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Blackwater Falls in October



Blackwater Falls State Park near the campground turn. Photo by Beverly Ellison.



Blackwater Falls State Park sled run, including the hikers after the WonderFall hike.Photo by Beverly Ellison.



David Simmons and Gary Nelson work on the Blue Star Memorial Marker in Parsons. Photo courtesy of Faith Moore.

Blue Star Memorial Marker Receives a Beautification Makeover

The Blue Star Memorial Marker on Route 72 North in Parsons has received a much-needed beautification makeover, thanks to the combined efforts of the Mountaineer Garden Club (MGC), community volunteers, the Tucker County Commission, and the City of Parsons.

The National Garden Clubs, Inc. Blue Star Memorial Program honors the men and women who have served, are currently serving, or will serve in the United States Armed Forces. The Mountaineer Garden Club originally dedicated this marker on June 12, 2021, as a lasting tribute to our military personnel and their sacrifices.

Unfortunately, last year a falling tree branch toppled the marker. The City of Parsons made the necessary repairs, restoring the sign to its previous placement. However, landscaping was still needed to enhance the area and draw attention to this meaningful memorial.

Mountaineer Garden Club members Crystal Nelson, Faith Moore, and Club President Bonnie Smith met with Tucker County Commissioner Mike Rosenaur to dis-

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Road Work Information

County Route 219/4 (Mackeyville Road) will have a full road closure beginning Monday, October 19, 2026, through Friday, October 30, 2026, for work related to the Roaring Run Bridge project

TUCKER COUNTY, WV - County Route 219/4 (Mackeyville Road) will have a full road closure, at 7:00 a.m., beginning Monday, October 19, 2026, through Friday, October 30, 2026, for work related to the Roaring Run Bridge project. Work will begin at the intersection of US 219 and County Route 219/4 (Mackeyville Road) and will end approximately .30 miles south on Mackeyville Road. Road-closed signs will be placed at both ends of the work site. All traffic must seek alternate routes. There will be no special allowance for emergency vehicles, school buses or United States Postal Service. All traffic needing to access Mackeyville Road will have to enter from the Hambleton side.

Fall Prescribed Burns Planned for Tucker County Mon Forest

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

The Tucker County portion of the Monongahela National Forest will conduct a series of fall prescribed burns from Mid October through mid November, weather permitting. The purpose of these treatments are to re-establish fire's natural role in the forest ecosystem, improve forest health and wildlife habitat and reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires, according to the Forest Service.

The planned prescribed burns are scheduled for Nursery Bottom, a 52 acre area in Tucker County and the Upper John B. Hollow, a 210 acre area of Tucker County, as well as Upper Greenbrier North, a 464 acre area of Pocahontas County.

The burn areas will be closed to the public for not only the day of the burn, but also potentially several days after to ensure public safety, the Forest Service said. The Forest Service will post signs on roads near all prescribed burn areas before and during burning. Smoke may be visible to residents and visitors for several days following.

If smoke is encountered on the road, the Forest Service suggests to slow down, turn on the vehicle's headlights and drive appropriately to conditions.

"Prescribed burns are conducted under specific weather conditions and are designed to accomplish per-determined forest management goals," the Forest Service said. "Monongahela National Forest follows strict guidelines for conducting prescribed burns, and takes into consideration environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, smoke dispersion and wind. If any environmental conditions are not within limits, the burn will be postponed."

For more information about Monongahela National Forest, visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/r09/monongahela or https://www.facebook.com/MonongahelaNF.

Fall Turkey Season Opens

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

Residents of Tucker County may have awoke October 10th to the sound of hunters gathering gobblers to fill freezers for Thanksgiving. Fall Turkey Season began October 10th in West Virginia.

"We encourage hunters to take the opportunity to reconnect with the outdoors and pursue one of West Virginia's most elusive game birds," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "There's nothing like bagging your own wild turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. It's a wonderful tradition to share with family and friends, and we remind everyone to stay safe, follow season regulations and make the most of West Virginia's unmatched autumn woods."

From October 10th to the 18th is the first segment in all 55 counties. A second segment will be open October 26th to November 1st and provides an additional week of opportunity in 16 counties. A final third segment will be open October 26th to November 15th and provides three additional weeks of hunting in 14 counties. Tucker County is included in the October 10th to the 18th and October 26th to November 15th category for hunters.

During the fall turkey season, only one bird of either sex can be harvested using a bow, crossbow or gun. These restrictions include air rifles that are .22 caliber or larger. Hunting hours range from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Hunters are prohibited from the use of electronic calls, bait or dogs.

The DNR reports the most common violations WVDNR police officers observe during turkey hunting seasons are the following:

- Hunting over bait
- Hunting without license
- Improper license
- Making false application for license
- Exceeding the limits
- Failure to field tag turkey
- Illegal possession of wildlife
- Hunting without permission

Reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of person found guilty of illegally killing a turkey – $200 .

Hunters aged 15 and over are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license and valid form of identification while hunting. Licenses can be purchased across the state at agents or online at Wvhunt.com.

Federal Disaster Assistance Announced For Tucker County

By: Lydia Crawley
The Parsons Advocate

On October 7th, Governor Patrick Morrisey announced additional Federal Disaster Assistance for several West Virginia Counties, including Tucker. The assistance was part of continued support from severe summer storms and flooding beginning July 21st.

"I want to thank President Trump and his administration for approving this assistance and continuing to stand with West Virginia as our communities recover," said Governor Morrisey. "Our local emergency managers, first responders and volunteers worked alongside the state and FEMA to document the damage and make the case for this assistance. We will keep working to get resources where they are needed and help these communities rebuild."

In the case of Tucker County, the President approved Public Assistance. The Public Assistance Program provides federal funding on a cost-share basis for emergency work, debris removal and the repair or replace of damaged public infrastructure, including roads and utilities.

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News of Record

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

- **Jonathan M. Rosier,** Black Fork District, Parcel and Lot 155 ½ Rds., Bretz 1 acre to Richard Wood $192,900.
- **C&C Property Management LLC,** Davis Corporation S 1.2 Lot 158, Eighth Street; 20 x 140 and Lot 157 S P Eighth Street 60 x 140 to Q4 Holdings LLC, $185,000.
- **James S. Arnold, Jr., Rebecca S. Paugh, Charles W. Arnold and Robert P. Arnold,** Davis Corporation, Confirmatory Deed: Part Lot 415, Lot 414, Part Lot 413 to James S. Arnold, Jr., Rebecca S. Paugh, Charles W. Arnold and Robert P. Arnold.
- **Debra Davis,** Parsons Corporation, Lot 136, Jameson Avenue to Matthew Ryan Johnson and Steven Jams Mitchell, $135,000.

BLUE STAR

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The Blue Star Memorial Marker in Parsons recently underwent a makover thanks to the combined efforts of the Mountaineer Garden Club, Community Volunteers, the Tucker County Commission and the City of Parsons. The Parsons Advocate Photo by Teri Cayton.

cuss funding for the landscaping project. A grant was secured to purchase supplies for a raised garden bed in the shape of a five-pointed star surrounding the marker. Although the grant covered materials, additional help was needed to complete the project.

Crystal Nelson reached out to David Simmons, who generously volunteered his stone-laying expertise and services. Crystal's father, Gary Nestor, also joined the effort to help bring the project to completion.

The MGC work crew included Crystal Nelson, project committee chair, who coordinated the many details involved in securing supplies and working with everyone involved. As West Virginia Garden Club, Inc. (WVGCI) Blue Star Chair, Faith Moore also brought her dedication to the Blue Star Memorial Program to this important community project. Helping hands Linda Sherman and Sandra Hockman provided additional support.

The City of Parsons also played an important role in the project. City Manager Mike Simmons coordinated city workers to repair the marker and generously provided soil to fill the new garden bed.

Through this wonderful community partnership, the Blue Star Memorial Marker has been transformed into an attractive and meaningful tribute to the brave men and women who serve our nation. Their dedication and generosity have helped ensure that this memorial will continue to honor our Armed Forces for years to come.

Voter Registration Reminder

Residents of Tucker County have until Tuesday, Oct. 13, to register to vote or update their registration ahead of the Nov. 3 general election, according to the secretary of state's office.

In person early voting for Tucker County residents runs from Oct. 21–31. Tucker County voters can vote early at the Courthouse Annex, 211 Annex 2 in Parsons 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the Tucker County Courthouse at (304) 478-2866.

Vandalia Health Davis Medical Center to offer free workshop for dementia caregivers

ELKINS, W.Va. – Vandalia Health Davis Medical Center will offer a free workshop, Dealing with Dementia, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Davis Medical Center Education Office, 100 Main Street, Elkins.

The workshop, designed for people caring for family members with dementia, is free and open to the public. Registration is required by Oct. 19, and space is limited.

Offered through Davis Medical Center's Nurses Improving Care for Health-system Elders (NICHE) program, the workshop was developed by the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving. It provides practical tips and strategies to help caregivers care for their loved ones while supporting their own well-being.

Participants will learn about dementia, strategies for managing dementia-related behaviors and ways to incorporate stress management and self-care into their daily lives. Each participant will receive a copy of the Dealing with Dementia guide, which includes more than 300 pages of information and solutions to everyday caregiving challenges.

Many family members take on caregiving responsibilities without formal training or education. While caregiving can be a rewarding expression of love, its physical and emotional demands can be challenging. The workshop aims to support local families by helping caregivers build knowledge, confidence and habits that support their well-being.

"Caring for a loved one with dementia can feel overwhelming, especially when families are navigating new challenges without training or support," said Kim Haher, RN, BSN, Gero-BC, of Vandalia Health Davis Medical Center. "This workshop offers practical tools caregivers can use at home and reinforces that caring for themselves is an essential part of caring for their loved one."

Davis Medical Center holds Exemplar designation through the NICHE program, its highest level of recognition for excellence in caring for older adults. The hospital first earned NICHE designation in 2016, achieved Exemplar status in 2024 and received redesignation in 2026. Through education, evidence-based practices and collaboration across care teams, the program helps address the unique needs of older patients and supports their families and caregivers.

To register for the workshop, call 304-704-9065 by Oct. 19.

GHSP: October Click It or Ticket

CHARLESTON, WV — Local law enforcement agencies are partnering with the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) for the statewide Click It or Ticket mobilization from October 9-31, 2026. This high-visibility enforcement effort aims to ensure every driver and passenger on West Virginia roads is buckled up correctly. By increasing seat belt usage, the GHSP continues its mission to save lives across the state.

