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63rd National Youth Science Camp Welcomes Delegates in Davis



The 2026 National Youth Science Camp was held at the National Youth Science Academy in Davis.

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Since 1963, The Monongahela National Forest has hosted the National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp). The National Youth Science Academy in Davis welcomed this year's class of delegates from nearly all 50 states, overseas military postings and eight Western Hemisphere nations for this year's camp.

The three-week flagship program of the NYSAcademy is a prestigious, fully funded residential experience, "that honors and challenges rising young leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM)."

"Each year, I'm amazed and impressed with the delegates, their passion for STEAM, and their dreams for the future," said Kiona Y. Meade, NYSCamp Director. "Camp invites delegates to the beautiful mountains of West Virginia, while encouraging them to share unforgettable experiences, learn from leading experts, and make lifelong friends."

The camp began in Washington, D.C. with activities that included an international simulation hosted by the U.S. Department of Stat's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). During their time in West Virginia, the delegates will stay at Camp Horseshoe in Pocahontas County. They will engage in a variety of advanced lectures and hands-on sessions taught by prominent STEAM professionals. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to explore West Virginia's Monongahela National Forest through outdoor activities, including backpacking, mountain biking, kayaking and caving.

Throughout the camp various STEM professionals

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Opposing Viewpoints Dominate Commission Meeting

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Over 80 residents came packed into the old courtroom at the Tucker County Courthouse July 22nd to address the Tucker County Commission over issues related to the Valley North Transmission Project power line and the proposed Ridgeline power plant project.

Tucker County resident Jeremy Hile spoke on both projects, as the proposed power line project would not only negatively impact his property and thanked the Commission for the stand against it, but he was one of the few residents in Tucker County for the Ridgeline project willing to speak out.

"I am one of the residents of this County that is for the Ridgeline project. I've done a lot of homework. I've talked to a lot of people. I don't take it lightly. My family's been in Tucker County since the mid 1800's. I've been on the same piece of property that my family has farmed since 1910. Fifth generation farmer. I come from a strong farming background, both sides of my family. The company has passed the air quality, they have answered the questions for how they are going to do the water situation. They can find water that needs treated anyhow, put it back out clean...everybody ask questions, with an open mind. I started in the process not knowing which way to lean, either." - Jeremy Hile

Hile went on to say that Tucker County needed industry. He said that he felt that if the company followed the rules set forth for them in the regulations, "it was none of his business" and in the end, it was a matter of private property. He said he felt Fundamental Data was not asking for "a hand out" or tax breaks. The project, Hile said, would bring in much needed tax revenue "in order to take care of our tourists." Hile said the tax revenue from the project would fund EMS, fire and law enforcement, as well as the

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What to Know About Ticks in Tucker

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

For 2026, Tucker County leads the state in highest risk for Lyme disease per capita, near 1%, at a CDC reported 545 cases per 100,000. Tucker County also has the most towns in the top 10 for the state of West Virginia, according to TickZone.

Lyme disease isn't the only tick borne illness risk in found in the county. The Tucker County Health Department has also tracked high incidents of anaplasmosis, a tick-borne bacterial disease spread primarily by the blacklegged tick (deer tick) and western blacklegged tick. It is highly treatable with antibiotics. Other less common illnesses include Alpha-Gal Syndrome, ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Tucker County is fortunate, however, to have resources, such as the St. George Medical Clinic where individuals can get a full tick-borne disease panel ran and get prompt treatment, according to the Tucker County Health Department.

Nathan Burnett, Founder of TickZone, explained that his site ranks towns and counties based on several factors:

"Habitat, from satellite land cover at 10-meter resolution. Two inputs: how much of the town is forested, and how fragmented that forest is. Edge density carries real weight alongside raw forest cover, because the boundary between woods and yards is where people actually meet

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Davis Man Arrested in Oakland Following Car Theft Investigation

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate



Alexander Harris Keller

A Davis man is behind bars following a vehicle and credit card theft investigation in Maryland, Garrett County Maryland Sheriff Bryson Meyers announced in a July 30th press release. The arrest stemmed from an incident on July 29th, according to the report.

On July 29th, deputies with the Garrett County, Maryland Sheriff's Office investigated an incident at the TDEC parking lot on Arch Street. The owner of a vehicle had reported their vehicle had been moved from its original location to another within the lot. The owner also reported loose change and several credit cards stolen, as well.

During the investigation, it was determined that the stolen credit cards had been used at multiple businesses in Oakland, MD. As a result of the investigation, 21 year old Alexander Harris Keller of Davis was identified as a suspect.

Keller was later located by deputies at McDonald's in Oakland, MD. While deputies were speaking with Keller, it was discovered that he was in possession of the stolen credit cards. Keller fled on foot, however, he was apprehended a short distance away, the report stated.

Keller was arrested and charged with the following, according to the Garrett County Sheriff's Department:

- Credit Card Theft
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Rogue and Vagabond
- Theft Scheme

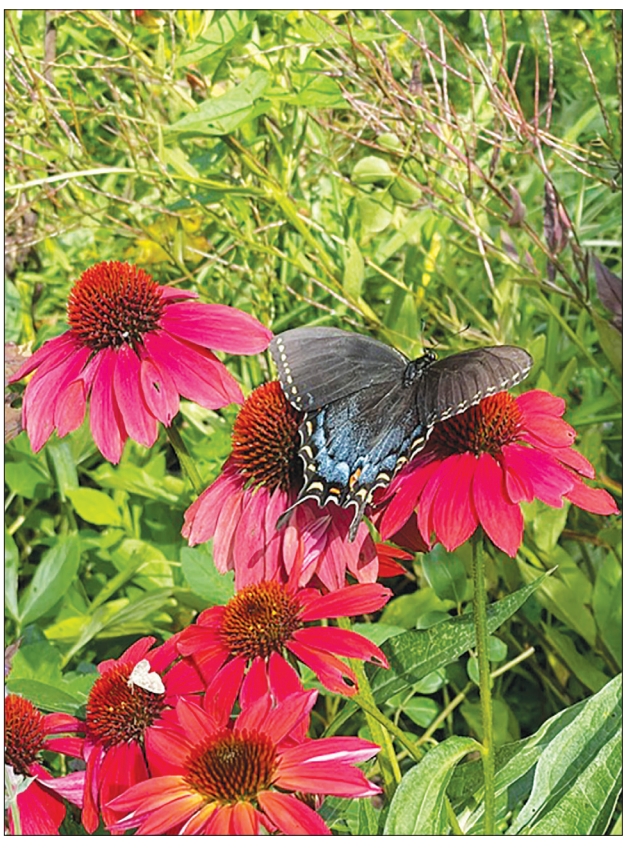
Keller was transported to the Garrett County Detention Center in Oakland, MD where he is being held without bond.

Investigators with the Garrett County Sheriff's Department believe Keller may have been involved with additional incidents involving vehicles and businesses in the Oakland area, as earlier in the day, he was found inside a vehicle by the Oakland Police Department.

Anyone who has experienced similar incidents over the past several days involving a vehicle entered or property stolen while in Oakland is asked to contact the Garrett County Sheriff's Office at 301-334-1911.

Before the Storms





Horseshoe Run resident Carol Craver captured the beauty of Tucker County before the mid-July severe thunderstorms tore through the area, leaving high water and destruction throughout the area. Much of the county saw around three inches of rain during the storm July 22nd. In one image, she was able to capture a black swallowtail on cornflowers and the other she was able to capture the Horseshoe Run sunset.

CORRECTION

In the article Tucker County Joins Fight Against Valley North that appeared in the July 22nd issue of the Parsons Advocate, Eldon Plaugher of Seven Islands Farm was incorrectly identified.

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News of Record

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

- **Thomas Neal Collins,** of Davis has been charged with one count of Brandishinig. According to the complaint, on Thursday, May 28 at approximately 2:30 a.m., Sr. Trooper R.S. Musgrave was dispatched to the Eagles Clubhouse in Davis. Tucker 911 advised there was some sort of altercation at the bar and that there was a firearm being involved or produced into the situation.
  On this same date, the officer arrived at the above-mentioned area and observed members from the clubhouse in the parking area. He spoke to some of the individuals involved and obtained statements. Each statement corroborated that Thomas Collins was at the bar and had possession of a firearm. Each witness stated at some point Collins was asked to leave for the night due to causing some issues. Collins was escorted outside to which he allegedly makes the comment, "I will shoot every ****** in this bar." Witnesses state that he was escorted to the alleyway across the street where some sort of physical altercation occurred. Witness states that at this time the defendant places his hand on the firearm in his pocket. Witnesses state that at this time the defendant ends up on the ground where he is disarmed and the firearm is unloaded. Witnesses stated they obtained his firearm and told him to leave.
  At this time the officer secured the firearm and traveled over to the area where this incident occurred and he located multiple .45 caliber ammunition on the ground along with a pair of broken sunglasses witnesses stated belonged to the defendant.
  On this same date, at approximately 5:30 a.m. Musgrave located the defendant at 237 Thomas Avenue where he openly stated to Musgrave that he was at the clubhouse earlier that morning, that there was some sort of altercation that occurred, and he did have possession of a firearm during this incident. All statements are captured on body cam.

