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Justices added to Hudok's lawsuit

By Tim MacVean
Staff Writer

ELKINS — Three area residents who filed a lawsuit against the state of West Virginia demanding a "constitutional government" be restored within the state have also named all five West Virginia Supreme Court Justices as defendants.

Phillip Hudok of Hutonsville, Gene Stalnaker of Daniels and Thomas Deegan of Mineral Wells originally filed

the suit in May against Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, Clerk of the West Virginia House of Delegates Steve Harrison and an "unknown private for profit subcontractor providing government services and purporting to be lawful gov-



HUDOK

ernment in operation." The filing has since been amended to also include the five Supreme Court Justices for "failing to act because they were in default and dishonor legally." Hudok said, in an exclusive interview with The Inter-Mountain this week, he feels the government is abusing its power and making United States citizens enemies of the government.

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Lawsuit plaintiff arrested

By Tim MacVean
Staff Writer

ELKINS — One of the three area residents who filed a suit against the state of West Virginia has been arrested on terroristic threat charges.

Thomas David Deegan, 39, of Mineral Wells, was arrested

on Sept. 24 on one felony count of threats of terrorist acts, conveying false information concerning terrorist acts and committing terrorist hoaxes prohibited. He is currently being housed at North Central Regional Jail on a

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Elkins Mayor Van Broughton, joined by administrators from different community organizations, inks a proclamation declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A candlelight vigil is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Oct. 21 in the commission meeting room at the Randolph County Courthouse in Elkins. Seated, from left, are Jayne Rawl, victim service coordinator for the Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Broughton and Jessie Massimino, a victim advocate for Women's Aid in Crisis. Standing, from left, are WAIC Shelter Manager Debbie Stalnaker Riddlebarger, WAIC Victim Advocate Nancy Barlow, Child Advocacy Center Representative Margot Kubichek, WAIC Shelter Manager Peggy Rittenhouse, WAIC Legal Advocate Jean Poling, Children's Advocacy Center Executive Director Lydia Johnson Grady, Children's Advocacy Center Coordinator Elizabeth King and WAIC Representative Julene Kennedy.

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City man charged with robbery

By Tim MacVean
Staff Writer

ELKINS — An Elkins man is behind bars after being accused of forcibly robbing a man and woman at their Elkins residence.

Michael Brooks Ketterman, 28, is charged with one felony count of armed robbery and one felony count of burglary. He is currently housed at Tygart Valley Regional Jail on a \$50,000 cash-only bond, set by Ran-

dolph County Chief Magistrate George M. "Mike" Riggelman. According to a criminal complaint filed in Randolph County Magistrate Court, on Friday, Cpl. G.L. Brown, of the Elkins Police Department, was dispatched to a Second Street residence in reference to "3 masked men," with one of them "known for sure to be male subject Michael Brooks Ketterman."

A female individual said Ketterman had come into the residence and taken her purse before "physically assaulting

her then running out of the residence." Upon arriving at the scene, Brown made contact with a male individual who was "bleeding from the back of the head," the complaint states.

The male said Ketterman came into the residence with two other masked men and "struck him in the head with a hammer and took his wife's purse," before fleeing toward the Central School Building, according to the complaint.

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Levy forum at Pickens draws crowd

By Chris Lee
Senior Staff Writer

PICKENS — Randolph County Schools officials met with the Pickens School community Monday during the first school levy forum.

About 20 Pickens community members attended the informational meeting, intended to provide facts about renewing the school levy, which will be voted on Nov. 7. Through October, school officials and representatives from the Say Yes for Children Campaign will present an open forum at every public school in the county.

Pickens Principal Christine Sneider Long kicked the forum off by welcoming guests to the event and introducing Randolph County Superintendent Pam Hewitt, who spoke briefly about her history as an educator in the county before explaining the purpose behind the meeting.

A video, prepared by Schools Technology Director Jonathan Paine, was debuted during the forum. The video highlights many aspects of the Randolph County Schools system and showcases its accomplishments.

"There's so many good things that are happening in our classrooms throughout the county," Hewitt said. "It's something to be very proud of."

The superintendent said it is important to show off



The Inter-Mountain photo by Chris Lee

Randolph County Schools Superintendent Pam Hewitt addresses the Pickens School community Monday during the first school levy forum.

the good work done by teachers and students because "if we don't do that, it's not going to happen."

"This is not a levy video — this is a Randolph County Schools showcase," she said. "However, much that you see in this video is possible because of our levy dollars."

The video will be available on the county school website following this evening's regularly scheduled meeting of the Randolph County Board of Education.

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Broughton discusses city projects with Elkins Rotary Club

By Tim MacVean
Staff Writer

ELKINS — Elkins Mayor Van Broughton detailed \$50 million worth of city wide improvement projects during Monday's Elkins Rotary Club meeting.

Broughton discussed the current large-scale current project focused on separating the storm and sanitary sewer systems downtown.

"I know everyone is probably wondering about

Kerens Avenue, that's a big issue right now," Broughton said. "That's in with Barron Avenue, College Street, Wilson Street. The Kerens Avenue project is about done but, however, this week we are going to close it again and we are going to put a new water line in from Second Street to Fourth Street and we have all intentions of having it paved (soon)."

In addition to paving those streets, after the project is complete, the Ran-

dolph County Commission allotted money to the city to also pave Glendale Park.

"We partnered with the County Commission, half of Glendale Park's not paved," Broughton said. "The County Commission gave us a good donation so we are going to pave Glendale Park so when it's all said and done, over the next couple weeks, we are going to be paving and the total cost is going to be \$200,000. So you are going to see

\$200,000 worth of black-top in town."

One of the most eagerly anticipated city projects is the brew water plant, which has been in the works for more than a decade.

"The water plant is a \$37 million dollar project. We're waiting on the PSC, Public Service Commission, to pass the certificate and that should be here any time," Broughton said.

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Elkins Mayor Van Broughton discusses improvement projects the city of Elkins has on tap during Monday's Elkins Rotary Club meeting.

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