The October Click It or Ticket mobilization runs in conjunction with the Operation Crash Reduction, a regional campaign aimed at reducing crashes, injuries, and fatalities during the Columbus Day weekend (October 9-12, 2026). Historically, it is one of the deadliest holiday weekends for fatal crashes in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Region 3 program area. Region 3 includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Nationally, the statistics underscore the vital importance of seat belt use: 59% of killed passenger vehicle occupants aged 18 to 34 were unbuckled. Gender differences in fatalities are also significant, with unbuckled men dying in crashes more often than women (53% vs. 40%). Vehicle type is a factor as well; pickup truck occupants killed who were unbuckled accounted for 59%, compared to 47% for passenger cars. Furthermore, seat position plays a role: while 47% of front-seat fatalities involved unbelted occupants, that figure rose to 58% for back-seat fatalities.

"We want all drivers and passengers traveling in West Virginia to be safe on the roadways and to always wear their seat belt," said Gov. Patrick Morrisey.

In 2024, there were a total of 256 fatalities on West Virginia's roadways. Twenty-Seven percent of those fatalities were occupants who were unrestrained. Of the 157 passenger vehicle occupant fatalities, nearly 44 percent were unrestrained. To help save lives, law enforcement officers across West Virginia will be out in full force, ticketing drivers who are caught traveling without a correctly buckled seat belt or transporting unrestrained children. This statewide seat belt campaign is aimed at enforcing seat belt use to help keep all vehicle occupants safe.

"Seat belt enforcement is one of the most direct ways we can protect drivers and passengers in our community," said Sgt. Greg Britton of the Vienna Police Department. "Wearing a seat belt is a simple action that dramatically reduces the risk of injury or death in a crash. During this Click It or Ticket campaign, our officers will be actively enforcing seat belt laws to ensure everyone stays safe on the road."

"Unbuckled drivers or passengers have a higher likelihood of being killed if they are in a crash. At the current statewide seat belt usage rate of nearly 92 percent, we still have some work to do to keep everyone safe on the roadways. . The reality is: seat belts save lives. Not buckling up is not worth the risk. Click It. Don't Risk It," said Jack McNeely, GHSP Director.

Wearing your seat belt is required by law, but don't just buckle up to avoid a ticket. The values of our families' and friends' lives in West Virginia are incalculable. The $25 violators pay if ticketed pales in comparison to the lives of the people we love most. If you are caught driving while unbuckled and you get a ticket, look at it as your wake-up call. A ticket is far less expensive than paying with your life or the lives of your family and friends.

For more information about the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program, visit highwaysafety.wv.gov or call 304-926-2509.

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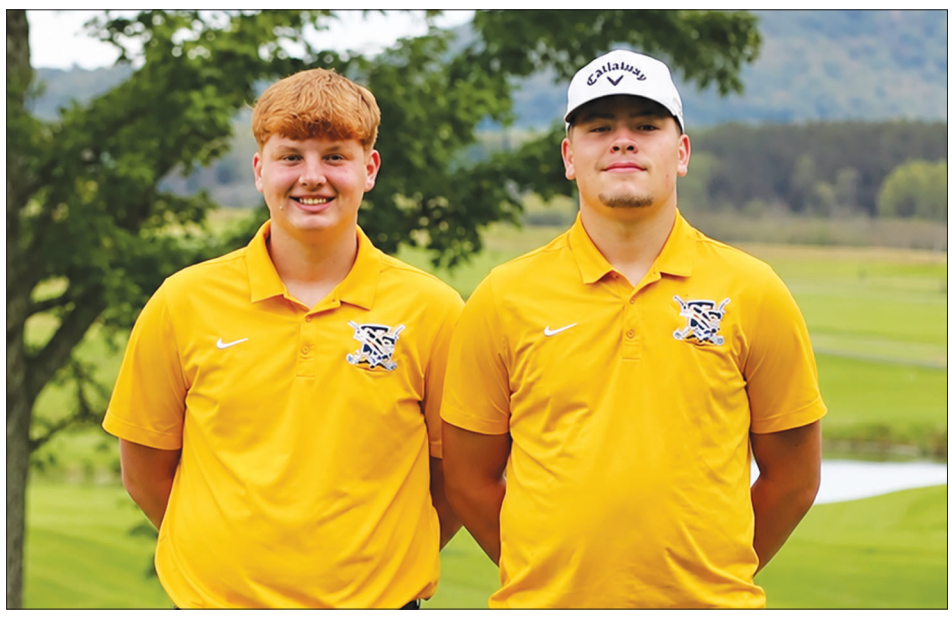
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SPORTS



Drew Simmons & Nate Davis, 2026 State Qualifiers

Davis and Simmons Qualify for State Golf Meet at Oglebay Resort

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County High School (TCHS) golf team competed in the Class A Region II tournament at Canaan Valley Resort Golf Club on Monday. Each team was limited to four golfers, with the team score determined by the three lowest individual scores. The top two teams advanced to the two-day State Golf Championship at Oglebay Resort on October 14-15. Additionally, the top two individual golfers who were not members of qualifying teams earned spots in the state tournament.

Heading into the regional tournament, the Tucker County team was optimistic about its chances of advancing to the state tournament. However, despite Tucker's consistent performance leading up to the event, the team struggled to find its rhythm on the course. The Mountain Lions finished with a team score of 262, just five strokes behind second-place Tygarts Valley. Tucker County finished 14 strokes behind regional champion Pendleton County High School, which recorded its best round of the season at a crucial time.

Despite narrowly missing out on team qualification, Tucker County celebrated two individual qualifiers. Seniors Nate Davis and Drew Simmons both earned spots in the State Golf Championship for the second consecutive year. Davis finished third overall with a score of 83, while Simmons placed fifth with an 85. Their performances secured their return to the state tournament and gave Tucker County two representatives at the championship.

Davis and Simmons are scheduled to tee off Wednesday morning between 9:10 and 9:20 a.m. as they begin their first rounds at Oglebay Resort. Community members can follow their progress through the WVSSAC Golf app or by visiting iWanamaker.com and searching for the WVSSAC Class A State Championship.

Tucker Valley JV Football Nets Home Win over Elkins , 28-6

By: Adam Freeman

With Tucker Valley's varsity football squad on a bye week, the junior varsity took center stage as they hosted the neighboring Elkins Hornets. Tucker would get things started as QB Eli Bowley would find his tight end in the flat, as Nelson Herron scored from one yard out. Bowley would then connect with Bryson Pica in the back of the end zone to complete the two-point try, as Tucker led early, 8-0.

Tucker would hold the Hornets, and again, the Bowley-to-Pica connection would find home as they hit from 31 yards out. With a failed two-point try, the Wildcats led 14-0. The Hornets would show some life on the following drive as they would bust loose from 63 yards out to cut the Wildcats' lead to 14-6.

The Wildcats would score once more before the half as Bowley would throw his third first-half touchdown, this time to fellow sixth grader Miles Henderson from six yards out. Brayden Goss would add the two-pointer on the end around, and Tucker had a 22-6 lead at the half.



QB, Eli Bowley

The Wildcats would post a second-half shutout, keeping the Hornets out of the end zone while putting one more in themselves. Jace Barkley would walk into the end zone untouched from five yards out to bring the final score to 28-6 in favor of the home-standing Wildcats.

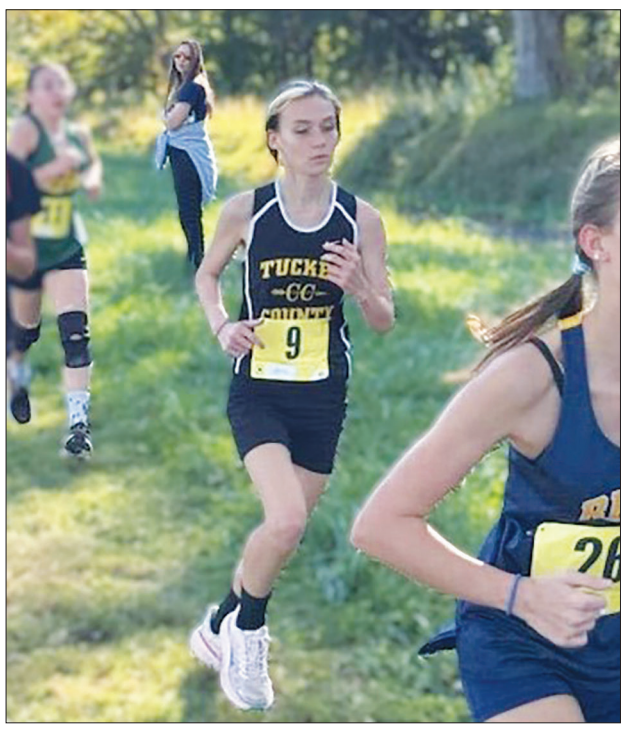
QB Eli Bowley tossed for 78 yards and three touchdowns. Miles Henderson rushed for 45 yards and caught a six-yard touchdown, while Easton Phillips also collected 32 yards on the ground. Bryson Pica hauled in two catches for 39 yards and a score, and Nelson Herron came down with five catches for 28 yards and a touchdown.

The Wildcat varsity team will return to play next Thursday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m. as they travel to Short Line Middle (Valley Wetzel).

Tucker XC Hosts Annual Invitational at Camp Kidd



Draven Bunnell



Juniper Judy

By: Adam Freeman

Tucker's cross-country team hosted its annual Tucker County Invitational last week at Camp Kidd Park in Holly Meadows, with eight boys' teams and six girls' teams taking part.

On the boys' side, Tucker finished sixth overall, with AAA Elkins High School taking the win, followed by St. Mary's, East Fairmont, and Doddridge County.

There were 51 runners in the boys' division, and Tucker was paced by Draven Bunnell with an overall 16th-place finish, running a 19:24.08, followed by William Gilligan in 21st with a 19:56.86 and Landon Wilfong in 27th, recording a 20:39.19. Tucker's results were rounded out by Riley Coffman in 50th and Evan Spencer in 51st.

On the girls' side, the Mt. Lions' lone runner was again Juniper Judy, who finished 16th out of 29 girls, recording a time of 24:53.77.

The event was considered a success, and Tucker looks forward to hosting again in the future. The Mt. Lions now set their sights on the Potomac Valley Conference Championships, which will be held on Tuesday, October 13, at Hampshire County High School.



