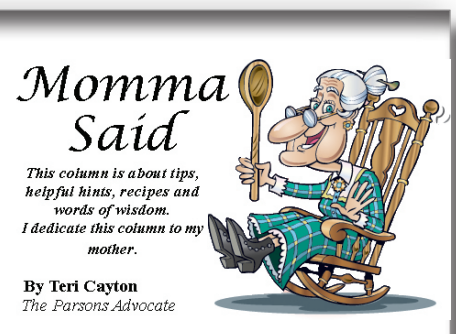
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Weather Totals July 14 - July 21, 2026

Nursery Bottom Parsons

Temperature		Precipitation	
Max	91° F	Week	0.78"
Min	59° F	July	4.36"
		2026	33.53"
		Snowfall	
Winter Total			46.5"

U.S. Forest Service



By Teri Cayton
The Parsons Advocate

Here is my latest report on "I Just Don't Understand PEOPLE". I recently read an article about an 11-year-old child that gave birth to a full-term baby. Yes, I said 11, and the parents swore that they did not know she was pregnant. Another aspect was they made the child have an unattended birth at home so people would not know.

Next comes the kicker, guess who the father is, you got it, HER OWN FATHER. Confirmed by a 99% DNA match, yes, the father is also the grand-father. What kind of monster could do that. "Momma Said, "When you figure people out, please let me know."

The family consists of mother, father, and pair of grand parents and everyone in the household swears they knew nothing of the pregnancy. Thank God they got a judge that was the kind of person to not let this fall through the cracks. The father got a life sentence plus 45 years and the mother got seven life sentences to be served consecutively.

The sentences they received does not negate the fact that this poor child's life has been scarred for life. I cannot imagine the horrors, this poor little girl had to suffer and my heart goes out to her and her baby. Momma Said, "What else is there to say but that evil lurks everywhere and if you suspect child abuse of any kind, don't worry about anyone but the child. See something, say something."

Quick and Easy Air Fryer Meatballs

INGREDIENTS

- 16 ounces lean ground beef
- 4 ounces ground pork
- 1⁄2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1⁄3 cup Italian seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1 egg
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1⁄2 teaspoon salt

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat your air fryer to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Add the beef, pork, parmesan cheese, breadcrumbs, egg, garlic, and salt to a large bowl. Use your hands to mix everything thoroughly.
- Form the meat mixture into 16 evenly-sized balls. Place them on the lined baking sheet.
- Place half of the meatballs into the air fryer basket. Cook for 8 minutes.
- After 8 minutes, give the basket a good shake. Then, continue cooking for 2 more minutes.
- Transfer the cooked meatballs to a serving plate. Let them rest for 5 minutes before serving.
- Repeat steps 4-6 with the remaining meatballs, and enjoy!

THANK YOU FOR READING

Super Crossword — LEAVE AT THE END

ACROSS

1 Lambastes
7 Poppycock
15 Earth model
20 Larynx locale
21 Tango cousin
22 "Whoopee!"
23 Altered totally
24 For an extended period of time
26 Angry feeling
27 Prefix with chic or tour
29 Papas' mates
30 Grafton's "— for Evidence"
31 Video game in which players ride in skateparks and splash color around
38 Use a pew
39 "Dino" star Mineo
40 Filmmaker Perry
41 Feature of a carrot-top
43 Views more text, perhaps
46 Salamander
48 Make distress less painful
50 Hype (up)
53 Volcanic stuff
55 Large couch
56 Funnywoman Boosler
57 Whigs' rivals
60 Wane
63 "Devil Inside" rock band
65 Is completely harmless
70 Volcanic stuff
74 Enlarged
75 On terra —
76 Neighbor of Peru
79 Some dark breads
80 Exactly even division
83 Brilliant feat
85 Med. scan in a large tube
86 Pesto herbs
87 Mythical twin of Pollux
91 They go with oohs
95 Two after uno
97 Cove's cousin
98 Portable boat engine
102 Literary Leon
105 Covert movement
106 Like fatty tissue
108 New, in Italy
112 Atop, to bards
113 Yiddish cries of lament
115 Appetizer made with vegetable "hearts"
117 81-Down download
118 Guy who's a spin doc
120 Ring great Muhammad
121 Sinus-probing doc
122 Having paid to be freed from custody
128 Old dog star
131 Not reactive
132 Luminosity
133 Expunges
134 Pack-carrying beasts
135 Stopped from wobbling
136 What the last words of eight key answers in this puzzle are slangy synonyms of

DOWN

1 Not lenient
2 Sundae topper
3 Difficult experience
4 Bathroom, in Bristol
5 "Dapper" guy
6 Blade metal
7 Make a pick
8 Bathroom, in Bristol
9 "Honest" prez
10 Golfing goal
11 Stuff making a big bang
12 Former NPR talk show host Diane
13 Domains
14 Hand-reading fortuneteller
15 Ob- — (delivery docs)
16 Time delay
17 "No kidding?"
18 Broth made by stewing
19 Vast periods
25 Old breakfast cereal brand
28 Things rolling in the aisle
32 Hankering
33 Mine find
34 IRA choices
35 "So that's your game!"
36 Lummoxes
37 Mambo great Puente
39 Japanese noodle
42 Match arbiter
44 Kinfolk: Abbr.
45 Stockholm is its cap.
47 Failed to be
49 Toe feature
50 In battle
51 Given to sulking
52 Puritanical type
54 Sly chuckle
58 Bits of land in la mer
59 Fielder Roush
61 Well-muscled
62 "I say!" sayer
64 Russian "no"
66 Cubes in miso soup
67 Give it a whirl
68 Dual radio designation
69 Decent
70 Indy circuits
71 Off-the-cuff
72 "Ta-da!"
73 Dilettantish
77 Prefix with pet or punk
78 D.C.'s home
81 Apple tablet
82 In shape
83 Trendy
84 Speechifiers
87 Bus. entities
88 Devices reproducing signatures
89 Spires
90 Ski lift type
92 Org. for docs
93 "Today" co-host Kotb
94 Move slightly
96 "The Fisher King" actress Mercedes
99 Rappers and poets, e.g.
100 Make a pick
101 French for "king"
103 Squid's squirt
104 Act litigiously
107 Climbed up
109 City in west Texas
110 Having more climbing plants
111 Best-suited
114 Anwar with a Peace Nobel
116 Greased up
117 Opera tune
118 Butter slices
119 Lymph bump
123 Sooner than, in poetry
124 Actress Vardalos
125 Sinful
126 Folk rocker DiFranco
127 Cola cubes
129 Exist
130 Devitalize



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Puzzle answers page 4

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Notice is hereby given that ROSE HOLDINGS LLC, 70 COLUMBIA BLVD, CLARKSBURG, WV 26301, has submitted an application for Permit Number Q201489 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1600.