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

- **Richard Gordon and Barbara Gordon,** Back Fork District, 2.88 acres to Kamran Safdar Gill, $112,500.
- **Robert A. Mott and Linda R. Nations,** Davis Corporation, Lots #588 and 589 Fairfax Avenue to The Mott and Nations Revocable Trust, Ronald Arnold Mott, Trustee and Linda Reid Nations, Trustee.
- **Matthew D. McFarlane and Rebecca J. McFarlane,** Davis Corporation, Lot #44 Tuscan Ridge Subdivision, 0.40 acres to Matthew D. McFarlane, Trustee, Rebecca J. McFarlane, Trustee; M&R McFarlane 2026 Trust.
- **Beaver Creed Village LLC,** Davis Corporation, Lot 26 to Walter Palmer.
- **Walter Palmer,** Davis Corporation, Lot 26 to Palmer Construction Services LLC.
- **Estate of Robert C. Drinko, Jennifer L. Neelen, Executor,** Davis Corporation, Confirmatory Deed Lot 42 – Black Bear Woods, Section 111 to Jennifer L. Neelen.
- **Christal G. Perry, Appointee of the Honorable Mark A. Hunt, State Auditor, Anna R. Kuykendall, Heirs,** Dry Fork District, Tax Lein Sale Parcel; ½ mineral - 446 acres; Cert #2023-C-000017 Roscoe C. Beall, III, $213.97.
- **Thomas R. Brothers and Reba A. Brothers,** Dry Fork District, Unit G1 Week 13 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort, Inc. to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc.
- **Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc.,** Dry Fork District, Unit E6 Week 25 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to Russell E. Hern and Debora J. Hern.
- **Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc.,** Dry Fork District, Unit A2 Week 9 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to Michael B Pethtel.
- **Thomas Fisher and Catherine Fisher,** Dry Fork District, Unit F3 Week 38 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc.
- **Thomas Fisher and Catherine Fisher,** Dry Fork District, Unit F3 Week 37 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort Inc. to land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc.
- **Maeve McCarthy Myers, Successor Trustee, Siobhan McCarthy Covington, Successor Trustee, Megan McCarthy Padden, Successor Trustee; Janice Hoff McCarthy Trust,** Dry Fork District, 1 acre, Canaan to Catrina Hopping, $420,000.
- **Corbin Valley LLC,** Thomas Corporation, Special Warranty Deed, 12.33 acres +/- to Fulton Properties LLC, $738,000.
- **Nature Tucker LLC,** Thomas Corporation, Lot 9 – 0.32 acre and Lot 8 – Bowery Street to Richard D. Berrier and Jennifer L. Berrier, $270,000.

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present to the participants. In the past this has included: TV personality and astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, Apollo astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, mathematician and Nobel laureate John Nash, subject of the film "A Beautiful Mind," General Chuck Yeager, the first man to go faster than the speed of sound, Francis Collins, head of the Human Genome Project and current director of the National Institutes of Health, Julie Robinson, Chief Scientist for Human Exploration and Operations at NASA, Marissa Mayer, former president and CEO of Yahoo!, and David Hackleman, inventor of the ink for HP's inkjet printer.

More than 50% of the program's alumni earn a doctorate and over 85% pursue careers in STEAM fields. More than 99% of camp alumni receive at least a bachelor's degree and nearly 60% or alumni report that the camp influenced their career choice. Some notable alumni include: Bill Conner (AR 1977) CEO of Silent Circle; Marissa Mayer (WI 1993) CEO of Yahoo; David Thompson (SC 1972) Founder and CEO of Orbital Sciences Corporation; Cuong Do, VP of Global Strategy for Samsung; Dr, Anita Riddle (AZ 1980) Procurement Manager and Global Advisor for ExxonMobil; Dr. Julie Robinson, Chief Scientist for the International Space Station, NASA; Wesley Bush (WV 1979) CEO & President, Northrop Grumman; Gino Tubaro (Argentina 2013) Founder, Atomic Lab and Ernie Ting (NJ 1972) CEO & Founder, CivImpact Labs.

The 2026 National Youth Science Camp was scheduled from July 11th to August 1st. For more information about the program, please visit nysacademy.org.

VIEWPOINTS

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schools.

"Tucker Valley raised money for three years just to get bleachers replaced just because there's not enough money here," Hile said. "My daughter runs track in this county. We don't have track at the high school or the middle school level. They run Elkins once a week during track season and practice because we don't have track. We can't have track because of the financial situation."

Several community members read out a listing of names and comments opposing the Ridgeline project. The list was assembled from longtime resident families. Organizer Natalie Boyland said it came as a result of a request from Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau following an email exchange between the two. Boyland said Rosenau had request a list of longtime residents opposed to the project. Boyland then organized the questionnaire, which was read aloud and left for the Commission.

Other community members such as Olivia Miller spoke about their fears for the future should the Ridgeline project proceed. Miller said she feared for her grandmother's health should the project proceed. She said the project planned to build not just one natural gas power plant, but two "at the top of the mountain."

"I understand the need for tax money and revenue and solid infrastructure for our community," Miller said. "We need that, but we do not get that by repeating the mistakes of the past and subjecting our community to this pollution."

Diane Vera described Ridgeline as a "land grab" and equated those behind the project to the Prime Minister of Israel, Vladimir Putin and President Donald Trump.

"This is a land grab," Vera said. "Its not right. These men that are doing this are war criminals."

Tucker County President Mike Rosenau commented following Vera's speech, "I just want you to know that I have lived here my whole life also. No one loves this County more than I do," Rosenau said. "That's all I'm going to say."

Judy Rodd spoke about the public informational meeting in Davis held by representatives from Fundamental Data. She brought up points such as the company's future plans for a nuclear facility in Grant County, the sale of "a concept" and no registered sale or lease of land for the project.

"That land has never been sold or leased, so when they got their Air Quality Permit, they lied about ownership on that permit," Rodd said.



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SPORTS

Tucker Valley Wildcats Build Skills and Team Spirit at 4th Annual Football Team Camp



By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker Valley Middle School Wildcats recently wrapped up their 4th annual team camp, an event that has quickly become a cornerstone of their football program. This year, the Wildcats took their energy and enthusiasm to Camp Horseshoe, where they spent the day immersed in football, friendly competition, and the great outdoors.

The camp wasn't only about improving X's and O's. Players participated in team-building activities that encouraged communication, leadership, and trust. Obstacle courses, relay races, and group challenges gave the Wildcats opportunities to work together in new ways, strengthening the bonds that will carry them through the season.

By the end of the camp, the Wildcats had not only improved their play but also forged a stronger sense of unity. Laughter, high-fives, and shared victories, both on and off the field, set the tone for what promises to be an exciting football season. Coaches and players left Camp Horseshoe with optimism, knowing that the foundation built during this camp will make the Wildcats a force to be reckoned with this fall.

As the Tucker Valley Wildcats head into the season, their experience at Camp Horseshoe stands as more than just a preseason event; it's a tradition of growth, competition, and Wildcat pride.

