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Tucker County 4-H Teen Leaders requested $1,400 from the Tucker County Commission towards lodging costs during an upcoming trip to Gettysburg.

County Commission Approves $1,400 Funding Request By 4-H Teen Leaders

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County Commission approved a $1,400 funding request by the Tucker County 4-H Teen Leaders. The funding request was for housing on an upcoming trip to Gettysburg. The request was approved unanimously by the board during the Commission's September 9th meeting.

"On this trip, we will explore Gettysburg learning about the Battle of Gettysburg in the Civil War," the group's presentation said. "By exploring the battlefields and historical sites in person, we can better understanding of the experiences of the soldiers and civilians who lived through this important period of American history."

The teens said that they have enough funding for food and other travel costs, but have come up short when it came to the cost of lodging for the trip. In total, they requested a total of $1,400 from the Commissioners for their lodging costs while in the Gettysburg area.

During the Teens' presentation, the group informed the Commissioners about this year's projects and fundraisers, including a visit to Harpers Ferry and a volunteer project at the Parsons Depot, as well as a Spaghetti Dinner organized for a resident in need in the community.

The group said they not only volunteered their time and labor at the Depot, but paid for the materials, as well. The Group sealed the wooden deck at the entrance to the building. Afterwards, they were taken inside the Depot and given a historical lesson of the history of the building, its contents and the area.

"I heard that the Teen Leaders saw a real need in somebody that had been facing some difficulty with health," Tucker County Commission President Mike Rosenau said.

In response to the perceived need in the community, the Teen Leaders arranged a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the resident.

The group's funding request was unanimously approved. The Commissioners requested that the group return following their trip to report on what they learned while in Gettysburg.

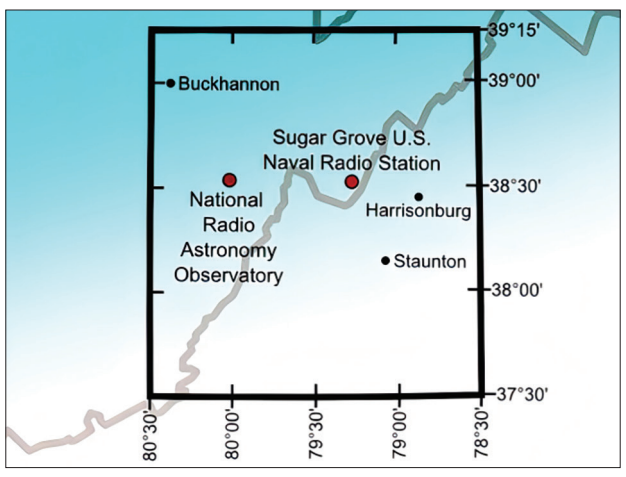
White Says Starlink 'A Tool' Not the Answer to Tucker Communication

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Tucker County Director of Emergency Management Kevin White said that the County's Starlink Pilot Program with Starlink is not the be-all, end-all answer to communication woes for Tucker County. In the end, White said, the answer is still likely going to come down to more towers and stronger signal strength.

"Starlink is a device that has a purpose, but it is not the answer," White said. "Relaxing the requirements set by the National Radio Quiet Zone is the answer, more towers could be the answer, but the relaxing those requirements is where its at."

During an update on efforts by Pendleton County Director of Emergency Management Rick Gillespie on research into 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, White informed the Tucker County Commission September 9th of new independent study information regarding signal strength limits.



The National Radio Quiet Zone (NRQZ) is a 13,000 square mile region that spans parts of WV, VA and MD where all radio transmission is heavily restricted, even emergency transmissions such as first responders such as EMS, fire and law enforcement.

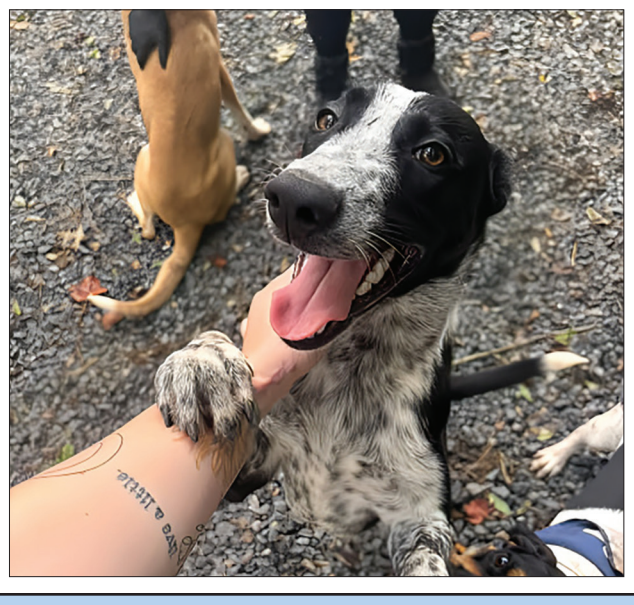
> "We are currently allowed to push out two watts," White said.

"They have received a lot of data back from an independent study that was done by a hire firm to help hopefully relieve a little bit of the restraints that have been placed on areas such as Pendleton, Pocahontas, Tucker County, due to the fact of the National Radio Quiet Zone," White said.

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Spotty Says Shelter Needs Food Donations!

Spotty has an announcement!



The Tucker County Animals Shelter needs pet food! We just poured out our last bag of dog chow and are completely out of wet and dry kitten food as of the morning of Thursday, September 10th. They have updated the TSC wishlist, it seems to be the cheapest! Link: https://www.tractorsupply.com/SharedWishListView?catalogId=10051&wishListEMail=true&langId=-1&storeId=10151&guestAccessKey=-b75716:19a07d3d7770:-1c68&externalId=10015061&wishListEMail=true

Paypal link to donate: https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/TCAnimalShelter...

Need a different wishlist? Just ask the Shelter. Donations can be mailed to or dropped off at: 586 Brooklyn Heights Road, Parsons, WV 26287. There is also a donation box at the Shop n' Save in Davis for those on top of the mountain. Also, Spotty is now off Stray Hold!

WVDOH Requests Northbound Closure of Parking on William Avenue in Davis Over Winter

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The West Virginia Department of Highways has requested the Town of Davis close the Northbound section of William Avenue in Davis to parking over winter. The matter was described as a "safety issue.

The request came to the Town over concerns over narrowing in previous years due to plowing and individuals parking too far from the curb creating a hazard for large vehicles on the roadway during snow events, according to Town of Davis Mayor Alan Tomson. Mayor Tomson

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Road Work Information

County Route 45/4, (Lanesville Road), and County Route 45/1, (Bonner Mountain Road), will have road closures, beginning Thursday, September 10, 2026, through Friday, September 25, 2026, (possible Saturday work), for paving.

TUCKER COUNTY, WV – County Route 45/4, (Lanesville Road), and County Route 45/1 (Bonner Mountain Road), will have road closures, from 6:30 a.m. through 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 10, 2026, through Friday, September 25, 2026, for paving projects.

Work may continue into Saturday. County Route 45/4, (Lanesville Road), will start at the intersection of WV 32 and end at milepost 5.79; County Route 45/1, (Bonner Mountain Road), will start at milepost 0.00 and end at milepost 0.59. Allowance for emergency vehicles, United States Postal Service and school buses will be made; other motorists are to expect delays and/or seek alternate routes.

Forest Road 19 Closure Notice for Public Health and Safety on the Monongahela National Forest

ELKINS, W.Va. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service is restricting public access to sections of Forest Road 19 within the Monongahela National Forest to protect public health and safety during construction activities.

The closure order will go into effect on September 14, 2026, at 12:01 AM and remain in effect until September 25, 2026.

Order Number 09-21-01-26-07 prohibits traffic on Forest Road 19 in places beyond any road-construction barriers, including Type 3 barricades, lighted signage, traffic cones, or similar devices placed to restrict public access. Closure will begin at the intersection of Forest Road 75 and Forest Road 19 and continue 5.3 miles in an easterly direction to the intersection of County Road 28 and Forest Road 19, as depicted in Exhibit A.

Residents and landowners may access their property from the intersection of Forest Road 75 or County Road 28, depending on the property location. Through traffic is prohibited.

Visitors are asked to respect all posted closures and avoid attempting to bypass the affected area. Updates will be shared on the Monongahela National Forest website and social media as new information becomes available.

Forest Road 76 Closure Notice for Public Health and Safety on the Monongahela National Forest

ELKINS, W.Va. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service is restricting public access to sections of Forest Road 76, commonly referred to as Cranberry River Road, within the Monongahela National Forest to protect public health and safety during construction activities. The closure order will go into effect on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 12:01 AM and remain in effect until November 20, 2026, or until rescinded.

Order Number 09-21-02-26-05 prohibits all members of the public from being on Forest Road 76 in places beyond any road-construction barriers, including Type 3 barricades, lighted signage, traffic cones, or similar devices placed to restrict public access.

Closures will occur in two stages. Closure Area Section 1 as shown in Exhibit A will be closed starting September 8, 2026, for approximately 4 weeks. Once construction activities are completed, the Closure Area Section 2 as shown in Exhibit B will begin.

Visitors are asked to respect all posted closures and avoid attempting to bypass the affected area. Updates will be shared on the Monongahela National Forest website and social media as new information becomes available.

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News of Record

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

- **Danny R. Carr and Phyllis A. Carr,** Black Fork District, Transfer on Death Deed: Sunset Heights, Lots 17 and 19 to Stephanie S. Burns and Stacy S. Carr.
- **Adam Wayne Nestor,** Clover District, 27.50 acres to Stacy Ann Nestor and Lottie Nestor.
- **Stacey Ann Nestor and Lotties Nestor,** Clover District, 27.50 acres to Austin Remainderman Nestor, Stacy Ann Nestor and Lottie Nestor Life Estate.
- **James F. Triplett,** Dry Fork District, Unit 97, Building 3 Deerfield Village to Daniel F. Phares, $305,000.
- **Robert S. Wright and Candace G. Wright,** Dry Fork District, Unit 122, Building 3 Deerfield Village Condo to Charles W. Seita, $325,000.
- **Carol A. Walsh,** Dry Fork District, Unit G2, Week 14 Land of Canaan vacation Resort to Daniel L. Walsh.
- **Charles Foos,** Dry Fork District, Unit 118, Building 2 Deerfield Condominiums to Robert Wright and Candace Wright, $300.000.
- **Jack M. Close, Jr.,** Parsons Corporation, Lots 86 and 87, Currance Addition to Margaret E. Hadlock, $40,000.
- **Amanda J. Sharp,** St. George District, .44 acres to William Cantrell, $15,000.
- **Christopher Keith Wade and Jamie Elizabeth Jacobs,** Dry Fork district, Lot 35, North Lake to Davis Geidt and Jenny Geidt, $85,000.
- **Cynthia Phillips,** Dry Fork District, Transfer on Death Deed: Unit 1244, Beaver Ridge Condominiums to Kristyn R. plum.
- **Janice S. Sutton,** Dry Fork District, Lot 117, Mountainside, 2.38 acres to Timothy Dylan Sutton.