DT Volleyball Handed Loss by East Preston

By: Adam Freeman

The Davis Thomas volleyball program faced a difficult night against East Preston, with both the junior varsity and varsity squads coming up short in their matches. In the JV showdown, DT opened strong with a 28–26 win in the first set, powered by Avery Eichelberger's 10 points. East Preston answered back in the second set, narrowly defeating the Bears 26–24, despite a strong nine-point performance from Olivia Harper. The third set saw East Preston claim a 25–21 victory, with Harper adding five more points for DT.

The varsity squad struggled to get much going against East Preston. DT dropped the opening set 25–22, with Eichelberger leading the team with six points. East Preston maintained control in the second set, winning 25–16. Elizabeth DelSignore matched Eichelberger's scoring output with six points to lead Davis Thomas in the final set. The Bears will return to play on October 13 as they travel to play Moorefield.

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Davis Thomas Soccer Defeated by Preston County 4-1

By: Adam Freeman

Davis Thomas Bears faced a setback on Monday, losing to Preston County 4-1 at home. This result mirrored the first game of the season, but the circumstances were entirely different.

The Bears displayed a much tougher and tighter defense; however, they trailed 3-1 at halftime. The Squires would further extend their lead by scoring another goal in the second half. Nicholas Crawford scored the only goal for the Bears, bringing the score to 3-1 in the 23rd minute.

Preston County collected two goals each from Denver Bergdorf and Marvin Dubon. Despite the team's high effort and performance, they were unable to overcome the formidable Squires. As a result, the Bears' record in their inaugural season now stands at 3-2.

They will return to action on Tuesday, October 13, at 5:30 p.m., hosting Webster County. This will be their final home match and their 8th-grade night. The Bears' season will conclude on Friday, October 16, at 5:00 p.m. at Notre Dame.

Wildcat Volleyball Celebrates 8th Grade Recognition with Win Over Tygarts Valley

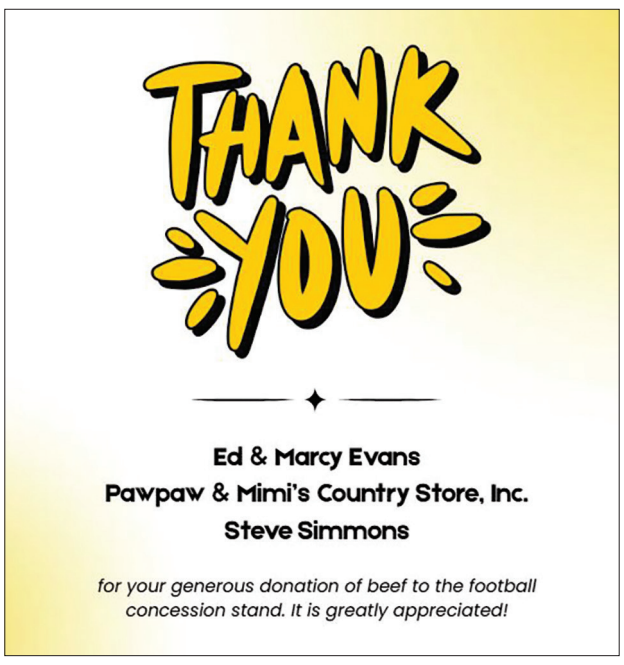
By: Adam Freeman

On October 6, Tucker Valley hosted Tygarts Valley in a volleyball match. In the junior varsity game, the Wildcats emerged victorious over the Bulldogs in the first set, securing a 25-22 win. However, Tygarts Valley managed to secure the next two sets, clinching the overall match with scores of 25-17 and 25-20. Hunter Lipscomb played a pivotal role for the Wildcats, serving for a total of 20 points.

In the varsity match, Tucker Valley would dominate by defeating Tygarts Valley with scores of 26-24 and 25-12. Maci Owens served for 15 points and contributed five kills for the Wildcats. Avery Decker also played a significant role, serving for eight points and adding five kills to the team's tally.

The team also celebrated eighth-grade recognition night. The eighth-grade volleyball players are Brooklee Hebb, Mikenley Knotts, Maci Owens, Makenna Hackney, Avery Decker, Aleena Reed, KyleaShae Boyles, Naomi Dean, and McKinley Williams. Special thanks go out to all the parents and volunteers who helped make the evening special.

The Wildcats will return to play on October 12 at Bruceton Middle School.



Lady Mt. Lions Volleyball Fall to Southern Garrett Rams

By: Adam Freeman

The Tucker County Mt. Lions volleyball teams had a short week as they traveled to Maryland to face off against the Southern Garrett Rams. Despite a tough showing, both JV and Varsity fell short in hard-fought matches.

The Junior Varsity squad managed to take one set out of three. The first set was a nail-biter, with the Mt. Lions narrowly losing 25-23. They bounced back impressively to claim the second set, but Southern Garrett ultimately secured the decisive third set, reaching 15 points first.

Varsity competition was just as exciting. The Mt. Lions battled through two intense opening sets, dropping them 26-24 and 27-25 before Southern Garrett carried its momentum into the third set to complete the sweep.

The Mt. Lions now look forward to a tri-match against Pocahontas and Lincoln on Monday, October 12, which is also Senior Night. Moorefield comes to town on Tuesday, and the Elkins Lady Tigers come to visit TC at home on Thursday.

GHSP: Walk and Roll to School Day 2026

CHARLESTON, WV — The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) partnered with schools, law enforcement agencies, and community leaders statewide and celebrated Walk & Roll to School Day, on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. Taking place during National Pedestrian Safety Month, the annual initiative encourages students and families to walk or bicycle to school, promoting active transportation habits while reinforcing life-saving road safety practices.

"Walk & Roll to School Day is a wonderful opportunity to teach our young students healthy habits and practical traffic safety skills," said Jack McNeely, Director of the GHSP. "However, protecting our children requires commitment from everyone on the road. As autumn weather sets in and morning light decreases, drivers must remain alert, slow down in school zones, and make pedestrian and cyclist safety a top priority every single day."

- Essential Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Tips for Students
- To help ensure every student's journey is safe, the GHSP recommends that parents and students review the following safety measures:
- Be Visible: Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing, especially during early morning hours, dusk, or foggy weather.
- Use Designated Crossings: Always cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections. Look left, right, and left again before stepping into the roadway.
- Stay Focused and Alert: Avoid visual and auditory distractions such as mobile phones or headphones while walking or biking near traffic.
- Wear Helmets Properly: Bicyclists, scooter riders, and skateboarders should always wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet and follow standard rules of the road.
- Walk in Groups: Younger children should walk or roll with an adult or in supervised neighborhood walking groups.
- Crucial School Zone Awareness for Drivers
- Motorists play a decisive role in preventing crashes near school grounds and bus stops. Drivers are urged to practice the following safety guidelines:
- Obey Reduced Speed Limits: Strictly follow posted speed limits in designated school zones and surrounding residential streets.
- Stop for School Buses: Flashing red lights and extended stop arms mean drivers approaching from both directions must stop completely until the bus resumes travel.
- Yield to Pedestrians: Always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, at intersections, and near school pick-up and drop-off areas.
- Eliminate Distractions: Put away handheld mobile devices and avoid multi-tasking while driving through neighborhoods and school zones.

Promoting Community Health and Active Mobility

Beyond road safety awareness, Walk & Roll to School Day highlights the long-term health and environmental benefits of active commuting. Regular walking and biking improve physical health, foster mental well-being, reduce motor vehicle emissions around schools, and build stronger community connections across West Virginia.

For more information on Walk & Roll to School Day activities, go to https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/.

For information on pedestrian and bicyclist safety, visit https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/pedestrian-safety and https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety.

For more information about the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program and to access highway safety educational resources, please visit highwaysafety.wv.gov or call 304-926-2509.

Wright: We should all want to live longer and better

Frostburg State assistant professor opens Garrett College JCLS season

McHenry, MD – Lifespan isn't the only way to judge longevity. It may not even be the best way.

That was one of the key messages John Wright, an assistant professor of exercise science at Frostburg State University, emphasized during last Wednesday's Joan Crawford Lecture Series presentation at Garrett College. His presentation – Built for Adventure: The Science of Strength, Mobility, Recovery, and Longevity for the Adventure Athlete – offered several other longevity indicators.

"Lifespan just measures time you are alive," said Wright. "We're living longer than ever before, but we're not living as well."

Wright suggested that health span – "how many years you are thriving and living well" – serves as a better evaluative tool. He also offered performance span ("how long can you do things you like to do and perform demanding physical tasks") and adventure span "how long you can keep saying 'yes' to activities that you love") as ways for people to measure what they are getting out of life.

Wright also recommended that people consider what they want to be able to do in their senior years while they are still young enough to prepare for life as seniors.

"How old will you be when you ski or ride or hike or paddle or climb for the last time?" Wright asked rhetorically. "Adventure sports are lifetime sports – but they're something you have to be prepared for. They are high risk and have a pretty high fitness requirement. It's so important to have a base level of fitness to do these sports."

Adults who aren't interested in adventure sports, but still have activities they want to be able to continue doing as seniors, also have to plan how to be fit enough to do those activities. Wright noted that most of the factors that inhibit activity as seniors result from lifestyle choices people make years earlier.

"The things that used to kill us – infectious diseases, tuberculosis, malaria, dysentery – stuff that used to kill us by the millions, we've got a pretty good handle on those in this country," said Wright. "The things that are killing us now – high blood pressure, heart disease, dementia, strokes – are all influenced by the choices that we make."

While noting those factors abound, he singled out four of them: industrialized food, sedentary lifestyle, stress, and pursuit of comfort. These are also complicating factors for adults looking to stretch their health, performance, and adventure spans.

Wright said one of the best ways to measure current and future capabilities involves an individual's VO2 – volume of oxygen consumed. He offered several ways to estimate VO2, including the Rockport 1-Mile Walk. To use this measure, an individual should:

Walk one mile as fast as safely possible;

Record total time;

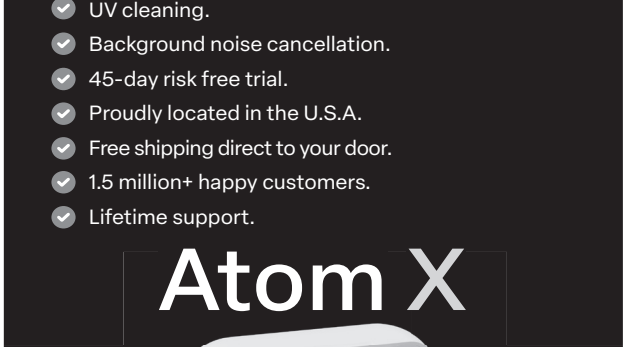
Record heart rate immediately at the finish;

Enter age, gender, weight, duration of 1-mile walk, and heart rate at the end of the walk into the calculator at https://www.icliniq.com/tool/vo2-max-calculator.

