



2015 Fall/Winter

Childhood memories of annual trips to Davis and an appreciation of the work ethic of the Kerzic, Mamish and Sluger families prompt a tribute and major investment that will forever benefit the Davis Community.

'TIS THE SEASON

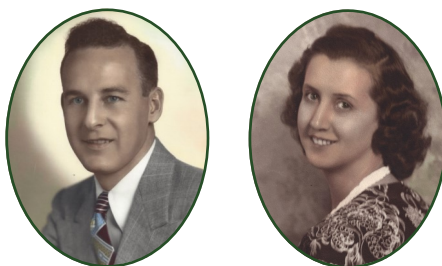
As endowments and donor support grow - so does the benefit to the region.

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- **A Randolph County Scholarship pays tribute**
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- **And the Governor rocks it again**

Albert A. & Frances M. Kerzic Memorial Fund Benefits Davis Community

A gift of \$100,000 from Lynda Given Lessek and husband Peter has established the **Albert A. & Frances M. Kerzic Memorial Fund**, a donor-advised fund supporting education, recreation, historic preservation, beautification and economic development for Davis. The fund was established in honor and memory of Lynda's parents, Albert "Beanie" Kerzic and Frances Mamish Kerzic, and the Mamish and Sluger families.



*Albert A. Kerzic (1922-1994) and
Frances Mamish Kerzic (1915-2006)*

"This is a big deal for our town of Davis and should help all who want to do improvements of all kinds for the town."
Keith S.

Albert and Frances were raised in Davis, and although they ultimately settled in the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio, they always considered Davis to be their home. Albert Kerzic was one of three sons of John Kerzic and Jenny Mazi Kerzic. He was raised by the Sluger family and excelled at baseball. Scouted by Connie Mack, Al earned a tryout to be a Major League Baseball pitcher. Instead of following his passion for sports, and after graduating from Davis High School, he joined the U.S. Army where he rose to the level of corporal and survived the bombing of Pearl

Harbor. He attended two years of college on the GI Bill in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Frances was one of six girls raised in a four-bedroom home in Davis by her parents Frank, a coal miner, and Frances Mamish. After graduating from Davis High School and Fairmont Teachers College, she taught at one-room school houses in Tucker County during the Depression.

Albert and Frances were married in Davis on August 28, 1948. In need of work, they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where Al worked in sales and as an office clerk in the scrap iron and steel business, and Frances was a homemaker and teacher. They had one child, Lynda Given Lessek, and one grandchild, Byron Kendall Given.

Lynda and her husband Peter are residents of Wheaton, Illinois. Peter was formerly an executive in the telecommunications industry. Lynda has practiced law for over 35 years with the firm of Chapman and Cutler in Chicago, Illinois.



Lynda Given & Peter Lessek

New Funds Benefit The Region

Taylor, Beall & Snyder Family Fund

Tucker County, Designated



Virginia Lee (Hott)
Beall, Roscoe C. Beall
Jr. and granddaughter
Katie



Arlene M. (Taylor)
Snyder and
Bobbie D. (Bob) Snyder

Created by Roscoe (Ronnie) and Diane Taylor Beall in memory of Ronnie's parents Virginia & Roscoe Beall, Jr. and Diane's father Phelps Paul Taylor, Jr. and in honor of Diane's mother and step-father Arlene and Bob Snyder, the **Taylor, Beall & Snyder Family Fund** benefits the Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department (CV VFD) Auxiliary.

Ronnie and Diane reside on the family farm in Canaan Valley. Diane is a charter member of the Tucker Community Foundation with 26 years of service. She

has been an active member of the CV VFD Auxiliary since 1989, and served as President from 2011-15.

Fueled by a very active Run for It team, the value of the fund has already doubled in size. Upon reaching the minimum fund requirement of \$10,000, the fund will provide perpetual support for ongoing repairs, maintenance and improvements of the CV VFD kitchen and fire hall and can also provide support for other auxiliary activities. The building housing the CV VFD is used extensively by the community.

