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This Issue: Tucker County Fair Special

Entire Tucker County Commission Accused of Criminal Charges

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The entirety of the Tucker County Commission has been brought up on misdemeanor charges stemming from the Sheriff's Incentive Program, passed in 2019 under a previous administration. Tucker County Commissioners Frederick J. "Fred" Davis, Jr., Timothy "Tim" Knotts and Tucker County Commission President Michael "Mike" Rosenau are all charged with "Unauthorized Expenditure by Local Official."

In the complaint, filed August 6th in Tucker County Circuit Court by Appointed Special Prosecuting Attorney for Tucker County James E. Shay, Jr. from Kingwood, alleged the following:

1. That on May 8, 2019 the Tucker County Commission unanimously approved and enacted a new program called the Sheriff's Incentive Program. The program "allows "sheriff's deput[ies] to purchase items that are consistent with law enforcement." The incentive would be paid up front by Tucker County and then the Sheriff's Deputy would pay back the total amount coming out of their paychecks until the item is paid off in full." The program was adopted under a motion made by Commissioner Patrick Darling. Commissioner Fred Davis was also present and voted for the program, according to the allegations.

2. That on five occasions, October 15, 2020; March 30, 2022; October 30, 2023; November 14, 2024; and most recently on August 12, 2025, "Commissioner Frederick Davis used the so-called Sheriff's Incentive Program to purchase personal property items, mostly firearms, ammunition and other weapons such as most recently a crossbow for his own personal use."

3. Commissioner Davis paid the amounts "borrowed" using wage attachment and that the payments were made over at least a year with no interest occurred or any security posted.

4. A check number 39984 for the amount of $3,990.75 was issued August 12, 2025 out of the Tucker County General Fund and signed by Sheriff Jake Kopec, Tucker County Clerk Sherry Simmons and Tucker County Commission President Mike



Tucker County Commissioners (from left) Fred Davis, Mike Rosenau and Tim Knotts are facing misdemeanor charges stemming from an August 2025 purchase by Davis under the County's Sheriff's Incentive Program.

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Governor Morrisey Awards $85,000 to Randolph Tucker Children's Advocacy Center

By: Lydia Crawley
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Governor Patrick Morrisey announced August 7th the award of $85,885.07 in Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Grant funding to the Randolph Tucker Children's Advocacy Center. The award was part of more than $2.1 million awarded across the State of West Virginia to CAC centers.

The grants are designed to strengthen the state's multidisciplinary response to child abuse and neglect by supporting advocacy, forensic interviews, medical evaluations, counseling, education and other critical services for child victims the Governor said.

The funds, according to the Governor, will provide forensic interviews, medical services, mental health services and advocacy for child victims and their non offending caregivers in Tucker and Randolph Counties.

"Protecting West Virginia's children is one of our most important responsibilities," Governor Morrisey said. "These grants ensure that children who have experienced abuse receive the care, advocacy, and support they need while helping law enforcement, prosecutors, medical professionals, and child advocates work together to pursue justice and protect our most vulnerable citizens."

The Child Advocacy Center Grant Program grants are administered by the Justice and Community Services Section of the West Virginia Division of Administrative Services and provide funding to local nonprofit child advocacy centers to assist child victims of abuse and neglect with their coordinated, child focused approach.

Other centers awarded through the program include:

- Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Inc. in Mineral, Hampshire, and Hardy Counties. - $97,822.75
- Cabell Huntington Hospital - $96,580.20
- CAMC Health Education & Research Institute in Kanawha, Putnam, Jackson and Roane Counties. - $125,754.94
- Change Incorporated in Hancock and Brooke Counties. - $89,016.53
- Child & Youth Advocacy Center in Greenbrier, Monroe and Pocahontas Counties - $98,015.45
- Child Protect of Mercer County, Inc. - $85,268.81
- Children's Home Society of West Virginia in Berkeley, Morgan and Jefferson Counties. - $107,747.05
- Cornerstone Family Interventions, Inc. in Boone and Lincoln Counties. - $86,463.19
- Harmony House, Inc. servicing Ohio and Marshall Counties. - $91,521.69
- Harrison County Child Abuse Task Force servicing Harrison, Doddridge, Taylor and Barbour Counties. - $127,103.87
- Just for Kids, Inc. in Raleigh and Fayette Counties.- $93,159.69
- Logan County Child Advocacy Center, Inc. in Logan and Mingo Counties - $88,631.12
- Marion County Child Advocacy Center, Inc. in Marion County and North Central West Virginia. - $81,318.36
- Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center, Inc. - $83,245.41
- Mountain CAP of West Virginia, Inc. in Upshur and Lewis Counties. - $86,993.12
- Nicholas County Family Resource Network in Nicholas and Webster Counties. - $87,667.59
- North Star Child Advocacy Center, Inc. in Wood, Wirt, Ritchie, Pleasants and Calhoun Counties. - $134,031.22
- REACHH Family Resource Center in Summers County. - $73,561.99
- Stop the Hurt, Inc. - in McDowell and Wyoming Counties. $89,739.17
- West Virginia Child Abuse Network, Inc. - $133,053.18
- Wetzel County Commission - in Wetzel and Taylor Counties. $86,270.48



Governor Morrisey at an event in April. Photo courtesy Governor Patrick Morrisey.

Governor Morrisey Addresses Tucker County Data Center at Oceana Listening Tour Event

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

During a recent a recent event August 4th in Oceana, WV as part of Governor Patrick Morrisey's Listening Tour across the State, the subject of Data Centers was raised by a member of the public in regards to water usage and quality of life. The Governor addressed not only issue of Data Centers, but Tucker County, in particular.

"Let me tell you, Tucker County was the wrong way." Governor Morrisey said.

The Governor's comments were in regards to how Fundamental Data, the company behind the controversial Ridgeline Power Plant Project that is slated to fuel proposed future Data Center development in Tucker County, according to the company, has handled its interaction with the public. The Governor said the State can benefit greatly

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Pickin in Parsons 2026





Another year's Pickin in Parsons has come and gone with five days and 25 band of Bluegrass and fun. This year many people joined the "Stick Band Society" with custom tattoos by Ashes to Ashes Tattoo who were on hand to provide services to attendees of all ages. The Davis Mayfield Parade ended the five day festival August 8th and brought down the house at the Five River Campground. Photos courtesy of Scott Blankenship, Bluegrass Roadtrip, Ashes to Ashes Tattoo, Candace Donaldson Gay and Libby Files. See more photos on page 8.