According to Different Health, the average VO2 max for a 50-year-old male is generally between 30 and 35 milliliters/kilogram/minute. VO2 declines as people age, but staying fit can reduce the decline. According to Wright, a masters athlete's VO2 declines about 5.5 percent per decade after age 30 compared to a 12 percent decline per decade in sedentary peers.

Wright said regular aerobic exercise and strength training are both necessary as adults age in order for them to remain as active as they wish to be in advancing years. He noted VO2 max, muscle/power, bone strength, and stability all play roles in extending health, performance, and adventure spans.

Note: Professor Wright's lecture is available on Garrett College's YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/garrettcollege).







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What's Happening

Watercolor Painting Class

The Mountaintop Public Library will sponsor a painting class from 5 – 7p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Class will be $20 with all supplies provided. Space is limited so please RSVP by Monday, Oct. 12 at 304-463-4582.

Art Club

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | 4:00 PM to 6 PM | 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836. This month's project is a Cheesecloth Ghosts and/or Fall Leaves Bowl! Materials, food, and beverages will be provided for free. This is free and open to the community to attend! Contact: trent.montgomery@easternwv.edu or edward.cole@easternwv.edu with any questions.

Career Services Workshop: Resume & Interviewing Tips

Thursday, October 15 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Over Zoom. Join Dixie Heavener, Career Counselor, for this FREE opportunity to learn how to create a resume that will land you an interview AND tips on how to get the job offer after acing the interview. Attending 4 workshops will earn you the Career Services—Career-Ready Micro Credential! Please reach out to Career Counselor Dixie Heavener with any questions at dixie.heavener@easternwv.edu.

St. George Senior Outpost Thursday October 15

St. George Senior Outpost is at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 15 at the St. George Community Church. Bring a covered dish and join us for good food and fellowship.

Benefit Gospel Sing and Auction

There will be a benefit gospel sing and live auction at the First United Methodist Church in Parsons on Saturday, October 17, at 2 pm. Baked items, crafts, etc. are needed for the auction. A free will offering will also be taken. All proceeds will benefit Bleu Tasker to help with medical expenses, etc. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come show your support for Bleu and his family.

4th Annual Sticks and Stones

Join us in Davis for the 4th Annual Sticks and Stones. Saturday, October 17th, 2026, 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Local vendors, crafting, merriment and magic making. Fun for all ages. Hosted by Emerald Tree Boutique and Sister Witches Crafting Company.

Fall Festival Set for October 18

ClearView Fellowship will host their annual Fall Festival on October 18, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the West Virginia Building at the State Fairgrounds. We are excited to bring this FREE event to our community. Our goal is to provide a fun day for our children and families. We will offer free haircuts to children through high school, free toboggans, gloves and socks for children, free shoes for children through high school, free food, blow-up games, crafts, face painting - fun for everyone! There will also be various community groups with information on services available. Doors open at 3 p.m.

Celebration of Democracy

Monday 10/19 from 4-6 at Rudolphs on East Ave, Thomas. Come meet the Demcratic candidates:

- Rachel Fetty Anderson, running for US Senate
- Ace Parsi, running for US House
- Jason Armentrout, running for WV Senate
- Deborah Stiles, running for WV House District 85

Music by Dennis Filler and his Big Band. Light refreshments--hope to see you there.

Retired School Employees Meeting Wednesday October 21

Tucker County Retired School Employees meeting is Wednesday, October 21 at 12:00 noon at the Parsons Senior Center. Lunch is available at 11:30 if you wish. All retirees are welcome.

Free Clothes Closet

The Southern Baptist Church of Rowlesburg will have a free clothing giveaway on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

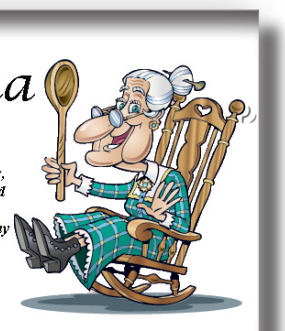
Trunk N Treat

Saturday, October 31, 2026 | 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM | 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836. A family-friendly event, Trunk N Treat on the campus of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College provides a safe environment for children to trick or treat. Trunkers (participants handing out candy) should RSVP to Monica Wilson, Vice President of Academics and Student Services at monica.wilson@easternwv.edu by Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

College & Career Fair

Get Hired or Prepare for Your Next Move at the College & Career Fair! Thursday, November 5, 2026 | 10 AM to 3 PM | 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836. Job seekers do not need to register for the event. Employers/College Recruiters: Please reserve your free spot by clicking here: Fall 2026 College & Career Fair. FREE & Open to the Public. Connect with 50+ employers and 20+ colleges and universities from across the tri-state area. Explore job opportunities, career pathways, education, and transfer options—all in one place. Contact Dixie Heavener, Career Counselor with any Questions: Call: 304-434-8000 ext. 9239 Email: Dixie.Heavener@easternwv.edu. Learn More About Career Services at Eastern WVCTC: Visit: easternwv.edu/career-services.

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

I told you last week that I had so much work to get done before the weather changes. Well, I got my out buildings painted, I have to put the trim up on a part of one and I will be done. Yea for me!! That is one thing on the list I can mark off and on to the next chore.

My days are getting shorter and now I have another thing to put on the list. My sister wants me to pressure wash her house, one job marked off and add another. Momma Said, "My work is never done."

Just like Mom, I always manage to get all or most of what I have to do done and put to bed. It is sometimes hard to get it all done by myself but that is just a part of life I have learned to live with. Usually, when I get help, they just get in my way. I have a way of doing things and most people cannot keep up with the pace I set.

I might be getting older but I can still get things done at a rate close to what I have always done. As a matter of fact, I just turned another year older on Oct. 11. Don't feel any different than I did on Oct. 10, just more water under the bridge.

No-Bake Raspberry Cheesecake

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 recipe graham cracker crust
- 1 package (3oz/85g) raspberry Jell-O
- 2 cups (16oz.) cream cheese (at room temperature)
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1¼ cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup fresh raspberries (roughly chopped)

DIRECTIONS:

- Press the graham cracker crust into a 9-inch springform pan.
- In a large bowl, pour 1 cup (8floz/240ml) of very hot water and sprinkle the raspberry Jell-O on top. Let sit for 5 minutes and then stir until completely dissolved. Let cool.
- With an electric mixer, whip the cream cheese until creamy.
- Slowly add the cooled Jello to the cream cheese, 1 tablespoon at a time, and mixing thoroughly between additions to prevent the Jello from setting once it hits the cream cheese.
- Add the powdered sugar, lemon zest, and vanilla and beat until combined.
- In a separate bowl, whip the heavy cream to soft peaks, and then gently fold the whipped cream into the cream cheese mixture until fully combined.
- Lastly, fold in the roughly chopped raspberries.
- Pour evenly in the pan on top of the crust, cover the pan and refrigerate for at least 6 hours or overnight.
- When ready to serve, run a thin knife around the edges to separate the cheesecake from the pan before releasing it. Store any leftovers well covered in the refrigerator for up to 2 days.



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.

Oct. 14, 1943: The army began transforming parts of Dolly Sods into an artillery range to train military troops bound for duty during World War II. The operation ended on July 1, 1944.

Oct. 14, 1949: WSAZ-TV went on the air on channel 5. Early shows included the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game on December 3, 1949.

Oct. 14, 1985: Kanawha Airport was renamed Yeager Airport in honor of Chuck Yeager.

Oct. 15, 1839: Aretas Brooks Fleming was born in Fairmont. In 1888, Fleming won the Democratic nomination for governor and then won West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election.

Oct. 15, 1874 or 1876: Civic leader and businessman James Cubert Campbell was born in Charleston. He would become Charleston's first Black licensed undertaker and first Black city council member.

Oct. 15, 1952: During the Korean War, Greenbrier County native Ralph Pomeroy was killed in action near Kumhuwa, Korea, while helping his unit contain an attack.

See HISTORY page 8

Weekly SUDOKU

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Nursery Bottom Parsons

Temperature		Precipitation	
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		2026	51.67"