Bucher Family Fund *Donor Advised*

Randolph, Tucker, Pendleton & Barbour Counties



Phelps Paul
Taylor, Jr.

The **Bucher Family Fund** supports initiatives promoting community development, health, gardening, use of natural resources, alternate energy, historical preservation and spirituality.

The fund was created in honor and memory by the children of Dr. Samuel and Margaret Bucher (step-children of Kathryn Bucher): Sarah Ellen (Herb) Myers, Jonathan (Esther) Bucher, Mary Beth (Lester) Lind, and Dan (Judy) Bucher.

Dr. Bucher's medical work spanned 44 years (1946-1990). He delivered over fifteen hundred babies in those years, made

many house calls, and for many years his "Mountain Clinic" provided in-patient rooms for obstetrical patients. After his first wife, Margaret, died in 1987; he married Kathryn Ellen Hostetter, a nurse who was also well-known and loved by the community.

Margaret was one of the founders of the Pioneer Memorial Library in Harman. Her garden and craft work was her creative and generative outlet. Samuel liked to experiment with alternative energy especially water power.

"We have established this fund to honor the legacy of our parents and in some way continue their work." **Dan Bucher**

"In 1946, Samuel Jacob and Margaret Mae Mininger Bucher, a young doctor and nurse, left the familiarity of their home community in southeastern Pennsylvania to move to Harman, WV. They practiced medicine, raised a family, became pillars of their community and thrived in the sheer beauty of the mountains and the Appalachian culture."

Belington Public Library Fund

Agency Endowed; Barbour County

The Belington Public Library serves southern Barbour County with books, e-books, public internet services, an extensive genealogy department, in addition to other public services. The library struggles to secure funding each year, both in order to maintain its collections & facilities and to protect them against possible damage from flooding of the Tygart Valley River.

"Since the Flood of '85, we have wanted to move the Belington Public Library out of the flood plain to protect its facilities and collection. Endowing a fund with TCF is the best way we have found to make that happen." **Joel Wolpert**, President, Belington Public Library Board of Trustees

The Belington Community, under the direction of Librarian Tammy Smith, has been very active in the Run For It program raising more than \$74,000 since 2009 when the "Bookaneers" emerged as a top contender in the program.

New Funds Benefit Randolph County

Mark Hutchison / David Cosner Scholarship Fund

Randolph County

Family, friends, and classmates have joined an effort led by Tim Harris (**Elkins High School Class of '82**) to forever honor two young men who gave their lives in service to our country. Tim recently seeded the **Mark Hutchison / David Cosner Scholarship Fund** with \$7,000 from multiple donors.

Once the scholarship fund reaches the

minimum fund requirement of \$20,000, it will provide an annual scholarship to a senior from Randolph Technical Center who demonstrates the qualities valued by the Marines and the Navy: respect, discipline, honor, responsibility, commitment, and service to others.

The TCF Facebook post announcing this fund received the largest number of shares and "likes" in its history.

www.facebook.com/tucker.commfound

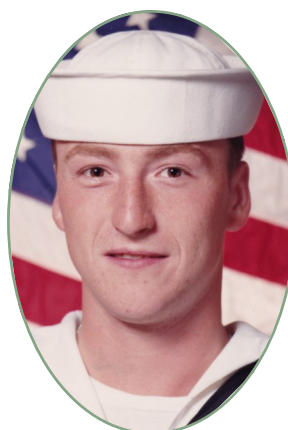


We are so honored that Tim Harris and the Foundation have memorialized these two brave American servicemen in such a meaningful way. Supporting the endeavors of a promising young student is the ultimate tribute; their sacrifices will not be forgotten. The family of Mark Hutchison wishes to convey our gratitude to Tim and the Tucker Community Foundation.

Nancy Hutchison Fahey



Corporal David Lee Cosner graduated Elkins High School in 1979. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1982. CPL Cosner was stationed in Beirut, Lebanon, during a United Nations' peacekeeping mission, serving as an administrative assistant in the personnel office of Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division. He was killed in the terrorist attack on the Marine base in Beirut on Oct. 23, 1983. He was 22 years old.