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News of Record

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

- **Marvin Lee Bohon,** was charged with one count of Malicious or unlawful assault; assault; battery. The complaint states that on Friday, July 31 Cpl. B.M. Gidley received a call from Chief Deputy Sigley about an assault that had occurred earlier. Sigley advised that himself and other units were unavailable to respond so Gidley met with the victim at the Tucker County Sheriff's office. He received a handwritten and signed statement from the victim along with a recorded audio statement.
  In summary, the victim just got off work and dropped her sister off at her mom's. She was talking with her fiancé on the phone and saw the accused drive by and she waved at him. A few minutes later he returned and stopped to talk to her. She thought he was going to congratulate her on getting engaged and he then hugged and kissed her on the neck. She advised she had not expected that and it was weird and uncomfortable. He then asked her about her tan and she said she had just gotten back from the beach. He then asked her if she had any tan lines and she said she did and lowered her left shoulder and showed him.
  He then asked her to come closer and at this time he grabbed her by her shirt collar and pulled it down and looked down here shirt and said he wanted to see the rest of her tan lines. Her fiancé was pulling in and she pulled away and went over to him. The fiancé advised that the accused told him congratulations on the engagement and from his point of view the accused did act suspicious about something and was anxious to leave. A few minutes go by and the accused gets in his truck and leaves.
- **John Samuel Sayers,** of Thomas, was charged with one county Malicious or unlawful assault and one count of Brandishing deadly weapons. According to the complaint, on Tuesday, Aug. 4 officers were dispatched to Thomas for a complaint. Deputies Zirk and Summerfield, of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office responded and met with the complainant victim #1 and son victim #2. Victim #2 provided a handwritten and signed statement where he stated the neighbors were giving his grandfather a hard time, so his dad, victim #1 went to his grandfather's house to make sure everything was okay. Victim #2 stated his dad came back and told him what the neighbors were saying so his dad went back and put up "No Trespassing" signs. He stated he got done washing his four-wheeler, cut the grass, came home got on his dirt back and went to his grandfather's house. He stated his grandfather told him about everything that happened that day and asked if he could build a wall along the property line, so he went out to check. He said he started riding his dirt bike and while doing so the defendant came up behind him with a pickaxe and started chasing him. He stated he was never on the defendant's property, but he continued to chase him through his grandfather's yard. He stated he rushed home and while he was running away, the defendant swung the axe at him but missed. He stated the defendant allegedly said to him, "I'll kill you." He said he went home, woke up his dad and called 911. He further stated he was so scared that he went as fast as his bike would go, jumped off and ran inside. He said the defendant posted on Facebook that what he did was savage and that the next time it would be a gun and victim#2 feared for his life.
  Victim #1 then provided a handwritten and signed statement that summarized he put up "No Trespassing" signs and blocked the path with blocks. He stated he told the defendant not to come across his parent's property. So, after things settled, victim #2 went to check the yard to see if they were moving blocks and to see if the signs were still up. At this time, he came home in a panic saying the defendant was chasing him on his grandfather's property with a pickaxe threatening to kill him.
  Victim #2 provided Zirk with a screenshot of the defendant's post on Facebook. A post under the account name of Juhn Sayers III stated, "I just chased him out of my yard with a pickaxe, that's savage, not a threat."
  Another post under the same name stated, "I have the right to stand my ground on my property, today I only chased him away with a pickaxe, next time it could be a gun, I have begged authorities for help."
  Deputy Zirk and Summerfield went to the defendant's residence and spoke with him. They asked if he would be willing to provide a statement regarding the incident that occurred earlier and he advised he would. In summary, he stated Monday victim #1 got angry because his workers crossed his property line. He stated that victim #1 had his wife at the corner of the property yelling and cussing, blaming her so he told victim #1 to quit harassing her and get out of here and he left. He stated later his wife called, scared stating victim #2 was popping wheelies and raising hell on a dirt bike up and down the property line. He stated he came home and victim #2 was not there. He stated victim #2 came back and was at his trailer, taking property stakes and messing with his trailer. He stated he chased him away with a broken pick and told him he would beat him up.

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

- **Debra A. Thompson,** Black Fork District, 31.993 acres and 40.740 square feet, Fork Mountain to Debra A. Thompson, Life Estate, Daniel R. Thompson and Melissa D. Thompson.
- **Gregg L. Morris,** Executor, Ruth S. Morris, Estate, Gregg L. Moris, Trustee, Morris Living Trust, Michelle Virginia Schenley and Suzanne V.S. Barger, Clover District, Tract 1 – 20.79 acres Surface; Tract 2 – 20.79 acres; Tract 3 – 20.79 acres, Tract 4 – 19.82 acres to Asasha Victoria Heater and Elijah David Heater, $230,000.
- **Woodrow E. Turner,** Commissioner, Clover District, Special Commissioners Deed, 35 acres, 2 chains and 10 poles to Rose Holdings LLC.
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- **Cvechko Investments LLC,** Davis Corporation, Warranty Deed: Lot 29 Tuscan Ridge Subdivision being 0.46 acres to Jethro M. Pence, $595,000.
- **Marina Sinyard,** Dry Fork District, Lot 51 Black Bear Woods to Amy Renshaw and Damon Rondeau, $165,000.
- **Robert Blankenship and Diana Lynn Blankenship,** Dry Fork District, 5.10 acres Lot 24 Cabin Mountain to Adam T. Blankenship.
- **Terry Ann Lemon,** Linda Sue Moss, Kenneth Ray Townsend and Wanda Ruth Township, Dry Fork District, Quitclaim Deed: 2.93 acres Mill Run to Adrienna Fortune, Craig M. Townsend, Chad E. Townsend, Kaitlin Morris, Nicholas Townsend, Kristin Reeder, Benjamin Lemon and Cassandra Lemon.
- **Norbet Jay Finkelstein and Charles AIF Rosenfeld,** Dry Fork District, Lot 69 Black Bear Woods to Gregory A. Watts and Rebecca Watts, $208,000.
- **J. Kent Minichiello and Marcia D. Minichiello,** Dry Fork District, Unit G8 Northwoods Condo to Michael Konson and Michelle Konson, $300,000.
- **Hugh Randall Roy and Cheri A. Roy,** Dry Fork District, Unit D1 Week 37 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to William G. Teets, Jr. and Alice R. Teets, $600.
- **James L. Judy,** Parsons Corporation, 0.17 acres Pifer St – New Survey to Warren D. Judy.
- **David L. Judy,** Parsons Corporation, Lot 9 2/3 of 10 Davis Addition to WJ Property Management LLC, $8,000.
- **Teresa Lycliter,** Parsons Corporation, Part Lot 11 and Lot 12 Billings Avenue to Gregory Hyre and Leslie Hyre, $185,000.
- **Mary C. Kibler,** Parsons Corporation, 49.54 square feet to Woodlands Development Group.
- **SFP LLC,** Thomas Corporation, 1.88 acres to Go-Mart Inc., $650,000.

Tygart Valley United Way Announces $20,000 Founding Gift to Interact Children's Museum

Long term partnership advances Youth Opportunity across North Central West Virginia

ELKINS, W.Va. – Tygart Valley United Way is proud to announce a $20,000 founding gift to Interact Children's Museum in support of the museum's Founding 150 Campaign, helping bring an exciting new destination for children and families to North Central West Virginia.

The investment represents more than a one-time contribution. As part of the partnership, Tygart Valley United Way has also made a long-term commitment to sponsor and maintain a dedicated United Way space within the museum. The area will serve as an engaging environment where children and families can learn, explore, and grow while reflecting United Way's commitment to creating greater opportunities for every child.

Through annual support, Tygart Valley United Way will continue investing in the space to ensure exhibits remain updated, interactive, and engaging for future generations. The partnership directly supports one of the organization's four Bold Goals outlined in its recently adopted Thriving Community Plan: Youth Opportunity, which seeks to ensure every young person has the relationships, skills, and opportunities they need to reach their full potential.

"This partnership reflects exactly the kind of community investment envisioned in our Thriving Community Plan," said Brett White, Chief Executive Officer of Tygart Valley United Way. "As we work toward our Bold Goals, we are committed to investing in initiatives that create lasting impact. Interact Children's Museum will be a

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SPORTS



Tucker County Golf Team Kicks Off Fall Season with Strong Start

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker County's golf team launched the fall sports season with a commanding victory on August 5th, defeating Clay-Battelle in a head-to-head match at Canaan Valley Resort. The team secured the win with a final score of 176 to 201 in the nine-hole event. Impressively, 12 out of 13 team members participated, with seven golfers finishing in the top 10 individually. Senior Drew Simmons led the charge, shooting a remarkable round of 40, closely followed by fellow senior Nate Davis, who carded a 41.

The team quickly shifted focus to their next challenge, competing in the 18-hole Highlands Invitational at Fisher Mountain in Pendleton County the following day. Despite facing a tough course and a field of eight teams ranging from "AAAA" to "A" classifications, Tucker County showed great potential. Newcomers Ethan Cummings and Cade Rapp demonstrated promising performances. Nate Davis led the team, finishing with a score of 92.