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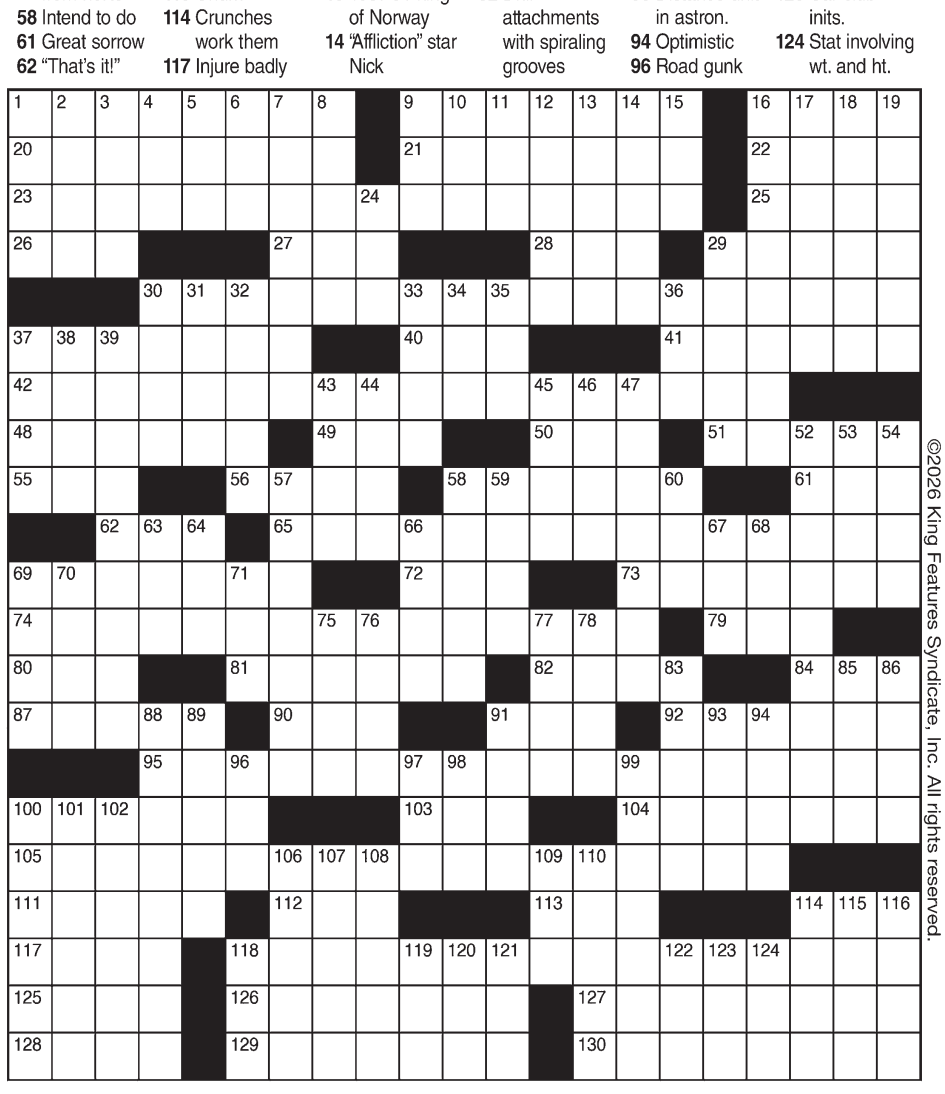
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1 Unsettles
9 Beginning of a process
16 Opposed to
20 Woman from Madrid's land, to Madrid natives
21 Relatives of grapefruits
22 Cut of beef
23 Start of riddle #1
25 Pea holders
26 Kyoto coin
27 Actress Longoria
28 Astern
29 Diameter halves
30 Middle of riddle #1
37 Star of "10"
40 Foe of Spinks
41 Most polar
42 End of riddle #1
48 Second-rate
49 Suffix with glob or duct
50 Spicy
51 V-shaped cut
55 Hand-talking syst.
56 90 degrees from norte
58 Intend to do
61 Great sorrow
62 "That's it!"
65 Answer to riddle #1
69 Humility
72 Mensa stats
73 Performs in front of
74 Start of riddle #2
79 Casino stake
80 Flaky dessert
81 Unit of a sentence
82 Tell — story (try to evoke sympathy)
84 Undergrad degs.
87 Drinking aid
90 Part of ENT
91 Actress Ortiz
92 Actor Skeet or drummer Lars
95 Middle of riddle #2
100 Warship fleet
103 "I'll take that as —"
104 Civil War general Grant
105 End of riddle #2
111 Kicked in seed money
112 Bottom line
113 Chum
114 Crunches work them
117 Injure badly
118 Answer to riddle #2
125 Hotel chain
126 Greek
127 Ate lunch or dinner
128 Former rival of Nintendo
129 Tranquil and carefree
130 "Yes, it's true, alas"

DOWN
1 Like many wet lawns
2 "This —" (telephone response)
3 Arch across
4 Pic on a chest, maybe
5 Mom's bro
6 Jumping Aussie critter
7 Feature of a cloudless day
8 Balm
9 Secret agent
10 As well
11 Very tall bird
12 Praline ingredient
13 1957-91 king of Norway
14 "Affliction" star Nick
15 Course for U.S. immigrants
16 "Scarface" star
17 Strip of pasta
18 Neatens up
19 Refuse to yield
24 Pappy
29 Puerto —
30 Te- — (giggles)
31 Municipal laws: Abbr.
32 Yeshiva teacher
33 Scarce
34 Styled after
35 Victory
36 Fruit drink brand
37 — Raton
38 Avian hooters
39 Genetic structure with "rungs" of base pairs
43 Novel writer, e.g.: Abbr.
44 Pooch pest
45 Gabfest
46 Charged atoms
47 Sink as low as
52 Drill attachments with spiraling grooves
53 Paint layer
54 Sub in a deli
57 Reaping tools
58 Arouse
59 Misplaced
60 Pittsburgh Steelers' org.
63 Whack down
64 Burning residue
66 Waterways, to Mexicans
67 "— Four" (Beatles)
68 Dark deli bread
69 Atlas features
70 Handling the matter
71 Strike gently
75 Part of UAE
76 Uncovered
77 Sharp pain
78 Morales in movies
83 Horn for taps
85 Nagging pain
86 "— Out of My League"
88 The universe of universities
89 Walked through water
91 After a while
93 Distance unit in astron.
94 Optimistic
96 Road gunk
97 On the — (escaping)
98 Yoko of art
99 Roast that may include chopped cashews or almonds
100 Los —, New Mexico
101 Title anew
102 Beating at chess
106 When many a driver stops
107 Touchy- —
108 To any extent
109 Jungle beast
110 Sister of Malia Obama
114 On a mattress, say
115 Squeezing snakes
116 WWII battle site in Normandy
118 X, to Greeks
119 — Aviv
120 Kin of mono-
121 — room (Ping-Pong place)
122 Prez #32
123 Car club inits.
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To: ADAM ANDREWS, ADAM ANDREWS, HEIRS OF ANDREW ANDREWS, HEIRS OF TAMMY WHITE, HEIRS OF AARON ANDREWS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT BLACK FORK MAP 304 PARCEL 0065 0000 0000

You will take notice that GARY LUZIER OR MARGARET LUZIER, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2025-C-000002, located in BLACK FORK District, .78 AC FORK MT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ANDREWS DAISY M, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 5, 2026. GARY LUZIER OR MARGARET LUZIER requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2027 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 45.	$	112.43
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 45.	$	231.79
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	836.14
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**1,391.41**

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand September 21, 2026

Christal G. Perry

Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and
Nonentered Lands of TUCKER County, State of West Virginia

Please return this letter and payment to the
West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections
Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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(2025-C-000014 - TUCKER COUNTY - ROBERT KOVACH)

To: TESSA DUMIRE, LISA MANER, CLARENCE R MARTIN, CAROLYN B MARTIN, MONONGALIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ATTN: BILLING, MONONGALIA GENERAL HOSPITAL C/O SPILMAN, THOMAS & BATTLE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT DAVIS CORP MAP 2 PARCEL 0110 0000 0000

You will take notice that ROBERT KOVACH, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2025-C-000014, located in DAVIS CORP District, LT 426 KENT AVE 40 X 132.5, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MANER LISA DUMIRE TESSA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 5, 2026. ROBERT KOVACH requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2027 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 3413.	$	1,095.46
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 3431.	$	1,225.19
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	911.83
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**3,443.53**

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2025-C-000020 - TUCKER COUNTY - TRACY BACK)

To: MATTHEW S. SHOCKLEY, ANGIE SHOCKLEY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT DRY FORK MAP 310 PARCEL 0008 0014 0000

You will take notice that TRACY BACK, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2025-C-000020, located in DRY FORK District, .123 AC, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CABLE OF CAROLINAS INC, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 5, 2026. TRACY BACK requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2027 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 4359.	$	1,405.36
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 6456.	$	1,197.94
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	836.14
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**3,650.49**

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand September 18, 2026

Christal G. Perry

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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and
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(2025-C-000044 - TUCKER COUNTY - TRACY BACK)

To: RODNEY D. PIFER, HEATHER L. NICKLOW, TUCKER COUNTY MAGISTRATE, OCCUPANT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT PARSONS CORP MAP 6 PARCEL 0086 0000 0000

You will take notice that TRACY BACK, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2025-C-000044, located in PARSONS CORP District, LOT 9 COFFMAN ADD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of PIFER RODNEY D NICKLOW HEATHER L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of TUCKER County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 5, 2026. TRACY BACK requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2027, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2027 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 9550.	$	588.63
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	$	0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2025 - 9594.	$	535.81
Additional taxes with interest.	$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	$	211.05
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	$	860.08
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.	$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	**$**	**2,195.57**

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2027, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

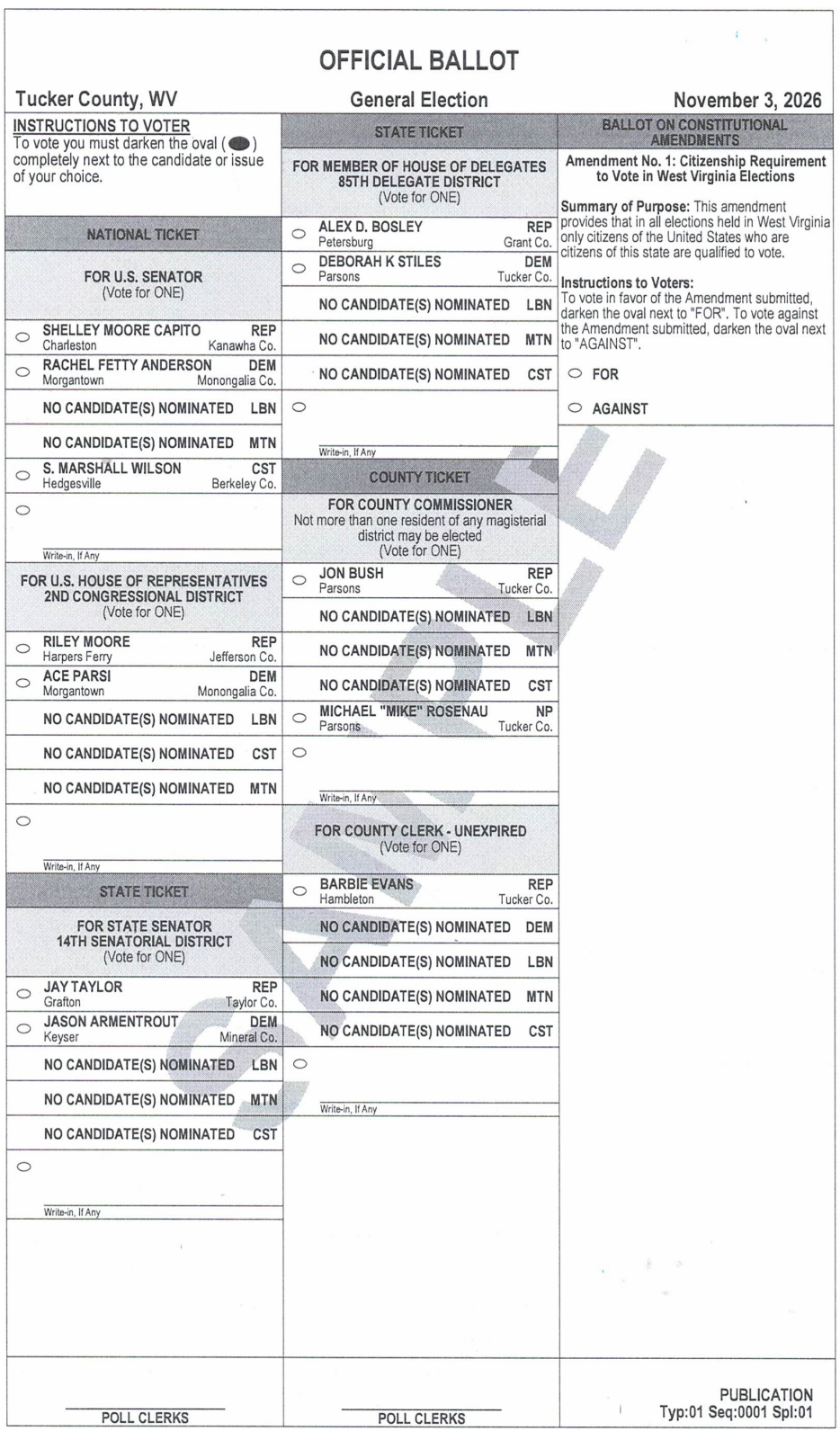
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OFFICIAL BALLOT

Tucker County, WV — General Election — November 3, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER
To vote you must darken the oval ( ) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.

