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Tucker County Commissioners Fred Davis, Mike Rosenau and Tim Knotts

# County Commissioners Plead 'Not Guilty' in Misappropriations Scandal

**By: Lydia Crawley**
*The Parsons Advocate*

The entirety of the Tucker County Commission plead "Not Guilty" in Tucker County Circuit Court on Tuesday, August 18th to charges of "Unlauthorized Expenditure by Local Official" before the Honorable H. Charles Carl, III, Judge of the 26th Judicial Circuit who was assigned temporarily to the 22nd Judicial Circuit for the case by the Supreme Court of Appeals following the recusal of both Judge Shaffer and Judge Bright.

All three cases were held in a packed courtroom in the courthouse annex of the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons. Approximately two dozen people were present for the hearing in which Tucker County Commissioner Frederick J. "Fred"

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# Governor Declares New State of Emergency Following Latest Storms and Flooding

**By: Lydia Crawley**
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CHARLESTON – On Tuesday, August 18th, Governor Patrick Morrisey declared a new State of Emergency for Tucker County and the remaining 54 counties in West Virginia following a new round of severe storms that have brought with them large rainfall, flash flooding, mudslides, damaging winds and water rescues to communities across the state.

*"West Virginians have been hit by another round of severe weather at a time when many communities are still recovering from last month's storms. This declaration gives our emergency responders, state agencies, and local officials the flexibility they need to move quickly, get resources where they are needed, and help communities recover from the damage."* - Governor Patrick Morrisey

The declaration came following a series of slow moving storm systems that moved across West Virginia from August 16th to the 18th that dumped excessive rainfall on numerous communities. Several localized areas received near-record rainfall in just a matter of hours that triggered flash flooding and mudslides that resulted in significant damage to homes, businesses, public infrastructure and essential services, the Governor's Office said.

The new declaration will cover all 55 counties in the state and will remain in effect for 30 days unless terminated sooner. It allows state and local agencies to coordinate and deploy personnel, equipment and other essential resources necessary to support emergency response and relief operations.

The new State of Emergency allows the West Virginia Emergency Management Division and other state agencies to continue working with local and federal partners to assess damage and respond to immediate needs, as well as provide assistance to affected communities following the latest storms.

"We have crews and emergency responders working across the state, and we are going to make sure they have what they need to do their jobs," said Governor Morrisey. "We will continue working with our local partners to assess the damage and help West Virginians recover."

This declaration is separate from the State of Emergency issued following the severe storms and flooding that began July 21st that the Governor just extended for Tucker County. A statewide State of Emergency was declared by Governor Morrisey for that event on July 21st and extended for Tucker County and others where recovery efforts are ongoing through September 19th.

Tucker County Director of Emergency Management Kevin White clarified to the Parsons Advocate that the new declaration will not provide any additional relief or assistance that was not already provided by the existing State of Emergency that had been extended for Tucker County from the July 21st event. The only difference the new State of Emergency has over the existing one is that the new State of Emergency is statewide.

# Maryland Man Appears in Tucker County Court on Felony Drug Charges



Kadeem Roderick Santiful

**By: Lydia Crawley**
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A Maryland man appeared in Tucker County Magistrate Court on Felony drug charges following an arrest after a traffic stop in Tucker County. Kathdeem Roderick Sandtiful, 33, of Randallstown, Maryland appeared before Magistrate Riley Barb August 18th for a Probable Cause hearing on one count of Controlled Substance – Manufacture or possession with intent to deliver Schedule I or II narcotic or meth, a felony.

Santiful appeared in court from the Tygart Valley Regional Jail where he is being held on a $75,000 cash only bond. Sandiful's attorney Madison Crane was also present during the hearing, as was Tucker County Attorney Savannah Hull Wilkins, the arresting officer and the K-9 officer from the Drug Taskforce who were present at the scene.

There were no motions from the State in the case, but the defense did ask to reduce or modify bond. Magistrate Bard denied the motion that was strongly opposed by the State on grounds that Santiful is a registered as a sex offender and has a record of assault and attempted burglary.

West Virginia State Police Sgt Miller testified on the traffic stop. Sgt Miller said that he was notified by the Drug Taskforce of a potential target entering Tucker County with Maryland temporary tags. The target was being followed by members of the taskforce in unmarked vehicles.

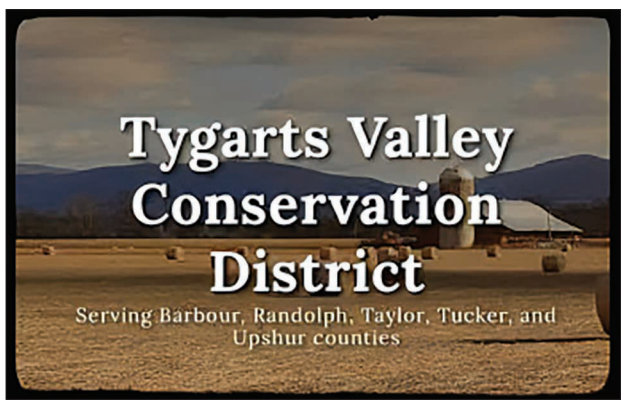
Upon completion of the traffic stop of a black Ford Escape for 73 mph in a 65 mph zone on Route 48, Corridor H, the K-9 unit searched and indicated near the front of the vehicle, according to his handler. In a metal or plastic container in the engine compartment fentanyl was found, as well as a large amount of money in a drawstring bag in Santiful's crotch area. Scales with white residue and baggies were also found. SKS with high power rounds and a small

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# Tygart Valley Conservation District Joins Fight Against Valley North Transmission Line Project

**By: Lydia Crawley**
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The Tygart Valley Conservation District has joined the fight against the Valley North Transmission Line Project. The Board adopted a resolution opposing the project August 10th.




The resolution was signed by Chair James Dean. This resolution follows in the heels of the Tucker County Commission's similar measure July 22nd in which the Tucker County Commissioners formally supported private property rights and opposed the project via resolution.

In the resolution, the Board cites its charge of conservation of soil, water and natural resources "for the benefit of current and future generations," and the project's perceived threat on productive farmlands, forested habitats, rivers and wetlands, as well as the impact on sensitive wildlife such as whippoorwills and federally listed species and aquatic species in the watershed as some of the reasons for their opposition to the project.

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# Parsons Day 2026








The second annual Parsons Day was held Saturday, August 22nd. This year's event was bigger and better than last year's by leaps and bounds. The day started with a car show in the morning, followed by a Corn Hole Tournament with registration at noon. Bounce houses, axe throwing and ski ball were available all day for everyone with food and craft vendors packed throughout downtown Parsons hawking a variety of goods for the crowds that kept vendors hopping through the day. Live music echoed through Parsons all afternoon and into the evening with the day beginning with Ryan Cain at noon, followed by the Soda Pop Gypsies taking the stage at three and ending the day with Hair Supply rocking the town well into the evening.