The purpose of this modification is to add an access road and lay down yard (4.45 acres) towards the backside of the property that was omitted from previous permit actions.

The operation is discharging into Brushy Fork of Teter Creek and is located near Moatsville in Clover District of Tucker County, Longitude 79 49 27.4 and Latitude 39 11 38.9 (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

*Surface of the area within 500 feet of the permit area is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Rose Holdings LLC	70 Columbia Blvd, Clarksburg, WV 26301

Comments on the application shall be in writing and shall identify the applicant and application number and be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above. Comments received by 8/21/26 or thirty (30) days from the date of initial date of publication, will be considered.

A copy of the application will be available until 8/21/26 or thirty (30) days from initial date of publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and is available at:

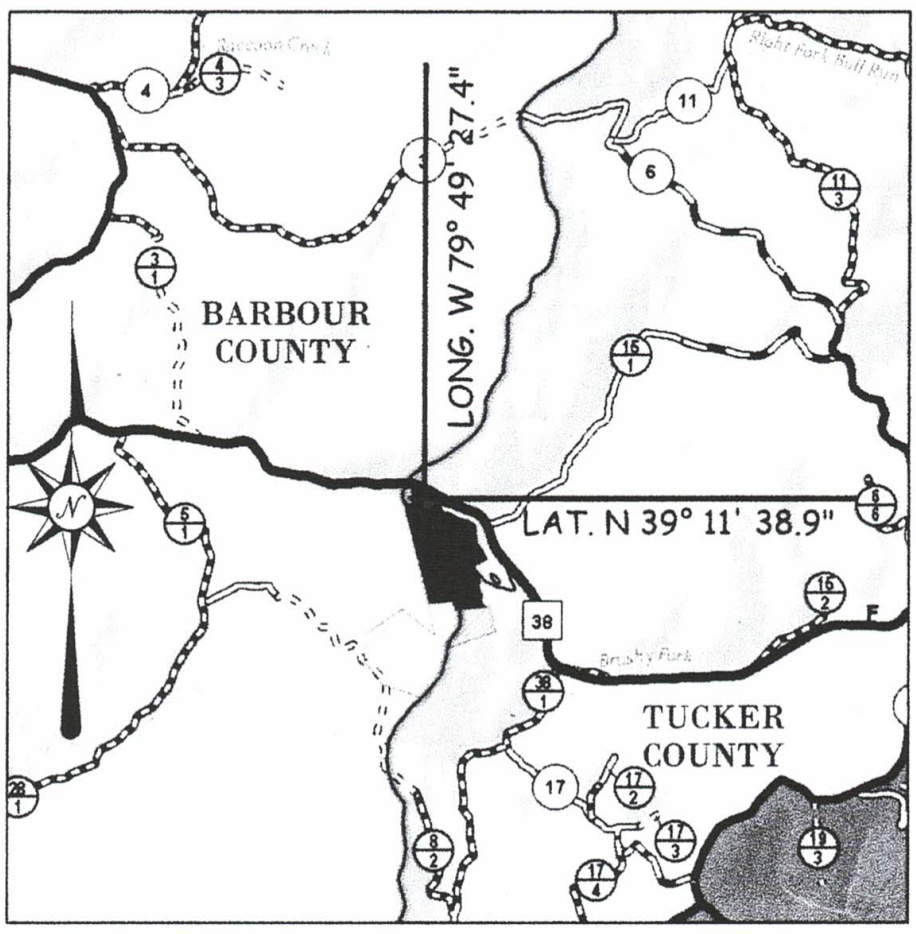
http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm.

The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

*These items are to be completed only for modifications that change the boundaries of the current permit.

DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219

Include location map including north arrow and longitude/latitude which crosses the permit area.



Quarry Permit Minor Mod #16
Permit No. Q201489
WVNPDES Permit No. WV1023632
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Cove District, Barbour County WV
1" = 1 Mile

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under authority of that certain Deed of Trust dated November 25, 2014, from William Michael Winans and Alisha Renee Winans to Marc B. Lazenby, Trustee, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 271, at page 592, securing a promissory note in the principal amount of $144,313.00, payable to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., and default having been made under the promissory note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust and sale requested by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at the front door of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons, West Virginia on August 26, 2026 at 12:00 p.m., subject to all reservations, exceptions, easements and other matters which appear of record, and subject to all unpaid taxes, if any, a tract of land, together with the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, located in Clover District, Tucker County, West Virginia, lying on the waters of the Right Fork of Clover Run, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a set 5/8" rebar at a corner fence post on the right-of-way of WV Secondary Route 19/1, from which a found roof bolt bears N 06-31' W 326.86 feet; S 56-28' W 388.46 feet to a set 5/8" rebar at a found gate post, a corner to Turner; thence N. 22-37' W 208.65 feet to a point on the west side of an existing farm road, a corner to Turner, thence N 44-41' W. 136.00 feet to a found roof bolt, a corner to Turner and Robert Nestor; thence N 19-49' W. 279.99 feet to a point on the west side of an existing farm road, a corner to Robert Nestor; thence N 13-44' E 48.50 feet to a set rail road spike on the right-of-way of WV Secondary Route 19/1 ; thence with the right-of-way of Route 19/1 S 55-40' E.32.02 feet to a point on the right-of-way of Route 19/1; thence S 77-00' E 25.85 feet to a point on the right-of-way of Route 19/1; thence S 84-10' E 113.67 feet to a point on the right-ofway of Route 19/1; thence S 79-35' E 175.09 feet to a point on the right-of-way of Route 19/1; thence S 72-55' E. 39.88 feet to a point on the right-of-way of Route 19/1; thence S. 66-06' E. 25.69 feet to a point on the right-of-way of Route 19/1; thence S 55-33' E. 36.09 feet to a point on the right-ofway of Route 19/1; thence S. 46-16' E 50.78 feet to a point on the right-of-way of Route 19/1; thence S 38-01' E. 65.22 feet to a point on the right-of-way of Route 19/1; thence S 33-31' E. 54.99 feet to a point on the right-of-way of Route 19/1; thence S 17-11' E 61.41 feet to a point on the right-of-way of Route 19/1; thence S 09-07' E 39.30 feet to the beginning, containing 4.54 acres as surveyed by A-Tech Land Surveying LLC and shown on a plat of survey. Being a part of Parcel #3 conveyed to Billy Wayne Nestor and Charlene Renee Nestor by deed dated 12 August 1998 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Tucker County in deed book 159 at page 195.