NATIONAL TICKET

FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)
- SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO — REP — Charleston — Kanawha Co.
- RACHEL FETTY ANDERSON — DEM — Morgantown — Monongalia Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — MTN
- S. MARSHALL WILSON — CST — Hedgesville — Berkeley Co.
- Write-in, If Any

FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
- RILEY MOORE — REP — Harpers Ferry — Jefferson Co.
- ACE PARSI — DEM — Morgantown — Monongalia Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — CST
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — MTN
- Write-in, If Any

STATE TICKET

FOR STATE SENATOR 14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
- JAY TAYLOR — REP — Grafton — Taylor Co.
- JASON ARMENTROUT — DEM — Keyser — Mineral Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — MTN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — CST
- Write-in, If Any

STATE TICKET

FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 85TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
- ALEX D. BOSLEY — REP — Petersburg — Grant Co.
- DEBORAH K STILES — DEM — Parsons — Tucker Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — MTN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — CST
- Write-in, If Any

COUNTY TICKET

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected (Vote for ONE)
- JON BUSH — REP — Parsons — Tucker Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — MTN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — CST
- MICHAEL "MIKE" ROSENAU — NP — Parsons — Tucker Co.
- Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY CLERK - UNEXPIRED (Vote for ONE)
- BARBIE EVANS — REP — Hambleton — Tucker Co.
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — DEM
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — LBN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — MTN
- NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED — CST
- Write-in, If Any

BALLOT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendment No. 1: Citizenship Requirement to Vote in West Virginia Elections

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

Instructions to Voters:
To vote in favor of the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "FOR". To vote against the Amendment submitted, darken the oval next to "AGAINST".

- FOR
- AGAINST

SAMPLE

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until December 08, 2026 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
016	2026470012	S347-219- 4.50 00	NHPP-0219(443)D	ContWrkTyp Moore - Parsons Starting Point of Project **COUNTY:** TUCKER

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for $500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING / ARCHITECTURAL QUALIFICATIONS

The Town of Davis (Town), West Virginia is accepting statements of qualifications from qualified professional engineering consulting firms detailing the firm's qualifications, technical expertise, management and staffing capabilities, and related prior experience for project on call services related to proposed projects that may be undertaken by the Town.

Professional services may include, but are not limited to, preliminary engineering, environmental review, cost estimate, design, preparation of bidding and contracting documents, evaluation of bids and construction monitoring and inspection services. Possible projects include but not limited to streets and grounds, technical document review, design of the own's new water plant, design of the Town of Davis Riverfront Park masterplan, etc.

The Town's intent is to enter into a General Services Contract with the selected firm which allows the Town to issue task orders for specific projects and/or services as identified by the Town. The Town anticipates that the contract with the chosen firm will be for a period of five (5) years with annual renewals thereafter with the mutual agreement of the consultant and the Town.

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with West Virginia Code 5G-1-3. Interested firms must submit three (3) copies of all requested Information by mail to the Town of Davis, Attention: Alan Tomson, PO BOX 207, Davis, WV 26260 AND one (l) electronic copy of all requested information to davistownhallwv@gmail.com by **4:00 PM on November 13, 2026**. In the alternative to mail, copies of Statements of Qualifications also may be hand-delivered to Town of Davis, Attention: Alan Tomson, 505 William Ave., Davis, WV 26260 by **4:00 PM, November 13, 2026**. It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure receipt of the proposal by the date and time specified.

Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project(s) may be undertaken with a variety of Federal, State and Local funds and that all work will be performed in accordance with the regulations issued by such agencies and the State of West Virginia pertaining thereto.

The Town shall evaluate the statements of qualifications and performance data and other material submitted by interested firms and select a minimum of three firms which, in their opinion, are best qualified to perform the desired services. Interviews with each firm selected shall be conducted, which may include discussions regarding anticipated concepts and proposed methods of approach. The Town shall rank, in order of preference, these three professional firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to provide the services required and shall commence scope of services and price negotiations with the highest qualified professional firm for engineering services.

Should the Town be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the professional firm considered to be the most qualified, at a fee determined to be fair and reasonable, price negotiations with the firm of second choice shall commence. Failing accord with the second most qualified professional firm, the Town shall undertake price negotiations with the third most qualified professional firm. Should the Town be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected professional firms, it shall select additional professional firms in order of their competence and qualifications, and it shall continue negotiations in accordance with these procedures until an agreement is reached.

The Town of Davis will afford full opportunity to women-owned and minority business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this request and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in the award of this contract.

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.PARSONSADVOCATE.COM

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2026 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

EARLY VOTING

Tucker County Courthouse Annex - Room 202

OCTOBER 21, 2026 - OCTOBER 31. 2026

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SATURDAYS

OCTOBER 24, 2026 AND OCTOBER 31, 2026

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 IS THE LAST DAY FOR EARLY VOTING

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 §3-1-31

POLLS OPEN AT 6:30 AM

POLLS CLOSE AT 7:30 PM

TUCKER COUNTY CLERK 304-478-2414

BARBIE EVANS

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Five Rivers Public Library

Five Rivers Public Library will have a vacant board of trustees' position open. The first position opens as of October, 2026, filling an unexpired term ending in 2031. If you are qualified and are willing to serve, please submit a letter of interest to the Library by mail or drop it off at the library, by Wednesday, October 28, at 4:00 PM.

Five Rivers Public Library
301 Walnut Street
Parsons, WV 26287
(304) 478-3880

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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)
Anna Margaret Cangley	Lisa Huffman
1st publication 10/14/2026	PO Box 53
2nd publication 10/21/2026	Thomas, 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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Sheriff of Tucker County
Jacob Kopec
215 First St
Parsons, WV 26287

Mechanics Auction October 27, 2026 at 1:00 PM Courthouse steps

Items to include:

Mostly Shop Tools to include:

Box of assorted electrical/fuses/connectors/heat shrink
Box of assorted miscellaneous nuts bolts hardware
Box of Oil change tools
Box of electrical tools, multimeter, numerous items
Box of Pliers and 3/8 Craftsman torque wrench
Box of miscellaneous tools and items

Milwaukee cut off cordless w/m 18, Milwaukee cordless drill, Milwaukee light 2/2 m 18 battery welding helmet with blue flames, Plasma argen, Btobi tool, Arcan floor jack, Smitty build winch (broken) Milwaukee side ratchet w/m 12 battery, Milwaukee sawzal w/m 18 battery, Milwaukee impact with m 12 battery, Snap on timing belt kit in box, Milwaukee grease gun, basket wi 9 Milwaukee batteries and 2 Ryaboi batteries with 5 chargers one yellow base, Craftsman power washer (broken), blue transmission jack, blue and grey creeper, 2 blue transmission jacks

Terms of sale cash or approved check. Register prior to sale in Tucker County Sheriff's Office. Payment due at time of sale.

40 & 8 Awards Nursing Scholarship to Four New Eastern WVCTC Nursing Students for the Fall 2026 Semester



(l-r) Warren Kessel, Leon Wolfe, Ashlee Beach-Wampler, Christopher Conger, Kaleb Cain, Robert Cross, Paige Kisamore, Debra K. Byrd, Jeff Fraley, Director of Nursing Education for 40 & 8 Voiture 1623, Ken Bransky, and Steve Vaughn.

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. – Four Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College nursing students were awarded $500 scholarships by Jeff Fraley, director of nursing education for 40 & 8 Voiture 1623, on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. The recipients were Ashlee Marie Beach, Paige Kisamore, Kaleb Cain, & Christopher Conger.

These students are first-time recipients of the scholarship, as the Fall 2026 semester marked the start of a new nursing cohort.

"Receiving the 40 & 8 scholarship is such an honor, and I am truly grateful for this opportunity. This scholarship means more to me than just financial support; it represents someone believing in me and my future. I am working toward an exciting and challenging journey to become a pediatric nurse, as it is my dream to care for children and be a source of comfort and support to their families during some of their most difficult moments," said Kisamore.

"This scholarship will help ease some of the financial burden that comes with nursing school and allow me to focus on my education and becoming the best nurse, I can be. I am incredibly thankful to the 40 & 8 for believing in me and investing in my future as I take these steps toward my career. I truly believe God has placed nursing on my heart for a reason, and I want to use my career not only to care for children and their families, but also to give back to my community. I want to use the knowledge and opportunities I gain through nursing to serve others, encourage those around me, and make a meaningful difference wherever I can. I am truly blessed and grateful for this support, and I want to one day give back to others in the same spirit of generosity that has been shown to me."

The 40 & 8 was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France after World War I. In 1955, the organization began supporting nursing education. Voiture 1623 of the 40 & 8, based in Moorefield, has been a longtime advocate and supporter of Eastern's nursing students through this scholarship program.

"I feel so honored to have received this scholarship. It means so much to me, not only because it aides my nursing school journey but because of who it came from," said Ashlee Beach. "I can't thank our local veterans, and the 40 & 8 Voiture 1623, enough."