COMMUNICATION

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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.

"Since we have Green Bank and we have Sugar Grove facilities that are monitoring whatever they monitor, they regulate the amount of radio signal your County puts out and receives, especially when it is directional in the area towards Green Bank."

In the case of Tucker County, with its hills, valleys and mountains, the weaker the signal, the more dead spots in signal coverage there are for radio communication, White said. He said that he and Gillespie had come to the conclusion that the state's siren tower network could be capable of 60 watts of signal, should regulators allow.

"We are currently allowed to push out two watts," White said. "You can see where an area like Tucker County with the mountains and hollows and the hills. With all that, it is detrimental to communications for our emergency responders and in a lot of places they don't have communications."

Gillespie has been working with Federal officials at Green Bank and Sugar Grove in an attempt to get relief for emergency responder communication signals.

"Some of the studies show that the modeling that they are using is currently so outdated, it is no longer effective, being Green Bank," White said. "Technology has changed so greatly in what is it, 50-some years, that it is no longer effective. Their communication devices, their receiving devices wouldn't be interfered with as much today as it was before, is basically what we are finding out."

White said that while Starlink has its place in the County's repertoire, it is not the answer to the County's dead zones. Starlink, according to White, has a 65% fail rate, comparable to radio. White also equated the technology to more of a mobile hotspot and with the heavy canopy in many areas of the county, may not be of use in those areas. In areas with heavy trees, hollows and hills, the technology cannot replace radio, White said.

The answer lies in relaxing the regulations on the National Radio Quiet Zone. More towers may also help, White said, but the main answer is in the lessening of restrictions. Short of that, the Federal Government funding of more signal towers for emergency communications.

"We are being imposed on certain regulations without any relief to help with those regulations," White said. "If they are steadfast that on that we are only allowed two watts, then we need more towers to cover more areas that are only pushing two watts."

Giving Circle and Library Collaborate to Support Tucker County Kids



Children loved discovering dinosaur fossils found int the egg's green slime during the Summer Reading Program at the Mountaintop Public Library!

The Mountaintop Public Library has been a cornerstone to both the Davis and Thomas communities, well as the Davis-Thomas Elementary Middle School, for over 40 years. The Tucker County Giving Circle is a proud supporter of the library, having awarded grants totaling $7000 over the past 4 years. Working with the school counselor, Debbie Williams, the librarian, used grant funding to make available to students, parents, and staff a selection of books with a focus on personal growth issues, such as divorce and bullying. Each year, Ms. Williams offers a Summer Reading Program, using the TCGC grant funds to purchase books and supplies; this year, over 30 children participated. Using the theme, "Under the Earth," Debbie focused on dinosaurs and fossils. Great fun and learning were enjoyed by all! During the school year, Ms. Williams collaborates with DTEMS to provide regular library visits for each class, offering the students the opportunity to check out books.

The Mountaintop Public Library, located next to the Davis-Thomas Elementary Middle School, is open Monday through Friday. Check their website https://mountaintop.wvlibrary.info for the hours, as they vary from day to day. Stop by the library to explore the continually growing collection of books! Membership is always free!

The Tucker County Giving Circle was founded in 2019 with the mission of building a community of thoughtful and effective philanthropists and creating a network of support to address the needs of women and children in Tucker County, WV. TCGC has awarded over $70,000 to Tucker County not-for-profit organizations that support women and children. For more information or to join, email TCGC at tcgcofcrs@gmail.org.

West Virginia State Parks Foundation Announces the Fall Colors "Mountains Are Always Free" Photo Contest

Hurricane, WV — The West Virginia State Parks Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of its Fall Colors Are Always Free Photo Contest. Running from September 8 through November 6, 2026, the contest invites photographers to capture and celebrate the beauty of West Virginia's state parks, forests, and rail trails during autumn.

"We recently wrapped up our summer photo contest," said Foundation Executive Director Brad Reed. "We received hundreds of incredible submissions that showcased our state park areas as true four-season destinations."

Reed added, "As our fall weather approaches and the leaves begin to turn, visitation from both residents and tourists increases significantly. We encourage park guests to enjoy everything these special places have to offer—and to capture those unforgettable moments through photography to share with others."

The contest is open to both amateur and professional photographers. Winners will receive prizes provided by the West Virginia State Parks system and the Foundation. Awards will be presented in just one category, fall color. Pictures must be taken on a WV State Park, State Forest, or Rail Trail.

"We are looking for images of anything and everything on our state park areas that showcase the beauty of our incredible parks in their full patchwork quilt of autumn." Said Reed. "It might be a picture of your family enjoying the outdoors, a handsome pet, a beautiful landscape, or an amazing recreational feature; just make sure it has that wonderful tapestry of fall colors in the background."

For more information and official contest rules, visit: https://www.lovewvstateparks.com/events/

About the WV State Parks Foundation:

The West Virginia State Parks Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to "preserve, protect, and enhance West Virginia State Parks by providing leadership in communication, funding, and advocacy in partnership with individual Park Foundations." Find them at www.lovewvstateparks.com.

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SPORTS

Wildcats Whip the Warriors 32-13



Bentley Haddix reaches back for the touchdown pass.



Tristan Pitzer takes down the Warrior.

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker Valley's Wildcat football team made the long trip to Dunmore last week to face the 1-0 Pocahontas County Warriors.

Tucker wasted no time, scoring just two plays into the game on a 25-yard run by Braxton White. With the failed conversion, Tucker led 6-0 early. On the following defensive drive, the Wildcats' Noah White recovered a fumble, setting up his brother Braxton for a five-yard touchdown run to make the score 12-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Wildcats would go on to get a third first-half touchdown from Braxton White, this time on a 26-yard pass from Bentley Haddix. A successful two-point conversion extended the lead to 20-0.

The Warriors would show some life just before halftime, scoring on a 47-yard run to cut the deficit to 20-7 at the break.

The second half started with Pocahontas in possession, but a few plays into the drive, defensive tackle Ashton Arnett came up with a fumble recovery, allowing Noah White to dive into the end zone from eight yards out. The lead was now 26-7.

The Warriors wouldn't go away, however, breaking off a 54-yard run to cut the lead to 26-13 heading into the fourth quarter.

The game would be put on ice as Tucker Valley's offensive line opened the biggest hole of the game, allowing Noah White to walk into the end zone from 39 yards out and settle the final score at 32-13.

Bentley Haddix led Tucker in passing with 56 yards, one touchdown, and one interception. Noah White led the team in rushing, carrying the ball 13 times for 164 yards and two touchdowns. Braxton White followed with 13 carries for 92 yards and two touchdowns, along with two catches for 56 yards and another touchdown.

Eighth-grade linebacker Tristan Pitzer was a force on the defensive side of the ball, recording eight solo tackles and two tackles for a loss.

With the win, Tucker improved to 2-0, and the Wildcats are set for their first home game next week on Thursday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m., as Tygarts Valley comes to town.

Mt. Lions Hang Tough, Fall to Cougars 43-14



Evan Hexom completes the catch for a first down. (Photo by Brittany Channell)



Evan Witt secures the catch for the two-point conversion. (Photo by Brittany Channell)

By: Adam Freeman

The Mt. Lion football team from TCHS took on one of the top teams in Single-A at home last week in the Cougars from East Hardy High School.

Tucker battled throughout and made East Hardy work for the win from start to finish. The Cougars would start the game off with a bang, taking the opening kickoff 60 yards for the score, with a failed XP. East Hardy was up 6-0.

Tucker would show their intestinal fortitude, answering on a long drive capped off with a 28-yard run up the middle of the field by Cade Rapp. With a two-point conversion, Tucker took the lead 8-6. East Hardy would plunge in one more score in the first period from two yards out to take back the lead 14-8. The Cougars would strike first again in the second quarter, scoring on a nine-yard touchdown run to extend the lead 22-8.

The Mt. Lions would not go away quietly, as a one-handed grab from junior Evan Hexom down the sideline for a big gain would set up a one-yard dive into the end zone by QB Branson Hyre. The score would cut the Cougar lead to one score at 22-14.

East Hardy would then collect a crucial touchdown in the game just before the halftime break on a 37-yard catch and run to push their lead to 29-14 at halftime.

The Mt. Lions would mount several promising drives in the second half but would fail to find the end zone, while their opponents would score two more, making the final score 43-14, East Hardy.

Sophomore quarterback Branson Hyre went 12-22 for 152 yards and one interception, along with 13 carries for 73 yards and a touchdown. Cade Rapp led the team in rushing on the night with 17 carries for 89 yards and a score. Evan Hexom led the Mt. Lions in receiving with two receptions for 76 yards, alongside Evan Witt with four receptions for 50 yards.

Tucker falls to 1-2 on the season, with a road trip to Blacksville, WV, next week to take on the 1-1 Cee Bees of Clay-Battelle at 7:00 p.m.

DT Golf Competes at Fisher Mountain

By: Adam Freeman

Davis Thomas Golf made the trip to Fisher Mountain last week for a five-team golf match. The Bears finished in fourth place, edging out Warm Springs by one stroke. Pendleton County took the win, followed by Romney and Petersburg.

Individually, Nolan Luzier finished in the top 10, shooting a round of 50, good enough for ninth place overall. Hunter Lipscomb was the top female competitor with a round of 60, followed by Bryson Mihalko with a 65 and Jackson Quattro with a 71.

The Bears will be back in action on Monday, September 21, at Canaan Valley.

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Mountain Lions Volleyball Battles Through Competitive Week



By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County Mountain Lions volleyball team faced a challenging stretch this past week, traveling to Moorefield and Morgantown for matchups against Moorefield and Trinity Christian.

The junior varsity squad opened the week at Moorefield, facing a tough opponent and finishing the evening in two sets.

The varsity Mountain Lions battled Moorefield through four competitive sets. Tucker County fought hard to take the first set, winning a thrilling 27-25 decision. Moorefield answered with a close 25-21 victory before taking the final two sets, 25-14 and 25-12.

Despite the loss, the Mountain Lions showed plenty of competitiveness throughout the match and continued to battle against a strong Moorefield squad.

On Thursday, Tucker County traveled to Morgantown for a matchup with Trinity Christian. The Mountain Lions struggled to find their rhythm early and ultimately fell 25-17, 25-12 and 25-19.

With another busy week ahead, the Mountain Lions will have several opportunities to get back on the court and continue improving.

Tucker County will participate in a tri-match at Pocahontas on Monday before traveling to Pendleton on Tuesday. The Mountain Lions will return home Thursday to host rival Southern Maryland.

The week will conclude with a tournament in Elkins on Saturday, with play scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

Big Week for TC Golf as They Prepare for PVC Championship

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker County's golf team had an eventful week. On Monday, they traveled to The Raven Golf Course at Snowshoe Mountain for a nine-hole match hosted by Tygarts Valley. This was a valuable preparation match for the upcoming PVC Golf Championship. Although the Mt. Lions didn't perform their best, they still secured second place, just three shots behind conference rival Tygarts Valley and two shots ahead of Pendleton County. Notably, two members of the team finished in the top 10: Senior Drew Simmons placed 8th, and fellow senior Nate Davis earned low medalist honors.