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# News of Record

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

- **Brandon James Conrad,** of Dry Fork, was charged with one count of Domestic Battery. The complaint states that on Wednesday, Aug. 19 officers were dispatched by Tucker County Communications (911) to 52 Goldenrod Lane in Dry Fork for a domestic battery complaint. While enroute, officers were notified by 911 that the victim/complainant had left the scene and called 911. Officers met with the victim and was provided a handwritten and signed statement. In summary, the victim stated around 8:30 p.m. the accused came out of his bedroom, yelling and screaming about her not coming back to the bedroom to ask him if he wants anything to eat and drink. The victim stated he was yelling at her to get out of the house. The victim was already making tea, she took him back his drink, he followed her out into the hallway where he started screaming and spitting in her face. She stated she was backed up against the sink, when she went to walk around him, he grabbed the side of her face and shoved her across the room where she tripped over a box and fell to the floor. When she was getting up, he started coming back towards her so she yelled at her juvenile son to come with her. At this time the accused allegedly grabbed their son's phone out of his hand and slammed it to the floor. She stated her son was crying and yelling for mommy as she got up to start running away. When asked if the accused hurt her when he grabbed her, she stated he smashed her glasses into the side of her face and said it still hurt. She further stated she and the accused are girlfriend and boyfriend and that they have lived together on and off for 6 to 7 years but have lived consistently for two years.
  While speaking with her Deputy Zirk observed what appeared to be a small cut above her left eye which she stated is from her glasses when the accused shoved her. Officers also observed what appeared to be a scrape on her left knee which she stated was from when she hit the floor.
  Officers traveled to the residence and located the accused. He was placed under arrest for domestic battery and transported to the Parsons Detachment of the West Virginia State Police for processing and then to Tygart Valley Regional Jail to await arraignment.
- **Casey Elizabeth Wolford, Jeffery Wolford, Tyler Scott Wolford,** all of Dry Fork, were charged with six counts of Brandishing deadly weapons, six counts of Unlawful Restraint and one count of Conspiracy. All the complaints state that on July 19, 2026, Cpl. C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) received a call from Tucker County Communications (911) that advised of an incident on Laneville Road. He was further advised that the caller was no longer on the scene. He contacted the original caller by telephone who advised that they were in Elkins.
  Later this same date Summerfield and Trooper Tate of the West Virginia State Police (WVSP) met with the victims at the TCSO. Victim One provided a handwritten and signed statement that summarized they rented an Air BnB for Saturday and Sunday but left early because they did not feel safe due to the neighbors acting threatening towards them. He stated that while they were leaving, the neighbors were on the porch. The woman flipped them off and he did it back. The man ran into the road with a shovel and they turned to get away. The road was closed so they could not get through. He further stated that the people came with two trucks and one car and blocked the road. He stated that their friends were also with them, but the people were angry with them so, they let their friends through. The man and the woman came up to their truck pointing at them and yelling at them to get out. He stated that they all had guns. They drove off through the field t get away. As they drove through the field that the person in the truck allegedly tried to T-bone them.
  Summerfield also obtained a handwritten and signed statement from Victim Two stating that himself, his spouse, and a few friends stayed at an Air BnB on Turkey Foot Lane last night (7-18-26). He stated that the neighbors at the bottom of the hill had been harassing them since they arrived. Today, they attempted to leave early due to discomfort from staying at the house. While leaving, his spouse noticed the lady at the house flipping them off so he did it in return. They slowed down to wait on their friends he stated that he glanced back and saw them coming off the porch so they sped away. He stated that they turned onto Laneville Road and saw the man running down the road holding a silver farm/manure shovel. He stated that his eight-year-old foster son was with them so he turned around and headed further down Laneville Road to get away. He noticed that the road was closed so they turned around to return to WV32. He stated that they were stopped in front of someone's house by three vehicles, a Kia Forte and two pickup trucks. The individuals hop out of the vehicles and show themselves and their friends their pistols. He observed them walking to their friend's truck yelling at them holding their guns. The people moved their vehicles to allow their friends to pass but then proceed to their vehicle he rolled up the windows and locked the doors. He noticed the people still holding their guns and blocking the road. He stated that he observed a field and drove the truck through the field to get around them and further stated that he observed the people pulling their guns from their waistbands to threaten them.
  A handwritten and signed statement from Victim Three stated that they were pulling off of Turkey Foot Lane to leave the Air BnB that they rented for the weekend, when she observed the couple that was staying with them speed off in the opposite direction. When they finally caught up to them, they stated that a male subject was blocking the road, holding a shovel and trying to strike their truck. She stated that they turned around and agreed to lead the way back in the direction they needed to go. About a mile down the road, she observed three vehicles approaching from the opposite direction. Her husband slowed down to let them pass. Two of the vehicles, a black SUV and a gray truck pulled off to the side. A white farm utility truck blocked the road. She stated that three individuals exited the vehicles and approached their truck. A middle-aged white female with her hair pulled back and glasses came up to the driver's side of the vehicle, raised her black t-shirt and pulled out a black pistol. She pointed at the vehicle stating, "you wanna go MFers?" She told the lady that they had a one-year-old in the backseat and had not done anything wrong. The lady allowed them to pass by. She stated that the other males had shotguns. As they pulled off, she stated she heard a gunshot, when she looked back, she observed a younger male pointing a shotgun at Victim One's truck as they drove through a neighboring yard to escape the situation.
  Trooper Tate also obtained a handwritten and signed statement from Victim Four that stated that they stayed at an Air BnB, as they were leaving Turkey Foot Lane, he observed his friends who had turned onto the road to be in reverse t a rapid speed. His friend told them to go the other direction because a man tried to strike their truck with a shovel. He stated that they went in the opposite direction for about three miles until they felt it was safe to leave in the correct direction. As they turned around three vehicles came around the turn. The female in the black vehicle and the older male in the silver truck pulled to the left side of the road while the younger boy pulled his white truck to block the road. He stated that three individuals jumped out of their vehicles with the lady in the lead. She lifted her shirt pulling a handgun and pointing it at their vehicle. The lady yelled obscenities, holstered her weapon and approached the driver's side of his truck, at which time they tell her they have a baby in the vehicle and had done nothing wrong. She pointed to Victim One and Victim Two's truck, cursing at them. She told them to go and as they passed Victim Four stated he heard a shot. At this time, he looked in his mirror and saw his friends driving through the yard to get around them. He stated he observed the younger male stepping back out of his vehicle with what appeared to be a rifle or shotgun.
  It was stated to the Officers that the suspects residence are the first two houses on Turkey Foot Lane. The suspects were a middle-aged female, with brownish black hair and glasses. She was wearing a black graphic t-shirt and jean shorts. A younger male wearing a lime green construction type shirt with jeans and a belt. Lastly, a middle-aged male with brow/gray hair and a scruffy beard. The middle-aged male was stated to have dirty hands from working on a vehicle and tattoos.
  On the same date Cpl. Summerfield, Trooper Tate and L. Dudley of the Natural Resources Police (NRPO) responded to Turkey Foot Lane and observed a white pickup, a silver pickup with a black brush guard and a black SUV in the driveway of the first residence. Officers spoke to a younger male subject wearing a lime green shirt, later identified by his WV operators to be Tyler Wolford. A female wearing a black t-shirt with orange letters and glasses, later identified by her WV operators to be Casey Wolford arrived on scene on an ATV. Upon speaking with Casey and Tyler, they confirmed that an incident did occur earlier that day. Mrs. Wolford stated that the two gentlemen had been driving too fast on the road and almost hit their goats. Earlier that day one of the males in the pickup made a facial gesture towards her out the window of the vehicle, she gave him the finger. She sated that the male then flipped all of them off and proceeded to spin down the road. She stated that her husband, Jeffery Wolford, went through the yard to meet them on the other side to talk and the guys in the truck went down the road in the other direction. She stated that she, Jeffery and Tyler went down the road in the same direction to attempt to talk to the individuals for being disrespectful and flipping them off. She and Tyler stated that they did not have any firearms with them. Tyler gave Officers consent to search the gray pickup. Upon searching said vehicles, officers located a SCCY 9mm handgun in the center console.
  Officers discovered that Jeffery Wolford had left for work and was no longer on the scene. On Aug. 2, 2026, Summerfield met with Jeffery at the TCSO. After reading the interview and Miranda Rights Form the he agreed to and signed, Summerfield obtained a digital voice recorder audio statement from him. In summary, he stated that they had issues with two guys in a Chevy pickup driving fast up and down the road. He stated that is wife talked to them twice and they were very rude. He stated that is wife then put up a speed limit on the road. On Sunday, he was working on a car and around 3 p.m. the two gentlemen were giving them the finger all the way down the road. He stated he asked them what their problem was and they just floored it and spun down the driveway. He stated that it aggravated him so he went across the road to talk to them. He saw that the men went down in the other direction, so he went to get his son to attempt to talk to them down the road. He got in the truck with his son. His wife was driving her pickup and around the area of Miller he saw them. They stopped the truck and he and his wife got out. They told the first vehicle that they didn't have a problem with them and they could go. He just wanted to talk to the other guys. He walked to the other pickup that the two guys were in and they would not roll the windows down and sped off. He stated that they did not have any firearms with them. He further stated that his son Tyler did not even get out of the truck.

