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News of Record

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

- Cody Dean Foster**, was charged with one felony count of Grand Larceny and one felony count of Escape. According to the complaint, in October 2025, the Tucker County Sheriff’s Office (TCSO) charged the defendant in Tucker County related to a destruction of property investigation. The defendant, Cody D. Foster, was already on electronic monitoring with Brian Thompson, Elkins WV Parole. The defendant reported to the Elkins Parole Office and was further advised of the situation according to documentation provided by Brian Thompson. On Oct. 15, 2025, the defendant allowed his bracelet to die and was contacted by Elkins Parole via text on Oct. 20, 2025. The defendant was advised to charge his bracelet immediately. The text was read but the bracelet never became active again. On Oct. 20, 2025 a home visit was conducted by Elkins Parole at which time, the defendant was not located. Other residents of the home advised that the defendant had not been there. The defendant was supposed to report to Elkins Parole on Oct. 21, 2025 but never did so. The bracelet/receiver was never located. The total value of the equipment signed for by the defendant is \$2,100. The defendant signed documents stating that he would be responsible for damages or replacement of the equipment which has not been located at this time. The defendant is currently in the custody of another state on additional charges. The last known location of the defendant’s issued equipment is Tucker County. The approved residence of the defendant was Thomas.
- Dominic Rayven William Jensen**, of Parsons, was charged with one count of Petit Larceny. The complaint states that on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 Cpl. C.R. Summerfield and Sheriff J.E. Kopec of the Tucker County Sheriff’s Office (TCSO) received a theft complaint. The victim called the TCSO and spoke with Sheriff Kopec about some property that was stolen from her residence. On the same date Cpl. Summerfield and Sheriff Kopec responded to Mount Zion Road area of Parsons and met with the victim. Summerfield obtained a hand written and

signed statement from her that summarized that she allowed her grandson Dominic Jensen and his girlfriend to stay at her house. Two weeks ago, they were throwing food all over and making a mess so she told them to leave. She stated that on July 20 she noticed some things missing. She also noticed her gun safe had been broken/damaged. She stated that a 30-30 lever action rifle was missing from the safe. She further stated that Jensen borrowed her 30-06 lever action rifle a while back and she told him to leave it at her house when he was leaving but when he left. he took it with him. She also noticed several rounds of ammunition missing along with an old bible from Germany. When They left her house two weeks ago, they were picked up by the girlfriend’s sister and her father. The victim stated they were staying at the father’s cabin that is owned by his father. She provided a description of the cabin along with its location. She stated she believes her property is at the cabin. On July 22 Cpl. Summerfield, Detective C.A. Teter of the TCSO patrolled the area of the cabin and after further investigation an address of the cabin could not be obtained. On July 24 Summerfield, Teter Chief Deputy M.J. Sigley and Sgt B.T. Zirk of the TCSO executed a search warrant at the cabin described. Upon executing said search warrant, deputies located a Remington 30-06 Game Master 760 rifle, 30-30 ammunition, 30-06 ammunition and miscellaneous tools. Jensen, the girlfriend and her father were at the residence and Jensen stated to deputies that his grandmother allowed him to borrow the 30-06 rifle.

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

- Phillip M. Brown and Melissa M. Brown**, Davis District, Lot 606, 1 acre to Emily N. Carlson, \$310,000.
- Samantha Arevalo-Marcano**, Dry Fork district, Lot 96 Mountainside Section B, Timberline, 2.17 acres to Casandra Arevalo-Marcano and Daniel Brito-Guzman, \$32,500.
- Karen J. Smith**, Dry Fork District, (1) 1.4 acres; (2) 15 acres and 15 poles; (3) 10.6 acres (4) 65 acres to Paul Chadwick Smith, III.
- Karen J. Smith and Barbara Ann Penning-**

- ton**, Dry Fork District, 2.63 acres to Paul Chadwick Smith, III.
- Thomas M. Legg**, Dry Fork District, Lot 35 Blackwater Section, Timberline Subdivision; 6.27 acres to Timothy R. Landis and Marla B. Landis, \$415,000.
- Richard Mark Chapin, Trustee, Bridget E.M. Chapin, Trustee, Chapin Family Trust**, Dry Fork District, Unit 6B, Building 2, Deerfield Village Condo to Marianne Blair and John L. Blair, III, \$320,000.
- Potomac Group LLC**, Dry Fork District, Lot 49, North Lake III to Marcello J. Strangis and Haley L. Burdette, \$40,000.
- M. Darrell Rolston and Deborah A. Rolston**, Dry Fork District, .31 acre to Zachary Phillips and Jamie Bonner, \$60,000.
- Shannon R. Thomas**, Special Commissioner and John C. Warner, Dry Fork District, Quitclaim Deed – ½ interest in 5.54 acres to Denice L. Reece.
- Brian M. Hockin and Meghan S. Rapp**, Dry Fork District, Unit/Lot 30 Section A, Black Bear Woods Resort Development to RH Ventures 45 LLC.
- Farren Glenn Falls and Regina Lynn Falls**, Licking District, .43 acre to Meredith Wirth and Madison Wright, \$5,000.
- Taylor Quaid Barkley and Brittany Michelle Barkley**, Licking District, .88 acre to Meredith Wirth and Madison Wright, \$180,000.
- Lisa Loughry/FKA/Lisa Elwood**, 1/3 share – 13.76 acres, Licking Creek to Grace Stevens \$1,667.67.
- James L. Root, Agnes C. Root /AKA/ Agnes B. Root**, Licking District, Parcel One: 0.75 acre; Parcel Two: 60 ¾ acres to James L. Root, Agnes C. Root and Jarion L. Root.
- Debra L. Simmons**, St. George District, (1) 0.03 acre; (2) 1.17 acres; (3) 9.8 acres to Joseph A. Harper, Jr. and Ashlea B. Wolfe, \$278,000.
- Fulton Properties LLC**, Thomas Corporation, Special Warranty Deed – Lot 7, Quail Ridge Subdivision to Dylan Baker and Alexis Baker, \$280,000.
- Fulton Properties LLC**, Thomas Corporation, Special Warranty Deed – Lot 2, Quail Ridge Subdivision to Kordell J. Fulton and Ashlee N. Fulton, \$280,000.