On Tuesday, Tucker returned home to Canaan Valley and faced the same conference competitors from the previous day: Tygarts Valley, Pendleton, and Union. This match turned out to be their best performance as a team this season. They achieved a team score of 166, securing victory in another shootout where the top three teams were separated by only three strokes. During the match, four individuals from the team stood out with top 10 finishes: Nate Davis (2nd place with a score of 38), Drew Simmons (5th place with a score of 42), Cayden Arnold (tied for 7th place with a score of 43), and Ethan Cummings (tied for 7th place with a score of 43).

The team has a busy upcoming week. Starting on Monday at Valley View in Moorefield, they will play 18 holes against 15 other schools. Then, they will travel back to The Raven at Snowshoe Mountain for the 18-hole PVC Championship. Finally, they will conclude the week at home at Canaan Valley for a 9-hole match for both varsity and JV teams.

Wildcat Volleyball Posts Big Win Against Elkins

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker Valley volleyball took on Elkins Middle School on Tuesday. The JV squad was defeated by the Hornets in two games. In the first game, the score was 26–24, while the second game ended with a score of 25–10.

Kendyll Showalter served for 11 points for the Wildcats, including five aces.

On the other hand, the Tucker Valley varsity volleyball team emerged victorious against Elkins Middle School in two games, with scores of 25–11 and 25–15. This marked the first time Tucker Valley varsity volleyball defeated Elkins Middle School in the past five years. Maci Owens contributed five kills and served for a total of 22 points, including 13 aces.

Avery Decker played a crucial role for the Wildcats, recording seven digs and serving for 10 points, including five aces. Aleena Reed also made a significant contribution with four kills.

The Wildcats will be back in action on Monday, September 14th, as they travel to Terra Alta to take on East Preston at 6:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday Alta!

Alta Snyder, beautiful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, is turning 85 on Septmeber 17th. Please help her celebrate by sending cards to:

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Happy Birthday, Mom! Love, Rose and James

Black bear and waterfowl youth hunting seasons set to open in September

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — September marks the start of youth hunting seasons in West Virginia. The first split of youth black bear season is Sept. 12-13 and the first split of youth waterfowl season is Sept. 19. The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) reminds hunters that the minimum age restriction for youth seasons has been removed.

"Hunting in West Virginia is a time-honored tradition passed down for generations. We encourage parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to share their love for hunting andthe outdoors with family members," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "West Virginia has youth seasons for squirrels, bears, deer and turkey to give our younger hunters a chance to experience hunting firsthand. The more opportunities they get, the more likely they'll make it a life-long experience.

A second youth black bear season will run concurrently with a youth season for white-tailed deer on Oct. 17-18. The second youth waterfowl season date is scheduled for Oct. 31. The youth spring turkey season will be April 17-18, 2027.

Youth Season Minimum Age Restriction Removed

The Natural Resources Commission in 2025 removed the minimum age restriction for youth seasons. Youth hunters under the age of 15 must still be accompanied by a licensed adult who is 18 years of age or older and must remain close enough to provide guidance and assistance. In addition, legislators approved a change to make it clear an adult assisting a youth hunter during any special youth season may handle the hunter's firearm to provide safe handling advice and help. When assisting a youth hunter during a special youth season, the accompanying adult is still prohibited from carrying a firearm for the purpose of taking wildlife.

Youth hunters aged 15-17 must comply with all applicable state and federal licensing requirements and all youth hunters must check big game harvests using their own WVDNR account. Hunting licenses can be purchased, and game checks can be completed online at WVhunt.com.

For complete details about youth hunting in West Virginia, see pages 27, 34 and 40 of the Hunting Regulations Summary, available to download at WVdnr.gov/huntingregulations.

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Bears Take Control on the Court with Multiple Wins





By: Adam Freeman

The Davis Thomas volleyball teams had a solid showing over two games, earning victories against Tucker Valley and Union on Wednesday, September 9 before traveling to face South Preston on Friday.

Davis Thomas opened the September 9 action against Tucker Valley with both its junior varsity and varsity squads coming away with victories.

In the JV matchup, Davis Thomas won the first set 25-20. Audri Mullenax led the team with eight points, while Addison Fansler added five. Davis Thomas continued its momentum in the second set, winning 25-11. Fansler led the way with an impressive 10 points as the Bears completed the JV victory.

The varsity team followed with a pair of 25-20 victories over Tucker Valley. In the opening set, Annisten Evans paced Davis Thomas with five points. The second set featured another strong team effort, with Audri Mullenax leading the Bears with five points and Harper Wilt contributing four.

Davis Thomas then faced Union JV, continuing its winning ways. The Bears took the first set decisively, 25-7. Megan Shockey led the scoring with five points, while Stella Johnson and Karman Shockey each added four.

Davis Thomas closed out the Union match with a 25-12 second-set victory. Zoe Simpson led the team with seven points, followed by Alena Barkley with six.

On Friday, Davis Thomas traveled to South Preston for an away matchup featuring both JV and varsity competition.

The JV squad faced a tough three-set battle. South Preston edged Davis Thomas 29-27 in the opening set, despite seven points from Addison Fansler and three from Bella Paugh.

Rather than letting the close loss slow them down, the Bears responded strongly in the second set, defeating South Preston 25-14. Karman Shockey led Davis Thomas with eight points, while Izzy Stemple added four.

The decisive third set was another close contest, but Davis Thomas finished on top, 25-23. Shockey contributed four points, while Megan Shockey added three as the Bears rallied to win the match.

The Davis Thomas varsity team also earned a convincing victory over South Preston, sweeping the match in two sets.

The Bears dominated the first set, 25-3, behind a tremendous performance from Avery Eichelberger, who recorded 12 points. Elizabeth DelSignore added eight points to help Davis Thomas take control early.

Davis Thomas finished the sweep with a 25-14 second-set victory. Harper Wilt led the team with seven points, while Stella Johnson contributed four.

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PHS Class of 1957

Kay Flanagan hosted some of her classmates from Parsons High School Class of 1957 at her home on Tuesday, August 25th. Lots of good food and memories of their time at PHS. Present were the following: Jean Owens Myers, Kay Flanagan, Priscilla Flanagan, Judy Fairbanks, Carol Weinstein, and seated at table Delores McDonald.

UHC welcomes William Crystal, MD to Clarksburg Family Medicine

William Crystal, MD, has joined Clarksburg Family Medicine, where he practices Family Medicine alongside William G. Bowles, DO; Jo A. Longenecker, MD; and Lea Singzon, MD.

His medical journey began with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Santo Tomas, Espana, Manila, Philippines, followed with his Doctor of Medicine, also from the University of Santo Tomas.

He then completed his Family Medicine residency at WVU Medicine-United Hospital Center. Prior to his residency, he had professional experience at several locations in Hawaii providing pediatric and primary care.

Dr. Crystal focuses on caring for patients of all ages, from infants to seniors, offering preventive care, routine health maintenance, and treatment for common medical conditions. His clinical expertise includes managing urge incontinence, helping both male and female patients address bladder control concerns. He works closely with patients to develop treatment plans for these common but often undertreated conditions.

Dr. Crystal's office is located at Clarksburg Family Medicine, 2673 Davisson Run Road, Suite 101, Clarksburg, WV. To schedule an appointment or learn more, call 681-342-3470.



William Crystal, MD
Clarksburg Family Medicine

GCF to host estate planning seminar at PAC

Free November 10th event features First United wealth managers



The Garrett College Foundation (GCF) is hosting a free estate-planning seminar on Tuesday, November 10th featuring First United Bank & Trust's Wealth Management team. Pictured, left to right, are (back row): GCF Directors Katie Alvarez and Julia Hoffmann, GCF Coordinator of Grants & Program Funds Kearstin Hinebaugh, FUBT Chief Wealth Officer Keith Sanders, (front row) GCF Administrative Associate Janet Kepple, GCF Executive Director Cherie Krug, and FUBT Director of Wealth Management Sales Christine Sisler.

McHenry, MD – The Garrett College Foundation is hosting a free estate-planning seminar on Tuesday, November 10th for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Garrett College's conference center.

Individuals interested in attending the event – titled Lunch, Learn & Leave a Legacy – may register with Janet Kepple (janet.kepple@garrettcollege.edu or 301.387.3023). Seating is limited; the deadline to register is November 3rd.

Three First United Bank & Trust vice presidents – Keith Sanders (chief wealth officer), Annette Chapman (senior wealth advisor), and Christine Sisler (director of wealth management sales) will jointly discuss best practices in estate planning. Janet Kepple, a member of the Garrett College Foundation team, will provide an overview of planned giving and discuss strategies individuals can use to incorporate charitable gifts into their estate plans.

"Estate planning is an important part of preparing for the future and ensuring that the people and causes most meaningful to you are remembered," said Kepple. "We hope this seminar will provide our community with helpful information and introduce individuals to the many ways they can incorporate charitable giving into their estate plans to create a lasting legacy."

Julia Hoffmann, a member of the Garrett College Foundation Board of Directors, will discuss her experiences in developing charitable gifts within an estate. Hoffman and fellow Foundation Board Director Katie Alvarez worked with the Garrett College Foundation Office to develop the estate-planning seminar.

Attendees will be offered an opportunity to tour Garrett College's McHenry campus immediately following the seminar.

Kepple said the Foundation and First United are planning another seminar on April 21, 2027 for interested individuals who can't attend the November event.

West Virginia Squirrel Season Opens Sept. 12

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. - West Virginia's regular squirrel season will open statewide Sept. 12, offering new and experienced hunters an opportunity to refine their hunting skills. The season runs through Feb. 28, 2027.

"Squirrel hunting is a long-standing tradition in West Virginia and is how many hunters are introduced to the sport," said Brett McMillion, director of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. "We encourage folks to give squirrel hunting a try or use it as practice for an upcoming season. It's a great time to be outdoors in West Virginia."

Beyond recreational benefits, squirrel hunting plays a role in wildlife management. By managing squirrel populations, hunters help maintain ecosystem balance to ensure adequate resources remain available for other wildlife.

Hunters should review current hunting regulations and safety guidelines before heading out. Regulations are available for download at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

- Key season rules include:
- Daily bag limit: 6 squirrels
- Possession limit: 24 squirrels
- Season limit: None

All general state hunting regulations and licensing requirements apply.

The WVDNR offers durable physical license cards, which hunters can purchase as an upgrade to an existing license or add during renewal. Hunting licenses can be purchased online at WVhunt.com.

Red Oak Fire Lookout Opens for Overnight Stays

ELKINS, W.Va., September 8, 2026 –The Red Oak Fire Lookout on the Gauley Ranger District of the Monongahela National Forest is now available to rent, offering visitors a chance to spend the night in a piece of West Virginia's history.

The fire lookout sits at an elevation of 3,704 feet, offering guests magnificent views and easy access to wildlife watching, hunting and exploring the forest. About 12 miles south of Cowen, West Viriginia in Webster Country, the original Red Oak Fire Tower was erected by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934. It was a wooden framed structure with a wooden cab. In 1964, it was replaced by the current metal structure. Like all the fire towers on the Monongahela National Forest, it was retired by the late 1970s.