There is reserved from this conveyance an existing 12' farm road more clearly depicted on the plat of survey. This description written by William R. Malcomb P.S. #2044.

Together with a certain 2015 Giles Manufactured Home, Serial Number SG1014258TNABM.

Being the same property conveyed from Billy Wayne Nestor and Charlene Renee Nestor, husband and wife, to Willlliam Michael Winans and Alisha Renee Winans, husband and wife, by Deed dated November 25, 2014, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 217, at page 168.

Terms of the sale: Cash or certified funds due on date of sale.

Given under my hand this 15th day of July, 2026.

/s/ Marc B. Lazenby
Trustee

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until August 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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SPAN(S): **STRUCTURE STEEL:**

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

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

Case No. 26-0544-G-390P
HOPE GAS, INC.
Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program
(PREP) Application, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 24-2-1 k.

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On May 29, 2026, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope) filed its Annual Pipeline Replacement and Expansion Program (PREP) Filing with revised PREP Rates, pursuant to W.Va. Code § 24-2-lk, which authorizes the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) to approve cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade, and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

In its PREP Filing, Hope projects PREP capital investment for calendar year 2027 of $115.0 million, as part of its General Program (core distribution system) and Field/Gathering Facilities Program (field lines and gathering facilities), under its multi-year plans. The PREP Filing also contains a true-up for actual versus projected 2025 calendar year PREP capital investment activity for both the General Program and the Field/Gathering Facilities Program. The PREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, regulator stations, and other plant equipment. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Hope service territories throughout the State. These projects are identified in the PREP Filing, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Hope proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through an increment within the fixed or volumetric, base rate component of its rates depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered, to be effective on November 1, 2026. Hope projects that the average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed on November 1, 2026, as follows:

HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	$4.37	4.07%
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)	$11.47	3.33%
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS)	$98.35	4.69%
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LGS)	$412.91	2.97%
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LGS)	$395.21	2.66%
Large Commercial-Industrial - Distribution Sales (Rate Class LCI-D)	$1,247.34	2.08%
Large Commercial-Industrial - Distribution Transport (Rate Class LCI-D)	$1,193.86	2.64%
Large Commercial-Industrial - Direct Service Transport (Rate Class LCI-DS)	$161.12	4.60%
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	$498.50	1.75%
DGP Gathering (Rate Class PGAS)	$12,980.75	13.45%
Equitrans Gathering (Rate Class PGAS)	$3,420.21	11.38%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission.

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter at 9:30 a.m. on September 23, 2026, at the Commission headquarters, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

If the Commission receives no opposition to the PREP Filing within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived, and the Commission may issue a final Order within 150 days of the filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within twenty (20) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission Order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

HOPE GAS, INC.

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Notice of Mechanic's Lien

To: David P. Plevish
Trisha M. Plevich
34 Seminole Way
Morgantown, WV 26508

David P. Plevich
Trisha M. Plevich
11 Waterfront Drive
Davis, WV 26260

Lakecrest Properties LLC
d/b/a Lakecrest Builders LLC
Justin Smith
P.O. Box 358
Dellslow, WV 26531

In accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 38 of the West Virginia Code, please take notice that the undersigned, BFS Group LLC f/k/a O.C. Cluss Lumber Company[1], furnished and delivered labor, services, supplies, materials, and equipment to Lakécrest Properties LLC, d/b/a Lakecrest Builders LLC, contractor, for the use in the erection, construction, repair, removal, improvement or otherwise, of buildings, structure or other improvements on the real estate described as follows ("the Property"):

All of Lot 21 of North Lake II, a common interest community, containing .65 acre, more or less, situate in Dry Fork District, Tucker County, West Virginia, as shown on a Plat of North Lake II, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia, in the Plat Cabinet at Slide 327 and being more particularly described in the Deed dated March 6, 2024, from Brian Johnston and Lauren Johnston to David P. Plevich and Trisha M. Plevich, recorded on March 11, 2024, in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 253, at Page 129.

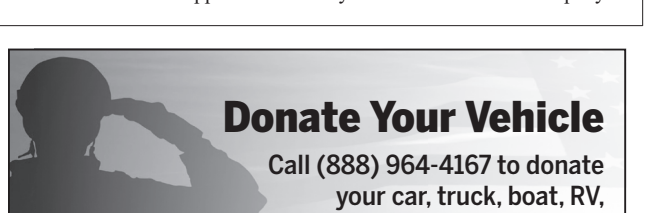
The labor, services, materials, supplies and equipment provided by BFS Group LLC f/k/a O. C. Cluss Lumber Company were for erection, construction, completion, alteration, repair or removal of one or more buildings or other structures or improvements appurtenant thereto, and other structures and improvements situate on the Property, and all the foregoing are charged with this Lien.

The labor, services, materials, supplies and equipment furnished were of the nature and were furnished on the dates and in the quantities and at the price as shown in the itemized account thereof attached as **Exhibit A**, commencing on July 23, 2025, and the last such labor, services, materials, supplies and equipment were furnished on April 9, 2026.

David P. Plevich and Trisha M. Plevich, as owners, and Lakecrest Properties LLC, d/b/a Lakecrest Builders LLC, as contractor, are hereby notified that BFS Group LLC f/k/a O. C. Cluss Lumber Company, has not been paid, or that there is still due and owing to the undersigned, the sum of Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and One Cent ($17,346.01) and that the undersigned claims a lien upon the Property and upon the structures and improvements thereon, to secure the payment of said sum, plus any and all costs and expenses incurred in recording and serving this lien.

[1]Materials were supplied and sold by O.C. Cluss Lumber Company.