MIGNANO

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times” due to the weapon jamming. He then said that Mignano continued to yell, “Is that Haiden? Is that Haiden?” and had an angry demeanor. The animosity towards the victim listed in court documents as “Haiden P.” stems from the ex-girlfriend cheating with him in September of the previous year, according to court testimony by both the prosecution and defense. Haiden and the ex-girlfriend were in the van along with the brother’s 15 year old friend at the time of the incident.

A six second video, taken by the brother, was entered into evidence and shown to the court by the prosecution. In it, Mignano is shown at the van and heard yelling about “Haiden.” A green laser light is also visible in the video along with the light from the flashlight on the ex-girlfriend sitting in the van.

A second video was entered into evidence and shown. This video was taken by the second witness, the other 15 year old victim, the brother’s friend. In the video, the brother and Mignano are seen in what was described throughout the trial as a “tussle” following the brother punching Mignano in the face. The video also clearly showed the laser light’s trajectory.

During the video Mignano can also be clearly heard to say, “I just got sucker punched and I’m about to shoot” and “You’re about to get shot.”

Mignano’s attorney claimed self defense in the case and that he was “sucker punched” by his ex-girlfriend’s brother. However, he was the only person armed that night, according to tesimony.

Mignano was the one to call authorities. During his 911 call, which was played and entered into evidence by the prosecution, no mention of the weapon was made by Mignano. Mignano had a wound through his face, just above his lip and a bloody and “broken” nose, which took some time to stop bleeding. The brother sustained some bruising, according to testimony.

Sgt. B.T. Zirk of the Tucker County Sheriff was first on scene. Zirk said that Mignano admitted to having the firearm, but that he said that it was not involved in the incident. The weapon was located on Mignano’s couch at his residence and placed into evidence. When located, it was loaded and contained a live round in the chamber. After he secured the weapon, Zirk said he took statements.

Zirk was assisted on scene by Cpl. B.M. Gidley of the Tucker County Sheriff. Gidley had Mignano fill out a statement form and then went to the neighboring residence to assist Zirk. Gidley described the scene as messy and “trashy” with alcohol cans strewn, but there was no blood or shell casings around the van. Following his assessment of the scene, Gidley returned to the Mignano residence and retrieved the statement form in



Paul Dominic Mignano

which there was no mention of the weapon.

Next to testify for the prosecution was Trp. G.P. Hahn of the West Virginia State Police. Trooper Hahn was the officer who took Mignano’s written statement following his arrest. In his audio statement, which was entered in to evidence and played for the court by the prosecution, Mignano claimed the brother was circling him and he warned him “Don’t do it.” Mignano also said he remembered drawing the weapon. Hahn was the only witness to not be cross examined by the defense.

The defense presented no witnesses in the case and Mignano did not take the stand.

Counts One through Three were for Wanton Endangerment with a Firearm for the three victims in the van. The Jury were also given the option to convict on a lesser included charge of Brandishing. Count Four was for Wanton Endangerment with a Firearm for the brother outside of the van. As with the first three counts, the Jury could consider the lesser included charge of Brandishing.

Following around two hours of deliberation, the Jury returned a verdict of Guilty on all four felony counts of Wanton Endangerment with a Firearm. Each count carries a possible sentence of a definite term of years of not less than one year nor more than five years, or, in the discretion of the court, confined in the county jail for not more than one year, or fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$2,500.

Following conviction, Mignano was remanded to the custody of the Tygart Valley Regional Jail pending the securing of a \$50,000 post conviction cash assurity bond. As a condition of bond, Mignano is to have no contact with any of the victims (within 1,000 feet), no firearms and submit to probation supervision.

Sentencing has been scheduled for November 13th in Tucker County Circuit Court.

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SPORTS

Mt. Lion Football Opens Season with Home Loss to Pocahontas County



Cade Rapp drags the defender for the extra yard. (Photo by Brittany Channell)



Sawyer Fansler finds the running lane. (Photo by Brittany Channell)

By: Adam Freeman
Tucker County High School opened up their 2026 football campaign at home this past week against Pocahontas

County. The Warriors opened up the scoring in the first quarter with a 30-yard touchdown pass and an extra point to take the lead 7-0. Tucker

would battle back before the half as Senior Cade Rapp would power in from five yards out. With the two-point conversion, Tucker would take

the lead into the half at 8-7.
Pocahontas would answer on the first possession of the second half as they capped off a long drive with a six-yard touchdown run, and with the two-point try, the Warriors regained the lead 15-8. Tucker would then get its longest, most explosive play of the game as Sophomore Sawyer Fansler found a seam in the middle of the defense and scampered in from 29 yards out. With another successful two-point try, Tucker took back the lead 16-15. That would prove to be the final score of the game for the Mt. Lions, as Pocahontas would score on a 14-yard rush and then a pick-six in the fourth quarter to end the game with a final score of 31-16 in favor of the visiting Warriors.
The loss marks the first time Tucker County has lost to Pocahontas County since the 2021 season. Sophomore quarterback Branson Hyre ended the night 5-15 for 47 yards and 2 interceptions. Hyre added 11 carries for 57 yards on the ground. Senior Cade Rapp steadied the ground game with 21 carries for 110 yards and one touchdown, and fellow sophomore Sawyer Fansler added 5 carries for 40 yards and a touchdown.
Tucker will look to get back on track next week as they travel to Mill Creek to take on the 0-1 Tygarts Valley Bulldogs.



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Tucker County Golf Finds Success at Stonewall

By: Adam Freeman
The Tucker County golf team began the week with a home match at Canaan on Tuesday, where TC hosted five other schools. Although the Mt. Lions didn't have their best effort, they managed to finish with a 172 team total, earning them a fourth-place finish. Seniors Nate Davis and Drew Simmons finished in a tie for eighth individually, each shooting a 41 on the day.
The team would travel to Stonewall Resort on Thursday for a nine-hole varsity and JV match hosted by Lewis County High School. The varsity team would have some success on the day, finishing in second place, just six shots behind Lewis County.
Individually, Tucker had four members finish in the top 10, with Ethan Cummings finishing in 10th, Drew Simmons in eighth, and Carter Wilt finishing in fifth, with his best round of the year, shooting a 43. Senior Nate Davis would earn low-medalist honors with a round of 39.
Tucker JV would finish second in their match, with top performances from freshman Jarrett Dearborn and sophomore Collin Pitzer, finishing third and fifth, respectively.
Next up will be a match at The Pines Country Club in Morgantown on Tuesday and back home at Holly Meadows Golf Course on Wednesday.