This recreational overnight opportunity is made possible thanks to a community-driven restoration effort between the Forest Service, Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area, HistoriCorps, Preservation Alliance of West Virginia and funding through the Secure Rural Schools Act. Now, guests can enjoy a comfortable stay in the restored and refurbished fire tower cab or at the nearby campsite, making this longtime landmark an exciting new destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

Visitors have the option of staying inside the fire tower cab, which is furnished with two twin size cots, two folding chairs, a small table, lights and electric outlets, or staying at the campsite. The campsite has 50- and 30-amp service for RVs. There are picnic tables, a combination fire ring/grill, and lantern post at the site. There is a vault toilet onsite, but no drinking water is available.

The site will be available for rent from now through November 30. The 2027 season availability dates will be April 15 through November 30.

For additional details and to make a reservation, please visit: Red Oak Fire Lookout, Monongahela National Forest - Recreation.gov.

Garrett College announces summer graduates

11 students earn degrees and certificates during summer 2026

McHenry, MD – Garrett College recently announced 11 new graduates who completed degree or certificate requirements during summer 2026.

GC's newest graduates include seven who earned Associate of Arts (AA) degrees, three who earned Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees, and one who earned a certificate.

The new graduates are:

- **AA, Associate of Arts (Arts & Sciences:** Psychology Concentration): Crystal G. Carder (Grantsville).
- **AA, Associate of Arts (Business Administration):** Luis N. Botelho (Brazil).
- **AA, Associate of Arts (General Studies):** Nehemiah J. Johnson (Washington, DC); Kristi Fratz (Accident); William D. Pickrel (McHenry); Keira K. Haley (Oakland); Emma G. McCord (Philippi, WV).
- **AAS, Associate of Applied Science (Addictions Counseling):** Conner L. Blake (Bridgeport, WV).
- **AAS, Associate of Applied Science (Paramedic Studies):** Jacquelyn D. Patton (Accident); Jessica L. Liller (Keyser, WV).
- **Cybersecurity Certificate:** Shawn W. Baker (Oakland).

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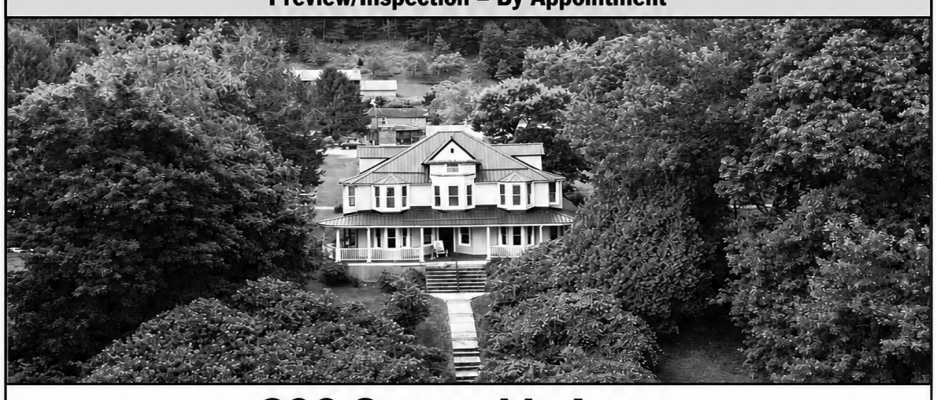
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Candidate Meeting

All are welcome to attend a nonpartisan "Candidates & Conversation" this Wednesday (TODAY), September 16th, from 5-7 PM at the Senior Center in Parsons. Light refreshments will be served. Tucker County Commission candidate Jon Bush and WV House of Delegates candidate Deborah Stiles will be cohosting. All candidates - Independent, Republican, Democrat - at all three levels, local, state, and federal - have been invited. More information: call 304-478-3519.

Retired School Employees Meeting Wednesday Sept. 16

Tucker County Retired School Employees meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 12:00 noon at the Parsons Senior Center. Lunch is available at 11:30 if you wish. All retirees are welcome.

St. George Senior Outpost Thursday September 17

St. George Senior Outpost is at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 17 at the St. George Community Church. Bring a covered dish and join us for good food and fellowship.

Free Clothes Closet

The Southern Baptist Church in Rowlesburg will be having a free clothing giveaway from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19.

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.

Gospel Sing

Gospel Sing at Union Chapel Church, Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. featuring Rex and Yvonne Smith from Virginia. Union Chapel Church 162 Brushy Fork Rd (off of the Clover Run Rd.) Parsons WV. Welcome all, come and praise our Lord in song.

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

It looks like Fall as unofficially crept up on us while we were not looking. The nights have started cooling off and the morning, you guessed it, foggy. I don't think there has been a clear morning since June or July that I have driven to work and it not being foggy. ***Momma Said,*** "Just be glad you wake up to any kind of morning."

Speaking of Fall, I already see people with their decorations out, but I guess I am behind times because I didn't realize that there is not even a full week left until Autumn begins. All the joyous decorations seem so happy.

I never really thought about it but what is so happy about being a Jack-o-lantern? You get the top of your head cut off, all your guts scooped out and then a cheesy smile carved onto your face. You end up looking like the Joker from the Batman movies.

And always a smile on the face of the scarecrows. What is so funny about having straw for brains and a stick stuck up your butt? You get someone's raggedy cloths, an old hat that has seen better days and left out in a field by yourself. That sounds more like a crime scene coverup to me. ***Momma Said,*** 'check the missing persons files if someone puts a scarecrow up in an odd place."

Lemon Garlic Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1⁄4 cup shallot, diced
- 1⁄2 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1⁄2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1⁄4 cup heavy cream

DIRECTIONS:

Pat the chicken dry and pound to an even thickness with a rolling pin. Season on both sides with salt and pepper, and set aside.

In a large skillet, warm the olive oil over medium heat. Sear the chicken for 3-4 minutes per side, or until golden brown. Remove the chicken from the pan and set aside.

In the same pan, melt the butter. Add the garlic and shallots and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Add the chicken broth, lemon juice, and thyme, stir, then bring to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes.

Slowly stir in the heavy cream and return the chicken to the pan. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 5-7 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through and the internal temperature reaches 165°Fahrenheit.

Garnish with chopped parsley and serve immediately with a selection of sides.

e-WV The West Virginia Encyclopedia

Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Sept. 16, 1876: The town of Milton in Cabell County was incorporated and named in honor of Milton Rece, a large landowner at the time.

Sept. 16, 1922: Walter Allen became the only person found guilty of treason in charges related to the Battle of Blair Mountain. He soon skipped bail and was never heard from again.

Sept. 16, 1926: Writer John Knowles was born in Fairmont. He attained literary fame in 1959 with his first novel, A Separate Peace.

Sept. 16, 1950: Scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. was born in Keyser. Gates is one of the leading Black intellectuals in the United States. His books include Colored People: A Memoir, about growing up in Mineral County. He hosts the popular PBS program Finding Your Roots.

Sept. 17, 1848: Artist Lily Irene Jackson was born in Parkersburg. She was best known as a painter of animal portraits and floral arrangements, and as an advocate for the arts.

Sept. 17, 1897: Ruth Ann Musick was born in Missouri. For many decades, she was a professor at Fairmont State College (now University) and West Virginia's most prolific folklorist. She wrote regular folklore newspaper columns and four major books, including The Telltale Lilac Bush and Other West Virginia Ghost Tales.

Sept. 18, 1947: Historian and journalist Minnie Kendall Lowther died. Born in Ritchie County, she was one of the first women in West Virginia to become a newspaper editor.

Sept. 18, 1989: Playwright Maryat Lee died in Lewisburg. She established Eco Theater in Summers County as an indigenous mountain theater, using local people as actors.

Sept. 19, 1862: The two-day Battle of Shepherdstown opened with an artillery exchange between Union and Confederate troops. Following the Battle of Antietam, it ended Robert E. Lee's Maryland Campaign and helped convince Abraham Lincoln to issue his Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.

Sept. 19, 1892: William "Bill" Blizzard was born along Cabin Creek,



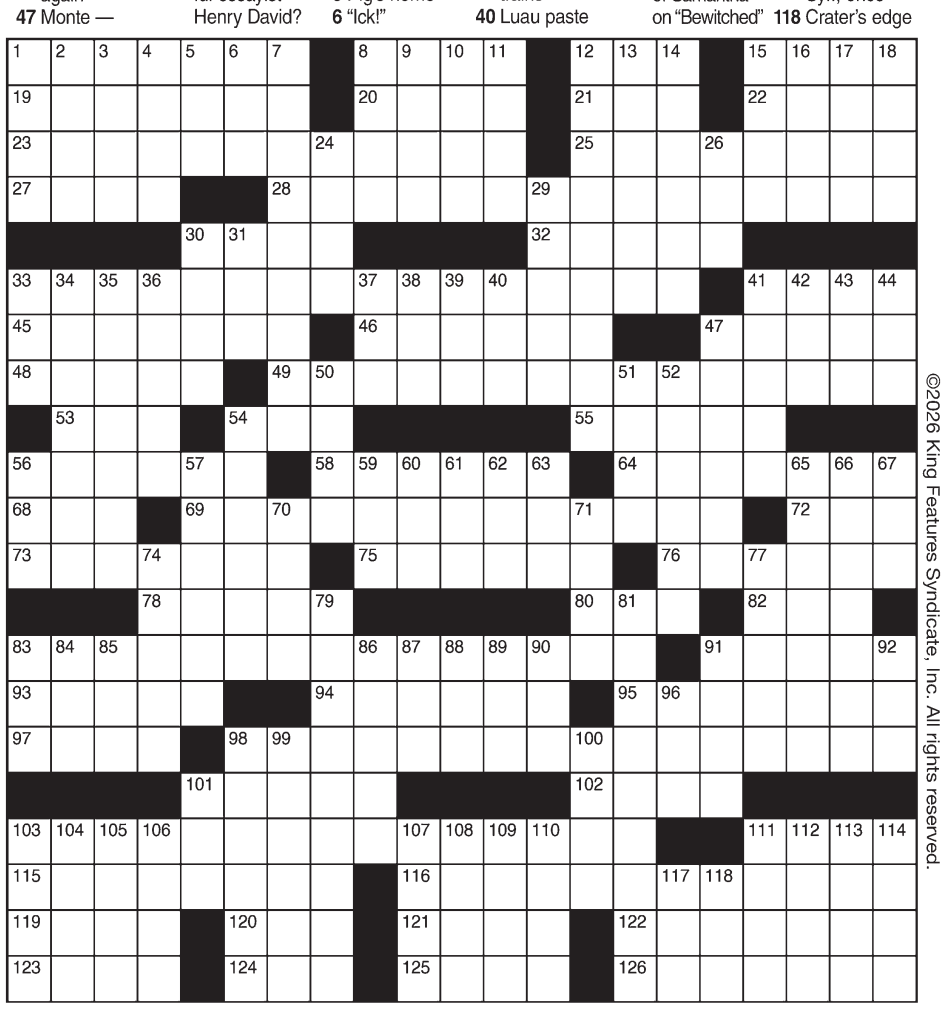
Sept. 20, 1910: Dorothy Johnson Vaughan was born in Kansas City but moved at a young age to Morgantown, where she was valedictorian of Beechurst High School. Like fellow West Virginian Katherine Johnson, Vaughan became a mathematician and computer expert for NASA and made significant contributions to the U.S. space program.