Mark Edward Hutchison graduated Elkins High School in 1981. During the Gulf War, he served aboard the assault ship USS Iwo Jima during Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf. On October 30, 1990, he died in an explosion in the ship's boiler room. He was 27 years old.



ArtsBank Fund

Agency Endowed; Randolph County

Established by the ArtsBank Board of Directors, with support from a number of donors, the ArtsBank Fund creates perpetual support for art programs and projects in the Randolph County school system(s), especially the elementary level.

ArtsBank has been serving the children of Randolph County since 1992 with hands-on art experiences for students in every

elementary school in the Elkins area. ArtsBank now has special programs for the middle and high school students as well. Volunteer and financial support is needed to keep the energy and operations of this important county-wide program moving forward and expanding.



Artsbank President, Scottie Wiest, receives the TCF Fund Advisor lapel pin.

New Endowments Benefit Preston County

After School Explorers Fund

Field of Interest; Preston County,

A dynamic educational program, After School Explorers is currently funded in part by two 5-year 21st Century Community Learning Center grants and in-kind support from Preston County Schools. In an effort to sustain a program focusing on student and parent achievement, **Susie Huggins, Project Director** is leading the charge creating an endowment that will enhance existing programs and provide a perpetual resource for future needs in Preston County.

After school programming strives to have students on grade level by 3rd grade and helps to develop critical thinking skills. Project-based learning and STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, art and math) activities are also core elements of the program. Summer

programming includes STREAM explorers for grades K-4; a focus on robotics for 5th-9th grade students and a Zero Robotics competition that involves writing computer code for the International Space Station. Parent achievement includes the Little Learners program where parents learn to work with their child on social skills needed for school and educational components such as the alphabet, numbers, colors, and shapes.

Proceeds from Run For It, and donations from the general public provided the seed money to endow the **After School Explorers Fund**.

Eight sites in Preston County are currently benefiting from the After School Explorers program: Aurora School, Bruceton School, Fellowsville Elementary, Kingwood Elementary, Rowlesburg School, South Preston School, Terra Alta East Preston School and Valley Elementary.



Susie Huggins,
After School Explorers

Driven.

Determined.

Deliberate.

Susie Huggins and Jill Zeigler are leading by example. "It is wonderful that these two ladies are so motivated to help the community. What they are doing will be a legacy that will benefit so many far into the future."

Don Smith
Preston County
Commissioner



Jill Zeigler,
Kingwood
Elementary

Kingwood Elementary School Fund

Designated; Kingwood Elementary School

Initiated under the direction of **Jill Zeigler, Principal**, the **Kingwood Elementary School Fund** was started with proceeds generated by Team Kingwood Stags from Run For It '15. The purpose of the fund is to enhance the delivery of educational services to the students at Kingwood Elementary School. Special consideration will be given to addressing the needs of the "whole child" to include, but not limited to, basic human needs (food, clothing, medical); character education and counseling, developing appropriate

behaviors and social skills, and regular school attendance.

According to Zeigler, *"In this time of economic hardship and cutbacks, we are committed to providing the best education possible for our students. We do not want to become limited in our offerings due to lack of or limited funds. The staff of Kingwood Elementary want to invest in, and prepare for, the future. Therefore they are establishing and growing the Kingwood Elementary School Endowment Fund. Additional donations from the general public will help the fund reach the minimum fund requirement of \$10,000."*

**To support any TCF Endowed Fund, program or project,
donate online at**

www.tuckerfoundation.net

or mail checks to

TCF, Box 491, Parsons, WV 26287

make payable to TCF-Name of Fund

Team Captains' Hard Work Pays Off

The 2015 Run For It distributed over \$189,000 to local causes. Run For It continues to see new teams jump in every year. Race sponsors have matched that enthusiasm by donating a record breaking \$86,825. The race sponsors are the cornerstone of the Run For It program and we applaud their ongoing dedication to their communities. The teams and their captains also worked hard this year motivating their supporters to garner almost \$100,000 in team sponsor support. One of the larger teams this year won a Gold Star Award for their creative method of gaining team members. Sara Beth James and Zach Bittinger got married the afternoon of Run For It, and they sent out Run For It entry forms to all their wedding guests encouraging them all to race together that morning for Garrett Trails, a cause close to their hearts.