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

- **Mountain Man Properties LLC,** Black Fork district, 5 acres residue 0.92 acres out survey @ 262/470 to Jason Pennington.
- **Mountain Man Properties LLC,** Black Fork district, 0.92 acres or 40,000 square feet m/l per new survey attached to deed to Terri L. Collette, $196,000.
- **Charles E. Wilkins and Gertrude M. Wilkins,** Clover District, 2.938 acres, Hobson Run to Donald C. Knisley.
- **Emily Carlson,** Davis Corporation, Lot 64, Tuscan Ridge Subdivision, Section 1 to Cvechko Investments LLC DBA Tucker County Investments LLC, $48.500.
- **Patricia P. Smith, Ricky Wentz and Kimberly Wentz,** Dry Fork District, Unit D3 Week 25 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Heather Zickafoose and Heidi Harper.
- **George Massey and Candyce Massey,** Dry Fork district, Unit A5 Week 27 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc, $600.
- **Russell Harbison and Cheri Harbison,** Dry Fork District, Unit F4 Week 35 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., $600.
- **Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc.,** Dry Fork District, Unit G5 Week 29 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Dale Edward Hershberger III, $600.
- **Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc.,** Dry Fork District, Unit A5 Week 38 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Clyde Barnes.
- **Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc.,** Dry Fork District, Unit E1 Week 02 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to David Smith and Vicki Smith.
- **Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc.,** Dry Fork District, Unit D1 Week 03 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Michael Derosa and Jaimee Derosa.
- **Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc.,** Dry Fork District, Unit D2 Week 23 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Joyce E.C. Edgell, Robert Edgell, Dylan Edgell, Sara Edgell and Kassey Edgell, $650.
- **Mark D. Hoce and Malinda L. Hoce,** Dry Fork District, Unit A6 Week 25 Land of Canaan Vacation Resort to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., $600.
- **Nichole George and James George,** Dry Fork District, Unit A1 Week 28 Land of Canaan Vacation resort to land of Canaan Home Owners Association Inc., $600.
- **Kassidy Denise Nelson,** Dry Fork District, .93 acres and 2.024 acres +/- to Lost River Homes LLC, $161,850.
- **Donna E. Graham, James R. Lawrence, Susan M. Higman and Randall K. Lawrence,** Dry Fork District, 2.00 acres to Randall K. Lawrence and Bonna S. Lawrence.
- **Marylou Raley,** Dry Fork District, Unit D1 Week 28 Land of Canaan Vacation resort to Yvette S. Blankenship.
- **Day Tripper LLC,** Hendricks Corporation, Lot 27 to Hendricks Free Methodist Church, $20,000.
- **Roger L. Greaser, Jr. and Jodi L. Davis,** Licking District, Mutual Exchange Deed Lot 44 Landboc to Jodi L. Davis, Roger L. Greaser, Jr., Jessica D. Greaser and Brian A. Davis.

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# SPORTS

## Final Preseason Game in the Books as TC Football Turns Focus to Friday Nights



Tucker's offense fires off the ball.




Rylan Sexton breaks down for the tackle.

**By: Adam Freeman**

Tucker County's final scrimmage of the preseason is behind them, and all sights are set on the regular season home opener with Pocahontas County. Tucker traveled to Doddridge County High School last week for a three-team gridiron matchup with the home Bulldogs and the East Fairmont Bees. Tucker would face Doddridge to start the games, which saw the youthful Mt. Lions continuing to figure out the offensive side of the ball, failing to find the end zone. Against the Bees, Tucker would only allow one score but again was unsuccessful in finding the goal line. Now with these glorified practices behind them, Tucker is full go for their season opener at home against the Warriors this Friday, August 28th, with kickoff set for 7:00 p.m.

## TCHS Volleyball Takes on Preston County at Home



Addy Johnson with the return.

**By: Adam Freeman**

The Tucker County High School volleyball team hit the home court Thursday evening, welcoming Preston County for a competitive matchup.

The Mountain Lions showed improvement and had positives to take away from each set, but they were unable to hold off the visiting Knights, as Preston County went on to win all three sets.

Bella Carr led the way for Tucker County, contributing 7 digs and 5 assists in the match.

Tucker County will hit the road Thursday when the girls travel to Lincoln. With the season underway, there is plenty of opportunity for the Mountain Lions to continue building and improving with each match.

If you haven't had a chance to watch these girls play, you should. There is plenty of energy, effort, and potential on this team, and they are worth watching as the season continues.



Nate Davis

## *Tucker County Golf Continues to Make Strides*

**By: Adam Freeman**

Tucker County Mountain Lions' golf team had themselves a pair of matches over the past week, showcasing their improvements in two competitive matches. On August 18, the varsity team traveled to Alpine Lake Resort for a 9-hole match hosted by AAAA Preston County High School. Competing against two other AAA schools, the Mt. Lions demonstrated their intestinal fortitude by securing a third-place finish, trailing only 10 shots behind the winners from Lewis County High School. Individually, Tucker excelled, with Nate Davis finishing 5th, Drew Simmons 6th, and Cayden Arnold 7th, all placing in the top 10.

The following day, August 19, Tucker County hosted a 9-hole match at Holly Meadows Golf Course against Notre Dame, Union, and Pendleton County. The Mt. Lions delivered their best performance of the season, clinching first place by a commanding 14 strokes over regional powerhouse Pendleton County High School. The team had an impressive seven members in the top 10, with Nate Davis leading the charge by shooting a remarkable -1 (35), including a strong finish of -3 over his last five holes. Cade Rapp followed in 3rd, Drew Simmons in 5th, Braylon Ward in 6th, Carter Wilt in 7th, Cayden Arnold in 9th, and Branson Hyre in 10th. In the JV division, Tucker County also triumphed, finishing first against Pendleton and Notre Dame JV teams. Branson Hyre and Jarrett Dearborn were instrumental in leading the JV team to victory. The Mountain Lions are set to continue their season with a match at Canaan Valley Resort on Tuesday and will conclude the week with a trip to Stonewall Jackson Resort on Thursday for a match hosted by Lewis County High School.

## Run For It Team Registration Ends August 31st



**Team registration for the 19th Annual Run For It ends on August 31st. This year's race will start at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 26th, in Davis, WV. Individuals and teams can register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Davis/RunForIt.**

The deadline to register a team for the 19th Annual Run For It race is August 31st. Run For It is a 2K walk and a 5K race hosted by the Tucker Community Foundation. This event invites organizations and non-profits within the Foundation's ten-county service area to participate for cash prizes without any obligations. Currently, 65 teams are registered.

The race will start at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 26th, in Davis, WV, in conjunction with the annual Leaf Peepers Festival. The 2K is an untimed walk, while the 5K is a timed run/walk open to both walkers and competitive runners.

The registration cost is $12, with half of the entry fee supporting a charity of the participant's choice. Individuals and teams can register online at runsignup.com/Race/WV/Davis/RunForIt or by completing the registration forms available on the Foundation's website at tuckerfoundationwv.org/run-for-it. Team registration ends on August 31st, while individual registration closes on September 20th. In-person registration will be available at the

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The deadline to submit your West Virginia State Farm Census Report and Business Personal Property Form to the Harrison County Assessor's Office is September 1st.

The West Virginia State Farm Census Report should be completed by farm owners who wish to qualify for farm use valuation on their property. Business Personal Property Forms must be filed by all business owners to report assets such as equipment and inventory for property tax purposes.

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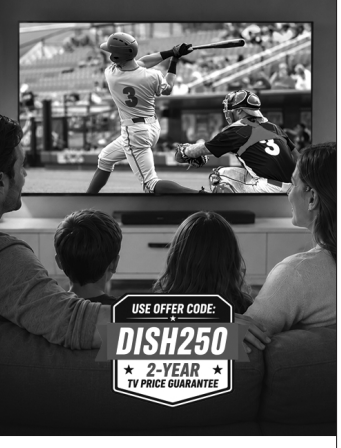

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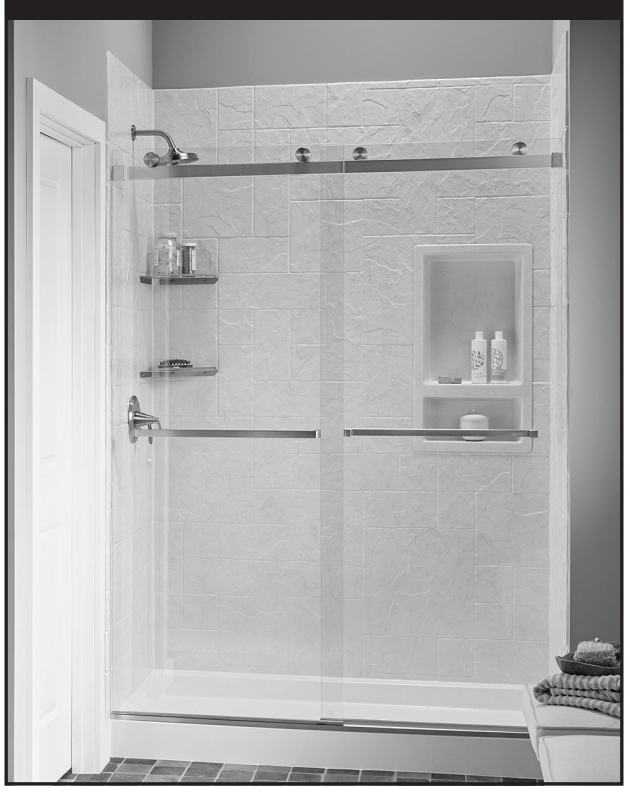
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## Super Crossword

*Answers*

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# What's Happening

**Free Friday**

Free Friday will be held on August 28, beginning at 6 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Parsons. We will be serving a variety of soups and sandwiches, chips, desserts and drinks. Come enjoy good food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

**Back To School Bash**

There will be a Back to School Bash for Youth & Children on Saturday, Aug. 29 from 1 – 3 p.m. at St. John's Church. Games, Bouncy House, Refreshments and more! Come celebrate the end of summer with Christian Fun & Fellowship!