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46 Let borrow again
47 Monte —
48 Oil from flower petals
49 Wine enjoyed near a hearth?
53 Aliens, briefly
54 August hrs.
55 Guilty feeling
56 Garage oil
58 Hilo hellos
64 Giving the go-ahead for
68 Atmosphere
69 Raised, flat land that you are visiting today?
72 Rapa — (Easter Island)
73 Bookish sort
75 Giorgio of fashion
76 Apartment policy about animals
78 Island porch
80 Goat's cry
82 Application file extension
83 Festive antique hat?
91 Slanting
93 "Nay" sayers
94 Shower sponges
95 100-page story, maybe
97 Portend
98 That powerful essayist Henry David?
101 Sea's edge
102 Have — (lose it)
103 Flat-bottomed vessel sailing across the River Styx from Hades?
111 Notion, in Paris
115 An hour before midnight
116 Teasing tribute held at the Green Bay Packers' stadium?
119 Sold out, say
120 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1973 hit)
121 Leg, e.g.
122 Tom Cruise/Dustin Hoffman film
123 Puts in place
124 Pastor's talk: Abbr.
125 Legs' counterparts
126 Iran neighbor

DOWN
1 [I'm in shock!]
2 Comics dog
3 Metered car
4 Bldg. units in complexes
5 Pig's home
6 "Ick!"
7 Deep-fried crustacean appetizers
8 Riga native, old-style
9 Aid in crime
10 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)
11 Gloomy
12 Tibias
13 Native of Nuku'alofa
14 Eye care chain
15 Fruit discard
16 Top-tier
17 — Major (constellation)
18 In — of
24 Tightly strung
26 Mineo of "Exodus"
29 "— to Be You" (pop standard)
30 Bartlett, e.g.
31 "Friendly skies" carrier, for short
33 Python's kin
34 — -coated aspirin
35 Large central feature of the Astros' logo
36 — apso
37 Be mistaken
38 Singer Brenda
39 Chicago Loop trains
40 Luau paste
41 British bud
42 Previous to
43 Taking after
44 Singer Rawls
47 Chevy pony car
50 "Let's just leave — that"
51 Toy train, when repeated
52 "— Matata" ("The Lion King" song)
54 Part of FDR
56 Car tankful
57 Spreads out, as fingers
59 Meadowland
60 Crew tool
61 Engine noise
62 Org. for cavity fillers
63 It rises daily
65 Kicked out of a country
66 Chocolaty spread brand
67 U.S. soldiers
70 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)
71 "Sands of Iwo —"
74 Basic trick for a skateboarder
77 Actor O'Toole
79 Baseless bit of gossip
81 Ditzy relative of Samantha on "Bewitched"
83 Sharp punch
84 Singer Yoko
85 "Inc." relative
86 Orbiter with a tail
87 — polloi
88 Olympic code for Kabul's country
89 Oom- — band
90 "C'— la vie"
91 State firmly
92 Fraternity "T"
96 "Well now!"
98 Flat, hollow sounds
99 Crested bird with black-and-white wings
100 Harvard rival
101 Submission encl.
103 Pleads
104 Balm plant
105 Camp shelter
106 Nights before
107 Stewpot
108 Impartial
109 "I wonder ..."
110 Recedes
111 Actress Skye
112 Accurse
113 Morales of film and TV
114 Volcano in Sicily
117 Egypt and Syr., once
118 Crater's edge



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Weather Totals
Sept 1 - Sept 8, 2026

Nursery Bottom
Parsons

Temperature		Precipitation	
Max	91° F	Week	1.77"
Min	53° F	September	2.24"
		2026	46.38"

Snowfall
Winter Total 46.5"

U.S. Forest Service

THANK YOU FOR READING

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF PARSONS
TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

General Notice

City of Parsons (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Water system Improvements Project
TI0-11018

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the **City of Parsons** located at **341 Second Street, Parsons, WV 26287** until **Thursday, October 29, 2026** at **2:00 p.m.** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Installation of new water mains and services to replace deteriorated waterlines including all necessary appurtenances and road repairs, and installation of two (2) emergency generators.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Water System Improvements Project**

The Work will be substantially completed within 330 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run, and completed and ready for final payment within 360 days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Liquidated damages shall be $1,000 per day.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:
https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553
OR
www.thethrashergroup.com

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designate website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

The Thrasher Group, Inc.
600 White Oaks Boulevard
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying the amount of each set listed below.

Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents will be transmitted to the prospective Bidder. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method requested. Bidding Documents are available for purchase in the following formats:

- Bidding Documents issued as hard copy full-size drawings and hard copy specifications, are available for $150.00 per set.
- Bidding Documents i sued as hard copy half-size drawings and hard copy specifications, are available for $100.00 per set.
- Bidding Documents issued as digital drawings and digital specifications, are available for $40.00 per set via the following ink:
  https://tinyurl.com/zu5z8553

Bidding Documents also may be examined at

City of Parsons
341 Second Street
Parsons, WV 26287

The Thrasher Group, Inc.
600 White Oaks Boulevard
Bridgeport, WV 26330

Contractor's Association of WV
2114 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25311

A two envelope system will be used.

Envelope No. 1 must have the following information presented on the front:
Name and address of Bidder
Bid on Contract - Water System Improvements Project
Received by the City of Parsons
Envelope No. 2 labeled "Bid Proposal" shall also be placed inside of Envelope #1.

Envelope No. 1 will be opened first and the Bid Opening Requirement items checked for compliance as outlined on the Bid Opening Checklist on page BOR - 1 of these contract documents. If such documents are found to be in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal", will then be opened and will be publicly read aloud. If the documents required to be contained in Envelope No. 1 are not in order, Envelope No. 2 "Bid Proposal" will not be opened and the Bid will be considered non-responsive and will be returned to the Bidder.

A bidder may not withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to City of Parsons in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid.

Prospective Bidders should note that this Contract will include the following critical requirements as identified in the Contract Documents.

1. Affirmative Action Program Requirements and Goals
2. Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities
3. Specific Labor Standard Provisions
4. WV Contract Licensing Act - All bidders are required to have a WV Contractor's License per Section 30-42-12 of the WV Code.
5. WV Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace Act
6. Executive Order No. 10925, Build America, Buy America
7. Any other requirements deemed critical.

Drug Free Workplace - Virginia Code 21-ID-5 provides that any solicitation for a public improvement construction contract requires each vendor that submits a bid for the work to submit at the same time an affidavit of compliance with the bid. The enclosed drug-free workplace affidavit must be signed and submitted in the first envelope as evidence of the vendor's compliance with the provisions of Article ID, Chapter 21 of the West Virginia code. Failure to submit the signed drug-free workplace affidavit in the first envelope shall result in disqualification of such bid.

Nondiscrimination in Employment - Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order Number 11246 and the provisions of Executive Order No. 10925 as included therein. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.

DBE Requirements - Each Bidder must fully Comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and Affirmative Action Requirements, as identified in the contract documents.

The Bidder agrees to make "positive efforts" to subcontract a portion of the total value of the contract to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) affirmative steps as outlined in 40 CFR 33.240. Failure to demonstrate positive efforts to do so may lead to rejection of bids. For this program, the term "subcontract" includes all construction, modification, and service work contracted for by the bidder in the execution of the work under this contract.

Build America, Buy America Requirements - P.L. 117-58, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs (IIJA) Act, 2021 (Act), includes a "Build America, Buy America (BABA)" requirement in Sections 70911 through 70917 that requires Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) assistance recipients to use iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials that are produced in the United States for projects for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system or treatment works.

Suspension and Debarment - Recipient shall not entertain the use of businesses that are listed on the "System for Award Management" (SAM) at www.Sam.gov in accordance with 2 CFR Part 1532 and Subpart B and C of 2 CFR art 180.

Notice of Federal Wage Requirements - Contractors are required to comply with all laws pertaining to prevailing wage rates for the State of West Virginia as issued by the Division of Labor and the federal wage rates issued in accordance with the Davis Bacon Act. The contractor will be required to pay the higher of the state or federal wage rates appropriate for each worker classification.

All Bidders are required to have a West Virginia Contractor's License per Section §30-42-12 of the West Virginia Code.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in part by grants and loans from: the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant Program, West Virginia Department of Environmental State Revolving Fund and the West Virginia Infrastructure And Jobs Development Council. Neither the United States, the State of West Virginia nor any of their departments, agencies or employees are or twill be a party to this invitation to bid or any resulting contract.

Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. Bids received by Contractors that did not attend the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be returned unopened to the Bidders.

The City of Parsons reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Pre-bid Conference

A mandatory pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Tuesday, September 29, 2026** at **2:00 p.m.** at **City of Parsons, 341 Second Street, Parsons, WV 26287**. Bids will not be accepted from Bidders that do not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: **City of Parsons**
By: **Michael Matlick**
Title: **Mayor**
Date: **Wednesday, September 16, 2026 and Wednesday, September 23, 2026**

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE
OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY
(LEADMINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)