Looking ahead, Tucker County has a packed schedule. They will compete on Monday at The Raven Golf Course at Snowshoe Mountain, hosted by Tygarts Valley, followed by a home match at Canaan Valley on Tuesday. The week concludes with a match at Polish Pines, hosted by Keyser, on Wednesday.







#	DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPONENT	LOCATION
1	09/03/26	6PM	H	TUCKER VALLEY MIDDLE	-
2	09/09/26	6PM	A	UNION 6/7 GRADE ONLY	-
3	09/11/26	6PM	A	SOUTH PRESTON SCHOOL	-
4	09/14/26	6PM	A	PETERSBURG	-
5	09/16/26	6PM	A	BRUCETON SCHOOL	-
6	09/19/26	8AM	A	PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT	-
7	09/21/26	6PM	A	WEST PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	-
8	09/23/26	6PM	H	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH	-
9	09/25/26	6PM	A	CAPON BRIDGE MIDDLE	-
10	09/30/26	6PM	H	BRUCETON SCHOOL	-
11	10/01/26	6PM	A	TUCKER VALLEY MIDDLE	-
12	10/05/26	6PM	H	TERRA ALTA EAST PRESTON SCHOOL	-
13	10/07/26	5PM	H	TRI MATCH WITH UNION AND CAPON BRIDGE 6/7 GRADE ONLY	-
14	10/09/26	6PM	H	PETERSBURG	-
15	10/13/26	6PM	A	MOOREFIELD MIDDLE	-
16	10/15/26	6PM	H	SOUTH PRESTON SCHOOL	-
17	10/19/26	6PM	A	TERRA ALTA EAST PRESTON SCHOOL	-
18	10/21/26	6PM	H	WEST PRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	-
19	10/26/26	6PM	A	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH	-

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3	09/14/26	6:00 PM	A	TERRA ALTA EAST PRESTON
4	09/15/26	5:30 PM	H	CENTRAL PRESTON
5	09/18/26	6:00 PM	A	TRI MATCH AT BARBOUR COUNTY
6	09/22/26	6:00 PM	A	CENTRAL PRESTON (JV/V)
7	09/28/26	5:45 PM	H	BUCKHANNON UPSHUR MIDDLE SCHOOL
8	10/01/26	6:00 PM	H	DAVIS THOMAS MIDDLE SCHOOL
9	10/06/26	5:30 PM	H	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/HIGH
10	10/12/26	6:00 PM	A	BRUCETON (JV/V)
11	10/13/26	5:30 PM	H	TERRA ALTA EAST PRESTON (JV/V)
12	10/21/26	6:00 PM	A	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/HIGH
13	10/23/26	6:00 PM	H	BRUCETON (JV/V)
14	10/26/26	6:00 PM	A	ELKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL



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2	09/09/26	6:30 PM	A	POCAHONTAS COUNTY
3	09/17/26	6:00 PM	H	TYGARTS VALLEY MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH
4	09/24/26	7:00 PM	A	BRIDGEPORT MIDDLE
5	10/03/26	TBDPM	H	CLAY-BATTELLE
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7	10/29/26	6:30 PM	H	PENDLETON COUNTY

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- Reviews, opens, and stamps incoming mail, directs email, faxes and phone calls for the staff, prioritizing those requiring immediate attention, preparing responses, delegating as appropriate and bringing relevant items to the CPC's attention.
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- 1-2 years' experience working with the general public and youth.
- Within the first 6 months of employment must complete the WVU Extension vetting process.

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- Ability to complete assigned duties with minimal supervision.
- Ability to speak, write, and read with a strong emphasis on knowledge of correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.
- Ability to operate standard office equipment (fax, copier, scanner, postage meter, computer).
- Ability to operate computer utilizing various software packages and programs such as Windows, Microsoft Office (Access, Excel, Word, Publisher, PowerPoint), Email, etc.
- Ability to manage numerous projects simultaneously, reprioritizing them as necessary to meet deadlines.
- Ability to learn policy and procedures of WVU, WVU Extension, and the Extension Programs.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to work independently, in a structured environment, exercising judgment, tact and diplomacy in all interactions.
- Ability to operate effectively in a fast-paced, high volume environment that requires accurate information.
- Ability to work as a team member with supervisor and other staff members.
- Ability to concentrate and remain efficient in a high traffic environment.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships and deal tactfully with both internal and external constituents.

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What's Happening

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!

Martin Vanburen Bonner Family Reunion

Martin VanBuren Bonner family reunion will be held this Saturday, August 15, at the Flanagan Hill Community Building in Red Creek beginning at 12 Noon. Plates and utensils will be provided so plan on coming and bring a covered dish to share. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

Gospel Sing

Gospel Sing at Union Chapel Church, Saturday, August 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

featuring Anita Flanary. Union Chapel Church 162 Brushy Fork Rd (off of the Clover Run Rd.) Parsons WV. Welcome all, come and praise our Lord in song.

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.

Aug. 12, 1937: Author Walter Dean Myers was born in Martinsburg. In January 2012, Myers was named the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature by the Library of Congress.

Aug. 12, 1997: The Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel strike ended when 79 percent of the workers approved a new contract. The 10-month walkout was the longest steel manufacturing strike on record when it concluded.

Aug. 13, 1900: Railroad mogul and founder of Huntington, Collis Potter Huntington, died. Raised in poverty, Huntington went west when gold was discovered in California. There he became rich, not from mining but by selling supplies to miners.

Aug. 13, 2018: The House of Delegates adopted articles of impeachment against all sitting justices of the state Supreme Court of Appeals.

Aug. 14, 1894: Entertainer Ada Beatrice Queen Victoria Louise Virginia "Bricktop" Smith was born at Alderson. She performed in Paris in the 1920s and opened her own clubs, the Music Box and Bricktop's, a favorite hangout of songwriter Cole Porter.

Aug. 14, 1914: Five burglars robbed the Glen Alum Coal Company payroll in Mingo County. In the chase that followed, eight men—including all the robbers—were killed. All but $20 of the stolen blood-stained $7,000 was recovered.

Aug. 14, 1941: Singer Connie Smith was born in Indiana but was raised in Summers County. She became the first female country artist to have a number one record for eight weeks. Dolly Parton once said, "There are only three great singers: Connie Smith, Barbra Streisand, and Linda Ronstadt. The rest of us are just pretending."

Aug. 14, 1943: Astronaut Jon Andrew McBride was born in Charleston. McBride became an astronaut in 1979 and piloted the space shuttle Challenger on an eight-day mission in 1984.

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Aug. 12, 1946: WCFC radio of Beckley became the first in the state to transmit FM signals.

Aug. 15, 1867: The cornerstone was laid for the Fairmont Branch Normal School (now Fairmont State University).

Aug. 15, 1906: The Niagara Movement began a five-day meeting at Storer College in Harpers Ferry. The organization was founded the previous year by a group of Black intellectuals, including W. E. B. Du Bois. It soon evolved into the NAACP.

Aug. 16, 1851: William Hope "Coin" Harvey was born in Buffalo, Putnam County. Harvey, a social reformer, was nominated for president of the United States by the Liberty Party in 1932.

Aug. 16, 1913: Helen Holt was born in Illinois. In 1957, Governor Cecil Underwood appointed her to fill the secretary of state's unexpired term, making her the first woman to hold statewide office in West Virginia.