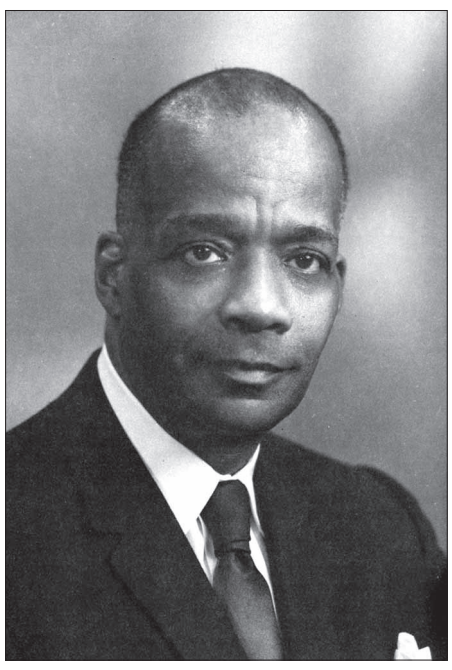
**The 60th annual Harper Family Reunion**

Relatives of the late Anzina and Daniel B. and Frank and Effie Harper will be held on Sunday, Aug. 30. From 1 – 5 p.m. at Mill Race Park. Bring a covered dish and join us.

**Toddler Time at Five Rivers Public Library**

Beginning Sept. 2, 2026, Toddler Time will be held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please note: If there is no county school, there will be no Toddler Time that day.

## e-WV The West Virginia Encyclopedia



**Aug. 28, 1900: Harrison H. Ferrell Jr. was born in Chicago. Known as "the Dean" to generations of students, he was professor of German, 1928–66, at West Virginia State College (now University) and served as dean and in other capacities from 1930 until 1970.**

*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. 26, 1863:** Union and Confederate forces collided in what became known as the Battle of White Sulphur Springs. The next morning, with ammunition nearly depleted, Union General William Averell retreated to his base without accomplishing any of his objectives.

**Aug. 26, 1918:** Mathematician Katherine Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs. For 33 years, Johnson worked for NASA, making calculations for manned space flights, including the Apollo 11 moon landing. In 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

**Aug. 27, 1902:** Mary McClain, known professionally as "Diamond Teeth Mary," was born Mary Smith in Huntington. McClain was a blues legend who performed at Carnegie Hall, the White House, the Apollo Theatre and the Cotton Club.

**Aug. 29, 1880:** Ceramist Frederick Hurten Rhead was born in England. He designed the famous Fiestaware line of tableware while working for Homer Laughlin China in Newell, Hancock. It was introduced in 1936.

**Aug. 29, 1952:** A groundbreaking ceremony was held in Mercer County to mark the beginning of construction of the West Virginia Turnpike. Initially, most of the turnpike was just two lanes because officials believed revenues would be too low to finance four lanes.

**Aug. 30, 1862:** Confederate raiders under the command of General Albert G. Jenkins attacked and occupied Buckhannon, where they captured 20 prisoners and 5,000 stands of small arms.

**Aug. 31, 1945:** The USS West Virginia led American battleships into Tokyo Bay two days before the formal surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945.

**Sept. 1, 1671:** Thomas Batte, Robert Hallom and Thomas Wood set out from Petersburg, Virginia, to explore west of the Appalachian Mountains. Batte and Hallom are credited with being the first explorers to document the New River. Their expedition later bolstered England's claims to the Ohio Valley.

**Sept. 1, 1777:** Fort Henry, located at what is now Wheeling, was attacked by Indians for the first time during the Revolutionary War. Nearly half the militia were lured outside the post and killed. The fort would be attacked again in 1782.

**Sept. 1, 1907:** Walter Phillips Reuther was born to German immigrant parents in Wheeling. Reuther was a founder of the modern labor movement and a long-time president of the United Auto Workers.

**Sept. 1, 1921:** By this date during the Battle of Blair Mountain, miners had captured half of the 25-mile mountain ridge and were ready to descend upon Logan. President Warren Harding placed the strike zone under martial law, and ordered federal troops and a squadron of bomber aircraft into the state.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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THANK YOU FOR READING

**Weather Totals Aug 11 - Aug 18, 2026**

**Nursery Bottom Parsons**

| Temperature | | Precipitation | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Max | 86° F | Week | 3.83" |
| Min | 60° F | August | 6.33" |
| | | 2026 | 43.69" |

**Snowfall**
Winter Total 46.5"

U.S. Forest Service

## Momma Said



*This column is about tips, helpful hints, recipes and words of wisdom. I dedicate this column to my mother.*

**By Teri Cayton**
*The Parsons Advocate*

The fog keeps rolling in every morning and so must the snows pile up this winter. If this is accurate, we are in for some nasty weather in a couple months. I did see an estimated weather pattern for this winter showing heavier than usual snow falls, so maybe there is something to this after all. ***Momma Said,*** "Don't overlook the old timers, they didn't get old by accident."

The weather may as well go to pot because it looks like the rest of the world is already headed there. Wars, uprisings, riots, murders, where will it all end? Society these days is either turning a blind eye to what is going on or they are trying to burn down the world.

I know there was strife in the world when I was growing up but it was not neighbors trying to kill each other. It seems as if there is no peace in the world at all today. I would hate to be growing up into this mess and I pity the younger generations because they were not raised to care. ***Momma Said,*** "Just play ostrich and stick their heads in a computer screen and ignore what is going on around them."

We could be conquered, vanquished and speaking another language and most of them would not realize it until they climbed the stairs from the basement to stare out at reality. And even then, I don't think most would really care. There is no loyalty to country and freedom any more. ***Momma Said,*** "Maybe they will wake up and miss it once it is gone."

I am going to leave you with some easy ways to make common staples.

### Brown Sugar

- 1 Cup granulated sugar
- 1 Tablespoon molasses (for light) or 2 tablespoons (for dark)
- Mix until fully incorporated

### Powdered Sugar

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- Blend in a high-speed blender until powdery

### Peanut Butter

- 2 cups roasted peanuts
- 1 to 2 tablespoons honey or oil (optional)
- Blend until smooth. Add honey or oil as needed

### Chocolate Syrup

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- 1 cup water
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Whisk sugar, cocoa, salt and water in a saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, reduce and simmer 5 – 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla

### Butter

- 1-pint heavy cream
- Pinch of salt (optional)
- Whip cream past the whipped stage until it separates then strain off buttermilk, rinse butter under cold water, and knead to remove excess liquid

### Vanilla Extract

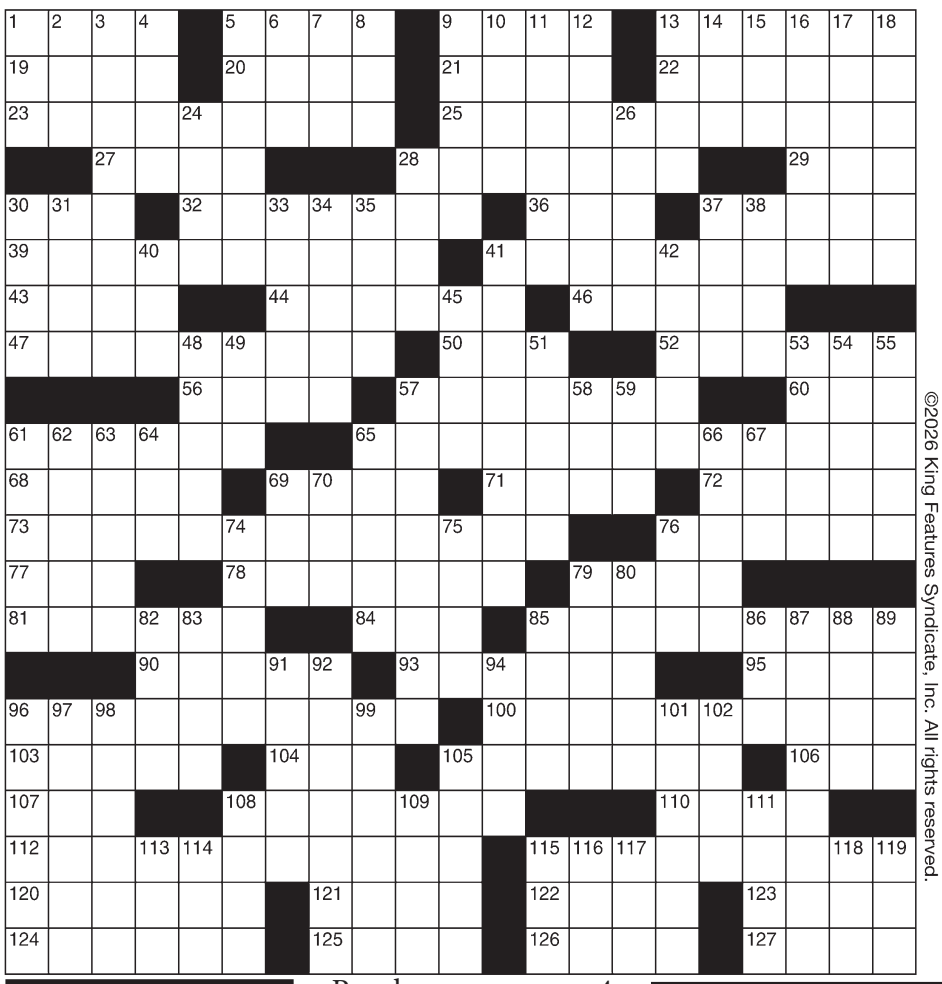
- 6 vanilla beans
- 1 cup vodka
- Split beans and submerge in vodka in a glass jar. Cover and store I n a cool dark place for at least 2 months, shaking weekly.