Tucker County Cross Country Takes on Strong Competition at Knights Night Festival

By: Adam Freeman
The Tucker County cross country team opened its season this past week as the Mt. Lions competed in the Knights Night Festival at Preston County High School.
With more than 60 schools represented at the event, Tucker County faced a large field filled with high-level competition. While the Mt. Lions did not come away with any individual or team awards, the experience provided the young team with an opportunity to compete against some of the best runners from around the area.
The competition gave Tucker County valuable knowledge as the season continues, and the Mt. Lions will look to continue improving and building throughout the remainder of the season.
Tucker County will be back in action on Saturday, September 5, when they travel to compete in the Buckhannon-Upshur Invitational.

DT Golf Tees Off For Middle School Fall Sports with Three Matches



Noah Luzier
By: Adam Freeman
The Davis Thomas Bears golf team got the middle

school fall sports season underway last week with three matches. The Bears first traveled to Cacapon Springs for an eight-team match that saw DT garner a respectable 5th-place overall team finish.
Brothers Noah and Nolan Luzier led the team, shooting 51 and 53, followed by Hunter Lipscomb's 56 and Bryson Mihalko's 65.
Davis Thomas then traveled to the Polish Pines in Keyser for a six-team match that saw the Bears make the podium with a third-place finish. Nolan Luzier had himself a day, shooting the second overall lowest score of 45, just 2 strokes behind the winner. Noah Luzier followed big brother closely with a round of 56, with Lipscomb shooting a 58 and Mihalko with a 69.
The Bears finished their busy week with a trip to Fisher Mountain in Franklin, where the Bears again gained a top-three finish, coming in third overall. Nolan Luzier was the low scorer once again, shooting a 49. Miles Henderson followed closely with a 51. Lipscomb came in with a score of 55, which was the lowest score among all female participants. Mihalko finished with a round of 61. Jackson Quattro and Noah Luzier both recorded a 66.
The Bears are set to hit the course again next week with a home match on September 2nd at Canaan Valley.

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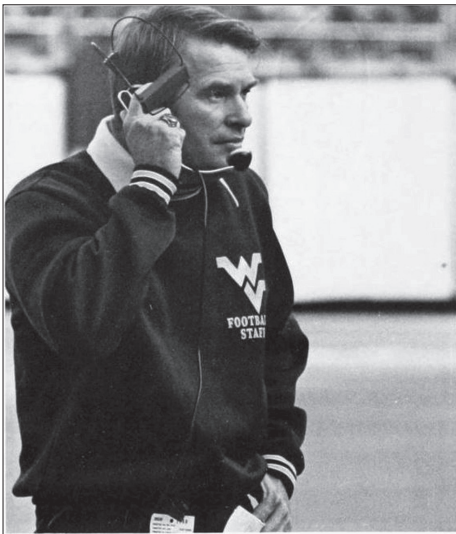
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Beginning Sept. 2, 2026, Toddler Time will be held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Please note: If there is no county school, there will be no Toddler Time that day.

West Virginia Trappers Association Convention

The West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their annual 2026 convention September 18-20, 2026 at the Gilmer County Recreation Center 1365 Sycamore Run Road Glenville, WV. The Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 7PM. Gates open at 9AM Friday, September 18th. Various demos at the barn near the camping area, and trap dying and waxing both days. Vendors will be present

Friday and Saturday. Benefit auction will be Friday and also a spaghetti dinner on Friday evening. There will be a BB Gun Range and Archery Range, trap setting contests, along with other activities for the kids, and ladies. Saturday September 19th, the gates open at 8AM. The Trapper Education class registration begins at 8:30AM on Saturday and classes begin at 9AM. General Membership meeting will be Saturday after the education graduation in the main building. Hot dog roast and social gathering Saturday evening. Square dance Saturday evening. Primitive camping available on the grounds and also there is electric hookups for campers available. Call 304-916-3329 to reserve a spot. For more information, contact Jeremiah Whitlatch at 304-916-3329.



Sept. 6, 1980: The new Mountaineer Field opened in Morgantown with a 41-27 win over Cincinnati. It was the first game for new coach Don Nehlen, who would become the most successful football coach in West Virginia University history.

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.wven-cyclopedia.org.

Sept. 2, 1722: Frontiersman William Crawford was born in present Jefferson County. He was a farmer, soldier, surveyor and the land agent of George Washington.

Sept. 3, 1851: Mollie Gabe was born into slavery in Flatwoods, Braxton County. After emancipation, she became a widely respected midwife, washerwoman, farmer, and community leader who raised a large family and preserved Appalachian traditions. She died in 1951.

Sept. 3, 1890: West Virginia Wesleyan College opened in Buckhannon as the West Virginia Conference Seminary. In that first year, 201 men and women undertook a largely preparatory school curriculum. Gradually the school added college-level studies and awarded its first five degrees in 1905.

Sept. 3, 1946: Fiddler and banjo player John Morris was born in Ivydale, Clay County. He and his brother David created the influential Morris Family Old-Time Music Festival in the late 1960s and played an important role in founding the Vandalia Gathering. In 2020, John Morris was named a National Heritage Fellow, the nation's highest honor in traditional arts.

Sept. 3, 1966: President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the Summersville Dam and Reservoir. Summersville Lake (now State Park) is located on the Gauley River in Nicholas County. It is West Virginia's largest lake, with 2,790 surface acres at summer pool stage and over 60 miles of shoreline.

Sept. 4, 1862: General Albert G. Jenkins and his men crossed the Ohio River and became the first to raise the Confederate flag on Ohio soil during the

Civil War.

Sept. 4, 1894: Jessie Maynard was born in Williamson. Two of her husbands were killed in violent incidents during the Mine Wars: Cabell Testerman during the shootout at Matewan in 1920 and Sid Hatfield on the steps of the McDowell County Courthouse a year later.