Aug. 17, 1944: Staff Sergeant Stanley Bender of Fayette County earned the Medal of Honor in southern France. Bender rushed through intense machine

Weekly SUDOKU

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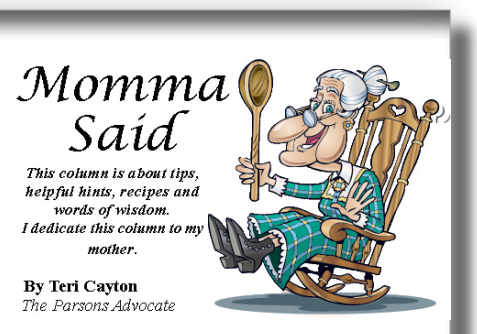
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Weather Totals July 28 - Aug. 4, 2026

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature		Precipitation	
Max	84° F	Week	3.55"
Min	51° F	July	8.19"
		August	0.13"
Snowfall		2026	37.49"
Winter Total	46.5"		

U.S. Forest Service



Summer has flown by and I haven't gotten a thing done on my list of summer chores. I still need to get my roof painted, get my outbuilding cleaned out (I have an excuse for that one, a big bee's nest on the inside of the door). ***Momma Said,*** "Poor excuse but better than none."

So many things to do and so little time, I know I am stretching things but it is somewhat true. By the time I get home from work it either too hot to be outside or raining. I know somehow, I will get it done, yea I keep telling myself that.

In these times things are so up in the air that I wonder if it is worth it to work so hard on getting things done just to have a bomb drop on our heads. The world is in so much turmoil and I do feel sorry for the people who are living in these turbulent times. I can not even imagine what it is like to fear for your life day in and day out.

I pray everyday that all the disruptions can be resolved and we all could just live in peace. ***Momma Said,*** "As humans, I think this evil is bred into us by generations of strife and disruption." All the way back to Adam and Eve we have had deception in our hearts and in this day and age we have the weapons of mass destruction to destroy everything and everyone.

Cajun Shrimp Pasta

INGREDIENTS

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

INSTRUCTIONS

- Cook the pasta in a large pot of salted boiling water until al dente. Drain and set aside.
- While the pasta cooks, toss the shrimp with 1-2 tbsp of the Cajun seasoning in a bowl until evenly coated. Set aside.
- Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the seasoned shrimp in a single layer and sear for 2-3 minutes per side until browned and cooked through. Remove to a plate.
- Melt the butter in the same skillet. Add the onion and sauté for 2-3 minutes until softened. Stir in the garlic and roasted red peppers and cook for 30 seconds until fragrant.
- Whisk in the remaining 1 tbsp Cajun seasoning, then stir in the chicken broth, crushed tomatoes, and heavy cream. Bring to a simmer and cook for 2-3 minutes until slightly thickened.
- Reduce the heat to low and stir in the Parmesan cheese until melted. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Add the cooked pasta and shrimp to the sauce and toss until everything is evenly coated. Sprinkle with fresh parsley and serve immediately.

Super Crossword

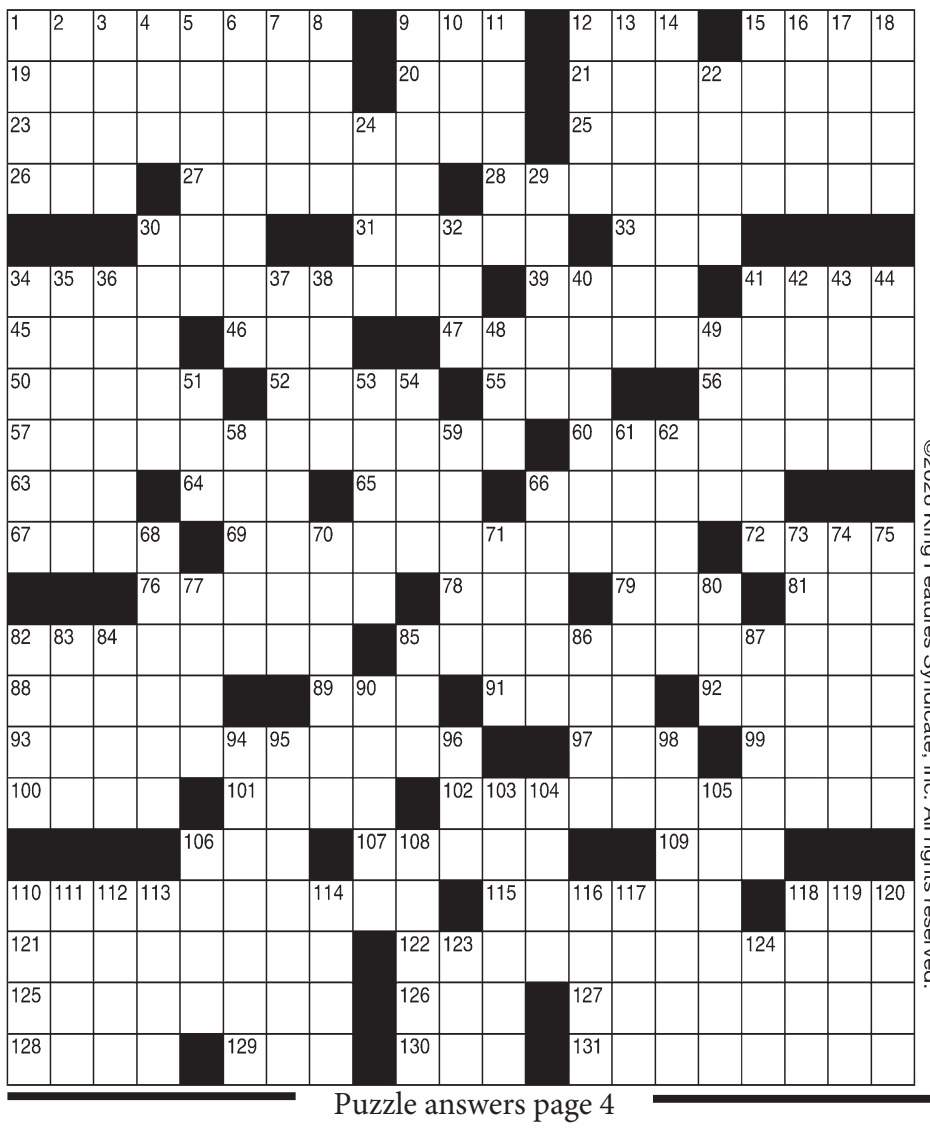
"OH, GO ON!"

ACROSS

1 Classic candy with a white, gooey center
9 "Don't — step further!"
12 Subj. for U.S. citizens-to-be
15 What food is in a food fight
19 First-aid plant
20 Cyber- address
21 More lethal
23 Musical ensemble that likes taunting its audiences?
25 Brainstorming question
26 IRS form info
27 War horses
28 Identify the star of "The Godfather"?
30 Taint
31 Peripheral
33 Pistol, in slang
34 Speed of corporate employees?
39 Alexis I, e.g.
41 Move a little
45 Think ahead
46 Whale locale
47 Two-ply cotton twill fabric?
50 Outfielder Judge
52 French for "weapon"
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56 Sacred vows
57 Horse with color patches on one-fourth of its body?
60 Great delight
63 German conjunction
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65 Ike's inits.
66 Yasser of Palestine
67 Popular crafts website
69 Publicity video made by 12th graders?
72 "Chiquitita" pop group
76 Pupils' places
78 Galloped
79 Daiquiri liquor
81 Lil Durk or Lil Jon's music
82 Brief, tight shorts
85 Marx brother with extreme views?
88 Mammal with striped legs
89 — Paulo
91 Apple core bit
92 Olympic prize
93 Beatles drummer participating in a bout?
97 Tell tall tales
99 Big shopping center
100 "— From Muskogee"
101 "Puffball" director Nicolas
102 Stringed instrument played by people in jail?
106 Water, in Vichy
107 — salts (bath supply)
109 Pewter metal
110 Moola earned by singer Jones?
115 Adds to a film, as music
118 Response to "Are you?"
121 Boa of South America
122 Small dance club?
125 Some chewy candies
126 RV hookup org.
127 Countertenor
128 Linear, briefly
129 Colorant
130 Many an heir
131 Most strict