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Letters to the Editor

Secretary Warner calls on West Virginians to support flood cleanup and recovery efforts

Dear West Virginia Business Owners,

Catastrophic flooding has devastated portions of Lewis and Upshur Counties, causing widespread damage to homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure. After witnessing the destruction first-hand, I respectfully ask my fellow West Virginians to consider supporting the residents, communities, and business owners affected by this disaster.

Many families have been displaced, and local businesses have suffered extensive losses. Business owners now face the difficult task of cleaning up, rebuilding, and restoring their livelihoods while many residents work to recover from the loss of their homes and personal property.

There is an immediate need for qualified contractors, skilled tradespeople, equipment, supplies, and volunteers to assist with cleanup and rebuilding efforts. Any resources, services, financial support, or other assistance your business or organization is able to donate would be sincerely appreciated by the affected communities.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the local emergency management agencies listed below to coordinate assistance.

Lewis-Gilmer E-911 Center
304-269-8235

Upshur County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
304-472-4983

Additionally, diapers, feminine hygiene products, box fans, and extension cords are especially needed in Upshur County and may be donated to:

West Virginia Wesleyan College
151 Cebe Ross Drive
Buckhannon, West Virginia

Thank you for your time and willingness to help your fellow West Virginians during this difficult time. Your support will help these communities recover and rebuild.

Sincerely,
Kris Warner
WV Secretary of State

We Cannot Surrender

People love to say, "Do the research." Fine. But let's be clear about what research actually is. Blindly accepting an Air Quality Division permit as proof that an industrial project is harmless is not research—it is blind faith.

For example, along the189-mile stretch of Cancer Alley in Louisiana, there is roughly one EPA-approved industrial facility for every mile. Every one of those operations has permits. Every one has government approval. Yet the people who live there have endured devastating health consequences, with some communities experiencing cancer rates reported fifty times above the national average. Government permits did not protect those families. A rubber stamp is not a guarantee of safety.

Now Fundamental Data has announced plans to build a 10,000-acre—15-square-mile—industrial complex beside Davis and Thomas. The West Virginia DEP has already issued an air quality permit for a natural gas and diesel power plant just one mile from Davis. The WV DEP contrary to their own mission statement seeks to approve all commercial permits. Last year 300 applications; 300 permits approved. Are we supposed to believe that a permit alone means we are safe?

The evidence says otherwise. The Harvard dispersion study warns that pollutants from this facility could pose significant risks to nearby residents. Real research examines independent science, historical evidence, and the consequences seen in communities that trusted permits over facts. Common sense leads to the same conclusion: this project presents a real and present danger to the people of Davis.

Then there are those who shrug and say, "It's private property. There's nothing we can do."

Really?

Is that the Mountaineer spirit?

West Virginia's history says otherwise. The Mine Wars were not fought because people believed property rights outweighed human rights. They were fought because ordinary men and women stood together against injustice, refusing to accept that power and money should come before the health, safety, and dignity of their communities.

When private property is used in ways that threaten public health, clean air, and the future of an entire region, silence is not virtue—it is surrender.

This is not simply about the right to protest. It is about the responsibility to defend our families, our neighbors, and the place we call home. Mountaineers do not bury their heads in the sand while their communities are put at risk.

Some may say that fifteen years is not long enough to call myself a true Mountaineer. I respectfully disagree. Home is not defined by the day you arrive—it is defined by the people you love, the community you serve, and the values you are willing to defend. Tucker County and the Town of Davis are my home, and I will never stop fighting for them.

Mountaineers stand together. Mountaineers lift one another up. Mountaineers do not remain silent when their families, neighbors, or communities are threatened. We meet challenges with courage, determination, and an unshakable belief that what is right is worth defending. That is the spirit that built these mountains, and it is the spirit that will protect them for generations to come.

Al Tomson
Mayor, Town of Davis

VALLEY NORTH

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Families such as the Blakelys of Seven Islands Farm spoke about how the transmission line project would impact their century farm.

son and daughter-in-law live there now. They have cattle and horses. They cut hay and raise a lot of vegetables. Standing in the yard right now you look down the river less than half a mile there's a big power line coming across. Why do we have to have another major power line coming across all the private land there, when there's government land it could be put on? But is seems like every time one of these things comes up, they don't take government land, they take private land. Just like a lot of Corridor H. They avoided the government land and came in and took homes, people who have been here for years. My wife and I live here because we want to. We were raised here, went to school here."
- Mr. Blakely

Other residents spoke about how the proposed power lines would sit in their front yard. Where they now have a beautiful country view, should the project go through, the lines will run straight through their front yard.

The Commission passed a resolution titled "Resolution Supporting Private Property Rights and Opposing the Valley North Transmission Project and Any Similar Extra-High Voltage Transmission Corridor Affecting Tucker County" unanimously during their July 22nd session.

The resolution states that, "the Tucker County Commission finds that the burdens of another state's energy policy should not fall disproportionately on Tucker County landowners." The resolution also states that the Commission supports private property rights and with only 30% of Tucker County being privately owned, "the condemnation of limited private lands for out-of state energy transmission would disproportionately harm landowners, reduce scarce private land availability, diminish land values, and weaken the tax base."

Under the resolution, the County affirms the following:

- *The Tucker County Commission formally opposes the Valley Link North 765-kV transmission project and any similar extra-high-voltage corridors through Tucker County.*
- *The Commission opposes any route adversely affecting private property, agriculture, forests, groundwater, streams, wildlife, habitat, historic or cultural resources, communities, scenic viewsheds or long-term economic interests.*
- *The Commission opposes the use of eminent domain for this project and affirms voluntary, non-coercive landowner negotiations.*
- *The Commission requests complete GIS parcel overlays, all alternative alignments and independent environmental, agricultural, historic, groundwater, health, property-value and economic-impact studies funded by the developer and performed by experts acceptable to affected landowners.*
- *The Commission requires meaningful public participation, certified notice to affected landowners and no less than one year for review and consultation.*
- *The Commission urges PJM, the WV Public Service Commission and all agencies to fully evaluate alternatives, including maximizing existing corridors, reconductoring, grid-enhancing technologies, distributed generation, demand-side management and co-location within existing utility or transportation corridors.*
- *The Commission reserves all rights to participate in administrative, judicial and regulator proceedings and to adopt additional resolutions or actions as appropriate.*

The action raised a unanimous round of applause from the audience. The Tucker County Commission joins Upshur, Barbour, Lewis and Hampshire Counties in West Virginia, along with Frederick County, VA and the Clarke County Board of Supervisors and Berryville Town Council in VA, as well as the Weston City Council in opposing the project.