Tucker County High School Mt. Lions Kick Off Fall Sports Practices on Monday

2026 Schedule

Team/Location	# of Holes	Date	Start Time
Home @ Canaan	**9**	**8/5**	**4:00 PM**
*Pendleton @ Highlands	18	8/6	1:00 PM
*Tygarts Valley @ The Raven	18	8/10	1:00 PM
Home @ Canaan	**9**	**8/11**	**4:00 PM**
*Keyser @ Polish Pines	18	8/12	2:00 PM
*Preston @ Alpine Lake	9	8/18	4:00 PM
Home @ Holly Meadows	**9**	**8/19**	**4:00 PM**
Home @ Canaan	**9**	**8/25**	**4:00 PM**
*Lewis County @ Stonewall	9	8/27	4:00 PM
*Trinity @ The Pines CC	9	9/1	4:00 PM
Home @ Holly Meadows	**9**	**9/2**	**4:00 PM**
Tygarts Valley @ The Raven	9	9/7	4:00 PM
Home @ Canaan	**9**	**9/8**	**4:00 PM**
Home @ Holly Meadows (B Team)	**9**	**9/10**	**4:00 PM**
*Moorefield @ Valley View	18	9/14	TBD
*PVC @ The Raven	18	9/15	10:00 AM
(B Team Match TBD)		9/17	TBD
***Home @ Canaan**	**18**	**9/22**	**10:00 AM**
*Pendleton @ Highlands	9	9/24	4:00 PM
Notre Dame @ Clarksburg CC (B Team)	9	9/28	4:00 PM
Home @ Canaan	**9**	**9/29**	**4:00 PM**
Regional @ Canaan	18	10/5	10:00 AM
State Match (Practice Round)		10/13	TBD
State Match (Round 1)	18	10/14	TBD
State Match (Round 2)	18	10/15	TBD

2026 TCHS Volleyball Schedule

August 13
Scrimmage – Away vs. Frankfort – 6:00 PM

August 18
Scrimmage – Home vs. Trinity – 6:00 PM

August 20
Home vs. Preston – 6:00 PM

August 27
Away vs. Lincoln – 6:00 PM

August 31
Away vs. Tygarts Valley – 6:00 PM

September 2
Home vs. Union – 6:00 PM

September 8
Away vs. Moorefield – 6:00 PM

September 10
Tri (TBD) – Away at Trinity – 6:00 PM

September 14
Tri vs. Webster – Away at Pocahontas – 5:30 PM

September 15
Away vs. Pendleton – 6:00 PM

September 17
Home vs. Southern – 6:00 PM

September 19
Forest Festival – Away at Elkins – 9:00 AM

September 23
Home vs. Tygarts Valley – 6:00 PM

September 24
Away vs. Union – 6:00 PM

September 29
Tri vs. Paw-Paw – Away at East Hardy – 5:00 PM

October 6
Away vs. Southern – 6:00 PM

October 12
Tri vs. Pocahontas – Home vs. Lincoln – 6:00 PM

October 13
Home vs. Moorefield – 6:00 PM

October 15
Home vs. Elkins – 6:00 PM

October 20
Home vs. Pendleton – 6:00 PM

October 22
Away vs. Elkins – 6:00 PM

2026 Cross Country Schedule

Saturday, August 29 – Knight Night Relays XC Festival

Saturday, September 5 – Buckhannon-Upshur Invitational

Tuesday, September 8 – Broadford Park Invitational

Saturday, September 12 – 33rd Annual Frankfort Invite (Sponsored by WVU-Medicine Potomac Valley Hospital)

Saturday, September 19 – 2026 No Excuses Braxton Invitational

Saturday, October 3 – 3rd Annual Charlie Kuh Invitational

Tuesday, October 6 – Tucker County Invitational

Tuesday, October 13 – Potomac Valley Conference Championships

Saturday, October 24 – WVSSAC 2026 Region 2 A Championship

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County High School Mt. Lions are gearing up for an exciting fall sports season, with official practices kicking off on Monday, August 3rd. Student-athletes, coaches, and fans alike are eager to get back on the field and court, as the Mt. Lions prepare to build on past successes and set new goals for the 2026 season.

All fall sports teams, including football, golf, cross country, volleyball, and cheerleading, will begin their first official practices under the guidance of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) schedule.

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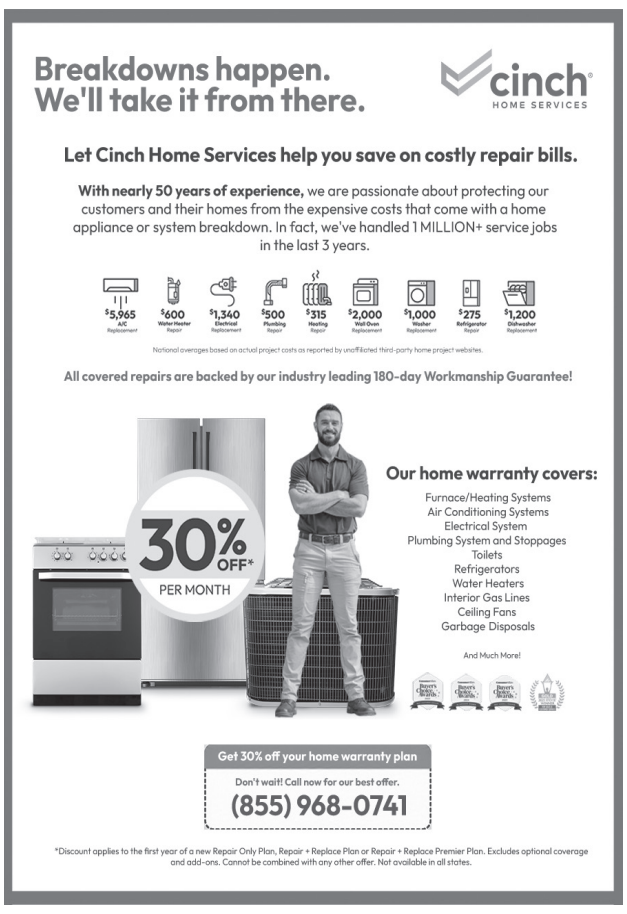
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What's Happening

Food Handler's Training Classes

Sanitarian James Snyder announced that the Tucker County Health Department will be conducting Food Handler's Training Classes at the Senior Center in Parsons, on Wednesday, Aug 5th, 2026, at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Individuals attending the class will be issued a food handler's permit which will be good for two years. A $10.00 registration fee will be collected upon admittance. The classes will start promptly, and late arrivals will not be admitted.

Waterway of Life, West Virginia Rivers Coalition

Join A Waterway of Life, West Virginia Rivers Coalition, and partners for a screening of *"Rebirth: Wild & Scenic Headwaters"* on August 6 at 6:30 pm at Rudolph's, 300 East Avenue, Thomas WV. This video highlights the beautiful Mon Forest headwaters – and the efforts of West Virginians to have these headwaters permanently designated as Wild and Scenic Rivers. There will be a discussion afterwards, and light refreshments will be served.

Eastern WVCTC Open House

Will be held on Friday, August 7, 2026, from 4-7 PM at 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV**.** *Fly Eastern Airlines: Your Future is Cleared for Takeoff!* Now boarding a flight to your future career; join us for an evening of exploring program options through interactive games and activities at our Main Campus on Friday, August 7, 2026, from 4-7 PM.

You will be given a boarding pass to use at each "terminal station," as you make your way through our Open House experience. These terminal stations will allow you to experience hands-on, interactive sessions designed to teach you about each of Eastern's programs and trainings. Collect stamps on your boarding pass at each station for a chance to win exciting prizes! *Register to attend at easternwv.edu/open-house/.*

Class Reunion of 1971

The Class of 1971 will have their annual reunion on Saturday, Aug. 8 at Mill Race Park. It will begin at noon so bring a covered dish and join us.

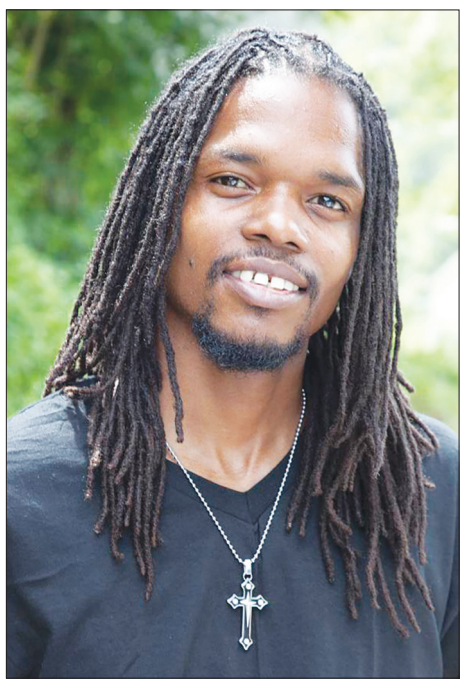
Peter T. Poling Family Reunion

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

Annual Ruth and Arthur Lipscomb reunion

Th annual Ruth and Arthur Lipscomb reunion will be held on Saturday, August 15th 2026, starting at 12:45 and a circle of hands at 1:00 pm at the Ferrell Family Campground in Leadmine, WV. Please bring a covered dish to share. All are welcome!

e-WV The West Virginia Encyclopedia



Aug. 11, 1974: Singer Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. was born in Logan. In 2011, he won the nationally televised America's Got Talent competition, performing standards. His win offered him a chance to perform at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

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.

Aug. 5, 1958: Jennings Randolph defeated former governor William Marland in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. Randolph soon became the senior senator from West Virginia and served for 26 years.

Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.

Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 7, 1893: Parsons became the county seat of Tucker County. Parsons was named for Ward Parsons, a prominent resident and the largest landholder.

Aug. 7, 1928: Author Betsy Byars was born in Charlotte, but her most productive period occurred during her 20 years in West Virginia. Her books during this time included the 1971 Newberry Medal-winning The Summer of the Swans and Goodbye, Chicken Little, which the New York Times named an outstanding book for 1979.

Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Va. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant business. His restaurants were named Shoney's when Schoenbaum's nickname was selected in an employee contest.

Aug. 9, 1916: A storm front from the northwest dumped nearly six inches of rain in less than five hours on the headwaters of Cabin Creek in eastern Kanawha County; 71 people died, and 900 homes were destroyed in the flood.

Aug. 9, 1927: Matthew Reese was born in Huntington. During the 1960 presidential Democratic primary, he helped organize all 55 counties and recruited thousands of campaign volunteers for John F. Kennedy. JFK's victory forged Reese's national political consulting career, working on more than 450 campaigns.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

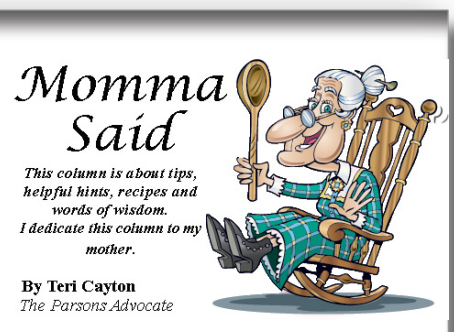
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Weather Totals July 21 - July 28, 2026

Nursery Bottom Parsons

Temperature		Precipitation	
Max	84° F	Week	3.55"
Min	52° F	July	7.91"
		2026	37.08"
		Snowfall	
Winter Total			46.5"

U.S. Forest Service



Momma Said, "Sometimes in life a little rain must fall but what this area got last week was insane." Not right in my area but the counties around where I live got washed away. It was so bad that a lot of businesses have to get completely torn down.

Some businesses say they are not even going to reopen and that is devastating to a smaller town like the ones that got hit. We had 9 confirmed tornadoes and that is something that is getting more and more frequent. We neve had this kind of crazy weather when I was growing up so times are changing.

I am really sad to think of the devastation that these people have suffered and must start completely from scratch. And to think, a few weeks I was complaining over a small water line break. ***Momma Said,*** "You really have to stop and think of what you have and be grateful."

I wish them all the best and hope there is some semblance of normal returns to their lives very soon. I know they have lost a lifetime of memories and some things that cannot be replaced so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Buttermilk Fried Chicken Tenders

INGREDIENTS

For the Chicken and Marinade
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce (optional)
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1⁄2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 1⁄2 pounds chicken tenders

For the Dredge
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1⁄2 cup cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1⁄2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

For Frying
- vegetable oil

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!

Super Crossword — ODD DUCKS

ACROSS
1 Arctic footwear item
9 Triaging concern
15 "Rope- —" (Ali ring tactic)
20 Study of forces acting on mechanisms
21 Twinkled
22 Adversary
23 Brief seconds
24 Diane plays her role flawlessly?
26 See 61-Across
27 Dandy dudes
28 On guard
29 Foxx amuses his audience?
34 Flock babies
37 Droop
39 Phone button abbr.
40 Special span
41 Granola snack option
43 Flood preventer
44 Muscles called "guns"
47 Paul acts in a serious film?
50 Military pupils
52 One of a pair of sense organs
53 Expiators
54 Elmer greatly anticipates catching Bugs Bunny?
57 Favored ones
60 "Hence ..."
61 With 26-Across, maker of Tater Tots
62 Philadelphia's La — University
63 WWII battle city in France
64 Adaptable truck, in brief
65 Christ, in Cremona
67 Oldham fashions clothes?
70 Cheer shouts
74 Court org.
76 "Look at Me" novelist Jennifer
77 Bunk
79 Gunk
80 "ATM" rapper
83 Small warbler
84 Wynonna puts out her first album?
86 Orchestrate
88 Miracle- —
90 Brown ermines
91 Roger describes a news event?
96 "C'mon, quit it!"
98 "It's all clear"
99 Lightning source, informally
100 TV "Science Guy" Bill
102 Put in a juicer
103 One of a pair of sense organs
104 Cultural spirit
105 Billy steps off his ship?
109 Plow inventor John
111 Swiss mounts
112 "— had it!"
113 Jason bounces the basketball?
117 Kitchen tools
122 Architect Jones
123 — d' (headwaiter)
124 Cubic — (fake diamond)
125 De Mille the dancer
126 Less than retail
127 How this puzzle's nine longest answers are viewed?

DOWN
1 Do the slopes
2 Writer Anaïs
3 Carry- — (flight totes)
4 Sweaty, say
5 Straitlaced
6 Indian tongue
7 Scale's span
8 Road curve
9 Certain opening for a bolt
10 Elated bliss
11 Gives help
12 German link
13 Rx request
14 Suffix with lime or Gator
15 Seed casings
16 Belly flop, say
17 Unusually big
18 People eating meals, e.g.
19 High trains
25 Maze-running rodent
27 Mrs., in Berlin
29 Burglarize
30 Gourmet
31 Tenths of centuries
32 "Judge —" (Stallone film)
33 Slip up
34 Piece of mail: Abbr.
35 Court org.
36 Mothers, informally
38 Undercoat for an oil painting
42 Skilled sorts
43 Evening eats
45 People who are hoofing it
46 Rock layers
48 — Moines
49 Perfectly
51 Song for one
54 Hazy stuff
55 Not as young
56 Pigeon perch, maybe
58 Yale for whom Yale is named
59 "I swear —!"
63 Capitol fig.
64 No longer bothered by
66 Remove the cargo from
68 Hazard
69 Motions "yes"
71 "Equus" actress Jenny
72 Time in a Jacuzzi, e.g.
73 "Rescue us!"
75 Road curve
78 "The Lady" star Michelle
80 Farr or Foxx
81 Fighting for change
82 Called for a pizza, say
83 Like Cardiff natives
84 Write hastily
85 City in Iraq
87 Go- — (no idler)
89 Climbing roses
92 "Am — blame?"
93 Refusals
94 Cuts off
95 Pink Floyd's Barrett
97 Evening hrs.
101 Add while proofing
104 Paul who published many math papers
106 Surprise win
107 Tennis legend Chris
108 Park seat
110 Threshold
111 Counter-tenor
113 Rio carmaker
114 "— bad boy!"
115 Slugging club
116 Razor brand
117 Israeli weapon
118 College org. of sisters
119 Suffix with opal
120 Tell fibs
121 Mournful

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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:

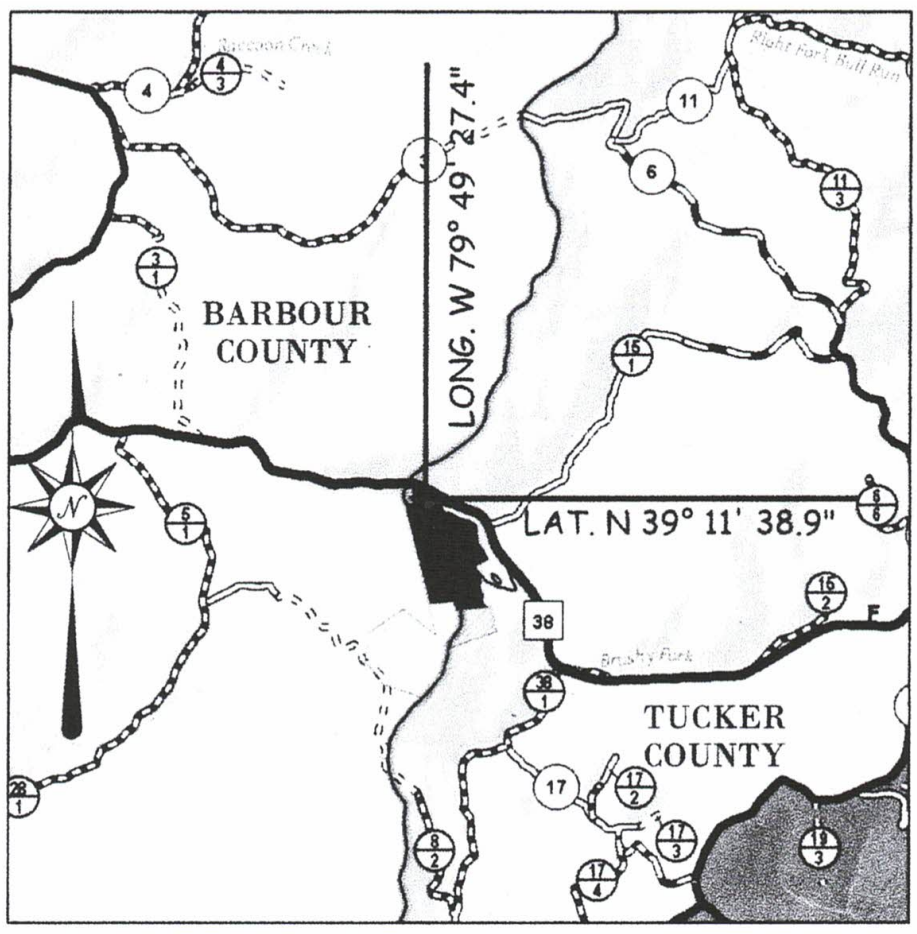
http://apps.dep.wv.gov/WebApp/_dep/Search/ePermitting/ePermittingApplicationSearchPage.cfm.