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1 Antislip items
2 Bar brews
3 Bank offering
4 The, in Caen
5 Egg capsule
6 Middles, in London
7 Compulsion
8 Speed
9 Gets clogged with icky stuff
10 Celestial ball
11 Without help
12 Certain Dutch cheese
13 Dakar's land
14 Uncover
15 "Paper Lion" star Alan
16 Outward appearance
17 Honey wine
18 Roughly
22 Inside dope
24 Former Laker Lamar
29 Pianist Schnabel
30 Small-time
32 Beatrix Potter's "The Tale of Mr. —"
34 Not reflecting light
35 Display boldly
36 Units of capacitance
37 Most weepy
38 Sheriff Wyatt
40 Fast-food pizza chain
41 California mountain
42 A Jackson 5 brother
43 With a sharp image, briefly
44 Pinkish-red
48 Prefix with laryngology
49 Club in a Barry Manilow hit, for short
51 — degree
53 Longish skirts
54 Prefix with skeleton or spore
58 Lab slide dye
59 On — firma
61 Hobby with call letters
62 Into a state of conflict
66 Golfer Palmer, informally
68 Rebel like Abbie Hoffman or Jerry Rubin
70 Moniker of a loch monster
71 Paw parts
73 Of a wedding woman
74 Lauren of "The Fan"
75 Delphi deity
77 Parade ruiner
80 Roman 1,900
82 Drifting sort
83 "Enough, I get it!"
84 Cabbie's car
85 Hitter Maris, for short
86 Toon pics
87 Macho sorts
90 Make furious
94 Fine- — wood
95 In the form of a circle
96 Photo —
98 Authorize
103 Dennis of hoops fame
104 "It's my turn"
105 Remnant of a burned coal
106 Kingdom given to Esau
108 Some skin scars
110 Mexican treat
111 — even keel
112 Filly's mother
113 Jack fish
114 Simplify
116 Comic thuds
117 "Shoo!"
118 Oahu, e.g.
119 Deeds
120 Irrelevant
123 Tic-tac-toe victory
124 Swimmer Thorpe



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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:

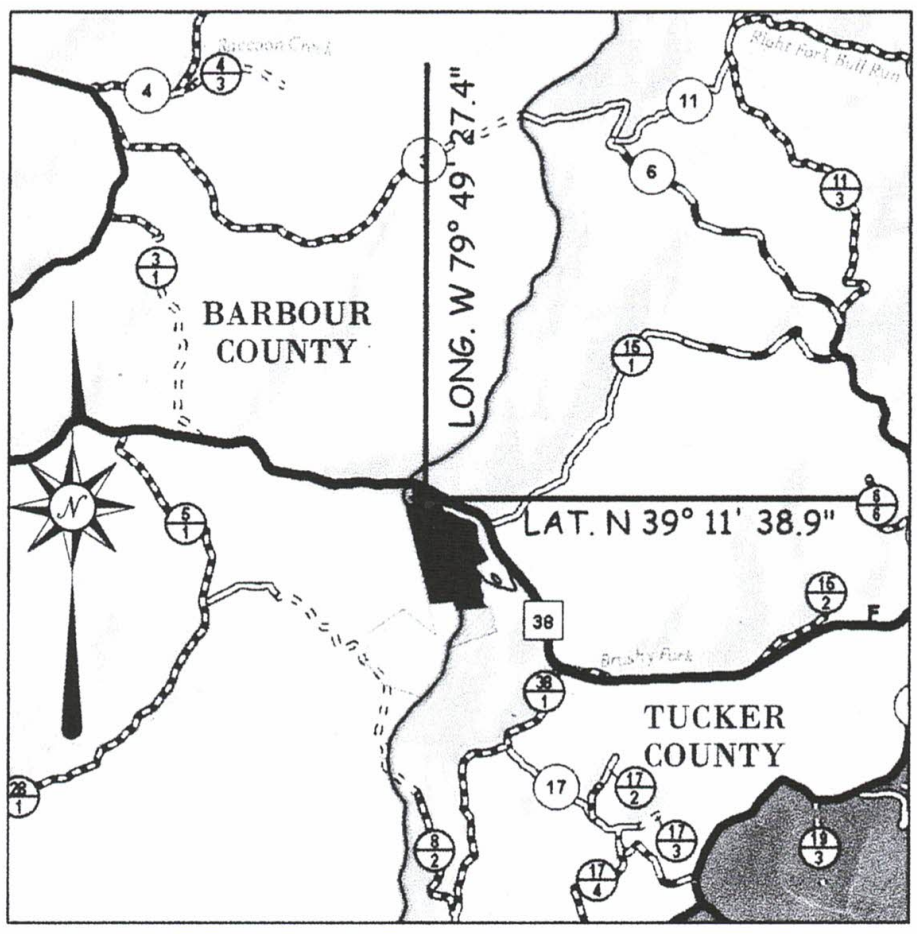
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The above link can be accessed from a computer at all West Virginia public libraries.

*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
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Tariff Form No. B-C
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION
(Tariff Rule No. 30-C)

NOTICE is hereby given that Canaan Valley Gas 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 751 customers at Canaan Valley, Tucker County, West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce approximately $31,603 annually in increased revenue, an increase of 1.955%. The average monthly bill for a residential customer using 8 Mcf and a commercial customer using 43 Mcf will be changed as follows:

	($) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	$ 2.500	1.903%
Commercial	$ 13.439	1.933%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. 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 (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

A complete copy of the tariff, 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 offices of Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cortland Road, Canaan Valley, West Virginia. A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the offices of the Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, 25301.

The Rule 30C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the costs 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 and to participate in future proceedings. Request to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests and intervention should be addressed to The Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, 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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Tariff Form No. 8-C
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))
Case No. 26-0703-G-30C
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS 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 approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed changes in rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will increase revenue approximately $3,051 865 annually, an increase of approximately 1.9%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY who purchase their gas from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

	INCREASE	INCREASE
Residential	$ 0.86	0.91%
Commercial	$ 4.29	1.12%
Industrial	$ 35.60	0.64%
Resale	$ 101.65	1.50%

Proposed PGA rates for each Mountaineer rate schedule, which include Business and Occupation Tax, are as follows:

Rate Schedule	Present	Proposed	Increase $	Increase %
RS	$ 3.960	$ 4.049	$ 0.089	2.25%
RS Demand	$ 2.59	$ 20.91	$ 0.320	1.55%
GS	$ 7.381	$ 7.534	$ 0.143	1.93%
LGS	$ 3.960	$ 4.049	$ 0.089	2.25%
WS	$ 7.074	$ 7.211	$ 0.137	1.91%
IS	$ 3.960	$ 4.049	$ 0.089	2.25%
LIS	$ 3.960	$ 4.049	$ 0.089	2.25%

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., and City of Philippi.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an i crease 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 (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing.

This filing also contains proposed changes to MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY'S rate components for customers that purchase their gas from an alternative supplier/marketer and purchase only transportation services including MDFQ, Storage Balancing Fee, Firm Standby Fee, and Fuel Retention Percentage from MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY. These transportation service rates are applicable to customers that voluntarily elect to subscribe to transportation service. The proposed changes to the rate components are as follows:

Rate Component	Present	Proposed	Increase $	Increase %
MDFQ	$ 15.861	$ 16.112	$ 0.251	1.58%
Storage Balancing Fee	$ 0.609	$ 0.625	$ 0.016	2.63%
Firm Standby Fee	$ 2.648	$ 2.684	$ 0.036	1.36%
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Any change 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.