Sept. 5, 1861: Sutton was occupied by 5,000 Union troops. Later in 1861, Gen. Rosecrans bivouacked 10,000 Union troops there, including a future president, William McKinley.

Sept. 5, 1936: Baseball Hall of Famer Bill Mazeroski was born in Wheeling. He played all 17 years of his career for the Pittsburgh Pirates. His walk-off home run to win the 1960 World Series over the New York Yankees is one of the most famous moments in baseball history.

Sept. 5, 1950: Appalachian Bible Institute opened in Sylvester, Boone County, with an enrollment of seven students. Now called Appalachian Bible College, it has served thousands of students since moving to Raleigh County in 1956.

Sept. 6, 1875: Members of the notorious James Gang allegedly robbed the Bank of Huntington and got away on horseback. The robbery spawned a host of legends, including stories about outlaw Frank James—brother of Jesse James—hiding out in Wayne County.

Sept. 6, 1942: Award-winning woodcarver, dancer, playwright and educator Jude Binder was born in Maryland. In 1982, she founded Heartwood in the Hills, a school for the arts in Calhoun County. For more than two decades, she has been Charleston's "FestivALL Princess."

Sept. 7, 1808: Peter Godwin Van Winkle was born in New York City. In 1863, Van Winkle was elected as one of the first two U.S. senators from the new state of West Virginia.

Sept. 7, 1848: Christopher Harrison Payne was born in Monroe County. In

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Another week, more foggy mornings, I hate to think that this ole wife's tale will come true but we will have to wait and see. I will continue to write my column if I can make it through all the snow that is being predicted by these foggy mornings. Even the weather forecasters are predicting heavy snow and cold this winter. **Momma Said**, "Keep the home fires burning, wish me luck and stock up the bread and toilet paper."

I do believe in a lot of these old sayings and I respect the people who came before me. They had it hard and the only way they had to mark the seasons was to keep track of what happened the year before. It made planting and harvesting a lot easier for them because they didn't have Door-dash and Ubers to help them in time of need.

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



They had to prepare for anything to happen because all they had were themselves to depend on. If you didn't have your food stocks and firewood prepared you could and probably would die. They had to find foods that would last in a cellar or some type of preservation until Spring arrived.

You look at the world in a whole new light when you know if you don't prepare you could die. It is still prevalent today and I really do hope the day doesn't come that this will be put to the test. The world is not in good shape today and who is to say that it will not get worse.

Garlic Butter Cabbage

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 medium sized cabbage
- 4 tbsp. Butter unsalted
- 2 tbsp. minced garlic
- 3/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup grated parmesan
- Seasonings:
- 2 tsp. onion powder
- 2 tsp. Italian seasoning
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Slice the cabbage into wedges and lay in a baking dish. In a pan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for about 1 minute. Pour in the chicken broth, heavy cream, parmesan and all the seasonings.

Stir constantly and let simmer for 3 to 5 minutes. Once it has started to thicken, pour over the cabbage. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes. The cabbage should turn a golden brown on top. Wait 10 minutes before serving to allow the sauce to thicken more.

Super Crossword

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- 1 More serious, as a matter
7 It's hidden by head hair
12 Quivered
20 Sure to succeed, as a proposition
21 Marisa of "Cyrus"
22 César Ritz or Conrad Hilton
23 Immediately
24 Of the hipbone
25 With great happiness
26 Start of a riddle
29 Breathe hard and fast
30 Seat of Kansas' Allen County
31 Whale like Shamu
35 Bouncer's age-verifying duty
39 — Park (site of Edison's lab)
41 Shock absorbers, of sorts
44 Riddle, part 2
47 Overly affected
48 Two, in Spain
49 Certain blood type, in brief

- 50 Quantity: Abbr.
51 Egyptian sun god
53 Fiber-yielding plant
56 Charlotte — (rich dessert)
58 Erwin of old films
61 Web portal since '95
62 Riddle, part 3
68 Mailed, e.g.
70 Pen name
71 Riddle, part 4
74 Really binges, briefly
77 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.
78 Dog's tether
79 Edict
80 Expend all of
82 Lay (down)
83 84-Down of Bart Simpson
85 "Indubitably!"
87 Dazzling effects
91 End of the riddle
97 Signs up
98 Fishing line attachments
99 Private school
100 Personal manner
101 Chimney stuff
102 Skewed view

- 103 Riddle's answer
113 Egyptian carrier until 2021
116 Makes level
117 Disappear without —
118 Least narrow
119 Fix, as a bow
120 Papal crowns
121 Cutting parts of some
122 Sulky states
123 Accompany for security

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- 1 Chew like a rat
2 Horror film director Eli
3 Emollient plant juice
4 Gold-winning skier Lindsey
5 Locked place where people solve puzzles to find the key
6 People staging old battles, say
7 Clown's leg lengthener
8 E. — (bacterium)
9 Lady friend, in France
10 On a slant
11 Small flute

- 12 Iota preceder
13 Do deep massage therapy on
14 And the like: Abbr.
15 Portion (out)
16 Ignored, informally
17 Pan topper
18 Sinuous fish
19 Parched
27 Egyptian sacred cross
28 Truckloads
32 Goes over, as old issues
33 Sevastopol natives, e.g.
34 Deputy: Abbr.
35 Hairy TV cousin
36 Whoop-de- —
37 Co. VIP
38 Owns, to Shakespeare
39 L-P link
40 Mag VIPs
41 Big Mac base
42 Wombs
43 Fill with steam
45 Mag revenue sources
46 Cry to a baby who makes a boo-boo
52 Potentially offensive, in brief

- 53 Attacked aggressively
54 Business coll. subject
55 Repair
57 Neighbor of Nor. and Fin.
58 Dir. 45 degrees from 77-Across
59 "Madam Secretary" star
60 Perturb
62 Rig on a road
63 Panther
64 Med. insurers
65 "Ready Player One" co-star
67 "J to — L-O!" (Lopez album)
69 Until now
72 Dots on ocean maps
73 Switch gears
75 Become less intense
76 In the current state
80 Land with a 50-star flag
81 Said "guilty" or "not guilty"
82 Apple discard
84 Bro's sibling
85 Hearty laugh