Notice is hereby given that Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will, on or after September 23, 2026 QUITCLAIM, GRANT and CONVEY to **The Trustees of Leadmine Community Church**, all of their right, title and interest in and to the following described lots or parcels of land, situate in St. George District, Tucker County, West Virginia, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL NO. 1: Beginning at a rock, No. 1, on Horseshoe Run Road, and running thence North 82.5 feet to a stone, No. 2; thence nearly West 115.5 feet to a stone, No. 3; thence South 99 feet to a stone, No. 4: thence East 115.5 feet to the beginning, containing .25 of an acre, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 2: Beginning at a 5/8" steel pin on the east side of Horseshoe Run Road, a corner to the church lot (3/353), running thence South 6° 41' 59" West 98.99 feet to 3/4" rebar on the north side of a 10-foot reserved right-of-way, and lying 20 feet east of the Horseshoe Run Road, corner to the church lot, thence North 84° 39' 29" West 86.73 feet, crossing Horseshoe Run Road to a point in Horseshoe Run, thence with the Run, North 15° 25' 34" East 196.25 feet to a point in the Run, opposite the mouth of Laurel Run; thence leaving the Run and running with the meanderings of Laurel Run, South 60° 9' East 68 feet, recrossing the road to an "X" chiseled on the east side of the bridge over Laurel Run, said "X" being 12.20 feet east of the center of Horseshoe Run Road, continuing on the same course, 102 feet (total 170), to a point in the Run: thence South 84° 40' 51" East 119.55 feet to a point in said Run, thence leaving same, and running South 34° 08' 14" West 8.69 feet, to a 3/4" rebar in the line of the south bank of the Run, continuing 77.6 feet farther (total of 86.29 feet) to a 3/4" rebar, thence South 45° 07' 54" West 19.08 feet to a 3/4" rebar, thence South 48° 17' 14" West 31.58 feet to a 3/4" rebar in line by a utility pole, continuing on the same course, 17.33 feet to a ten-foot right-of-way, thence North 81° 20' 23" West 50.06 feet to a planted stone on the north side of said right-of-way and corner to the church lot, thence running with the church lot for two courses, North 05° 45' 49" East 82.10 feet to a 5/8" steel pin, thence North 73° 12' 24" West 84.94 to the beginning, containing .70 of an acre, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 3: Beginning at a 5/8" rebar in a physically existing roadway leading to a cemetery, and at a corner of the .70 acre (Parcel No. 2 above), and running with lines of said parcel, North 48° 18' 51" East 17.27 feet to a 3/4" rebar near a power pole, continuing on the same course, 31.66 feet (total 48.93 feet) to a 3/4" rebar at the southeast edge of a concrete driveway, thence along the concrete driveway, North 45° 03' 12" East 19.07 feet to a 3/4" rebar at the corner of the concrete driveway, leaving it, North 34° 08' 14" East 86.29 feet a point on the south bank of Laural Run (physical location may have changed due to alluvium activity), thence with said .70 acre lot, North 84° 40' 47" West 119.55 feet to a point in the Run, thence up the Run, South 88° 55' 05" East 146.83 feet to a point in the center of Laurel Run, thence leaving said Run, South 30° 39' 46" West 27.77 feet to a 5/8" rebar in line, continuing on the same course, 116.40 feet farther (total 144.17 feet), to a 5/8" rebar on the north side of the cemetery road, thence North 88° 55' 05" West 146.83 feet to the beginning, containing .10 of an acre, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 4A: Beginning at a point in the middle of the county road, opposite an apple tree, the second corner of A. L. Dove's tract, running thence up the county road, North 75° 48" East 33 feet to another point in the county road, thence South 53° 45' East 117.56 feet to a stone in a low place below the grantor's (Twila Stemple) private road, thence South 3° West 158.4 feet to the center of Laurel Run, thence down the Run, North 85° 30' West 80 feet to a point in the middle of the Run, thence with the second line of A. L. Dove's 5/8 acre lot reversed, North 6° 12' West 229.64 feet to the beginning, Containing 18,513 square feet, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 4B: Beginning at a hemlock tree on the east side of Horse Shoe Run, opposite crossroads, thence North 75° East 122.5 feet to a stake in the middle of the county road, opposite an apple tree, thence South 8° East 264 feet to a stake in Laurel Run, with maple pointers, down Laurel Run, thence North 78° West 165 feet to the lower edge of the north abutment of the county bridge, thence North 8° East 132 feet to the beginning, containing 5/8 of an acre, more or less.

PARCEL NO. 5: Beginning at an unspecified corner, generally southeast from the church property of the grantors, running southeast 101 feet to an iron stake, thence southwest 206 feet to an iron stake, thence west 105.5 feet to an iron stake, thence northwest 200 feet to the beginning, containing approximately 20,000 square feet.

And being the same property conveyed to **The Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church**, from Leadmine Community Church also known as Leadmine United Methodist Church by and through its Trustees by Deed dated February 27, 2026 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Tucker County, West Virginia in Deed Book 26, at page 273, reference to which is hereby made.

Said Leadmine United Methodist Church was closed effective May 1, 2026 by resolution of a majority of the District Superintendents of the West Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Dated September 8, 2026.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
By: Robert N. File, Attorney
130 Main Street
Beckley, West Virginia
(304) 253-3358

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUCKER COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA ON BEHALF OF
THE MOUNTAIN REGION DRUG TASK FORCE,
Petitioner,

v. // **CASE NO. 26-C-21**
Hon. Hilary M. Bright

PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING
$1,180.00 U.S. CURRENCY,
Respondent.

Notice of Petition for Forfeiture

Any claimant of the property described below has the right to file a claim in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Tucker County not more than 30 days after the first publication of this Notice on September 16, 2026. Any such claim must clearly state the identity of the claimant and an address where legal process can be served upon that claimant.

Now comes the Petitioner, State of West Virginia, by Savannah Hull Wilkins. Prosecuting Attorney of Tucker County, on behalf of the Mountain Region Drug Task Force and petitions the Court for forfeiture of certain seized property pursuant to West Virginia Code §60A-7-701, *et seq*. In support thereof, the Petitioner avers as follows:

1. Petitioner is State of West Virginia on behalf of the Mountain Region Drug Task Force.
2. Respondent is One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Dollars ($1,180.00) in U.S. Currency; which was seized from the possession of Kadeem R. Santiful aka "Big Baby" (hereinafter "Accused"). Kadeem R. Santifurs last known address is 3704 Brice Run Road, Randallstown, Maryland, 21133. The Accused is being investigated for one (1) count of "Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver" in violation of West Virginia Code §60A-4-401 (a)(i), in Tucker County, West Virginia, after he was found in possession of approximately 112 grams of suspected fentanyl.
3. Petitioner seeks the forfeiture of the following seized property:
   a. One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Dollars ($1,180.00) in U.S. Currency.
4. The property sought to be forfeited, $1,180.00 in U.S. Currency, was seized on August 10, 2026, when law enforcement personnel of the West Virginia State Police-Parsons Detachment and members of the Mountain Region Drug Task Force located contraband within the vehicle being driven by the Accused named herein during a lawful search while conducting a traffic stop in Tucker County, West Virginia and the U.S. Currency sought to be forfeited herein was located on the Accused's person during said traffic stop.
5. Upon information and belief, the above-described property is subject to forfeiture pursuant to West Virginia Code §60A-7-703. More particularly, the U.S. Currency is moneys furnished for or intended to be furnished in violation of West Virginia Code Chapter 60A making it subject to forfeiture pursuant to West Virginia Code §60A-7-703(a)(7). The contraband was located within the vehicle being driven by the Accused named herein during a lawful search while conducting a traffic stop in Parsons, West Virginia and the U.S. Currency sought to be forfeited herein was located on the Accused's person. The circumstances of the seizures tend to prove that the seized property was intended to be used to facilitate a violation of Chapter 60A of the West Virginia Code.
6. Upon information and belief, the owner of the $1,180.00 U.S. Currency seized from the Accused August 10, 2026, is the Accused. The Petitioner does not know of any other person with any ownership interest in the property sought to be forfeited.
7. There are no known persons or corporations having a protected security interest or lien in the subject property, nor are there any known persons or corporations who may be holding a possessory or statutory lien against such property.

Wherefore, your Petitioner prays for an Order directing the forfeiture of the seized property to the Petitioner and vesting ownership of said property with the Petitioner and such other and further relief as the Court finds just.

Savannah Hull Wilkins
Prosecuting Attorney of Tucker County
211 First Street, Suite 207
Parsons, WV 26287

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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)
Wanda Jean Helmick Knotts	Cathy Jo Knotts
1st publication 09/09/26	290 Horseshoe Run Road
2nd publication 09/1/26	Parsons, WV 26287
Tina Louise Bohon	Angela Yuchek
1st publication 09/09/26	11919 Cheat Valley Hwy
2nd publication 09/1/26	Parsons, WV 26287
Edward Alan Ash	Karen Johnson
1st publication 09/09/26	1108 Patton Dr
2nd publication 09/1/26	Morgantown, WV 26292

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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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 30, 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.

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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)
Hoye Lynn Carr	Shirley Ann Carr
1st publication 09/16/26	96 Forest Edge Road
2nd publication 09/23/26	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 file a statement with the 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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Dear Recycle Lady,

I just heard that topping off the gas tank when putting in gas is bad for the environment. How can that be true? I thought added gas meant added mileage. *Doubting Thomas*

Dear Doubting Thomas,

Topping off the gas tank is bad not only for the environment, it is also bad for your car and you. According to John Ibbotson, Consumer Reports' chief mechanic, "Fuel systems have become more sophisticated over time to keep up with increasingly stricter emission laws." That extra bit of fuel could damage the Onboard Refueling Vapor Recovery (ORVR) system that helps reduce hydrocarbon emissions by about 95 percent during refueling" and could ruin the engine that would be expensive to repair. Not only is topping off harmful to the fuel system, it is also harmful to humans as gasoline fumes are toxic. They can cause both respiratory and neurological problems. According to https://www.healthline.com/, gasoline exposure can cause problems with your lungs, mouth, and stomach. It can get gasoline on your hands or clothing and burn your skin depending on the length of time and amount of exposure. Gasoline fumes are also toxic to the ozone layer as they release air pollutants that are toxic, flammable, and carcinogenic. Additionally, when you hear the gas pump click indicating the tank is full, some of the gas you pump after that is going into the hose for the next customer, not in your gas tank. Thus, topping off actually costs you money! For additional information check out: https://www.consumerreports.org/cars/car-maintenance/should-you-top-off-your-cars-gas-tank-a1176503026/.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Today I washed a container and its top to prepare it for recycling. The bottom of the container had a "1" inside the recycle triangle, so I knew it was recyclable. However, I could not find any number or recycle symbol for the top part. If the bottom of a container is recyclable, does that mean that the top of the container is also recyclable? *Puzzled*

Dear Puzzled,

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Last week you said that tree-corridors exist in fragmented forests. My understanding is that there can also be corridors that connect any isolated green spaces. *Also Loves Trees*

Dear Also Loves Trees,

Thanks for writing. You are correct in saying that corridors can connect any isolated spaces. However, these corridors are more commonly called green corridors. Green corridors are strategically planned networks that connect any green spaces or perhaps are links in landscaping. They may also be called biodiversity or ecological corridors which are corridors designed to protect the biological diversity of large portions of land. Pathways may be found in cities, roads, crops or logging activities as they help mitigate urban development's impact on the environment. Corridors of all kinds serve as pathways for wildlife and allow the free movement of animals, facilitate seed dispersal and expand vegetation cover.

Interesting Info: Turtles have existed for about 230 million years. Today there are about 330 different species of turtles ranging from those that will fit in the palm of your hand to ones that weigh up to 1,800 pounds!

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Tucker County Parks and Recreation and Holly Meadows Golf Course would like to thank ALL the participants, volunteers and hole sponsors for making The Neil Gutshall Memorial Golf Tournament a GREAT SUCCESS !! Especially St. George Medical Center for presenting a $50,000.00 prize for a hole-in-one and Performance Chevrolet of Elkins for providing a new car for a hole-in-one.

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Congratulations to Carleigh Bolyard for landing a hole-in-one on hole #7 at the Neil Gutshall Memorial Golf Tournament! St. George Medical Clinic was honored to sponsor this hole and celebrate alongside our community. Events like this remind us how special it is to be part of Tucker County, and we are very proud to have St. Geroge Medical Clinic support the community and causes that bring us all together. Thank you St. Geroge and What a shot, Carleigh!