## Super Crossword

**SHORT MONTHS**

**ACROSS**
1 Gentle
5 Not active
9 Hockey great Gordie
13 Certain utility meter reader
19 "Pronto!"
20 Back end
21 Notion
22 Hun leader
23 "Klute" actress
25 Line of air fresheners requiring an outlet
27 Element #10
28 See 38-Down
29 Texting format, for short
30 Land in eau
32 Strong-arms
36 Lobbying org.
37 Singer Ross
39 "Let's Get It On" singer
41 Certain fruit stone
43 "— fair in love and war"
44 Stood to lose
46 Idyllic places
47 City official on "Family Guy"
50 Part of UCLA
52 Make tidy
56 Noted Deco master
57 Notion
60 Go in haste
61 Fogged up, as a sauna
65 School for associate's degrees
68 Caribbean resort
69 "Let it stand"
71 Goes after in court
72 Intended (to)
73 Bartending tool with holes
76 1841-45 first family
77 Primo pitcher
78 Cape Cod resort village
79 Dried up
81 Heptathlete Jackie Joyner- —
84 Railroad depot: Abbr.
85 Portend a good outcome
90 Dog's reward
93 Scored a major victory
95 Mine, in France
96 Brownish-toned picture
100 Stuff squirted by a cephalopod
103 Slow to react
104 NFL notable Manning
105 Some private planes
106 "Is that so!"
107 Univ. senior's test
108 Weapons depot
110 Tiger's sound, to tots
112 Halifax native
115 Poolside seat
120 Large moon of Uranus
121 "I'm buying"
122 Region
123 Rebuke from Caesar
124 Lie comfily close
125 Belgian river
126 Frat guys
127 Span represented by the first three letters of 12 answers in this puzzle

**DOWN**
1 — Mahal
2 "Hugo" title role player Butterfield
3 Polite
4 Sword variety
5 Patch variety
6 Animal lair
7 Young fellow
8 Time of note
9 Old LP players
10 Polish river
11 Program running in a browser
12 Topic of an otologist's instructions
13 Intent stare
14 Munched on
15 Fuel additive brand
16 Country singer Ronnie
17 School reunion-goers
18 Pesters
24 Central points
26 "Champion" of Spain
28 Overly docile
30 Muslim prayer leader
31 See 70-Down
33 Heron variety
34 Elevate
35 Sac in anatomy
37 "Finished!"
38 With 28-Across, church meeting cry
40 Abbr. on a brandy bottle
41 Dreamy guys
42 Italian for "hundred"
45 SpaceX head Musk
48 Chart anew
49 Ironic, as wit
51 Rub to clean
53 Main topic
54 "The — Sanction" (1975 film)
55 Must have
57 Halve with an ax, say
58 Prior to, to a bard
59 Mac rivals
61 "Wheel of Fortune" host Pat
62 Halting of hostilities
63 Leonhard of pure mathematics
64 Prez Lincoln
65 Denim pants
66 Cake tier
67 "— Abner"
69 Hog's pen
70 With 31-Down, lilting song syllables
74 Ovine animal
75 El — (ocean current)
76 —TV ("Tacoma FD" channel)
79 Armani offerings
80 Incite
82 Incite
83 Part of QED
85 Basic lessons
86 Once lived
87 Move to a new country
88 Individual
89 Similar to
91 "Billy, Don't Be —"
92 "Anna Karenina" novelist
94 Yule tune
96 Join the team
97 Get dressed
98 Irritates
99 Promotional connections
101 Ski jackets
102 Quadrennial games org.
105 Seat weaver
108 Clearasil target
109 Moniker
111 Curds and —
113 Craft
114 Pine- —
115 Small dollop
116 Make a gaffe
117 Co. top dog
118 Give — shot
119 Classic Karel Capek play



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Puzzle answers page 4

## LEGAL

(2024-C-000011 - TUCKER COUNTY - BDW MANAGEMENT INC)

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| | | |
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| Additional taxes with interest. | $ | 0.00 |
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I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:

| Deceased | Personal Representative(s) |
|---|---|
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| 1st publication 08/19/2026 | 1641 Location Road |
| 2nd publication 08/26/2026 | Parsons, WV 26287 |
| Virginia Morea Rosier | Carolyn Pifer |
| 1st publication 08/19/2026 | 1641 Location Road |
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ATTEST: Barbara Evans, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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| Deceased | Personal Representative(s) |
|---|---|
| Delvin James Wratchford | Lois Wratchford |
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| 2nd publication 09/02/26 | Parsons, WV 26287 |

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**Dear Recycle Lady,**

Inside one of the boxes containing a prescription were many sheets of directions on white paper folded into very tight folds and glued together in one place. Does this tightly folded paper need to be unfolded before recycling it? *Just Wondering*

**Dear Just Wondering,**

Yes, the paper should be unfolded to help reduce the volume of the paper and to make it easier to transport. It also eliminates any contaminants that might have been inside the folds. Flatting the paper helps with sorting and improves the processing in the recycling facility. Thanks for taking the time to unfold the directions and remove any glue that might have been used to hold the paper tightly folded. The Recycling staff appreciates you!

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**Dear Recycle Lady,**

I found some old, rusty pieces of scrap metal in the barn this morning and I don't know what to do with them. Can they be recycled? Do I need to clean them up? *Cleaning up the Barn*

**Dear Cleaning up the Barn,**

Old rusty pieces of scrap metal of any size and any condition are recyclable at the Recycling Center. Rust occurs when iron reacts with oxygen from water or moisture and produces iron oxide. It is only on steel cans or steel objects. Aluminum cans don't contain iron and will never rust, regardless of how long they are left in water and Stainless steel is extremely resistant to rust. Since steel is the primary metal in engineering, rusty metal is likely to be found on many different objects around the house or barn. Nails, screws, auto parts, and furniture are only a few of the places where rust can be found. The Recycling Center accepts both auto and furniture parts but not nails and screws. Those can be taken to Boggs Scrap Metal Yard in Caldwell. While rust can be removed from metal using household products like lemon juice, baking soda, vinegar, and steel wool, or you can purchase chemicals to remove rust, it is not necessary. To prevent rust, metals can be coated ahead of time with several effective coatings. Epoxy Coatings provide a strong barrier against moisture as does a coating of oil, or commercially available rust converters. A coating of zinc protects metal from corrosion in a process called galvanization. There is also a dry powder that will create a hard finish resistant to rust after being cured under heat.

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**Dear Recycle Lady,**

What is the difference between a clear plastic jug and a white plastic jug? *What's the Difference?*

**Dear What's the Difference,**

The primary difference between clear plastics jugs and white plastic jugs is their light-blocking properties. Clear plastic jugs are translucent or transparent and their content is highly visible; while white jugs are opaque plastic containers that don't allow any light to pass through. Made of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) #2 plastic, some customers prefer white plastic jugs for milk because of their light-blocking property. Blocking UV light helps maintain the milk's freshness and prevents spoilage. Clear plastic jugs are made with Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) or #1 plastics and often preferred for their visibility. Both #1 plastics and #2 plastics are recyclable.