Friends of the Cheat provided a high five station that helped keep the racers pumped!

"The Run For It has been a lifesaver for the Philippi Public Library."
Judy Buckner Larry — Team Captain, Philippi Public Library Bookworms

"Most of the co-op kids participated in the 2k or 5k and enjoy the sense of community this event brings. They support each other, their friends and family members during the run and walk."
Shannon McCann, —Team Captain, Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative

"Run for It is the only means our team has to raise funds for the Garrett Easton Endowed Fund. Run for It weekend is a special time for friends and family to get together to support a worthy cause. In the last 7 years, we have raised over \$55,000! I'd say that's GREAT! Thanks for all you do throughout the year."
-Glenda Easton — Team Captain, Fresh Canvas

2015 Race Sponsors

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 Pocahontas County Commission
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Sponsors contributed over \$86,000!

2015 Grant Report

Recipient	Use of Grant	Total Award
Alpine Heritage Preservation	Movie Night Project At Cottrill's Opera House	\$2,550
ArtSpring	ArtSpring marketing partnership	\$1,950
Blackwater Ministerial Assoc.	Food pantry, clothes closet	\$5,000
CASA of Preston County	Court Appointed Special Advocate program for children	\$5,000
Century Transportation Museum	Event Center	\$2,000
Charlie Waters	TCHS art program	\$4,750
Tucker Valley 4th Grade	Rocket Scientist program	\$400
City of Parsons	Wellness Center Equipment	\$2,500
Cortland Foundation, Inc.	Mountain Top Radiology	\$15,000
First United Methodist Church	Hinkle House Food Pantry (Parsons)	\$13,000
Five Rivers Public Library	Picture book shelving and printer	\$3,950
Garrett County Community Action Committee	Financial education	\$2,000
Garrett Community College Foundation	Students In Need Group	\$1,000
Harman School PTO	The "Other Side" Project	\$2,000
Boy Scout Troop #22	Eagle Scout park project	\$850
Mon General Foundation	Regional Health Fair	\$2,000
Monongalia County Literacy Volunteers	Each One Teach One	\$2,500
Mountain Laurel Learning Co-op	Youth Engaged In Skiing	\$500
New Historic Thomas	Thomas Downtown Beautification	\$1,650
North Central WV Community Action	Disaster relief, home improvement, community collaborations	\$5,000
Parsons Ministerial Association	Emergency assistance	\$4,500
Pocahontas County Senior Citizens	Senior meals & deliveries	\$2,000
McClintock Mobile Art Display	"Tell Me A Story" Program	\$1,000
St George Academy Preservation Society	Roof repair project	\$500
TCHS Outdoor Club	Outdoor activity transportation & equipment	\$500
Tucker County 4-H Leaders	4-H camp	\$4,000
Tucker County Board of Ed	Playground seating at TVEMS Annex	\$450
Tucker County Fair Association	Cattle Wash Bay	\$2,000
Tucker County FRN	Back Pack Buddies & Kids Corner Baby Pantry	\$5,000
Tucker County JETS	Equine Camps and Education	\$2,500



TCF hosted the annual Grants Reception Nov. 5 at the National Youth Science Foundation in Davis. It is a wonderful opportunity for grantees and Run For It team captains to meet and personally thank the donors and sponsors whose generosity provided close to \$300,000 in support for projects and programs throughout the region we serve.

Diane Hinkle
Development Director



Donation Report (April - October 2015)

After School Explorers Fund

Team After School Explorers & Sponsors

Albert A. and Frances M. Kerzic Memorial Fund

Peter & Lynda Given Lessek

Artsbank Fund

Artsbank, Inc.