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
Clover District, Tucker County WV
Cove District, Barbour County WV
1" = 1 Mile

Rose Holdings LLC
70 Columbia Blvd
Clarksburg, West Virginia
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PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposed Amendment to the WV Constitution to be on the November 3, 2026, General Election Ballot.

Title of Amendment: "Amendment 1: Citizenship Requirement to Vote in West Virginia Elections Amendment"

Summery-of-Purpose: "This amendment provides that in all elections held in West Virginia only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state are qualified to vote."

Full Text of the Amendment: *§4-1. Only citizens of the United States who are citizens of this state shall be entitled to vote at all elections held within the counties in which they respectively reside; but a person who is a minor, or who has been declared mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction, or who is under conviction of treason, felony or bribery in an election, or who has not been a resident of the state and of the county in which he or she offers to vote, for 30 days next preceding such offer, shall not be permitted to vote while such disability continues; and, a person in the military, naval, or marine service of the United States shall not be deemed a resident of this state by reason of being stationed therein.*

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Tariff Form No. 8-C
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. (the "Company"), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to all of its customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will increase revenues approximately $20.3 million annually, an increase of 10.08%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	$ INCREASE/ DECREASE	% INCREASE/ DECREASE
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	$8.18	7.34%
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)	$34.43	9.67%
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS) 1/	$65.92	3.01%
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LGS)	$2,223.85	15.52%
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LGS) 1/	$834.61	5.60%
Large Commercial - Industrial Distribution Sales (Rate class LCI-D)	$13,761.98	22.58%
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	$4,438.30	15.34%
Daily Balancing - Transport	$147.19	24.82%

1/ To account for an increase in standby rate.

Resale customers of the Company include Cardinal Natural Gas Company and Mountaineer Gas Company.

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 increased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Morgantown office of the Company, 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Sen./ice Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, with copies to Daniel M. Taylor, Jr., Hope Gas, Inc., 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26505 and Kurt L. Krieger, Post Office Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326-1588. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE CITY OF PARSONS BOND ORDINANCE

A public hearing will be held on the following-entitled Ordinance at a meeting of the Council of The City of Parsons (the "City") to be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, and at such hearing any person interested may appear before the City and present protests, and all protests and suggestions shall be heard by the City and it shall then take such actions as it shall deem proper in the premises upon an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING PUBLIC WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PARSONS AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THEREOF THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF PARSONS OF NOT MORE THAN $3,000,000 IN ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2026 C (WEST VIRGINIA DWTRF PROGRAM); AND NOT MORE THAN $1,500,000 IN ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2026 D (WEST VIRGINIA DWTRF PROGRAM/FORGIVABLE); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF AND SECURITY FOR THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; APPROVING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING A LOAN AGREEMENT RELATING TO SUCH SERIES 2026 C BONDS AND SERIES 2026 D BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND ADOPTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

The above-quoted title of the Ordinance describes generally the contents thereof and the purposes of the Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 C Bonds (West Virginia DWTRF Program) and Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 D (West Virginia DWTRF Program/Forgivable) (collectively, the "Series 2026 Bonds") contemplated thereby. The City contemplates the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds described in the Ordinance. The proceeds of the Series 2026 Bonds will be used to (i) pay the costs of acquisition and construction of additions, betterments and improvements to the waterworks portion of the existing public combined waterworks and sewerage system of the City, and (ii) to pay certain costs of issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds and related costs. The Series 2026 Bonds are payable solely from revenues to be derived from the ownership and operation of the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the City. No taxes may at any time be levied by the City for the payment of the Series 2026 Bonds or the interest thereon.

The above-entitled Ordinance was adopted by the Council of the City on second reading on July 21, 2026. A certified copy of the above-entitled Ordinance is on file with the City for review by interested parties during regular office hours.

Following the public hearing, the Council of The City of Parsons intends to enact the Ordinance upon final reading.

Dated: August 5, 2026

/s/ Kathy E. DiBacco
Recorder

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The City of Parsons will be accepting bids for a project in City Limits through August 14th, 2026. The project will consist of adapting two sections of 48 inch culvert to an existing 24 inch culvert and wingwall. Job will need to be filled with 3 inch rock and slurry then extend a small overflow pipe the length of the project and backfilled to the same specs above. Concept drawing and specs can be picked up at Parsons City Hall. Site visits can be accommodated by scheduled appointment by calling 304-478-2311.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

LUKE M. RHODES and BAYLI D. RHODES
Petitioners,

v. **Civil Action No. 2026-C-12**
Judge Hilary M. Bright

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NELLIE SHUPP; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT ALLEN SHUPP, SR.; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES I. SHUPP, SR.; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NANCY SHUPP WOLFORD; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF KARL SHUPP; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BRENDA SHUPP PETERSON; ANTHONY SHUPP; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEBBIE SUE PERSINGER; MARGARET PERSINGER AKA MAGGIE WYATT; CHARLES I. SHUPP, JR.; JOHN SHUPP; BRIAN (BRYAN) SHUPP; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JANET WOLFORD; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TOMMY WOLFORD; JEFFREY WOLFORD; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JANET LYNN REEVES; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF STEVEN LONG; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DANIEL S. LONG; ROBBIE REEVES; MATTHEW REEVES; ROBERT L. REEVES; and PEARL HUFFMAN MASON,
Respondents.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

That the object of the above-entitled action is to seek declaratory relief to determine and declare the ownership interests of Petitioners, Respondents, and any unknown heirs and successors in title claiming an interest in a certain 4.3 acre tract in Black Fork District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and a declaration that the subject property is not susceptible to partition in kind, and therefore partition by sale should be ordered pursuant to W. Va. Code § 37-4-1, et seq. It appearing by Affidavit that the Respondents named in the Petition are the descendants and heirs of Charles and Nellie Shupp, and that Petitioners have used due diligence in ascertaining the residences and whereabout of the Respondents Margaret Persinger, aka Maggie Wyatt, Anthony Shupp, Charles I. Shupp, Jeffrey W. Wolford, John Shupp, Brian (Bryan) Shupp, and Robert L. Reeves, without effect, and that there may be persons, other than those named in the Petition who may have an interest in the subject property, identified as unknown heirs of Nellie Shupp, Robert Allen Shupp, Sr., Charles I. Shupp, Sr., Nancy Shupp Woflord, Karl Shupp, Brenda Shupp Peterson, Debbie Sue Persinger, Janet Wolford, Tommy Wolford, Janet Lynn Reeves, Steven Long, and Daniel Long, whose names are unknown to the Petitioners and are made Respondents by general description, accordingly:

It is ORDERED hat Respondents serve upon Robert C. Chenoweth, Petitioners' attorney, who address is P.O. Box 1819, Elkins, West Virginia, 26241, an Answer of other responsive pleading to the Petition filed in this action within 30 days of the date of first publication of this Order of Publication, otherwise, judgment by default will be taken against you. A copy of the Petition can be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Tucker County, West Virginia.

Entered: 7/28/2026

/s/ Hilary M. Bright
Circuit Court Judge

LEGAL

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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The Railyard Event & Conference Center Opens in Downtown Elkins, Launching a Full Season of Weddings, Conferences and Live Entertainment





ELKINS, W.Va. — The Railyard Event & Conference Center is now open in the heart of historic downtown Elkins, welcoming guests to a 28,000-square-foot venue built on the former site of the city's iconic railroad roundhouse. Blending Appalachian heritage with modern event functionality, The Railyard is designed to host weddings, conferences, corporate gatherings, signature shows, banquets and community events year-round.