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**Good News:** A Cougar raising kittens was seen for the first time in 100 years in Minnesota. Cougars were believed to be extinct, but this sighting suggests that Cougars are breeding there again.

**Bad News:** A wildfire in Australia destroyed 70% of the Pink Cockatoos core habitat. Since most of the cypress pines were lost artificial hollows are being built for their use.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to: recycleladywv@gmail.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

# Conrad named Emergency Department Director for Vandalia Health Davis Medical Center and Webster Memorial Hospital



ELKINS, W.Va. – Christopher Conrad, DO, FACEP, FACOEP, an emergency physician with extensive experience in rural healthcare, has been named Emergency Department Director for Vandalia Health Davis Medical Center and Vandalia Health Webster Memorial Hospital.

As Emergency Department Director, Dr. Conrad will lead emergency medicine services at both hospitals, partnering with physicians, nurses and clinical staff to advance quality, patient-centered care and strengthen emergency services across the region.

Dr. Conrad is an experienced emergency physician and healthcare leader who has dedicated his career to serving patients in rural West Virginia. He has held numerous physician leadership positions throughout the region, bringing extensive experience in emergency medicine, clinical operations and team leadership. He is board certified in emergency medicine and is a Fellow of both the American College of Emergency Physicians and the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians.

For Dr. Conrad, the new role marks a return to a region he knows well. A Braxton County native, he previously cared for patients at Webster Memorial Hospital while serving in physician leadership roles.

"Having the opportunity to continue serving patients in rural West Virginia is both a privilege and an honor," Dr. Conrad said. "I'm excited to work alongside the exceptional teams at both Webster Memorial Hospital and Davis Medical Center to continue providing quality emergency care for our patients and communities."

"Dr. Conrad is an accomplished physician leader with a deep understanding of the unique healthcare needs of rural communities," said Diana Landsverk, MBA, MSN, RN, NE-BC, Chief Administrative Officer of Vandalia Health Davis Medical Center. "His collaborative leadership style, clinical expertise and commitment to patient-centered care make him an outstanding addition to our leadership team. We are excited to welcome him and look forward to the positive impact he will have across our region."

"As someone who has dedicated much of his career to serving this region, Dr. Conrad understands our community and the importance of providing exceptional care close to home," said Bill Dempsey, Chief Administrative Officer of Vandalia Health Webster Memorial Hospital. "His leadership, compassion and commitment to rural healthcare will be tremendous assets to both of our hospitals and, most importantly, to the patients and families we serve."

For more information, visit DavisHealthSystem.org.

## COMMISSIONERS

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Davis, Jr; Tucker County Commissioner Timothy "Tim" Knotts and Tucker County Commission President Michael "Mike" Rosenau waived the reading of the formal reading of charges. The three Commissioners appeared in Court with their individual attorneys.

Each case was called before Judge Carl individually with Davis to be the first to be heard. Knott's case was called second, with Rosenau's case last. Each Commissioner was given a $2,000 recognizance bond, as the prosecution did not deem them to be a flight risk. Knott's attorney asked the court if his bond could allow for travel out of the state due to agricultural reasons, as Knotts is a farmer. Due to that same reason, the attorney asked for a firearms exemption, as well. Judge Carl said there were no restrictions on any of the Commissioners bonds.

The next pre-trial hearing for the case was scheduled for November 10th at 1:30. Judge Carl said he would schedule a plea or trial at that time in the case.

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# Registration Opens for Becoming an Outdoors Woman Fall Workshop

## *Event takes place Sept. 25-27 at Cacapon Resort State Park*



CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources today announced registration is now open for its 'Becoming an Outdoors Woman' (BOW) fall workshop on Sept. 25-27 at Cacapon Resort State Park near Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

BOW is a nationally recognized program that introduces women to various hunting, fishing and other outdoor-related activities in a welcoming and supportive environment. WVDNR's workshop offers participants the chance to learn new skills while enjoying the beauty of one of West Virginia's premier state parks.

"We aim to provide a comfortable space for participants to learn a new skill or build their confidence in a certain area," said Emily McCabe, state coordinator for Becoming an Outdoors Woman. "Our mission with BOW is to encourage, support and instruct participants in skills such as hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation in hopes they discover a newfound passion for the outdoors."

The fall workshop features more than 20 unique classes with hands-on instruction in a variety of outdoor activities, including archery, fly fishing, basic shelter-building and stream ecology. Classes rotate each year, ensuring a fresh experience for returning participants. Women of all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned outdoor enthusiasts, are encouraged to attend.

The workshop is limited to 75 participants, and spaces fill quickly. Registration is $225, which includes instruction, required equipment and meals. Lodging is available at an additional cost. Participants enrolling in a fishing class must purchase a fishing license and trout stamp and send a copy of their license with their registration and fees. Fishing licenses and stamps may be purchased online at WVfish.com.

For more information or to register, visit wvdnr.gov/becoming-an-outdoor-woman.

## PROJECT

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Other opposition for the Board includes independent analysis that showed "the primary driver of this infrastructure is electricity demand from data centers in neighboring states." This demand the Board said placed a "disproportionate environmental and economic burden" on West Virginia and its rural landscape and rate payers with limited local benefit.

The Board also argued the project's routes posed a risk of soil erosion, sedimentation in waterways, the fragmentation of vital wildlife corridors and "the long-term degradation of the scenic and ecological values that conservation districts work to protect."

The resolution states that the Board urges the company and state officials to explore what they call "truly superior alternatives" such as: microgrids, behind-the-meter generation at data centers, upgrades to existing corridors or other distributed solutions "that minimize impacts on the land, water and wildlife while addressing regional energy needs more efficiently."

The resolution also called for a comprehensive environmental, agricultural and cumulative impact studies to be conducted to include consideration of effects on rare, threatened and endangered species before any further project advancement and engagement with local conservation districts and landowners.

The Tygart Valley Conservation District joins several other entities in the fight against the controversial project. Besides Tucker County, who passed a resolution supporting private property rights and opposing the project, the following have also passed measure opposing the project:

- ***The Frederick County, VA*** *Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution opposing the project and has set aside $250,000 for legal fees.*
- ***The Clarke County, VA*** *Board of Supervisors have adopted formal resolutions strongly opposing the project and pledged joint legal funds along the Conservation Easement Authority.*
- ***The Jefferson County Commission*** *has passed multiple resolutions opposing the project.*
- ***The Calhoun County Commission*** *has unanimously passed and signed a resolution in opposition.*
- ***The Upshur County Commission*** *has adopted a resolution supporting private property rights and opposing the project.*
- ***The Barbour County Commission*** *adopted an early formal resolution against the line.*
- ***The Preston County Commission*** *officially approved a resolution expressing total opposition.*
- ***The Roane County Commission*** *voted unanimously to oppose the project via formal filing/letter stance.*
- ***The Harrison County Commission*** *publicly issued an opposition stance and scheduled formal resolution releases.*
- ***The Weston City Council*** *unanimously approved a resolution formally opposing the project.*
- ***State Senator Bill Hamilton*** *(R-Upshur) and* ***State Senator Robbie Morris*** *(R-11th District) have both come out in opposition to the project.*
- ***Documentary Filmmaker Ken Burns*** *released a video on Friday, August 21st in which he stated that he is "gravely worried" about the project's impact on historic sites, particularly in Jefferson County and the lower Shenandoah Valley in VA.*

# Saint George Society Meeting

Members and officers of the St. George Academy Preservation Society, Tucker County Historical Society, and the county's Landmark Commission gathered on August 11th at the historic St. George Academy to meet with WVU Public History Professor Melissa Bingmann.

Professor Bingmann, Director of Public History at WVU, was given a tour of the St. George Academy and its many artefacts chronicling the history of the Academy and the community of St. George. Afterward, the group discussed how to prioritize the work that needs to be done to preserve historic landmarks, like the Academy and others in the county. Also discussed were potential workshops that all in the county could participate in: for example, a workshop to learn how to re-glaze the windows of historic buildings. Grant opportunities and archiving of collections were also discussed.

The gathering led to the decision for the Tucker County groups and Professor Bingmann and others in the Public History program to work together on these goals of historic preservation, a very favorable result of an enjoyable afternoon spent talking history and re-living some key moments in St. George's history.