City Residents,

If you would like to file a formal complaint for the City to investigate, a Complaint Form is available on the City's website at https://cityofparsonswv.com/.

Forms are also available at the City Business Office during regular business hours.

Once completed, please return the form to the Business Office so it can be reviewed and forwarded for investigation.

Thank you,
City of Parsons

Parsons Police Department
341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia 26287
Phone: (304) 478-3060 - Fax: (304) 478-3321

Property Complaint Form

Please use this form to report a nuisance property; including high grass, graffiti, excessive noise, or other quality of life disturbances associated with a property.

Property complaints are typically investigated within five (5) business days. Names of the reporting party are considered confidential and not shared with others. If you have any questions or issues regarding city code or a property complaint, please contact the Parsons Police Department at the telephone number listed above.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Phone:_____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Have you filed a complaint on this property in the past?
YES NO

If so, when? _____

THANK YOU FOR READING THE PARSONS ADVOCATE



MULES

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"As floodwaters continue to recede, needs will become clearer. By already being nearby, we'll be able to respond much more quickly when help is needed," the organization said.

The organization said their goal was not just to deliver supplies to Tucker County's neighbors impacted by nature's fury, but hope, as well.

"As always, our goal isn't just to deliver supplies. It's to deliver hope, to remind people walking through incredibly difficult days that they have not been forgotten," the organization said.

According to the organization's website, the organization offers the following services to those impacted by tragedy:

- Essential Supply Delivery: We coordinate and deliver vital supplies such as food, water, medicine, and hygiene kits to those in need, ensuring that affected populations receive the resources necessary for survival and basic well-being. This includes logistical planning and efficient distribution networks.
- Long-Term Recovery Support: Our commitment extends beyond immediate response. We offer sustained support for community rebuilding, including assistance with housing repairs, infrastructure reconstruction, and economic recovery initiatives. We work closely with individuals and families to address their long-term needs.
- Debris Management: We manage the safe and efficient removal of debris from disaster-stricken areas, facilitating the restoration of affected environments and enabling the rebuilding process to commence. This includes coordination with relevant authorities and adherence to all safety regulations.
- Home Repair & Reconstruction: We provide skilled labor and resources to repair and rebuild damaged homes, enabling individuals and families to return to safe and stable housing. This includes damage assessments, project management, and material sourcing.
- Volunteer Management: We effectively manage and deploy volunteers, ensuring their skills and efforts are utilized effectively and efficiently to maximize the impact of our relief efforts.
- Incident Management: We employ proven incident management strategies to coordinate our response, ensuring effective resource allocation and communication among various stakeholders during and after a disaster. This includes detailed planning and ongoing evaluation of our operational effectiveness.
- Providing Hope: Mission Mules not only focuses on providing relief to those in need, but also provides hope to those who may feel forgotten or alone, and shares the love of God as He has directed us all to do. Sometimes, the best answer for someone in distress can be a warm meal, a kind word, a reminder of God's love, or a MULE HUG!

The organization brought with them on their mission mules Brisket, Samaritan, Andy, Unalii and OG. The organization said that Brisket and OG were their most experienced mules. The trip was the first disaster response for Samaritan, Andy and Unalii without the organization's veteran lead mules alongside them.

"Months of miles, training, exposure, patience, and preparation have all led to this moment. Training can teach a mule a great deal, but there comes a time when every one of them has to take the test. This trip will show us what we've done well, where they have grown, and what we still need to improve when we return home. That's how a stronger, more dependable response team is built," the organization said.



Mission Mules out of Harmony, N.C. staged relief efforts for neighboring communities out of Davis. The organization used volunteers and a team comprised of mules Brisket, Samaritan, Andy, Unalii and OG to deliver relief supplies, support and hope to neighboring counties impacted by flooding from the recent storm.

The organization announced their departure on July 25th. The organization were returning to North Carolina to allow the mules some rest and to prepare for "what's next."

"We are incredibly grateful for the West Virginians who welcomed us, helped care for the mules, learned packing skills, and pointed us toward neighbors who needed a little extra help. Thank you to everyone who offered places for the mules to stay, shared kind words, and greeted us with smiles during some very long days," the organization said.

For more information on Mission Mules, go to missionmules.org.

TCGC Partners with TC EMS to Fund "Stop the Bleed" Kits for Classrooms



The contents of a "Stop the Bleed" kit.

The Tucker County Giving Circle (TCGC) was pleased to partner with Tucker County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in their effort to place a "Stop the Bleed" kit in each public or private K-12 classroom in Tucker County.

The idea to place "Stop the Bleed" kits in each classroom was brought to TCGC by Amanda Simmons, Director of the Tucker County Ambulance Authority. Currently, emergency equipment is kept in central hallways in the school. Providing a specialized "Stop the Bleed" kit in each classroom facilitates a much quicker response in the event of a severe bleeding episode, especially if the school is in a lockdown situation.

With a $1443 grant from TCGC, EMS personnel and volunteers were able to assemble 80 "Stop the Bleed" kits, enough to place one in each classroom in Tucker County. These kits will be distributed and available in the classrooms prior to the start of the school year in September.

TCGC's mission is to support women and children in Tucker County. All TCGC grants are funded by donations from members of the organization and administered by the Tucker Community Foundation. Since the organization's inception in 2020, TCGC has provided over $70,000 to organizations that support women and children in Tucker County.

Any non-profit, church, or government entity in Tucker County is eligible to apply for a TCGC grant between now and 3pm on September 19. Applications are available on the Tucker Community Foundation website, https://tuckerfoundationwv.org/



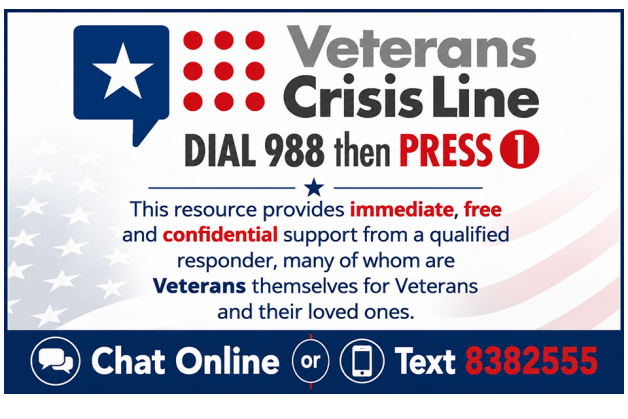
Amanda Simmons (Tucker County EMS) and Nora Howell (TGCG) display assembled "Stop the Bleed" kits.