Managed by Taylor Hospitality and developed as a project of the Randolph County Development Authority, The Railyard rises on ground once central to the region's rail industry — now reimagined as a full-service destination for celebrations, conferences and live performances. The venue features flexible indoor event spaces, high-end audiovisual capabilities, on-site event coordination and a walkable downtown location surrounded by shops, restaurants and lodging.

"The Railyard was created as a space where celebrations, connections and community come together," said Shane Jones, general manager of The Railyard. "Opening our doors to the people of Elkins and to visitors from across the region is exactly the moment we've been building toward."

"The Railyard represents years of vision and investment — not only in downtown Elkins, but in the future of Randolph County" said Robbie Morris, Executive Director of the Randolph County Development Authority. "This is more than an event venue; it's a catalyst for tourism, small business and community pride, built on ground that has always been at the heart of our region's story."

The Railyard also anchors a broader downtown experience, sitting just steps from the Elkins Depot Welcome Center and Mountain Rail excursions, and near Davis & Elkins College and outdoor recreation throughout Randolph County.

A packed opening season

The Railyard opens with a lineup that spans comedy, live music, community events and its own original productions:

- **The Eagles Project** — Jul 31, 7 p.m. on The Railyard Stage. The Eagles Project, is a powerful tribute featuring the signature harmonies, guitar work, and classic hits that defined a generation. Hear favorites like “Hotel California” and “Take It Easy” live on The Railyard Stage in downtown Elkins.
- **Katherine Blanford: "Delightfully Unfiltered," with Brooks Wheelan** — Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. on The Railyard Stage. The nationally touring comedian brings her debut hour, "Catholic Cowgirl," following two "Tonight Show" appearances and a spot on Deadline's "Comedians Ready to Break Out in 2025." She'll be joined by Brooks Wheelan, a nationally touring comedian and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member.
- **West Virginia Outdoor Expo** — Aug. 8–9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Conference Center. Free admission, featuring a Turkey Calling Contest and vendors celebrating the region's outdoor heritage.
- **The Mainline Show: "Memories on the Mainline"** — debuting Aug. 14–15 at 7 p.m. on The Railyard Stage, then running every Saturday through October. The Railyard's flagship original production.
- **Echoes of Icons** — debuting Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. on The Railyard Stage, then running every Friday through October. The Railyard's second signature production. ● Jason Crabb — Sept. 27 on The Railyard Stage. Doors and opening act at 6:30 p.m.; Crabb takes the stage at 7 p.m.
- **Connor King** — Nov. 21 on The Railyard Stage.

The Mainline Show and Echoes of Icons are original productions created and performed at The Railyard, distinguishing the venue as not only a host for touring talent but a home for homegrown entertainment. Following its Aug. 14–15 debut, The Mainline Show plays every Saturday, with Echoes of Icons joining the calendar every Friday — together forming the backbone of The Railyard's live entertainment season through October. Additional programming will be announced throughout the season.

Tickets and event details are available at therailyardwv.com. To schedule a venue tour, book an event or learn more about weddings, conferences and private celebrations, visit therailyardwv.com or contact the sales team.



Central District 1776 Legacy Scholarship Presentation

The members of the Central District of the West Virginia Daughter of the American Revolution revealed the recipient of their WVDAR Central District 1776 Legacy Scholarship during their district meeting held Saturday, July 18, 2026 at the Days Inn & Suites

in Flatwoods, WV. The scholarship, the brainchild of WVDAR Central District Director, Pat Goodwin, was fully funded by the thirteen Central District chapters in the amount of $1,776 "to honor the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, to reflect upon our nation's past, to honor the contributions of all Americans, and to look to future generations' achievements".

The recipient of this scholarship is Coy Veal, who is the son of Kayla Hallem and Chris Veal, both of Parsons. A 2026 graduate of Tucker County High School, Coy will be attending Davis & Elkins College this fall and will pursue a degree in both Business Administration and Accounting.

Coy's winning essay expressed what the "Spirit of 1776" meant to him. His essay was judged blindly by the selection committee against seventeen other essays from other 2026 high school seniors in schools located in the eleven counties - Tucker, Preston, Randolph, Upshur, Barbour, Lewis, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Braxton, and Roane - which are the home counties of the thirteen Central District chapters. Blackwater Chapter represents Tucker County.

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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.

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YES NO

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Fairview Homecoming Organization 50th Anniversary



The Fairview Homecoming Organization held its 50th Anniversary picnic celebration on Sunday, June 28, 2026 at the Good Tiding's Church pavilion. The group was organized in the spring and summer of 1976 for the mowing and upkeep of both lower and upper Fairview Cemeteries on Location Road. President Scott Hebb explained that our group meets each year on the last Sunday in June with a Homecoming picnic and short business meeting to continue maintenance of both cemeteries with the goal of obtaining perpetual care in future years.

Kaylee Nedrow read the names of loved ones who have passed away since our meeting on June 29, 2025. The list included John Dale White, William "Bill" Conrad, Ricky Knotts, Sr., Terrance A. Skipper, Sam Lipscomb, Sr., Chris Sigley, Gail Weese, Starr Harvey, Lynn Nedrow Horton, Lorrie "Gene' Butts, Charles "Joe" Thompson, Andrew Cale, Richard Marsh, Dale Hebb, Judy Knotts Evans, Frank Jones, Sondra Jeanie Knicley Pingley, Judy Long, Sandy Kisamore Hardy, Hoye Lynn Carr, Elsie Davis, Travis Veal and Randy Weese.

Fairview Cemetery Fundraiser cookbooks are available for purchase for $15.00 each. All proceeds will be deposited into the Fairview Cemetery Bank checking account to take care of mowings. Cookbooks are available by calling Bonnie at 304-614-7243.

Prizes consisting of handcrafted baskets made and donated by Ralph and Narel Hebb and tie dyed fleece throws made by April Simmons, "All Tied Up in Savers Fork". The youngest boy and girl were also given a Bicentennial Liberty Bell Bank from the Tucker County Bank in 1976, donated by Bonnie Knotts in memory of Melissa Anne Hebb.

The youngest girl present was 2 year old Liberty Hope Hebb born on May 23, 2024. Liberty is the daughter of Zach and Jennifer Hebb from Penrose, NC. Liberty has ten siblings, Alethia, Hezekiah, Trinity, Eden, Lazarus, Daily Grace, Zion, Jubilee, Ezekiel and Mercy.

The youngest boy attending was one month old Sutton Wayne Nedrow born on May 24, 2026. Sutton is the son of Nick and Taylor Nedrow of Hog Back Road, Eglon, WV and has a brother, Colter Reed and a sister, Charlotte Lorene.

Betty Knicley was once again the oldest lady present at 90 years old. Betty's birthday is on March 2, 1936, and she lives in Parsons, WV.

Earl Bohon was the oldest man present at 86 years old. Earl's birthdate is January 8, 1940, and he now lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Zachary and Jennifer Hebb and family was given the prize for traveling the farthest for the Homecoming from Penrose, NC about 440 miles. They also had the youngest little girl attending today.

Those attending or sending donations include Dana and Roonie Reed, Gary and Wendy Nedrow, Kaylee Anne Nedrow, Allen and Tammy Hebb, Nicholas, Taylor Charlotte, Colter and Sutton Nedrow, Steve and Karen Burns, Scott and Cindee Campbell, Coty Paige, Sadie and Scarlett Campbell, Scott, Mary, Alissa, Brooklee and Case Hebb, Greg and Crystal Sigley, Zach, Jen, Aletheia, Hezekiah, Trinity, Eden, Lazarus, Daily Grace, Zion, Jubilee, Ezekiel, Mercy, and Liberty Hebb. Jonathan, Samantha, Kenley, Everly and Ridge Blamble, Rock and Jaci Clark, Rev. Charles Nestor, Debra Nestor, Matthew Nestor, Scott and Deb Ritter, Allison Hunsberger, Luke, Rachel, Samuel, Isaiah, Ariah, and Aidrie Wickard, Austin, Brianna, Alani and Bondan Marks, Tim, Erika, Jeremiah, Madelynn and Benjamin Peterson, David and April Simmons, Mark and Stephanie Burns, Danny Carr. Tanner Burns, Emily Snyder, Laney Burns, Julia Nine, Jonathan Houston, Nick and Delores Nine, Della Akins, Earl Bohon, Perry Hebb, Shirley Cassidy, Luther and Reva Nine, Delmas Hardy, Melissa Hardy Jones, Jayla Clark, Jay Kisner, John Shiley, Ralph, Narel and Travis Hebb, Rob and Robin Hebb, Toby, Boone, Briar, Jack, Addalee and Anatalia Hebb, Tyler, Abby and Clay Hebb, Logan, Lydia, Kassidy and Greer Burns, Steve and Karen Burns, Dawn Chamblerlain, Allen and Beth Streets, Lefty and Vicki Stonebraker, Ettie Hershman, Ruby Knotts, Betty Knicley, John and Joann Golden, Jaxon Wilbanks, Madox Hannit, Steve and Bonnie Knotts, Butch and Kenanette Burns, Isaiah Sigley, Elijah Sigley, Maddie Dirda, Ronnie and Connie Helmick, Sell/Root Reunion and Michelle Joseph, Bohon/Cassidy Reunion, Larry and Linda Bates, Dawn Canan, Lois Hebb Walker, Teresa Wamsley, Vickie Hedrick, Jennifer Lipscomb, Melody Hubbard, Kevin and Jamie Stemple, Cindy Lipscomb, Beverly Wiles, Ben and Glenna Foster and Lou Sponaugle.