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Mountaineer Gas Company Office
• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

A copy of the propose 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 Rule 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 his publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and 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

Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 2532 . 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, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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Deceased	Personal Representative(s)
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1st publication 08/12/2026	399 Elmwood Ave
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Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.

ATTEST: Barbara Evans, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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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

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CHARGES

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Rosenau. The check was written to "Backbone Mt. Sports Shop."

5. On August 13, 2025, the Tucker County Commission met, with all three members present and voted unanimously on a motion made by Commissioner Tim Knotts to approve expenses that included the check written to Backbone Mt. Sports Shop.

6. The approved expense on August 13, 2025 was not for an authorized purpose and in an unauthorized manner. The allegations further state that it was for the personal benefit of Fred Davis, in violation of West Virginia Code. The court documents further allege that the evidence showed a repeated pattern through the five years preceding the August 2025 purchase.

The documents went on to allege that the incentive program itself was not legal, "as providing interest-free loans to county employees with taxpayer dollars is not an authorized use of public funds even if the program was originally adopted with good intentions."

The August 13, 2025 meeting, upon review of the original recording, was dominated by the topics of commentary on House Bill 2014, the recent Tucker County Fair and a revisit of zoning from the previous meeting. Commissioner Knotts made the motion to pay bills, but no public comment was made on any bill individually. The motion was unanimously approved with no abstaining by Davis.

The Tucker County Commission is no stranger to controversy. Of late, the body has taken a lot of public heat over its refusal to take a public stand on the Ridgeline Power Plant and Data Center project. Groups such as Tucker United have publicly demanded the Commission oppose the construction of the project.

The Commission have also been embroiled in public outcry over House Bill 2014. Many members of the County have been vocal that they feel the Commission have not done enough to oppose the legislation and overturn the measure that strips local control over projects such as the Ridgeline Project.

There is also the ongoing battle in Federal Court over the controversial 2% fee towards the County's Ambulance service. Some members of the local hospitality industry have taken the Commission to Federal Court in Elkins over the County's 2% Special Emergency Ambulance Service Fee that was enacted January 1, 2025 to support the failing Tucker County Ambulance Authority. The fee was imposed on recreation, lodging and entertainment and is collected at the point of sale by local businesses and remitted quarterly. Timberline Mountain is one of two plaintiffs in the ongoing federal suit.

While the Sheriff's Incentive Program was adopted in May of 2019, the only current member of the Commission on the Board at that time was Commissioner Fred Davis. Commissioner Knotts was elected in November of 2022 and took office in January of 2023. Commission President Rosenau sat on the Board from 2008 to 2014 initially, but was reelected in November of 2020 and took office in January of 2021. Rosenau is currently running for reelection as an Independent against Republican candidate Jon Bush.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia also issued an Administrative Order in response to a request by both judges of the 22nd Judicial Circuit. Both the Honorable Steven L. Shaffer and the Honorable Hilary M. Bright recused themselves voluntarily from the case. Upon the granting of the request by Chief Justice C. Haley Bunn, the Honorable H. Charles Carl, III, Judge of the 26th Judicial Circuit was assigned to the Circuit Court of Tucker County to preside over the case.

If convicted on the misdemeanor charge, the Commissioners face a fine of $500 or not more than one year in jail or both. More importantly, the statute states, "Upon conviction he shall also forfeit his office." Convictions can be appealed to the Supreme Court of Appeals. All three Commissioners are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

DATA CENTER

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from high paying jobs and investments from Data Center projects, but community engagement is key.

"We're going to be releasing some additional principles related to Data Centers to let people know this has got to be done the right way and it has to be done the right way. But I saw a lot of other states do it the wrong way. Let me tell you, Tucker County was the wrong way. I'm not afraid to tell you that these guys got out in front and they didn't do it the right way. They didn't engage the community. I want to make sure that happens, right. Because that's what people deserve and that's what we're focusing on. So, I think you're exactly right to focus on it and watch." - Governor Patrick Morrisey

The Governor went on to say that over the next 30 days, he expected more information to be released on the State's expectations of Data Center Project Developer – Community relations.

"Take a look, weigh in and let us know what you think," the Governor said. "Sound good?"

The Governor began his comments by stating that prior to his taking office, there were no regulations in the State on Data Centers. He stated that, "we have systems in place to make sure there's noise mitigation and we know that there are a lot of closed loop water systems that are being developed right now with some of this technology."

"People, you know, are attacking various laws, but we went from basically nothing on the state level to then some important standards to make sure that people's livelihoods are protected and have to protect our air," the Governor said.

The Governor said that West Virginia is emphasizing newer technologies because West Virginia has never had a big Data Center before and "what West Virginia has right now is a chance to get it right."

"And we have that opportunity under 2014, that law that passed and those closed loop systems for water we think could be very beneficial," the Governor said.

House Bill 2014 has come under attack since its passage for its stripping of local control and what many see as an unfair split of tax revenue from microgrid projects, with 70% of tax revenue being distributed to the State and only 30% retained within the local municipality.

Many in Tucker County have been openly vocal in their opposition to the measure, including community action groups, civic leaders and government officials, with many calling leaders and attending meeting in Charleston since the Bill's passage.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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place where children discover new interests, families spend meaningful time together, and learning happens through curiosity and play. We are proud to be part of making that vision a reality."

Since launching in 2019 as a mobile children's museum, Interact Children's Museum has introduced thousands of children and families across the region to hands on learning experiences through community events, school programs, and pop-up exhibits. What began as a traveling educational experience has grown into a community driven effort to establish a permanent home where children can explore, imagine, create, and discover through interactive exhibits designed specifically for them.

The organization recently secured its future home in downtown Elkins and has made significant progress toward opening the new facility. Through its Founding 150 Campaign, Interact is bringing together individuals, businesses, foundations, and community partners to help transform the space into a vibrant children's museum that will serve families throughout the region for years to come.

"We are absolutely thrilled to be partnering with the Tygart Valley United Way to provide high quality, hands-on exhibits for the children of our area," said Lisa Martin, Board President, Interact Children's Museum. "Their investment in Interact Children's Museum will help further our goals and also serves as a 'vote of confidence' from an established organization with a long history of doing amazing work in our communities. We look forward to working with them now and in the future,"

By investing in Interact Children's Museum, Tygart Valley United Way is helping create a regional asset that will strengthen early learning, encourage family engagement, and expand opportunities for children throughout the five-county region.

Once completed, the United Way space will become a permanent feature of the museum experience, providing children with fresh, engaging opportunities year after year through Tygart Valley United Way's ongoing commitment.

The gift reflects United Way's belief that creating thriving communities requires strategic partnerships and investments that extend beyond traditional grantmaking. By supporting innovative projects such as Interact Children's Museum, Tygart Valley United Way continues to advance its mission of mobilizing our community to action so all can thrive.