In attendance were, left to right in the photo: Janice Poling, Fundraising and Events Chair, St. George Academy Preservation Society; Belva Dilly, President, Tucker County Historic Landmark Commission and Vice-President, Tucker County Historical Society; Connie Eye, Tucker County Historical Society; St. George Academy Preservation Society member, 2026 St. George Days Queen, and successful businesswoman, Priscilla Nestor Flanagan; Paul Mauzy, President, St. George Academy Preservation Society; John Phillips, member of the St. George Academy Preservation Society and the Tucker County Historical Society (also representing his mother Alice Parsons Phillips, who could not attend); Professor Melissa Bingmann of WVU; and Marvin "Bud" Parsons, former President and founding member and lifelong supporter of the St. George Academy Preservation Society. Attending but not appearing in photo: supporter Deborah Stiles, of Limestone Mountain.

# 2026 Municipal Election Results

**MAYOR**
- Michael Sheldon Matlick - 110
- Josh Michael - 80

**WARD 1**
- Bob Pase - 55
- Melissa D. Jones - 29
- Chris Davis - 39
- Larry Alkire - 33

**WARD 2**
- Tim Turner - 58
- Michael Mason - 38
- Seth Rosenau - 55
- Kathy DiBacco - 59
- Melissa Bonner - 51

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# Two Anglers Catch State Record Pumpkinseed Sunfish

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced today that the state record for pumpkinseed sunfish was set on June 25 by Ken Neer of Morgantown, West Virginia, and then broken by Sierra Adamson of Beverly, West Virginia, on July 14.

"The pumpkinseed state record category was established in 2024 along with redbreast sunfish, redear sunfish, black crappie and redhorse sucker," said Paul Johansen, chief of Wildlife Resources. "Until this year, a record pumpkinseed sunfish hadn't been caught. Now we've had two in the last few weeks. Fishing in West Virginia is the place to be in the East."

Neer caught a 9.09-inch, 0.60-pound pumpkinseed sunfish on June 25 from Fairfax Pond at Rehe Wildlife Management Area in Preston County. He used red worms on a 4-pound test line for the record. District 1 fisheries biologist Dustin Smith certified the record.

Adamson landed a record-breaking pumpkinseed sunfish July 14 that measured 9.13 inches and weighed 0.62 pounds from the Tygart Valley River in Randolph County. She used a nightcrawler and 10-pound test line to catch the new state record. WVDNR fisheries biologist Stephen Floyd certified the new pumpkinseed record at the Elkins Operation Center.

To learn more about state fish record categories, go to Page 24 of the West Virginia Fishing Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations. Information pertaining to the Trophy Fish Citation and Master Angler programs is on Page 27.

All anglers 15 and older must have a West Virginia fishing license, which can be purchased online at WVfish.com. Anglers are reminded that a trout stamp is required when fishing for trout.

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# Preliminary Public Notice for Potential Impacts to Wetlands

Tucker County Convention and Visitor's Bureau intends to seek financial assistance from USDA, Rural Housing Service (RHS) for construction of Tucker County Visitor's Center. The proposed project consists of construction of a single structure within the city limits of Davis on a 1.94-acre site (Lat/Long 39.128113, -79.473381). If implemented, the proposed project will convert approximately 0.37 -acre of palustrine emergent (PEM) wetlands. In accordance with Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed conversion or effect and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts.

The environmental documentation regarding this proposal is available for review at Rural Development 1916 Maryland Hwy Ste C, Mountain Lake Park, MD 21550. For questions regarding this proposal, contact Logan Mongold, Community Programs Specialist at logan.mongold@usda.gov or (304) 635-4346.

Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above within 14-days of the posting.

# St. George Medical Clinic Welcomes Chiropractor Timothy Dorey, D.C.

St. George, WV — St. George Medical Clinic, Inc. is pleased to welcome Timothy Dorey, D.C., chiropractor, to its healthcare team.

Dr. Dorey brings a strong educational background and a commitment to helping patients improve their overall health and quality of life through conservative chiropractic care. His goal is to use his skills and knowledge to reduce and eliminate spine-related pain syndromes and dysfunction, while also educating patients and the community about the benefits of physical, conservative care treatments.

Dorey earned his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from the National University of Health Sciences in Chicago, Illinois, completing the chiropractic doctoral program from 2005 to 2008. He also earned a bachelor's degree in Human Biology.

Prior to his chiropractic education, Dr. Dorey attended Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Assessment and Policy with a dual major in Chemistry and a minor in Human Biology.

Dr. Dorey's approach to care focuses on identifying and addressing musculoskeletal and spine-related conditions through conservative treatment options. In addition to helping patients find relief from pain and dysfunction, he believes strongly in patient education and helping individuals better understand ways to maintain mobility, function, and overall wellness.

The addition of chiropractic services further supports St. George Medical Clinic's mission to provide comprehensive, family-centered healthcare to the community and surrounding areas.

St. George Medical Clinic, Inc. is a nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Center dedicated to meeting the healthcare needs of the communities it serves.

Dr. Dorey is expected to begin seeing patients at the end of September. Stay tuned to our social media platforms, newspapers and radio for upcoming announcements and updates, including additional information regarding chiropractic services at St. George Medical Clinic, Inc.

# Back To School

## *Model Railroad Open House*







It's back to school and time for the Back to School Model Railroad Open house. The Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, Inc. located at 5000 Green Bag Road, Morgantown, WV in the Mountaineer Mall will open its doors for a model railroad extravaganza on Saturday, August 29th from 10am til 4pm and on Sunday, August 30th from 12 noon til 4pm. Admission is Free! Donations are gladly accepted.

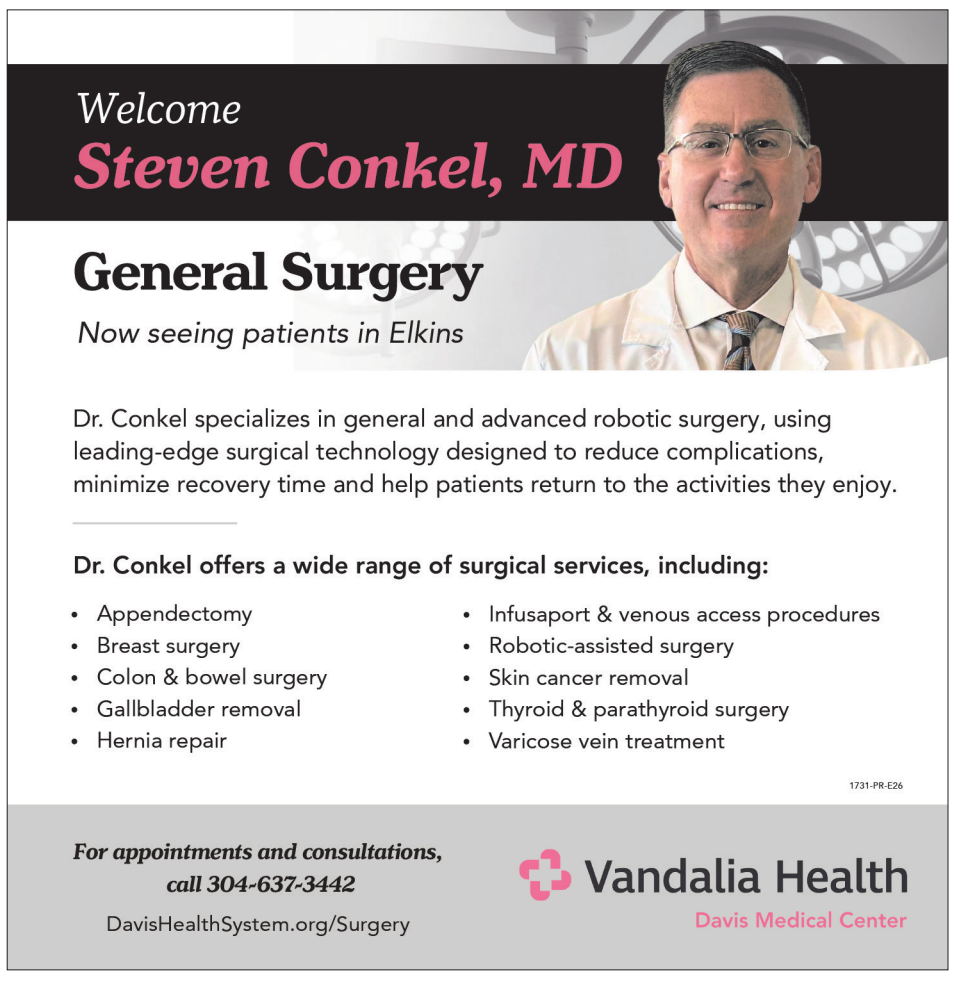
Come see all the work we have accomplished on our new HO scale layout, O gauge model railroad and N scale model railroad for your viewing pleasure. All our layouts represent West Virginia and the railroads that served our region. Trains will be running through the hills, across rivers and through towns all day long.