To learn more about the Tucker County Giving Circle, contact tcgcofcrs@gmail.com.

Applications Now Open Through July 31 for 2026 Tucker County Business Pitch Contest

Entrepreneurs, innovators, startups, and small business owners are encouraged to apply by July 31 for the 2026 Tucker County Business Pitch Contest, an opportunity to compete for funding to help grow a business or bring a new idea to life.

Selected finalists will present their ideas on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 5 p.m. at the National Youth Science Academy, located at 494 Riverstone Road, Davis, WV 26260.



The final competition is open to the public. There is no cost to apply.

To be eligible, applicants must be registered with the State of West Virginia and either have an established business, maintain a physical presence in Tucker County, or be developing a new business idea that will operate in Tucker County. Startups, including those that are less than one year old and pre-revenue, and individuals with business ideas are encouraged to apply. Nonprofit organizations are not eligible.

Because presentation space is limited, not all applicants will be selected to compete. Applications will be reviewed, and only finalists will be invited to present at the live competition.

Finalists will each have five minutes to present their business or idea, followed by a five-minute question-and-answer session with judges. Organizers are working to increase this year's prize pool to $15,000, which would allow the competition to feature two tracks: a Startup Track for businesses less than one year old, including pre-revenue startups, and a Growth Track for established businesses. If the $15,000 prize pool goal is reached, each track will award a $5,000 first-place prize, a $2,000 second-place prize, and a $500 third-place prize.

The Tucker County Business Pitch Contest is made possible through the generous support of St. George Medical Clinic, Prodigi, Blackwater Ridge, Tucker Community Foundation, Tucker County Development Authority, Woodlands Development & Lending, Tucker County Chamber of Commerce, and The Berry Best Catering 304. Additional support is provided by the National Youth Science Academy, Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College, and Piton Strategies.

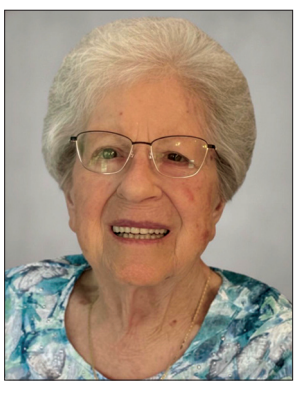
Businesses interested in sponsoring the event and helping grow this year's prize pool are encouraged to contact the Tucker County Development Authority.

Applications close July 31 at 11:59 p.m. Apply online at www.tuckerpitch.com.

For questions about the contest, contact the Tucker County Development Authority at tuckercounty@gmail.com or 304-614-8839.

Obituary

Sharlene B. Carr



Sharlene B. Carr, age 89, of Akron, passed away peacefully on July 21, 2026. Sharlene was born in Elk, West Virginia on November 4, 1936, to the late Theodore and Nellie Day.

Sharlene graduated from Parsons High School and attended church at Bright's Chapel. Early on, she met Franklin "Frank" Carr. They attended Sunday School together and were part of the same friend circle. After high school, Sharlene moved to Akron, Ohio for a job at Akron City Hospital. As fate would have it, Frank also relocated to Akron for work and they reconnected and fell in love. Sharlene and Frank married on May 2, 1964, and were devoted to each other for 62 years. Their life together was full of love, laughter and adventure as they were truly meant for one another. Sharlene retired from Akron City Summa after 37 years as a medical records supervisor and Frank retired shortly after so they could pursue their love of travel. They enjoyed winters in Florida, trips to Las Vegas and Hawaii, and cruises, as well as day trips for boating on the West Branch Reservoir. Their favorite place to visit was the cabin they built on family land in West Virginia. That cabin was the center of countless family gatherings and will forever hold treasured memories. In addition to her parents, Sharlene was preceded in death by her siblings, Fred Day, Kathryn Murphy, Jim Day, Mona Bonner, and Judy Day; as well as her special nieces, Cindy Klockenga and Brenda Murphy; and special nephews, and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Sharlene will be dearly missed by her beloved husband, Frank; sister, Norma(Bob) Carr; and countless special nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Visitation was held on Sunday, July 26, 2026, from 1-3 at Newcomer Funeral Home, 131 N. Canton Rd., Akron, Ohio, where funeral serves were held on Monday at 1 PM

A second visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, from 4 to 6 PM at Lohr & Barb Funeral Home, 312 Main Street, Parsons, West Virginia, where funeral services will be held on Thursday at 11 AM. The Reverend Justin Jones will officiate and interment will follow at the Bright's Chapel Cemetery in Dry Fork, WV. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Sharlene B. Carr. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

Virginia "Vergie" Morea Ball Rosier



Virginia "Vergie" Morea Ball Rosier, age 89, a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother of St. George passed away from this life into the arms of her savior on Saturday July 25, 2026. She was born on December 7, 1936 a daughter of the late Gay and Pearl (Strawderman) Ball. On June 27, 1953 she was united in marriage to the late Denver Rosier, Sr. who preceded her in death May 5, 2014.

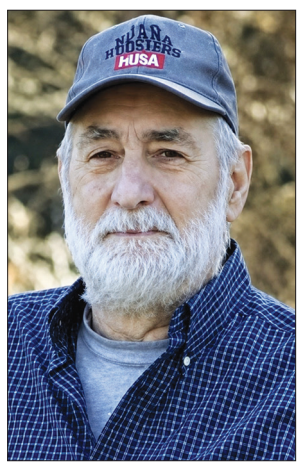
Vergie is survived by daughter Barbara Mathias and husband Tom of Moorefield, son Denver Lee Rosier, Jr. and wife Connie of Elkins, and daughter Carolyn Pifer and husband Kevin of St. George; grandsons Justin Campbell and wife Amanda, Wyatt Pifer and wife Stephanie, and Jonathan Rosier and fiancé Shawna Dixon; granddaughter Jessy Vandevender and husband Justin; step grandchildren Melissa Sexton and husband Jeremy, Michael Mathias and wife Brooke, and Megan Wagner and husband Neil. 15 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren; sister Margaret Williams.