Labor Day weekend always marks the extraordinary tournament held in honor of the legendary man and coach: Neil Gutshall. Every year we write about Coach Gutshall and his demeanor and vision. This year was a little different as we celebrated Coach Gutshall's birthday. Neil Gutshall would have been one hundred years old, and his son's Tom and Bob were so immensely proud to be honoring their dad during this annual event. Tom and Bob realize how much their dad loved golf and Holly Meadows Golf Course and how happy he would be to see the Golf Course thriving. However, we all realize that without Coach Gutshall's initial volunteer work, Holly Meadows Golf Course may not be the excellent course it is today. His dream was to have a top-notch golf course that the community could afford and would forever enjoy. Through his many tireless hours, Coach Gutshall helped to create Holly Meadows Golf Course as one of the most beautiful golf courses where all could play and enjoy an affordable round of golf. Coach Gutshall loved golfing, and he wanted to create a venue where everyone would have an opportunity to gain experience and to love the game. Coach Gutshall's name is very much respected throughout the community. His love of coaching and his love of golf draws the admiration of all. Jeff Felton of Texas, formerly from Tucker County said, "what a nice way to honor such a humble man." Coach Gutshall always spoke highly of his players on and off the field. Because of his demeanor, Coach Gutshall was very much respected and regarded as one of our finest coaches in Tucker County. One of his former students, Mrs. Angie Evans said, "Neil Gutshall was one of my teachers and is very much respected throughout the county." Mrs. Evans, her husband Jeff Evans, and two sons, Skyler and Shane Humphrey, have been hole sponsors for many years. She said, "we are glad to help honor such a nice man and to also support the Holly Meadows Golf Course." Other community members commented that Coach Gutshall, "was a man to be remembered, and he impacted so many people in so many ways." One member commented that Coach Gutshall "was a man who put his ALL into coaching and instilled in his teams the BEST of what it takes to become a man but above all he was a friend and asset to this community." Coach Gutshall's granddaughters, Laura and Jessica, shared their memories of their grandfather and how special this man was in their life. Community members commented that Coach Gutshall was a "dedicated man," "such a positive influence and role model," and finally one commented that Coach Gutshall was truly "just wonderful man." Another golf club member commented that, "Coach Neil and Golf – A Perfect Pairing."

Many volunteers are following in Coach Gutshall's footsteps. Under the direction of his son, Tom Gutshall, and the Tucker County Parks and Recreation Board, Holly Meadows Golf Course continues to develop and thrive. Every year the board decides projects that enhance the golf course's pristine condition.

Each year we have competitors that are continually amazed at how much the Holly Meadows Golf Course improves. Among this year's 130 golfers, you repeatedly hear compliments about how beautiful the setting and surroundings are and as always, the key question is, "how do we keep the course in its present unspoiled conditions?" Our answer is always, "the volunteers make this golf course one of the best places to play golf." Just as Coach Gutshall did, volunteers such as the late Bob Gainer take pride in making Holly Meadows Golf Course a place golfers want to return. Also, we are always grateful for Todd Bolyard. Although Todd is an employee, he takes so much pride in the golf course and its maintenance. He goes far beyond his job to make sure Holly Meadows is a golf course that many want to play.

Many golfers say that Holly Meadows course conditions are unparalleled to other courses that are much larger with a substantial budget for the personnel needed for maintenance and preservation of their courses. The competitors cannot believe that work on the course is through the work of its membership and volunteers and only one paid employee. On any given day of the week, you will find such volunteers as Bill Evick, Joe Evans, Nick Channel, Todd Bolyard, Gary Lester, and Eldon Plaugher working on a project from cutting trees, treating the greens, and filling holes in the driveways. Because of the course conditions and the actual tournament competition, we have golfers returning year after year including Gary Chenoweth from Texas to compete. We have several father and son teams that say this is one competition that they enjoy the most because they can play as a father/son team. One father and son team returning with his eleven-year-old son from Ohio agree that the event is one they plan to attend each year. Many of the competitors talked about this young man as the next Ohio state golf champion. However, his father said, "We definitely are making memories, and I wouldn't miss this opportunity to be with my son."

Because the tournament is "flighted," everyone competes with like abilities, creating the best competition possible. Every year, competitors are greeted with an outstanding venue along with delicious food throughout the two days of competition. Tom Gutshall, (president of the golf course committee) and Bob Gutshall, sons of Neil Gutshall both agree that their dad would be so pleased that so many golfers come to Holly Meadows Golf Course and compete in his honor.

This year we also recognized and celebrated what would have been Coach Gutshall's 100th birthday. Truly Coach Gutshall is smiling with pride as Holly Meadows Golf Course continues to thrive and grow.

This tournament had 130 golfers playing as a two-person team scramble format ranging from the incredibly young golfers to our seniors. Golfers in this year's event experienced some of the worse weather on Saturday that forced a delay of over three hours. However, no one was discouraged and after the storm many of the players went out on the greens and helped to prepare them for play. However, on Sunday the weather could not have been more perfect for golfing.

Golfers agreed that the tournament's organization was flawless and very enjoyable. On the first day of competition, St. George Medical Clinic provided a $50,000 prize for a hole-in-one. This community is extremely fortunate to have Paul Wamsley, CEO of St. George Medical Clinic always willing to support community events. Although, no one won the $50,000 hole-in-one, Carleigh Bolyard was able to sink a hole-in-one on number seven claiming a $1000 dollar gift certificate. On Sunday we were extremely happy to welcome Performance Chevrolet as a hole-in-one sponsor. Christine Darlington, owner and Daniel Matthews, BDC Manager of Performance Chevrolet of Elkins provided a Chevy Trax as a hole-in-one prize. Holly Meadows and Tucker County Parks and Recreation deeply appreciate their support. Although no one won the car, it certainly made the tournament thrilling. While no one won the hole-in-one prizes, it goes to the integrity of the tournament that St. George Medical Clinic and Performance Chevrolet of Elkins provide such support in making this event so successful.

However, many businesses throughout Tucker and Randolph County provided hole sponsorship and/or door prizes that always facilitate in creating this wonderful and successful tournament.

In the Championship Flight the winners, were Smith/Dillinger.

Two new winners for this event. They were extremely excited!

The results were:

- **Championship Flight-** 1st (Smith/Dillinger), 2nd (Hopwood/Shreve), 3rd (Stout/Hamrick), 4th (Sublett/Mohr)
- **First Flight-** 1st (Bolyard/Mason), 2nd (Sims/Pingley) 3rd (Spotloe/Shaeffer), 4th (Clifton/Denison), 5th (Osborne/Osborne).
- **Second Flight-** 1st (Kimble/Holt), 2nd (Betler/Betler), 3rd (Gorham/Gorham), 4th (Barb/Middlemas), 5th (Moore/Kisamore)
- **Third Flight-** 1st (Elmoore/Hopwood), 2nd (Keesecker/Keesecker), 3rd (Fox/Hymes), 4th (Clark/Smith), 5th (Channel/Brown)
- **Fourth Flight-** 1st (Jarrett/Jarrett), 2nd (Chenoweth/Louk), 3rd (Hart/Hopwood), 4th (Robey/Ours), 5th (Sperry/Sperry)
- **Fifth Flight-** 1st (Davis/Hockman), 2nd (Higgins/Higgins), 3rd (Swecker/Prunty).



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Obituary

Sharon Ann "Sherry" Fox



Sharon Ann "Sherry" Fox, 79, of Morgantown, West Virginia, passed away at home on September 8, 2026. She was born on January 18, 1947, in Fairview, West Virginia, to the late Harold Stephen and Edith Forsythe Walters and lived a life marked by devotion to her family, her faith, and the many people whose lives she touched with her kindness and steady presence.

Sherry was the beloved wife of Dana Fox and a loving mother to Stephenie Torres and her husband Robert, Thomas Grant Fox Sr. and his wife Kim, Michael Fox, and Brian Fox and his wife Dawn. She was a cherished sister to Robert Walters and Mark Bigler. She leaves behind eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her great joy and pride throughout her life. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold Stephen Walters and Edith Victoria Forsythe Walters; and her brother, John Walters.

Sherry graduated from Davis High School in Davis, West Virginia, and later built a long and respected career at the WVU College of Arts and Science, where she worked as a Computer Data Processor. She was known for her dependability, her strong work ethic, and the quiet dedication she brought to everything she did. Her years of service reflected the same care and commitment that she showed in every part of her life.

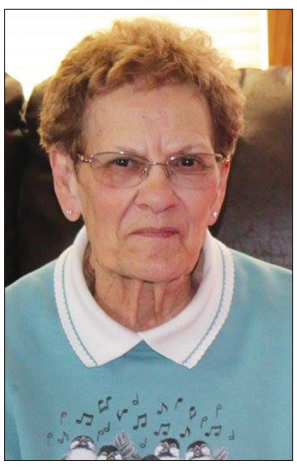
Faith was an important part of Sherry's life. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and also took part in the St. Paul Lutheran Church Quilting Group. Through her church and its fellowship, she formed meaningful friendships and shared her time and talents with others. Her gentle spirit and warm heart were evident to all who knew her, and she found comfort and strength in her faith community.

Above all, Sherry loved taking care of her grandchildren. She treasured time spent with them and found great happiness in being present for their lives. Her family was the center of her world, and she will be remembered for the love, encouragement, and unwavering support she gave so freely. Her legacy lives on in the many memories she created and in the family she so dearly loved.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to WV Caring Hospice and Home Instead, specifically: Rita Richards, Kimberly Michaels, and Mary Michael.

Family and friends gathered in McCulla Funeral Home on Friday, September 11, 2026, from 3-6 pm. Visitation continued on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 11 am until the funeral service at 12 pm. Following the service, Sherry was laid to rest in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.mcculla.com.

Anna Margaret Cangley



In Loving Memory of Anna Margaret Cangley (Davis), but known in this community as Granny. May 22, 1929 - August 28, 2026

Ann, beloved matriarch and the heart of our family, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones, on August 28, 2026, at the age of 97.

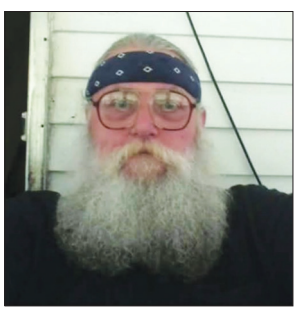
Across nearly a century of life, Ann built a legacy defined by unconditional love, quiet strength, and an open-door heart. Born in Tucker County in 1929, she lived through eras of profound change, anchoring everyone around her with her quick wit, wise counsel, and grace.

Throughout her 97 years, she embraced life, living each day to its fullest. She taught generations of her family the value of hard work, the healing power of laughter, and the importance of pulling up an extra chair to the table for anyone who needed it. Her home was a sanctuary, her kitchen was always warm, and her listening ear was unmatched. Many in Thomas will remember her peanut butter fudge, chocolate cake with caramel icing, and pumpkin cookies just to name a few.