- 86 Three in "maximum"
88 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)
89 Pro — (for now)
90 Pigs' hangout
92 Makes an allusion to
93 Sneaker, e.g.
94 Horn honkers
95 A baker may wear a mitt to handle one
96 Longtime depilatory brand
101 Singer Patti or Sam
102 Greyhound transports
104 Deputy
105 Body part with a cap
106 Brooklyn Bridge's river
107 Legendary snow beast
108 Doing the task
109 — II (Gillette razor)
110 Starchy tropical root
111 Plug-in auto
112 Repose
113 Sit-up targets
114 Lyricist
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THANK YOU FOR READING

Weather Totals Aug 18 - Aug 25, 2026

Temperature	
Max	84° F
Min	47° F

Snowfall	
Winter Total	46.5"

Nursery Bottom Parsons

Precipitation	
Week	0.38"
August	6.71"
2026	44.07"

U.S. Forest Service

LEGAL

(2024-C-000011 - TUCKER COUNTY - BDW MANAGEMENT INC)
To: ANDREA SIMMONS, EUGENE SIMMONS, ROBERT MCCOLLY, DENIS MCCOLLY, BRENT EDEL, KARI EDEL, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
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You will take notice that BDW MANAGEMENT INC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2024-C-000011**, located in CLOVER District, MIN. - 115 ACRES, which was returned delinquent and nonentered in the name of SIMMONS ANDREA & EUGENE & MCCOLLY R, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on June 13, 2025. BDW MANAGEMENT INC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after November 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before October 31, 2026 will be as follows:
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 2200. \$ 93.10
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number. \$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024 - 2214. \$ 23.11
Additional taxes with interest. \$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$ 155.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$ 593.50
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest. \$ 599.80
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order or certified or personal check. \$ **1,464.66**
You may redeem at any time before October 31, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest. If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.
Given under my hand August 4, 2026
Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of TUCKER County, State of West Virginia
Please return this letter and payment to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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Tucker County Health Department
206 Senior Lane
Parsons, WV 26287
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
James Snyder, Administrator
Tucker County Health Department
Phone: 304-478-3572
Fax: 304-478-3864
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Fees for Permit
August 24, 2026 - Please take notice that the Tucker County Board of Health, during August 19, 2026, Board of Health Meeting, approved to increase the Water Well Sampling Fee. There will be a thirty (30) day comment period beginning September 1, 2026, and ending September 31, 2026. Copies of the fee change can be obtained at the Tucker County Health Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE IN THE FORM OF LEGAL NOTICE.
LEGAL
I have before me the accounts of the Executor or Administrator of the estates of the following deceased persons:
Deceased Personal Representative(s)
Delvin James Wratford Lois Wratford
1st publication 08/26/26 75 Hope Lane
2nd publication 09/02/26 Parsons, WV 26287
Claims against any estate must be filed within sixty days of the date of first publication. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint to the Tucker County Commission, Tucker County Clerk, 211 First St., Suite 205, Parsons, WV. Any person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court must be filed with County Commission within sixty days after the date of first publication or thirty days of service of the notice, whichever is later.
ATTEST: Barbara Evans, TUCKER COUNTY CLERK

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Order on a draft permit and obtain additional evidentiary proceedings for a case in which a final permit had already been issued and an appeal had been filed in the other case. As for whether the information was properly treated as trade secret or confidential business information, as well as the merits of the permit approval, the court concluded, has been preserved for review with the final permit appeal. Both cases had seen delays following the voluntary recusal of Chief ICA Judge Daniel W Greear in April and Judge Charles O. Lorensen in March of this year. The recusals stemmed from concerns raised over family and professional ties by the jurists to Fundamental Data and attorneys representing company. The cases were temporarily reassigned to Circuit Court Judges Shawn D. Nines and Gregory L. Howard, Jr.

Bonner Reunion

The annual Martin VanBuren Bonner reunion was held on Saturday, August 15th at the Flanagan Hill Community Building in Red Creek with 40 in attendance. Those attending were Eston and Sue Bonner, Kermit, Kerstin and Elijah Bonner, Michelle Newbauer, Warren Mallow, Brittany Brodbeck, Kylie Mallow, Jacob, Raelynn Dertinger and Haizlynn Mallow, Kaye Mallow, Jim and Tammy Davis, Nikolai Reeves, Donald Davis, Jack and Jean Hedrick, John and Pat Cunningham, Clayton and Josie Eye, Jim and Betty Bonner, Bob and Tammy Davis, Travis and Michelle Eye, Milton and Kim Waybright, Jay Emerson, Jeff and Margie Jurkuta, Glenda Bright, Margaret Kaucher, Frank and Donna Eye and Jeff and Linda Adams.

HISTORY

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1896, Payne became the state's first Black legislator when he was elected to the House of Delegates from Fayette County.
Sept. 7, 1937: Photographer Arnout "Sonny" Hyde Jr. was born in Bluefield. His images of nature and people appeared in magazines, books and calendars throughout the U.S. and Europe.
Sept. 8, 1947: Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston) moved to its current location on the south side of the Kanawha River.
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GSU to Dedicate New Ike & Sue Morris Stadium Before Home Opener

GLENVILLE, WV — Glenville State University and the Glenville community will come together Thursday, September 3rd to celebrate the dedication of the new Ike and Sue Morris Stadium, marking a new chapter for Pioneer athletics and the university community. A field dedication ceremony will begin at 5:45 p.m. at the new stadium, followed by kickoff at 6 p.m. for Glenville State's first home football game of the season. The game will also mark the home debut of new Pioneer head football coach Jake Casteel. The dedication will celebrate the vision, generosity, and community support that helped make the new stadium a reality. Glenville State University invites alumni, students, families, community members, and Pioneer fans to join together for the special occasion and experience the new home of Pioneer football. "This is more than the opening of a new stadium," said Glenville State University President Dr. Mark A. Manchin. "It represents the continued growth of Glenville State University and the strong connection between our university and the Glenville community. We are excited to welcome everyone to campus to celebrate this important milestone with us."