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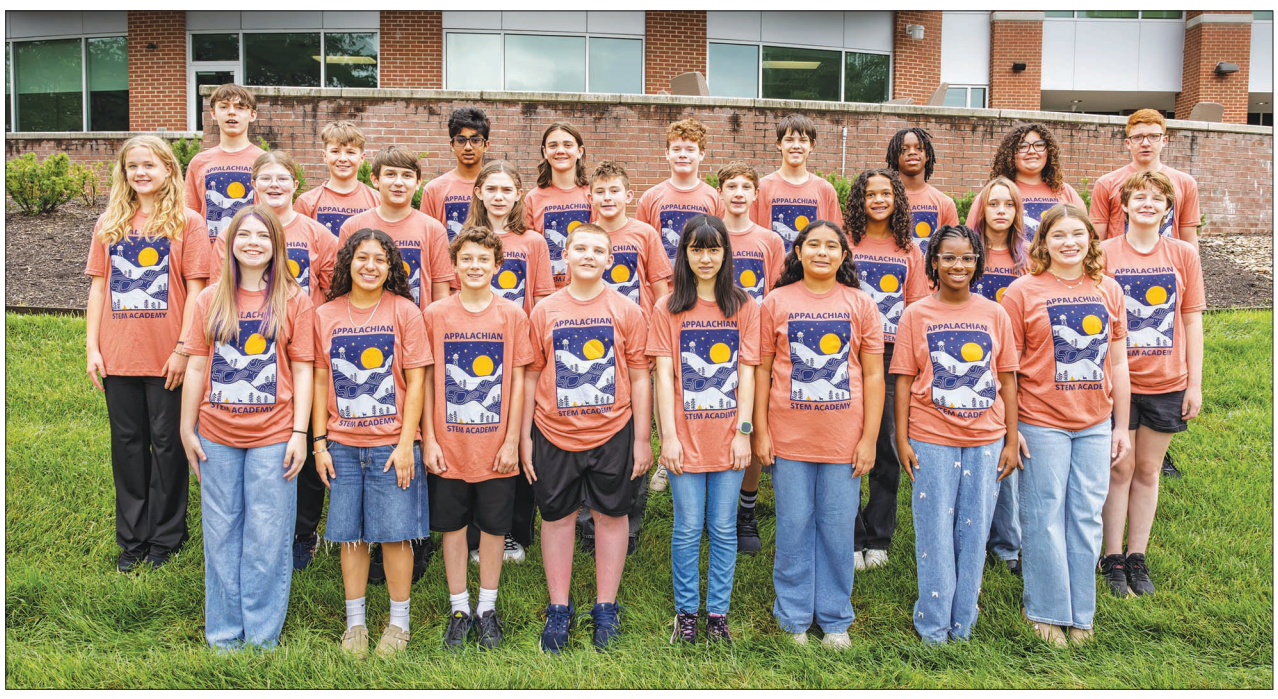




Top STEM students from Appalachian region chosen for prestigious summer enrichment academy

Participants collaborated with master teachers on research projects using cutting-edge technology





Oak Ridge, Tenn. — Mateo Nucilli of Dryfork, West Virginia, was one of 52 middle school students chosen to participate in the Appalachian STEM Academy, a one-week residential program focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Sponsored by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), the academy aims to cultivate students' interest in STEM through hands-on learning and mentorship.

Nucilli, a student at Virtual Preparatory Academy of West Virginia, joined peers from across the 13-state Appalachian region to work on collaborative research projects guided by master teachers. These educators developed the academy's curriculum based on national and state science standards, regional expertise and best practices in education.

During the program, participants engaged in hands-on experiments, conducted data collection and analysis, and presented their findings to peers and mentors. The academy is fully funded by ARC, ensuring that participation is complimentary for all students. The program is also open to high school students and teachers, further broadening its impact on STEM education across the region.

"The Appalachian Regional Commission provides a unique opportunity for students who demonstrate exceptional interest in STEM fields," said Jennifer Tyrell, Associate Manager at ORAU. "Through a rigorous selection process, ARC identifies students with great potential and connects them with mast teacher mentors. By sparking their enthusiasm for science and technology, we hope to help them build a strong foundation for future careers in these vital fields."

The educational program was divided into two cohorts of 26 students each. Cohort 1 took place July 11-17, while cohort 2 ran from July 18-24. ORAU hosted both sessions in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

For more information about the Appalachian STEM Academy, visit Appalachian STEM Academy at Oak Ridge - Middle School | ORAU.

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West Virginia Folklife Seeks Applications Statewide for 2026-27 Folklife Apprenticeship Program



Old-time fiddler Ben Townsend (right) leads his apprentice Bodhi Gibbons-Guinn on a tune performed at Arthurdale Heritage for a West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Showcase hosted in November 2025. Photo by Michael Keller.



Singer Ginny Hawker (left) leads her apprentice Mary Linscheid in Primitive Baptist hymn singing. Photo by Michael Keller.



Apprentice Aristotle Jones (left) listens as his mentor, Bill Hairston, tells stories of growing up in West Virginia. Photo by Michael Keller.

Charleston—West Virginia Folklife, a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council, is now accepting applications for its statewide Folklife Apprenticeship Program.

Since 2017, the West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program has supported expert traditional artists working with dedicated apprentices on a yearlong apprenticeship to teach traditional music, dance, craft, foodways, storytelling and more. This popular program follows the time-tested model of one-to-one teaching so that apprentices may carry on techniques, artistry, stories and traditional knowledge of communities from throughout the Mountain State.

Applications are due September 18, 2026, for the 2026-27 program. The application, guidelines and instructions for how to apply can be found at wvfolklife.org. Mentors and their proposed apprentices must apply together. Applications will be evaluated by a review panel, and successful applicants will be notified in November 2026.

Teaching artists will receive $3,000, and apprentices $800, for participating in the program. Pairs may request an additional $400 to reimburse for expenses related to their apprenticeship. Folklife apprenticeship pairs design their own work plans, and they are expected to participate in a public presentation, recorded interview, virtual meetings as a cohort with other selected pairs and a final public showcase.

The West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program is facilitated by the West Virginia Folklife Program at the West Virginia Humanities Council. The Folklife Apprenticeship Program is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

West Virginia Folklife is dedicated to the documentation, preservation, presentation and support of West Virginia's cultural heritage and living traditions. For more information, visit wvfolklife.org. For questions about the West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program, contact Jennie Williams at williams@wvhumanities.org or 304-346-8500. Follow our YouTube channel @WestVirginiaFolklife to watch past West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship showcases.

The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit corporation, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council is supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia and contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.

HISTORY

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gun fire and grenades, and knocked out two German machine guns with rifle fire. His actions inspired the rest of his company to take out a German roadblock, kill 37 enemy soldiers, and take 26 prisoners.

Aug. 17, 1946: Old-time musician Dwight Diller was born in Rand but spent most of his life in Pocahontas County, documenting, teaching, and performing traditional music.

Aug. 17, 1976: The National Mine Health and Safety Academy opened at Beaver, near Beckley. The academy, located on a 76-acre campus, is the world's largest educational institution devoted solely to safety and health in mining.

Aug. 18, 1749: Explorer Celoron de Blainville buried a leaden plate at Point Pleasant, after burying another at Wheeling, to claim the Ohio Valley for France.

Aug. 18, 1885: Artemus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, Cox bought the George Ort Department Store on Capitol Street in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A. W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

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

Letter to the Editor

Dear Neighbor,

As we all debate the merits and demerits of the proposed data centers in our neighborhood. As we consider their impact on our health, economy, and future tourism it might brighten your day to know that President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB), passed in May, 2025, will grant the companies that build them a 100% tax deduction for just about everything they build and install in the facilities in the first year of operation. It's like you deducting the entire cost of your house from your income taxes the day you buy or build it... if you were a corporation. Check § 70301 of the OBBB for details.

In addition to paying higher electricity rates, breathing dirtier air, damage to our environment, and at risk of less snow from the heat canopy we, the taxpayers, will pay for all these improvements.

Please thank Representative Riley Moore, Senator Jim Justice, and Senator Shelley Moore Capito for their vote to pass this legislation.

Regards,
Tim McGowan
Davis, WV

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

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WVDOT offers condolences on the passing of Kathryn "Kathy" Smith, vice president of the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad

CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) extends its deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and colleagues of Kathryn "Kathy" Smith, Vice President of the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad (DGVR), who passed away Friday, July 31, 2026.