Next year's meeting will be held on Sunday, June 27, 2027.

Thank you to our 2026 Mountaineer Days sponsors!

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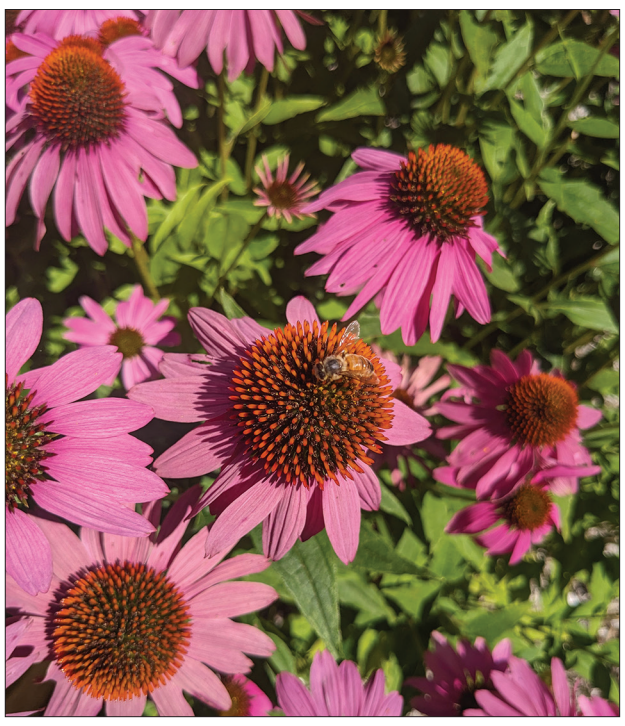
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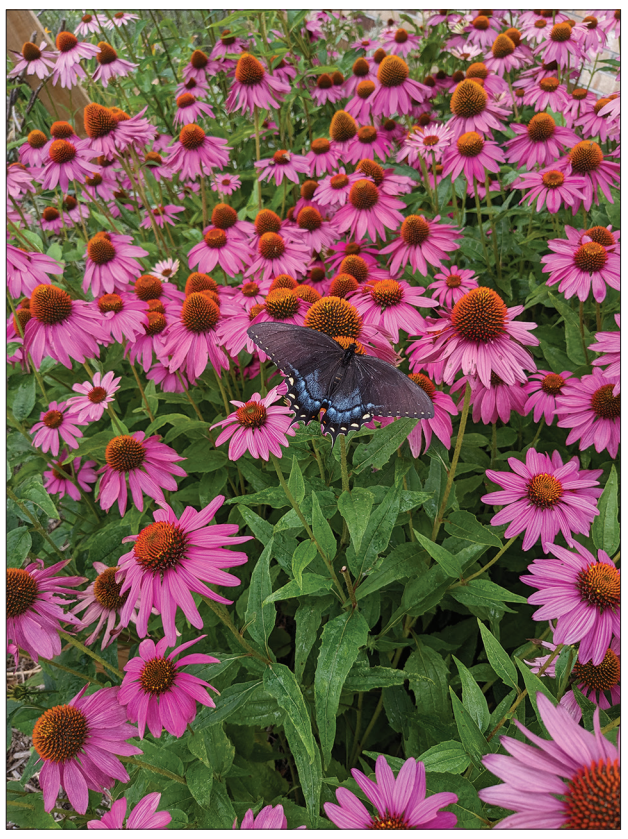


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Obituary

Yvonne Ann (Beery) Brown



Yvonne Ann (Beery) Brown, 91, of West View Healthy Living in Wooster, OH, passed on to her Heavenly Home on July 18, 2026 after a continuing decline in health.

Yvonne was born in Parsons, WV, on May 22, 1935, to Moffett and Dessie (Baker) Beery. She graduated from Parsons High School, where she was head cheerleader. During her senior year, she met the love of her life, James "Jim" Brown. They married on October 2, 1955 in Washington D.C. In 1969 they, along with daughter Sharon, moved to Wooster, OH.

Surviving are her brother, Fred Beery of Davis, WV; her daughter, Sharon (Mark) Norman of New Philadelphia, OH; her granddaughter, Angela, and Angela's father, Rick Beaudoin, of Apple Creek, OH; and her special cousins, Darlene Simmons Kelchak (George) of Morgantown, WV, and Margaret Ann (Clair) Muscaro and Kathy Klamut (Joe), all of Gahanna, OH, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins from the West Virginia area.

McIntire, Bradham & Sleek Funeral Home, 216 E. Larwill St., Wooster is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mcintirebradhamsleek.com.

Kenneth Glenn Poling



Kenneth Glenn Poling, 90, a resident of Parsons, passed from this life Monday, July 27, 2026, at his home surrounded by his family and under the care of West Virginia Caring.

Glenn was born on Saturday, July 4, 1936, in Parsons, the son of the late Gaston E. Poling and Hazel Wilson Poling. In Parsons, on February 3, 1956, he married Agnes Oldaker Poling, who survives. They had celebrated seventy years of marriage.

Left to cherish Glenn's memory besides his wife is a granddaughter, Ashleigh Sweeney and husband, Jacob of Rixeyville, VA, two great grandchildren, Jackson and Elizabeth Sweeney, his nephew and caregiver, Gary Herron, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Glenn in death besides his parents was a son, Eric Glenn Poling, two brothers, Robert "Bob" Poling and John D. Poling, a sister, Grace Monastra. He was the last surviving member of his family.

Glenn was a graduate of Parsons High School with the class of 1954 and had served in the United States Navy. He had worked as a stock person for Safeway for thirty-three years. Glenn was a member of the H.W. Daniels Post #29, American Legion, and the Tucker County Veterans Association. He had attended Riverview Chapel at Porterwood and was one of the "Magnificent Seven" which was a group of veterans responsible for planning and building the Veterans Wall in Parsons. Glenn enjoyed hunting, watching wildlife and loved spending time with his family.

Glenn's request for cremation will be honored. Interment will follow at a later date. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Kenneth Glenn Poling. Send condolences to the family online at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

Tucker Community Foundation accepting grant applications

PARSONS – The Tucker Community Foundation has announced that their grant applications are currently being accepted and the deadline to have grant applications turned into the Foundation is Friday, September 18th at 3pm. Tucker Community Foundation will be awarding grant funding to organizations, volunteer groups and people working to make a positive change in their communities in Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Tucker and Upshur counties in West Virginia, as well as Garrett County, Maryland. To be considered, groups must be working within the foundation's ten-county service area. This year the Foundation hopes to award over $150,000 in grants.

Michael Moore, Chief Financial Officer, said "to download a grant application, go online to www.TuckerFoundationWV.org then select the Grants Tab. Paper copies are available at the Foundation's office at 104 Education Lane, Room 211, Parsons, WV. If you have any questions or need a paper copy mailed to you please feel free to call our office Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 304-478-2930."

Grant applications must be turned into the Tucker Community Foundation's office located at 104 Education Lane, Room 211, Parsons WV 26287 by September 18th at 3 pm. They can also be mailed, to PO Box 491, Parsons WV 26287, with a postmark date of September 18th. Grants can be electronically submitted to: grants@tuckerfoundationwv.org.

"Grant season at the foundation is always a time of great excitement. Each year we are reminded of the efforts of hard-working folks who work to make our communities better" said Moore. As a community foundation, our mission is, "Creating opportunities for the individuals and communities we serve".

Grant applications can cover a wide range of charitable service areas including the arts, education, health and safety, emergency services, community development, parks, libraries, historic preservation and more. In years past, grants have helped a county school system purchase 3-D Printers or a non-profit purchase food for a weekend feeding program for students or for a volunteer fire department to get equipment.