We cannot wait to get things going in the new facility," stated GSU Athletic Director Jessie Skiles. "Here at Glenville, we are incredibly blessed with the facilities that we have and the Morris Family Health & Fitness Complex is the next major structure in this amazing Pioneer transformation." The new Ike and Sue Morris Stadium is part of the larger Morris Family Health and Fitness Complex, a historic project currently nearing completion on the GSU campus. The complex is designed to help address rural health care needs across West Virginia while providing a state-of-the-art academic facility for Glenville State's growing health sciences programs. The Morris Family Health and Fitness Complex will create new opportunities for students to receive hands-on, career-focused education while supporting health, wellness, and workforce development throughout rural West Virginia. We look forward to seeing everyone come out for the September 3rd dedication and home opener, providing the community with its first opportunity to experience the new stadium and celebrate the beginning of a new era for Pioneer football.

GC Athletic Alumni Weekend is September 18-19
Former Lakers invited back to Garrett College for reunion

McHenry, MD – Garrett College Athletics will welcome generations of former Lakers back to campus for the 2026 Garrett Lakers Athletic Alumni Weekend, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 18-19. GC's Athletic Department, in collaboration with a group of Laker alumni, invite all former student-athletes and coaches from Garrett Community College and Garrett College to attend a wide array of activities. "The reunion provides an opportunity for former Lakers to reconnect with teammates, coaches and friends while celebrating the people, memories and traditions that have shaped Garrett College Athletics over the years," said Eric Hallenbeck, GC's administrative athletic director and head baseball coach. Scheduled events are below.
Friday, September 18
• Informal Social: This event, specifically for Garrett College athletics alumni/coaches, will take place at The Greene Turtle at 6 p.m. Light snacks will be provided and there will be a cash bar.
Saturday, September 19:
• Baseball (off-campus): The Lakers will have "fall ball" games at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11490 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, MD 21502 at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. against a trio of Region 20 rivals.
• Men's Basketball Intrasquad Scrimmage (Morin Family Gymnasium): The Lakers' intra-squad

scrimmage will take place at 11 a.m.
• Men's Soccer Match (First United Field): The Lakers play Penn State University-Altoona at 12 noon.
• Student Development-sponsored Cookout (adjacent to First United Field): This will start when the men's soccer game ends (approximately 2 p.m.).
• Women's Soccer (First United Field): The Lady Lakers play NCAA Division III La Roche University at 2:30 p.m.
• Campus Tours (conducted by GC coaches): These will take place at 12 noon, 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.
• Alumni Dinner (Morin Family Gymnasium): Several Garrett College alumni have developed an alumni dinner scheduled for 6 p.m. (The gym will open at 4:30 p.m. for alumni who wish to engage with former teammates/coaches/players.) Attendance for the dinner is limited, and an RSVP is required to attend. Deadline to register is Friday, September 11th. For information, contact Administrative Athletic Director Eric Hallenbeck (301.387.3331; eric.hallenbeck@garrettcollege.edu). "Garrett College Athletics and alumni are organizing the weekend to bring together generations of former Garrett athletes and coaches, including those who competed when the institution was known as Garrett Community College," said Elizabeth Show, GC's operations athletic director.

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Obituary

Martin Hart (Joe) Jefferson

Martin Hart (Joe) Jefferson, 92, of Davis, West Virginia, passed away peacefully on August 16, 2026, in Ocala, Florida. He was the youngest of eight children, born to Ostace James Jefferson and Margaret Ellen (Hart) Jefferson, of Barboursville, West Virginia.

Martin cherished his family. He is survived by his wife, Billie Jo, and seven children: Scott (Tammy) Jefferson, Teri Jefferson, Ami Jefferson, Marti Jefferson, Bobbie France, Rick (Patty) Pauley, and Linda (Rich) Przybyl. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one of his children, Mark Allen Jefferson.

Martin proudly served in the United States Air Force, and was stationed in England, where he developed the skills that would guide him throughout his life. He went on to build a distinguished career as a securities



salesman and later as a real estate developer, leaving a lasting mark through his hard work and entrepreneurial spirit.

Martin developed a deep love for the outdoors and a daring disposition that showed in everything he did. He was a passionate hunter, a skilled woodworker, and an avid golfer. He loved the thrill of snowmobiling, a good baseball game, and exploring new places through travel. His zest for life was contagious, and he approached every day with enthusiasm and

gratitude. Martin's infectious laugh brought his exciting stories to life — and no matter how funny or audacious, he always left you with a little wisdom to carry.

Martin will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. His tenacity, sense of adventure, and devotion to family will live on in the many lives he touched.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2027. Details will be shared with family and friends as they become available. Reach out to martijojefferson@gmail.com if you have questions.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Martin Jefferson Endowment for Entrepreneurship Fund supporting entrepreneurs in Tucker County, online @ tuckerfoundationwv.org; by mail @ TCF PO Box 491, Parsons, WV 26287; or by phone @ 304-478-2930. Please note Martin Jefferson in the memo line.

Shirley Alice Colbert

Shirley Alice Colbert, 87, of Clarksburg, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at United Hospital Center, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born July 29, 1939, in Parsons, a daughter of the late Ronald Clyde and Helen Marjorie Hebb Miller. Shirley was a graduate of Parsons High School, Class of 1958.

Throughout her life, Shirley was known for her love of family, her strong faith, and her enjoyment of bringing people together. For many years, she owned and operated her own flower shop, Shirley's Euphoria, in Henderson, North Carolina. Her creativity and love of flowers allowed her to be part of many special moments in the lives of others.

Shirley's faith was an important part of her life. She attended Word of Life Assembly of God Church, where she treasured worshiping, singing, counseling and being an active part of her church family. She found great joy in the fellowship and friendships she shared there.

Above all, Shirley's greatest joy was her family. She loved family gatherings, celebra-



tions, and any opportunity that brought everyone together. Time spent with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family was especially precious to her. At home, she also enjoyed watching Forensic Files and Judge Judy.

Shirley is survived by her five children, Vicki L. Wingfield, Pamela Sue Britton and husband Michael, Constance Jo Beatty and Greg Greaver, Gary Ronald Colbert Jr. and wife Tonya, and Michelle E. Colbert and Scott Jones; eight grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two sisters, Donna Collins and Karen Simmons and husband Ron; sister-in-law, Linda Miller; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her par-

ents, Shirley was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gary Ronald Colbert, who passed away on August 15, 2025; and one brother, Ronald "Butch" Miller Jr.