Vergie was preceded in death by her parents Gay and Pearl Ball; husband Denver Rosier, Sr.; precious grandson Aaron Logan Campbell, and siblings Mary Kisamore, Betty Godwin, Bobby Ball, Delores Morral, and Sandra Coberly.

Vergie was a homemaker that babysat for numerous children over the years. She made many beautiful hand stitched quilts as Christmas and wedding gifts for her children and grandchildren. She loved to garden and can. She experienced great joy from sharing the fruits of her labor with her family. She was devout Christian and loved to sing hymns on any occasion.

The family will welcome friends at the Sycamore Grove Church 219 Bull Run Rd. Parson, WV on Wednesday July 29, from 6-8:00 pm and again on Thursday July 30, from 9-11:00 am. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 am with Rev. Lowell Moore officiating. Vergie will be laid to rest beside her loving husband in the Harsh Cemetery on Clover Run in Tucker County. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Memory of Virginia and Denver to the Harsh Memorial Cemetery Fund c/o Tucker Community Foundation PO Box 491, Parsons, WV 26287. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.wrightfuneralhomeservices.com.

Roger Lee Carr



Roger Lee Carr, 83, a resident of Hambleton, passed from this life Monday, July 20, 2026, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

Roger was born Tuesday, March 16, 1943, in Parsons, a son of the late Julia Annetta Carr White and stepfather, William White. In Parsons, on November 7, 1970, he married Linda Lue Strawder Carr, who survives.

Left to cherish Roger's memory besides his wife, is a daughter, Linda Swisher of Elkins, three grandchildren, Brittany Small and husband Ernest of Buckhannon, T.R. Swisher of Elkins, and Amber Swisher of Pittsfield, MA, two great grandchildren, Wyatt and Colton Small, five brothers, Johnny, Ronnie, Gary, Fred and Chuck White, two sisters, Sharon Eye and Agnes "Aggie" Arnold.

Preceding Roger in death besides his parents was a sister, Sandy Kresge and grandmother, Envy Carr.

Roger attended Tucker County schools and served in the U.S. Army. Roger was a member of the American Legion and NRA. He had been employed as a heavy equipment operator and coal miner with Buffalo Coal, Davis Trucking, Arch Coal and Vindex. In years past, Roger had attended the Pentecostal Church of God in Hambleton with his mother. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking and working on machinery. Roger loved taking his great grandkids hunting and spending time with his family.

Visitation will be held at the Hostetler Funeral Home on Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 11 am until 1 pm, the funeral hour. Rev. David Moore will officiate, and interment will follow at Parsons City Cemetery. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Roger Lee Carr. Send condolences to the family online at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Lulabelle Sponaugle Hardy



Lulabelle Sponaugle Hardy, age 87 years, a resident of Hambleton, WV departed this life Sunday evening, July 19, 2026, at her home with her family by her side and under the care of Mt. Hospice.

She was born Wednesday, October 12, 1938, at Parsons, WV, a daughter of the late Bryan Sponaugle and Delva Carr Sponaugle. On November 13, 1954, at Parsons, WV, she was married to Edward Junior "Bud" Hardy, who preceded her in death January 15, 2010.

Surviving are two sons, Edward Wayne Hardy of Dry Fork and David Craig Hardy and wife Christina of Hambleton; two daughters, Lana Christine Graber and husband Randall of Bolivar, Ohio and Donna Jean Poling Simmons of Philippi; ten grandchildren, Shawn, Christopher, Melanie, Jason, Brandi, Destry, Misty, Cameron, Isabella and Malia; one sister, Naomi Lambert of Mabie; several great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. Two very special friends, Brenda Credal and Trudy Helmick, who took tremendous care of Belle.

Preceding her in death are seven brothers, Eugene, Harold, Lewis, Cleon, and Butch Sponaugle, Allen "Hambone" and Burl Mason; three sisters, Wilda and Lucy Sponaugle and Martha Whetzel; and her stepmother, Armitte Sponaugle; two grandchildren, Joshua Poling and Holly Poling.

She grew up in Brooklyn Heights and attended the schools of Hendricks. She had previously attended the Seventh Day Adventist Church and had worked at White Gables Nursing Home. She enjoyed gardening, watching the news, reading her Bible, playing Yahtzee and word searches. She loved telling stories and especially loved visits from her grandchildren.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Monday, July 27, 2026 from 11 AM until 1 PM. Final rites were conducted on Monday at 1 PM. Pastor Adam Snyder officiated. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Lulabelle Sponaugle Hardy. Condolences may be expressed to the family at; www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

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education and the arts.

Aug. 3, 1907: Harley Orrin Staggers Sr. was born in Keyser. Staggers served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 32 years.

Aug. 4, 1824: John Jay Jackson Jr. was born near Parkersburg. Jackson was a prominent judge who became notorious among those trying to organize labor unions in West Virginia. He blocked an effort by Mother Jones and United Mine Workers leaders to organize the miners of northern West Virginia.

Aug. 4, 1897: Musician William Jennings "Billy" Cox was born near Charleston. Cox, known as the "Dixie Songbird," ranked as one of West Virginia's premier country music vocalists and songwriters during the 1930s.

Aug. 4, 1930: Lewisburg set the record for the state's hottest temperature ever: 112. Six years later, Martinsburg would tie it.

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population of 12,000.

"Tucker, Grant County. West Virginia. The combined population of those counties is not 12,000. Abandoned mining land. Its in the middle of nowhere," McGavran said.

McGavran's comments at the Council Meeting have been cut, edited and shared by various social media outlets and influencers, giving the issue a global audience.

Governor Morrisey's Office issued a statement on Tuesday, July 21st denouncing the statements. The Governor's Office denied that Fundamental Data had any part in drafting the bill and that it was drafted solely and deliberately by the Governor's Office.

"HB 2014 was the Governor's bill, and its drafting was deliberately limited to the Governor's office to ensure the legislation reflected Governor Morrisey's vision and priorities. While we can't speak to Fundamental's interactions with legislators once the bill was introduced, HB 2014 was shepherded through the legislative process by the Governor and his staff," the statement read.