Family was everything to Granny. She is reunited with her beloved husband, Donald "Pork" Cangley; children, Victor Mazitis and Betsy Cangley; and son in law, John Cangley . She is survived by four children, Ronald Cangley (Jacie), Douglas Cangley (Tracy), Lisa Huffman (Carl), and Mark Cangley (Bethany); her 11 grandchildren, Cynthia (Michael), Vicki (Casey), Derek (Alisa), Tyler (Sam), Lauren, Colton (Lauren), Ryan, Sydney, Seth (Courtney), Emerson, and Callee; ten great-grandchildren, Paige, Ava, Claire, Clyde, Westyn, Ryden, Mallory, Parker, Listyn, and Cora; and a wide circle of extended family and friends.

A celebration of life was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Thomas on September 12 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception. Granny loved her years of being a cook at DTEMS and was proud to be known as Granny to the children during and after their school years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to the DTEMS Playground Fund. Donations can be mailed to the school with "DTEMS Playground Fund" in the memo line.

Orlan Richard Phillips, II



Orlan Richard Phillips, II, age 69 years, a resident of Smokey Hollow, Parsons, WV departed this life Thursday evening, September 10, 2026, at the WV Caring Hospice Center at Elkins, WV. He had been in declining health.

He was born Wednesday, September 12, 1956, at Parsons, WV, a son of the late Orlan Richard Phillips, Sr. and Roberta Mae Vance Phillips.

Surviving are two daughters, Katrina Dawn Phillips of Parsons and Destiny Hope Phillips-Judy and husband Michael of Whitmer; four brothers, Philip "Philco" Phillips and wife Loretta of Davis, Johnathan Jeffery "Beak" Phillips of Parsons, William Joseph "Batson" Phillips of Parsons and Thomas Jerry "Klinger" Phillips and wife Shelma of North Carolina; three sisters, Mary Helen "Mert" Triplett of Parsons, Gladys Marie "Peggy" Phillips of Parsons and Shawna Michelle Echeverria and husband Pedro of South Carolina; four grandchildren, Luke and Laci Phillips and Christopher and Christina Phillips; five great grandchildren; and he had been previously married to Tammy Patch.

Preceding him in death by his former wife, Cathy Phillips.

He attended the schools of Tucker County and had worked at the Canaan Valley Resort, working security, maintenance and he was a lift operator. He had also worked at the Shop n Save in Parsons and Davis. Orlan enjoyed socializing with people and spending time with his daughter's dog.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Monday, September 21, 2026, from 12 Noon until 2 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 2 PM. Pastor Adam Snyder will officiate, and interment will follow at the Parsons City Cemetery at Parsons, West Virginia. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Orlan Richard Phillips, II. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

West Virginia Department of Health Highlights WIC Support for Families Facing Limited Cooking Facilities Following Storms



CHARLESTON, W.Va. – In the wake of recent flooding and severe weather that has impacted communities throughout the Mountain State, the West Virginia Department of Health (DH) is reinforcing its commitment to ensuring all families have access to essential nutrition. The Department is reminding participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) that specialized food package adjustments are available for those facing challenges with food preparation or storage.

"Recovery is about rebuilding homes and restoring what was lost, but it's also about caring for the people and families who are working to put their lives back together," shared Secretary of Health Dr. Arvin Singh. "Making sure WIC families have better access to food means one less thing they have to carry during an already difficult time. We hope, in addition to nourishment, this provides comfort and stability when people need it most."

The "Limited Cooking Facilities" package is designed to support WIC participants living in situations where access to water, reliable cooking equipment, refrigeration, or adequate storage is compromised. This adjustment is available in all 55 West Virginia counties, ensuring that help is accessible regardless of location.

To better serve those in temporary or emergency housing, this modified package includes nutritious items that require minimal preparation. Allowable substitutions within this package may include shelf-stable options such as evaporated milk, nonfat dry milk, baked beans, and pre-prepared items like hard-boiled eggs.

Participants whose ability to store or prepare food has changed due to the recent emergencies are encouraged to contact their local WIC clinic to see if the Limited Cooking Facilities package is the right choice for their household.

As communities continue their recovery efforts, the DH also advises participants to check with their local approved retailers. While the state is working closely with vendors, some grocery stores may have adjusted hours or have limited inventory. Local clinics can provide further guidance on where WIC benefits are currently being accepted.

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informed the Town Council of the request during the Town Council Meeting on September 9th at Davis Town Hall.

"They really would like us to shut it down for the entirety of the winter period, as opposed to just snow events," Tomson said.

The DOH cited the reasons as being hard to manage because drivers do not read existing signs and it leads to vehicles having to be towed throughout the winter. Issues on the road have included significant narrowing of the roadway from improper parking that has caused tractor trailers to not be able to pass and have blocked the road.

"The DOH's vote, the Department of Highways' vote is we do it for the entire period," Tomson said. "Maybe we can compress the period and not make it quite as big, but that is what their thought is."

Councilman Joe Holmes said that he worried about leaving the parking closed all winter due to winter being the town's busy season. He also said he feared it would be hard to enforce because people were likely to park there anyway.

Council Member Catherine Fleischman suggested parking closure during overnight hours or select hours for snow removal. However, Councilman Doug Martin said that the issues have been "going on for 20 years" and the DOH "finally put their foot down and wanted an ordinance passed."

While no decision was made by the council during the meeting, the matter would be taken up at the next meeting.

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Kanawha County. Blizzard became one of West Virginia's most influential and controversial labor leaders, playing a key role in the Battle of Blair Mountain and later serving as UMWA District 17 president.

Sept. 20, 1911: Musician Frank De Vol was born in Moundsville. He scored more than 50 movies and earned five Oscar nominations but is best remembered for his theme music to the TV shows My Three Sons, Family Affair and The Brady Bunch.

Sept. 20, 1914: Ken Hechler was born on Long Island, New York. Hechler served 18 years in the U.S. Congress and four terms as West Virginia's secretary of state.

Sept. 21, 1921: Musician Rex Parker was born in Maplewood, Fayette County. He performed on radio stations WCHS in Charleston and WJLS in Beckley. In 1941, he married Eleanora Niera, and they performed on radio and TV as Rex and Eleanor Parker until his death in 1999.

Sept. 21, 1937: The West Virginia Conservation Commission acquired 6,705 acres in Kanawha County to create Kanawha State Forest. Redevelopment of the land, which had been heavily mined and timbered, began the next year by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Sept. 21, 1970: Filming began in Moundsville on the movie Fools' Parade, based on the novel by Davis Grubb. The filming concluded one month later when Grubb came to Moundsville for a dinner, accompanied by his dog, making the $750 round trip from New York City in a taxi.

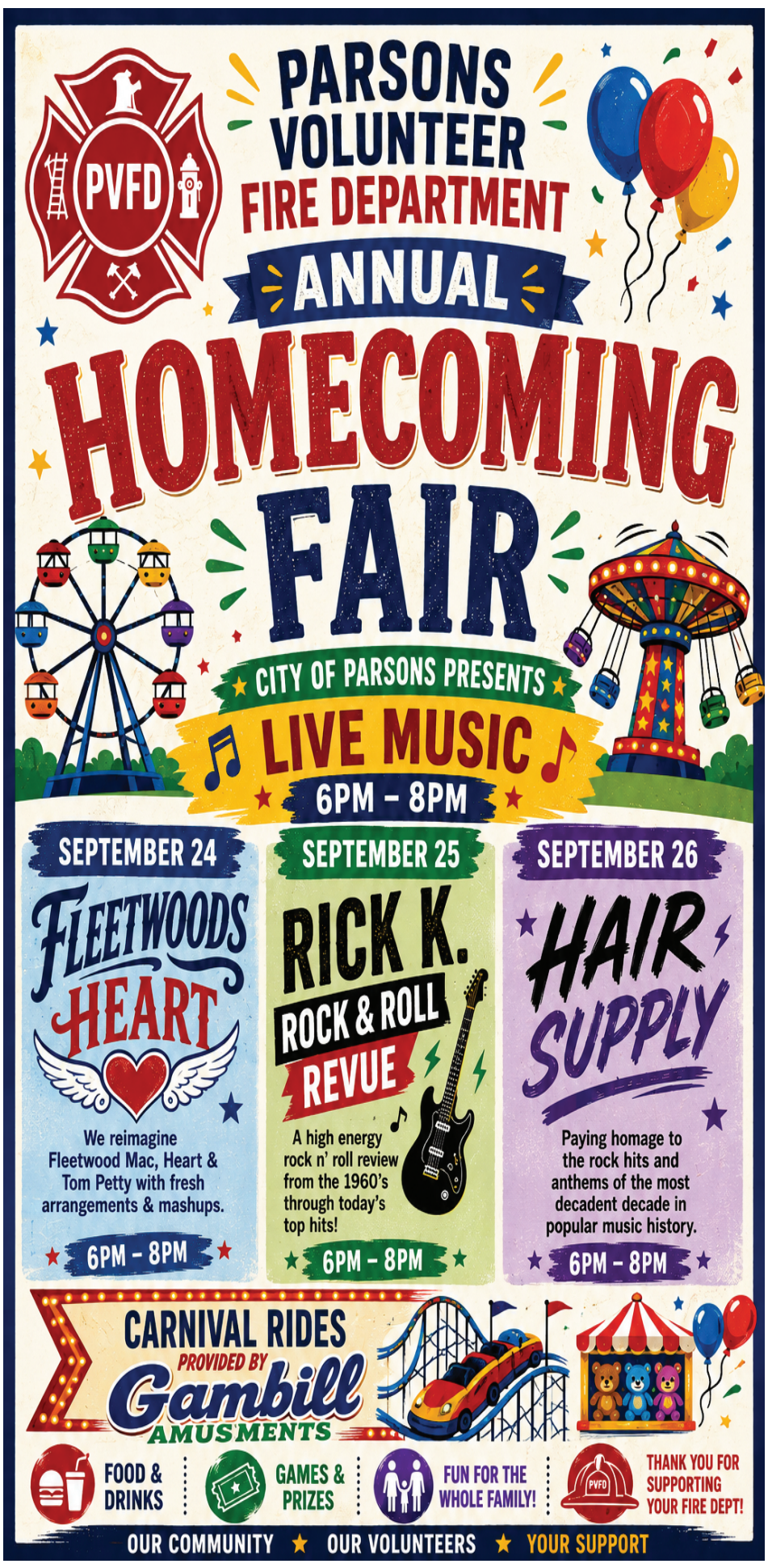
Sept. 22, 1856: Albert Blakeslee "A. B." White was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was West Virginia's 11th governor, serving from 1901 to 1905. He was the fourth person to serve as governor from Wood County, his adopted home.

Sept. 22, 1893: Elizabeth Simpson Drewry was born in Virginia but soon moved to Elkhorn, McDowell County. In 1950, she became the first Black woman elected to the legislature. In 1956, she introduced a constitutional amendment that allowed women to serve on juries in West Virginia.

Sept. 22, 1948: Musician Buddy Griffin was born in Richwood. He performed on the Grand Ole Opry more than 200 times and contributed to over 150 recordings during a career spanning more than four decades. He also helped establish an accredited bluegrass music program at Glenville State College (now University).

Sept. 22, 1975: Charleston native Sara Jane Moore failed in her attempt to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco. She later served prison time at the Alderson Federal Prison Camp.

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