We will have six White Elephant tables with all kinds of used LIONEL and HO train items for sale. Free magazines, railroad postcards, tourist railroad and hobby shop information along with railroad historical displays. We will have pencils and color-sheets for the children!

So, All Aboard for a weekend of model railroading fun at the Back To School Model Railroad Open House. For more information call Rich Henderson at: 304-276-1046. The Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt educational/charitable organization. Follow us on facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/MVRRHS Or our website at: https://MVRRHS.org.




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# WVU Medicine United Hospital Center now offering highly advanced Mako SmartRobotics for total knee and total hip replacement

## *Innovative robotic technology allows surgeons to personalize total knee and total hip procedures for each patient*



**Chris Courtney, DO**
**UHC Orthopaedics**



**David F. Hess, MD**
**Regional President of the Central Region for WVU Health System and CEO of WVU Medicine United Hospital Center**
**WVU Medicine United Hospital Center**




**Mako 4 SmartRobotics uses 3D CT-based pre-planning and AccuStop haptic technology to create personalized surgical plans.**

Bridgeport, W.Va. – WVU Medicine United Hospital Center (UHC) is the latest hospital in West Virginia to expand its robotic surgery capabilities by providing total knee and hip replacements using the fourth generation Mako robotic-assisted surgical system—Mako 4 SmartRobotics™. This technology transforms the way joint replacements are performed by surgeons leading to a more personalized surgical experience.

"With the Mako 4 SmartRobotics™, I can utilize a CT scan to create a personalized surgical plan based on each patient's unique anatomy before entering the operating room," said Chris Courtney, DO, orthopaedic surgeon at UHC Orthopaedics. "During surgery, I can make any necessary adjustments while guiding the robotic arm to execute the intended surgical plan with UHC's newest Mako 4. It's exciting to be able to offer this transformative technology across the joint replacement service line."

The Mako 4 SmartRobotics' 3D CT-based planning, coupled with AccuStop™ haptic technology, can help surgeons create a customized surgical plan tailored to each patient's unique anatomy. During surgery, the robotic arm assists the surgeon in executing with precision, while providing the potential for better outcomes with less pain and faster recovery times compared to manual surgery.

UHC first started using Mako technology in 2022. Since then, continued advancements have helped surgical processes, resulting in shorter time under anesthesia and smaller, less invasive incisions for many patients. Mako 4 technology helps to make surgical procedures more predictable.

Total knee replacements in the United States are expected to increase 85% between 2020 and 2030, yet studies have shown that approximately 20% of patients are dissatisfied after conventional surgery. Mako Total Knee combines advanced robotic technology with its clinically successful Triathlon Total Knee System, which enables surgeons to have a more predictable surgical experience with increased precision and accuracy in comparison to manual techniques.

Additionally, by 2030, total hip replacements in the US are projected to increase by 71%. Mako 4 SmartRobotics™ for Total Hip is a treatment option for adults who suffer from degenerative joint disease of the hip. During surgery, the surgeon guides the robotic arm during bone preparation to prepare the hip socket and position the implant according to the predetermined surgical plan. In a controlled matched-paired study to measure acetabular bone resection, results suggested greater bone preservation for Mako Total Hip compared to manual surgery.

"Our mission at UHC is to ensure that every resident of West Virginia has access to world-class technology proving that WVU Medicine is leading the region in medical innovation," said David F. Hess, MD, CEO of United Hospital Center and Regional President of the Central Region for West Virginia University Health System. "Mako 4 SmartRobotics™ represents a key part of our commitment to clinical excellence and patient safety. By providing our exceptional surgeons with the most advanced tools available, we're not only elevating surgical outcomes — we're also enriching the overall experience for our patients."

For more information about joint replacement services at UHC, visit uhcwwv.org or call UHC Orthopaedics at 681-342-3500.

**City Residents,**

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

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

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

**Thank you,**
**City of Parsons**

**Parsons Police Department**
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**Phone: (304) 478-3060 - Fax: (304) 478-3321**

**Property Complaint Form**

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

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

***PLEASE PRINT***

**Name**: _____

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Have you filed a complaint on this property in the past?
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# Citizens Bank of West Virginia Welcomes Lee Falls as Financial Center Manager in Thomas



Nathaniel S. Bonnell, President & CEO of Citizens Bank of West Virginia, recently announced that Lee Falls has been hired as the Financial Center Manager in Thomas.

Falls adds years of banking experience to the team, having previously served as a Junior Bank Officer, Assistant Auditor, and Personal Banker. He looks forward to forging new customer relationships and strengthening the Bank's community outreach in Tucker County. As Financial Center Manager, Falls will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Thomas Financial Center, support and develop team members, and ensure customers have access to the products and services that best meet their financial needs. He will also play a key role in fostering community connections and supporting the bank's continued commitment to the region.

Falls earned a bachelor's degree in Multidisciplinary Studies from West Virginia University. He and his wife, Bailey, reside in Davis with their three children, Rosaline, Luna, and Alder. "We are excited to welcome Lee to the Citizens Bank team," said President & CEO Nathaniel S. Bonnell. "His banking experience, leadership skills, and dedication to serving others make him a valuable addition to our Thomas Financial Center."

## MARYLAND

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amount of cocaine were also revealed in the search, Miller said.

In total, 3.2 ounces of fentanyl or 88 grams and 24 grams of a cutting agent labeled "monkfruit" was recovered during the search, police testimony revealed. No estimated street value was given, due to the "variable" nature of drugs due to geography. The fentanyl has been sent out for testing.

There were no defense witnesses at the hearing.

The prosecution asked to transfer the case to circuit court and deny the modification of bond. Magistrate Barb said he would not touch the bond and left the $75,000 cash only bond, as is.

The case was found to have probable cause to stand and was transferred to the West Virginia 22nd Circuit Court.

**Obituary submissions due Friday by 3pm**

## PARSONS DAY

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# *Mountaineer Garden Club Announces August Yards of the Month*







The Mountaineer Garden Club is pleased to recognize its August Yards of the Month, celebrating local residents whose beautiful landscaping and thoughtful care add color and charm to our community.

Kelly Underwood was selected for a beautifully maintained landscape featuring bright, colorful zinnias, impressive hydrangeas, and neatly trimmed shrubs. The combination of summer blooms, healthy greenery, and well-kept beds creates a warm and welcoming setting and reflects the time and care devoted to the property.

Susie Elza was also recognized for her inviting landscape and attention to detail. Colorful window boxes filled with annual flowers complement the home, while neatly trimmed shrubs and flowering planters placed along the walkways create a cheerful welcome. The variety of textures and summer color make the property especially eye-catching.

The Pocket Park received recognition for its beautiful plantings that enhance one of our community's special gathering spaces. Blooming hydrangeas, rose bushes, and colorful annual flowers frame the area and beautifully complement the large wall mural. Together, the flowers, greenery, seating area, and mural create a charming space for residents and visitors to stop and enjoy.

The Mountaineer Garden Club appreciates the work of those who take pride in their homes and community spaces. Their efforts do more than create beautiful yards—they help make our entire community a more welcoming and enjoyable place to live. Residents are encouraged to help us continue celebrating local beauty by nominating future Yards of the Month and sharing the gardens and landscapes that make our community shine.

Congratulations to our August Yard of the Month recipients!







## RUN FOR IT

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Davis Fire Hall on Friday, September 25th, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, and on Saturday, September 26th, from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM.

This program supports non-profit and charitable organizations in raising funds through entry fees, team sponsorships, and race-day awards. One hundred percent of team sponsor donations and race-day awards will go towards the team's chosen cause, while half of the entry fees will also be donated. The program supports various causes, including the arts, animal welfare, athletes with disabilities, charitable projects, community improvement initiatives, and more.

"More than 100 cash awards are available for teams that truly inspire awareness and support," said Angie Pase, Development Director for the Foundation. "We invite passionate individuals from non-profit organizations to come together, form teams, and seek out sponsors for their meaningful causes. If you need assistance in setting up your team or have questions about registration or fundraising, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to support you and are excited about your journey!"

Over the past 18 years, Run For It has positively impacted the local economy by attracting serious racers and families to the area, thereby supporting local businesses. In 2025, the event drew over 1,300 walkers and runners, raising over $340,000. These funds benefited 79 non-profit organizations and groups within our ten-county service area and beyond!

To learn more about Run For It, please visit https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Davis/RunForIt or https://tuckerfoundationwv.org/run-for-it. You can also contact the Foundation by email at runforit@tuckerfoundationwv.org or by phone at (304) 478-2930.

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