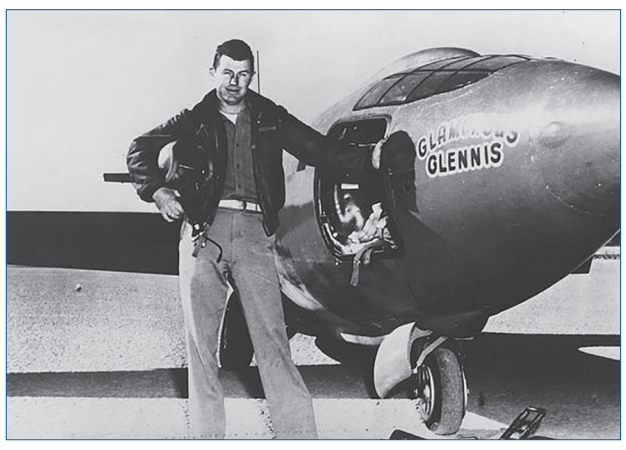
In support of its nursing scholarship program, members of the 40 & 8 hold several fundraising events each year. Over time, Voiture 1623 has awarded scholarships to numerous Eastern students, helping to ease financial burdens and enabling them to pursue careers in nursing.

"I appreciate the opportunity that the 40 and 8 Scholarship provides and am grateful to their organization for helping facilitate the education of the next generation of nurses, said Conger. "I'm excited to get to work with the organization further at their upcoming sandwich sale, and to learn more about the organization and its members."

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is deeply grateful for the Forty & Eight's ongoing support, which plays a vital role in ensuring the next generation of nurses is well-prepared to serve their communities and improve healthcare outcomes for years to come.

HISTORY

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Oct. 14, 1947: In a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour. He set another speed record on December 12, 1953, by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A.

The next year, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions.

Oct. 16, 1859: John Brown and his raiders captured the arsenal at Harpers Ferry, but they were soon besieged by townspeople, local militia and federal troops. The raid galvanized the nation, further alienating North and South over slavery and drastically reducing any possible middle ground for compromise before the Civil War.

Oct. 16, 1918: Dale Troy "Stoney" Cooper was born in Randolph County. He, his wife Wilma Lee and the Clinch Mountain Clan played country music on WWVA radio in Wheeling for a decade before spending the next 20 years on the Grand Ole Opry.

Oct. 16, 1922: The Rev. Leon Sullivan was born in Charleston. In 1977, Sullivan initiated the original Sullivan Principles, a code of conduct for companies operating in South Africa. The Principles were among the most effective efforts to end the system of apartheid.

Oct. 17, 1785: Morgantown was officially chartered as "Morgan's Town," named for town founder Zackquill Morgan.

Oct. 17, 1901: Folk artist S. L. Jones was born in Monroe County. He was widely recognized for his hand-carved, painted wood sculptures. His works are in the collections of the, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Museum of American Folk Art and West Virginia State Museum.

Oct. 18, 1778: Martinsburg was chartered by the General Assembly of Virginia.

Oct. 18, 1906: Author Agnes Clifford Smith was born in Clarksburg. A graduate of Fairmont State College (now University), her major work was An Edge of the Forest (1959), an allegory about a black lamb.

Oct. 18, 1941: William "Billy" Cox was born in Wheeling. He is one of two bassists to have played regularly with legendary guitarist Jimi Hendrix.

October 18, 2021: The International Dark Sky Association named Calvin W. Price State Forest, Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park and Watoga State Park as West Virginia's first Dark Sky Parks.

Oct. 19, 1894: Historian and illustrator Julius Allan DeGruyter was born in Charleston. A self-taught painter and illustrator, DeGruyter's art appeared in numerous exhibits and is represented in the collections of the State Museum.

Oct. 19, 1941: Musician and actor Mayfred "Mayf" Nutter was born in Clarksburg. His 1971 song "Simpson Creek" is considered one of the earliest environmental-themed country songs. He is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

Oct. 19, 1949: Author Richard Currey was born in Parkersburg. His award-winning writing often draws from his own family experiences and life in the hills of West Virginia.

Oct. 20, 1906: Novelist and short story writer Tom Kromer was born in Huntington and also lived at times in Fairmont, Kingwood and Williamstown. He is best-known for his first novel, Waiting for Nothing (1935), which chronicled the plight of the dispossessed during the Great Depression.

Oct. 20, 1990: The current USS West Virginia (SSBN-736) was commissioned. The USS West Virginia is an Ohio Class Trident ballistic missile submarine that is 560 feet long, 42 feet wide, and displaces 18,750 tons when submerged.

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I have been recycling all my office paper, magazines and newspapers. Are there any types of paper that cannot be recycled? *Paper Recycler*

Dear Paper Recycler,

Yes, there are several types of paper that can't be recycled. Freezer paper and wax paper are neither recyclable nor compostable as they are coated with either vegetable wax or petroleum-based paraffin. Used parchment paper isn't recyclable either as it may be stained with food or cooking oils. The short fibers that make up tissue paper prevent it from being recyclable. However, it is compostable and breaks down quickly in your compost bin. Napkins and paper towels are not recyclable either as they are a very low grade of paper. They are both made from paper that may have been recycled five to seven times, thus the fibers are very small and short. However, both napkins and paper towels can be composted and are considered brown material, as long as they haven't been used to wipe up oil, butter, milk or lard. Gift wrapping paper, paper coated with plastic, and sticky paper are not recyclable, and neither are thermal receipts. Thermal receipts contain chemicals that are harmful to the environment and to humans, thus they are neither recyclable nor compostable. Paper cups and plates are not recyclable as they may have food or grease on them, both of which are contaminates. Any kind of paper, whether white, colored, magazine, newspaper, or cardboard, can't be recycled if it is not clean and dry. Grease and food must never be on paper products to be recycled as grease and food will not mix with the water needed to break down the paper into fibers. If greasy or food-laden paper is put in with clean paper, the entire batch is contaminated and cannot be recycled. Thus, it all goes to the landfill.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What do I do with clothes that are wearable, but I no longer want to wear? *Let's Avoid Waste*

Dear Let's Avoid Waste,

There are many online sites for buying, selling, or donating used clothing. These online options offer choices that are not available locally. Just google used clothing websites to see the many opportunities. There are several ways used clothing can be donated locally: The Americana Shop on the corner of Foster and Court streets in Lewisburg, Goodwill located in the Red Oaks Shopping Center at the opposite end of the shopping center from Kroger, off 219 South in Fairlea, The Caldwell Thrift Store in Caldwell on the corner of Route US 60 and WV 63, and Greenbrier Better Living located on Route 219 in Ronceverte. As you get out your fall clothes and find ones you no longer want, consider the possibilities and choose the one that suits best. Then, sit back and enjoy all those organized closets and drawers and celebrate a job well done.

Dear Recycle Lady,

When I removed the white cap from a plastic bottle, a small white plastic band remained on the bottle that I am unable to remove. Can plastic bottles be recycled with the bands still on the top of the bottles? Also, why can't bottles be recycled with the top on? The tops of some bottles say to leave the top on for recycling. *Top or No Top*

Dear Top or no Top,

Yes, plastic bottles are recycled with the white plastic band still on the bottle. However, be sure to remove the cap before recycling. Since bottles and caps are made of two different kinds of plastics, they can't be recycled together as they have different melting points when processed. Large cities can recycle bottles with the caps on, but it takes specialized equipment with a pressurized system to remove the caps. Our local Recycling Center doesn't have this equipment, so all caps must be removed. Bottles to be shipped out of the Recycling Center are crushed and baled and if a top is still on a bottle, it becomes a "projectile" and is a danger to our staff.

Dear Readers,

It has come to my attention that I omitted the word "each" following "25 pounds of oral products recycled." It should have 6 boxes of 25 pounds EACH for a grand total of 150 pounds of tooth brushes, etc.!

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

ERCC Awarded the 2026 Bronze National Quality Award



ERCC recently received a prestigious National Quality Bronze Award from the America Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living recognizing their commitment to quality care. Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center Administrator Tara Shaver, at left, is pictured holding the plaque with Autumn Elza, Director of Nursing.

Elkins, W.Va. — Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center was recently recognized by a national organization for providing excellent care to residents at the facility.

The America Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) acknowledged ERCC's quality of care with a National Bronze Quality Award. The America Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living is an organization that serves as a voice for care centers all over the United States. They represent more than 15,000 facilities.

The National Bronze Quality Award is granted to facilities that meet an excellent quality of care, as well as, granting them access to resources that can assist them in further improvements. According to the AHCA/NCAL website, only seven other facilities in the state received the Bronze Award.

"This is just amazing news for ERCC. We couldn't be happier. This is just the beginning of our road to excellence. But we are up for the challenge," said ERCC's administrator, Tara Shaver.

The Bronze – National Quality Award, is the first step in completing the Commitment to Quality Award Program. Applicants must meet the criteria of Baldrige Model for Performance Excellence. This is where applicants will assess their vision, mission, and what unique strengths and advantages in the industry they have as their baseline. If they reach the criteria, they will have the opportunity to pursue the Silver Award.

Applicants will use the feedback and resources they receive from gaining the Bronze Award to develop approaches that will help improve their performance and effectiveness in obtaining the Silver Award.

The final level is Gold, which is the Excellence in Quality Award. The facility must show absolute peak performance in customer and staff satisfaction, leadership, and strategic planning. Once achieved, they are considered one of the best in the profession.

"We don't plan on stopping anytime soon," she added, "We always try to find ways to improve our care."

"Recognition means nothing if you stop when you reach it. We're always working to improve," Shaver noted.

"By preparing an application, it's clear that your center has dedicated itself to continuous quality improvement and learning which is paramount to organizational success. We hope to see a Silver application from your center next year," said the America Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living in their letter to ERCC concerning the Silver Award.

Obituaries

Gene Dailey Worden Jr.



Gene Dailey Worden Jr., 79, of Parsons, but most recently a beloved resident of ERCC in Elkins, went to his eternal home with the Lord on October 3, 2026.

Gene was born December 26, 1946, in Elkins to the late Dorothy and Gene Worden, Sr. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rennay, his sister, Nora, and his parents.

Gene often shared stories of his childhood growing up in Davis and spending time at the Worden Hotel.

Gene graduated from Mountaineer High School in 1964. Following high school, he proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1968.

After his military service, Gene began a long and varied work career. He spent most of his life working for Island Creek Coal Company. Gene also worked for Canaan Valley Resort, sold insurance and worked as a clerk at the Veterans Clinic in Parsons.

Gene married his high school sweetheart, Rennay Smith, on March 18, 1968. They had two daughters, Tammy and Melinda. Gene enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also loved to take pictures of nature and most of all his family.