This statement was followed up by a post on X, formerly Twitter, by Governor Morrisey, which is since been deleted. In the comment, while neither McGavran, nor Fundamental Data are named explicitly, the implications have been drawn by several news outlets. The posting in its entirety has been preserved by such media outlets as West Virginia Watch and others.

"He should be ashamed of himself. No respectable company would allow someone who represents them to mislead the media and public like this. I've been worried about how this company has handled itself from the beginning. They need to do much better. Shame on them." - **Governor Patrick Morrisey, *on X Thursday morning July 23rd***

While a spokesperson for Fundamental Data was contacted for comment on both McGavran and the Governor's comments, an official response was promised, but had not arrived by press time. A statement had been supplied to Country Roads News on Thursday, July 23rd that denied McGavran's claims, especially regarding House Bill 2014.

"Fundamental Data did not draft, write, or play any role in drafting HB 2014. Mr. McGavran is not authorized to speak on behalf of the company. Any comments he may have made or may make are solely in his personal capacity and should not be attributed to Fundamental Data. Accordingly, we are not in a position to comment on or characterize Mr. McGavran's personal statements. Our position is limited to the company's own involvement, which is straightforward: Fundamental Data played no role in drafting the legislation." - ***Fundamental Data to Country Roads News, July 23rd***

The July 6th video of McGavran was of a city council meeting in his own town of Belmont, North Carolina. In the video, McGavran identified himself as an engineer for Fundamental Data, names the Tucker County project in detail and urges his own Town Council to implement measures aimed at any potential future data center projects, specifically noise ordinances based on diesel generators such as those the Ridgeline project plan for backup power in Tucker County.

The original Belmont City Council meeting can be found on YouTube on the Belmont NC YouTube page at the following: https://www.youtube.com/live/mI_7CskHTZc?si=ouhF3uWGhjpBAnvA. McGavran is the first presenter.

ERCC's Autumn Elza Earns Prestigious Director of Nursing Certification

Elkins, W.Va. — Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center's employees continue to strive for excellence in their quest to provide the very best care.

Autumn Elza, Director of Nursing, recently earned a prestigious certification associated with her position. She is now a "certified" Director of Nursing.

"This is an incredible achievement," said Tara Shaver, ERCC Administrator. "It takes, hard work and determination to obtain this certification."

Elza is also very pleased with her recent accomplishment.

"I knew this was going to take a lot of hard work," she said. "But I was determined to make this a reality."

"We are so proud of Autumn," Shaver added. "Obtaining this certification is an extensive process and takes much effort."

Nursing Directors oversee and manage staff, stay up to date and implement new nursing practices, and are a bridge between nurses and those in leadership roles.



Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center Director of Nursing Autumn Elza, at right, receives a Certificate of Achievement from Administrator Tara Shaver.

"The amount of work she put into getting this certification truly lets her work ethic shine," Shaver added. "We are so blessed to have her on our team."

This is not a career position that you can jump into immediately. It can even take 10 to 15 years, sometimes even longer, to become accomplished.

"We admire her desire to further her education in this position," Shaver said.

"Earning this DNS-CT certificate has been a goal," Elza said. "I am greatly pleased with this accomplishment."

Elza has worked at ERCC for a total of 13 years, with seven years as the Director of Nursing. She has also worked as a registered nurse and a Clinical Supervisor. She began her career as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

"ERCC is a great place to work," Elza said. "I have held different leadership roles at ERCC and enjoy being a part of the team."

MLGC, College partner on landscaping project

Grant-funded effort focused on Bumble Bee Rd. side of campus

McHenry, MD – The Mountain Laurel Garden Club's landscaping partnership with Garrett College shifted direction with its latest project, moving from the Mosser Road side of campus to a Bumble Bee Road focus.

The project members, aided by a Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee grant that covered the costs of trees and shrubs, installed native flowering trees and shrubs in movable containers outside around the Student Center (400 Building). The project also benefited from a Chesapeake Bay Trust grant that covered the cost of the metal containers and soil.

"The container design is more conducive to student appreciation of these spaces," said Mountain Laurel Garden Club Conservation Committee Chair Linda Harris, who noted the plants "are all flowering plants with spring, summer, fall, and winter interest."

Harris said there was an added bonus to using the locations selected for the containers.

"Anyone walking from the parking lot to the various college buildings is able to see and enjoy the landscaping," said Harris, who commended the efforts of Garrett College's Facilities Department during the installation.

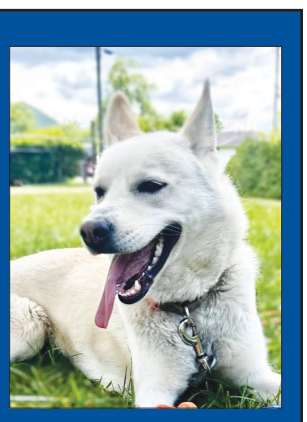
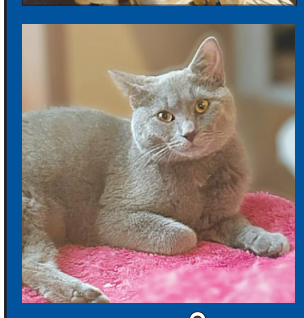
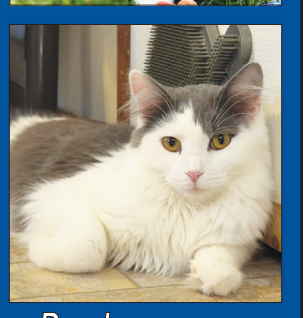
Dr. Richard Midcap, Garrett College's president, said the project has "really transformed the campus exterior on the Bumble Bee side of campus."

"Three of our most recent major renovation projects – the Performing Arts Center at Garrett College, the Student Center, and the Daniel E. Offutt III STEM Center – are on the Bumble Bee side of campus," noted Midcap. "The MLGC partnership, supported by the Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee grant, has helped the College create a brighter, much more welcoming environment."



The Mountain Laurel Garden Club continues to partner with Garrett College on campus landscaping projects. Pictured, left to right, are: (front row) Linda Harris, Nicole Zinn, and Patty Jones; (middle row) Bonnie Friend, Western Region Urban Forestry Coordinator Katherine Phillips, Bennett Helbig, Greg Koeln, Joan Lyon, and Kathy McNerney; and (back row) Ricky McFarland, Bobby Morgan, Wisdom Usikhifo, and David Broderick

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