Kathy Smith, alongside her husband John Smith, president of DGVR, played a pivotal role in transforming abandoned rail lines into one of West Virginia's premier tourism and transportation assets. The DGVR began its operations on a small section of abandoned track in Durbin. In 1997, the railroad successfully proposed to the state to assume operations of the West Virginia Central Railroad, connecting Durbin to the broader WVCR network.

"Kathy Smith's vision and dedication helped turn forgotten rail corridors into living pathways that connect West Virginians and visitors to our state's rich history and natural beauty," said WVDOT Secretary Todd Rumbaugh. "Her work with the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad has left a lasting legacy that strengthens both our tourism economy and our multimodal transportation network. We are grateful for her contributions and mourn her passing."

Kathy was integral to every aspect of the railroad's growth, helping bring more than a million excursion passengers to the state over what had once been abandoned tracks. In 2015, the railroad assumed responsibility for operating the Cass Scenic Railroad.

Cass Scenic Railroad traces its roots to 1901, when the town of Cass was established as a company town by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company to support logging operations on the nearby mountains the Smiths lived in for decades. After the timber industry declined and operations ceased in 1960, the line and surrounding property were preserved. Today, thanks to Kathy and the DGVR, it remains one of West Virginia's most cherished heritage attractions.

"Kathy's partnership with the State Rail Authority and the Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities helped ensure that these historic lines continued to serve the public," said Stephen Connolly, acting commissioner of the Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities. "Her practical leadership and commitment to excellence made a real difference for rail tourism in West Virginia. She will be fondly remembered."

Kathy's life was a testament to joy, passion, and hard work. She will be missed deeply.

The WVDOT joins the rail community and the people of West Virginia in offering its sincere condolences to her family during this difficult time.

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DEADLINE 3PM FRIDAY

United Way Holds Annual Leadership Breakfast, Unveils Bold Goals

The campus of Fairmont State University served as the location for Tygart Valley United Way's annual Leadership Breakfast on Thursday, August 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Business and community leaders from across the Tygart Valley region joined United Way staff and partners for breakfast and an advance look at the organization's 2027 Community Campaign and new Bold Goals.

The Leadership Breakfast is an annual summer event that brings together leaders from across the region ahead of the fall United Way campaign season. The event is hosted by Fairmont State University, with guests welcomed by Fairmont State President Michael Davis.

Designed for individuals and organizations in a position to help shape the future of the region, the Leadership Breakfast provides an opportunity for United Way to share emerging community needs, highlight progress, and invite local leaders to play an active role in creating lasting change.

This year's event marked an important milestone for Tygart Valley United Way as the organization publicly unveiled its new Bold Goals for the first time. The goals were developed through the organization's Thriving Community Plan, a months long process that included community conversations, focus groups, partner input, local data, and a community survey that generated 345 responses.

The process identified several recurring challenges across the region, including mental health and access to care, childcare and youth supports, transportation barriers, housing instability, financial hardship, and the need for stronger coordination among nonprofits, businesses, government, schools, healthcare providers, and community partners.

The resulting Bold Goals will guide how Tygart Valley United Way invests resources, builds partnerships, operates programs, measures progress, and mobilizes the community in the years ahead.

The four Bold Goals are:

- Community Resiliency: Build a resilient region where every community is prepared and equipped to respond to challenges and thrive through change.
- Youth Opportunity: Ensure every young person has the relationships, skills, and opportunities they need to reach their full potential.
- Financial Security: Reduce financial hardship and create pathways to financial security for all people across our region.
- Healthy Community: Improve community health and wellbeing by expanding access to care and prevention services.

Brett White, Chief Executive Officer of Tygart Valley United Way, also officially launched the organization's 2027 Community Campaign and introduced this year's campaign theme, "Be Bold."

The campaign reflects a new approach to United Way's community impact work, connecting charitable giving more directly to the Bold Goals and the priorities identified through the Thriving Community Plan. Donors will be able to support the Greatest Needs Fund, which allows United Way to respond to emerging needs and invest strategically across the region, or direct their investment toward one of the four Bold Goal focus areas.



United Way CEO Brett White addresses the crowd gathered for the annual Leadership Breakfast!

"Today is not the end of a planning process. It is the beginning of the work," said White. "These Bold Goals do not belong to United Way alone. They belong to our entire community. Achieving them will require businesses, nonprofits, government, schools, healthcare, donors, volunteers, and community leaders working together around a shared vision for our region."

Tygart Valley United Way serves Marion, Randolph, Taylor, Barbour, and Tucker counties and works throughout the region to strategically fund programs, lead community collaboration, mobilize people and resources, and measure progress toward lasting community change.

The annual campaign supports United Way's network of 26 community partners as well as initiatives including West Virginia 211, United We Prepare Resiliency Centers, VITA free tax preparation, United for Kids, THRIVE AmeriCorps, Packing for Impact, opioid street outreach, food pantry delivery, and other efforts aligned with the organization's Bold Goals.

For more information about Tygart Valley United Way and the 2027 Community Campaign, visit tvunitedway.org.

Farm to Table Dinners Return to State Park Restaurants This Month

Popular dinner series promotes local food and culinary excellence of West Virginia's iconic state parks



CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia State Parks, in cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, announces the 2026 Farm to Table Dinner series. The individual talents of our state park chefs come alive at this annual event as they create an unforgettable culinary experience by crafting sumptuous dinners with the freshest products sourced from local vendors.

Each dinner in the series will feature its own unique theme, setting, entertainment and menu. The dinner series creates a unique experience you don't want to miss, showcasing local cuisine as well as the beauty of West Virginia's state parks.Diners are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance, available online at wvstateparks.com/programs/farm-to-table-dinners.

"The annual Farm to Table Dinner Series brings together two of the best things our state has to offer: delicious, locally sourced food and breathtaking park settings," said Dillard Price, Acting Director of West Virginia State Parks. "Whether you come for an evening meal or turn it into a weekend getaway, these dinners offer a unique taste of West Virginia hospitality that you truly won't find anywhere else."

The first dinner in the series takes place at Chief Logan State Park on Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. and features a menu of local corn chowder, a balsamic strawberry peach feta salad, country fried chicken, beef chuck roast, roasted vegetables, half runners, fried green tomatoes and squash, herb infused biscuits, and for dessert, mixed berry cobbler or an Appalachian favorite, fried pies.

A social featuring a cash bar of locally sourced beers and wines will be available starting at 6 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $35.

All Farm to Table dinners feature a social event, live entertainment, and a small keepsake to take home. Many areas are offering lodging packages with special rates for those wishing to stay after and enjoy the park's amenities. Additional Farm to Table dinners are scheduled through November at the following park restaurants:

- Aug. 23: Cacapon Resort State Park
- Aug. 27: Twin Falls Resort State Park
- Sept. 5: Hawks Nest State Park
- Sept. 9: Holly River State Park
- Sept. 11: Canaan Valley Resort State Park
- Sept. 25: Blackwater Falls State Park
- Sept. 26: Tygart Lake State Park
- Oct. 10: North Bend State Park
- Oct. 24: Pipestem Resort State Park - Bluestone Dining Room at McKeever Lodge
- Nov. 7: Pipestem Resort State Park - Mountain Creek Appalachian Cuisine at Mountain Creek Lodge

Tickets are limited for these exclusive dinners, so guests are encouraged to make reservations in advance. For menus, pricing and reservation details, visit wvstateparks.com/programs/farm-to-table-dinners.

About West Virginia State Parks

West Virginia's state parks and forests are the vacation destination of choice for more than seven million people each year. Made up of 36 parks, nine forests and three rail trails, the West Virginia State Parks system provides endless opportunities for family fun and adventure. Make memories that last forever. Book your adventure at WVstateparks.com.

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