Billie Armstrong Fund

Billie Armstrong Team & Sponsors

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Daniel & Judy Bucher
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Crimson Shamrock Fund

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Crimson Shamrock Literacy Fund

David Moran

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Davis Fraternal Order of Eagles

Garrett "Dutch" Easton Fund

Team Fresh Canvas & Sponsors
John & Glenda Easton
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Kyle Conroy
Cathy & Kimberly Hinckley

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In memory of George A. Smith

Jeannette Kinkaid
James & Loretta Cooper
Anonymous
Sarah Fletcher
Jean & Michael Ledden
Scott and Nypl, CPAs
Milestone Consulting Printing & Design
Diane & Ronnie Beall
Arthur & Betty Heldman
Diane & Scott Hinkle
Jill Robinson
Kenneth Smith
Cecelia Wallace
Rachelle Davis

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Nola DeVilder

Heart of the Highlands Project

Lydia Barker
Colleen Davies
WV Mountain Trail Runner
HOH Team & Sponsors

Joseph R. Steffl Scholarship Fund

In memory of Shirley Steffl
Mt. Pleasant Garden Club
Tri County Bass Masters
Shirley & Charles Kokiko
Julie Steffl

Kingwood Elementary School Fund

Team Kingwood Stags & Sponsors

Margaret Ann and James A. Grafton Fund

James & Margaret Grafton
James Grafton

McClain Fund

In memory of George A. Smith
Jeannette Kinkaid
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Rachelle Davis

Rotary Club of Tucker County

Millennium Fund

Diane & Ed Rader *In honor of Diane Beall on her birthday*

Mountaineer Humane Society Fund

Cruisin' Critters Team & Sponsors
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Mountaintop Public Library Building Fund

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Mt. Hebron Cemetery Fund

Dave & Nancy Leshner

Old Ridge Runner Fund

Herman Hebb's *The Old Ridge Runner*

Parsons High School Alumni Fund

Parsons High School Class of '55
Forrest Harper

Preston Community Fund

Mt. Lions Club
Dave Moran & Lori Wall
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TCF Directors' General Fund

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Bruce & Gerri Wilson
Melissa Brown
Hazel Hesson
Day Philip
Reg Trefethen
Christopher Boyce
Scott & Diane Hinkle
James & Anne Burnham



The microwave oven was
invented in 1955

Class of '55
I leave you with
this thought:

*"You have each
been given a bag
of tools,
A formless rock
and a book of
rules;
And each must
make, ere life has
flown,
A stumbling-block
or a stepping-
stone."*

Earl Corcoran,
Principal

Reaching a Higher Goal

Parsons High School Class of '55 lives up to their motto

Earlier this year, the 42nd Parsons High School Alumni Dinner provided an opportunity for classmates to enjoy food, fellowship, and a healthy dose of philanthropy.

Staying true to the class motto *Step by Step Until We Reach a Higher Goal*, the Class of '55 made a very generous gift in memory and honor of classmates. **Marvin "Bud" Parsons**, President of the Alumni Association, called on Clyde Pennington, **PHS Class of '55**, and class mates Bill Dilly and David Currance, who presented checks totaling \$3,000 to Foundation Director, Rob Burns to benefit the **Parsons High School Alumni Fund**. Their donation boosted the value of the fund to \$ 38,883.

The PHS Alumni Fund, established in 2001, provides an annual scholarship to a Tucker County High School senior who is a descendant of PHS alumni. As the fund grows, it produces additional income for annual scholarships.

PHS Class of '55

Flower: Red Rose

Colors: Green and White

Sponsors:

Pauline Harris, Harold Parsons

Terry Fairbanks, President
Clyde Pennington, Vice President
Mary Roberts Bowley, Secretary
David Currance, Treasurer
Anna Smith Bromell, Student Council
Richard Felton, Student Council
Lessie Shahan Morrison, Historian
Sue Ketterman Breedlove, Reporter



PHS Class of 55' 60th Reunion

Help Our Communities Reach a Higher Goal

Consider making a holiday gift in memory or honor of a loved one
to any endowed fund, program, or project of Tucker Community Foundation.