Gene also loved to write stories and poems. His penmanship was something that reflected the care and thought he put into everything he wrote. Gene loved to sing and was a member of the Mountain Top Chorus. He was also a member of the Mountain Top Hunting Club and a member of the Thomas Fairfax Masonic Lodge No. 174.

Gene's greatest love was his family. Left to cherish his memory are daughters, Tammy and husband, Chris, Melinda and husband, Jon, his three grandchildren, Jeremy Maxwell and wife, Lindsay, Caitlin McNemar and husband, Bryan, and Eliseo Wotring and fiancée, Gabby. Gene also adored his five great grandchildren, Gideon, Hadley, Jacob, Matt and River.

He is also survived by his siblings, Eddie and wife, Barbara, George and wife, Marsha, Tim Worden, his three nieces, Heather, Cyndi and Stacy, and a brother-in-law, David Fauce. Gene also had a lifetime friend, Dave Goff. They talked to each other every night on the phone sharing hunting and fishing stories.

Gene loved the Lord and was very knowledgeable about the Bible. He grew up attending the Lutheran Church in Davis. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Thomas. Most recently, he attended the First Baptist Church in Parsons.

A celebration of life will be held at the First Baptist Church in Parsons on Saturday, October 17, 2026, conducted by Pastor Cecil Hines. Visitation and time of greeting will be held from 12pm to 1pm, followed by the service at 1pm. Interment will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery in Thomas where members of the Tucker County Veterans Association, the H.W. Daniels Post #29, American Legion, and the WV Honor Guard. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Gene Dailey Worden, Jr. Send condolences to the family online at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com.

William Michael Buchanan



William Michael "Bill" Buchanan, age 29 years, a resident of Parsons, WV departed this life Monday morning, October 5, 2026, at his home. Death was unexpected.

He was born Wednesday, June 11, 1997, at Elkins, WV, a son of Harold Lee Buchanan and companion Teresa Brinegar of Parsons and Marjorie Ellen Minear of St. George. Also surviving are one sister, Elizabeth Ann Buchanan of St. George; special cousins, Andy Minear of St. George, Samantha Gates and husband Patrick of Stemple Ridge and Shasta Streets and husband Brandon of Parsons; Uncle Steve Minear and Deanna of St. George; and several cousins and many friends.

Preceding him in death are his twin brother, James Delbert Buchanan; maternal grandparents, Donald and Yvonne Minear; paternal grandmother, Judith Ann Buchanan; paternal great grandparents, Don and Nina Buchanan, maternal great grandparents, Bill and Leah Minear and Allen and Mary Shahan; and special aunt, Madonna Burns.

He was a graduate of Tucker County High School with the class of 2015. He had worked at the Shop n Save at Davis for several years and was currently working at Sunrise Sanitation. You would often see "Wild Bill" in his Stetson hat. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and shooting, video games and he loved music. Bill had a comical sense of humor and enjoyed making people smile.

The family received friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons on Sunday, October 11, from 4 PM to 6 PM. Final rites were conducted on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 11 AM. Pastor Donna Bolinger officiated. Cremation followed. Graveside service took place at the Parsons City Cemetery on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 11 AM. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for William Michael "Bill" Buchanan. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I have subscribed to The Parsons Advocate many years as a resident of VA. When we moved to WV in 2011, I continued my subscription. I find the paper has changed. I enjoy news of Tucker County, not Garrett County which seems to be in the paper each week. When I read the paper last week, I was surprised to find nothing about Emma Grace Snyder, the queen of the Mountain State Forest Festival. I decided to wait for the paper this week. Nothing in the paper about the Forest Festival this week. What an honor to be selected as the queen from a small town in Tucker County! To me that is big news. I am seriously thinking about dropping my subscription. Another complaint is a picture of several people and not one identified. That makes no sense to me. It makes the article more interesting if the people are identified.

Thanks for listening.

Kay F. Flanagan

THANK YOU FOR READING THE PARSONS ADVOCATE

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month





October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to promote early detection, support those affected by breast cancer, and raise awareness about the importance of regular screenings and self-examinations.

The Tucker County CEOS (Community Educational Outreach Service) recently hosted a special presentation at the Tucker County Senior Outpost in Parsons. A proclamation recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month was signed by Commissioner Rosenau, and representatives from St. George Medical Clinic shared valuable information about early detection and demonstrated how to perform monthly self-examinations.

We were honored to recognize local breast cancer survivors Betty Bennett, Shirley Cassidy, Linda Plaugher, Arlene Ramsey, and Virginia Popio, who were presented with pink carnations in celebration of their strength, courage, and perseverance. Shout out to our CEOS ladies: Sharon Daniels, (made the cupcakes, Meg Budding, (for the music entertainment), Debbie Miller, Ruth Alkire, Sylvia Rosenau, Linda Plaugher, Marlayne Nestor and Cathy Robinson.

Together, we stand in support of survivors, those currently battling breast cancer, and the families who walk alongside them.

Tucker County 2025 4-H Achievement

4-H MERIT – Is awarded to newer 4-H members that demonstrate exceptional participation & enthusiasm for the program. Some of the activities they took part in regularly attending club meetings, working very hard on their projects, attending 4-H Camp, attending Livestock Camp, and working very hard at the fair. The most repeated statement about these kids is they're always willing to help out and they're excited about 4-H!

Kyliegh Wamsley, Kinsley Lewis, Denton Streets, Hannah Lewis, Kenley Blamble, Gracie Hile, Case Hebb, Ty Thornhill, Audery Roberts, Owen Wolford

LIVESTOCK JUDGING – Practices started in mid-February for our livestock judging team. We would like to recognize those members who participated in the majority of the contest this year. Our team traveled to seven contest this year- the WV Beef Expo, Block and Bridle, WV Sheep Breeders, Eastern National Limousin Contest, WV Poultry Judging, WV Dairy, and the WV Livestock Judging Contest. Their accolades tallied up quickly. We are proud of all of them!

Shaylea Wolfe, Delvert Wilkins, Denton Streets, Kenley Blamble, Hannah Lewis, Alyssa Lewis, Kinsley Lewis, Briley Keplinger, Alaina Owens

CITIZENSHIP – Is awarded to members that show 4-H Citizenship in their club and community. These 4-Hers set a good example for all members. They're the first to volunteer with club and county activities, mentor younger members, serve as club officers, and work hard on their projects.

Ava Wilfong, Baylee Lewis, Buck Yates, Paityn Clower, Easton Wolford, Alyssa Lewis, Debert Wilkins, Rowan Dilly, Braxton Smith

LEADERSHIP – Is awarded to members that demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities. These members have stepped up in leadership roles in their clubs and in county 4-H activities such as 4-H Camp and the Fair. Other members look up to them and they take the responsibility very seriously.

Kace Nestor, Alissa Hebb, Shaylea Wolfe, Braxton Smith, Paityn Clower, Easton Wolford, Baylee Lewis

I DARE YOU – Is presented to two current high school juniors that show personal integrity, balanced living, and a high potential for leadership. This year's recipients are long-time 4-H members. Both members are excellent leaders and great examples to our youth. They attend 4-H camp and participate in the fair. They hold leadership roles in their clubs and are members of the teen leaders. I would like to present this year's I Dare You awards to… *Ava Wilfong & Bella Carr*

FRIEND OF 4-H – A Friend of 4-H is an individual or business that has contributed to the improvement of the program.

This year's recipient has been a huge supporter of our 4-H program for years and is a former 4-Her himself. The last several years he has used his vacation time to volunteer at camp. He is also a member of our Extension Service Committee and understands the true impact the 4-H program has on youth. He is always only a call away and eager to help however he an. He has carried all of the H's through his adult life and we are very proud of him. *Will White*

4-H SERVICE – Is awarded to an adult volunteer that has contributed to the 4-H Program.

This year's award goes to an individual who truly embodies the 4-H spirit and is vested in the program. He serves as a camp counselor for any event – whether it is our week long residential camp or a weekend camp. He is an instrumental part of the Tucker County 4-H camping program. With that said, his service to 4-H goes beyond just camping. He is known to check in from time to time during different events to make sure that everything is covered. We couldn't be more proud of this former 4-Her. *Wesley Strawderman*

OUTSTANDING 4-H Leader – Is given to a leader that has gone above and beyond the call of duty: This leader always makes sure her club has a wonderful experience that are fun as well as educational. She encourages all club members, including Cloverbuds, to complete their projects books and turn them in on time, and they celebrate that achievement with their club. Her club is made up of younger members and is constantly growing. *Jay Wilfong*

OUTSTANDING 4-H Member – Is presented to a member who best exemplifies the finest qualities of 4-H. Our Outstanding 4-H Member embodies every part of the four-fold pledge: cleared head, larger heart, greater hands, and healthier living. This individual has spent the past year going above and beyond in their project work, stepping up as a mentor to younger members, and leading and participating in impactful community service projects right here in our local area. Whether they are organizing club activities, perfecting her projects, or showing up with a positive attitude at every single meeting, the set the absolute gold standard for what it means to be a 4-Her.

That's why this year's Outstanding 4-Her goes to … *Baylee Lewis.*

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Kayla Isenhart Joins ERCC RN Team After Passing Board Exam

Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center employee Kayla Isenhart passed her RN board exam on September 28. Isenhart, pictured at right, receives her congratulatory gifts from ERCC FNP & Certified Wound Nurse, Rebecca Arbogast, at left. In August, Isenhart graduated from Fairmont State University with an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing (LPN to RN). She began work at ERCC in August 2021 as an LPN Clinical Supervisor. In March 2022, she transitioned to a Wound Nurse Assistant. She will continue her employment at the facility as a Certified Wound Nurse Assistant.

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WARM THE CHILDREN

Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need



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In Tucker County, needy children will go cold this winter without your help.

Just what is *The Parsons Advocate's* WARM THE CHILDREN FUND?

The Parsons Advocate's **WARM THE CHILDREN FUND** is neighbors helping neighbors in Tucker County. The Parsons Advocate is asking readers to donate to the fund and the proceeds will be used to buy new warm winter clothing for needy area children. There are no administrative fees. All the money donated is used to buy new clothing.

How will the children's clothing be purchased?

The Advocate's WARM THE CHILDREN coordinator has made arrangements with a local store and assigns volunteer shoppers to take the children and their parents shopping. Shoppers will be people like you, anyone in the community willing to help by donating a little of their time to this worthwhile cause.

How can I help?

Simply complete the coupon below and send it with your donation to the address on the coupon. Thanks for your generosity. ***All donations are tax deductible.***

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