Shirley will be remembered for her devotion to her family, her active faith, her love of singing and fellowship, and the happiness she found whenever those she loved were gathered together. Her life was centered on faith and family, and the memories she created with both will be lovingly carried on by those who knew and loved her.

Family and friends are invited to gather for a Celebration of Shirley's Life at Word of Life Assembly of God Church, 60 Gawthrop Lane, Clarksburg, WV 26301, on Saturday, October 10, 2026. The service will begin at 12:00 Noon, with Pastor George Mesto, Pastor David Masto, and Pastor Julian Galford officiating. A time of fellowship will follow the service and continue until 5:00 p.m.

Online condolences may be made at www.davisfuneralhomewv.com.

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GC students take on Washington's Cascade Range

Eight-member team reaches Mt. Baker summit during July trip

Cascade Range, WA – Garrett College's intrepid mountain climbers were at it again last month.

Six Garrett College students – all of whom took part in last winter's expedition to New Hampshire's Mount Washington – participated in a 12-day trip (July 6-17) to the Cascade Range in Washington State. The students used the trip to complete the College's three-course, seven-credit alpine climbing track that they began with last winter's Introduction to Alpine Climbing (OLA 125) within the Outdoor Leadership & Adventure Education program.

Students completed GC's Intermediate Alpine Climbing

(OLA 225) and Alpine Climbing Instructor Development (OLA 271) courses during the trip to the Cascade Range, which included climbing to Mount Baker's 10,781-foot summit.

"The trip provided broad exposure to traveling and managing people in an outdoor environment," said OLA Professor Andy Hershey, who noted students completed online course components prior to starting the trip. "The courses they completed prepare people to obtain entry-level jobs with organizations like AAI [American Alpine Institute] and other alpine climbing and mountaineering organizations.

"This trip gave them a picture of a component of the outdoor industry that you wouldn't get to see in Western Maryland," added Hershey.

Hershey said the group spent several days at the start of the trip preparing for the adventure – "buying groceries, updating our outdoor gear, practicing self-arrest, using our ice axes."

GC student Travis Martin said summiting Mount Baker was one of the trip's highlights, including ascending what's known as the Roman Wall right before reaching the summit.

"The Roman Wall is an extremely steep section of gla-

cier," said Martin. "You're climbing up a couple thousand feet of pretty good exposure. We were roped up for that whole part, and then got to spend a couple of minutes on the summit enjoying the view."

Students also developed their rescue skills in crevasses, which are ice cracks that open up in glaciers.

"The crevasse was about 10 feet deep," explained Martin. "We practiced falling into the crevasse, catching each other, and pulling each other out of the crevasse. It was pretty cool."

It was also safer than it sounds, said Martin, thanks to the precautions taken.

"We didn't go into the crevasse unless we had a backup anchor already attached," said Martin. "There were a lot of good risk management techniques employed, ensuring we were redundantly protected while simulating the experience of crevasse rescue."

Hershey and the six students were joined on the trip by international guide Chad Cochran, a Garrett College graduate who works with the American Alpine Institute.

"Chad was in the first class I ever taught at Garrett College in 2005," noted Hershey. "Now he is a highly trained and certified alpine guide that works around the world."

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Local organizations donate produce boxes to outpatient cancer patients at United Hospital Center

Progressive Women's Association of Clarksburg, West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival, and Green Acres Farm join together for August 14 donation event



Representatives from the Progressive Women's Association of Clarksburg, West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival, and Green Acres Farm present produce donations WVU Medicine United Hospital Center Oncology. Pictured (from left) are Lisa Sutton, Sophia McMillion, Patricia Espinosa, Franchesca Aloï, Betty Waddy, Weege Vargo, Rosalyn Queen, and Iris Canfield.

Bridgeport, WV— The Progressive Women's Association of Clarksburg, the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival, and Green Acres Farm will donate produce boxes to outpatient cancer patients at United Hospital Center on August 14 at 1:00 p.m.

The donation is intended to provide fresh, nutritious produce to patients receiving outpatient cancer care while demonstrating community support for individuals and families navigating treatment.

Representatives from the participating organizations

will gather at United Hospital Center for the donation, highlighting a shared commitment to helping meet practical needs in the local community.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to support outpatient cancer patients with fresh produce and a visible reminder that their community is behind them," said Betty Waddy of The Progressive Women's Association of Clarksburg. "This donation reflects what can happen when local groups work together to care for their neighbors."

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to being in the middle of the National Radio Quiet Zone (NRQZ), a 13,000 square mile region that spans parts of WV, VA and MD where radio transmission is heavily restricted. The Zone was established in 1958 to minimize “possible harmful interference to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) in Green Bank, WV and the radio receiving facilities for the United States Navy in Sugar Grove, WV.”

Tucker County joined other County Commissions in signing resolutions asking for flexibility in the Quiet Zone restrictions for emergency radio transmissions. The effort is spearheaded by Pendleton County Emergency Manager Rick Gillespie. Green Bank Observatory has acknowledged the effort and meetings are being arranged with Gillespie and Pendleton County to address the issue and see what steps may or may not be able to be done by the government to lessen restrictions on radio transmissions.

“I think for the cost effectiveness of a Starlink system versus a whole new tower and the tower does not guarantee you signal other than in certain areas, either, where Starlink is mobile,” White said.

“People are wanting better communications. Our responders are wanting better communications, but the reality is a new tower is going to be very difficult to come up with the funds for. There’s no grants for that type of stuff. There’s always going to be dead spots, even if you were going to put up another tower. We’re looking for the possibility of finding funding somewhere, but its just an astronomical amount of money for a county to come up with.” - Kevin White

Prior to Starlink, many of the County’s responding units,

such as EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement, used AT&T hotspot systems that operated off of cell signal, according to White. The drawback to such a system, however, was its reliance on cell signal in a county with limited cell coverage and known deadzones.

“It was a cell signal device that could create internet for you,” White said. “I know Parsons Fire runs it, Law Enforcement has it, things like that, so that they can receive information and sometimes even get better signal than what they would by having that capability of creating a hotspot.”

Starlink, however, does not rely on towers to operate. The satellite based system relies on a series of satellites that circle the globe on a continuous basis to maintain coverage. The system provides an opportunity for greater coverage in areas where cell coverage would be limited or non-existent in Tucker County.