Mr. Sandman
Ballet of Davy Crockett
Rock Around the Clock

Top Songs of '55

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Community
Fund**

Help build the
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an unrestricted endowed fund that
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causes in Preston County, WV.


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Tucker County EMS Fund

Lowell Moore
April & Rick Miller
Cole Carr
Sue Haywood
Avah Behrens-Wik
Diane Rader
Ivonne Martinez
Al & Maryanne Thomson
Best of Canaan
Karen & Bill Peterson
Susan Meyer
Nancy Moore
St. George Medical Clinic
Mariwyn & George Smith
Athey & Maggie Lutz

Taylor-Beall-Snyder Fund

Roscoe & Diane Beall
Bob & Arlene Snyder
Diane & Scott Hinkle In memory
of John Groves Beall
Team CV VFD Auxiliary Power & Sponsors

Tucker Boulder Park project

Pam Ruediger
Keith Strausbaugh
Diane & Scott Hinkle
Shannon Anderson
Emma Ujvagi
Mason Powell
Sue Haywood
Jason Cyr
Angie Shockley
Al & Maryanne Thomson
Tina Nelson
Zac & Cam Phillips
Sarah Deacon
Bruce & Gerri Wilson
FirstEnergy Foundation
Deborah Mowe
Kevin Moore
The Oakland Foundation
Team Boulder Park & Sponsors
Green Rivers
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Charlene Lang
Athey and Maggie Lutz
David Cooper
Todd Eardensohn

Chris and Hilary Boyce
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Elaine Moore
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Walter L. Marshall
LaVerna White
Trudy & Bill Defoyd
Timothy Keck
Suzanne Murphy
Michael Geary
Anonymous
Mary Jane Wilson

Tucker County Economic & Community Development Fund

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Karen Peterson
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Avah Behrens-Wik
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Tucker Community Foundation Match

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Anne McCune
Miscellaneous donations

Walter & Mary Shaffer Helmick Scholarship Fund

Mary Ellen Cousins In memory of Romaine Canon Arnold

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WV Highlands STArt Fund

Kiwanis Club of Parsons
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Mary Frances Good
Miscellaneous donations
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Grant County Bank
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Mountain Valley Bank
FirstEnergy

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JP Castells Eagle Scout project

WEPCO donations

Davis Riverfront Park

Lynda Given Lessek & Peter Lessek

Run For It

Verglas Media



Foundation News

New Members Elected to Foundation Board



Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

--

Martin Luther King Jr.



A graduate of WVU with a BS Degree in Mining Engineering, **Jeff Kelley** is President and General Manager of Vindex Energy, a subsidiary of Arch Coal with mines located in Kitzmiller and Frostburg, Maryland. He is a 1997 graduate of Leadership WV and has been a past member of the Board of Directors for Broaddus Hospital and Barbour County Bank. Jeff and his wife, Nancy, reside in Barbour County in the Valley Furnace Community and have three grown daughters.



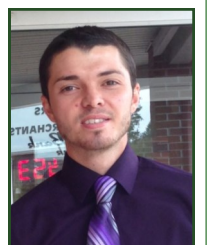
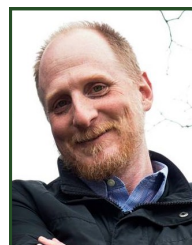
My heart and home is in Tucker County where I have planted my roots with a new business in Thomas called Ella. I specialize in interior design, wedding and event planning & rentals, and the creation & design of repurposed furniture and décor. **Erika Ellen Smith**

Born and raised in Parsons, WV, Erika graduated Summa Cum Laude from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interior Design and a Graduate Certificate in Cultural Resource Management. She previously served as an AmeriCorp Volunteer on the

Historic Preservation team for the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area and she is currently a member of New Historic Thomas. The TCF Development Office has benefitted from her decorating talents.

TCF welcomes **John W. Cooper**, a well-known local attorney and partner in Cooper & Preston PLLC, back to the board. John served on the board from 1990-2000 and was instrumental in getting the Foundation established. He and his wife Thisbe reside in Canaan Valley.