The foundation's grant funding is due to the generosity of donors who have established and contributed to the more than 160 endowed funds and unrestricted funds established through the foundation. While some funds are targeted to support specific charitable areas, others are written to have a much wider reach. All grant awards are based on a competitive application process. To see the full list of endowed funds supporting this year's grant season, please visit https://tuckerfoundationwv.org/funds.

HISTORY

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Aug. 9, 1954: Don Chafin died in Huntington. As sheriff of 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 the county. He most notably led the anti-union forces at the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain.

Aug. 10, 1913: Sam Shaw was the beloved third-generation editor of the Moundsville Daily Echo from 1951 until his death in 1995. His letters home during World War II earned him the Ernie Pyle Award. He was also a tinkerer, long-distance runner, hiker, musician, photographer, linguist and bird watcher.

Aug. 10, 1920: General Frank Kendall "Pete" Everest Jr. was born in Fairmont. Everest was a military aviator and a pioneer in U.S. rocket plane flying. In 1956, he flew the X-2 at Mach 3, exceeding 1,900 miles per hour and breaking the record of Chuck Yeager, his rival and close contemporary.

Aug. 11, 1844: Emanuel Willis Wilson was born at Harpers Ferry. He served as the seventh governor of West Virginia from 1885 to 1890.

Aug. 11, 1910: Funeral director Elizabeth Harden Gilmore was born in Charleston. In 1958, she was an original organizer of West Virginia's first Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) chapter and, on her 48th birthday, began leading demonstrations that desegregated Charleston businesses.

Aug. 11, 1914: U.S. Ambassador Joseph S. Farland was born in Clarksburg. He helped facilitate U.S. Secretary of State's Henry Kissinger's secret 1971 trip to China as a prelude to President Richard Nixon's historic visit.

Aug. 11, 1941: Musician John Ellison was born near Montgomery, Fayette County. While performing with his band, the Soul Brothers Six, he wrote the classic song "Some Kind of Wonderful."

Aug. 11, 1994: The Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge became the 500th refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge system. It is one of the largest and most diverse freshwater wetland areas in central and southern Appalachia.

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TICKS

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ticks, so a broken-up town can outrank one with more total canopy.

Disease incidence, from CDC county-level Lyme case rates. Incidence and habitat are combined additively rather than multiplied, deliberately. A populous county cannot dilute its per-capita rate low enough to hide a genuinely wooded town inside it, and two towns in the same county still separate from each other on their own land cover," Burnett said.

TickZone ranks four of Tucker County's towns in the top ten for West Virginia for tick risk. Thomas, Davis, Hendricks and Hambleton all made the list for 2026. Tucker was also the only county to have more than one town in the top five.

1. Adrian-Upshur County
2. Thomas-Tucker County
3. Galloway-Barbour County
4. Newburg-Preston County
5. Hendricks-Tucker County
6. Parcoal-Webster County
7. Davis-Tucker County
8. Hambleton-Tucker County
9. Bergoo-Webster County
10. Camden-on-Gauley-Webster County

Tucker County specific rankings from the site are as follows:

1. Thomas High 95/100 https://tickzone.app/location/west-virginia/thomas

2. Hendricks High 94/100 https://tickzone.app/location/west-virginia/hendricks

3. Davis High 93/100 https://tickzone.app/location/west-virginia/davis

4. Hambleton High 93/100 https://tickzone.app/location/west-virginia/hambleton

5. St. George High 91/100 https://tickzone.app/location/west-virginia/st-george

6. Parsons High 89/100 https://tickzone.app/location/west-virginia/parsons

While the general tick season for West Virginia is whenever the ground is not frozen, generally March to November, peak tick season generally runs between April and July for Tucker County.

"Season, on a separate calendar per species. Deer tick nymphs peak in June and July, which is why so much of the map is near its ceiling right now. The lone star tick runs a different curve, with larval swarms holding risk into September. The American dog tick is largely finished by fall. Each is scored on its own curve rather than one blended seasonal average," Burnett said,

According to TickZone, the largest factors in tick activity are temperature, humidity, and time of day. The largest contributing factor is temperature. Adult deer ticks begin "questing" once the ground is above 40 degrees. Below this threshold, the ticks stay below the leaf litter, but as the temperature climbs to between 60 to 70 degrees, with good humidity, ticks become most active. However, past 85 degrees and dry, ticks retreat back down to avoid drying out, the site says, which makes the hottest days the least risky.

"Weather, refreshed every morning. Temperature is the real gate: effectively zero below freezing, ideal between about 59F and 82F, declining again in extreme heat when ticks retreat into the litter. Humidity enters as vapor pressure deficit rather than raw relative humidity, because 60 percent humidity at 86F dries out a nymph far faster than 60 percent at 54F. Trailing seven-day rainfall carries the drought signal," Burnett said.

The site also says that there is not a safe hour of the day, due to temperature and humidity being the main factors to activity. Ticks are most often easiest to pick up in the cooler, lower-light parts of the day in early morning and evening, even through the night. Deer ticks tend to favor cooler hours and lone star ticks are aggressive daytime hunters that will continue to remain active through dry midday heat that will send deer ticks to ground, though they hunt in the shaded brush, the site says.

The CDC offers the following advice to prevent tick bites. Before going outdoors, be aware of surroundings. Ticks live in grassy, brushy or wooded areas and on animals. Avoid these areas and stay to the center of trails. The CDC reports that many people get ticks in their own yard or neighborhood.

Be sure to treat clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin, as well. It can be used to treat boots, clothing and camping gear and will remain protective through several washings. Permethrin-treated clothing and gear is also available for purchase.

The CDC gives the following guidelines for insect repellents:

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. Look for an EPA registration number (EPA Reg. No.) on the insect repellent product label. This registration number means the company provided EPA with technical information on the effectiveness of the product. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- EPA's helpful search tool can help you find the product that best suits your needs.
- Always follow product instructions. Do not use products containing OLE or PMD on children under 3 years old.
- If you are using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

After returning indoors, the CDC recommends that clothing be checked thoroughly. Ticks can be carried into the house on clothing. Any ticks that are found should be removed. Clothing should also be tumble dried on high heat for at least 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after returning indoors, as well. If clothing requires washing, hot water is recommended as cold or medium temperature water will not kill ticks.

Pets and gear are also recommended to be checked. Ticks can also hitch a ride indoors on gear and pets and attach to people later. Items such as coats, packs, sleeping gear and pet's fur should be checked thoroughly.

The CDC said that showering within two hours of returning indoors has been shown to reduce Lyme disease risk and may be effective in reducing the risk of other tickborne diseases. It also helps to dislodge unattached ticks and allows a good opportunity to conduct a tick check, as a full body check is recommended upon returning from potentially tick infested areas, including backyards.

For more information on tick prevention, go to cdc.gov/ticks/prevention/index.html. For more information on TickZone go to https://tickzone.app.

Four Graduate from ERCC's CNA program



Four students graduated from Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center's Certified Nursing Assistant Class on July 16. All the graduates received a certificate of graduation along with a 2026 ERCC CNA Graduate lapel pin. A luncheon followed the graduation ceremony. Two were hired by ERCC and two were already employed by Mountain Memories Assisted Living & Retirement Center, a subsidiary of ERCC. Pictured left to right, front row: Beth Wilson, RN, Assistant CNA Training Coordinator, Karol Rojas, Joelee Lanham, Laila Swecker, Chloe Sycafoose, and Kelly Channell, RN, CNA Training Coordinator.

Garden Party Returns In Support Of Mountaintop Public Library



Guests enjoy the Friends' 2025 Garden Party.

THOMAS, West Virginia - The Friends of the Mountaintop Public Library (FOMPL), an organization supporting the library in Thomas, is pleased to announce its summer garden party. This year's fundraising event will be Saturday, August 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the National Youth Science Academy, 494 Riverstone Road in Davis. Proceeds will support library-related community events and help fund day-to-day operations of the library. A portion will be contributed to the MPL New Library Fund.

Ticket holders will enjoy locally catered hors d'oeuvres and desserts as well as wine and non-alcoholic beverages. A silent auction, typically the highlight of the event, will feature pottery and other artwork, spa and golf gift certificates, area restaurant gift certificates, books, and much more. Garden games will be available to add to the fun.

This is a "Pay What You Want" event. We suggest a $50 donation per person. Tickets can be purchased at the library or online at https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/garden-party--2026. For more information or help purchasing tickets, please write to fompl.tucker@gmail.com.

FOMPL is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that provides financial and other support to the Mountaintop Public Library located at 384 Quail Ridge Road, Thomas, WV.