However, living in the National Forest does create a hindrance to the technology, with the heavy foliage and tree coverage providing limiting factors to satellite coverage.

“Starlink is limited in its capabilities by the canopy itself. If you can see the sky, most of the time, you will have some signal, if not a lot of signal. But, if you’re under a lot of dense canopy, such as a wilderness, such as Otter Creek or maybe even Dolly Sods or something like that, then obviously, it is limited to its capabilities, if it has any capabilities at all just due to the canopy overhead because it has to see that satellite over top.” -Kevin White

With a Starlink system, the County would not need to seek out sites for a new tower, purchase land or invest up to \$1 million in a new site, tower and equipment. Starlink



would be installed a receiver on individual vehicles and travel with each unit wherever it goes.

“They make a magnet mount,” White said. “It wires through your vehicle and they make a hail shoe for it so it doesn’t get damaged or anything. And the vehicle just rides around with the Starlink on top of it. Its just a little white, most of the time, square, box.”

Starlink would be an optimal pairing for many responders due to the advancement in radio technology. White said many state-of-the-art radios are wifi capable, which would pair with Starlink technology to allow for contact in areas where standard radio signal would not be available. Prior to wifi capable radios only digital or analog radios were available to first responders.

“These new radios are wifi capable. So if you have a newer radio and you have a wifi signal, such as Starlink can generate, you may have coverage in an area you typically didn’t have coverage with just the typical radio signal.”



UMWA Locals 2410 & 1289 Hosts Annual Picnic at Mill Race Park

A large crowd of UMWA Locals 2410 and 1289 members and families and supporters attended the annual picnic at Mill Race Park, in Parsons, August 29th. There were so many in attendance multiple photos had to be taken! A good time was had by all. UMWA Local 2410 represented min-

ers at the Dobbin Mine also known as the Dobbin Alpine Mine near the border of Tucker and Grant Counties. Local 2410 members set a world record for longwall mining on April 4, 1984 by pulling 21,951 tons of coal in a 24 hour shift. UMWA Local 1289 is based in Elk Garden (Min-

eral County/Grant County region) and represented miners for the North Branch Coal Company, Droppleman and Brother Coal Company and other area coal operations from the mid-20th century through the 1990s. Photos by Janet Stemple of Preston County.

CASCADE RANGE



Iris Dubansky leads the Garrett College team onward during their trip to the Cascade Range in Washington State.

The trip also included activities that provided exposure to the business side of the profession.

“One day we went to North Cascades National Park and met with rangers from the Wilderness Management Team, who talked about work as climbing rangers,” said Hershey. “Another day we went to the offices of the American Alpine Institute, where the owner talked about the realities of the lifestyle when you’re a full-time, big-mountain guide.”

While Mount Baker holds the global record for most snowfall in a single year – 1,140 inches during the 1998-99 winter – conditions are relatively forgiving in the summer. The average July high temperature at the summit is 47 degrees.

“It’s warmer than you would think, but it does freeze overnight,” observed Hershey.

Notes: The five students in addition to Martin who were on the trip were: Haiden Hinebaugh, Iris Dubansky, Brooks Mead, Ashlynn Anderson, and Charlie Wroten.

‘Powering Possibilities’ networking event slated

Western SBDC, County Business Development, College are sponsors

McHenry, MD – Three organizations are joining forces to offer “Powering Possibilities,” a networking event designed for aspiring and established entrepreneurs.

The Western Small Business Development Center, Garrett County Business Development, and Garrett College are jointly sponsoring the event, which will take place on Tuesday, September 15th from 6-8 p.m. in Room 111 of the Garrett Information Enterprise Center (GIEC) at Garrett College. Dr. Kimberly Govi, Garrett College’s coordinator of professional education, said the event “offers a valuable opportunity to connect, collaborate, and explore the many resources available to support business growth in Garrett County.”

Attendees will learn about local entrepreneurial support services, including the Entrepreneur in Residence Program sponsored by TEDCO, and have the chance to meet one-on-one with experienced business consultants to discuss ideas and pathways to success.

Guests will also receive a preview of upcoming initiatives, including the Power Of Possibilities event planned for Spring 2027 and a series of entrepreneurial workforce development workshops set to launch in early 2027.

To register, visit <http://mdsbdc.eccenterdirect.com/events/18588>.

Improved Lakers set for second season

GC has eight returners from inaugural men’s soccer campaign

McHenry, MD – Garrett College’s second-year men’s soccer program looks to build on an inaugural season in which the Lakers earned a spot in the NJCAA Division II Region 20 playoffs.

“We’re infinitely better heading into this second season,” said GC head coach Jonathan Price. “The talent level has probably doubled. This year, we have 19 players that can start for us.”

Price brings back five local players, including four former Southern stars – midfielders Kade Savage and Ben Lohr, and defenders Nathaniel Argrabrite and JM Holland – and former Northern goalkeeper Wyatt Hull. Spanish sophomore Lucas Alonso, who had a hat trick in GC’s double-overtime playoff loss to Potomac State, will lead an offense that also includes returner Darius Hamilton.

English midfielder Max Hinchey is the eighth returner from last year’s squad.

“We have a lot of returning experience across the board,” noted Price. “We had 20 freshmen last year. The mix of veterans and new guys in Year 2 is very pleasing.”

Two local freshmen – midfielder Chris Manherz (Allegheny High) and goalkeeper Brady Spotts (Southern Garrett High) – highlight the group of 10 new additions to the program.

Price said the Lakers, who were 5-6 in NJCAA Division II Region 20 last season and 5-10 overall, arrived ahead of schedule last season by making the region playoffs.

“I think any first-year team would take five wins, and to go 5-6 in the division in the first year was very exciting,” said Price.

Next Tuesday’s 3 p.m. home opener against Howard Community College – ranked 11th in the nation in the NJCAA Division II preseason poll – will be a great early test for the Lakers.

“This is a really good measuring stick to know where we are and what we have to do to be ready for the playoffs in a month-and-a-half,” Price said of the season-opener.

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Garrett College Professor of English Anna James presented a workshop and participated in a panel discussion recently at the Lewisburg (WV) Literary Festival.

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