Preston Community Fund Advisory Committee Appointed



Congratulations to John Dahlia, Crissy Estep, Kimberly Moyers, Andrew Nelson and Ethan Slaubaugh on their recent appointment to the Preston Community Fund Advisory Committee. In addition to advocating for continued growth of the fund, they will make recommendations on annual awards.

The first fund of its type, the **Preston Community Fund** was established in 2014 on a \$1 for \$1 match-challenge provided by the Foundation. The area fund provides unrestricted grant and scholarship support for Preston County.

Foundation News, Continued

Penelope's Kids: A New Youth Philanthropy Program

Our piggy bank, Penelope, has kicked off our youth philanthropy program with a writing contest. Her next step is to gather a group of kids to go on a philanthropic adventure. Kids are innately generous and have a deep-seated desire to contribute, which makes them ideal candidates to be philanthropists. Somewhere along the line, they often grow up to believe that philanthropy is something reserved for the very rich, when in reality everyone is capable of contributing their time, talent, or treasure in some way. Tucker Community Foundation and Penelope want to guide kids through the entire process of giving and encourage children to maintain a lifelong desire to give back.

Penelope's Kids Club will begin to meet in 2016 and will guide children through the whole process of philanthropy. The children will have a chance to be actual grantors. They will assess the needs of their friends and neighbors and the community as a whole. We will investigate the resources our area has to meet those needs. Armed with that knowledge, they can brainstorm a way that they can be of service. They will be empowered to award a small grant, do a service project, and learn how to go back and assess the impact of their philanthropic efforts.

Research shows that the younger a person is when they get engaged with philanthropy, the more likely they will stay engaged as adults. Youth involved in philanthropy also have a contagious level of enthusiasm which can further energize and inspire the adults in their community. For more information contact Sandra Frank at dassistant@tuckerfoundation.net.

Budding philanthropist feeding



**"From a small seed a
mighty trunk may grow."**

~Aeschylus

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TCF Purchases Building In Davis

The Tucker Community Foundation is pleased to announce that it has completed the purchase of the building and land at 737 William Avenue in Davis, WV for a permanent home for its Davis Office and to secure the location of the Potomac Highland Food and Farm Initiative's Highland Market which is already located on the property. The TCF Davis Office, now located across the street from the Market, will be moved to the 737 William Avenue location as soon as renovations are completed in the building. While working with community members in the creation of endowed funds or other donations, the Davis Office is also the central organizing point for the annual Run For It event and the development of the Tucker Boulder Park which will be built beside the Davis Ball Field.

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The Governor Rocks It Again!

November 5 was another big day for partners in the Tucker Boulder Park project when Governor Earl Ray Tomblin announced a \$60,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the Town of Davis. The grant supports the purchase of one of the three boulders slated for the public climbing park located at the Davis Ball Field property.

Work on the park is projected to begin in the spring of 2016 with trail construction and a parking area designed by **E.L. Robinson Engineering**. Funding for the trail is provided by a \$120,000 WV DOT Recreational Trail Grant announced earlier this year. In-kind support and donations from the general public have exceeded the match requirement for both grants and will be applied toward subsequent grants that also require match funds. Project partners and a growing roster of donors from all over the map continue to support the project.

Current fund-raising efforts are focused on the children's boulder. A \$5,000 challenge grant from the **Oakland Foundation** is attracting additional support. The Saint George Medical Clinic, the Falling Green Fund, Tucker Community Foundation, and FirstEnergy Foundation along with donations

from the general public are helping us in the climb. A donor recognition wall is planned for the park.

Team Boulder Park, under the direction of Chip Chase, had the largest Run For It team with 73 team members. The team placed 4th overall out of 53 teams and it was the top Tucker County Team ending the day with more than \$10,000 to contribute to the project.



Davis Mayor Joe Drenning accepted the \$60,000 grant from Governor Tomblin (center). I-r David Cooper, Doug Toothman, Scott Hinkle, Diane Hinkle, Rob Burns, Paul Wamsley and John McGarrity.

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